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## Historic Nelson Hall added to National Registry

### UW-SP Press Release

Nelson Hall, the second-oldest building on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, now has the "national" credentials to go with its "state" historic pedigree.

The oldest existing dormitory of the former State Normal School System has been added to the National Registry of Historic Places, just a few months after being named to the Wisconsin Registry of Historic Places.

Support of the historic designation effort was led by the University Affairs Historic Preservation Subcommittee. The future of Nelson Hall became part of the subcommittee's agenda several years

ago. Professor Kathe Julin, head of the Division of Interior Architecture, and Professor of History Eric Yonke wrote the application and other faculty and staff helped with both the national and state registration efforts.

"Our years of hard work and determination have paid off for both the campus and the greater community," said Yonke and Julin. "Nelson Hall is truly one-of-a-kind and our hope is that the campus, community and the state will work together and preserve this treasure for the people of Wisconsin, and now for the nation as well."

According to Yonke, their nomination papers emphasized Nelson Hall's historical significance for women

in higher education and its architectural significance as a public building designed in 'prairie style.'

Built in 1915, it remains listed among the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation's Most Endangered Historic Properties and is named to the Wisconsin State Inventory of Historic Structures and the Stevens Point City List of Historic Places.

However, the future of the historic structure, even with historic designation, remains uncertain. Its feasibility for renovation has been reviewed by the state Division of Facilities Development and UW System Administration, but both agencies have yet to com-



mit state tax money to refurbish the building.

In 1992 things looked rosier when UWSP requested \$3.2 million from the state to restore the former residence hall. The plan received approval by the UW System Board of Regents but could not muster enough support within the State Building Commission.

The building bears the name of George B. Nelson, a Stevens Point attorney who served on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Nelson, a regent of the State Normal School System at the time, fought valiantly with legislators opposed to spending the \$100,000 to build the hall. It was designed by the

Milwaukee-based architectural team of Henry Van Ryn and Gerrit de Gellecke. There are over 900 prairie-style entries in the state's architecture and history inventory and only one was originally a dormitory -- Nelson Hall.

Since it was built, the residence has housed women students, the Student Army Training Corps organizing for World War I, trainees for World War II and the ROTC. Currently it provides a home for the Division of Communication, Administrative Computing, UWSP Photography, School of Education junior high tutoring program and many other programs and services.

## Local student receives John Anderson Award

### UWSP Press Release

Johanna Nelson, 1702 Maple Hill Road, Wausau, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has received the John Anderson Spirit of the Community Award.

The award, named for a community enthusiast and historian who died in 1994, carries a \$250 prize. It is given annually to a student with interest and talent in journalism who's writing and personal involvement demonstrate the spirit of the community that guided Anderson's life and work.

Anderson served as the director of News and Publications at UWSP and wrote a weekly column for the Stevens Point Journal, "A County Sampler," that introduced readers to Portage County people and places.

He also published a book titled "A County Sampler" through the Cornerstone Press, a UWSP publishing class led by Professor Dan Dieterich.

Nelson is majoring in communication with a minor

in history. She has served as a news reporter for the UW-Madison Daily Cardinal and the UWSP Pointer, an intern with the Portage County Gazette and the Stevens Point Journal, and a freelance writer for the Marshfield News Herald and the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune.

She is currently the copy editor for the UWSP Pointer. In addition to her work in journalism, Nelson also serves as a Women's Community volunteer in Wausau and a bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

Lisa Nellessen-Lara, managing editor of the Stevens Point Journal, said, "Johanna is genuinely interested in the stories around her -- the people and the activities that make Portage County such a wonderful place to live."

This summer Nelson will be involved in the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partnership for the Americas. She will travel to Nicaragua to participate in a literacy program and plans to share her experiences through a series of articles to the Stevens Point Journal.

## Corn on the cob, kids on the curb



Photo by Mae Wernicke

People of all ages enjoy the third annual downtown festival "Corn on the Curb," which featured catered food, a motorcycle show and a karaoke contest as well as roasted corn.

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## Committee votes to save Perkins loan program

WASHINGTON, DC - As the House Committee on Education and the Workforce completed its work on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, more than 700,000 students who rely on Perkins Loans to help pay for college breathed a collec-

Perkins Loan program. The bill also makes numerous changes to other higher education and financial aid programs.

"COHEAO would like to thank the committee for reauthorizing the Perkins Loan program," said Alisa Abadinsky, COHEAO Board

ate, graduate, and professional students. Loan funds are provided through new Federal Capital Contributions, institutional matching funds, and repayment from prior borrowers.

The President's FY2006 budget called for complete elimination of the program. Had this proposal been adopted by Congress, colleges and universities would have been forced to stop making Perkins Loans and send the federal portion of their campus revolving funds, along with interest earned on it, back to Washington, costing America's institutions of higher education and their students at least \$6 billion.

"Never in our history has a college education been more important for success in our competitive economy, nor has it ever been more expensive," said COHEAO executive director, Harrison Wadsworth. "With increasing numbers of students taking on private loan and credit card debt as a means of paying for college,

it is more important than ever to maintain the availability of low interest-rate Perkins loans to students."

COHEAO board member, Tom Schmidt remarked, "The House Education and Workforce Committee today reaffirmed our American belief in a future without limits and the certainty that all children - no matter what their station in life - have a part in that greater future. A postsecondary education for every child in America is the heart and soul of the American dream and we owe every child the opportunity to fully develop his or her talents."

The Senate is working on its own version of Higher Education Act reauthorization legislation. Action by the Senate and by the full House is not expected until later in the year. That means that the battle to save the Perkins Student Loan Program is not over. COHEAO will continue its grassroots advocacy campaign to aid in saving the program, as well as calling on Congress to fund it through the appropriations process. For more information, see [www.coheao.org](http://www.coheao.org).



tive sigh of relief today when the committee voted to save the Perkins Student Loan Program.

The committee approved H.R. 609, a bill reauthorizing the Higher Education Act of 1965 that would continue the

President. "We look forward to working with the full House and with the Senate on carrying the program forward."

The Perkins Student Loan Program is a campus-based program that provides low-interest loans to undergradu-

## Former editor published on NYT's Web site

### UW-SP Press Release

A University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point alumnus' essay was chosen for publication on the New York Times Web site.

Adam Mella's essay was one of four chosen from over 100 submitted by students attending The New York Times Workshop in Manhattan over the weekend of April 2. Each essay discussed the importance of newspapers in a democratic society.

"Mom's very proud," Mella said, referring to Patti Trick of Cooperstown. "It was a very good experience."

Students from universities around the United States participated in the workshop. In addition to Mella, who graduated in May and served as last year's editor of UWSP's student newspaper, The Pointer, the paper's current editor, Liz Bolton, also attended.

"I've never been to New York," Mella said. "I enjoyed the trip and I think it helped improve The Pointer."

The students learned copy editing and headline writing and heard staff and editors of The New York Times speak about their experiences. Students also reviewed student newspapers on other campuses and were given policy guides to help run their own campus newspapers.

Now that he's graduated, Mella's New York experience helps him with his job as managing editor of The Courier in Waterloo. Although The Courier has roughly the same circulation as The Pointer and also is a weekly newspaper, he finds his job challenging because it is in a community that is new to him.

Mella keeps himself busy also by freelance writing for the Wisconsin Outdoor Journal and creating a new board game.

"I started it just for kicks," Mella said, "but it turned into something decent."

His game is a cross between "The Oregon Trail" and "Shoots and Ladders," where the goal is to canoe down the Wisconsin River.

"It should be fun for all ages," Mella said. "But you might not make it. You could get a broken leg or get run-down by a bear."

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Behold the prize winning form of a champion.

Illustration by author

## Because I said so... One editor's opinion

Liz Bolton

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the days begin to shorten for the 22nd time in my life, I for once feel I've had a great, productive summer.

Not only did I get whipped into shape working for the grounds department on campus; I also visited friends who have graduated, spent quality time with my brand new nephew, and oh yes, did I mention that I am the Ludwiczak Famili Reunion's first female winner of the horseshoes competition it's 50 year history?

Allow me to explain.

### Letter to the Editor

### Both genders must fight for women's rights

Dear Editor,

United States Supreme Court decisions over the past 40 years have established that access to birth control is a fundamental right. I am shocked that in 2005, our state Assembly actually passed a bill that would ban birth control on all UW campuses.

Attorney General Lautenschlager has already pointed out that if this bill were to become law, it would be unconstitutional because it infringes on a woman's fundamental right to birth control. This bill clearly discriminates against women and their right to health care.

Both the men and women of Wisconsin need to ban together to stop this war on women and birth control, and to not allow legislators make women second class citizens.

This ban would be an outrage for what all women have sacrificed for. Generations of assault and rapes, not only to our bodies but on our rights, our freedoms.

These issues can no longer sit on the back burner. We have to honestly say, "Can we just sit and pretend that equality truly exists between the sexes?" What happened was discrimination! An assault! We cannot deny women birth control. This country has taken a wrong turn and now the war is here, right here, staring you and your families right in the face.

We need to reroute the agenda pushers and come together as neighbors, as mothers, as sisters. We need to take charge.

