

Democrats and Republicans agree unity across parties is essential to America

By Josh Goller NEWS EDITOR

With the unprecedented 36day legal battle for the presidency officially concluding with Vice-President Gore's concession on Wednesday night, campus political organizations expressed a similar theme: unity.

Members of the College Democrats echoed their candidate's message of acceptance and support for President-Elect George W. Bush.

way for the country to come together and move forward," said Andrew Halverson, College Democrat president. "Even though Al Gore isn't going to be the 43rd President of the United States, I do think some good can come out of this situation."

The College Republicans share the same hope for unifying America during the next four vears.

"We're going to see a lot of efforts to try and bring Democrats and Republicans together," said Jeremy Smith, College Republican president. "It may seem harder after this election, but, for the good of the

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Supreme Court ruling affects funding by SGA

By Cheryl Tepsa COPY EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) may have to revamp its student organization funding procedures according to a recent bench ruling by Federal District Court Judge Shabaz.

Last March, the legendary Southworth case-now called Kendra Fry, et al v. Grebe, et alruling came down in favor of SGA's discretion to fund student organizations, but the US Supreme Court remanded part of

the decision to Judge Shabaz's court.

With the winter season comes holiday decorations as seen here on an area residence. Photo by John Krejci

The part in question was whether or not the UW System of allocating funds to student organizations was viewpoint neutral.

Kendra Fry, et al v. Grebe, et al refers to a case involving UW-Madison's student organization funding allocation policy. Some students on campus were opposed to their student-segregated fees going to a variety of different organizations on campus, especially organizations that

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By Casey Krautkramer ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The College of Natural Resources (CNR) looks to enhance student learning by instituting the Glôbal Environmental Management (GEM) Project.

The GEM Project calls for an additional CNR building to be built in 10 years. This new building will house world-class enhanced technology that will allow students in the classroom to interact with people working in their field. Students will also be able to interact with other students around the world.

opportunities for CNR students

GEM project to provide enhanced

"This project is for the stu-

dents," said Dean Victor Phillips. According to Phillips, the building will reflect the philosophy of the CNR. The GEM Project is building the future for a sustainable environment.

Four to five students can be out in Schmeekle Reserve conducting fieldwork, and the techniques they are using can be transferred to a television screen in the classroom, which corresponds to what the students are learning in the classroom. The ability to connect with people

from foreign countries will also enable students to come up with solutions on how to solve natural resource problems here in Central Wisconsin, according to Phillips.

"We will be bringing the field to the classroom and the classroom to the field," said Phillips.

The need for the building arises out of the fact that the current CNR is low on space and is understaffed. The GEM project is made up of two aspects-construction and program develop-

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WSP to remain in United Council

By Cheryl Tepsa COPY EDITOR

week to stay in United Council, issues that affect UW students. Another resolution the UW System's student associ-

UWSP students voted this will continue to work together on all written materials. "I think it's great that stu-

between current members of encourage the UW System to SGA and United Council, they strike the word "minority" from

by United Council involved the recently formed network for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students. Their name was changed to the LGBTQ Network, with the "Q" standing for questioning students. "We feel that it's important to include those students who are not sure of their sexual orientation or gender identity," said Sonya Austin Emerich, representative from UW-Superior.



ation.

Every two years, students have the opportunity to choose whether or not the campus will continue to support United Council with a fee of \$1.35 per student per semester.

The referendum to stay in the United Council passed with a vote total of 241 to 46.

"I feel that the outcome is good, because it ensures UWSP's involvement at the state level," Ryann Nelson, SGA executive director.

Although tensions exist

dents can put personal differences aside and vote to remain in a council that focuses heavily on the wants and needs of students and a council that gives a voice to underrepresented groups on campus," said Martha Perkins, SGA co-diversity issues director.

United Council's December general assembly was held at Stevens Point last weekend. Delegates voted on many issues, including the recent ruling by Federal Judge Shabaz concerning student organization funding.

The delegation also voted to

United Council also voted to give the LGBTQ Network standing committee status and immediate voting rights.

Photo by Renee Eismuelle This week UWSP students voted to remain in the United Council

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Submitted photo

Brad Soderberg, a UWSP alumni, took over as the interim head coach for the Badger men's basketball team.

Upcoming graduates reflect on UWSP

By Josh Goller NEWS EDITOR

As most UWSP students prepare for the upcoming finals week, some students have more important matters on their mind.

Commencement ceremonies for the fall semester graduation are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16 in the Quandt Gym.

"It is hard to sum up all the emotions that I have ... relieved, scared, sad, excited," said Judith Deamampo. "Most of all I am just grateful for the experience that I had here."

With graduation only a few days away, upcoming graduates are preparing for life after college.

"Am I ready for the real world? Maybe, we'll just have to wait and see," said Jason Snyder.

As many UWSP students' college careers come to a close, Chancellor George expressed his feelings toward the graduating class.

"I am extremely proud of all our students graduating from UWSP. In addition to the outstanding university education that I know you have received, you have also played a very important role helping to make UWSP one of the best universities of its kind in the nation," said George. "You, in turn, can be extremely proud of your accomplishments and your new alma mater."

As they venture out into the workforce, some students are reflecting on what they'll miss most about Point.

> "I'll miss the spring rut and See GRADS on Page 4

Stevens Point native takes over as Badger men's basketball coach

Dick Bennett's surprise retirement gives **UW coaching duties** to UWSP alumni

By Mike Peck SPORTS EDITOR

If local University of Wisconsin basketball fans are cheering a little harder this season, it might have to do with the familiar local flavor that is heading a team that made a trip to the Final Four a season ago.

UW-Stevens Point alum Brad Soderberg was assigned the head coaching duties on Nov. 29, when Dick Bennett retired.

Bennett, whose brother Jack is the current men's coach at UWSP, was in his sixth season as

head coach of Wisconsin.

"I actually was not approached about taking the job," said Soderberg. "Coach Bennett met with us before the Maryland game and told the team that this was his last game and that I will take over the next day.

"There really wasn't a job offer made. It was a job assignment."

The assignment will last for at least the remainder of the season, when the university will decide whether or not to retain Soderberg for another year.

Soderberg, who is a native to Stevens Point and a Pacelli graduate, transferred back home from Ripon College in 1983 to play for Bennett when he was still coaching the Pointers.

After two years of playing

for Ripon, Soderberg returned to Point to team up with future NBA standout Terry Porter, in arguably the best backcourt in Pointer history.

Soderberg kept close ties with Bennett after graduation, and the relationship paid off as he now finds himself in control of the Badgers.

"My relationship with coach [Bennett] has been excellent," commented Soderberg. "Next to my own father, he has been my mentor

"He got me jobs including the one I had here. I have always been in debt to him and always will be."

Even though the torch was passed, Soderberg hoped the

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Good Will Campaign providing for the needy at UWSP

By Seth Voeltner NEWS REPORTER

The UWSP Recycling Department is holding its annual Good Will Campaign to benefit the less fortunate in Stevens Point. Students can donate nonperishable food and other items through Dec. 22 in the residence halls.

"Now is your chance to make a difference in the Stevens Point area," said Jeff Smudde, student leader of the campaign.

The purpose of the program is two-sided, according to Sharon Simonis, manager of the UWSP waste management and recycling department.

"Students can help reduce waste on campus while, at the

same time, make someone's Christmas a little bit brighter," said Simonis.

According to Simonis, students leaving campus for Christmas break throw out a great amount of clothes, books and other items that are still in good condition. The Good Will campaign takes those items and gives them to a local charity.

"The more reusable items we can collect, the less there is that goes to the landfill," said Smudde.

