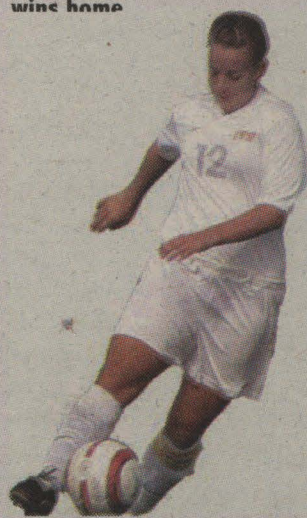


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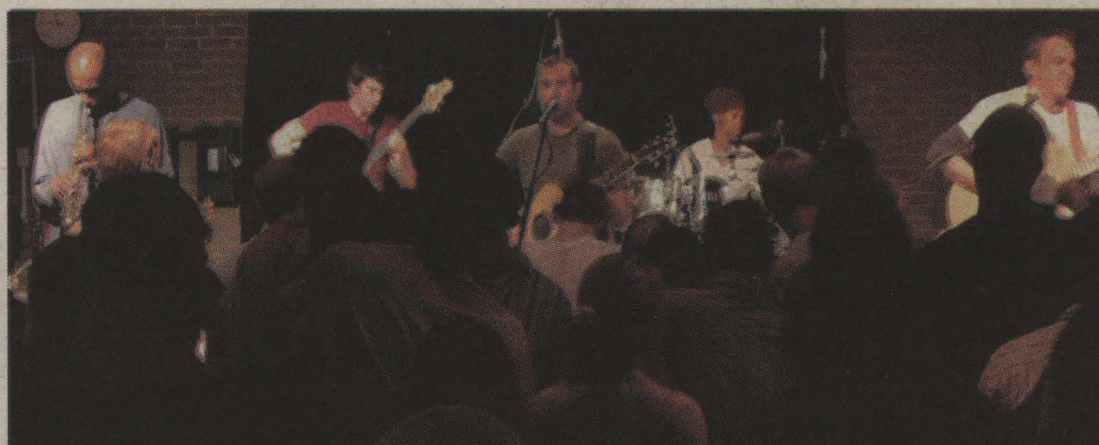


Photo by Holly Sandbo

Encore playing group's hits

Adam Wise
THE POINTER

Rarely can one find a band that tours the county not only limiting themselves to playing only cover songs, but covers of one band.

This was the case last Friday when the Trippin Billies, a Dave Matthews Band (DMB) cover band, seized the stage in The Encore at the University Center in front of a modest crowd that grew as the night wore on.

Playing DMB hits such as "So Much to Say," "Satellite," and "Ants Marching," the Trippin Billies performed the group's hits as originally written, while also occasionally adding some variation to the choruses and solo breaks.

The six-piece band, which made its debut nearly seven years ago, features Paul Mitch, a Green Bay native, on lead guitar and vocals, Bill Denny on guitar, Chris Greene on saxophone, Jason Vinluan on violin, Dave DelCiello on bass guitar and Tony Taylor on drums.

According to Denny, the idea for a DMB cover band was sprung back when he started noticing a spark in interest while performing the songs while doing acoustic shows with a friend in Chicago.

"When we played more Dave then the other stuff, the lines got longer," he said. "So we said 'there seems to be something working here,' which was great for us because we liked playing Dave more than the other stuff anyways, so it worked out perfectly."

While the band manages a pretty lengthy tour schedule mimicking DMB's varied nightly set, Denny said they have never run into any troubles with Dave Matthews or any of his management.

"No, maybe with other bands, but he's supportive," he said.

"We kind of make it into

markets that they don't," Mitch said. "So it's kind of like a reciprocal relationship."

For as long as the band has been touring, the Trippin Billies have made it through several DMB album releases and must in turn learn the new music for each of those albums.

Mitch said the band uses certain methods to grasp the new music.

"The Internet is a wonderful thing," Mitch said. "We do most of it by ear and we listen to the tunes, but its best when we can get our hands on a couple songs before it comes out."

The band, which plays the songs as they were written for the most part, still add quite a bit of uniqueness to some of the songs.

"I don't think that can be helped," Green said. "Ultimately we're catering to the people that really enjoy the music because we really enjoy it. We're going to do our best to make it as close to the

concert recording as possible, but ultimately Paul's a great singer in his own right, so it can't help but come out a little personalized."

Having established a pretty solid fan base over the past seven years, the Trippin Billies are finally looking forward to releasing their first album full of original material in the spring of 2006.

A style of music that DelCiello joked labeled: "Japanese noise rock," Denny says that it will be interesting to see what comes out of their recording sessions.

While they are not sure how long this experience will last, the band members hope they aren't close to calling it quits.

"Ride the train man," Mitch said.

"Hopefully we can parlay this into flipping his (Dave Matthews) audience into our audience," Denny said. "That's the ultimate goal."



Photo by Holly Sandbo

Fine Arts Center put on display during grand opening

Brandi Pettit
NEWS REPORTER

Some 200 people gathered at the Noel Fine Arts Center (NFAC) on Tuesday to celebrate the grand opening of a wing at the NFAC during a brief dedication ceremony, sponsored by the UW-SP Foundation.

Little change has been made to the Fine Arts Center since it's opening in 1971. The decision to expand was made in 1985, but funds weren't approved for the project until the 1990s.

The funds collected were unable to be released until the university itself could come up with the first million dollars.

Enter John and Patty Noel.

Twenty years and \$26 million later, the campus has a brand new wing of the Noel Fine Arts Center, which has now nearly doubled in size.

According to Gerard McKenna, a former College of Fine Arts and Communication dean, it was well worth the wait.

"If you're persistent for a long enough time, good things will happen," he said.

Chancellor Linda Bunnell was on hand to thank those in attendance, especially those from the art department.

"Your patience has been outstanding," she said.

She also directed gratitude towards the Noel's, saying that the university "can't ask for better connections" when in need.

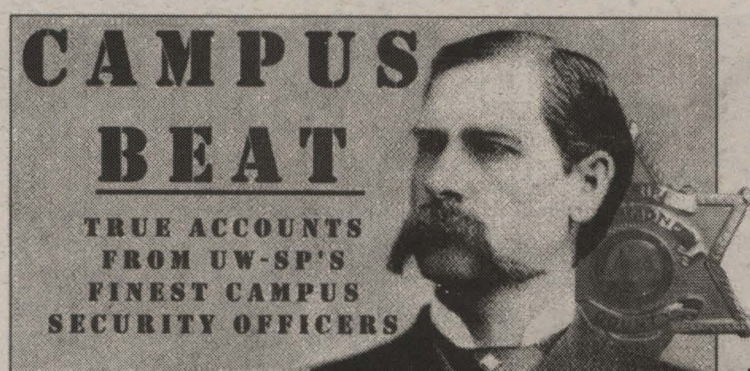
John and Patty Noel, both natives of Wausau and alumni of UWSP, have been long-time friends to the University.

The family, whose worldwide philanthropic efforts have helped countless people, kicked in the first \$1 million to help get the project off of the ground.

Current College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Jeff Morin said it was great to finally have all of the arts programming under one roof.

The last two years have been the hardest, he said, because "students and faculty

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Allen Baseball Field
September 20, 2005 12:09 a.m.
Type: INTOXICATION

Protective service officer reported a possible intoxicated individual staggering through the Allen Baseball Field. The individual was looking for their cell phone.

May Roach Hall
September 19, 2005 2:08 p.m.
Type: TRANSPORT

Transport girl from May Roach to Health Center. Door slammed on finger and tore nail off.

Pray Sims Hall
September 18, 2005 12:43 a.m.
Type: DRUG PARAPHERNELIA

On duty CA in Pray Sims Hall said that there is a drug needle on the first floor of Pray. Officer took care of the needle and mission completed at 12:48 a.m.

Hyer Hall
September 18, 2005 2:49 a.m.
Type: THEFT

Protective services officer reported that someone is stealing the bike from outside of the Hyer Hall.

Lot P
September 18, 2005 5:45 a.m.
Type: THEFT

Protective services officer reported a theft of CD's and a coin tray from 2001 Chevy Cavalier.

Isadore Street
September 19, 2005 9:37 a.m.
Type: THEFT

Protective services officer reports the theft of a bike.

Campus Beat provided by UW-SP Protective Services

Poker tourney proves to be a winner

Bebecca Buchanan
THE POINTER

Poker night, the place to be Tuesday night, might just be the hottest activity on campus. The first ever poker tournament began at 7 p.m. in the Wooden Spoon with 56 available spots, seven tables of eight people playing Texas Hold'Em.

Since the poker tournament was free to students, each player received a \$300 bank to play from. The players could bet on their cards however they wish, but once the chips are gone, so is the player.

The winner of each table competed at the final table for the top prizes.

First place received a \$50 Best Buy gift certificate, second, \$25 to Applebee's, and third place, \$10 to Family Video. But the prizes are not why the players came.

Jason Elsing, a freshman on campus, is an avid gambler and said he plays because of the thrill and adrenaline rush it creates when playing poker. Elsing also admitted that gambling is how he paid his tuition on campus.

Ryan Jefcik, freshman, learned poker from his friends and mainly plays socially.

Of the 56 participants, 53 were guys and just being in the room you could feel the competitiveness, testosterone, and desire to come out on top.