Name Withheld

My family orchestrates this huge reunion every three years, going back half a century. It stems from eight brothers and sisters, one of which is my great-great grandfather.

I have been attending these shin-dings for as long as I can remember. The main event in my mind was always the horseshoes. As soon as I could walk, I wanted to play.

First I was too young, then I found out women weren't allowed to compete. I desperately wanted to play, to be one of those beer drinking, smoking, grizzled old men.

Since I obviously can't pull that look off, I was content to watch and daydream about kicking everyone's butt.

This year was different. They decided to let women play, and my partner and I smoked everyone.

Some of the men who lost to us were a bit miffed, but I ended up meeting a lot of people I hadn't talked to before. One of them even went to UW-SP for two years. (He sends his love, by the way.)

As old men often do, he went into a long story; this one was about the fire alarm going off in Baldwin Hall one year while he was attending Point.

He and his roommate went to investigate, and found that someone had tried to flush an octopus down the toilet, causing all of the toilets to back up and flood the bathroom.

The two young men did what any Pointers would do. They donned their

swim-suits and used the bathroom as their own personal Slip'n'Slide.

This didn't surprise me at all. I have talked to students who have attended UW-SP from every decade going back to the late 50's. Let me tell you, the farther back you go, the crazier this school was.

Or to put it another way, this campus has gotten pretty tame through the years.

Why is this? Don't get me wrong, I love this school. But when you've heard the stories I have, you can't help but be a little jealous.

Part of the problem, I assume, is because more students have cars, or can go home easier; all of which are signs of (gasp) a suitcase college.

It wasn't so for me. My parents wanted me to attend UW-SP so I couldn't come home. Well, it sounded nicer the way they said it.

Regardless of why this school has suffered socially, I feel it is slowly improving. I've been involved with quite a few student organizations while I've been here, and all have expressed desires to be better than ever.

I really do long for the Point of yesterday, when Homecoming was huge, when the Allen Center had a dance club, when octopi were flushed down dorm toilets. I guess Point is as fun as the students who come here. So I hope everyone is ready to get involved this year, because I would love to see my last year in school become the stuff of legend.

## SGA Corner

### Lieutenant Governor visit brings relief

Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton's visit to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) brought brighter budget news to assembled faculty, staff, students, and community members.

Lawton announced to an overflow crowd that Governor Doyle would use his veto pen to restore \$8 million of the \$11 million cut in student financial aid and restore \$35 million of the \$100 million cut system-wide.

UWSystem campuses are still suffering under the deep cuts of the past two budgets, as well as the lingering cuts of the current budget. While the Governor's promise to veto the most recent legislative cuts decreases some of the burden, Wisconsin universities are still in distress.

However, this budget will still cut the UW System by approximately \$90 million and seize from students

\$3 million in financial aid.

Lawton assured the assembled crowd that Governor Doyle will keep higher education as a top priority. UWSP students are grateful to the Governor for these restorations and we look forward to his continued work to restore funding to the universities of our state.

Students at UWSP are urging state officials and legislators to treat the System campuses like the economic engine it has historically proven itself to be.

It is vital for Wisconsin state leadership to financially support the UW System in order to increase the number of degree holders as well as ensure access to lower- and middle-class families.

In the current transition from a manufacturing to an information economy, a large population of well-educated youth is crucial to our state's economic competitiveness.



Cartoon by A. M. Mella



# PointLife

## A taste of Manhattan: One student's story

**Liz Bolton**  
THE POINTER

As I stepped out onto the New York sidewalk that night, I couldn't help but wonder what the heck I'd gotten myself into. I had come with my friend Adam to attend a conference for editors of college newspapers at The New York Times. Sadly, the world outside my hotel room was so tall and intimidating; all I really wanted was the comfort of my hotel bed. The only ones who seemed truly at home here were the pigeons.

"This city is for the birds," I muttered. After 15 minutes of television, curiosity finally lured me out, and I left the small, dirty Holiday Inn for the streets of New York.

After walking two blocks in the cold, clammy night, we witnessed a man being seized on the sidewalk by two severe-looking goons. When the victim's friends protested, one of the goons, a gruff grey man, turned around. "Mind your own f\*ckin' business!" he barked.

Somehow, I continued walking. I felt like I was in some dirty cop show. Am I also some 2-D, expendable character? I thought. I felt a TV-like indifference; except this was for real. Or so I thought. "Cut," yelled another man behind me. "That looked good." The two aggressors let go of the man and one even patted him on the back.

I guess they were acting, although we never did see a camera. Three blocks later, I did freeze when an on-coming car came barreling toward me on 9th Avenue. With my newfound sense of survivorship, however, I shook it off and leapt out of the way.

At this point we looked up and saw a strange light in the air. We figured out we were looking at the bottom of clouds, but how? Times Square, I thought.

The Square, named for the newspaper hosting the symposium we were attending, was glowing. It looked exactly like the pictures, except they left out the tiny Kwik-trip police station on the south end. I was hooked. Manhattan fascinated me. I had to see more. We started in Central Park the next day.

No walk through Manhattan would be complete without Central Park. It was a cloudy day, and the park felt like a grey dream. I forgof about color except for flowers in giant concrete planters placed throughout the park.

They seemed so alien; they obviously had been planted recently. It was a strange, surreal effect on the park - grey path, grey sky, grey buildings, grey statues, and then screaming yellow and purple flowers.

Everyone moved with impressive speed. The air itself seemed to slow me down, but everyone else in the park ran, or at least walked briskly.

We decided to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the Met, located inside the park. Once we were through the doors, we bought tickets and wandered around the

crowded exhibits. After getting lost in the Medieval art wing, we found an exhibit on Diane Arbus' life work.

Arbus was born and raised in New York. In her exhibit, photos of classy women, veiled and adorned with pearls, mingled with transvestites, circus freaks, nudists and families playing in Central Park.

Diane Arbus was New York to the bone. I emptied my checking account to buy a coffee table book of her artwork - my one lasting souvenir of the trip. I picked up the cheaper \$50 paper-bound book, and wandered the store eyeing the hard-cover copy which was twice the price.

I dawdled, pretending

to look at brightly colored magnets and other trinkets. When no one was looking, I darted back to the Arbus display, ditched the \$50 book and picked up the more expensive one. I stopped briefly to pay the cashier, and fled the store before anyone could spot me with my extravagant purchase.

We left the museum around 2 pm, and began to walk south down Broadway. I was impressed by the chaotic organization of the place. Scaffolding set up in front of half the buildings kept debris from falling on passers-by a mere 9 feet below on the sidewalk. Construction was constant, and pedestrians or drivers seemed to take it in stride.

Men pushing huge carts with sheets over them dominated every block. I imagined the carts were filled with knock-off brands such as Prado or Calvin Klyen. We never did find out.

We walked past St. Patrick's Cathedral on 51st and Broadway. The colossal gothic cathedral, boasting a more expensive altar than St. Peter's in Rome, was filled to capacity. People stood outside, spilling over to the other side of the street listening as large speakers outside the closed cathedral doors blared Latin into the brisk air. I asked an Austrian next to me what was going on. "I think the pope died," he said. Oh yes, I thought.

He had died while we were on the plane the night before. I had been skeptical; similar announcements had been made on news channels for the last week. We stopped to watch the memorial service for a while, and were rewarded as Polish officers wearing tan cloaks and carrying small feathered axes led a procession out the giant wooden doors.

We walked through Midtown, NoHo, SoHo, and TriBeCa; it was interesting to see the changes. Stores became smaller, streets narrower and designers less known; until we reached TriBeCa where all semblances of order were abandoned. Street vendors sold their wares, proudly displayed on fraying blankets, while enticing, unfamiliar scents greeted our noses.

The progression was subtle, until we found ourselves at the southern edge of TriBeCa. Buildings suddenly shot up to 80 stories or more. Gone were the colors; dingy yet friendly shades of red and yellow faded to grey again in the business district.

We walked and walked, finally finding ourselves in front of a large hole the size of a city block. But this was no ordinary hole. This was the World Trade Center.

We saw the layers below the city, illuminated in the



## WWSP still going strong!

**Denise Conrad**  
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

### UW-SP's radio station fights through trying times

90 FM - the only alternative has faced some challenges this summer, but thanks to dedicated staff, supportive alumni and caring community members, the campus radio station is continuing on through chaos and controversy.

The biggest obstacle faced by 90 FM, its staff members and volunteers, is the renovation taking place in the Communication Arts building where the station is located.

Installation of new heating and cooling units along with ventilation and ducting has been in progress since the Spring '05 semester ended.

Confronted with smoke, dust, excessive noise and more, 90 FM has remained on air for the majority of it's programming, despite the less than desirable conditions. The continuation of being on air through all of the pandemonium, shows the care and commitment of those involved in the student organization.