The program began in 1989 when the local recycling union gathered old clothes and appliances dropped off at the department and donated them. After winning an award for their deed, the group decided to start a yearly campaign. They've been collecting goods for the needy ever since.

Items that will be accepted include nonperishable food items, clothing in good condition, bedding, books and magazines, notebooks, games, toys, sporting equipment and small working appliances. However, the recycling department cannot accept furniture, TVs, microwaves, large appliances or garbage. Students can drop off donations in designated boxes placed in the lobby of each residential hall.

Anyone with questions about donations can contact the UWSP Recycling Department at 346-2552





PROTECTIVE SERVICES' SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't be an easy target! When walking to your car, hold your keys in your fist with the keys sticking out between your fin-

The Holidays are coming and so is Christmas Break. Get yourself a really cool gift and rent an apartment for next school year. Save yourself some holiday cash and bring in this coupon for \$5 off your monthly rent, a limited savings of \$60 over a year lease. It's not much, but are any of the other guys giving discounts for the holidays. Call 341-2120 for a tour. VILLAGE APARTMENTS Happy Holidays!

gers. Before getting into your car, walk around it and look for any obvious problems, like a flat tire, damaged headlights or missing wiper blades.

Any of these could leave you stranded on the highway. Always keep your car well maintained and drive with at least a half tank of gas, especially in the winter. Car breakdowns are probably the most common occurrence that can make women vulnerable.

> For any suggestions or comments, please contact Joyce Blader, Crime Prevention Officer at 346-4044 or e-mail her at jblader@uwsp.edu.



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the students did not agree with ideologically.

Judge Shabaz ruled that the UW System has until Feb. 14 to change its standing policies concerning the issue and to institute some sort of objective criteria to decide what organizations get funding.

"It's going to be very hard to get really good standards in place concerning student organizations. It's really a free speech issue," said Stefanie Mach, communications and public relations director for SGA.

The UW System has filed an appeal, and if the appellate court looks at the case, they will get a stay so that the funding system will not have to be changed by the Feb. 14 deadline.

The US Supreme Court in March ruled that student govern-

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all those friends/drinking comrades I've made in the duration of my studies," said Snyder.

"I will miss the comfortable, friendly faces that I see around campus," said Deamampo.

However, not everything about UWSP will be missed by Saturday's graduates.

"I won't miss general degree requirements or treehuggers," said Snyder.

Two commencement ceremonies will take place on Saturday. A ceremony for gradu-

ments have the right to allocate the fees to student organizations, but that their current policies do not indicate viewpoint neutrality.

> Viewpoint neutrality is a term the court used to describe a situation where finance committees would be more likely to fund certain organizations on campus. A more conservative SGA, for instance, would more likely fund conservative organization a rather than a liberal one.

"We've got a big job to do," said Kaylyn Jennik, SGA vicepresident. "Our whole finance system may have to be changed."

United Council (UC) asked for a committee to be formed by UW System, with a majority of students, to help draft a new funding policy for the UW System. UC will also file a friend of the court brief to the appellate court in order to give their opinion on the issue.

ates of the College of Letters and Science will be held at 10 a.m. and students from the other three colleges (Fine Arts and Communication, Natural Resources and Professional Studies) graduate at 1 p.m.

The commencement speaker at both ceremonies is Chet Krause, founder of Krause Publications, the world's largest hobby publisher.

As his college days draw to a close, Snyder gives advice to undergraduates. "Enjoy life now [in college] because it doesn't last forever.'

ELECTION: cont. from Page 1 country, they'll come together."

Some Democrats on campus welcome Gore's concession despite their support for the Vice-President.

"I'm glad Al Gore conceded tonight even though I voted for him and supported his campaign," said Mike Gerlach.

However, Gore's supporters don't regret his legal challenges.

"I'm glad that he pressed the issue regarding the recount, and I don't think that he's been a sore loser," said Gerlach. "He followed the proper legal procedures that have been set up for exactly this situation."

Despite the political unrest that our country has experienced since Nov. 7, the College Republicans feel that Bush will be able to overcome the additional challenges that his administration may face.

"It will take a great leader to step up and be one of the greatest leaders to get goals reached," said Smith. "I think George W. Bush will be that great leader and bring the parties closer in the future."

As Gore urged in his speech, the College Democrats are casting their support to the President-Elect.

"I think that now is the time to support George W. Bush as our next President, regardless of political opinions," said Gerlach. "That is our civic duty as American citizens.

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ment. Fifty million dollars will be set aside for building, and \$20 million will be used for programming and staffing. The CNR will approach the federal and state government for two-thirds of the funds, and private individuals for the rest of the money needed.

"I think the project is awesome," said CNR major Shane Roethle. "I feel that this will help students learn better and will prepare them better for the marketplace.

The site where the building will be located is still unknown. Dean Phillips welcomes any student ideas on the project.

"We want to build the best possible education we can," said Phillips.

Don't worry!



Poinger Poll

Renee Eismueller and John Krejci

What's up for the new year?



Matthew Hinkleman, So. Wildlife Widespread Panic



Angie Zuege, So. Biology Amsterdam



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Liz Hawley, So. Bus. Administration Party with my boyfriend





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SGA executive addresses state budget constraints

editor concerning registration brought up valid concerns. A function of student government is to bring the concerns students have to the administration. Student government will be working on the issue in the coming months.

In regards to one writer's concerns of our current system, an internet registration system is in the preliminary stages of development. Unfortunately, the funding for new professors and classes to handle the influx of students here and systemwide comes primarily from the state legislature and Governor Thompson.

The governor in this year's biennial budget asked for a one. percent increase the first year

Last week's letters to the and no increase the second year in funding for the UW System. UW Although System President Katherine Lyall defied his request and asked for a three percent increase, there will still be negotiating about the budget in the legislature. This means there is still time for students to voice their opinion on this issue to legislators."

> I urge students to make their voices heard at the state level, as well as here at UWSP. Please contact the Student Government Association office in the lower level of the University Center at 346-3723 if you wish to be involved with us on this issue.

Maureen Pucell SGA Academic Issues Director

From the Editor's Desk Instructor evaluations need revision

By Andrea Wetzel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

It's that time of the year. Time for finals, Christmas, Hanukkah, finals and of course instructor evaluation. Many issues have been addressed con-

cerning these evaluations-mainly that most professors hate them, and students feel that they are a God given right, even if they never look up the results.

The evaluations themselves are a good idea. Professors should know what their students think of the class and their abilities of teaching. However, evaluations seldom serve this purpose. The few questions posed on the evaluations do not address the amount that students have learned from the class and they do not accurately reflect which professors are better teachers than others.

The questions in the evaluations themselves are too broad. What is the overall grade of the class? The professor? How can a student determine this? Often students are taking classes in areas that they have little experience in, so how can they determine whether it was taught well? Perhaps a better question would be: Do you feel that the information was provided in this course in a way that you could absorb it? Do you think your professor encouraged an atmosphere of mutual respect or was he/she a pompous moron who could stand to look at the world from a student's eyes from time to time?

Currently, the classroom standards that this

Violent toys teach wrong lessons

Violence in our society is at an all-time high. Increasingly, youth are killing others or are being killed. It's important for society to work against this violence. Eliminating war toys from children's lives is a good way to start. Allowing them to have war toys implicitly supports violence and war as solutions to problems.

- A toy of violence is one that:
- · Teaches that war is an acceptable way of settling disputes
- · Encourages play at killing or hurting others
- · Falsely glamorizes military life, combat, war
- Reinforces sexist stereotypes
- · Depicts ethnic or racial groups negatively
- · Promotes excessive materialism
- · Fosters unnecessary, aggressive competition
- · Teaches violence toward the earth · Creates the need for an enemy

Some questions you may ask yourself about toys are: • Is it safe?

