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Michigan State coach John L. Smith said he played quarterback Drew Stanton last Saturday against Central Michigan because Stanton threatened to "kick my butt."

So what did redshirt freshman Stephen Reaves say to Smith to earn a start against Notre Dame this week in East Lansing?

Reaves, who started against CMU, apparently didn't have to say much. Though Stanton's gutsy 38-yard scramble on a fourth-and-one late in the fourth quarter allowed the Spartans to distance themselves from the Chippewas, Smith said Reaves is getting the nod against the Irish because he performed well enough against Central to warrant another start.

"He made some big-time throws," Smith said. "Throws I used to make when I was playing."

Reaves, making his first start at MSU, completed nine of 19 passes for 183 yards and threw a 44-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Kyle Brown. The Spartans built a 17-0 lead behind Reaves, but the offense stalled from 10:01 in the third quarter to 7:47 in the fourth quarter. During that span, the Spartans were forced to punt five consecutive times.

Stanton entered the game in the fourth quarter, which Smith said was planned before the game. With a surgically repaired right knee, Stanton burned the Chippe-was with his legs on MSU's final scoring drive, a 13-play, 96-yard march capped by Jason Teague's one-yard run.

Smith conceded if Stanton's knee hadn't caused him to miss spring football and valuable time in fall training camp, Stanton might be MSU's starter.

"We're still working with Drew," Smith said. "He's still a work in progress from the physical standpoint, from the knee standpoint. We just have to wait and see how that does. The more activity he gets, if that thing cannot balloon up where we've got to continually work on it, then it'll be good. So we're hoping that is the case.

"It was really, with the increased activity, not any worse than it was a week ago. So I guess that's a positive."

Senior Damon Dowdell, who started in the season opener against Rutgers, appears to be a distant third on the depth chart.

As is Smith's nature, he left open the possibility that another spin of the quarterback carousel could take place should Reaves struggle against Notre Dame.

"Just have to wait and see how it goes," Smith said.

With the quarterback situation somewhat settled, the Spartans can turn their attention to other pressing matters -- mainly how to improve their dilapidated rushing defense.

Michigan State ranks last in the Big Ten after giving up an average of 205 rushing yards through the first two games. Against Rutgers, the Spartans gave up 174 yards after holding the Scarlet Knights to minus-2 the previous year.

Things didn't improve much against Central Michigan. Tailback Jerry Seymour dented the Spartans for 164 yards, and his 90-yard touchdown run in the third quarter tied the record for longest run by an MSU opponent. It was the longest run ever at Spartan Stadium.

MSU certainly will be tested by emerging Notre Dame freshman tailback Darius Walker, who ran for 115 yards and two TDs against Michigan.
"We can't continue to give up a big play," Smith said. "So we're working on all those things, and we're going to continue to work on them."

NOTEBOOK: ESPN's "College GameDay" -- the network's popular college football show -- is coming to East Lansing for Saturday's game. That means analysts Kirk Herbstreit, Lee Corso and Chris Fowler had better practice ducking.

ESPN's college football crew members vowed after the Michigan-Michigan State game in 1997 that they wouldn't return to East Lansing because beer bottles and other objects were thrown at them while they were on the air. They returned in 1999 for the annual rivalry game, but they broadcast from inside Spartan Stadium.

This time, the crew trusts fans will behave, and the three will broadcast from outside the stadium.

The exact location hasn't been disclosed.

Players of the week: Big Ten - - Purdue senior quarterback Kyle Orton (23-for-26 passing for 329 yards and five touchdowns and ran for a TD vs. Ball State); Indiana senior safety Herana-Daze Jones (nine solo tackles, including one for loss, an interception and a fumble recovery vs. Oregon). Mid-American Conference West -- Central Michigan sophomore tailback Jerry Seymour (26 carries for 164 yards and a TD vs. Michigan State); Northern Illinois junior strong safety Ray Smith (14 tackles, including 11 solo, vs. Southern Illinois). Great Lakes Conference -- Michigan Tech senior quarterback Dan Mettlach of Gwinn (15-for-29 passing for 151 yards and two TDs and nine rushes for 118 yards and a TD vs. Mercyhurst); Ashland junior linebacker Devin Conwell (13 tackles and a blocked punt vs. Gannon). Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association -- Olivet senior running back Mick Faasen of Belding (21 carries for 194 yards and four TDs vs. Franklin, Ind.); Alma junior defensive back Chad Abbey of Burton Bendle (49-yard interception return for TD, four tackles vs. Bethany, W.Va.).

