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Students express views on bombing Afghanistan

Some support use of force, others disagree with U.S. strategy to attack with bombing

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

UWSP students have mixed reactions to the United States' bombing of Afghanistan; some support bombing, while some disagree with military action.

Kaleb Schad, a senior majoring in English and communication, said he's in favor of the bombing but hopes it doesn't

cause further incidents of terrorism. However, he does believe the risk is worth it.

"I think it was warranted and justified," Schad said. "I don't know how effective just the bombing will be, but I assume we're going to follow up with some other military action. I have relative faith in our leaders."

Rebecca Hanke, a senior

majoring in early childhood education, agreed with Schad.

"I think it's necessary," Hanke said. "We need to retaliate for what happened."



"I think it was warranted and justified."
— Kaleb Schad

Other students believe there are several ways of dealing with the terrorists other than bombing. Jenny Isberner, a freshman majoring in sociology, believes

something needed to be done to find the terrorists, but she's not sure if bombing is necessary.

"I think the leaders should get together and talk about ways they can work things out where we don't have to kill innocent people because of the acts of a few bad people in the country," Isberner said.

Leigh Ann Ruddy, a junior majoring in journalism, also believes countries should be able to get together and talk peacefully instead of going to war.

"I'm totally against it," Ruddy said. "I don't think the

United States should flex its muscles every time it gets threatened. I don't think we're doing a reasonable job at handling the situation."

Ross Dick, a senior majoring in political science, doesn't believe the bombing will achieve anything.

"I'm definitely against it," Dick said. "We're just as bad as bin Laden by sacrificing innocent people just to make a point."

Jamie Ernst, a sophomore with an undeclared major,

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Profs endorse bombing by United States

By Seth Voeltner
NEWS REPORTER

Some professors at UWSP approve of the recent bombings by the United States on Taliban military targets in Afghanistan.

Neil Lewis, professor of history, believes the attacks on the radical group are justified.

"I think the Taliban are a nasty bunch of thugs," Lewis said. "They are a legitamate target."

Lewis said that he supports peace, but at some point he believes that force is necessary.

"I don't think that we can stop Osama bin Laden with peaceful persuasion," he said. "We are dealing with vicious people who beat up on their own people. Persuasion only goes so far."

However, Lewis said that it is "ridiculous" to believe that we can rid the world of terrorism. He said that evil will always exist, mainly because of opposing political and religious world views. He believes the president and the U.S. government have done a good job of staying realistic.

"There are a lot of people mad at us," Lewis said. "Some people would not be convinced no matter what the United States does to remedy the situation."

The best case scenario is that the Taliban would weaken enough that Afghanistan would be under new control, Lewis said.

Maj. Ralph Sliwicki, UWSP professor of military science, believes the U.S. military is correctly going after the source of the problem and has been successful in doing so.

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Photo by Luke Zancanaro
Martha Perkins speaking.



Photo by Lindsey Rice
Camper taking down tent.



Photo by Luke Zancanaro
Student listening to the Open Mic held in Sundial.



Photo by Lindsey Rice
Peace Camp members contemplating what to do after hearing of bombing.

Peace Camp forced to move

Stevens Point man cited for disorderly conduct after egging campers last week.

By Carol Seavey
NEWS REPORTER

The Peace Camp in the Sundial was forced to move as a result of violent acts against members last week.

A 20-year-old Stevens Point man was cited for disorderly conduct after he was seen with another man throwing eggs at the Peace Camp.

The Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD) and

Protective Services apprehended the man following a vehicle and foot chase. At 4:50 a.m. last Thursday, two men dressed in camouflage were reported throwing eggs at the camp, according to campus security officials.

The SPPD and Protective Services were also called at 12:25 a.m. Friday after a loud explosion startled members of the Peace Camp.

"It sounded like a firework on the 4th of July going off, like the ones that sound like a cannon," said Deanna Erickson, camp participant.

The homemade bombs,

commonly called "MacGyver bomb," according to Protective Services Chief Don Burling, were made of plastic bottles filled with Drano. Aluminum foil was added to produce a chemical reaction, creating pressure inside the bottles and resulting in an explosion. Three men dropped two of these bombs from the east stairs of the Fine Arts Center (FAC), Burling said. When approached by a member of the peace camp, they dropped one more bomb and ran away.

Upon searching the area, peace camp members found

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Experts say water supply safe from terrorists

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With the birth of a new war, many U.S. citizens are concerned about future terrorist assaults — particularly on water supply.

According to Denver-Post.com, this week the House Resources Committee approved a measure to allow the Bureau of Reclamation, which operates dams in the West, to contract with law enforcement agencies to implement federal laws at its water projects. Roads toward the dams have checkpoints and big trucks are not allowed. Guards are patrolling dam areas and there is aerial surveillance.

Mike Dombeck, professor and previous chief of the U.S. Forest Service, believes the United States needs to be vigilant in protecting our water supply.

"It's everyone's responsibility to promote human safety and public health," Dombeck said. "We need to always take care of our water supply — not just in a concern like this."

Bryant Browne, water resources professor, said Stevens Point residents don't need to be worried about terrorists contaminating the water supply.

"Our water comes from the ground," Browne said. "It is exceedingly difficult to poison. You would have to dump chemicals across the landscape. Then it'd have to percolate to the water table. It'd take a long time. Even if we found out, we could withdraw the contaminated water and treat it."

Bigger cities have to be concerned.
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Professor explains conflict between Israel and Palestine

By Vicci Nason
NEWS REPORTER

Professor Neil Lewis, Chair of the History Department spoke with students at Newman Center about the origin and complexity of conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Lewis, who specializes in Middle Eastern history, presented his views to students Wednesday night.

Lewis explained that Zionism, or modern Jewish nationalism, "is the product of western society" in which "Jews have suffered persecution by Christianity." Lewis further explained that the British looked favorably upon Zionism and authored the Balfour Declaration in November of 1917, giving land in Palestine for a Jewish settlement.

Lewis said ethnic cleansing and the use of propaganda led Palestinians to become refugees

of their own country. He believes "Palestinians paid the debt of European anti-Semitism."

Some Palestinians have fallen "in love with being suicide bombers, a perversion of Islam," Lewis said. He also admits there are extremists on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian issue who don't want to see any kind of peace, "driving extremists into fanaticism."

He reminded the audience that the United States freely allows the practice of Islam based on our foundation of religious freedom but asked why western religion is forbidden in Islamic countries. Lewis said extreme Islam is now taught in Islamic schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, but he stressed that this extreme faction is unlike the Islamic religion of Mohamed and of mainstream Islam which practices religious tolerance.

if I'm carrying any pathogens. We have nothing to be concerned about."

Many students on campus were unaware of America's precautions to safeguard water supply. Student Kent Hutchison didn't know that the United States took action to protect dams, but he agrees we should protect the water.

"Nothing bad is going to come from trying to prevent things," Hutchinson said. "We have to be cautious."

Bombing

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believes the bombing wasn't justified.

"I'm against the bombing," Ernst said. "I just think there are other things we probably could've done. I know that this guy has to be found, but I think bombing will just cause more problems."



Jason Dostal, a senior majoring in computer information systems, said he's in favor of the bombing to an extent.

"I don't want it to turn into a long drawn out conflict," Dostal said. "We should wield our power

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— Jamie Ernst

with a bit more restraint. We

shouldn't just be bombing from a long distance but supporting groups inside the country who are against the Taliban. It's to our advantage to help out the country rather than to destroy it."

Kyle Zibung, a junior majoring in water resources, said he's in favor of the bombing, not as a retaliatory act, but as a way to repay the terrorists for their acts.

"It's just preventing anything from happening again," Zibung said. "It's to let the terrorist organizations know the United States and world won't stand for this."

Peace

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remains of the three detonated bombs and one un-detonated, said Pete Barwis, camp participant.

Last Thursday at 12:24 a.m., fireworks were thrown into the Peace Camp, Burling said. They were one inch in diameter and eight to 10 inches in length. One landed close to one of the participants in the camp but no one was injured.

The Peace Camp feared for their safety and decided to

change their plans. Members decided to move to a peaceful room in the basement of the University Center and participate in community outreach by drafting a letter promoting peace and sending it out to local schools, churches, businesses and organizations.