- Does it stimulate creativity?
- Is it a free of racial or gender stereotypes?
- · Does it encourage sharing and cooperation?
- Is it appropriate to my value system?
- Is it worth the price?



This may be a good thing. This way, professors are given the freedom to teach in a way that they deem appropriate. They are also given the freedom of expression and the ability to mould their classes based on the students needs. From experience I can say that many profs in this university are excellent teachers, because they don't have to conform to guidelines and because they genuinely care about their students.

However, professors should also be aware what their students think about their class and their teaching abilities. Some professors still hand out evaluations of their own or encourage their students to write comments on the back of the formal evaluations. This gives students an opourtunity to annonymously tell the professor things that they felt were really good about the class and points that perhaps the professor could improve on. But, professors who have enough respect for their students to seek out their comments and criticisms are most likely the kind of professors that students like and learn from the best-the ones who care.

This university needs evaluation forms that will benefit both students and professors, rather than the standard operating procedure forms that we have today. The obscured lines of communication between professors and students need to be strengthened. Proper evaluations of instructors are

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- Does it help develop or strengthen skills?
- Does it teach children to use skills in a positive way?
- · Was any group exploited in the toy's manufacture?
- Is there a less commercial and more creative alternative?

Since the 1980's there's been a dramatic increase in sales of vio-* lent toys. The most alarming trend is increased sales of toy guns-despite continued tragedies involving children playing with realistic toy weapons. Any vision of a future without war and killing is impossible if children are raised to be passive consumers of violence, militarism and stereotyping in toys, cartoons and popular culture.

During this holiday season it won't hurt to ask yourself the above questions when shopping for the little ones on your list. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Linda C. Smith



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1. In the movie Office Space, what object is Milton obsessed with?

- a. yellow holepuncher
- b. red stapler
- c. purple pen
- d. silver paperclips

2. Who delivers this line in which movie? "How come Andrew gets to get up? If he gets up, we'll all get up. It'll be anarchy. Well, it's out of my hands."

a. Jake from Sixteen Candles

- b. Blaine from Pretty in Pink
- c. Lloyd from Say Anything
- d. Bender from The Breakfast Club

3. How many Academy Awards did The English Patient receive?

- a. seven
- b. nine
- c. five
- d. four

4. John Malkovich and Glenn Close play a pair of scheming lovers in

- a. Cruel Intentions
- b. Dangerous Liaisions
- c. Mary Reilly
- d. Being John Malkovich

5. Which movie is this from? "I don't want to sell anything, buy anything or process anything as a career. I don't want to sell anything as a career. I don't want to sell anything bought or processed ... or buy anything sold or processed ... or process anything sold, bought or processed ... or repair anything sold, bought or pocessed. You know, as a career, I don't want to do that. I don't really know. I can't figure it all out tonight, sir. I'm just gonna hang with your daughter."

- a. Say Anything
- b. Clueless
- c. Father of the Bride
- d. Baby Boom

6. Which group was Peter Cetera in before he went solo?

- a. Alabama
- b. Kansas
- c. Chicago
- d. Boston

7. What was Jenny's phone number from the hit by Tommy Two Tone?

> a. 343-5309 b. 867-5309 c. 555-8078



Applebees on Highway 10

Date of visit: Monday, Dec. 4 Time: 8 p.m. **Restaurant:** Applebees

photo by Renee Eismueller

Two of my friends took me out to dinner for my birthday, which was actually the day before. We decided to go to Applebees. I had a strawberry daiguiri, and my friends drank a mudslide and a Diet Coke with their meals. I ordered a smothered chicken dinner, and my friends ate chicken tenders and a shrimp dinner with french fries.

Atmosphere:

The atmosphere is always enjoyable every time I dine at Applebees. The decoration is interesting, and the clientele is nice. It was pretty dead when we were there. I'd guess there were maybe two or three other tables while we dined.

Food:

All three of us enjoyed our food. The portions were quite large, and none of us had any complaints regarding our food.

Service:

This may have been an isolated event, but our service was awful. Actually, the service seems to be under par almost every time I go here. Our waitress was nice, and she got our order and our drinks right. However, we were eat ing for about 20 minutes when my friend decided she wanted a refill on her Diet Coke. We hadn't seen our waitress since she dropped off our food. My friend waited for her for about 10 minutes, then finally went up to the bar after some prompting from us. After about 25 more minutes, we still hadn't seen our bill or our waitress. So, I walked through the restaurant pretending to look for the bathroom and spotted our waitress sitting at a table doing some sort of homework. Now, I can sympathize with any swamped college student, but there is a time and place for homework, and it's not Applebees at 9 p.m. while your customers are growing more and more disgruntled by the minute. We sat there for about 10 more minutes, then she brought our bill. She apologized for the wait saying she was experiencing "technical difficulties." We guessed that maybe her calculator broke while she was trying to do her math at a nearby table.



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Chicago; 7. B- 867-5309 nine; 4. B- Dangerous Liaisions; 5. A- Say Anything; 6. C-I. B- red stapler; 2. D- Bender from The Breakfast Club; 3. B-Answers:



Price:

I didn't see our bill because my friends paid for everything, but my room mate said it was around \$35. I think this was fairly reasonable for the portions we received.

Overall rating: * 1/2

Decent food and atmosphere- crappy service. Like I mentioned earlier, maybe we just had a bad experience this time, but I don't think so. Our waitress could have been tipped off easily by the bartender who had to get her customer a drink or by me wandering the restaurant.

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What's more important?

Beauty or brains?

By Amy Zepnick ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Primp your hair, iron that Abercrombie and make sure you smell good because beauty matters

I know you've been told since birth that looks aren't important, but according to society, they are. So, if you want to get anywhere, you have to perfect what you've got.

Why? Well, let's start with dating. You're sitting in (fill in your favorite hang out spot) scoping the scene. What are you looking for? A girl/guy with a 1500 SAT score and can name the 50 states in reverse alphabetical order? You can't see any of that from across the room. But you can see a smile, clean hair and a puttogether outfit.

Beauty attracts you. Beauty makes you want to get their phone number.

And, what if you already are in a relationship? You have to make sure that person is attractive to you. Otherwise, you can forget about holding eye contact, initiating long conversations or being intimate. "Sure I want to sleep with you. Could you just wear this bag over your head?"

How about every day living? Beautiful people get more help and attention. Customer service is better.

I was watching a television that did such a study. A woman was dressed as a fat, wrinkly lady clad in dirty clothes carrying two grocery bags. She "accidentally" dropped one of the bags on a busy sidewalk, and no one stopped to help her. The same woman then dressed in a skirtsuit and high heels. As a Crawford look-a-like, she "accidentally" dropped the bag again, but this time two men in business suits aided her in her troubles.

Good-looking people get taxis and extended discounts in stores. Their lives are easier because of their beauty

In the job world? The pretty people are more likely to get hired or promoted. Let's say two men apply for the same job with the same experience. One is in his late 20's. He's tall, muscular, has chiseled features and is clean cut. The second man is in his early 30's. He's short, festively plump, balding and missing a front tooth. Who do you think the company would choose to represent them? Enough said. I'm not saying it's right, and I'm not saying it's fair, but society places value on beauty instead of intellect. Celebrate it. Enjoy it. Not everyone can be smart, but everyone, in his or her own way, can be beautiful.

By Josh Goller NEWS EDITOR

Guys get a bad rap. We're all stereotyped as chauvinist pigs who only care about girls who look like Britney Spears.