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Lee Marana and Daryl Graham ran for two touchdowns each in Michigan Tech’s 54-13 win over Mercyhurst on Saturday.

Down by 13, the Huskies (3-0, 3-0 Great Lakes) scored 20 points in each of the second and third quarters for the win.

Graham ran for 149 of Tech's 395 yards on the ground in 27 carries. Mettlach added 118 yards on nine carries. The Huskies had 546 total offensive yards.

Dan Mettlach ran for a 10-yard TD in the second quarter completed 15-of-29 passes for Michigan Tech, including a 22-yard touchdown toss to Brad Ruhanen.

Mercyhurst’s (1-2, 1-2) defense scored twice in the first quarter. Brian Smith's 15-yard fumble recovery opened the scoring and Ben Bluemle took scored on a 32-yard interception for the 13-0 lead.

Michigan Tech held the Lakers to just 129 total yards.
Upper Peninsula Briefs

A fatal stabbing took place on the Bay Mills Indian Community reservation Friday, police said.

Tribal police Capt. Kurt Perron declined to identify the victim or a suspect who was in custody, saying the investigation was continuing.

The stabbing took place around 4:20 a.m., Perron told The Evening News of Sault Ste. Marie.

Agents with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the FBI were expected to join the investigation, Perron said. The FBI has primary jurisdiction in felonies on American Indian reservations.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP) - Lake Superior State University is selling a recently donated house to former state Sen. Walter North, who also leads the school's fund-raising arm.

University trustees approved the deal Thursday in a special session conducted by phone. North, of St. Ignace, will pay $75,000 for the house on the St. Mary's River.

His bid was $2,000 less than the minimum listed by the realty company, but the only other bid received was for $45,000, Lake Superior State President Betty Youngblood told The Evening News.

North is head of the Lake Superior State Foundation, the university's only fund-raising entity. Youngblood said the university's attorney had found that the transaction posed no conflict of interest.

The house was donated in August. Youngblood said a quick sale was needed because the university didn't want to maintain the house through the winter, when the plumbing could freeze.

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) - Over the next two years, about 130 local businesses will have their personal property audited.

The program, funded with a state Department of Treasury grant, is designed to make sure the businesses are paying as much as they should, city assessor Dwight Sunday said.

"Frankly, the state believes that there are millions of dollars in misreported personal property each year," Sunday told The Mining Journal for a story Friday. "They have allocated a lot of money for these audits."

The city has contracted with Tax Management Associates to help with the audits, which begin in October.
Businesses chosen for the audit exceed a threshold of $20,000 in assessed value. The audits will cover the current reporting year and the previous two years.

Personal property is defined as any type of equipment used to generate revenue, including machinery and furniture, Sunday said, whereas an example of real property would be a building.

Sunday said it's easy to file incorrect reports. For example, a business might not list a $50 office calculator. "People don't think of that as being personal property, but it is," he said.

Businesses that disagree with the findings of their audit can seek a hearing before the Michigan State Tax Commission.

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) - Two suspects were charged after a drug bust that included seizure of a half-pound of cocaine, police said.

William Powers, 33, and Rebecca Schoenbaur, 37, both of Gwinn, were arraigned Thursday in Marquette County District Court on three counts each of delivery and manufacture of illegal drugs.

Forsyth Township police and the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team said they raided the couple's house and discovered a variety of drugs, including cocaine, marijuana and psilocybin, a drug obtained from hallucinogenic mushrooms.

Firearms, a safe and cash were also seized, The Mining Journal reported Friday.

HOUGHTON, Mich. (AP) - Michigan Tech University's student population this fall is almost the same as last year's, but the number of new arrivals is up.

A total of 6,536 students are enrolled - two fewer than a year ago.

But the number of incoming freshmen is up 3.2 percent, from 1,187 in fall 2003 to 1,225 this year.

The number of new transfer students rose 9.4 percent, from 181 to 198. Overall graduate enrollment has risen from 800 to 831, or 3.9 percent.

"I'm pleased with our enrollment progress," university President Glenn Mroz said. "I look forward to the success of the recruitment and marketing initiatives now under way."