In between the bluffing, strategy, and betting, all the players seemed to be having a blast laughing and joking around. Some players wore baseball hats, cowboy hats, and sunglasses displaying their dedication to the game, but also to hide facial expressions that could possibly give away their cards.

Beth Ford, the coordinator for Issues and Ideas for Centertainment, planned the event and was shocked by the outcome. She turned away over 50 people hoping to play in the tournament.

Since it received such a positive outcome, there will be a tournament next semester and possibly a monthly or weekly league.

"Poker is the new bowling," Ford said.



Photo by Mae Wernicke

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alike were working around falling plaster and workmen".

Assisting his alma mater was no option for John Noel. "We're blessed with many rights billions of our global neighbors are denied....the opportunity to express our views (in art) will help break down the barriers that lead

to bigotry and prejudice."

The Noel's, Chancellor Bunnell, and other guests helped to expose the new east wing during the event.

For the remainder of the afternoon, guests were guided on tours through the new larger classrooms, studios, and rehearsal rooms. Also on exhibit was "Mirror of Wood" sponsored by StoraEnso.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide:

Suckling at the government

Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION
COFFEE HOUSE
DOUBLE MAJOR: SARCASM AND
CYNICISM

Pat,
I'm currently on my third year here at UW-SP, and so far it's been great. I've been learning things, and generally having a really great time.

However, I've also been taking out student loans. I finally did the math and found out that I'm in hock about \$15,000. Needless to say, I was a little freaked out.

So here's the problem. How can I maintain my fun-loving, rock-star lifestyle while cutting down on my student loans?

Please help me get this financial aid monkey off my back.

Jenny

Ah....financial aid, how well I remember your funky siren song.

Well Jenny, it's a good thing you finally did the math. \$15,000 is a lot of money, but I've known students who get [italix] much farther in debt. Thirty-40 thousand dollars is not uncommon. One of my friends was in hock for almost 80K once she figured in her car loan and credit card debt.

Now that's chump change if you're planning on being a neurosurgeon, or an ex-president's first born, or a university administrator. But if you're walking out of UW-SP with your English major/philosophy minor that debt will hang over your head like the sword of Damocles. True, with English and Philosophy under your belt you get to feel a little superior because you actually know who Damocles is. But really, your literati smugness is going to wear pretty thin over the next 10 years while you work the frymaster at Hardees.

Now before you humanities folk get your undies in a bundle, let me make something clear. I

studied English and Philosophy here at UW-SP (and psychology, and history, etc., etc.) I had a great time, and I consider myself to be well and truly educated. I'm a better person for it.

However, you should be aware that if you rack up a \$40,000 debt becoming educated, you're pretty much dooming your "educated" self to suck some serious corporate dick directly after you graduate, just to keep your head above water.

Luckily, I got out pretty easy. I went to school for nine years and only racked up \$8,000 worth of debt. It wasn't a little at a time either, it was all in one glorious year.

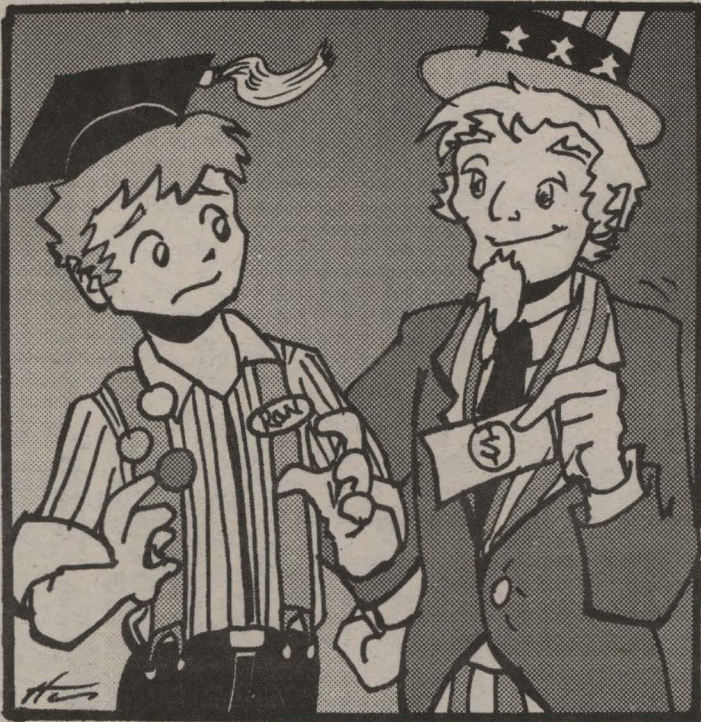
You're right Jenny, it was like being a rockstar. They practically hand you a wad of greasy money and set you loose. Most of my \$8,000 went toward Monkey-Chow, velour pants, and sweet, sweet methadone.

After that year I quit financial aid cold turkey and learned to trim the fat out of my budget. Here's a pointer or two:

Ditch your car

You really don't need a car to live in Point. Aside from the cost of the car itself, you have repairs, insurance, gas, and parking. In short, a car sucks away your money like...um...like a great big sucking black hole of negative not-money.

Besides, nothing in Point is more than a mile or so away. Why not walk your pale, sausage-like Midwestern body the



two blocks to Family Video and get a little exercise?

Eat Cheap

Stop eating out. No. Wait. What I mean is stop going out to eat. The other is your own business and probably isn't costing you any money anyway.

It used to be that Taco Bell food was cheaper, pound for pound, than gum. But that was back in the glory days of the 59-cent bean burrito. Nowadays if you really want to eat cheap

Bananas? Split peas? Potatoes? Pasta? \$35 can buy you a four day's of greasy lunch at Pizza Hut, or a month's worth of bulk groceries. You make the call.

Mooch

I'm not talking about leech-on-the-ass-of-humanity mooching. Nobody likes those bastards. I'm talking about friendly, cooperative mooching. Share week-long movie rentals with neighbors. Make stone soup.

and easy you should probably go running to Ramen, friend to the financially feckless. You'd be amazed at how much money you can save when each meal costs you one slim dime.

Or, if you're willing to put in a little work into it, go grocery shopping. I'm not talking about buying soup-in-a-can. I'm talking about purchasing things and then magically transforming them into food the way our Neanderthal ancestors did. Do you know how cheap rice is?

Share bong hits with attractive members of the opposite sex. Instead of buying a car, borrow a friend's and put gas in the tank. That way, everyone is happy. Everyone wins. Shiny happy anarcho-syndicalist commune.

Send your requests for advice to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu

For your lovely letter, Jenny, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate to our sponsor: the Mission Coffee House. Use it wisely. If you show up on Friday there's an honest-to-god drag show at 8 a.m. I'm not talking about drag racing, either. I'm talking about men dressed up like women and vice versa. It'll be a freaky good time, and who knows, I might even make an appearance myself.

As with all shows at the Mission, it's the best of both worlds: open to all ages, but with liquor available to you over 21 folks. Believe me, after seeing me in a dress, liquor will be a priority.

Saturday at 8:30 p.m. you can find some Indie/Progressive/Rock at the Mission. It's five bucks at the door, and bands include Bosio, Awesome Car Funmaker, This is the End, And Lies Within. Go check it out.

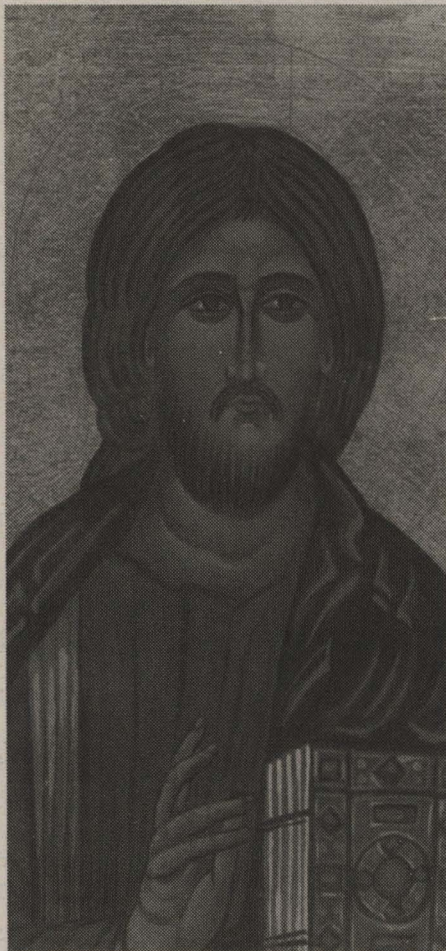
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Corporate Scandal on Campus

Students: like a viral infection spreading through your body, the U.S. Bank Corporation has infiltrated our campus, infected our Point Cards, and poisoned our public institution. As you all have noticed, without choice, we were forced into obtaining new Point Cards with the U.S. Bank logo placed neatly on the back. What is the reason for this? It is because the UW-SP administration, without the consent of the student body or government, made a deal with a private corporation to exchange student customers for cash. That's right, for every thousand UW-SP students that convert to U.S.

Bank customers, U.S. Bank returns this institution with a certain amount of money. That is why U.S. Bank personnel have been present in the UC and were at all the freshman orientations. That is why if you become a U.S. Bank customer, you get the "perk" of using your Point Card for a debit card as well.