"Now that the bombings have begun we need to change course," Erickson said.

Although many people stopped to chat with the peace campers and discuss their views peacefully, others did not.

"Every night tons of people

would role down their windows and just scream obscenities at us," Erickson said. "But the freedom of speech cuts both ways."

Some of the peace campers wanted to stay another week, but only with increased security, Barwis said.

"Our staff was instructed to make more checks of that area, but we could not be there 24 hours a day because we have other responsibilities," Burling said.

The SPPD and Protective Services are still investigating the incidents.

War

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"We have taken everything we've wanted to," Sliwicki said. "We're destroying their capabilities to fight back."

Maj. Sliwicki said the military might have a different end in mind for present purposes.

"I believe we will not stop until we get Osama bin Laden," Sliwicki said.

Bryan Brophy-Baermann, political science professor, said the target started as Osama bin Laden but broadened to the Taliban and terrorism as a whole.

"I believe the military shifted from bin Laden to getting the

Taliban out of Afghanistan," he said.

While none of the professors disagree that the US government successfully accomplished the bombings over the weekend, all of them agree that it's too early to tell whether or not the fight on terrorism will succeed in the long run.

Water

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cerned, Browne said. For example, New York has one body of water that runs to the entire city. It's easy to target. However, contamination would be short-lived because treating it would be easy once detected, he said.

"Water reservoirs are already very secure," Browne said. "I went to the reservoirs in New York. Beforehand, I had to fill out an application and send a stool sample. They needed to see

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The Love Shack was one of many floats in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning.

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Society to talk about future of Nelson Hall

The Portage County Historical Society is meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall to discuss its future.

The focus of the annual meeting will be a pro-and- con debate dealing with the dilemma of saving the building versus razing it or allowing it to crumble into oblivion.

On the pro side will be Mark Seiler from the UWSP foreign language department. On the con side will be Carl Rasmussen from UWSP's Facilities Services.

Nelson Hall — completed in 1916 — is the oldest existing residence hall of the former State Normal School System, and is named on the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation's Ten Most

Endangered Historic 3 Properties list.

Nelson Hall is structurally sound but would need to be completely refurbished in order to be a viable campus property once again.

The meeting is open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

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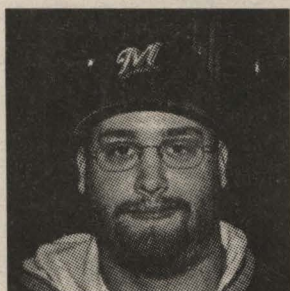
Pointer Poll

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If you could change the school mascot, what would it be?



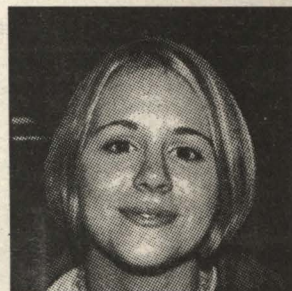
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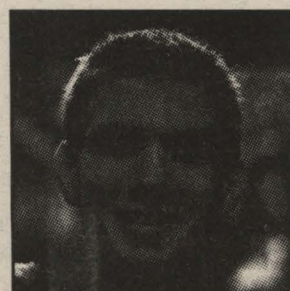
Andrew Ostertad, Sr. Music
Beaver.



Jason Graves, Sr. Biology
A Point beer can.



Rebeca Stobbe, Fr. Education
Dragons.



Matt Bartley, Fr. Resource Management
A pig.



Kristen Konitski, Sr. Health Promotion
Black panther.

Campus Beat

College of Fine Arts

Friday, Oct. 5 12:25 a.m.

A student reported that a loud noise, sounding like an explosion, went off by the College of Fine Arts Building. The students reported that three males were confronted on top of the Fine Arts ramp. The perpetrators threw a plastic bottle over the wall and it exploded.

Physical Education Building

Friday, Oct. 5 3:30 p.m.

A student reported that his wallet was stolen from his pants that was in an unsecured locker in the Quandt men's locker room.

Learning Resources lawn

Saturday, Oct. 6 4:50 a.m.

Officers responded to a call of egg throwing in the Sundial near the peace camp group on Portage Street.

Hansen Hall

Saturday, Oct. 6 11:05 a.m.

A student reported that another student smashed a thick, heavy glass object against a tile wall in the private stall of the 3rd floor west wing men's bathroom.

Lot X

Saturday, Oct. 6 11:08 p.m.

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Words of Wisdom From the Editor



Why can't we just call things what they are?

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Political correctness hit its stride in the mid-nineties as secretaries became executive assistants and garbage men transformed into sanitation professionals. To its credit, the political correctness phenomena brought about gender equality in job titles and began to eliminate disrespectful and derogatory references to women, racial minorities and homosexuals throughout our culture and most notably in our daily speech.

But, positive aspects aside, the impact of political correctness has faded in its relevance and has trickled down to other aspects of our culture. Now, we find commonly known institutions changing their names to fit a more attractive image. I find it disturbing to discover that we are beginning to euphemize every day events, people and places instead of just calling things what they are.

For instance, a new student at UWSP may be puzzled to find that there is no "library" listed in the campus directory. In fact, you could walk through the entire campus and still fail to find a single building with the word "library" posted on it. Apparently, the name Learning Resource Center is a more user friendly way of describing a big building with lots of books in it. I really don't know if it will put more butts in the seats but at least it made someone relieved to be free from the negative connotations some people may associate with the word library.

At the same time, there are those who consider "dorms" to be almost a swear word when referring to the residence halls. And though I view "Health Promotion and Wellness" courses to be a glorified name for a Phy. Ed. class, I try not to question those word engineers who feel some things need to be candy coated. Because that's what it is deep down: candy coating. And how many "centers" can there be on campus after all. By definition our campus can

really only have one center, but it seems nearly every building and office on this campus has the word "center" in its title.

I don't understand what it is about human beings that keeps us from being able to say exactly what we mean and call things what they are. But it doesn't end with changing building names and fancying up titles of college courses.

It seems that our culture chooses to skirt around issues by sweetening our language rather than address blunt issues with the blunt language that is the only true way of harnessing the emotion behind them. When someone dies we choose to say that they've passed away. We lump a host of violent crimes under the term assault. We have dozens of different names for sex and the human reproductive organs instead of just calling them what they are. Most notoriously (and maybe justifiably so) we soften the impact of curse words with similar sounding but much less offensive euphemisms.

But, then again, maybe this is what our society needs to be able to withstand all the horrible things that happen in the world. Maybe our university needs to avoid the implications that words like library and dorm can carry with them. While the title Protective Services doesn't make that organization any more protective than "campus police" and Dining Services doesn't make the food at DeBot anything comparable to dining, our culture might have some basic need for these candy coated titles. I hope the day never comes when a newspaper becomes known as "current event literature" or an "contemporary affair update service provider," but I guess if that's what us newspaper people need someday to feel better about ourselves, then so be it. After all, shoot happens, gosh darn it.

Centertainment concerts disappoint

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

It always seems as though I have to travel to see any decent concerts around here. Last week, for the second time in a little over one year, I found myself driving to Oshkosh to see The Big Wu. It was the second consecutive year that UW-Oshkosh booked this band to play for their school. Both shows --- the one from September of 2000 and October of 2001 --- sold out a few days in advance. Last year's show had roughly 400-500 people in attendance, last week's had way more than 500 people.

This weekend, I'll be venturing to Madison to see a dual-billed show by Keller Williams and Charlie Hunter at the Union. It's being put on by UW-Madison.

Why is it that both UW-Oshkosh and UW-Madison can put on all these great concerts, and UW-Stevens Point is stuck with nothing? Centertainment is your answer.

I am an avid fan of Keller Williams, the one-man band, an acoustic guitar virtuoso. I am on his e-mail discussion list. Last spring, the opportunity arose for me to help book a Keller show on our campus. I gave Keller's col-

lege promoter the number for Centertainment and offered more help if needed. There were other students who were pushing Centertainment to book this show as well. Over the summer, I had heard that Keller was playing at our campus on Oct. 14.