The number of new international undergraduates fell from 55 to 31. But students from other countries have had a harder time getting visas since the 2001 terrorist attacks, said Les Cook, dean of student affairs.

"The downturn (of international students) has happened across the country," Cook told The Daily Mining Gazette for a story Friday. "Our numbers are actually better than many other universities."
Spotlight

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College honors

* Area students were named to the spring semester dean’s list at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. They are:

Algoma: Matthew Magno; Antigo: Kevin Depies, Justin Gelhausen; Black Creek: Sean Murphy, Andrew Schmidt; Brillion: Christine Miller; Cato: Jacob Bubolz; Denmark: Renee Gretz, Katie Kinjerski, Eric DeBaker; Florence: Nicholas Kaplewski; Gillett: Samantha Schuettpelz; Green Bay: Trista VanBoxel, Joseph Hendricks, Adam Smith, Jody Weber, Ryan VanGoethem, Rachel Ballast, Heidi Mikulsky, Daniel Gray, Andrew LuMaye; Gresham: Jammie Verstoppen; Kewaunee: Michael Wavrunek; Luxemburg: Lee Berger, Anthony Kinstetter; Manitowoc: Benjamin Strieter, Jason Fischer, Angela Vogel; Oconto Falls: Jason Nall; Oneida: Robert McCormick; Seymour: Tracey Kuehne, Matthew Rynish, Adam Main; Shawano: Nathan Rogatzi, Brian Blumreich; Sturgeon Bay: Zeb Hubner, Benjamin Pryor, Scott Krause, Jonathan Styx.

* Local students were placed on the spring 2004 dean’s list at Michigan Technological University by earning grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher. Students indicated by an asterisk (*) earned straight A averages of 4.0.

Spotlight

Middle and high school honors

* Local middle and high school students attended the 2004 Spanish Intensive Language and Culture Camp at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The camp ran July 18-23 and featured daily language sessions involving students of similar proficiency, as well as authentic foods, sports, crafts and games of Spanish-speaking countries. The camp was for students entering grades seven-twelve. All camp staff members were native speakers representing different Spanish-speaking countries. They were: Sandra Gomez, Maria Sanchez, Veronica Sanchez, Erika Tapia and Kathryn Wolff, all of Green Bay.

* Four area students participated in the Women in Engineering workshop at Michigan Technological University.

The workshop provided high school freshmen, sophomore and junior women talented in mathematics and science the opportunity to investigate careers in engineering and science. The area students who participated were: Katherine Czech, Adrian Dobson and Kara Dobson, all of Bay Port High School; and Maria Holl, Reedsville High School.

College honors

* Taylor Entwistle of Green Bay and Andrew Heikes of Shawano were named to the spring semester dean's list at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.

* Christopher Conklin, Green Bay, and Amy Oldakowski, Sobieski, were the recipients of 2004-05 Grace M. Walsh Forensics scholarships from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Department of Communication and Journalism. The scholarships are awarded in varying amounts to outstanding debaters and/or forensic students.

* Faith Pieper of Green Bay graduated from Concordia University, Seward, Neb., with a bachelor of arts and director of Christian education certificate in spring.

* Sarah Kraszewski, daughter of Gary and Susan Kraszewski, Green Bay, was named to the first and second semester dean's lists at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. She graduated summa cum laude in spring with a bachelor's degree in environmental biology. She was a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma, a national Catholic honor society. She is attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall to pursue a master's degree in plant resources.

* Kimberly Perry and Chandra Schmehel, both of Green Bay, were named to the spring semester dean's list at St. Cloud State University, Minnesota.

* The Anamax Group has named the recipients of the 2004-2005 Anamax Group Scholarship Program. They are:

  Isaac Lenz, a sophomore at UW-Madison, received $2,500. He is majoring in political science and plans to pursue a career in law. His parents are Randy and Connie Lenz of De Pere.

  Jessica Boncher, junior at UW-Milwaukee, received $1,500, and is pursuing a degree in nursing. Her parents are Roxanne and Mike Boncher of Green Bay.

Aver Niemuth, sophomore at Marian College, received $1,000. She is majoring in administration of justice, and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. Her parents are Mark and Debbie Niemuth of Green Bay.

* The College of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire awarded 2004-05 academic year scholarships to the following students:

  Chelsea Heston, an accounting major from Pulaski, received a $500 Becker Business Scholarship.