I guess there are plenty of guys out there who fit this stereotype. Some of us men folk tend to be quite superficial in our treatment of the ladies and deserve the criticism we get as shallow bastards.

But I'd like to represent the many of us caring guys out there who believe in the cliché that "beauty is more than skin deep."

I'm not going to deny that beauty is a factor in many aspects of our interactions in society today, especially in relationships. I understand that attraction often starts on a physical level. When it comes to mate selection, most people look for a "10," not a 4.0.

While beauty has its place, I believe that our society puts too much emphasis on it. I'm a firm believer in personality-enhanced beauty. No matter how attractive I find a girl, if she doesn't have a personality and some kind of intelligence, I avoid her like the plague. It's amazing how beauty and attraction can fade after you really get to know someone sometimes.

I guess I'm lucky. My girlfriend's a cutie. But to put my whole argument plainly, while it was her beauty that attracted me, it was her brains that made me stay. I liked her first for her looks but then fell in love with her personality.

Like most guys, I'm easily annoyed. If a girl's personality rubs me the wrong way, I can't stand to be around her, much less carry on a relationship.

Despite our stereotype of being beauty-obsessed, I think that most guys would agree with me here. I think, in general, society does too.

We don't really give a lot of credit to bimbos in our society, no matter how attractive. We value beauty in our culture, but personality and brains are even more important.

I mean, Christina Applegate is never going to nail down an

By Katie Harding FEATURES EDITOR



Chet Krause will be the guest speaker at this semester's Commencement on Saturday.

Chet Krause, a Wisconsin native, will be the guest speaker at Commencement this Saturday.

Krause, the founder of Krause Publications in Iola, has been profiled in USA Today, Entrepreneur magazine, the Chicago Tribune, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, numerous other publications and the syndicated television show Motorweek.

His first publishing venture, Numismatic News, began in 1952. All of his work was done from his home in Iola where he still resides today.

His company, which is the world's largest publisher of hobby-time books and periodicals, is owned by his employees through stock ownership.

As an employer to almost 600 people, Krause has been a prominent figure in his profession, community and hobby areas.

He has received many awards throughout the course of his life and career. In 1961, President Kennedy appointed him to the U.S. Assay Commission. He was named Wisconsin's small-business person of the year in 1990. In 1995, he was named "Collector Car Hobby's Person of the Year."

Commencement will take place at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Quandt Gym.

Battle of the Bands

Chet Krause to speak at Commencement



Thrillhammer won the Battle of the Bands last week.

The Battle of the Bands took place last Thursday in The Encore.

Five bands from UWSP, The Rogues, Thrillhammer, Deathbed, Clem and 1200 Reserve competed.

Five judges scored the competition based on performance, quality of music, talent and crowd reaction.

Thrillhammer, the winners of the competition, won \$200 and a chance to compete in the next Battle of the Bands in February.

Taking second place was 1200 Reserve.

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Men's basketball bounces back

Pointers get back on track with two wins By Nick Brilowski SPORTS EDITOR

After seven consecutive wins to start the season, the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team finally tasted defeat in its WIAC opener against UW-Whitewater.

The loss appears to only a minor speed bump as the Pointers have responded with back-to-back wins including a 79-58 victory at La Crosse Wednesday night.

The low-post duo of Josh Iserloth [26] and Rich Steif [15] combined for 43 points as the Pointers connected on 18 of 19 free throw attempts.

"I don't like the fact that we have to play conference games before Christmas," stated Coach Jack Bennett, "except when we win."

The Pointers shot 60 percent from the field while limiting the Eagles to 36 percent. UWSP also held a 37-24 edge in rebounds behind eight from Iserloth.

Point held a 33-24 lead at the intermission and saw the edge grow to as many as 25 late in the game.

La Crosse trailed 57-45 with 11 minutes remaining, but the Pointers used a 12-0 spurt over a five-minute span to put the game out of reach.

The loss dropped the Eagles to 6-3 overall and 1-2 in the WIAC on the season.

Saturday night, UWSP used a 27-6 run to open the second half to get past a pesky UW-Stout squad, 79-58.

The Pointers held a slim 31-30 edge at the half, but a stingy defense limited the Blue Devils to six points over the first 11:30 of the second half.

Steif came off the bench to post team highs of 19 points and



Kalonji Kadima rises up for a shot over UW-Stout's Dave Loewe and Nate Templer on Saturday night.

nine rebounds. Coming off a better."

back injury, Steif was consistently able to outmaneuver undersized Stout.

"I thought that in the second half, that may have been the best 20 minutes we have played all year," Bennett stated.

"Steif kept us in the game," Bennett added. "If Rich had not played as well as he did, we could have been 10, 12, who knows?"

Joe Zuiker scored all 11 of his points in the second half including eight during the 27-6 run and a thunderous dunk with six minutes to go.

"The second half we spaced better," Bennett explained. "I was concerned at halftime, but I knew we could play our system "We did a better job positioning ourselves defensively [in the second half]," Bennett added. "Our defense didn't them as many*seams."

The defensive pressure led to 20 Stout turnovers in the game and numerous transition baskets for the Pointers.

The loss was just the Blue Devils' second of the season (7-2 overall, 1-2 WIAC).

The two victories raised the Pointers' record to 9-1 overall and 2-1 in the WIAC.

UWSP is off until it hosts Wisconsin Lutheran College on Dec. 30 during the Sentry Classic. The Pointers return to conference play Jan. 3 when they host UW-Eau Claire.

Augsburg knocks off men's hockey again

By Mike Peck SPORTS EDITOR

If there is one team that gives the UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team headaches, it's Augsburg (Minn.) College.

Even with a tough schedule that features top ranked Middlebury, conference rivals St. Noberts, River Falls and Superior, the Pointers have not been able to figure out the Auggies the last couple of years, losing three straight.

Friday proved no different for the Pointers as they fell, 4-2 at Augsburg.

The Auggies went on top of the Pointers midway through the first period when Brad Holzinger beat Dave Cinelli.

UWSP pulled even just four minutes later when Matt Interbatolo netted his second goal of the season.

"We played well but I was juggling wit the lines to create offense," said head coach Joe Baldarotta. "We had four or five break aways in the first period. But we gave up a couple of goals that weren't very opportunistic."

The Pointers aggressive offensive play cost on the defensive end as Augsburg was able to score a pair of goals before the first intermission.

Ryan Maxson was able to cut the Auggie lead to 3-2 in the see ond period, but the Pointers were unable to tie things up and Augsburg escaped with a two-goal victory.

The Pointers looked to bounce back against a much-improved Bethel (Minn.) College team from a year ago.

Once again, Point started off slow once again, trailing 2-1 after the first period.

After Mikhail Salienko and Justin Zimmerman put the Pointers on top 3-2, the Royals retaliated with the next three goals and a 5-3 lead.

"We didn't come out at the onset," said Baldarotta. "We should have put them away early. It was a game that people didn't think that it be a very good game."

UWSP's high-powered offensive responded in the third period scoring four unanswered goals to roll over Bethel 7-5.

Brian Fricke and David Boehm lit the lamps to tie the game up and Maxson used his second and third goal of the game to give Point the lead for good.

The Pointers will now have a break until January 5th, when they will travel back to the Twin Cities to take on St. Thomas to begin the second half of the season.

Swimmers set to hit peak of their training

Wins over Oshkosh keep teams undefeated By Nick Brilowski

SPORTS EDITOR

With four weeks of intense training staring them in the face, the UW-Stevens Point swimming and diving teams finished up the opening half of their seasons Saturday with victories over UW-Oshkosh.

Both teams remained unde

Randy Boelk was a double winner on the men's side, capturing the 400 individual medley and the 200 butterfly.