90 FM has also been confronted with the issue of a possible merger and/or take-over with Wisconsin Public Radio.

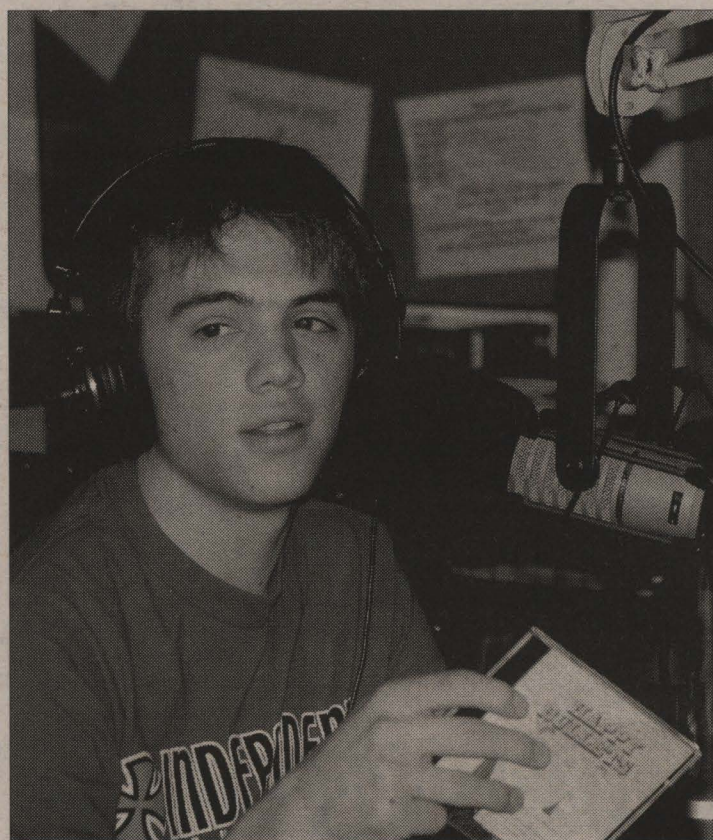
In June, word was received that Chancellor Linda Brunnell had met with representatives of WPR and discussed options of a unification or complete control of WWSP.

This news brought much concern to students, alumni, and community members about the future of the beloved college radio here in Stevens Point. Fortunately,

in a meeting with the 90 FM station manager Jon Henseler and program director Becca Pechinski,

Chancellor Brunnell stated that 90 FM will remain as is for the 2005 - 2006 school year. Although the risk is no longer immediate, it seems the door was left open for future con

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# Many opportunities in Point for disc-golfing fanatics

Erica Schulz  
THE POINTER

Frolfin'. Discin'. Frisbee golfing. Disc golfing. Any way you say it, there's only one way to play it, and that's with the ability to be open to a new sport.

Disc golf has swept across the entire United States and beyond. Tournaments are held internationally, including different European countries, Canada and Japan. The first courses were constructed in California, including Oak Grove Park in Pasadena, and La Mirada in Los Angeles.

In Stevens Point, Wisconsin, there are fewer options, but still plenty of courses to occupy a discer's time, and help improve his or her game.

Mead Park, located just over the Hwy. 10 bridge, on the west side of Stevens Point, offers nine holes, or baskets, located right on the Wisconsin River. It is the smallest of the three courses in the Stevens Point area, but offers beginners a good experience and chance to develop skills.

Yulga Park, located off of

Hwy. 66 in the town of Hull, is a more rustic location and has a variety of different holes. It includes a front and back nine, and is maintained privately by Randy Schukar.

Last summer he began replacing gravel tee-boxes

has a variety of terrains and elevations to challenge even the most experienced disc golfer. The hills prove challenging, including hole numbers one and twelve, as well as difficult, long runs including hole fourteen.

There are many opportunities to improve the game with these three courses in the Stevens Point area, and allow for experience to be gained as well as maintained through the variety of different courses and features.

There is also a Disc Golf Club which is open to new members, and helps introduce different courses in the state of Wisconsin by participating in many tournaments throughout the spring and summer months.

The actual disc for disc golfing is smaller and has sharper edges than the original Frisbee. It is thrown for distance and accuracy, and different weights and shapes help a golfer perfect and distinguish his game from other players.

Although conditions call for calm winds and bearable temperatures, there are plenty of opportunities between late spring and early fall to enjoy a day outdoors enjoying an original sport such as disc golfing.

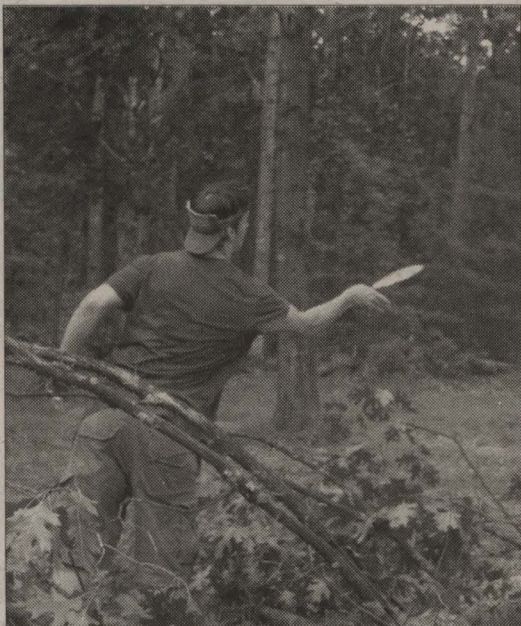


Photo by Mae Wernicke

Though Yulga park has experienced many changes after a severe storm brought down parts of the course, it still offers an entertaining course with many obstacles.

with cement ones, giving the course a more professional feel, as well as easier maintenance.

The biggest attraction is Standing Rocks Park, located in Plover, Wisconsin. This park offers eighteen holes and

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grey New York light, which exposed fallen I-beams and dusty floors.

I found myself here, one woman from Central Wisconsin. I had spent the day observing the architecture of Manhattan, from old to new, and now I found myself staring at a hole. The absence of Manhattan. There was nothing to touch, no memorial yet, except the giant fence topped with wire surrounding the island's open wound.

I would have felt completely ridiculous if it wasn't for the throngs of people who came to see the same thing I had. I found myself included in a rag-tag bunch of people from all over the country. And beyond, I thought, as I caught snippets of German and French in the air.

The PATH subway station invited us down below the surface, and we found the side of the station was open to the hole, with another

fence protecting us from falling in. It was even colder below than it was at the surface. The wind blasting from the hole caused me to shiver; pulling my coat tighter didn't help.

On the subway ride we were quiet, partly from the experience, partly from exhaustion. The next day at the New York Times conference, Bill Keller, the Executive Editor, spoke of new rules regarding headlines in The Times. He said, "Words such as 'attack' or 'terror' are reviewed carefully before published." He also spoke of the days after the attack, when they had to get special permission to allow distribution trucks to deliver the paper.

I finally began to realize that I would never understand this event, an event which caught me unaware, as I was getting ready for class early one morning in my freshman dorm room. I was as unprepared then as I was today, confronting the site over three years later.

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sideration. However, supporters of 90 FM will continue to do all they can to keep WWSP what it is and always has been.

When asked his opinion on the possibility of WPR presiding over 90FM, Mayor Wescott, a former 90 FM staff member and disk-jockey said, "it's not acceptable." After several articles were printed in the Stevens Point Journal, and television chan-

nels 7 and 9 aired statements from a press conference, letters of encouragement from all around the world poured in. All of the correspondence is further proof that WWSP means a lot to a lot of people!

Students are very dedicated to "The Only Alternative", as are innumerable alumni and community members. One and all will work together, fighting the good fight to keep 90 FM going strong for many years to come!

# Spotted something newsworthy around campus?

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Do it today!

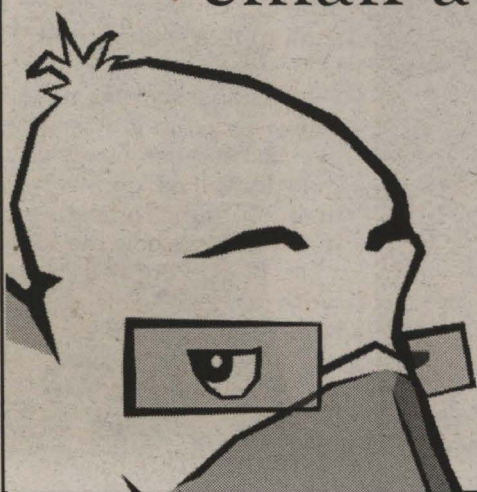




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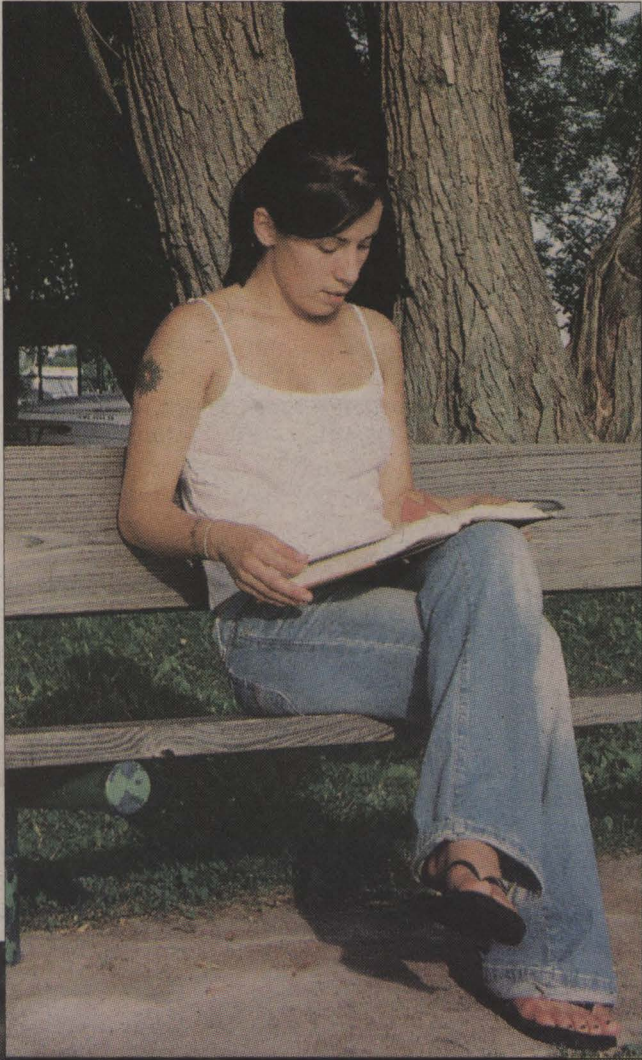