  Chou Yang, an accounting and management information systems major from Manitowoc, received a $1,000 Robert D. McDonald Memorial Scholarship.

  Stephanie Jeanquart, an accounting major from Brussels, received a $2,000 Wells Fargo Bank-Eau Claire College of Business Diversity Scholarship.

* Patrick McKenzie, son of Pat and Anne McKenzie, Green Bay, graduated from Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minn. with a bachelor's degree in communication in spring.

* Nicole Weber graduated from Martin's College of Cosmetology's Green Bay campus. She is qualified to cut, color, style hair, give perms and specialty wraps, and perform facials and scalp treatments.

* Alison Patz, daughter of Alan and Barbara Patz, Green Bay, received a bachelor's degree in French literature from Smith College, Northampton, Mass. in spring. She is a 2000 graduate of Green Bay Notre Dame Academy.
No borrower be

By Angie C. Marek
Nisha Ramachandran

When Scott Isaacson brought home his first report card in high school, he told his mother he had ruined his chances at a free ride to college. The brother of three academic superstars, who parlayed good grades into college scholarships, Isaacson knew that his less than stellar performance wouldn't merit similar deals. With the exception of giving him a place to live, his parents--Dad is a retired social worker, and Mom is a part-time township treasurer in Allouez, Mich.--would not be able to help Isaacson out on the tuition front.

But racking up student loan debt was definitely not something Isaacson relished. Indeed, Isaacson has been deliberately avoiding the go-now, pay-later approach--which an increasing number of students have had to adopt--to cover the $ 7,610 annual tuition at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. "I wanted to come out of college running," says Isaacson, a junior majoring in business administration.

Despite his so-so grades in high school, Isaacson qualified for $ 6,550 in scholarships his freshman year, including the Michigan Technological Alumni Legacy Award for $ 250 (his father is an alumnus), the Michigan Competitive Scholarship for $ 1,300 (granted on the basis of financial need and merit), and the $ 1,500 Clarence R. and Yvonne M. Fisher Scholarship (for business majors with financial need). Isaacson also received a $ 2,250 Pell Grant and a work-study position in the university's internal audit department.

But his financial aid package didn't look so swell his sophomore year, because many of his scholarships and grants were a one-time deal. The package did include federal Stafford student loans, but Isaacson nixed the borrowing route, instead tapping his modest savings account and nabbing another work-study position on campus.

This summer provided an extra boost to his savings. He worked part time in the registrar's office, served as a teaching assistant, and spent his weekends working in the copy center at a nearby OfficeMax. He'll add those earnings, $ 4,200, to the $ 3,000 in scholarships he snagged for the coming year, along with the $ 1,650 he'll receive from work-study. And to stretch his dollars further, Isaacson lives with his parents to save on housing expenses and cuts costs with frugal moves like ordering used books online.

The approach has its pitfalls. Isaacson wastes an hour every day commuting to and from school. With most of his time spent on campus or at work, attempts at a social life are few. "I'm not quite the party type," he says, "but it definitely puts a crimp into what I want to do." But all that penny pinching and hard work may not be enough this year. Facing rising gas prices and a tuition hike, Isaacson is worried he will fall short and might have to reconsider his college funding strategy. "The answer after this is student loans," he says.
Hobby ferments into business venture for Des Plaines chemist

While in college at Michigan Tech, Charles McGonegal started making fruit wines and hard cider. Dealing with fermentation and yeast strains seemed like a fitting hobby for the biochem major.

More than a decade out of college, McGonegal continues his work as a chemist in Des Plaines and on the weekends he pursues his passion at AeppelTreow Winery, a short drive north of the border in Burlington, Wis.

McGonegal and his wife Melissa purchased a dairy barn and former cider mill at Brightenwoods Orchard and opened AeppelTreow Winery (pronounced Apple True) in 2002. They recently moved the family from Addison to Bristol, Wis., to be close to the winery.

The couple uses apples from the orchard to make French-style table, dessert and sparkling wines. The Summer's End table wine offers a bright refreshing sip while the Pomeaux is a rich, intense Port-style wine.

You can find some of the styles at local Whole Foods stores, or at the winery, 1072 288th Ave., Burlington. Stop by the orchard to select from more than 100 varieties of modern, experimental and heirloom apples. (262) 878-5345; www.aeppltreow.com.

Bit of blarney: Enjoy a taste of the Emerald Isle this weekend during Long Grove's Irish Days.