Well all of that is fine and dandy but what about those students who are satisfied with their current banking and do not want to become a U.S. Bank customer? For those students who are not U.S. Bank customers and See Scandal, page 15



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Because I said so

School, protesters, and LGBs

Liz Bolton
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Ah yes. A new year of college has started. I've been here at UW-SP for a few years, four to be exact, and this semester has started with all of the familiar signs of life at Point. My favorite, of course, being the tradition of bible-giving. On Tuesday, elderly men donned in their Sunday best appeared around 7:30 a.m. to give you, the students of UW-SP, bibles so you will stop your heathen ways.

For me, nothing says September like those little green bibles. When I was a freshman, a friend and I decided to try and collect as many as possible. We went to every dorm, and I would ask for bibles on the men's floors while my male friend took all of the women's floors. We collected as many crazy looks as we did LGBs, but it was good clean fun. We never really did anything with them, but trust me, we had plans.

But to be honest, I would have to say that I almost prefer the men handing out bibles, instead what will be coming later this year and next spring when it warms up. You see, not all of the people trying to

save our souls are so friendly.

For instance, there is the crazy angry man, also in a suit, who appears ever so often with two Ken dolls super-glued together in a very compromising position or a giant sign with a list of all the demographics he thinks are going to Hell. And of course, he shouts obscenities at passers-by in the hopes of getting in an argument with some unwittingly decent person.

No one really talks to him though, because frankly, he is a little embarrassing to stand next to.

But my least favorite of all are the abortion people. They pick one or two days out of the school year and stand with giant cardboard signs with dead babies on them. Two years ago I had to make my boyfriend at the time hold my hand and guide me to the University Center while I kept my eyes closed. I had the mis-

fortune of running the entire gauntlet; from my class in the CCC all the way to the UC, I must have hit about 12 or so protesters. By number 10, I had reached my limit of giant severed baby heads.

Afterwards I skipped my class and hid out in the Brewhaus until the word got out that the protesters had left.

It wasn't just the protesters who upset me; it was the irate reactions of students

who were involved, arguing heatedly with the Pro-life people. As if insult plus insult somehow equaled peace and understanding.

So appreciate the elderly men handing out bibles. The men who tell you to have a good day after you kindly turn down their offer of a bible. Because the people who will be coming later will not be so nice. They will declare you a sinner and a damned soul without even knowing your

name. Which, I think, should be the least they could do.

"You are going to Hell, Betty." Or, "You are an evil dirty sinner, Marcus."

But they don't, and they probably won't. So when you are accosted by these not so nice protesters, just remember the gentlemen with bibles. Remember that it really is possible to be decent to one another, even when our beliefs differ.



Pointer Poll

Photos by Mae Wernicke

Due to extreme technical difficulties, Pointer poll will not be featured this week. Check back next week for more crazy questions.

Ed.

SGA Corner

Road trip

SGA is hitting the road and taking a trip to the UW-Madison Campus for the Midwest Student Leadership Conference on Oct. 14 - 16, 2005. Enjoy fun and the chance to have a great experience learning new skills. The Leadership Conference is poised to provide this training to several hundred of the best student leaders in conferences throughout the country this fall. Skills covered include: How to run a campaign, how to get media attention, how to advocate for an issue and organize effectively. This is a great opportunity to expand your possible career path.

Issues for the week:

- Support for organic foods statute
- Financial Aid cuts

Help wanted: SGA is looking for senators to represent their fellow students on this campus! Pick up applications on the Web site, in the office, or in the UC.

ACT sponsored blood drive

The Association for Community Tasks (ACT) is sponsoring a blood drive on Sept. 26- 27, 2005. This will be held in the Laird room, which is located upstairs in the University Center on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. from 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. both days.

Sign up sheets are located in the academic buildings and in the UC.

Michelle Law, PR and Communication Director may be contacted for questions at 715-344-2260.

Pointlife

New East Coast professor hangs 10 in Point

Adam Eader
The Pointer

There's a new inhabitant in office 416 of the CCC. His name is Chris Diehm and he is a philosophy professor specializing in environmental ethics. I had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Diehm who came off as an extremely friendly and down to earth person. We discussed subjects varying from the Simpsons to urban sprawl.

Born in Maryland, Diehm grew up surfing the Atlantic Ocean and hiking the eastern forests. In high school Diehm was inspired by some of his English teachers to pursue education professionally. For his undergraduate degree he attended Salisbury University, where he discovered philosophy. After Salisbury he went to Villanova University where he obtained his doctorate while teaching philosophy courses. "If you teach something you will learn it more firmly," Diehm said.

Diehm's interest in environmental ethics did not come directly from his college courses but rather from his personal enjoyment of the subject. "When studying philosophy I looked at the environmental implications of different philosophers," he said.

Stevens Point is a new experience for Diehm and so far has proven to be a good one. "All the people I have

met so far at the university and in the community have been very nice," he said with a smile. "Stevens Point reminds me of home back in Maryland. You can walk or bike from one end of town to the other, there is a lot of forest to explore, and the philosophy department at Point is the same size as it was at Salisbury."

The only drawback Dr.



Photo by Mae Wernicke

Diehm sees in moving to Wisconsin is that he cannot go surfing when he wants to. "Right now, during hurricane season, is the best time to be on the waves; they are huge," he exclaimed with bulging eyes.

When Diehm was living in Ocean City, Maryland, he attended a beach concert. "The bands that played there were ones from 30 years ago that nobody really listened to then," he smiled. Diehm decided to hit the waves for a moon light surf. While surf-

ing he realized he was making his way closer to the stage. Upon closer inspection he realized the band playing was the Beach Boys and they were clearly audible. Diehm spent the next couple hours surfing to the tunes of the Beach Boys.

It's always good to learn from others' wisdom, so I asked Dr. Diehm if he had any to share with UW-SP students. Diehm explained, "As a graduate student I learned that students tend to put too much emphasis on their specific majors for their future occupation. You should major in whatever makes you happy by following your intellectual passions."

For right now Diehm is still trying to get himself accustomed to his new life here on campus but in the future hopes to work with student organizations like Habitat for Humanity as he did at Villanova University.

So if you find yourself wandering aimlessly through the CCC poke your head into office 416 and welcome Professor Chris Diehm. Share a story with him because I bet he will have one to share right back with you. For students of his, if you need that little extra boost in your grade, I recommend leaving him Mountain Dew, preferably in a can.

Legal services offers sound advice at a low price

Aaron Hull
The Pointer

Landlord troubles? Problems with debt? Sounds like you could use a lawyer. "But I'm broke! I can't afford a lawyer!" Maybe. But unless your name is Lupe and you live next door to me, I'm willing to bet you can afford to talk to one. And lucky for you, all you need to do is head down to the UC and make an appointment at the Legal Services Office.

"It's easy to find an attorney, but it's hard to find a good attorney when you don't have a lot of money," said Vicki Landwer. Landwer is one of many Student Legal Society members who volunteer their time at the Legal Services Office to assist part-time staff attorney Jan Roberts. Members vary in their backgrounds, legal experience, and goals, from veterans such as President Christopher Redmann to newcomers such as Jenna Hilt, a junior from Marshfield with her eyes on a career in corporate law.

Others have actually worked in the legal field themselves. Take Landwer, for instance. The 32-year-old mother of two returned this year after a 10-year hiatus from UW-SP. She withdrew in 1996 and in the ensuing years continued to work in the legal field, completing the legal secretary program at Northcentral

Technical College, and working at different area law offices. She gained some of her first experience at Student Legal Services. What they all have in common is a commitment to assisting students in solving their legal problems.

Legal Services handles many different types of cases, from landlord-tenant, traffic, and insurance problems, to divorce, bankruptcy, and criminal cases. The only matters which they're strictly forbidden to advise students on are those concerning the University.

Volunteers, who are sworn to the same kind of contractual confidentiality as an attorney, assist Roberts primarily by compiling relevant information and scheduling appointments. Appointments can be made in person, via the web, or by telephone. The initial 30-minute consultation is \$5, and additional follow-up appointments are free of charge. Student Legal Services is located in Room 131, across from the Heritage Room in the UC.

"I highly encourage [students] to come in and speak with Jan," said Landwer. "She's very caring, very fair, and very respectful. Even if we can't solve a particular problem, we can certainly point them in the right direction."

Sword fighting with others can be therapeutic

Adam Eader
The Pointer

If you happen to wake up one morning to a sword fight occurring upon your green front lawn, or maybe stroll past two people clothed in white dueling on the black top of a parking lot near campus, don't be alarmed. It's probably just members of the UW-SP Fencing Club, Le Bamboche.

Although sword fighting may bring visions of horror to many people, fencing is a sport of precise technique, absolute patience and respect.

Le Bamboche teaches members the art of fencing. Fencing's origin stems from warfare by ancient cultures such as Egypt, India, China, and Greece. The current sport of fencing dates back to 15th century Spain, where duelers sparred without the safety of a

mask. Be assured, though, that the members of Le Bamboche wear proper safety equipment whenever sparring.

"Fencing is probably as dangerous as a rubber band gun," said Pat Rothfuss, Le Bamboche's adviser. "I've never had an injury in all my years of teaching because I've stressed safety."

Le Bamboche is one of the newer clubs on campus. Founded in 2005, Le Bamboche is currently beginning its second semester of existence. Club President Robert

Forseth hopes La Bamboche, "Grows to be a solid group that bonds with each other."