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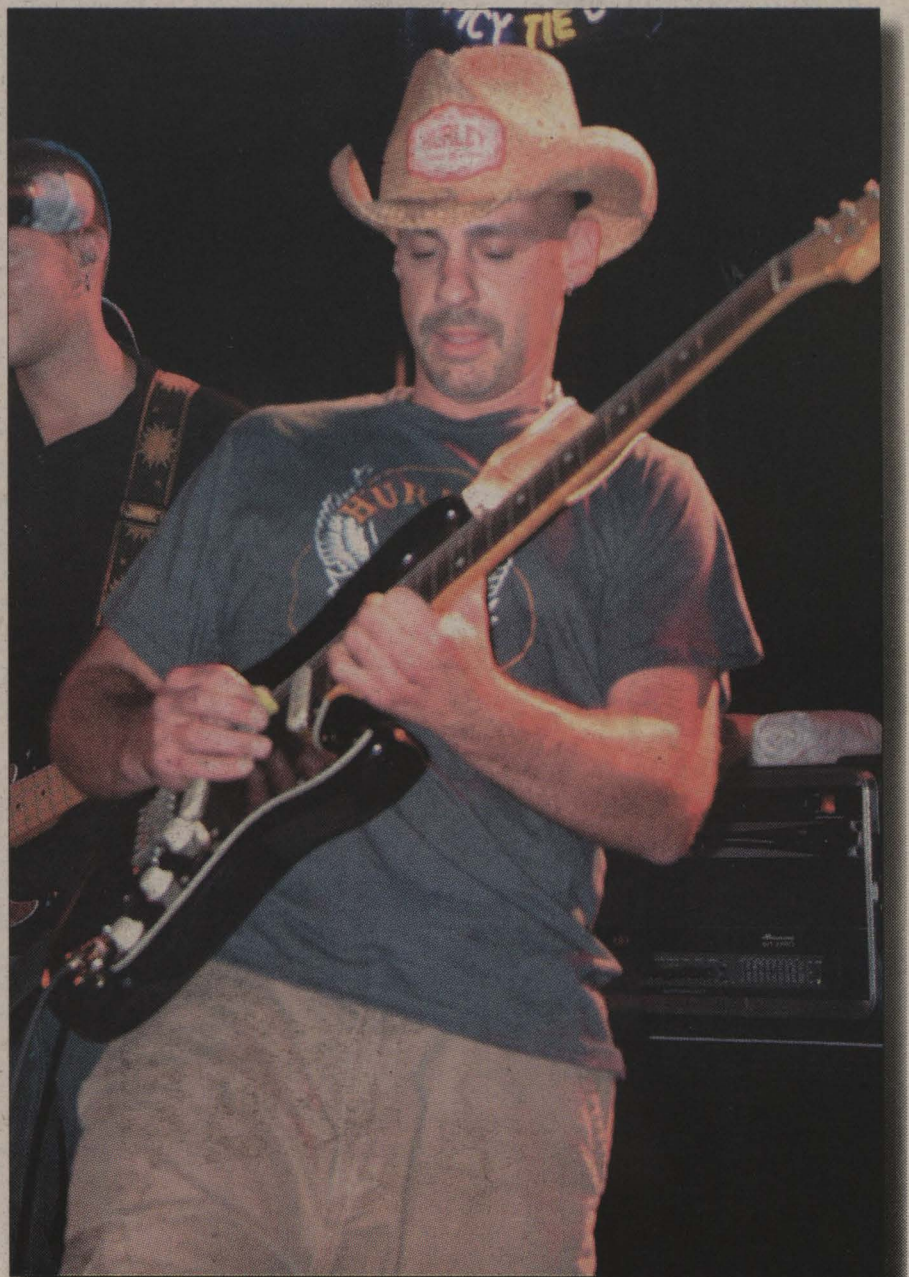


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## Female college students do better in school according to Student Monitor study

### Student Study Habits, Use of Textbooks Key Factors in Student Success according to Student Monitor study

Washington, D.C. (August 24) -- America's female college students study more, are more likely to read their textbooks thoroughly and to earn "A"s in their courses, and expect to graduate in less time than their male counterparts.

Male students study one-third less than women, partly more often, are more likely to earn a "C" or less in their courses, and expect to take longer to graduate, according to a nationwide study of 1,800 college students released today by Student Monitor. The study has a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percent.

The study of four-year and two-year students was commissioned by the Association of American Publishers to help publishers and educators understand students' study habits, and better determine what impact they have on academic achievement.

"We've generally taken for granted that hitting the books translates to better grades and a more successful college experience. This research confirms that hard work matters, and quantifies the difference between those students with a set of solid study habits and those without," said Eric Weil, managing partner, of Student Monitor.

"The survey revealed significant differences in the study habits between men and women. For example, women are 35 percent more likely to study daily, 21 percent more likely to study 15 or more hours weekly and 23 percent more likely to read their textbook thoroughly. These differences in study skills and habits translate to higher grades and a higher

course completion rate," Weil added.

"Currently, only one-half of all public four-year college and university students are graduating in four years or less. The others are increasing their debt and putting a strain on campus resources.

As a result, colleges and universities are under growing pressure to improve student engagement and to help students graduate more quickly.

Publishers, in turn, are being called upon to produce more sophisticated tools for teaching and learning. We wanted to find out what else publishers can do to make products that better meet the needs of students," said Bruce Hildebrand, executive director for higher education at the Association of American

Publishers.

The study confirmed that the more a student studies, the better his or her grades. The 42 percent of men and 41 percent of women who studied 15 or more hours a week earned an "A."

On average, students study for 14 hours weekly, with 24 percent studying five or fewer hours each week and only 17 percent studying more than 20 hours a week.

Time on task, study efficiency, and the use of supplemental materials are other important factors, particularly for community college students.

Students who attend two-year schools - who are more likely to work full time - were found to be 36 percent more likely to use supplemental materials and 23 percent more

likely to study efficiently.

An often overlooked but important factor is the time of day a student studies. Approximately one-half of all students study between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight.

Those in this group, whether men or women, are at least twice as likely to earn an "A" as those students who studied primarily in the hours after midnight. Among those who got a "C" or less, 28 percent of men and 20 percent of women studied after midnight.

Since 1987, Student Monitor has continuously published the only nationally syndicated, longitudinal market research study of the U.S. college student market. The company's clients include more than 100 of the Fortune 500 corporations.

## Key findings of the study:

### Men vs. Women

Men are more likely to skim through a textbook while women are more likely to read their textbook thoroughly.

Nearly half of all women study daily, compared to only a third of all men.

More than one in four men (26 percent) find themselves studying late at night compared to less one in five women (19 percent).

In comparing men to women, the study found men party 20 percent more often than women.

### Study habits make a difference

Students who study daily are 40 percent more likely to earn an "A" than students who do not study daily. Only 41 percent of students study every day, and 18 percent study only once or twice a week.

Students who study 15 or more hours weekly are 43 percent more likely to earn an "A" than students who study for less than 15 hours weekly.

Students who read their textbook thoroughly rather than skimming, study daily and study for 15 or more hours each week are far more likely to earn an "A."

### Two-year, Four-year Student Comparisons

Two-year community college students - who are more likely to work full time - are 36 percent more likely to use supplemental materials and 23 percent more likely to say they study efficiently.

## Scientific Notations

### Climate 'Tipping Point'

Climate scientists warned that a vast expanse of western Siberia has begun an unprecedented thaw, which could cause a "tipping point" in global warming. The area spans nearly 400,000 square miles and is melting for the first time since it formed 11,000 years ago. The researchers say that as the world's largest frozen peat bog melts, it will release vast quantities of methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent in global warming than carbon dioxide.

### Heartland Drought

The worst drought to strike the American Midwest since 1988 has turned parts of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers into virtual sandbars and has caused widespread crop losses. In the worst-affected states of Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin, the drought has also dried up wells and allowed insect infestations to spread across farmlands. Higher transportation costs due to disrupted river commerce may make it too expensive to ship surviving crops to international markets.