The celebration of Irish culture, music, food and drink runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Loads of Irish fare and Irish-inspired food will be available. A sampling includes bridies (meat turnovers) and black and white pudding at The Irish Boutique. The Apple Haus will roll out "blarney stones," green doughnut holes and Irish Soda bread and Ma & Pa's will offer imported Irish candy.

Fill up on corned beef and cabbage at the Long Grove Cafe and enjoy an Irish coffee from Beans and Leaves Cafe.

Admission and parking are free. For more details, call (847) 634-0888 or click on www.longgroveonline.com

Winging it: If your tastes run hot, head over to Life's Too Short for its first Summer Wing Fest.

To accommodate the masses that flock to the Chicago hangout for its wing competition in February, the restaurant decided to hold the Labor Day feeding frenzy.

Besides wings prepared by restaurants from throughout the city and suburbs, the event offers music and family fun. The event runs from 1 to 10 p.m. outside the restaurant at Elston Avenue at Division Street in Chicago. A gate donation of $5 for adults, $2 for children under 12 will be collected; a portion of the proceeds benefit local charities. Want more details? Check out www.Wingfest.net.

Labor-less day: For many people, Labor Day presents another opportunity to fire up the grill for a summer get-together.

If you're like me, you sparkled-up the grill for that first cookout of the season in May, and then kind of forgot about it the rest of the summer. If you don't want to be embarrassed by the gristle on the grates when the neighbors show up Monday, get yourself a Grill-Stone.

This new grill cleaner is made of 98 percent powdered, recycled glass and is nontoxic, chemical free and odorless. I certainly can't say that about the gels and spray cleaners I've tried. The consistency allows the block to easily conform to the grill grate and quickly works its way in between all the gaps. It's lightweight and looks like the pumice stones pedicurists use. It removes burnt on residue, and can be used while the grill is still warm or while it's cold, though if you do it cold it will take longer to get a shine.

Look for GrillStone at home-improvement stores, specialty
stores and grocery stores for about $3.99. Or, order it online at www.goearthstone.com.

For the dogs: If you haven't tried 'em yet, don't let summer slip by without slipping a Grill-Master frank on a bun.

The bold-flavored franks were developed by Ball Park for grilling and are 40-percent bigger than traditional hot-dogs. That's not to say that younger ones won't like the beef or smokey flavors, but the Cajun and garlic went over better with the adults on my deck. The five-count packages cost about 3.99; you'll find them at supermarkets.

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College update

MARQUETTE, Mich. -- Northwestern Michigan University announced the dean's list for the winter 2004 semester.

The following area students qualified with a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.99:

Matthew Kohlman, Brillion; Jessica Jannette and Kristen Karls, Chilton; Kristin Thorrington, Manitowoc; and Rebecca Schleis, Mishicot.

MADISON -- The Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation has chosen Kim Hacker, Manitowoc, to receive a $500 scholarship from general funds. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students with their educational costs.

Hacker is a second year student at Lakeshore Technical College in preparation for becoming a surgical technician.

GREEN BAY -- The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has released the names of students receiving academic honors for the spring semester.

Students who maintain a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all "A" grades, received highest honors. High honors go to those earning a 3.75 to 3.99 grade point average and honors are given to students with a 3.50 to 3.74 grade point average.

Full-time area students for the spring term with highest honors include:

Brillion: James Fenlon.
Francis Creek: Mark Klessig.
Kiel: Nichole Morley, Miranda Olson and Stephanie Wagner.
Manitowoc: Paula Backus, Amanda Bergene, Sara Denis, Howard Rice, Andrew Schwalbe, Diana St. Mary, Melissa Swanson and Teri Williams.
Mishicot: Andrea French.
Newton: Amy Herring.
Two Rivers: Jennifer Neuser and Casey Thayer.
High honors include:
Francis Creek: Gavin Hassemer.
Kiel: Brian Radder.
Manitowoc: Michelle Backhaus, Sarah Brachmann, Sara Bruckschen, Andrew Dobrzynski, Sarah Stock, Beth Uek, Nathan Waack and Jason Weier.
Newton: Leah Bonde and Kristen Vareka.
Two Rivers: Rebecca Borgeut, Amy Meissner and Lisa Meissner.