Well, that's this Sunday, and guess what? There's no show at Stevens Point. The reasons are well documented and besides the point, but my main reason for concern is not why this show fell through, but the inept inadequacy and lack of musical knowledge of those on the Centertainment committee.

Time and time again, those trying to make the Keller show happen were told that Centertainment only books "national acts and/or concerts that they know will make them money." Little do they know that booking a concert like Keller Williams or The Big Wu could make them a lot of money. Instead, they choose to focus on mainstream garbage that in the end, probably doesn't do as well as they originally thought it would.

Take The Big Wu in Oshkosh for example. Student tickets were an affordable \$9, non-student tickets were \$15. We

saw license plates from Minnesota and Illinois. We saw old friends from Milwaukee at the show. Don't tell me that if you were to book these guys at Stevens Point that you wouldn't get 500 people to come and see them or Keller Williams.

True, the genre of "jam bands" is less popular than mainstream rock, but this is a college. A college with a lot of music fans who would really appreciate a band like The Big Wu, Keller Williams or even smaller bands out on the circuit like Soulive, Yonder Mountain String Band, Leftover Salmon, Karl Denson or a quick-growing Indiana-based band called Umphrey's McGee.

Overall, I'd call Centertainment a joke. The only decent show that they've brought here in the last three years has been Dark Star Orchestra, and even that was scraping the bottom of the barrel. There is so much talent out there that would make the students happy and would make large profits for Centertainment. Too bad they're busy booking Matchbox 20 again. I guess I'll just keep giving my money to UW-Madison and UW-Oshkosh. Thanks for nothing Centertainment.

UWSP students share their experience in Europe

We arrived in London four days ago, our shoulders sagging from over-packed bags and our sinuses sniffing from the collective cold. Though the rain comes down in waves of mist and the racing traffic threatens to cut us down at every corner, London is a beautiful city, full of mysteries we have only begun to uncover.

But I will write again, telling you more about this ancient city in a few weeks. Now, it seems, would be an appropriate time to tell you about our three-week tour of the continent. I am torn, however, about what the most important things to mention are. I could tell you about the great German beer hall with the painted-over swastika on the ceiling and the horror of the Dachau concentration camp ovens. I could mention how I spotted and purchased Professor Larry Watson's novel *Laura* from a bookstore on the streets of Munich. Maybe I could tell you about how we jumped out of a bus high in the Alps and went laughing with exhilaration down toboggan ramps. I could also describe dismal Padua with her leering statues of Prato Della Valle and the enshrined vocal chords at Saint Anthony's. Perhaps also graceful Florence with the David that impressed us all, despite our high expectations. Or Venice, with its stinking canals and singing gondolier. Even maybe rude old Paris that portrays its lurid red lights not miles from the glorious gothic cathedral of Notre Dame. I could tell you how all forty of us became more like a family with each passing hour.

But I know of nothing that I saw or experienced in Europe that touched me more deeply than the words of Professor Jim Stokes at the ping-pong table outside our hostel in Lucern on the afternoon of Sept. 11. "The World Trade Center has collapsed and the Pentagon is in flames." We thought of our families and the phone lines were so jammed that some of us could not get through for days. Some of us had family not ten blocks from the tragedy and sobbed in fear on the floor. CNN kept showing us the passenger jet strike the tower again and again, and I have never felt more like an American than I did on that cold day in Switzerland.

Although we have all experienced many amazing things since we left Stevens Point for Europe, I believe that the most important message I can deliver to you from our group in London is that we are with you in our hearts. Peace and Strength be with you.

Matthew Bates
Semester Abroad- Britain

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POINT OF VIEW

Marijuana and it family of plants... should they be made legal or kept illegal?

By Andrew Bushard

FEDERATION WITHOUT TELEVISION

keep it illegal

By LeighAnn Ruddy

VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENTS FOR A SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY

make it legal

It is an atrocious abomination. It is a pestilent plague. It is a slithering patch of mildew. It is vile venom. It is repulsive rubbish. It is foul filth. The deprave substance of which I speak is pot.

Spurn pot like the soul plague that it is. Pot is unhealthy. Pot is corruption. Pot stifles liberation and justice. If you want soulful edification, health, purity, liberation and justice, then disparage reefer with all your might.

So many subcultures have glorified the stench of dope. From hippies to rappers to beatniks to rastafarians to misled punk rockers, have all praised this warped depravity. Theirs is a perilous folly. They clamor that chronic is okay because it grows in the ground, as contrasted to synthetic drugs like speed or LSD. How insane can you get? Poison Ivy grows naturally in the ground, but does this mean it's okay to rub it on our skin? People just need excuses to rationalize polluting their secular tabernacles.

Abjure pot. "Hip" kids think pot ain't gonna harm them, but they are wrong. "Smart" youngsters think pot isn't unhealthy, but they are wrong. Do not visit the plane that marijuana will take you to! Your great soul is decimated when you light up a bong. A person's soul should be permitted to shine. Your soul shines when you are sXe, it crumbles when you smoke a joint.

Marijuana promotes humanity's regression. Endino causes a person to devolve, and a person stays devolved until they break out of their "high".

We cannot allow pot to get into people's hands. People have too little trepidation about pot, and think way too much good about the horrible drug. Resist the hype. Legalization advocates often sug-

gest that legalization in the long run will decrease pot smoking. That thinking is hokum. These legalization advocates will use alcohol as an argument, citing the so-called failure of prohibition. Well if legalization is suppose to decrease use, then why do millions of Americans use alcohol? A trip to small town Wisconsin will make clear that legalization hasn't put the skids on alcohol use. The alcohol business has flourished. And since marijuana is comparable to alcohol disaster-wise, why would legalization of pot be any different?

Marijuana stains the flag of our nation. It should be everyone's goal to completely eradicate at least one evil thing during his or her life. Let's exterminate the weed of weed. There is no justice or liberation where marijuana lurks. I hate grass and you should hate grass too.

Marijuana smoking was a counter revolutionary force during the Hippie era. It pacified the hippies, greatly weakening their passion to change the world for the better. Drugs destroy political movements. Only foolish thought suggests otherwise. No good and virtually all bad has arose from marijuana use.

It is never cool to smoke marijuana. Being a pothead only does you, your circle of friends and our entire society a massive disservice. All pot provides is transitory gratification. Every drag you take makes you more of a drag. Help exterminate one of the world's most virulent weeds. Ban pot.

Pretend that a single marijuana seed falls magically out of the sky, and plants itself in the soil of your backyard. Potentially, this seed has a premium chance to grow and produce buds. If you don't know what type of plant this was, you may be inclined to let it grow. Now you're a criminal. You've unknowingly grown an illegal substance and now you must pay the just consequences that our government so lovingly and caringly put into action. This is the "war on drugs." Our protective law enforcement and our sagacious government are fighting a battle

marijuana drug criminals is not the approach we should use to fix this particular problem. These people aren't criminals; most of them aren't even addicted to drugs. Let's face it, selling drugs is a fast, lucrative business and if there wasn't demand for it, I believe it wouldn't be so profitable. The government believes the way to stop demand is to find all the drug smugglers at the borders and intercept the goods. Or, spray a highly toxic and even fatal if smoked, herbicide on the plants in order to kill a crop. This isn't deterring people from smoking marijuana. In turn, our government will only create more demand for the drug since there is fewer product to sell.

Our legislative system should see the example that a number of European countries are setting. The Dutch government is ready to accept that drug use in society is probable, so instead of throwing these non-violent offenders into prison, they decriminalize drugs they believe aren't such a threat to the well-being of their citizens. This problem could be solved if such restrictions used on alcohol were applied to marijuana.

Marijuana, and all other plants in its family suffer unjust discrimination in America. The possibilities of

industrial hemp seem endless compared to the number of textile materials in the market already. Unrefined hemp oil could be the final answer to the nations dwindling fuel reserves if only we would take the shackles off of one innocent plant.



The little green plant at the center of the debate.

that has them digging deeper and deeper into a void unknown to them. Rather than finding solutions they insist on creating more constrain, believing that prohibition will work this time.

Extending harsh punishments for

The American Red Cross will be on the UWSP campus next Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16 -17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the fall semester's blood drive.