Le Bamboche is a French slang term meaning "Legion of Honor". The Legion of

Honor is an award given to a person who displays exemplary actions in military or civil life. It was first given out by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. According to Forseth,

the name La Bamboche was chosen because of its attachment to chivalrous combat.

The three styles of fencing practiced by Le Bamboche are foil, epee and saber. Due to the safeness, level of difficulty and importance of step by step learning, Le Bamboche members learn the foil style first, followed by epee and then saber.

In foil fencing, points can only be scored by stabbing an opponent with the tip of the sword/foil on the torso, while in epee fencing points are scored by stabbing an opponent anywhere on the body. The third and toughest fencing style practiced by Le Bamboche, saber fencing, uses stabbing as well as slashing movements on the waist up



Photo provided by the Le Bamboche

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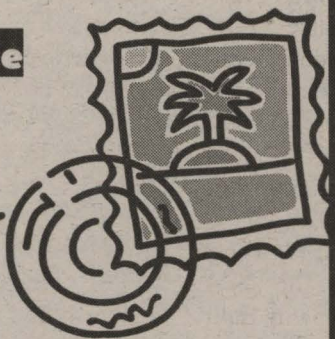
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Sports

Pointers unable to dethrone nation's No. 1

Steve Roeland
THE POINTER

The defending Division III national champions and current top-ranked team in the country welcomed the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team to McMinnville, Ore. last Saturday for a non-conference contest. The Pointers left the Beaver State with a sour taste in their mouths as the Linfield Wildcats handed them a 45-7 defeat.

The Wildcats, who haven't lost a game since 2003, out-gained UW-SP 532-179 in the 38-point drubbing.

The Pointers opened the game with a long, methodical drive, taking 9:04 off the clock, but moved the ball a mere 47 yards on 14 plays. After

a Pointer punt, the Wildcats moved the ball 74 yards and settled for a 35-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Linfield scored 21 points - two offensive touchdowns, one interception return - to secure a 24-0 lead at the half.

The Pointers got on the board in the third quarter on a five-yard run by halfback Cody Childs. The run was set up by a blocked Wildcat punt, which allowed the Pointers to take possession at the Linfield five-yard line.

Linfield answered the UW-SP score with 14 points of their own in the third quarter. Both Wildcat touchdowns in the third quarter were passes from 2004 Division III Player

of the Year Brett Elliott. After three quarters, the Pointers trailed 38-7.

The Pointer defense was unable to contain the Wildcat passing attack in the final quarter, as Elliott threw for another score with 10:45 left in the game. UW-SP couldn't find a way to answer and the game ended with a 45-7 score.

Elliott showcased his passing ability in the contest, as he went 26-for-39 for 365 yards and four touchdowns.

The loss was the largest the Pointers endured since a 49-7 loss to Central State (Ohio) on Sept. 1, 1984.

"Linfield is here to defend their national championship and today they executed like a champion," Pointer head

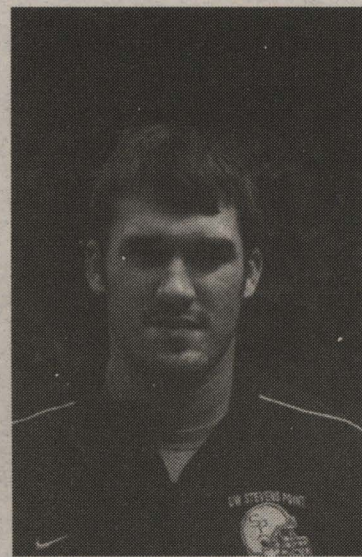
coach John Miech said. "We made a lot of mistakes that I thought were corrected in the last two weeks. We only have one way to go."

The Pointers' rushing attack was stymied by the Wildcat defense. UW-SP's leading rusher was quarterback Brett Borchart, who gained 27 yards on six carries. Childs carried the ball seven times and totaled 19 yards. Senior Cory Fisakowski had more carries (16) than yards gained (10).

UW-SP now stands at 0-2 and will face Waldorf College (Iowa) in their final non-conference game of the season on Saturday. This weekend's game will be the annual Spud Bowl, which marks the

importance of the potato-growing industry in Central Wisconsin.

The Pointers open WIAC play on Oct. 1 at UW-La Crosse.



Pointers treat moms and dads with win on Parent's Day

Hilary Bulger
THE POINTER

After playing five consecutive road games, the Pointers treated their parents and fans to a win in their home opener last Saturday - Parents' Day for UW-SP. Fifty-two seconds into the match, UW-SP secured a lead which they held for the remainder of the game. The early, game winning goal was scored by Gwen Blasczyk, with an assist from Amanda

Prawat, as the Pointers won 1-0.

"I thought we played well together as a team, probably the best we have played all season," reported Coach Miech. Other keys to the game, Coach Miech said, were "scoring an early goal and defensively not letting in a goal for the third game in a row, (which) builds trust and confidence on a team."

In another non-conference

victory last week, the Pointers defeated Lawrence College 4-0. Amanda Prawat and Kimie Wiepz each scored a pair of goals in the victory, with an assist apiece coming from Katie O'Leary and Prawat.

UW-SP played UW-La Crosse to a draw on Wednesday, battling the Eagles to a 1-1 tie.

The Pointers play a string of important conference games in the next week, first away



UW-Stout on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Pointers then host UW-Oshkosh next Tuesday at 4 p.m. Miech said that for conference games the team "does not focus any differently, but we all know that conference games are the most important. We focus on wanting to improve as a team every time we play."

With the victories, Miech improved her all time record to 269-83-24 in 18 seasons. Her regular season conference record in the 13 seasons of the league is 92-2-4 and her WIAC tournament record is 34-1.

"I attribute the great run to the players and assistant coaches who want to keep the tradition going," Miech said.

Golf team continues upswing season

Matt Inda
THE POINTER

Pointer golf participated in the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational this past weekend with yet another record setting day for one as well as a top-third finish for the team.

Swinging the clubs well thus far this season, the team kept their upward drive in play finishing eighth of 24 schools and ending the two day meet with a 639 score. This was a significant improvement from the 16th place, 682 score a year ago.

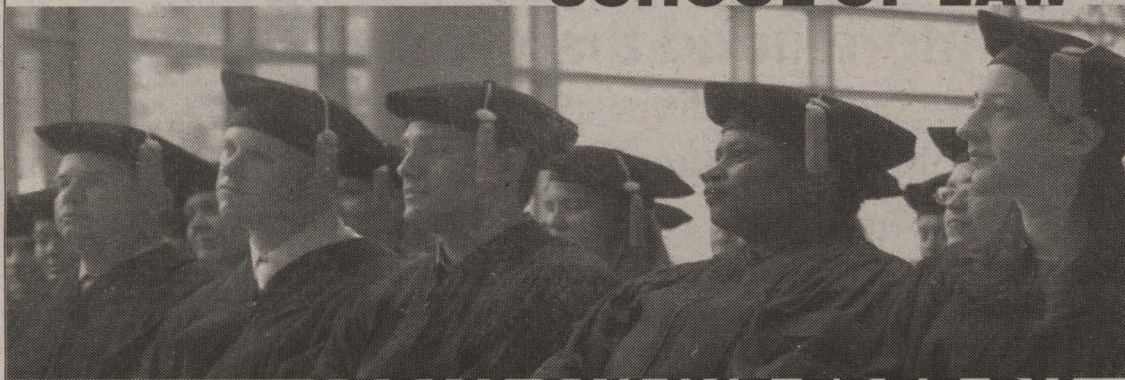
The team credits new

coach Matt Interbatolo with their continuing improvement and success.

"I think that we are starting to gain more confidence in ourselves and in the team. He has been able to get us really focused," senior Courtney Timblin said. "This year is superceding everything that I thought would have happened. I cannot brag enough about Matt (Interbartolo) and the performance of our team."

The team has played in three meets this season, improving their stroke play

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Pointer Volleyball begins season on roller coaster ride

Melissa Dyszelski
THE POINTER

The Pointer women's volleyball team has a lot to be proud of.

Last Friday, in only the second home match of the season, the Pointers defeated UW-Superior in three games 30-24, 30-23 and 30-26 after coming off a loss to UW-Whitewater last Wednesday. Shelly Maus led the attack line with 17 total kills and three service aces. Kate Baner followed with nine total kills, while Beth Richter and Megan Geis each had six. Callie Kunde had 18 total assists and Toni Johnson followed with 17.

It was also a memorable night for libero Lori Marten, who entered the match with 1,200 career digs, four shy of the school's all-time leader, Erin Carney, who clinched the record during her career from 1996-99. The junior, who is in her third year as the team's libero, surpassed Carney's record with 1,211 digs as of Friday night.

Coach Stacey White, who is in her fifth sea-

son with the Pointers, thought the women played very well. "The girls played awesome! They fought hard throughout the entire match and had an excellent recovery from Wednesday."

Saturday, UW-SP lost to UW-Eau Claire in a close four-game match 30-26, 29-31, 34-32, and 30-21. Maus once again led in attacks with 17,

Banser with nine, and Sarah Thompson with eight. Kunde led in total assists with 19; Johnson came in a close second with 15.

Tuesday ended the five home match streak with a double-header vs. St. Norbert College (11-4) and Lawrence University (2-5). UW-SP lost a well-fought battle to St. Norbert 30-20, 30-21, and 30-23. Maus, Richter, Baner and Thompson played a well-rounded match, with eight, seven, seven, and six kills, respectively. Johnson took control with 17 assists.