Valders: Amanda Wagner.
Whitelaw: Amanda Dworak.
Honors include:
Brillion: Marsha Behnke.
Kiel: Amy Christopherson and Adam Halfmann.
Manitowoc: Arben Dulo, Ryan Foote, Michael King, Carissa Lindholm, Nicholas Rusboldt, Sarah Sweetman and Robert Tynper.
Newton: Carla Lemberger.
St. Nazianz: Shawn Riesterer.
Two Rivers: Tina Arkins, Jeffrey Black, Brenda Boudnik, Thomas Kleckner and Jennifer Powell.
Valders: Kimberly Christel and Gary Sawatzki.

MADISON -- Holly Rusch, daughter of Michael and Diane Rusch, rural Manitowoc, will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School this fall in the master's program of speech language pathology.

Rusch has also taken a seat on the UW's Chapter of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) as an active board member.

Rusch, a 2000 graduate of Valders High School, gradu-
ated this past May from UW-Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in communi-
cative disorders in the School of Education. Upon gradua-
tion, Rusch ended her four-
year career in the Wisconsin Chapter of the Evans Schol-
ars where she received nu-
umerous awards including the Carleton Blunt Scholarship award for academic excel-
lence. Scholastically, Rusch was an active participant as a
three-year member of the Na-
tional Society of Collegiate Scholars, a two-year member of Pi Lambda Theta Educa-
tional Honor Society and recently the Golden Key Interna-
tional Honor Society. Rusch was also named to the
UW's dean's list seven con-
secutive semesters.

Ms. Rusch besides her schol-
astic and volunteer work, is
also employed at Paisan's
Italian Restaurant and the
Waisman Research Center in
the Systematic Analysis of
Language Transcripts (SALT)
Language Analysis Lab. Presently she also is working
for the Madison School and
Community Recreation pro-
gram as a day camp counselor in Madison.

HANOVER, N.H. -- David Hoftiezer, Two Rivers, a
member of the class of 2004, graduated from Dartmouth
College, one of more than
1,000 students receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees at
the spring 2004 commence-
ment exercises.

Hoftiezer is the son of James
and Mary Jo K. Hoftiezer. He
majored in environmental
studies.

WAUKESHA -- Kellie Hoppe,
a marine biology major and
2002 graduate of Manitowoc
Lutheran High School, re-
ceived recognition for com-
pleting Phase II of the Chal-
lenge Leadership Program at
Carroll College.

Students completing Phase I
have completed the second
year of comprehensive lead-
ership program. Hoppe was
recognized during the Carroll
Pioneer Convocation on April
16. She is the daughter of
Gary and Susan Hoppe,
Manitowoc.

APPLETON -- Sara Bergene,
daughter of Jerrold and Mary
Bergene, Manitowoc, earned
a Bachelor of Arts degree in
philosophy, cum laude, on
June 13 from Lawrence Uni-
versity.

She is a 1999 graduate of
Valders High School.

MILWAUKEE -- Justin Hein-
zen, Manitowoc, graduated
from Wisconsin Lutheran
College with a Bachelor of
Arts degree in history.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- James
Zdziarski, Manitowoc, and son
of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Zdziej-
ski, Green Bay, was awarded
a Master of Education degree in
technology in education from
Lesley University at the
school's May 24 commence-
ment ceremony.

Zdziarski is a recipient of a
bachelor's degree in elemen-
tary education from the Uni-
versity of Wisconsin-Stevens
Point.

He hopes to be employed as
a Lesley Adjunct Professor at
the university.

HOUGHTON, Mich. -- Eric
Raquet, Cleveland, received a
Bachelor of Science degree in
chemical engineering from
Michigan Technological
University during spring

commencement ceremonies
held May 8.

TAMPA, Fla. -- Kathleen Kre-
jci, daughter of Robert and
Evelyn Krejci, Manitowoc, has
earned with honors, a medical
assistant diploma and com-
pleted a five-week externship in
phlebotomy from Reming-
ton College.

In 2001, she received a di-
ploma in massage therapy
from Lakeside School of Mas-
sage Therapy, Milwaukee.

Krejci is a 2001 graduate of
Lincoln High School.

NEW ULM, Minn. -- Jennifer
Seeger and Zachary Seeger
were named to the honor's list
in recognition of academic
achievement for the second
semester at Martin Luther
College.

Students must achieve at
least a 3.50 grade point aver-
age to qualify.