Christine Sammons won a pair of events for the women, taking the 200 freestyle and the 200 breaststroke.

Following finals, the Pointers will embark on the team's annual training trip to Hawaii over semester break.

Coach Boelk said that the

La Crosse nips Pointer wrestlers

UWSP cruises past Platteville in season opening dual meet

The UW-Stevens Point wrestling team jumped out to a 16-3 lead, but three-time defending Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion UW-La Crosse rallied for a 25-19 victoThe Pointers won eight of nine matches to open its dual meet season with a 30-9 victory over UW-Platteville Thursday at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Mark Burger registered the Pointers' lone pin of the match in 4:12 over UW-Platteville's Jason Glowdoski at heavyweight. UW-Stevens Point also received major decision victories from Chet Zdanczewicz at 141 pounds by a score of 14-4 and Ben Kureck at 184 pounds by a score of 17-4. Brady Holtz won the closest match of the night, posting a reversal with three seconds left to beat John Schimming 7-6 at 133 pounds.

ry in a WIAC dual meet Tuesday in La Crosse.

The Pointers, ranked 14th in the NCAA Division III rankings, grabbed the big lead after victories by Joe Bavlnka at 165 pounds and Wes Kapping at 174 pounds.

Ben Kureck added a major decision victory at 184 pounds and Yan White followed with a victory by injury default at 197 pounds for a 16-3 lead.

However, third-ranked La Crosse quickly took the lead back as Jason Ott pinned the Pointers' Mark Burger at heavyweight, the Eagles won by forfeit at 125 pounds and Josh Habeck pinned UWSP's Brady Holtz at 133 pounds.

Point cut the lead to 21-19 at 141 pounds with a 2-1 victory by Chet Zdanczewicz, but the Eagles' Troy Fabry beat Jason Kleinschmidt 14-4 at 149 pounds to seal the Eagles' victory. The Pointers are now 1-1 overall and will compete at the Florida Duals in Orlando on December 29-30.

UW-La Crosse 25, UW-Stevens Point 19 157 – Josh Ernst (LC) dec. Nathan Preslaski, 7-5 165 – Joe Bavlnka (SP) dec. Tade Kennitz, 3-2 174 – Wes Kapping (SP) dec. Ben Bly, 10-6 184 – Ben Kureck (SP) dec. Tyler Jahn, 18-8 197 – Yan White (SP) won by injury default over Bart Bly 275 – Jason Ott (LC) pinned Mark Burger, 3:31 125 – Nick Mueller (LC) won by forfeit 133 – Josh Habeck (LC) pinned Brady Holtz, 5:23 141 – Chet Zdanczewicz (SP) dec. Jim Carlson, 2-1 149 – Troy Fabry (LC) dec. Jason Kleinschmidt, 15-5 feated (4-0) as the men were victorious, 126-87, and the women cruised, 142-98.

"It was the hardest training we had done the week before a meet," Pointer Coach Al Boelk said. "I wanted to see how we would do when we were tired."

Boelk said that he was pleased with the teams' effort despite all of the hard work that they had done.

"We really did well when we were tired," he stated. "We did well in our off events, which is good for strategy later in the season."

trip is not only good for training purposes, but also is a way for the athletes to come together as a unit.

"It's a great experience for the kids," Boelk stated. "They spend a lot of time together. It's a great break from school where they don't have to worry about their studies."

"That's some of our most hard-core training of the year," Boelk added.

The Pointers will compete in the Rainbow Classic on Jan. 2 and 3 before returning home to host the Get to the Point Invite.

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The Week Ahead...

<u>Women's Hockey:</u> UW-Eau Claire, Fri. and Sat., 6 p.m. <u>Women's Basketball:</u> Edgewood College, Friday, 7 p.m.

All Home Games in Bold

La Crosse holds on to beat women's cagers



Photo by John Krejci Kari Groshek goes up for a shot in the lane during the Pointers' loss to La Crosse on Wednesday night.

Pointers drop a pair following seven wins By Michelle Tesmer SPORTS REPORTER

Contrary to popular belief, Jill Murray proved you can go home again.

The Stevens Point native torched her hometown school for a UW-La Crosse school record 36 points as the Eagles knocked of UW-Stevens Point 75-66 Wednesday night at Berg Gym.

The Eagles (4-4 overall, 2-2 WIAC) nearly let a 14-point second half lead slip away, but made 12 of 14 free throws over the final 2:30 to seal the victory.

Head Coach Shirley Egner was less than pleased with her teams performance.

"We shouldn't have lost this game," Egner stated. "We're not pleased with where we're standing. We didn't come ready to play."

La Crosse held a 34-30 edge

percent of their shots from the field, compared to 46 percent for the Eagles.

Carry Boehning led the Pointers with 23 points while Kari Groshek chipped in with 16.

"We've got two non-conference games to get it back together before we go to Eau Claire," Egner said.

The Pointers dropped their first game of the season to UW-Stout on Saturday, 79-77.

After going up 31-27 in the first half, Stout barely managed to hold on to the slim lead as the Pointers tied the game up eight times in the second half.

UW-SP trailed 78-72 with one minute left in the game when Kelly McGurk hit a three point shot and Carry Boehning added a jumper to pull within one. Stout then made one free throw with nine seconds left to ice the game.

"Menomonie is a tough place to play, but our kids are warriors," Egner said. "They came into practice [Monday] focused. The fire was burning again."

Coach: Former Pointer takes over at Wisconsin

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to different.

"These were not the circumstances that I was hoping for," he said. "I actually wish that Coach Bennett was still here."

Even though Soderberg was named coach, it is only on an interim basis, meaning there is a chance that he will not be brought back next year.

Even if he is not named head coach, it is even possible that there would be a coaching overhaul and the Badgers could have a bench full of new coaches next season.

"In my business, when a head coach takes over a business as coach, he usually brings in guys that he wants," replied Soderberg.

"I believe that the Lord has a plan for my life. If he has plans for me to be at the University of Wisconsin, then I will be here."

Also on the bench for the Badgers is Bennett's son and another coach with Stevens Point roots, Tony Bennett.

Bennett, Soderberg and UW-Green Bay assistant Ben Johnson all grew up in the Stevens Point area, so it is possible for the local connection to grow on the team.

"I always think about guys that I would like to have with me on staff," replied Soderberg. "Ben is a great guy and a great coach and I would love to have him here."

Soderberg did have a game under his belt, however, when he filled in for Bennett back in the 1995-96 season and the Badgers upset Illinois on the road.

Soderberg inherits a team that made its first trip to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in 49 years last season.

The Badgers, who were the feel-good story of the NCAA tournament a year ago, are led by senior guards Roy Boone and Mike Kelley.

Wisconsin returns nine total players from last year's squad and hopes to compete for another birth into the NCAA tournament in March.

"I have an experienced and veteran team, and that is a blessing," said Soderberg. "There is a wealth of experience. Whether we can get to the tourney or not, time will tell."

Always a concern for teams

when a new coach takes over in the middle of the season is that the change will effect how the team performs.

But Soderberg has been in the UW system for five seasons and will stress the Bennett qualities that the team was playing with before.

"I'm definitely not going to change anything about it," said Soderberg. "The greatest compliment that anyone could say to me at the end of the season is that this team reflected a Dick Bennett team.

"Initially 1 think that we have to keep the ship sturdy. But there are clouds on the horizon with the Big 10 season coming."

The Badgers are currently ranked 16th in the most recent Associated Press national rankings and are carrying a 5-1 record into Philadelphia for tonight's showdown with the Temple Owls.