Interested donors should sign up at one of the several sign-up locations around campus. Interested donors should abstain from eating any food 4 hours prior to donating as well as engaging in only moderate exercise the day of donation.

Help save a life...donate blood. *Besides, you have more than you need.*

Next week's

POINT OF VIEW

Should religious fellowship be allowed on the campus of a public university, specifically UWSP?

We know that you have an opinion on this topic, especially with the heavy Christian presence on campus and the fact that this is a public institution funded with taxpayer supported government dollars.

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The annual India experience -Festival of India- coming to a SPASH near you

The annual festival that has helped thousands of needy Indian women celebrates its 14th year Saturday

By Barrett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

For those who complain that there is nothing to do in Stevens Point, this weekend brings a solution. You can experience India this weekend without the cost or hassle of trying to get there. The Festival of India will be taking place this weekend at the Stevens Point Area High School (SPASH).

The festival begins this Saturday, Oct. 13. The festival kicks off at 3:30 p.m. with a plethora of free workshops.

Ten 50 minute-long workshops run until 6:30 p.m. Interested participants will have the chance engage in quite a number of diverse programs, ranging from the musical to the playful.

For the musically inclined, workshops that teach the basics in playing the sarod, a stringed instrument with a faint resemblance to a guitar, or the tabla, a drum incorporating high and low pitched sounds. For those who have better voice dexterity than instrument dexterity, Indian vocalization workshop is also being offered.

Of course, not everyone is drawn by the lure of music. Fear not, for there are also workshops on yoga, meditation and even chanting. People with a curiosity directed towards Indian lifestyles can drop in on the intellectual discussions on Christian and Hindu religious practices while children, or even kids-at-heart, can explore the workshop on children's street games.

While the workshops are going on, a bazaar (marketplace) will also be in full swing. Vendors will be selling authentic Indian food alongside crafts and other goods. All the products were either made

locally by Wisconsin Indians or abroad in India by family, friends and students. There will be street entertainment and dancing in addition to various other activities including Henna painting. The paint used to make these temporary tattoos is derived from the crushed and mashed leaves of the Henna plant, a species native to the Asian continent.

About halfway through the workshops and bazaar, a buffet dinner will be served. The dinner begins at 5 p.m. and has a large menu with such mouth watering entrees as Tandoori Chicken, dal and alu matar (curried vegetables), biryani, tamarind with lemon rice, heaping slices of nan (flat bread), rayta (cucumber salad) and mango ice cream.

Tickets for the meal are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and can be purchased at the UC Info Desk, the Stevens Point CO-OP, Park Ridge Pharmacy and Living Spirit Bookstore. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, but diners will have to pay an additional \$2.

Immediately following the dinner, and shortly after the bazaar and workshops conclude, the 7:30 p.m. stage performances will begin. UWSP's Chancellor Tom George will begin the evening with a welcoming address followed by Mr. Kevin Shabalski, Senator, as the keynote speaker.

The performances officially begin with Dr. Praful Kelkar on the sarod, followed by vocalist Nancy Lesh. Payton MacDonald will finish the instrument performances with a demonstration on the tabla. To round out the performances, three different types of Indian dance will

be performed. Jyotsna Chander, a Stevens Point resident working the information table for the event in UWSP's University Center, took some time to explain the difference between the various dances.

"Bharatnatyam is an elaborate, classical style of dance from Southern India. It originated in the Hindu temples and is about 4,000 years old," said Chander, "the

Besides promoting the culture of India in Central Wisconsin, the festival's primary goal is to provide scholarships for girls and women attending PN Doshi College in Ghat Kopar, Bombay, India. For fourteen years, the festival has been served as a means to help brighten the hopes of as many as 5,000 destitute women. The school enrolls women from any part of society, however, its mission is to help girls and women trapped in the slums reach for a better tomorrow.

"It's programs like this that help empower destitute women through education"

-Jigyasa Chander-

dance is an expression of story by way of song through gestures within the dance."

This form of dance, while being rooted in religion, actually moved out of the temples about 300 years ago and is primarily performed in the streets now. Chander will be performing the Bharatnatyam Saturday evening.

UWSP students Smitha Cherian, Jeshmin Bhaju and others will elevate the dance to the next level in some of the popular folk dance.

Chander explained how the folk dance is "pure dance of abstract movements" with a basic pattern of movement instilled with personal creativity. It is also one of the more popular styles of dance.

The last performance of the festival is the Bhangra style of dance. It includes the audience and serves as a fitting end to the evening.

"It is another form of folkdance that has become very popular in London, New York and some other larger cities," said Chander.

She explained that it has become popular in the clubs because of its "lively beats that encourage being remixed with club music."

"It is programs like this," said Chander, "that help empower women through education."

Because of the poor literacy rate in India, many women face a life of limited options that is filled with poverty and discrimination.

For those who had the opportunity, "Getting a Bachelor's degree (in the last 20 years) was better suited to getting a husband. It hasn't been until recently, that earning power is recognized as a reason for getting a degree," said Chander.

When asked why people, especially UWSP students, should take the time to check out the festivities, Chander said, "It will be a lot of fun. It will have a very festive atmosphere with all kinds of different people. The food is really good and everyone likes the shows."

"Besides," she added, "this much fun for a good noble cause, what more can you ask for?"

To find out additional information, The Festival of India website is located at www.uwsp.edu/education/lkirby/SHAM. Additional questions can be directed to Jyotsana Chander at 341-1538.

New York based acoustic rock band comes to UWSP tonight

New York's, "One Handed Molly," a three-person acoustic rock band, will bring its sound to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Thursday, October 11.

The 8 p.m. performance in the University Center Encore is sponsored by UWSP's Centertainment Productions. Admission is free for students with UWSP

ID and \$3 for the public.

Formed in 1997 by Derek Stenberg, Gregory Rogers and Sadie James, the band has released two albums, "One Handed Molly" and "Truth." Its members have toured extensively from Vermont to Florida and are planning an acoustic album release. In the past year, the band has

played nearly 100 shows and driven over 27,000 miles.

One Handed Molly blends James' vocals combined with Stenberg's guitar and Rogers' drums give them a unique sound. The band's Web site is www.onehandedmolly.com.

Central Wisconsin Symphony Chorus will be holding auditions for the 2001 performance season

Auditions will be Tuesday, October 16, at the UW-Stevens Point Fine Arts Building, Room 121. The chorus is comprised of community singers from Stevens Point, Wausau, Mosinee, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, and the surrounding area.

The chorus will perform one holiday concert with the

Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra on December 1 and 2, 2001. Rehearsals for the December performances will be Thursday evenings October 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; and the afternoon of Saturday, December 1. Interested singers should contact the CWSO Office at 715-345-2976 to set up an audition.

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Your Music Alternative

By Rachel Hildebrant
90FM PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR

If jazz is what you want to hear, 90FM WWSP is the place to listen. Jazzsides, which runs Monday through Thursday from 7-10 p.m., is a program that plays music from the largest and most complete jazz library in Central Wisconsin.

Jazzsides is hosted by Russ Haines, Deb Pierce, Roger McFarland and Dan Clemons. The number of years that they have volunteered at the station range from six months to seven and a half years. Jazzsides has been on 90FM for about 20 years.

When you tune in to Jazzsides, you can expect to hear a wide variety of jazz. Haines describes it as "everything from swing music and Latin Afro-Cuban to Bebop and free jazz."

The artists played include Sarah Vaughn, Chick Corea, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Sam Newsome and Keith Jarrett. "The nice thing about Jazz is you get to play artists from the 1920's to 2001," said McFarland. "A lot of the jazz artists may no longer be living but their music does not grow old."

Each of the four jocks has a recurring theme of creating a show that flows from one song to the next. Clemons explains, "Like Horace Silver says, 'Jazz has a sense of humor.' I keep things mostly upbeat and positive with artists that have fresh improvisations and ideas. Kenny G can stay on the elevator or at my dentist's office."

Pierce sums up the Jazzsides philosophy saying, "Turn on your radio, sit back, relax, rejuvenate, enjoy."