However, all good things must come to an end, as did the victory against Lawrence University. The Pointers got the job done with scores of 30-21, 30-20, and 30-18. Maus and Thompson had an outstanding night, finishing with 13 and 10 kills. Johnson finished with 15 total assists, while Callie Kunde concluded with 13.

The Pointers travel to UW-Stout on the 23rd, but will be back at Berg Oct. 12th for a 7 p.m. match vs. UW-Oshkosh.



Photo by Holly Sandbo

Senior on the Spot

Toni Johnson - Volleyball

Career Highlights:

- Started all 35 matches and led team in assists in 2004.
- Ranked second in school history in single-season assists last year and already ranks third in career assists.
- Holds career assists record at Stevens Point Pacelli High School.



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Hometown - Stevens Point

Do you have any nicknames? - "TJ", "Teej" and "Tone-Loc."

What are your plans after graduation? - If I EVER graduate, it will be to get a teaching job somewhere and maybe coach a high school and club volleyball team.

What has helped you become such an accomplished volleyball player? - Lots and lots and LOTS of practice. Years of being a gym rat have helped with my volleyball knowledge.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Beating the 3rd ranked team in the nation at their house - NYU.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Getting drilled in the knee against Eau Claire, getting carried down the Battic steps, getting dropped on the way to Taco Bell, "making it dramatic" in DeBot ...the list goes on and on!

What CD is in your stereo right now? - The Pointer Volleyball warm-up CD 2005.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Anchorman.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Meeting the most fun and awesome people that I now call my friends, get-togethers in the Battic, talk sessions in the living room until two in the morning, and road trips to anywhere and everywhere!

What are the three biggest influences in your life? -Coffee, chocolate and bubbles.

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Tennis team opens 2005 season with victory

Matt Inda
THE POINTER

The women's tennis team has been busy so far this season, participating in four events from Sept. 9-17.

Most recently in La Crosse, leading her team, Elizabeth Stangl claimed the individual No. 4 single's title. She did so with a 6-3, 6-3 opening round win as well as an impressive 6-0, 6-1 second round. In the title match she fell in the first set 4-6, but came back to win the next two 6-3, 6-4. Senior Angie Brown, junior Ann Robbins and sophomore Mandi Matuszewski all finished fourth place in their singles matches.

The team opened the season at Carroll College with a 7-2 victory. They ended their 0-12 season from 2004 and final five losses in 2003 by sweeping their opponents in all six single matches. They

also were able to win one of the three doubles matches.

The next day, the girls headed to the Whitewater Invitational where they placed four out of eight teams. Angie Brown placed second at the No. 2 singles. She won her first round match 6-3, 6-0 and her second round 7-5, 6-2 before falling to her La Crosse opponent in the title match.

The Pointers struggled against Lawrence University, obtaining their first mark in the loss column this season. The Pointers had only two match wins, claimed by singles winners sophomore Emily Bouche and sophomore Allison Popple. The team was shut out 0-3 in doubles matches.

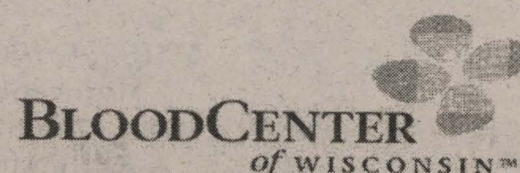
The home match against Mount Mary College was cancelled yesterday and their next action will be Sept. 24 at Ripon College.

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Pointers run away with victories

Matt Inda
THE POINTER

UW-Stevens Point's cross country squads had impressive performances at the Concordia Invitational in Mequon Sept. 17.

Both the men's and women's squad were easily able to capture first-place victories in the 11 team event. The men scored only 17 team points as the next closest team was Concordia University with a much higher 92. The women's squad did just as well scoring 25 points as a team and seeing runner-up St. Scholastica off in the distance with 65 points.

The men's 8-kilometer was dominated by Pointers as they had seven guys finish in the top 10 of the event and 14 of 20 total. Atop the list was the trio of Mike Orman, Travis Nechuta and Dominick Meyer completing a one, two and three overall finish, respectively. Orman completed the event in 26:11.6 and the remaining two of the trio were within 40 seconds

of Orman. Corey Bauman, Joe Rodriguez, Denton Helms and Justin Andrews, lowest in the group with eighth place, rounded it up for the Pointers in the top 10.

Jenna Mitchler, Teresa Stanley, Ashleigh Potuznik, Kayla Anderson and Laura Koepp were the five, respectively, to seize top 10 performances for the women's 5-kilometer run.

Mitchler lead the team with an 18:36.3 run and was good enough to claim runner-up in the event. She was behind her host Concordia opponent, who won with a 17:49.1. Stanley took third, Potuznik fourth, Anderson seventh and Koepp finished ninth.

The Pointer will look to keep the momentum going next week as the squad splits and the women head to compete in Minneapolis on Sept. 24 for the University of Minnesota Invite and the men go to Rock Island Ill. for the Sept. 23 Augustana Invite.

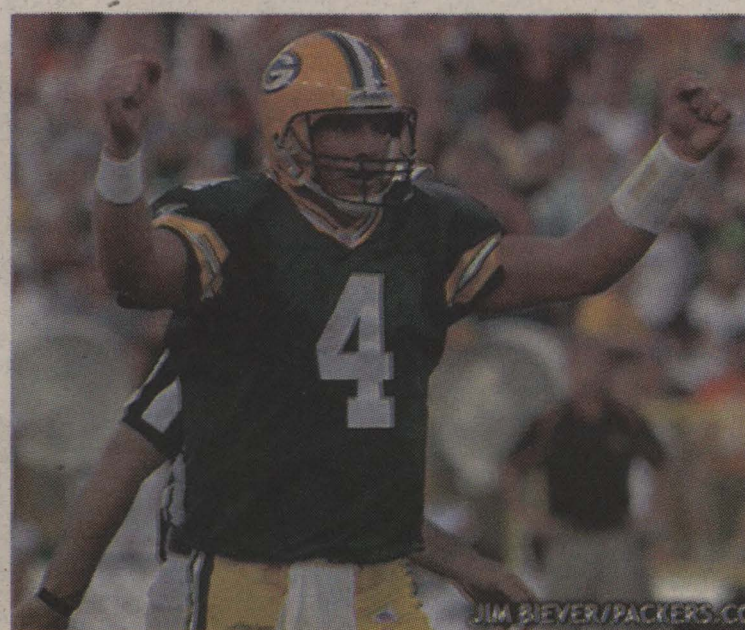
Have Packers taken a Lambeau leap off the edge?

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Two weeks into the NFL season, and the panic button at 1265 Lombardi Ave. may already be pressed into submission. The Green Bay Packers have dropped two games in a row to perennial sub-par squads from Detroit and Cleveland and are looking forward to a difficult road ahead.

The Packers offense, supposed to be the most potent part of the Green-and-Gold attack, has sputtered for the most part. In week one, the Packers scored only three points and were held to only seven points in the first half against the Browns this past Sunday.

The defense has played marginally well, but has been flagged for illegal contact more times than they wish to count. Against Cleveland, the Green Bay defense allowed the aged quarterback Trent Dilfer to go 21-32 for 336 yards and three touchdowns. Prior to the Browns' win last week, Dilfer



never led a team to victory at Lambeau Field.

So to what can we attribute the decline of the Green Bay Packers? First, we can look at the injury bug. Javon Walker, the Packers' most productive wide receiver last season, is out for the year with an ACL injury. Brett Favre must now rely on a young, somewhat untested corps of receivers to keep the air attack flying. Also, veteran linebacker Na'il Diggs is yet to make an impact this season, due to a nagging knee injury.

Another factor that is having an impact on the Packers this season is the loss of starting offensive linemen Marco Rivera and Mike Whale to free agency. Their replacements - rookie Will Whitticker and former New England Patriot Adrian Klemm - have yet to prove that they are worthy successors to the Pro Bowl-caliber offensive linemen of the past. Without an effective offensive line, Favre may take hits that could lead him to an early exit this season and the

signature Green Bay running game may never - no pun intended - get off the ground.

Possibly the most dangerous foe that the Packers will tangle with is their schedule. Down 0-2 early in the season may not seem too bad to teams with fairly easy opponents looming in the future. The same can't be said for the Pack.

The bye week - week six - will be an important time for rest and relaxation for the Packers. After the sixth week, the Pack will face the Cincinnati Bengals, Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons, Seattle Seahawks, Baltimore Ravens, Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings before all is said and done.

Will the Packers get out of the nasty little funk they are in? With a rough schedule and nagging injuries - complemented by lack of overall experience - the Green and Gold may have to look forward to recapturing the NFC North in 2006.

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and overall standing in each, most notably a 31-stroke improvement from last year in Eau Claire.

"I think that the team has defiantly taken a step up in their performance. Everyone has been practicing a lot more and seems really dedicated to the team," said junior Susie Lewis.

The extra practice, as well as likeness for the Illinois Wesleyan course, was apparent in Lewis's play Sunday as she put her name in the UW-SP record books, again.

Posting a 73 on the second day of the event, Lewis matched her best single-round score ever, as well as tying the best score in UW-SP history, which so happens to be held by Lewis herself. And notably enough, it happened on the same course as her 2003

record setting day.