### Pleistocene Park

Scientists in the United States have proposed reintroducing big-game animals into the Great Plains, similar to the mammoths and other large mammals that existed there in the Pleistocene era more than 10,000 years ago. They propose to use the land to build the populations of large animals such as Bactrian camels, Bolson tortoises, and rare species of horses, elephants, cheetahs and lions. The project could provide a pool of range-adapted animals that could be returned if their home habitats are eventually saved.

## Students at UW-SP develop new software which recognizes speaks and commands

### UW-SP Press Release

A student research group at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, under the direction of Professor of Computing David Gibbs, has developed a series of software programs that utilize a computer's ability to both listen and speak.

The UWSP Web Speech Research Group, including recent graduates Garrett Firkus, Stevens Point, and Ben Jacobs, Madison, and current students Jeremy Hill, Madison; Mark Stenerson, Wisconsin Rapids; Joe Frost, Rudolph; and Bill Shier, Marinette,

developed a program using speech synthesis, a tool that enables a computer to read text aloud. The group originally began their work to create a better system for online courses. Many online courses use recordings of a human voice reading the material to students. Though effective as a teaching tool, such recordings exist as very large files and can take students a long time to download from the Web. They are also tedious to edit if information changes. With a speaking tool like the one developed by the group, a student will only need to

download a small text file that can then be read aloud by their computer. Editing such files will be as simple as changing the text in a word processor.

The Web Speech Research Group also has implemented speech recognition, a program that enables a computer to understand human speech and convert it into text or commands. Similar technology has been available for quite some time, but to function properly the existing programs must first be calibrated to the voice of one person. The new program developed by the group works with any

voice, responding to the general sounds common to speech rather than the unique sound of one person's voice. This general speech recognition tool has possible applications on the web because it doesn't require a voice profile for each person using it.

The group's developments have not gone unnoticed. This spring the group was invited to present their work at two large meetings, the RMM Solutions Technology Fair in Wausau and the WiscNET Future Technologies Conference in Madison. These presentations drew interest to the project

and the group gave several demonstrations at UWSP and Northcentral Technical College. Gibbs recently presented a version of the group's software at ED-MEDIA 2005, a conference held in Montreal, Canada.

In the coming year, Gibbs plans to have the group combine the speaking and listening technologies they have developed. The goal is to create a completely hands-free browser, a program that will allow users to access and receive information from the Web just by speaking and listening to a computer.



# Outdoors

## Something for everyone in Schmeckle Reserve

**The reserve north of campus is a rare and valuable thing for all UW-SP students**

**Joe Pisciotto**  
THE POINTER

Just north of campus, not much more than a minute's walk from some of the dorms, you will find a 275-acre

in the City of Stevens Point."

Today, Schmeckle Reserve is just that – an island of green meant to preserve natural communities and benefit the university and the people of Central Wisconsin.

Inside the reserve is five miles of nature trails that can be used for hiking (no pets allowed), running, biking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

that allow you to stop and observe the flora and fauna of the prairie, marshland, white pine forest, and a restored oak savanna that features 200-year-old oak trees.

Part of the trail system circumnavigates 24-acre Lake Joanis, where you can fish, boat, and ice skate. The human-made lake, nestled in the southeast corner of the reserve and buffered from the road by forest vegetation, contains several species of fish and can be explored with any kind of non-motorized boat. No swimming though – the slope and depth of the lake make it too dangerous.

The lake is also a great setting for simply relaxing or taking photographs. In spring and fall, early morning fog rises from the lake to create a mysterious and beautiful scene. Just as breathtaking, the freeze and thaw of winter sometimes prompts the frozen water to pop and crack as the ice sheet expands and contracts against itself, causing unearthly noises to echo across the lake.

On the north side of the reserve is the Visitor Center – a onetime ranch house that was converted by students.

Here you can find out anything about the reserve, as well as visit the Browse Shop, where you can scope out or purchase a number of cultural and natural items related to Central Wisconsin.

In the Visitor Center you can learn more about Wisconsin's natural and conservation history by exploring a museum and the Conservation Hall of Fame.

These exhibits highlight

the events and people who have had an impact, both positive and negative, on Wisconsin's environment.

"There are lots of interactive, hands-on, things for people to do [in the museum]," said Jim Buchholz, Assistant Director of Schmeckle Reserve.

The Visitor Center serves not only as the headquarters for Schmeckle Reserve, but also for Stevens Point's Green Circle Trail.

This trail winds through the northern part of Schmeckle and continues westward to the Wisconsin for, south to Whiting where the Plover and Wisconsin Rivers come together, west along McDill Pond, north past the airport and into the Town of Hull, and finally southwest back into Schmeckle.

The Green Circle Trail traverses over 30 miles of the Stevens Point area, taking you past wetlands, watersheds, forestlands, and the occasional road. Populated with wildlife and often secluded, my last trip down the trail rewarded me with the sight of a Pileated Woodpecker, a hummingbird, and a pair of Brown Thrashers.

If you're really ambitious, the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center has a few different pamphlets that will inform you of many more miles of hiking, biking, and boating trails that take you into the country surrounding Stevens Point.

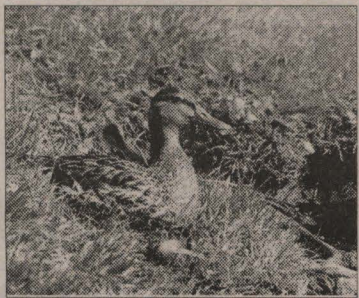
The land that is now Schmeckle Reserve was once

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Photos by Mary Nehring

Beautiful sights as well as plentiful wildlife greet those who enter Schmeckle reserve.



oasis of lush greenery called Schmeckle Reserve.

Nearly 50 years ago Professor Fred Schmeckle, the man responsible for the country's first Conservation Education major here at UW-SP and someone who regularly took his classes outside to the natural areas north of campus, prophetically proclaimed, "some day this area will serve as an island of green

While on the trail you might encounter deer, three types of squirrels, foxes, weasels, butterflies, frogs, the occasional porcupine, and if you have a keen eye in the evening you may catch a glimpse of a flying squirrel.

While meandering down the trails, expect to find yourself in a variety of habitat types. Situated throughout the reserve are wooden benches

## UW-SP library supports new green roof

### UW-SP Press Release

The Albertson Learning Resources Center (LRC) at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has received a new roof, but most people would be surprised by the choice of materials used in the project.

The east section of the LRC's first floor has received the first "green roof" in Central Wisconsin. In June the stones that once covered the roof were cleared away and replaced by a GreenGrid System, a set of interlocking, recycled plastic modules.

Patented and installed by Weston Solutions, the system rests directly on the roof membrane and holds soil and plants. The five species of sedum plantings used for the project will eventually cover the roof in a colorful mosaic.

Though the installation of the green roof was completed at the end of June, the young plants are not expected to fully take hold until sometime in 2007. In the meantime, a makeshift irrigation system operated by staff volunteers

### Plantings...will eventually cover the roof in a colorful mosaic

will provide water to the roof. Once fully mature, the green roof will be able to absorb an entire inch of rain and will be mostly self-sustaining.

The nearly \$100,000 project will serve several functions, including improving the appearance of the building, extending the life of the roof

membrane by protecting it from high temperatures and ultraviolet light and reducing energy costs by acting as insulation in the winter and creating shade in the summer.

Outside of the building, the green roof also serves to improve air quality by trapping undesirable gases, volatile organic compounds and airborne particulates.

The idea was originally introduced to the UWSP Sustainability Committee two years ago as a student initiative to improve the campus.

The project was supported by the UWSP Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center, University Library, Wisconsin Division of State Facilities, UWSP Facility Services and Wisconsin Public Service.

## Information on invasive species consolidated on DNR Web site

### DNR Press Release

MADISON – People concerned about preventing purple loosestrife, zebra mussels, Emerald Ash borers and other invasive species from taking over their favorite lake, forest or wetland can now go to a single Web site to identify these aggressive invaders and learn how to help control their spread.

The Department of Natural Resources has revamped its invasive species pages to allow people to more easily and quickly access information on dozens of invasive species affecting Wisconsin forests, waters and backyards.

"This portal offers a "one stop shop" for customers to find quick information relating to invasive species," says Martye Griffin, the DNR science communications project manager.

The Web site offers photos and fact sheets of dozens of invasive species, and maps showing the geographic distribution of zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil and some of the other most problematic invasive species.

People will also find tips on how they can help prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species on their own property, along lakes and rivers and roadways, and in forests and state parks. They can also learn about state programs targeting invasive species, including ones that individuals and groups can take advantage of.

Those programs range from workshops to train volunteers and equip them with informational materials to educate boaters at landings on how to properly inspect

and clean their boats, to cost-sharing grants for local governments and lake groups seeking to prevent or control infestations of aquatic invasive species.