In keeping with the jazz theme, 90FM's 19th annual Jazzfest is just around the corner beginning Friday Oct. 19th at 6 p.m. and ending Monday morning, Oct. 22 at 2 a.m. Jazzfest is 56 hours of continuous jazz programming on 90FM and is a place for jazz fans to hear from the greats. It is also a place for first time jazz listeners to get a taste of excellent jazz music.

Sleep out for the victims of Sept. 11

Students can do their part to raise money for those directly affected by the terrorist attacks

By Liz Van Lysal
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C., a lot has been done to raise money for the victims, their families and disaster relief. Nationally televised benefits and telethons have raised millions of dollars.

On Oct. 19th, a fund raising event will take place right here at UWSP. The government of Smith Hall has organized a "sleep out" for the victims of the attacks. The twelve-hour event could be compared to Relay for Life, for which participants collect pledges to walk for cancer research. For the sleep out, students will collect pledges to sleep outside from 8:00pm to 8:00am. Everyone will be sleeping under the stars; there will be no tents allowed. However, cardboard boxes will be acceptable "shelter" to sleep in.

The night won't just consist of sleeping bags and stars. However, from 8:00 - 11:00 there will be a campfire in the Allen Center Fire Pit. The fire is open to anyone, not just participants of the event. All students and faculty are invited to stop by to roast marshmallows and sing campfire songs. At 10:00 there will be an outdoor movie sponsored by RHA. PAWS will be serving hot drinks from 11:00 - 1:00, and 1:00 a.m. Papa Johns will deliver pizza. Athletic equipment will be available to check out with an ID and team

competitions will take place throughout the night.

There will be time set aside for remembrance, reflection, and prayer for the victims of the tragedy and their families. There will also be a student-led memorial at the beginning and the end of the event. The Stevens Point Fire Department will also be participating Friday night, and the Stevens Point Police Department will be on hand Saturday morning.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the Friday event. Interested individuals should pick up a pledge sheet at the Smith Hall front desk and begin collecting donations. Pledge sheets and donations must be returned to the Smith Hall front desk by Wednesday, Oct. 17. Participants need to collect at least \$20 from sponsors.

All donations will be given to the Salvation Army and will be used to assist in the relief efforts in New York. Prizes will be awarded to the participants that collect the most donations. The event begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 at the fire pit area behind Smith Hall.

The sleep out is hosted by Smith Hall, and sponsors include: Baldwin, Hyer, May Roach, Pray-Sims, Watson, PAWS, RHA, Cops, Maurices', Papa Johns, Wal-Mart, Stevens Point Fire Department and Stevens Point Police Department.

Environmental Festival to be held at UWSP

By Kristin Sterner
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

This Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, the Environmental Council is sponsoring an Environmental Unity Festival. Students from universities across the state will arrive at the University Center (UC) to discuss common concerns about the environment. The goal of the festival is to form a statewide alliance of students that can support each other's interests.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Friday evening in the UC Laird room with a potluck dinner. At 7 p.m., Wisconsin State Representative and environmental advocate Spenser Black will give a talk concerning Wisconsin's environmental issues. Entertainment for the evening will include a fire, historical information on the environmental movement and the musical talents of Skip Jones beginning at 8 p.m. at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES). Lodging at CWES will be available Friday evening for \$10 per person.

On Saturday, the Clean Water Action Council, Wolf Watershed Educational Project, Earth First!, Chancellor Tom George and others will be give workshops to share their concerns about Wisconsin's environment and discuss possible solutions. Talks will be held in various upper level UC rooms from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 4 p.m., attendees will regroup in the Legacy room for a discussion and final announcements.

Saturday night at 7 p.m., UWSP students and festival-goers alike will have the opportunity to hear celebrated folk singer Dar Williams in the UC Encore. Williams has four albums out including the recent release *Green World*; her earliest recordings were done in 1994. Dar Williams has been called "one of the most acclaimed and evocative artists of her generation."

The Environmental Unity festival events are free, but donations are welcome. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the environment all over Wisconsin.

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Stevens Point falls in Homecoming heartbreaker

Blocked extra point seals game for UW-Whitewater

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point football team received a taste of its own medicine.

One week after winning at UW-La Crosse on a blocked kick, the UW-Stevens Point football team lost 28-27 in similar fashion to UW-Whitewater Saturday in the Pointers' Homecoming game at Goerke Field.

"This was one of those games where the bounces just weren't going our way," said Head Coach John Miech. "We were lucky to have a shot in the end."

After mounting a furious fourth quarter comeback, the Pointers' luck ran out when senior place kicker Ricardo Vega had his extra point attempt blocked by Whitewater defensive back Eric Salopek with 42 seconds left to secure the Warhawk victory.

The Pointers, who fall to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the WIAC, were still celebrating freshman wide receiver Tony Romano's 39-yard touchdown catch when Salopek turned jubilation into depression on the UW-Stevens Point sideline.

"With all the excitement of that last play, I don't think our kicking team was in the right mindset to come out and block for an extra point. This was a typical WIAC game, and now our backs are against the wall," said Miech.

UW-Whitewater carried a 28-14 lead into the fourth quarter, but sophomore quarterback Scott Krause threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Chad Valentyne with 13:11 remaining to help bring the Pointers to 28-21.

UW-Stevens Point had a chance to tie the game with two minutes remaining, having marched from their own 20-yard line to the Whitewater 29. The drive was killed when Whitewater defensive back Dustin Hausherr intercepted Krause at the Warhawk five-yard line.

Following three straight rushing plays, the Pointers forced a UW-Whitewater punt. Pointer return man J.J. Chaudoir returned the punt 13 yards to the Warhawk 39, setting up Romano's touchdown on the next play.

Whitewater star wide receiver Steve Tenhagen caught three touchdown passes for the Warhawks for the second consecutive week while catching seven passes overall for 121 yards. He now has 10 touchdown recep-

tions on the season.

The Warhawks got on the scoreboard first on an eight-yard touchdown reception by Tenhagen with 6:05 remaining in the first quarter. UW-Stevens Point quickly answered as freshman fullback Kurt Kielblock scored on a 36-yard run with 3:26 left.

The Pointers took the lead on a one-yard touchdown run by senior tailback Lance Gast midway through the second quarter before UW-Whitewater tied the game on Tenhagen's second touchdown catch, this time from 18 yards out.

UW-Stevens Point appeared ready to take the lead into halftime, but the Pointers fumbled the ball at the Warhawk one-yard line with 1:42 remaining in the first half.

"That was probably the play of the game," said Miech. "Instead of going into halftime with a confident seven point lead, we went in tied and, I think, began to doubt ourselves."

Whitewater jumped out to their two-touchdown lead in the third quarter on Tenhagen's third score of the day, a 21-yarder from quarterback Reggie Stauss, and a Chad Wurth one-yard run.

Krause completed 20 of 35 passes for 251 yards with two touchdowns and a pair of interceptions for the Pointers. Senior tight

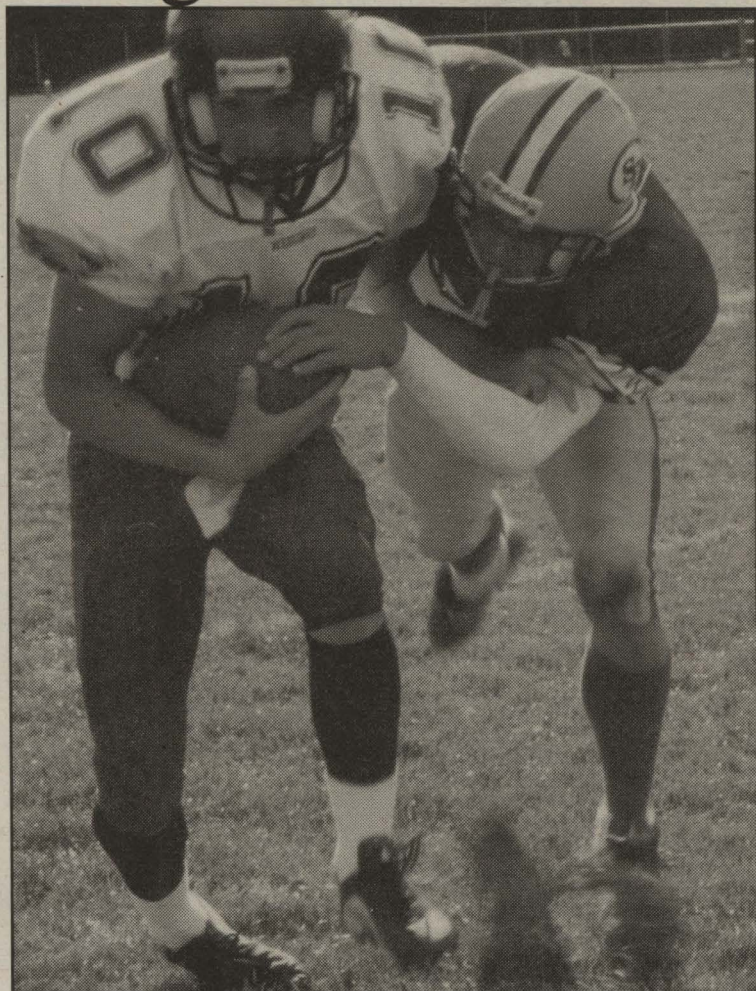


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Pointer cornerback Jonah Roth drags down Whitewater wide receiver Eric Stauss during Saturday's game.

end Steve Jones had a career day for the Pointers with seven receptions for 81 yards.