Jennifer is a sophomore and
Zachary is a junior. They are
the children of Mr. and Mrs.
Paul Seeger, Manitowoc.

LARAMIE, Wyo. -- John
Murray, Manitowoc, received a
Bachelor of Science degree in
Social Work from the Uni-
versity of Wyoming at the
completion of the 2004 spring
semester.

PLATTEVILLE -- The Univer-
sity of Wisconsin-Platteville
has announced its dean's list
for the 2004 spring semester.

Students in the Business,
Industry, Life Science and
Agriculture College must have
grade point averages of 3.50
or above.

Students in the Engineering,
Mathematics and Science
College must have grade point averages of 3.50 or above.

Students in the Liberal Arts and Education College must have grade point averages of 3.75 or above.

Area students named to the Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture College's dean's list include:
- Brillion: Christine Miller.
- Cato: Jacob Bubolz.
- Chilton: Phillip Kubichka.
- Denmark: Katie Kinjerski and Eric DeBaker.
- Manitowoc: Jason Fischer and Angelia Vogel.

Area students named to the Engineering, Mathematics and Science College's dean's list include:
- Cleveland: Ryan Holzem.
- Hilbert: David Hagens.
- Kellnersville: Jerold Korinek.
- Kewaunee: Michael Wavrunek.
- Kiel: Stephanie Bonde.
- Two Rivers: Brad Polzar.

Area students named to the Liberal Arts and Education College's dean's list include:
- Denmark: Renee Gretz.
- Manitowoc: Benjamin Strieter.
- Whitelaw: Melissa Krcma and John Swetlik.

PLATTEVILLE -- The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced the chancellor's list for the 2004 spring semester.

Students on the chancellor's list must have grade point averages of 4.00 and have a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Area students include: Christine Miller, Brillion, for the Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture College; Nicholas Wagner, Kiel, for the Engineering, Mathematics and Science College; and Benjamin Strieter, Manitowoc, for the Liberal Arts and Education College.

MILWAUKEE -- Krista Ann Johanek, daughter of John and Mary Johanek, rural Whitelaw, earned a doctorate of philosophy degree in the field of neuroscience from the University of Minnesota.

While working on her Ph.D., she was awarded the Morris Smithberg Memorial Award for outstanding work as a first year student in the Neuroscience Graduate Program and the American Legion Brain Sciences Award for senior studies. Johanek has presented her research annually at the Society for Neuroscience conference and last year received a travel grant to present her research at the International Brain Research Organization conference held in the Czech Republic.

She graduated from Roncalli High School in 1994 and completed her bachelor's degree in biology and anthropology at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Johanek has accepted a post-doctoral research fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.
Family busy as fair rolls around

By Verla Peichl
Press correspondent

To say the Fred Niffenegger family of Random Lake is involved in 4-H is an understatement.

Members of the Scott Pioneer 4-H Club, the family participates in club activities such as the Enchanted Forest, petting zoos, the 4-H open house, 4-H lock-ins, June Dairy Month events and Easter egg hunts.

And, when the Sheboygan County Fair rolls around as Labor day approaches, the family is equally involved in 4-H events at fairgrounds in Plymouth.

"4-H has an atmosphere that's created by the people in 4-H," said Robert Niffenegger, a recent graduate of Random Lake High School. "Pick any project that you have any interest in (and) someone is going to teach you everything they know about it."

That's 4-H in a nutshell – people willing to help others.

"I never belonged to 4-H," said Fred Niffenegger, the father of three, "but 4-H is one of those things that the kids are most involved in. It offers huge things, such as responsibility."

Mother Tammie Niffenegger is a co-general leader of Scott Pioneers with Debbie Kurth for the past four years.

"I love the kids," said Tammie. "These are just a bunch of great kids having fun, such as outings, projects, caroling, and it's great to see the big kids interact with the little kids."

Randy Niffenegger, 7, is one of the little kids, called a Cloverbud.

His projects include rabbits and showing a Holstein calf in Farmer Bud. He's also had a project that involved Monarch butterflies -- from eggs, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to Monarch, -- and took pictures of the entire process.

Randy's also participated in the music and drama festival. He and his sister, Kelsie, 13, took roles in the play "Footloose" in Random Lake.

Kelsie projects involve ducks and chickens and she shows rabbits, cats, dogs, does origami, rockets, ceramics, drawing, painting, cake decorating, flowers and juggling.