Plants, animals and disease organisms have been transported around the world for centuries by natural agents such as wind and water, and

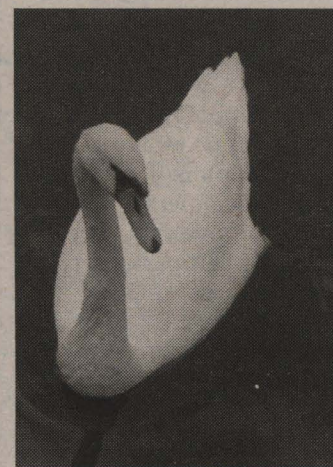


Photo provided by DNR

Invasive species, such as the mute swan pictured above, wreak havoc on Wisconsin wetlands

by humans, either accidentally or on purpose.

The gypsy moth, for instance, was introduced in the United States in an attempt to develop a hardy silkworm while the zebra mussel arrived accidentally, in the ballast water of foreign ships entering the Great Lakes, according to Kelly Kearns, DNR plant conservation program manager.

Most nonnative organisms introduced to North America do not cause significant problems, but some do.

Their impacts on the environment, recreation and the

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# UWSP organizes 2005 bike tour of Mallorca

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## UW-SP Press Release

Cyclists from a previous trip ride along the Mediterranean coast with the Formentor Lighthouse in the background.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours is offering a bicycle tour of Mallorca, a Mediterranean island off the coast of Spain, March 2006.

The trip, led by avid cyclists and experienced trip leaders Mark Koepke and Greg Taft, is designed for recreational cyclists.

With options for riders of all ability levels, the tour is open to adults of any age in good physical condition and will last from March 16 until March 26.

Known as the "Isle of Calm," Mallorca has become a haven for cyclists from around the world. The island, chosen for its mild weather, excellent roads, and superb ambiance, is home to the training camps for several professional cycling teams.

Mallorca offers everything from flat roads between beautiful port towns, gently rolling hills in a pastoral country side, and even true mountain riding. Best of all, traffic on the island is light in the off season and Mallorcans respect cyclists.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$2,899 and includes roundtrip airfare from Chicago, lodging with breakfasts, several evening meals, museum entries, luggage van service, bus transfers, a pre-departure meeting, and a comprehensive participant manual.

Rental bikes are also available for an estimated additional fee of \$150. Early registration is encouraged since participation is limited.

The group will depart from Chicago on March 16 and arrive in the capitol city of Palma on the morning of

March 17. There, participants will begin the trip with a tour of the city including the Gothic cathedral, Arab baths, and Island Museum.

The group will then travel by bus to Montuiri, in sight of the Sierra de Tramuntana mountain range. The next day will be spent in Montuiri where participants can choose from a variety of bicycle excursions.

The group will then travel by bicycle to Port de Pollença on March 19. The port town offers access to a coastal bike path and Roman ruins. The group will spend the next two

days in Port de Pollença before riding to Portocristo on March 23. In Portocristo participants will have the option to travel to the Caves of Arte and Drac or the Satuari de Sant Salvador Church and Monastery.

On March 24 the group will travel back to Montuiri by bicycle where they will spend another day before departing by bus for the Palma airport and the return flight to Chicago on March 26.

An informational meeting and slideshow will be held at the Portage County Library on Wednesday, September 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m.



economy vary, but Eurasian water milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant that is now found in more than 400 lakes, can create thick mats just below the water's surface that interfere with swimming, boating and other recreation, and can affect fish feeding and spawning areas.

The economic loss alone, and the cost of trying to control invasive species, totals more than \$138 billion each year in the United States, according to a 1999 study by Cornell University. Such current, comprehensive figures aren't available just for Wisconsin, but more than 100 exotic invasive plants have been documented in Wisconsin, and more than 160 exotic plants, animals and pathogens that have entered the Great Lakes since the 1840s and in some cases, have spread to inland waters.

The tide of invasions is expected to rise in Wisconsin and elsewhere as global trade and travel increase, and as ecosystems become more disturbed and vulnerable to introductions as a result of development, Kearns says.

Once established, these invasive species have few natural predators to keep their population in check and options for controlling their populations are limited and costly.

## Printers shoot for cleaner solutions

### DNR Press Release

MADISON - Wisconsin is moving toward becoming the first "green" printing state by both encouraging and rewarding printers for reducing their environmental impact under two innovative projects on which the Department of Natural Resources and the printing industry in Wisconsin are collaborating.

The three-year projects are financed by a special innovation grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Industry members and the DNR are cooperating to streamline and simplify the regulations for printers; especially those associated with the air permit process.

The projects also reflect the industry's interest in developing alternative approaches to air permits that will improve compliance with environmental requirements as well as providing incentives for superior environmental performance.

Self-certification approach for small print operations.

For small printers, who often find the permitting process difficult and confusing, the grant is helping to develop an Environmental Results Program, modeled after similar efforts in Massachusetts.

The goal of the pilot project is to develop a self-certification approach designed to improve compliance with air, water and waste regulations.

"Under the Environmental

Results Program, small printers will see less of an administrative burden, and the regulatory requirements should be easier to understand than the traditional regulatory system," says Renee Lesjak Bashel of the Small Business Assistance Program of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. "However, we also expect to see significant gains in compliance with the regulations."

In Massachusetts, only about 20 percent of the facilities subject to their regulations were meeting their obligations prior to the program. After implementation of the program, a majority of the regulated printers now meet their requirements.

For some small printers, the self-certification program could replace the need for a registration and general operating permit, and for others who are exempt from air permit requirements, the program would meet their need to submit emission reports.

For larger printing facilities, the pilot program allows one permit as part of an Environmental Management System to cover all releases of pollutants into the environment.

An EMS uses a continuous quality improvement approach to reduce the air permit burden on both industry and regulators. The EMS permit being developed as an alternative approach, as outlined in Wisconsin's Green Tier Law, is designed to be equivalent to

traditional operation permits.

"The pilot EMS program has three main goals," said Kristin Hart, DNR South Central Region Air Permit Engineer. "If the pilot is successful, we will reduce hazardous air pollutant and ozone-forming emissions, increase the number of facilities that understand and comply with environmental regulations, and lower the administrative costs to both the state and businesses."

The EMS permit project for large printers benefits the environment by providing positive incentives to facilities meeting environmental requirements and willing to reduce emissions even further.

The EMS permit is especially suited to large printers committed to superior environmental performance and eager to use innovative and flexible ways to pursue improved economic and environmental performance.

The advantage of an EMS permit is that it allows the facility to build a new working relationship based on stretch goals and flexibility. The facility is treated differently because they are prepared to manage their full environmental footprint, not just the things they are required to do.

The foundation of an EMS permit is a 'plan-do-check-act' approach that compels continuous quality improvement. For large printers required to have a federal operation permit, the EMS permit would provide a more flexible alternative.

## Hook and line sturgeon season opens Sept. 3rd

### Low water heights concerns about popular fisheries

#### DNR Press Release

POYNETTE, Wis. - The hook and line season for sturgeon opens Sept. 3 on several Wisconsin waters amid concerns from state fisheries managers that low water flows on river systems could result in high harvests of these slow growing fish.

The hook and line sturgeon season opens Sept. 3 with a 50-inch minimum length limit and a one-per-season bag on the Wisconsin River from the Wisconsin Dells Dam downstream, the St. Croix River downstream from the St. Croix Falls Dam, and specific segments of the Chippewa, Flambeau, Jump and Yellow rivers, and Yellow Lake in Rusk County and Butternut Lake in Price County. The season on these waters closes Oct. 15.

The hook and line season on the Menominee River also opens Sept. 3 with a 50-inch length limit and bag limit of one per season but closes Nov. 1.

To fish for lake sturgeon with hook and line, anglers must have a Wisconsin fishing license and obtain a

free sturgeon tag from their local DNR Service Center or license agent. After catching a lake sturgeon of legal length, anglers wanting to keep the fish must immediately validate and attach the tag to the fish just in front of the sturgeon's tail and register the fish at a designated registration station no later than 6 p.m. the day after it was caught.

It's illegal to catch a sturgeon for someone else to tag or to even possess the tag of another person. Possession of an illegal or untagged sturgeon may result in a fine of up to \$3,000, mandatory three year revocation of all DNR licenses and possibly a 90 day jail sentence. To report a violation contact your local warden, sheriff's department or the poacher hot line number at 1-800-847-9367 or 1-800-TIP-WDNR.

Low water flows on the Wisconsin River and Menominee River and a history of heavy angling pressure are creating the potential for heavy total harvests, according to DNR fisheries officials. The prospect is spurring DNR biologists to encourage anglers to practice catch and release this year to help protect the sturgeon fisheries in these rivers.

"I'm very concerned

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## Arts &amp; Review

## New System of a Down cd transfixes masses

Adam Sprague  
THE POINTER

Rock and metal fans have had little to be excited for in recent memory with more bands progressively sounding more and more alike all the time. Then came along System Of A Down's *Mezmerize*, which is the first of a two-disc release, the other disc, *Hypnotize*, is scheduled for a release in fall 2005.

Their last album, *Toxicity*, debuted at number one, and was an instant classic that featured a move to a softer sound and featured many mainstream hits such as "Aerials" and "Chop Suey".

*Mezmerize* starts with "Soldier Side", which begins the album with a very mellow, *Toxicity* style intro. Immediately after *Mezmerize* introduces lead guitarist, and songwriter, Daron Malakian.