Up next for UWSP is a home WIAC tilt against UW-River Falls. This game will also feature the 15th

Annual Spud Bowl festivities.

The Spud Bowl was to have been held on Sept. 15 against Oshkosh. However, the game was canceled in the wake of the terrorist attacks that week.

The Week Ahead...

FOOTBALL: UW-River Falls Sat. 1 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY: at UW-La Crosse Invitational Sat.

VOLLEYBALL: Marion Thurs 7 p.m., at Northern College Fri. 7 p.m., at Superior invitational Sat., at UW-Platteville Wed. 7 p.m.

TENNIS: UW-Eau Claire Fri 3 p.m..

SOCCER: At UW-Platteville Fri. 1:30, at UW-Stout Tue 7 p.m.

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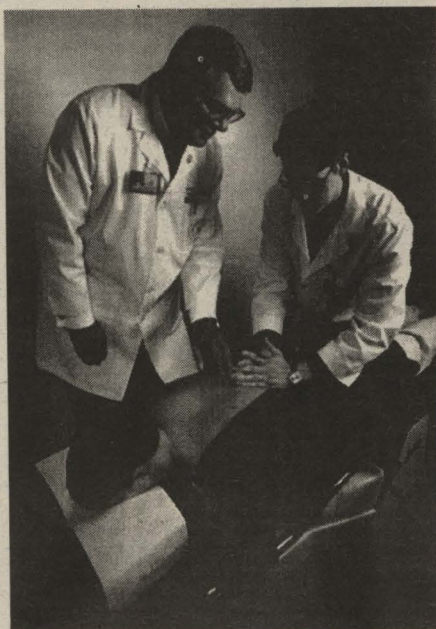
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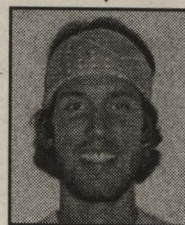
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UWSP Career Highlights

- competed in the cross country nationals in Oshkosh as a sophomore
- scored in the 2001 track & field conference championships in the 800 and 1500 meter runs
- 2001 team leader

Major - Graphic Design
Hometown - Park Falls, WI

Most memorable moment - Pieing the freshmen at DeBot every year. It provides hours of entertainment.

Who was your idol growing up? - Definitely Michael Jackson. I was always impressed by the way he moved.

What are your plans after graduation? - I want to find a job in the area, and continue to do competitive sports.

Will you continue with cross country at all after graduation? - Probably not. I am currently looking for a sponsorship to start competitive bicycle racing.

What is your favorite aspect of cross country? - The 800 meter workout at Iverson Park. It's the most difficult training exercise I have ever done.

Most embarrassing moment - Observing my teammates participating in the annual "Naked Run."

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? (Teammate) James Levash. He always has the greatest quotes everyday. I would love to be that funny.

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and could choose only three things to bring with you, what would you choose?

1. James Levash
2. My "Kung-Fu Rick" CD
3. A good nude magazine

What will you remember most about running cross country at UWSP? - Making fun of "Fruity" (Russell)

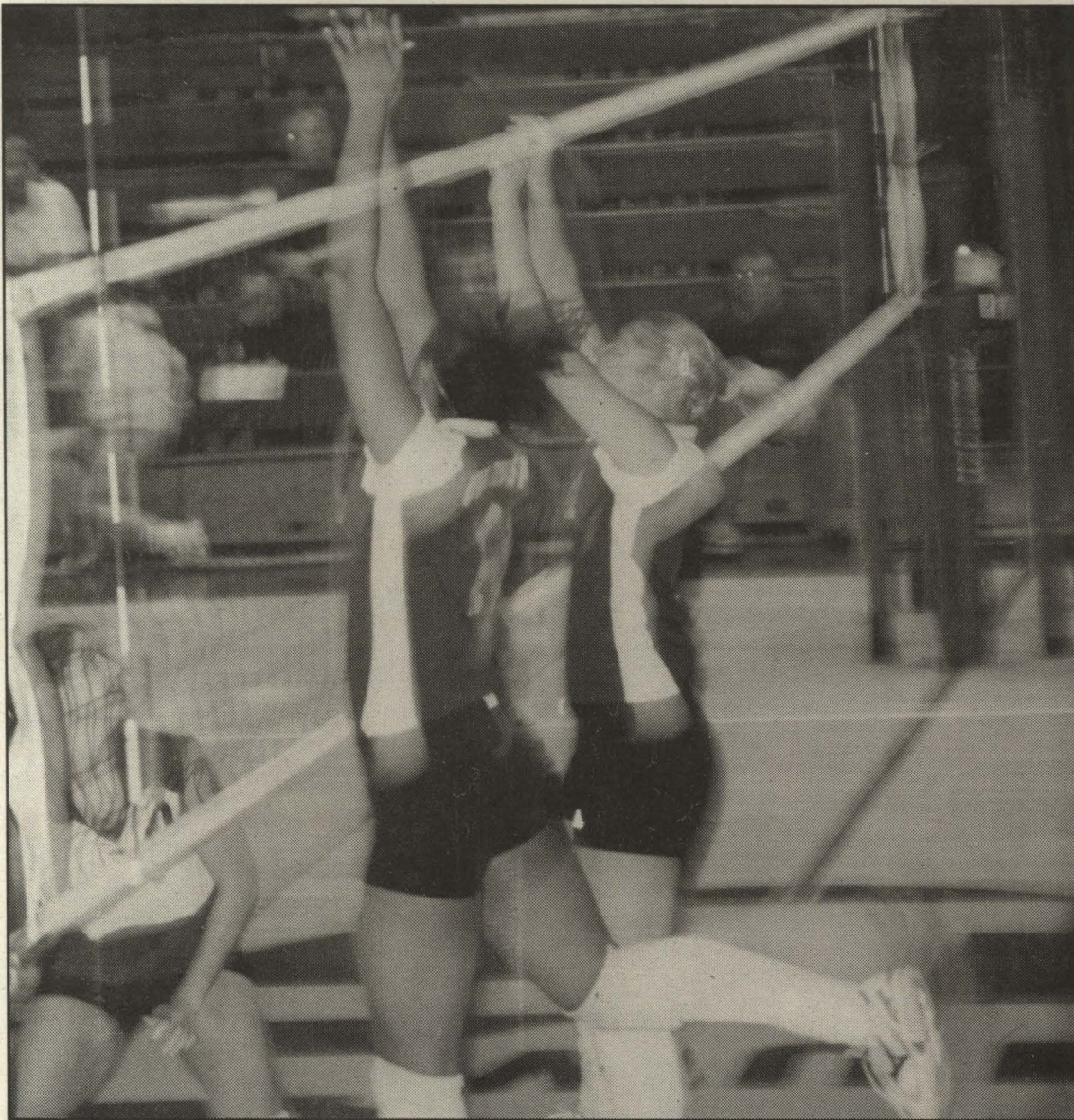


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Swat Team: Jessica Parker and a teammate go up to make a block in their contest against UW-Superior

Cross Country teams overcome hardships

Men finish 7th at Notre Dame, women take 3rd at Eau Claire

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Both the men's and women's cross country teams were in action for the first time in three weeks. Both teams also had some stumbling blocks over the weekend but still managed to have solid outcomes.