"Shooting the 73, it feels great," Lewis exclaimed, stating that confidence was key in reaching the triumph.

"The difference between this past weekend and the others was that I had so much confidence in doing well at this particular course," Lewis said. "I was really focused and determined to shoot a good score for my team as well as myself."

Lewis finished atop the Pointer team and sixth overall in the contest with a 149 two-day score. Katie Kautz followed, finishing in a tie for 39th place overall, shooting a 161. Timblin finished third for the Pointers and 52nd in the tournament with 163. Sarah Mosher and Tina Young wrapped it up for UW-SP, finishing with 166 and 185 weekend totals, respectively.

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Outdoors

Two Pointers are among the nation's brightest in NR

Stephanie Davy
THE POINTER

Many college students are interested in more hands-on experience before embarking out into the real world. Two Pointers, Kate Amerell, a senior biology major and Nick Jensen, a senior majoring in forest management, were given an incredible chance to pursue their ambitions with this type of experience.

This past summer Amerell and Jensen, strangers to the other, trekked to the U.P. ready to become research interns. Eight other students, from universities like Harvard and Berkley, also joined Amerell and Jensen at Michigan Tech. University.

Soon after their arrival, Amerell and Jensen found themselves chatting about Stevens Point, not realizing that they were entering a summer filled with outstanding academic growth and many outdoor adventures.

In the first days and all through the summer, Amerell and Jensen conducted research projects with their assigned advisors. Amerell inspected the effects of invasive earthworms on underground fungal communities, while Jensen counted growth rings on yellow birch trees in an effort to determine tree growth in relation to the environment and logging practices.

Though Amerell and Jensen came to the U.P. in pursuit of an internship, they found they had plenty of free time to travel the surrounding area. The student group went to various locations. One of Amerell's favorite visits was to an abandoned copper mine.

"It was wild climbing a couple hundred feet into the earth," Amerell recalls. "There was a point when we all turned off our head lights and just listened to the dripping water. There is nothing like it."

Jensen said his favorite adventure was visiting Isle Royal, a remote national park, located in Lake Superior. He had been told that there were around 300 moose and 35 wolves wandering the island, and though Jensen never saw one, he found enough excitement just in the pure chance of seeing something.

Amerell and Jensen feel that any student could enjoy this internship. Not only because of the experience it offers, but also because of the connections that you make professionally.

"As an intern in this program a person really needs

to be interested in research, opposed to forest management," Jensen said. "There is a big difference."

"If you're interested in biology or research, experience is the best thing," said Amerell.

During their research at Michigan Tech., Amerell and Jensen found intriguing answers and have now been able to apply their knowledge and skills to current research projects for the CNR.

Presently, Jensen is continuing a research project from last year, involving the effects of watering Christmas trees. He is joined by his roommate and high school friend, Andrew Koeser. With the



help of Dr. Singaas, Jensen is exploring the possibilities of creating bio fuel from paper mill waste. Both students are very enthused about the projects.



An adventure not only in the wilderness, but from within

Stephanie Davy
THE POINTER

This past weekend Outdoor Adventures offered the chance for a small group of students to travel to the northwestern part of the U.P. on a backpacking trip. Led by Derek Miess and Drew Smalley, five students ventured to the Trap Hills on Friday afternoon.

Miess, an experienced troop leader and backpacker, has worked with Outdoor Adventures for two years. Miess said that the group did very well with a trail rated moderate-to-difficult and a majority of students being inexperienced.

"I felt like I was just hiking with a group of friends," Miess said.

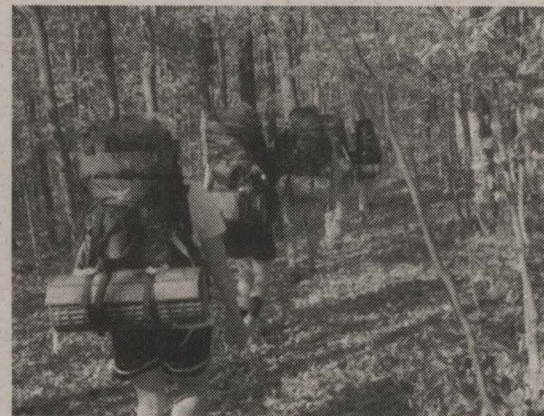
For many people, experienced or not, outdoor trips present a natural serenity that can't be avoided. This trip was no different. As the troop vigorously climbed to their first lookout, intimidating to most, they stopped and stared out over a valley. Here they saw a small creek slithering through the autumn forest.

"The transformation of leaves was spectacular," said Miess. "In a valley the leaves still held the summer green; however, after trudging up a high slope the ground was covered in a blanket of crisp yellow leaves."

Even though the troop was inexperienced the magnificent

scene was worth the huffing and puffing uphill. And so in good spirits the troop continued on. Throughout the day, the troop saw white-tailed deer and turkey vultures, and heard squirrels barking, making for a beautiful hike.

After the 10-mile hike on Saturday, Miess said that the



troop sat around a fire and reflected on their journey. During the reflection Cassie Mueller expressed that after a trip like this nothing was impossible.

"The trip was overwhelming," Stephanie Durfey, a UW-SP student, commented. "But there was no turning back."

On some outdoor journeys people begin to test their personal boundaries and then find themselves Miess said. No matter how big the hill or how many rapids, people find an internal motivation that pushes them to master the task at hand.

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Water is Cool

Scott Butterfield
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The molecule of water, two parts hydrogen, one part oxygen, is such a basic and elemental component of life that we frequently forget the essential role it plays in helping us beat hangovers, conquer thirst and allow our species to exist on this vengeful planet. Water cannot be taken lightly in any sense. In many places in the world, diseased or contaminated water causes death regularly. In our own time, the activities of the human race have caused massive damage to the water systems around the globe. To solve a problem you must first know that it exists. To become aware of a problem immediately raises a question: What am I to do?

The American Water Resources Association is an organization on campus that is committed to preserving and enhancing the local and national water supply by raising awareness, being active and passing on the knowledge they have to the next generation. AWRA is a national organization that has recognized Stevens Point as the best student chapter in the nation. Professionals in a variety of fields, from engineers, educators, and ecologists, to foresters, geographers, and biologists have singled out Point as the school that kicks ass in water resource management.

At its core, the AWRA gives hands-on experience to students who major in water resource management. They have two year long projects at Little Plover River and the Buena Vista March, in which they go out into the field to measure stream flow (or volume of water per second) and the basic chemistry of water. Every year the AWRA cleans up a section of the highway around Stevens Point. It sends members to the national conferences held every year in places like Orlando and Seattle. During the fall, the AWRA teaches all Portage County 5th, 6th and 7th graders basic groundwater lessons.

The students learn how water and pollutants move through different soil structures, watersheds and aquifers. They also work closely with the UW-SP Soils and Water Conservation Society and the



American Fisheries organization. However, the AWRA is not just for Water Resource majors.

If you've ever taken a 300 level course here at UW-SP you'll find that those classes that are composed of students with mixed majors are among the best you will take. Teachers say it all the time, and I see it in action - a class that has students from different disciplines causes you to see things from multiple points of view. This is a good thing. This is what the AWRA wants.

Members of the AWRA have the power to determine the activities that it participates in. Members of the AWRA include communication and dietetics majors. If someone comes in with a good project, funding can be provided. Right now the AWRA is looking to expand, adding members that may not even be connected to natural resources at all - perhaps people that are interested and passionate about the very issues AWRA promotes and participates in. Life is limited. Time is short. Do something with it. Dive in on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the CNR, room 252. For more information contact the club president, Matt Bartley: mbart190@uwsp.edu.

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- 9/28 - CNR Biology Colloquium Series (CNR Rm 170)
3 p.m. - Jim Martin-Director, Berkley Conservation Institute
- 4 p.m. - Craig Cox-Executive Director, Soil and Water Conservation Society
Resume Workshop (CNR Rm 120)
7-9 p.m.
- Introduction to Backpacking (Outdoor Edventures)
6:30-8 p.m.
- 9/30-10/1 - Disc Golf Overnight (Fox Valley)
Sign up at Outdoor Edventures by 9/28

Science, Health & Technology

Organic and local foods may blossom at UW-SP

Adam Eader
THE POINTER

UW-SP offers students many different dining choices on campus. But what about students who are unsatisfied with current UW-SP dining options? SGA is currently discussing a proposal to include organic and local food options on our campus.

"It is possible to incorporate organic food on campus," said Maria Fellin, head of Student Life Issues at UW-SP, "and it will cost more."

So the question to students is: Is it worth it to pay a little more for food that is more nutritious and is grown in an environmentally friendly way?

Organic foods do offer a number of benefits over their non-organic counterparts.

Some farmers, for example, use pesticides, herbicides,

hormones, and other types of growing techniques to grow their crops. According to some experts, these growing methods deteriorate a food's nutritional value and can have an unfavorable impact on the surrounding environment.

Organic foods are grown without the aid of these substances, giving consumers a clearer picture of what they are putting into their bodies.

Getting local food on campus is the other part of the issue.

"Incorporating local food options on campus is also a possibility, and it may or may not cost more," stated Fellin.

Buying locally will help stimulate the surrounding economy, benefit the environment, and create closer ties with our community. If UW-SP buys products from a distributor closer to campus, access to

the products is easier, and the amount of energy used to ship the products will decrease.