Malakian takes on a much larger role behind the microphone throughout the entire album, serving as one of the many ways they slightly alter their sound from album to album giving each release a completely new feel.

The album switches pace at an alarming rate with the second track, "B.Y.O.B.", which is easily one of the wildest songs on the album.

It rocks the listeners with heavy guitar riffs followed by a chorus that rivals a Justin Timberlake CD with heavy R&B influences while at the same time giving listeners a satire on the current situation in Iraq.

The scariest thing about it is that it works, almost too well and providing listeners with one of the most original tracks in all of music to date.

In "Radio/Video" the thrash metal beat is nearly dropped out entirely as a beat that can best be described as nearly feeling that it was of the ska genre takes over. System Of A Down takes on easy targets such as the media and their absolute hatred of Hollywood several times throughout the album.

But, what makes this disc so much different than other albums of the same nature, is the fact that they are hardly taking themselves entirely serious this time

around. One of the greatest things they do throughout the entire course of the album is providing a blend of serious moments, such as commentary about the war in Iraq, with sections of complete lyrical nonsense.

It is this mixture of moods

that helps System Of A Down appeal to such a large audience.

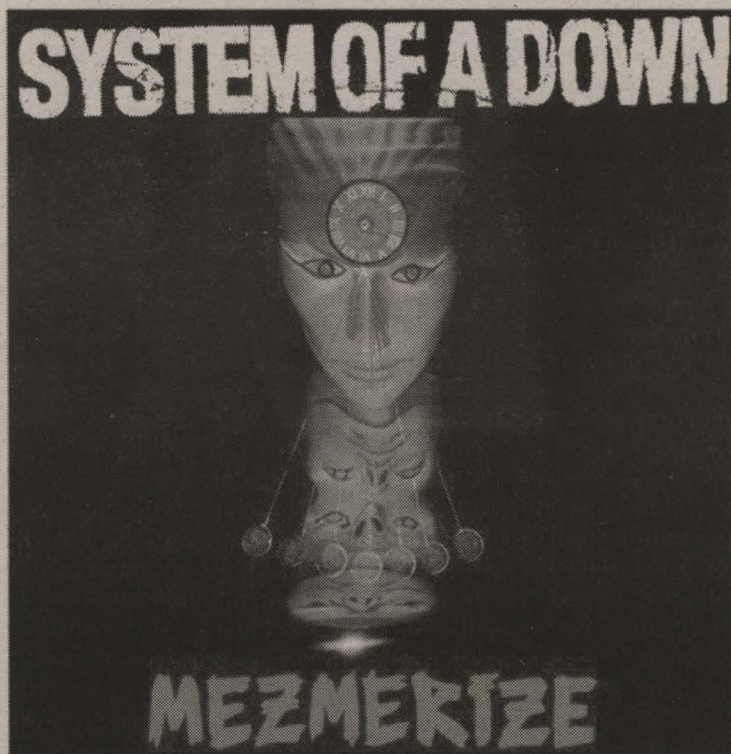
On "Sad Statue" System Of A Down seems to have successfully wrote one of the first songs that sums up the current culture's equal division of political views in the United

States with lines such as, "you and me will all go down in history with a sad statue of liberty and a generation that didn't agree". The lyrics are refreshing, as they sing not about history, but being history.

*Mezmerize* never misses a beat with a constant bombardment of in your face riffs combined with lead vocalist Serj Tankian's wide range of vocal talents that has made the band popular.

Although the double disc release can easily be seen as a cheap way to make more money and up their chances of hitting number one on the Billboard charts, any more than 35 minutes of their insane lyrics and melody changing antics could be overwhelming to the listener.

Casual listeners and devoted System Of A Down fans will have a hard time not tapping their foot to every track; none come close to being labeled as skippable. *Mezmerize* is simply a must buy for any metal or rock fan, or anyone that is looking for something refreshing in a rather bland music industry.



## Star Wars saga ends victoriously

Blair Nelson  
ARTS & REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

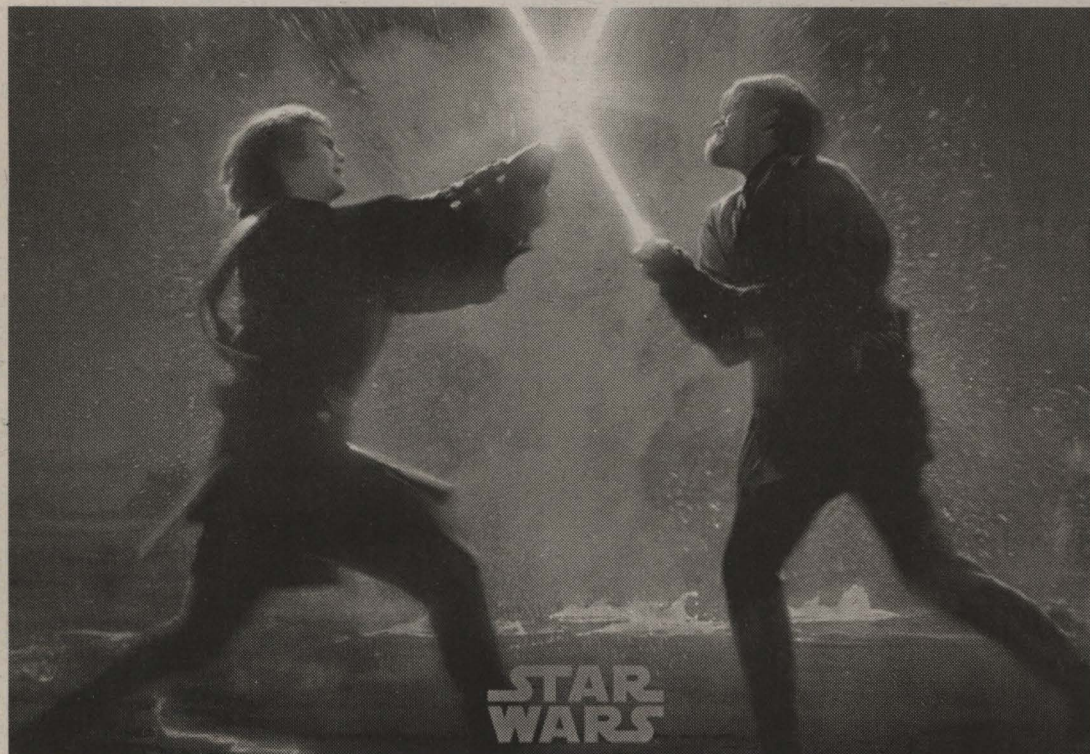
The circle is now complete, as the final installment of the Star Wars saga, *Revenge of the Sith*, has arrived. Thus completes a 28 year journey that began in 1977. After the flaws of Episodes I and II—script problems mostly—the big question is: Does Sith

Their characters have changed, and we can finally believe these two are friends. The critics who chastised Hayden Christensen's acting in the last film may be surprised at how well he performs in the first 20 minutes alone. He only gets better by the end of the film. He was reportedly told by Lucas to "hold back" in Episode II; the

moments, particularly in the beginning of Sith.

By contrast, the humor of the last two episodes felt forced and cheap. Once the film begins its tragic inevitability, however, it never looks back.

The fate of the Jedi is decided, the Sith Lord, who has been planning the downfall of the Republic for over



deliver? Yes it does, and in a big way.

The beginning of the film brings a spectacular space-battle with our heroes, Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi, flying in perfect formation en route to rescue the Supreme Chancellor from the ruthless General Grievous.

gloves come off in Episode III—and they must, because if he doesn't pull it off, the film will fail miserably.

Many of us knew Sith would be the darkest of the Star Wars films—even darker than *The Empire Strikes Back* of the original trilogy—and like *Empire* there are funny

a decade, is revealed, and the Galactic Empire is created under the new emperor.

Also along the way a diminutive Jedi Master will meet his match, a former queen's fate will be decided, and Obi-Wan Kenobi will lose

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## UWSP flute professor invited to play at national convention

UWSP Press Release

Paul Doeblen (pictured at left), professor of flute and musicianship at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been invited to perform at the National Flute Association (NFA) convention in San Diego.

He will share the stage with renowned European flutist Wissam Boustany in a headlining recital on Friday, August 12. The program will include works by C.P.E. Bach, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, and Harald Genzmer.

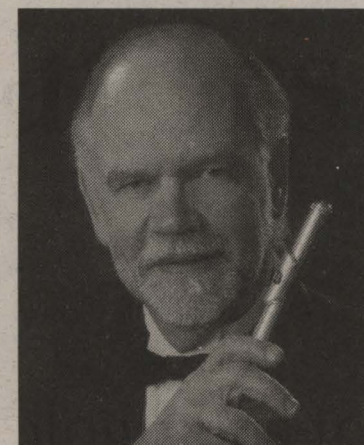
Doeblen will be assisted in his performance by pianist Eric Charnofsky, Cleveland, Ohio. This is the third NFA convention at which he has been invited to play.

In addition to performing, Doeblen also will serve as a judge for the NFA High School Competition Finals which will be held at the convention.

Over the past eight months, thousands of young flutists have participated in competitions throughout the United States. The field has been narrowed to eight finalists and Doeblen will help to select one musician from those finalists to receive the top honor on Thursday, August 11.