The women's team travelled to Eau-Claire last weekend and managed to come away with a third place finish out of 18 teams despite running on some tired

legs.

"We ran really hard on Monday and Wednesday, so we didn't run as well as we normally could have," said Coach Hill. "We chose to race tired, so mainly we just wanted to tour the course and know what it's like. Right now the team has to trust me, because as we start to taper the times will go down."

Becky Lebak led the way for the Pointers once again finishing second overall for the second week in a row. Meghan Craig, Kara Vosters, April Halkoski and Kelly Ruka rounded out the top five for Point.

"Meghan Craig just gets better every week and races hard every week, and Becky got edged out by an All-American, but if her legs are fresh I have no doubt that she wins that race."

The men's team came into their meet at Notre Dame this weekend knowing there was a good chance they would be without their number

one runner, Curt Johnson. Johnson had not run all week due to a staph infection and didn't end up finishing in the top five for Point. Mark Lalonde led the way for Point finishing ninth overall and was the only Pointer to crack the top ten. His brother, Jesse Lalonde, James Levash, Robbie Pieper and Adam Freihoefer rounded out the top five for Point.

"I thought we ran very well despite being without Curt," said Coach Rick Witt. "To be a good team we need to have five guys within a minute of each other and a runner in the front of the pack, and we're getting that. Our head is not in the clouds; we have the number one and two teams in the nation in our conference, so we know we have to keep improving to beat those teams."

Both teams will be heading to La Crosse for an invitational this Saturday.

Golf team concludes on positive note

Andrea Miller takes runner-up honors at conference meet

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The Stevens Point women's golf team finished their season on a positive note in the WIAC tournament held in Eau Claire over the weekend.

The Pointers finished fourth

out of the five teams competing in the two-day tournament, posting a weekend score of 742. The home team, the Eau Claire Blugolds, scored an efficient 682 to take the tournament.

The highlight of the tournament for the Pointers was the surprising play of sophomore Andrea Miller, who posted an 83 on Saturday and then a nearly identical 84 on Sunday, giving her a two-day score of 167,

securing the runner-up honors in the conference. Miller finished eight strokes behind Eau Claire's Kristi Moss.

Junior Molly Hayes shot a 195 for the tournament. Tara Robinette matched Hayes' 195 to lead Point's quartet of promising freshman, while Molly Tast shot a 196 to round out the Pointers team score. Rana Puttkammer's 218 and Katie Hanson's 222 did not figure into the team scoring.

Volleyball team lays waste to unsuspecting Superior

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

It took them awhile, but the UW-Stevens Point volleyball team finally broke into the win column in conference play last weekend. Point (1-5, 5-11) defeated UW-Superior in an impressive fashion, as it was their first three game victory of the season.

Unfortunately the Pointers could not make it two conference wins in a row as they lost to UW-Eau Claire on Saturday. Point lost the match despite winning the first game by a score of 30-26. However, Eau Claire went on to sweep the next three games to win the match, including a stretch where they scored ten straight points in the third game to erase a five-point deficit and change the momentum of the match.

"The Eau-Claire match was a very winnable game; we just need to learn how to put these games away," said Coach Stacey White. "The team needs to worry less about making mistakes when were ahead and concentrate more on just getting the job done."

Getting the job done was exactly what UWSP did on Friday night's win over Superior. Nikki Kennedy and Kjersti Hamlin led the way with 12 kills apiece and Hamlin also had a game high with 20 digs. Point took control of the match at the end of the first game with a 9-1 run and then continued that streak in the second game with a 7-1 run.

"That game against Superior was, without a doubt, the turning point in our season," said White. "The difference in that game was just our attitude. The players decided they were going to win that match, and that can be more important than talent or skill."

UWSP takes a break from conference play this week as they host Marian College on Thursday night and then head to Ashland to play Northland College on Friday.

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David stuns Goliath: Wheaton snaps soccer winning streak

Point upended by Wheaton, but bounces back against Oshkosh

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point saw their unblemished season record come to an end at the hands of the Wheaton Warhawks by a 2-0 score on Friday afternoon. The road loss also snapped the Pointers 18-match winning streak that dated back to last season.

"Sooner or later we were going to lose a game. Wheaton has a great team and they were very prepared for us," said Pointer Head Coach Sheila Miech. "Sometimes the ball doesn't bounce your way. We came very close to scoring a few times, but we just couldn't get it done."

The Pointers, who were ranked third in the NCAA Division III rankings, had won their first nine matches of this season and finished last season with nine straight regular season victories. With the loss, UWSP dropped seven spots to tenth in the polls.

Wheaton (10-2), which avenged a 1-0 loss to UW-Stevens Point in last year's NCAA regionals and was ranked eighth in the country before the match, moved up seventh overall. They also leap-frogged the Pointers to move into first in the central region.

Wheaton scored the game's first goal just 4:44

into the match on a header by Laura Rauh with an assist from Jenny Fichera.

One of the Pointers' scoring opportunities came 10 minutes into the match.

However, UWSP had a goal disallowed on an off-sides penalty. The Pointers finished with

a 13-12 advantage in shots and a 6-3 lead in corner kicks.

However, the Thunder made it a 2-0 score when All-American forward Rebecca Mouw scored with under 20 minutes remaining.

"I would say that the reason we lost this game was a breakdown of communication on the field. We were just missing an element that we've had in the other games this season."

UW-Stevens Point entered the match having won 25 of its last 26 matches with the only loss during the span coming to Tufts (Mass.) in last year's NCAA semifinals. The Pointers' last regular season loss was a 1-0 defeat to the University of Chicago on Sept. 26 last season.

Wednesday afternoon the Pointer got back to their winning ways with a 4-0 win at UW-Oshkosh.

With the win, the Pointers move into the position of needing only one win out of their last two matches to capture their ninth confer-

ence title in the ten year history of the league and assure UWSP home field advantage in the WIAC tournament.

Sophomore Kelly Fink scored goals in the first 3:25

of each half to set the tone for the Pointers. Junior Andrea Spiel took a free kick early in the first half that was headed by senior captain Mickey Jacob

and scored by Fink for an early 1-0 lead at the 2:36 mark.

Early in the second half, sophomore Jenny Bruce had a breakaway and fed Fink for a goal from 25 yards out to make it 2-0, Pointers.

UW-Stevens Point added another goal when Titans' goalie Erika Engel punched the ball away on a shot attempt directly to Bruce, who passed the ball to sophomore Andrea Oswald for an easy goal with 31 minutes left.

Bruce scored the Pointers' fourth goal with just under 27 minutes left for a 4-0 lead.

UW-Stevens Point's next match is on Friday when they travel to Platteville to take on the Pioneers before enjoying a weekend off before getting back at it next Tuesday in Menominee against UW-Stout.

"Sometimes the ball doesn't bounce your way. We came very close to scoring a few times, but we just couldn't get it done."

Tennis team falls to La Crosse

By Amy Hamann
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's tennis team came out on the short end of an 8-1 decision against the UW-La Crosse Eagles on Friday.

The Pointers' lone win came from the number two doubles team of Rachel Ferge and Amber Wilkowski. The talented sophomores defeated La Crosse's Holly Smith and Leah Larson 8-4.

Putting up a good fight in singles as well, Wilkowski played Smith but went down 4-6, 5-7. The Stevens Point women showed determination and good spirit, which always eases a loss.

On Wednesday, the tennis team traveled to Oshkosh to play the highly-ranked UW-Oshkosh Titans.

The young Pointer team again put up a good fight but eventually was outdueled by the more experienced Titans by a score of 7-2.

The highlight of this match was the play of freshman Jana Braam. The skilled youngster took her match at number four singles, and also teamed up with freshman Kim Goron to take the number three doubles match.

The Pointers are now 1-5 in the WIAC and 4-6 overall. The team's final preparation match before the WIAC championships is Friday at 3 p.m. against UW-Eau Claire in Stevens Point. The WIAC championships are on October 20 and 21 in Madison.