Ross Cohen, Executive Director of SGA, likes the idea of having organic and local food options on campus.

"Organic foods have more minerals and nutrients than non-organic foods," he said. "Plus, students should have the option of choosing organic foods if they want to."

The Stevens Point Area Co-Op, which is located at 633 2nd Street, used to have a store that offered organic and local foods in the University Center, but did not make enough revenue to continue.

With the upcoming renovation of the University Center though, there is a chance that the Co-Op may return. This time, their store will be as visible as all the other food stores on campus.



While having local and organic foods on campus may cost more money, students will still have all of the current food options available to them.

Fellin is putting together a committee of off-campus students to discuss the idea of instating local and organic foods on our campus. This committee will generate ideas and create a proposal that will be presented to the UW-SP administration.

If you are an off-campus student and would like to join the committee, contact Maria Fellin.

Science Briefs

It's Greek to me

If you've ever wondered how the hurricane naming system works, get ready to take it to the next level. Each year, 21 names are reserved for Atlantic Basic hurricanes. The storms are named in alphabetical order, alternating from female to male. Rita is the 17th this year. What to do if storm 22 comes along before the season is over? They'll "go Greek," according to a spokesperson for the National Hurricane Center. Starting with Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, 24 additional names will be available for storms in the Atlantic. Of course, everyone is hoping it doesn't go that far.

Lights out New York

What do you get when you cross a bunch of migrating birds with a bright, giant city? A mess. That's why the famous Manhattan skyline will be dimming its lights after midnight during the spring and fall migration seasons. According to experts, New York sits along an ancient migration route, and the birds that fly near the city are attracted to the lights. Since 1997, 4,000 birds have died in collisions with skyscrapers. Following similar models in Chicago and Toronto, businesses will be asked to turn off lights above the 40th floor. The plan is expected to save both birds and energy.

A big hole

The hole in the ozone layer will hit near-record size in a couple weeks before it begins to stabilize, and possibly shrink. The hole currently stands at 10 million square miles, just short of the 11.2 million square miles that it reached in 2003. The ozone layer serves as a shield to protect humans and animals from ultraviolet radiation. Some scientists believe it will take another 50 years for the hole to stop forming, while others believe global warming will delay the healing of the ozone layer and potentially make matters worse.

Research Corner

Dr. Isabelle Girard, Animal Physiologist

Research corner

Dr. Isabelle Girard, animal physiologist

What's the subject of your current research?

Grasshopper mice. We have a whole colony of these guys, meaning we have about 200 animals. They are a species of rodent that lives mostly west of the Rockies. They have large eyes.

What's interesting about them?

They are said to pair monogamously, which would be unusual for mammals in general. Only about 3 percent of mammals are said to have that social system, and very few rodents do. I'm interested particularly in hormones that make a father interested in caring for his young. The hormones we typically associate with male behavior - steroids, like testosterone -- increase aggression. Increased aggression in the father is not good for pups. These guys have increased aggression, meaning they are more likely to attack an intruder even if the intruder is female, but when they have pups they are less likely to attack their mate and their pups. So, there's something else going on, and I want to figure that out.

The premise in examining social systems is that the reason for monogamy is the father is contributing some

care to the young. Otherwise, if he is not important to care for the young he should just go off and mate with a bunch of females. So, you see monogamy in situations where the dad is important. The hypothesis would be that if these guys are monogamous -- there have been observations in the literature -- then maybe he is contributing something.

What have you found so far?

At first we wanted to just characterize the kind of behaviors that we would see. Nobody had ever published that the fathers actually take care of their pups. Is he contributing to the care of the young? Is he doing anything other than just being there? We found that he was. He would groom them, he would carry them if they wandered out of the nest, and he would rest with them when the mother was out. When they were too young to thermoregulate he would cuddle with them. Later, when the mother had a second litter, he seemed to be more in charge of taking care of the teenagers. Sometimes, dad and the teenagers would have one nest, and mom and the new babies would have another nest. So, he seemed very important for that stage of life, too.

Any surprises?

We had a male and female that we paired and they



hadn't had any pups together yet. Then, we had three pups escape from the cage next door. They climbed into the cage with the male and female who wouldn't mate. The adults just took them in and started to become foster parents. The next night, the foster mother abandoned ship. The father was left there with three pups that were not his, and he continued to take care of them. So, they basically grew up with him and he showed no signs of aggression. He groomed them and slept with them. We learned that perhaps they are primed for accepting pups. Certainly, it's very unusual that they should accept pups that aren't theirs. They make great dads.

What's next?

Now we're going to start looking at behavior in a bit more expanded way. What we'd like to do is mimic a much more natural situation where the male could just leave the nest altogether. We're going to set up two cages with a tube in between them, and the females will have little shock collars on so that they won't

be able to cross through the tube. The male doesn't have a collar -- he'll be allowed to go back and forth. This situation gives him a real choice. If he is monogamous then he'll stay in the cage with his bonded partner. If we put a new partner on the other side he should not choose her. If he does, that would probably say he is not monogamous under conditions of choice. Though, we would also want to go out into the field. We can figure out whether litters are related to the male that is in the nest.

How can students get involved?

We'll need lots of people to watch the animals. The colony is entirely taken care of by student researchers. One of the things I really like is for students to come with ideas that can stem off of this study. So, we have the general idea of the direction we want this to go, but there's room for lots of side projects. Research assistants will be required to handle adult and young mice. Observation of the mice, both directly and indirectly (via videotape) will be a substan-

Arts & Review

Shell Shock 2005: Tree of Woe rocks Pfiffner Park

Jacob Eggener
THE POINTER

Last Sunday, there was something to do in Pfiffner Park besides feed ducks and watch the sunset, and that was to rock! Four bands played in the park bandshell, including Twisted Toes, 5 Bullet Roulette, Tree of Woe, and Down by Dignity. The show was put together by Tree of Woe and Down by Dignity, and it also marked Down by Dignity's last show together as a band.

Tree of Woe hit the stage around 7 p.m. and played while the day transitioned into a pleasantly cool evening. Despite playing for a sparse crowd, Tree of Woe still managed to keep the music energetic, and had more stage presence than they probably needed to, since the audience was sitting a distance away on picnic tables. And the band kept things on a lighter note as well. Halfway through their set, the band invited audience

members to the front of the stage and threw Twinkies and Ding Dongs to those who stepped forward.

During the last song of Tree of Woe's set, "Suffer," a good portion of the crowd headed

down to the front of the stage, perhaps because they felt bad about hanging back the rest of the time. This last song impressed Dave Stelter and Ryan Ostapowicz. "I kept trying to think of who they were

covering," said Stelter.

"It sounded like songs you hear on the radio," added Ostapowicz.

Other songs Tree of Woe played included "Your Faith," "Belong," "Drown," "Setting

Sun," and "Mushroom Cloud," the current single from their second CD of the same name.

Dave Lein was also impressed with the band. He said, "[Tree of Woe] were the pinnacle of the night. They were like a melodic jam band crossed with 3 Doors Down. They are one of the best college bands I have seen yet in the two years here at Point and a band I recommend to watch out for!"

What sets this band apart from your standard rock band are Tristan Laszewski's unique vocals, and the expansive sound of the music, created by Tristan, his brother Austin, Luke Krueger and Adam Rodewald. They bring to mind bands such as Opeth or Porcupine Tree, who write sprawling epics that challenge the listener. While they're not quite at that level, Tree of Woe are certainly well on their way to adding something lasting to the music scene.



DVD Review: Ravenous

Jacob Eggener
THE POINTER

The Wendigo myth, cannibalistic settlers, and the 19th century. Mix those together, and you have the tour de force that is *Ravenous*.

Ravenous tells the story of Captain John Boyd, a cowardly soldier who becomes a war hero under shady circumstances. He is exiled to Fort Spencer, California, where he joins a small group of fellow military exiles guarding the path over the mountains into California.

Everything is just fine until a stranger arrives at the fort with a story about a snow-bound wagon train and cannibalism. The stranger takes them back to the cave where he and the doomed wagon train spent the winter, and then all hell breaks loose.

Directed by Antonia Bird, *Ravenous* is one of those movies that transcend genre and become almost a world unto themselves. The isolated atmosphere is articulated through breathtaking cinematography, and how each character seems withdrawn and reserved to the point where they almost can't relate to each other.

The score, composed by Michael Nyman and Damon Albarn, is as beautiful as it is unsettling. Albarn sure gets around in the music world, and is probably best known for his work

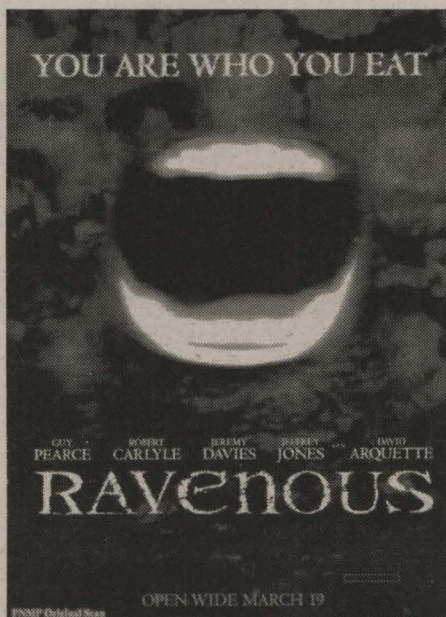
with Gorillaz, the animated hip-hop group. He and Nyman have captured the feel of the period of the film, and their score is often juxtaposed with what may seem like inappropriate scenes for the music on first viewing.