So many people to recognize and so little space. To all seven roomies (my home boys!), Nick, the best darn sports writer in town, and the rest of the much underappreciated Pointer staff, the best athletic department in D-III, my parents, and everyone else who made the last four years plus so special. "Always remember where you came from and act like you've done it before." Peace Out!

Congratulations to these students, who raised \$129,000 for UWSP!



Over the last 12 weeks, these students and their colleagues have phoned over 15,000 UWSP alumni to request donations, which will support university programs throughout the coming year. They are employed by the UWSP Foundation, whose goal is to enhance the quality of teaching and learning at UWSP through private support.

at halftime behind 14 points from Murray on four of six shooting. But she was just heating up.

The junior had streaks during which she scored seven and eight straight of her team's points as the Eagles led 55-41 with 10:43 remaining.

However, the Pointers picked up the defense and used a 15-2 run to cut the lead to 57-56 with 4:44 left.

But the home team couldn't quite get over the hump as La Crosse converted from the charity stripe down the stretch.

UWSP converted on just 31

Boehning and Groshek led the Pointers with 16 points each. Amie Schultz led with eight rebounds.

Over the break, UWSP will face Edgewood College and Carroll College before battling it out with UW-Eau Claire.

The Pointers are now 1-2 in the WIAC and 7-2 overall.

They will host Edgewood on Friday night at 7 p.m. before taking two weeks off for the holidays. The UWSP Foundation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide financial support to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Many people don't realize that UWSP receives only 38% of its support from the state, and that state funds are strictly allocated to specific areas on campus. Unrestricted gifts to the Foundation support scholarships, technology upgrades, facility improvements and new programs critical to the success of UWSP.

Congratulations, students, and thank you!

Page 10 December 14, 2000 OUTDOORS Rare lake trout population in peril

Declining natural reproduction and an aging population are stirring fears that Wisconsin may lose one of only two remaining native inland lake trout populations if restrictive harvest regulations, continuing research and a new rescue plan don't work, according to state fisheries officials.

"There's an urgency to the problem: natural reproduction appears to be failing in Trout Lake and we've got a population consisting of middle to olderaged fish with very little or no recruitment of juvenile fish to sustain this unique population," says Wes Jahns, a Department of Natural Resources fisheries technician who has led efforts for the past five years to preserve this unique fishery.

"We'd like to get Trout Lake back to a naturally reproducing population - it's almost 100 percent stocking right now. We don't know if that's possible. It may not be. But we're going to look at researching any way we can do that."

Trout Lake is one of only a handful of lakes in Wisconsin that support lake trout, and state fisheries officials believe it's one of only two native inland populations remaining in the state. Other Wisconsin lakes contain lake trout largely of Great Lakes origin, but the Trout Lake population has been found to be genetically separate.

"It's a genetically unique population and we'd like to preserve that," Jahns said. "Also, there are so few lakes that are physically capable of supporting lake trout, which need cold, clear, well oxygenated water, that it

would be a shame if Trout Lake lost its native population."

Trout Lake, at 3,816 acres and 117 feet deep, is Vilas County's largest lake and ranks as one of the state's deepest. Its lake trout became very popular with fisherman in 1953 when the lake was opened to ice fishing for the first time, so popular in fact that by 1956 fish managers decided to regularly supplement the native population with stocked fish.

DNR staff started regularly stocking 16-month-old yearlings

Fish managers won't know how well the smaller fingerlings survive until the fish reach sexual maturity, beginning in 2005. In the meantime, they will be examining various hatcheries to see whether they can potentially produce the larger yearling fish of the Trout Lake strain for stocking.

As these management challenges were occurring, fish managers also were documenting a continuing decline in natural reproduction, according to Steve

"It's a genetically unique population and we'd like to preserve that."

-Wes Jahns, DNR fisheries technician

of Lake Superior or Trout Lake strains, fish that were larger than the fingerlings that were periodically stocked in the lake dating back to the 1920s. In 1982 fish managers decided to stock the Trout Lake strain because it was found to survive in much greater numbers than did stocked fish of the Lake Superior strain.

As a result, Trout Lake lost its stocking supply until 1998, when the Art Oehmcke Hatchery in Woodruff, which specializes in propagating cool water species such as musky and walleye, started producing lake trout fry newly hatched fish-on an experimental basis. More than 180,000 of these fry have been produced and stocked since and more than 200,000 fertilized eggs are currently incubating in the hatchery. AveLallemant, the fish expert for the DNR Northern Region. The state closed the ice fishing season in 1990 to protect the lake trout population, and in 1996 established a 30-inch minimum length, one daily bag limit during the open season, which runs from the first Saturday in May through Sept. 30.

Jahns and his crews started intensively studying the lake trout for clues to its natural reproduction problem. They tagged more than 1,100 lake trout, including four fish recently tagged with radio transmitters, to help them track the fish.

They believe that reproductive problems likely aren't the result of habitat changes due to increasing development along the lakeshore. "We had some initial concerns about degradation of habitat and whether it was harming water quality, but the longterm data set for dissolved oxygen indicates that those levels have been maintained over the years," Jahns says. "We still have whitefish and cisco, also cold water species, that are still reproducing naturally."

They tried to protect eggs from predators by experimenting with artificial egg nurseries - layers of Astroturf filled with thousands of fertilized eggs and placed in the lake near known spawning areas. These nurseries protected eggs from predation but allowed the newly hatched fry to escape to open water. "The bundles had been used successfully in Lake Superior but were ineffective in Trout Lake due to fungus problems," Jahns says.

Such research results are rolled into a long-term management plan that outlines more detailed study to evaluate natural reproduction and restore the Trout Lake fishery to a sustainable level through natural reproduction. "The plan also calls for us to evaluate and rehabilitate the Black Oak Lake lake trout fishery, and to introduce lake trout to several other lakes in northern Wisconsin to provide additional angling opportunities," he says.

Until there's evidence that natural reproduction has been successfully restored in the lake, "we will continue to aggressively protect these fish by largely eliminating harvest," AveLallement says. "The Trout Lake lake trout fishery is one of a kind and we don't want to lose it."

Do you have a creative touch that you just need to express? Have any environmental issues that irk you to no end? Need to promote an environmental gathering or event? E-mail Steve at sseam113@uwsp.edu or Ryan at rnaid136@uwsp.edu. We always accept submissions!

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Wisconsin unofficially "hunted out"

By Ryan Naidl

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The second of two Wisconsin T-zones hunts was Resources (WDNR) claims that this number was higher than what they had expected. Due to the lack of enthusiasm after the other hunting seasons and the

books for the largest ever.

While this could be an encouraging sign for the state's deer populations, many hunters fear that the estimation of 1.7

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held this past weekend throughout much of the state and numbers, as well as interest, seemed to be much less than the first Tzone held in October.

16,614 deer were harvested have in the second antlerless deer deer hunt. While this number seems hunt drastically smaller than the expe 67,389 deer taken in the earlier will T-zone hunt, the Wisconsin and Department of Natural put t

smaller overall deer populations, the WDNR expected that the second T-zone hunt would pale in comparison to the first hunt.

Overall, Wisconsin hunters have harvested roughly 575,000 er deer this year through all of the hunting seasons. WDNR expects that nearly 600,000 deer will be harvested when all is said in and done. This would defiantly all put this year's hunt in the record million deer in the state was too high. If this were true, hunters could be faced with fewer opportunities for harvesting animals in the years to come due to the over hunting that may have occurred this year during the T-zone hunts. The future of T-zone hunts will rest on the next year's population estimates.

The Pointer would like to wish students good luck with finals and a safe enjoyable holiday season and Winter Break!