Recently, at the Wisconsin State Fair, she took "Best of Breed" for her silver fox rabbits and "Best Opposite Breed" in Flemish giants.

"4-H has taught me leadership and speaking in public," said Kelsie.

Robert will soon begin his studies in physics at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

His 4-H involvement includes youth leadership and music and drama. He wrote and directed four plays for the 4-H over the last two years.

Robert has won a first and second place award for his dramas. He also has a youth direction award for his musical, "I like 4-H because it's a group of highly motivated people that all come together with a couple of goals," said Robert.

"One is to learn. The other is to teach and that's what 4-H comes down to."
Best & Brightest

- Corrine Amanda Militz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Militz of Arlington Heights, was named to the spring 2004 dean's list for the College of Arts and Science at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. To qualify, students must receive grades equivalent to a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Kathleen Madden, daughter of Albert and Gail Madden of Arlington Heights, was awarded Departmental Honors at Valparaiso University in Indiana. The senior history and Spanish major was awarded a Sigma Delta Pi Summer Scholarship for studies in Spanish for four weeks at the Universidad Internacional of Cuernavaca, Mexico.

- Jennifer Dye of Arlington Heights completed academic requirements for a bachelor's degree in English following the spring 2004 semester at Winona State University in Minnesota.

- Katherine Price of Arlington Heights completed academic requirements for a bachelor's degree following the spring 2004 semester at Winona State University in Minnesota. Her major was in psychology.

- Alexandra Dymowska of Rolling Meadows was named a Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholar. The 27-year-old won an award for art at the age of 10 in her native Poland and has kept her focus on artistic endeavors. After arriving in the United States in 1992, she learned English in six months.

- She enrolled in Columbia College in Chicago, earning a bachelor's degree in art and design, along with a 3.95 GPA. Dymowska also won a major art prize, allowing her to work with a noted sculptor and have a one-woman show. She intends to pursue a master's degree in industrial design at Pratt Institute in New York City.

- Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington named the following students to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2003-04 academic year. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 3.50 or better.

- Arlington Heights: Robert Achtstatter, Jason Cutler, Kathryn da Ponte, Patricia Devery, Carolyn Franz, Robin Green, Breanne Johnson, Kathryn Lachey, Lauren Macey, Kelly McArthur, Jennifer Meyer, Phillip Pusateri, Mark Rubin, Andrew Schmitz, Christopher Weber, Rebecca Welzenbach and Breanne Young.

- Rolling Meadows: Jason Caldwell, Deanna Foster, Lindsay Hawley, Scott Koontz, Philip Krawchuk and Kristin Nieminski.

- Robert J. Rado of Arlington Heights, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University in Houghton at the May 8 commencement ceremonies.

- Christie Marie Carbery of Arlington Heights, a student at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., was named to the spring 2004 Vice President for Academic Affairs' List. To qualify, an undergraduate student must achieve a 3.50-3.99 grade point average. She is majoring in communication disorders, pre-education/special education.

- Karla Sue Wegner of Arlington Heights, an accounting major at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., was named to the spring 2004 Vice President for Academic Affairs' List. To qualify, an undergraduate student must attain a 3.50-3.99 grade point average.

- Kevin P. Vicker of Rolling Meadows graduated May 8 from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, with a bachelor's degree in speech communication and a minor in business administration. Vicker, a 2000 graduate of Rolling Meadows High School, is currently pursuing a master of science degree in College Student Affairs at Eastern Illinois University.
- Erica L. Frett and Elizabeth T. Nissen, both of Arlington Heights, were named to the second semester 2003-2004 dean's list at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wis. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

- Kevin G. Wood, son of Gary and Debbie Wood of Arlington Heights, was named to the President's List for outstanding academic performance in both the 2003 fall and 2004 spring terms at North Central College, Naperville. He graduated in June 2004 with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. He also performed in the college's Concert Winds, Brass Ensemble and Jazz bands.

Wood is a 2000 graduate of Hersey High School.

- Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington awarded bachelor's degrees to the following seniors at May 2 commencement exercises.

  Arlington Heights: Jessica Deahr, magna cum laude, sociology; Kelly McArthur, magna cum laude, business administration; Katherine Stonecipher, cum laude, psychology; Christopher Weber, English-writing; and Breanne Young, mathematics and risk management.

  Rolling Meadows: Brian Wasik, biology.