Doeblen also has been selected to present an educational session entitled "How I warm up on the flute." The presentation, one of four major educational sessions given at the convention, will take place on Saturday, August 13.

The NFA is expecting approximately 2,500 flutists, ranging from beginners to pro-



fessionals, to attend the 2005 convention. Other well-known performers at the event will include English flutists William Bennett and Trevor Wye, principal flutist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Mathieu Dufour, and principal flutist of the Philadelphia Orchestra Jeffrey Khaner.

In addition to his work at UWSP, Doeblen is a flutist with the Wisconsin Arts Quintet, principal flutist of the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra and director of the Point Music Camp. He has performed with chamber groups and orchestras in New York, New Jersey and Wisconsin and is a frequent performer on Wisconsin Public Radio.

He has served as the faculty leader for two study abroad programs in Britain and will be leading a third during the fall 2005 semester. While overseas, Doeblen performed in London with the BBC Concert Orchestra and City of London Choir.

He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in flute from the Juilliard School of Music.



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underproductive farmland that had been abandoned by farmers. The university began buying up the land in the 1950s.

While there were thoughts of using the land for student housing and other campus buildings, the university finally decided in 1974 that it should be an area for recreation.

In 1975, Lake Joanis was created when Sentry Insurance set up its world headquarters by excavating some of the dirt from the land.

Groundwater naturally seeped into the giant hole, and the current centerpiece of Schmeekle was formed.

In 1976, the reserve was officially established with a Land and Water Conservation Grant. Ron Zimmerman, current Director of Schmeekle Reserve, was hired in 1977, and expansion and restoration has been going on ever since.

According to Buchholz the university is looking into securing more land on the

southeast side of the reserve in order to protect the waters of Moses Creek.

"Pretty much Schmeekle has now been surrounded on all sides by urban development... there is one small segment yet that we are currently negotiating [to obtain]," said Buchholz.

He added that in the future the university would be interested in acquiring the land that contains the headwaters

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of Moses Creek. Even though the land is not adjacent to the reserve it would have a direct impact on the area.

"By protecting those headwaters we can ensure that that area never gets developed, and we can always prevent the flooding downstream on the rest of campus and the entire Stevens Point area," he said.

Schmeekle Reserve is a unique part of campus that won't be found on many other campuses across the country.

Not only does it serve as an area for student recreation, but it also preserves the health of our natural environment while providing the community with a variety of events.

Some students in the College of Natural Resources serve as Trail Rangers to protect people and the natural community, and answer visitors' questions.

Other students run interpretive programs in Schmeekle throughout the school year. Still others work on ridding the land of invasive species and conducting prescribed burns.

Overall, the reserve employs 40-50 students from varying backgrounds to run and take care of Schmeekle.

"The heart of the reserve are our students," said Buchholz. "The students basically do everything in the reserve."

Schmeekle Reserve is open to the public from dawn to dusk. The Visitor Center is open daily from 8am to 5pm. Be sure to check it out after you settle in this summer.

**Star Wars**

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the best friend he ever had.

What sets Sith apart from its two predecessors, however, is not the aforementioned elements—it is the excellent story-telling abilities of George Lucas.

The gritty meat of the plot is in Sith. The political aspects are no longer needed, and the plot isn't bogged down in trivial matters. Supreme Chancellor Palpatine (scene-stealer Ian McDiarmid) and Anakin are the focus, and Palpatine the teller of this story.

He manipulates Anakin, tells him what he wants to hear, and claims he has a power that Anakin desperately desires—and it is not simply the dark side of the force. He plants the seeds of Anakin's destruction from good Jedi into his destiny as a Sith Lord, who will ultimately don the mask and armor of Darth Vader.

But what finally turns him over to the clandestine dark side, though deft in execution, is a surprising twist. Once Anakin starts down that path it consumes his very soul. He is the tragic hero turned

villain, like so many others before him in Greek tragedies, who becomes the very thing he swore to destroy. That is the core reason *Revenge of the Sith* is the most tragic of all the films in the two Star Wars trilogies.

Despite a few problems, such as the unbalanced romance and some misguided dialogue, Sith is a very solid and enjoyable film. George Lucas centers and nails the important reasons Star Wars hit nerves around the globe nearly 30 years ago: in Episode III there are characters we care about, worlds we can fall in love with, and an exemplar story done successfully.

Because of this, he has made a critical emotional connection to his audience. As an added cache, Episode III is the bridge to Episode IV—the original Star Wars—and the people, places, and even droids tie in smoothly.

When Owen and Buru Lars hold the prodigal infant Luke over a twin sunset on Tatooine, we can fondly remember a grown up Luke looking at the same sunset years later, and can recall the time we first discovered that fantastical world set a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

**Sturgeon**

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about excessive harvest if flows remain low, because it appears that anglers are more successful when water levels are low," says Tim Larson, DNR fisheries supervisor in Poynette. "Two years ago when we had extreme low flows on the Wisconsin River, the fish got hammered."

A minimum length limit that alternates every year between 50 inches and 70 inches on the Wisconsin River and the Menominee River has reduced harvest of lake sturgeon on those waters by about 30 percent each.

That's important because the state does not have sturgeon population estimates for these large river systems, and because lake sturgeon are particularly vulnerable to overharvest, given that females don't spawn until they're 25 years old and then only once every four years.

But the alternating minimum length limit didn't offer adequate protection in 2003 on the Wisconsin River, when water flows at their second lowest level in 63 years contributed to a record harvest of 72 fish. At the start of this season, stream flows are likely to be well below the average again.

Mike Donofrio, fisheries supervisor stationed in Peshtigo, also has concerns about the potential for heavy harvests on the Menominee, where fishing pressure has been increasing since the late 1980s.

The alternating year regulations have reduced the overall harvest because it's resulted in an average harvest of zero in years with the minimum 70-inch length limit. But

harvest during years with a 50-inch minimum length limit has grown every year and has risen from 80 fish in 1989 to 210 in 2003.

"Increasing fishing pressure since 1999 of 12 percent per year will likely induce another record harvest, estimated at 235, for the Menominee River," Donofrio says.

and line season filed the following reports and reminders.

**Chippewa River**

The season is open on the West Fork downstream from Moose Lake Dam in Sawyer County and East Fork in Ashland County downstream to the confluence with the Mississippi River, including

fish to the same waterbody. Tags found in harvested sturgeon provide valuable data on sturgeon growth, survival, and movement, which are essential to ensure that these long-lived and late-maturing populations can continue to sustain a harvestable surplus. PIT tagging equipment was purchased with federal funds through a grant from

below the Turtle-Flambeau Dam on the North Fork of the Flambeau River. There is a fishing refuge immediately below the Turtle Flambeau Flowage dam that prohibits all angling. Below the refuge, the North Fork of the Flambeau River is open to sturgeon fishing. - Jeff Roth, senior fisheries biologist, Mercer

**Wisconsin River**

We will have the registration stations scanning for PIT tags, similar to Chippewa River, for purpose of determining an exploitation rate. Registration stations will also be asking for gut donations to determine sex of harvest and PCB samples from harvested fish. Fish will get a working over at the registration stations this year! - Tim Larson, fisheries supervisor, Poynette

**Lake Superior**

The hook and line season for sturgeon on Lake Superior is open all year with a minimum length limit of 50 inches and a bag limit of one fish. We continue to catch good numbers of lake sturgeon in Chequamegon Bay in our spring assessment nets. Lake sturgeon do not spawn in Chequamegon Bay. However, they do appear to spend time in Chequamegon Bay in the years that they do not spawn. Since sturgeon have been tagged throughout Lake Superior, we have accumulated some interesting information. The last two years we have captured two different lake sturgeon that had been tagged in the Sturgeon River in Upper Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula (at least 150 miles away). - Mike Seider, fisheries biologist, Bayfield



The Menominee River's sturgeon population is estimated to be about 30 percent of the estimated carrying capacity for the river system. The eight hydroelectric dams on the river keep the fish from migrating upstream from Green Bay into the tributaries for reproduction, Donofrio says. Most of the lake sturgeon harvest occurs within 500 feet of three hydroelectric dams on the river at White Rapids, Grand Rapids, and Menominee.

Some of the fish biologists assigned to counties with rivers or lakes open for the hook

sloughs, bayous and flowages. Successful anglers will notice a change when they register their sturgeon this year. In addition to recording the traditional length and weight information, registration stations will also be scanning each harvested fish for PIT tags. PIT, or Passive Integrated Transponder tags, are about the size of a grain of rice and are similar to coded chips used for pet identification. PIT tags emit a unique electronic code that is detected by a PIT tag reader. DNR staff capture sturgeon, inject a tag just beneath the skin into the base of the fin, then immediately release the

Wisconsin's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan. We encourage anglers to allow registration stations to collect fins and entrails, so DNR Fisheries staff can determine the age and gender of harvested sturgeon. - Jeff Scheirer, fisheries biologist, Park Falls

**Flambeau River**

Anglers are reminded that the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage and all of the upstream rivers that flow into the Flowage (including Benson, Vance and Sturgeon Lakes on the Manitowish River) are CLOSED to sturgeon angling. Sturgeon fishing is open