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Tired of same old winter sports? Try something new!

By Steve Seamandel

Assistant Outdoors Editor

Being in Northern Wisconsin, we are all aware of the many diverse winter sports that are available to us. However, there are a few that seem to be gaining more popularity every year. Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are two of the fastest-growing winter sports around.

Many enjoy these two sports for simple reasons like they are, at times, less dangerous than downhill skiing but still allow you to leisurely view the outdoors while getting a mild workout.

While these activities are fun and more leisure than physical, they are just as costly as normal winter sports. While purchasing items to snowshoe and cross-country ski are variably expensive, rental from Rec Services here at UW-Stevens Point is a tad cheaper for students low on dough.

If renting from Rec Services, snowshoes are \$7.00 for one day, \$15.00 for three days, and \$25.00 for a week. Cross-country skis are a tad more expensive due to more equipment. Luckily RecServices offers a package of the three necessary components of skis, boots and poles. Rental of this package for one day is \$10.00, three days is \$20.00, and one week is \$35.00.

Snowshoeing ideally allows people to travel on snow much easier. There are "jaws" on the bottom of the show that grip into the ice and snow allowing easier walking or running. People who icefish out there should especially reap the benefits of snowshoes; there is nothing easier than travelling form tip-up to tip-up through heavy snow or slick ice while wearing snowshoes.

Cross country skiing also gives people a chance to glide through wilderness while sacrificing the danger of a bad fall on the downhill slopes. Many would-be skiers are detracted from the sport because of bad falls, and cross-country skiing offers a much safer alternative. As opposed to downhill, cross-country skiing utilizes the poles much more by pushing off of them instead of using them for direction and steering as in downhill skiing.

Whatever your interest may be, we at the Outdoors section encourage you to get out and enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin winter!

Another crusade to save paper

By Steve Seamandel

Assistant Outdoors Editor

"Vote United Council!" I heard, as I slipped and slid into the UC. Yet another student group fixed on getting their message through to students by the careless waste of paper.

How am I so sure, you say? Many students did the same exact thing that I did with their yellow informative United Council brochure; deposited it in the nearest paper recycling bin. I found it humorous. I walked over to the paper bin to the right of the entrance of the Book Store and sure enough, all I could see through the small slit in the top was yellow paper.

What is it that annoys students like myself about campaigns like this? Well, for me, multiple things. The first is that these people stand outside the UC, or HEC, or where ever, and do anything in their power to get your attention. Please, don't bother me.

Today, the individual who handed me the piece of paper was standing on the driveway to the parking lot next to the UC. Why not space out individuals every 20 or so feet all the way from the Science building to the UC? That would reach a lot more people.

The second thing that bothers me is the horrible environmental thoughts. What are people going to do with this paper, even if they do read it? Throw it out. I was pleased to see people recycling it, but still, it's better to reduce and not use at all than to recycle.

If it had been a worthwhile arguement, or even more campaigning than "Vote yes for United Council", perhaps I would have looked into it more. What is United Council and why do I care? Oh yeah, that's what the annoying wasteful flyers are for. No thanks.

Thirdly, these people antagonized me not one, not twice, but three times today. The first time I passed them, I reluctantly accepted the flyer without stating a word. The second time the guy whipped one in my face, I rudely snorted, "I already had one." And the third time they tried, well, they didn't get much more than a grunt and a dirty look.

Campaigns like this do

nothing more than waste paper and annoy students who are already running around like chickens with their heads cut off, especially at the end of the semester.

What's the solution? Smarter campaigning. I'm no politician or lobbyist, but hey, if you want to get someone to agree with you, don't walk in front of them while they are starving, cold, and in a rush.

Solicit their attention when it is available. How about through e-mails, Student Message of the Day, or even flyers in DeBot, the Wooden Spoon, the Brewhaus and the Encore? When people are sitting down and eating, more than often they will pick up whatever is on the table to read it. I know that I'm in no rush to read anything when I'm outside, cold, and annoyed by the individual soliciting my attention.

What is the solution to all this? I'm not sure, but you can bet that I won't be taking any pamphlets with a smile anytime soon.

Your guide to Christmas shopping, outdoors style

By Ryan Naidl

Assistant Outdoors Editor

Well, its almost Chrsitmas Day again and while many of you are trying to finish (or start) you holiday shopping, I thought it would be worthwhile to share some gift ideas for that outdoorsman/woman on list. I share this information primarily because I've been there. I've been gathered around the Christmas Tree on a joyous Christmas morn

with my loving family, only to have the whole scene ruined by someone who thought it would be a good idea to get me a silver jointer Rapala when everyone knows I could use a new frog colored Jtterbug instead. Now, while I could write a short novel on this topic, I am going to try condense the knowledge I've gained from my years of recieving gifts as an outdoorsmen into this quaint editorial. on their list would be the perfect gift idea. Rule number 3 reminds the reader that not all ammunition is the same. Believe it or not, those little numbers on the side of the box actually explain what type of gun the shells are used for. It could have debtramental effects on your relationship with a loved one if you purchase 30-30 bullets for their twelvegauge shotgun. While some of you may scoff at mention ing an idea that seems so common sense, I'll bet some of you scoffers are making a note of this right now on your list of stocking stuffers.

> I mention this fourth rule only because it is so near and dear to my heart. Long underwear is quite possible the best idea in the history of the world. Perhaps underrated in the world of gift giving, long underwear can be used for almost any sport done in cool environments. Not only this, but it also makes great pajamas when you forget your on that



Rule number one is to make sure you know your audience/gift recpient. Outdoor sports vary a great deal, even within the sport. I alway cringe to hear stories about

that poor bass fishermen who recieved trout flies for Christmas, or that fly fishermen who found a bait casting reel awaiting them awaiting them under the tree. Those are the kind of gifts that will bring an end to Christmas as we know it.

While you have probably heard of the golden rule, I like to title rule number two the blaze orange rule. Rule number two simply states that anything blaze orange is a fine and dandy stocking stuffer. Wisconsin outdoorsmen will proudly display anything with a blaze orange hue like it is their school colors. It doesn't matter if its a jacket, seat warmer, or small kitchen appliance, if its blaze, its better.

For the third rule, I want to direct it at those ambitious shoppers who feel a boxes of bullets for the loving hunter



overnight ice fishing, winter camping, or snipe hunting trip. Make it blaze orange, and probably find your way into Christmas lore like jolly ol' Saint Nick or "The California Raisins Christmas Special"

Now while I'll could go on and on with pratical gift ideas, I want to encourage you not to stress out about that special outdoorsman on your list. Most outdoorsmen are quick to get over disappointment, especially if they are hunters or fishermen. And if they are anything like me, odds are they will probably loose that all important Christmas gift hiking through the Porcupine Mountains or end up burning it for heat in order to stay alive after the truck breaks down on the way up to the cabin over Winter break. So relax and enjoy this wonderous time of year and may all of you have a joyous holiday season!





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Letters From the Edge of the World

All I want for Christmas....

By Pat "Shameless" Rothfuss Be my elf, my dirty little elf.

I've discovered an important universal truth recently. This isn't anything out of the ordinary, mind you. When you're crazy smart like me, you tend to have profound revelations all the time. I get them while sitting in class, making soup, or just walking down the street. So, just in case you ever see me sitting somewhere and it looks like I'm staring at some girl's breasts, don't be fooled.

What's really happening is that I've been struck with some stunning piece of divine wisdom. Something profound and startling. Something that will benefit mankind. Something, having to do with waveform motion, or thermodynamics, or potential therapeutic uses for ripe peaches.

What was I talking about again? Oh yeah, my recent revelation.