The extras on the DVD are not the best, but if you like commentary tracks, you're in luck. The DVD features three commentary tracks, but I didn't bother listening to any of them, since I don't particularly care for them. The other features include deleted scenes (which should have been deleted), and photo galleries of costume design and set design.

Although it was not by any means comprehensive, the set design feature was fascinating, since the viewer can get a sense of just how much goes into making a set from scratch, as was done for the fort in *Ravenous*.

Antonia Bird has said this movie is supposed to be an anti-meat vegan movie, but even after hearing this quote and watching this film several times, I still don't pick that up. On the whole, I would say it is a movie about one of the great struggles in life - overcoming cowardice.

So rent, buy, or borrow this movie, but by all means give it a watch. I don't think you'll regret it.



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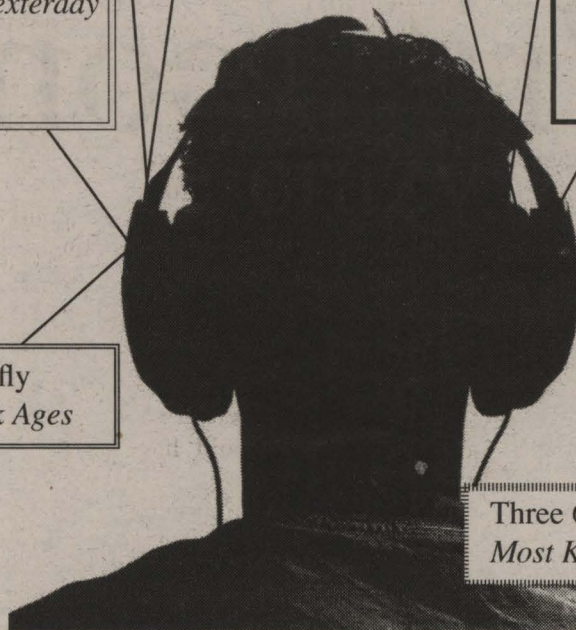
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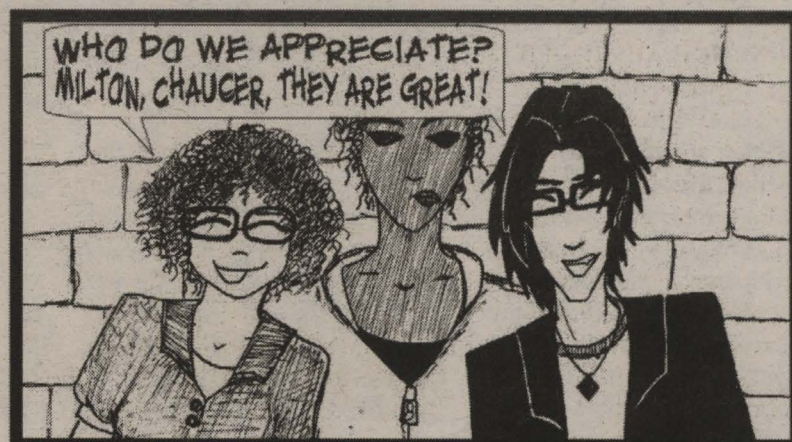
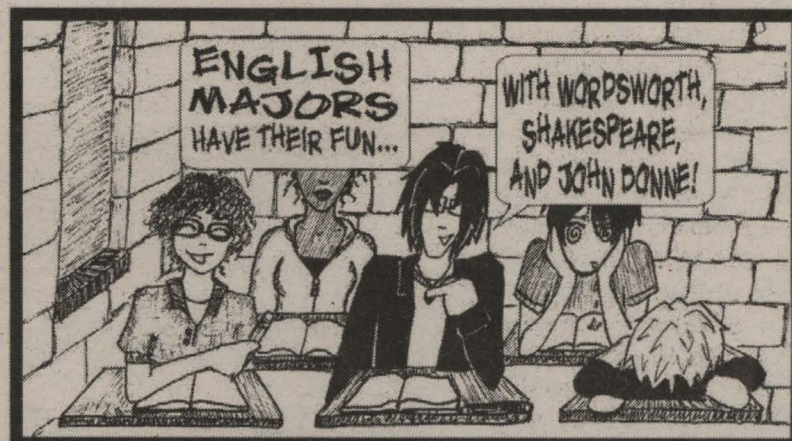


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to score points. Each hit is worth one point. Olympic fencing matches are won when a fencer reaches 15 points or by whoever has the most points by the end of three three-minute rounds.

Le Bamboche has yet to participate in a fencing tournament due to the club's lack of experience but plans to hold a tournament as soon as possible. In the meantime, Forseth foresees practices with other Wisconsin college's fencing clubs in order to give Le Bamboche the experience they desire.

Le Bamboche is open to any student interested in fencing regardless of experience. Rothfuss, who does the majority of the instructing for Le Bamboche, said the club begins with the basics of fencing, like foot work, foil technique and safety. The officers of Le Bamboche seem very eager to help participants who are open to learn fencing.

If you're an activity that is a, "Good time and cool as hell," as Rothfuss put it, then maybe Le Bamboche is the organization for you.

For more information, including meeting dates and times, contact Robert Forseth.

from Scandal, page 3

want to use the ATMs here on campus, there is now a \$2 fee, taxed on by U.S. Bank. Excuse me, this is a public institution paid for by our taxes and tuition dollars and a private corporation is allowed to come in and tax us to use the ATMs in the facilities that we pay for. For the 2005-06 academic school year, each individual student contributed, through segregated fees, \$280.80 for the University Centers alone. It is unacceptable that a collective \$2,274,800 is collected from student fees for the University Centers and yet if you are not a member of U.S. Bank you must pay a \$2 user fee for an ATM in a building you put \$280.80 into each year. U.S. Bank has monopolized the ATMs on campus and it is **WRONG!**

The argument put up on the other side is that the funds being "donated" by U.S. Bank will drastically help the students directly and will provide

scholarships for many. Well how many of you out there have received one of these scholarships, or feel your educational experience has been uplifted thanks to U.S. Bank and their ATM monopoly? Not I. Further, the administration states that M&I used to have control of the ATMs and was simply outbid. To that I say this is a fight that should have been raised long ago. If the Madison and Milwaukee campuses can have free ATMs, as well as Kwik Trip, then so should we.

I am calling on all students to be conscious of this corporate scandal here on OUR campus and do what you can to object to it. I encourage everyone out there to immediately take a black permanent marker and black out the U.S. Bank logo on the back of your Point Card. This may sound silly but you will know what you have done and what you stand for, and every time you present your card for a purchase or a bus

ride someone else will know to. Furthermore, if you have become a U.S. Bank member because of the "perks" offered on campus, realize the scandal you have participated in and change. For those non U.S. Bank members, do not use the ATMs on campus. Make the walk or bike ride, even in the freezing cold, to your free ATM so that you do not get taxed on your public university by a private corporation. Finally, and most importantly, let your voice be heard. Contact the administration, the newspaper, the Student Government Association, tell your friends about the corporate scandal that infiltrated our campus over the summer. Only when we join together and boycott the ATMs will we someday have the right to use the resources that we pay for at no additional charge. This is a public institution that belongs to the students who pay for it, not the administration or corporate America.

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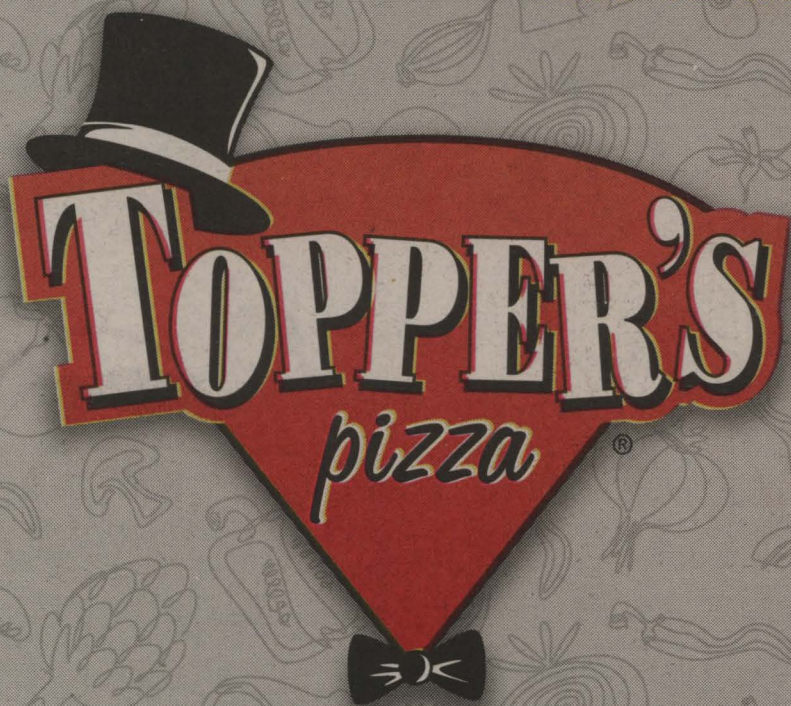
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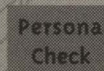
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