I've always wondered why nice girls go out with jerky guys. It's a trend that I noticed back in grade school and ever since then I've never been able to figure it out. Oh, I've had theories, but never anything really solid, never anything that had the ring of truth to it.

But now I think I've got it. It's biological. Women are attracted to certain male characteristics because they used to be

important evolution-wise. Most of these characteristics are linked to high testosterone levels: Broad shoulders, increased muscle mass, and aggressive behavior. This aggressive tendency is probably a holdover from our chimp days when the biggest, loudest monkey got to be boss (alpha male) and have sex with whoever he wanted.

Of course, now that we're all civilized, aggressive behavior is supposed to be out of vogue. It serves about as much purpose as our appendixes. But, like the appendix, it's still there. Guys, our biology naturally predisposes us to certain jerky behavior. We can rise above it, but the first step to controlling it is acknowledging that the tendency is there. Same thing for you ladies, the first step in breaking this unhealthy social cycle is admitting that there's something about a big angry monkey that gets you all goose-bumpy.

So what's the way out? Luckily, there are good versions of all these jerky, testosterone-induced tendencies. Note the vast difference between aggressive and assertive. Between domineering and dominant. Between megalomania and selfassurance.

You see guys? It's like the light side and the two sides of the force. Anger... and aggression are the dark side. And, as Yoda

teaches us, the dark side might be easy, but it's not better. Darth Vader might be sexy in a sort of sinister, macho way, but sooner or later the mask has to come off, and that's when the girl realizes that you're not really James Earl Jones under there, you're some flabby white guy with severe control issues and a penchant for heaving-breath-

So, the choice is clear. You want to be Luke. I know, he's a whiny little bitch early on, but toward the end of the series he gets control of his anger and turns into a serious badass

Well, I'll be the first to admit that I'm surprised at how well that little analogy held together.

Now, a brief digression into shamelessness.

As some of my more faithful readers may or may not know. I've written a novel. As a matter of fact, it was just about this time last year that I finished it.

Here's the thing. You'd like to think that after five years of working your ass off writing and re-writing, making sure that it was as near-perfect as possible, the hard part would be over, right?

That's what I thought. But I was obviously wrong. I haven't been able to get an agent or publisher to take a serious look at it yet. I find it vastly irritating that I've



spent a whole year writing query letters and synopses rather than getting to work on my next book.

So what's your point, Pat?

My point is this. If any of you out there happen to enjoy this column, and by extension have some meager faith in my ability as a writer, and (this is the crucial part) happen to have a friend or relative in the publishing business Well, let's just say that you could make my Christmas a little brighter if you drop me an E-mail. I'll make you an offer you can't refuse.

Well, I feel dirty. Not dirty in a good way either, but if there's one thing I've learned over this irritating, fruitless year, it's that the only real way to get things done is to have friends in the right places and then ruthlessly manipulate them for your own selfish purposes.

So, who wants to be friends?

Pat Rothfuss needs letters, and if he doesn't have them he'll probably get all weepy about his novel in the next column too. None of us want that, so write in <proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.> Not only will you save us from Pat's shameless self-promotion, you'll earn a "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt.

Duluth does Dylan

By Sasha Bartick Arts and Review Editor

There's a bit of a Buzz four hours north of here in good old icy Duluth, MN. Something is unraveling and will undoubtedly affect the future of the music business in this up and coming city on the lake.

For those of you who weren't aware, Robert Zimmerman, otherwise known as Bob Dylan was born in Duluth, and lived there for 6 years before his family migrated to Hibbing, MN (even farther north!) After his departure from the northwoods at age 19, Dylan, for reasons unknown never returned to the area of his birth, or played within 100 miles from it until just a couple of years ago.

With this knowledge, an idea

Nelson set to work watching performances of local bands and chose those whose music he felt had an originality about it, and had a mind set to take their music farther than the realms of the city limits.

The next order of business was to find a producer worthy of the job. Nelson chose Tom Fabjance (who just so happens to have produced my album as well.) Fabjance is a Chicago native who toured with and ran sound for such greats as The Smashing Pumpkins, Tracy Chapman, and Mazzy star. I know from personal experience the quality of Fabjance's ear for detail and what lengths he will go to in order to get the best possible sound.

Once all of the necessary components were met, the recording began, and successful it was. The bands, along with releasing a killer album, have been doing a little touring as well and the futures for all of those involved in this project are looking pretty bright. The bands on the album are as follows, and each chose the song that they most wanted to perform.

Really Want to Do" Father Hennepin, "Girl From the North Country" Both, "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall" Black Eyed Snakes "Tombstone Blues" Crazy Betty, "Knockin' on Heaven's Door' First Ladies, "Father of Night" Ballyhoo, "When I Paint My Masterpiece" Dames, "All Along the Watchtower" American Hip, "Country Pie" Black Labels, "Rainy Day Women #12 & 35" Jamie Ness, "Sad Eyed Lady of the Lowlands" Accidental Porn, "If You Gotta Go, Go Now"

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Cd gift list **By Shannon Marsh Computer Director 90FM**

So, it's that time of year again when you are trying to think of gifts for the holidays. I just want to say that one of the best gifts you can give anyone is music. This year there has been a plethora of excellent music released and anyone would appreciate a CD that they can rock out to for the years to come. So, as my service to you, here is a must have of this year's newest and best music for the holidays.

For those people who like it hard and heavy, here are some of the big name releases of the year: Mindless Self Indulgence Frankenstein Girls will seem

Strangely Sexy, Papa Roach Infest and Consolidated tikkunsurvivor demos.

For the ska and neo-swing fans, consider Brian Setzer Orchestra Vavoom!, Squirrel Nut Zipperers and Fishbone The Psychotic Friends Nuttwerx.

Groups that fit into a "classic groove" kind of category because they have either been around a while, or because they have a groovy kind of feel were The Eels Daisies of the Galaxy, Sunny Day Real Estate The Rising Tide and Billy Bragg & Wilco Mermaid Avenue, Vol. 2.

Singer songwriters also had a good year. Some of the great releases from singer songwriters included Elliott Smith Figure Eight, Bjork Selmasongs, and Tracy Bonham Down Here.

A few little tips for this holiday season

was born into the crafty mind of Tim Nelson, studio owner/businessman, also an adopted Duluth native, with a mind for two things: business and music, decided to combine these two interests. Nelson decided that what the city needed was a way for local musicians to display their talents, while paying tribute to one of the greatest living legends today. He began formulating a plan to release a compilation album of all Duluth bands playing all Bob Dylan tunes.

Mayfly, "It Ain't Me Babe" Giljunko, "Quit Your Low Down Ways" Gild, "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right/All I

Interested in writing for The Pointer next semester? If so, don't be scared. Just send me an e-mail when you get the chance and it's possible you'll soon be seeing your work in print. sbart604@uwsp.edu.

inquiry to duluthdoes@hot-



By Sasha Bartick Arts and Review Editor

While you are indulging in all of this year's holiday festivities, be sure to keep a few little things in mind, which seem trivial right now, but could keep you from making a genuine ass of your self in a cou ple of weeks.

1. Don't swill down so much egg nog that you end up vomiting dur ing grace.

2. When grandma gives you a pair of pea green slippers and matching nightcap for the twelfth year in a row, just kiss her and say "Thanks grandma, it's just what I wanted." Again.

3. Keep all of the eccentric relatives in doors. last year uncle Joe had one too many, and was found outside serenading the police department with a perverse version of "Jingle Bells" at 2 a.m.

4. It is one thing to spike your own drink, but to spike the entire punch bowl and then wonder why little cousin Johnny is climbing the Christmas tree is quite another.

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