Scores: UW-La Crosse 8 - UW-Stevens Point 1

Singles

1. Kristen Mader (LC) d. Kathryn Pollock 6-2, 6-2
2. Leah Larson (LC) d. Aimee Strebog 6-0, 6-1
3. Jessica White (LC) d. Alison Mills 6-1, 6-2
4. Holly Smith (LC) d. Amber Wilkowski 6-4, 7-5
5. Janae Jorgensen (LC) d. Gina Lamer 6-0, 6-2
6. Becky Bryant (LC) d. Tiffany Serpico 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. Mader-White (LC) d. Pollock-Strebog 8-6
2. Wilkowski-Ferge (SP) d. Smith-Larson 8-4
3. Bryant-Palecek (LC) d. Braam-Goron 8-2

Point rugby sends 'em packing

Young team blows out St. Norberts to even season record

By Drew Fietzer
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Perhaps, it was having to play the reigning conference champs (UW-Stout) in the first week of the season.

Possibly, it was last week's tough, 110 minute, double overtime victory against UW-Whitewater.

Whatever the reason, this week the UWSP men's rugby team came out spitting fire this week. The team started early and finished strong as they gave Green Bay's St. Norberts University a 70-0 drubbing in front of a raucous hometown crowd.

The Green Knights could do nothing to stop the aggressiveness of the Pointers' strong forward pack and speedy back-line.

"Offensively, everything we did worked today," said captain Tom Cassidy.

Defensively, the team did very well containing the corners and allowed few break-away chances to the Green Knights. Superior tackling also played a part in intimidating St.

Norberts.

The whole team was involved in the game as eight different players posted scores for the Pointers, including two first-year players.

Kirk Stangel led all the scorers with three "trys" (the rugby form of a touch-down). Other players scoring included Dave Stangel, Andy Goodyear, Dan Lammert, Matt Angerhofer, Kyle Mikolajczyk and Sam Fuller. The kicker for the Pointers was Jared Nagel.

"It was a great group effort and definitely one for the books," said Head Coach Mike Williams. "The game undoubtedly was one of the largest margins of victory in the 26 year history of the Point Rugby Club. It was also one that will give us a little smile the next time we drive through Green Bay."

The Point Rugby Club now has a 2-2 record on the season. The team continues its season this Saturday at home against division II UW-Parkside in a game that will decide fifth place in the conference.

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Pathways to Point's Wilderness Orientation Program

From Aug. 26 until Aug. 30, 32 adventurous freshmen, led by UWSP leaders, took part in a one of three trips: a backpacking traverse of Pictured Rocks National Seashore, quiet canoeing in the Manitowish Waters or whitewater canoeing and kayaking on the Flambeau and Boise Rivers as well as on Lake Superior.

These trips were a part of the Pathways to Point wilderness orientation program, which is in its second year of implementation and success. These trips all aim to introduce freshmen to the UWSP campus in a different perspective. Team building, physical and mental challenges in a natural setting and an introduction to new friends and new places are emphasized.

Thinking back on the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, memories include standing on the edge of an enormous sandstone cliff, peering outward across the largest fresh-



Photo submitted by author.

Students prepare for a kayaking trip on Lake Superior.

within Wisconsin's Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest. Rivers and lakes in this magnificent woodland make up one of the largest water densities per square area of forest than anywhere in the country. Students traversed through quiet waters ranging from small wilderness weeded passages to large open white capped lakes.

ears. They spent the week in some awesome water, including whitewater canoeing on the Flambeau River, sea kayaking on Lake Superior and whitewater kayaking the Bois Brule River. The stakes increased as they progressed from two foot drops in canoes to three foot waves on Lake Superior to four foot drops in whitewater kayaks. In five short days, they became a close knit group, bound by the challenging experiences they had endured together. Now that their ears are finally dry, they are ready for the coming year at UWSP.

A lot of bonding took place among the groups, as well as between each individual and the land, on all three trips. The groups learned about the precious environment around them and the essential outdoor living skills necessary to survive there. They also learned new skills to be applied to the rest of their life, which would begin the following week on campus, but that's another adventurous story.

They enjoyed tranquil sunsets, quiet evening rains and delighted in passing eagles.

On the third trip, 10 freshmen were truly wet behind the

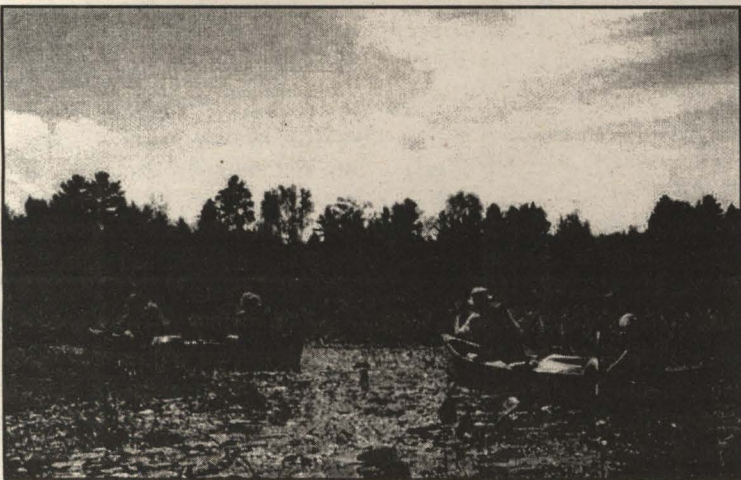


Photo submitted by author

Students enjoy a beautiful day of canoeing on the river.

water lake in the world, Lake Superior. The endless mass of water seemed to have no boundaries in the vast horizon, except for that which we stood upon. About 250 feet below us, the water crashed against the cliff, eroding it grain by grain. We witnessed a process that has taken place for millions of years and continues to shape the Pictured Rocks National Seashore.

The group of 10 freshmen traveled to the upper reaches of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, home to some of the most pristine and intriguing public lands in the Midwest. At Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore the group witnessed things that compose one's nightly dreams: cascading waterfalls plunging two-hundred feet into Lake Superior, white-sandy beaches with crystal clear water kin to those found in the tropics, dancing beams of light referred to as the aurora borealis and the mind, heart and soul tingling sunsets that swept the sky and visually lit the cliffs on fire.

Twelve additional freshmen spent their stint on the waters

Simple fishing still works

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

Who says that you need tons of great gear, equipment, tackle and good weather to have a good time?

This past weekend, I visited my parent's cabin in Eagle River. We've been going up there for a good 11 years now, and I'm getting to know the lake pretty well. I can usually pull in a nice bass or two whenever fishing up there.

But this time, it was different. I arrived on Friday afternoon, only to remember that all of my good (and favorite) fishing rods and my entire tackle box were at my parent's house. Furthermore, the temperature was struggling to hit 35 and it was almost too windy to navigate my boat and trolling motor. And it snowed on Saturday. Even my uncle, die-hard fisherman extraordinaire, said it was too cold to launch the boats. This was going to be a great weekend.

Well, I pulled two old rods out of my closet. They were the old closed-faced Daiwa classics that you see in the sale racks at fishing stores. I pulled out my small ice-fishing tackle box and luckily found two jigheads and weights; enough to get our bait down to the bottom of the lake. We picked up some worms, bundled up and launched the boat.

The lake we were on was very small – so small that there are no gas motors allowed. However, with my electric trolling motor, it wasn't too hard to cover the middle section of the lake rather thoroughly. A few swipes back and forth produced nothing until I trolled over to a 10-foot weed flat. That's when my girlfriend hit a perch and I laid into a largemouth bass at the same time. We drifted for awhile having a good time pulling up beautifully-colored bluegill out of the recesses of the lake. It was snowing, windy and my fingers were ready to fall off, but we were catching fish.

This whole expedition really made me realize that you don't need the expensive rod and reel combos or jigs to catch fish. When I first realized that I had forgotten all of my gear at home, I almost considered not fishing at all. But now that I think about it, I'm so glad that I spent a few cold hours on the lake.

This also made me realize that fishing is still a fun sport. I've always been a very serious fisherman and will stop at nothing to pull in the lake's biggest fish. When we started reeling in the bluegills left and right, I thought to myself, "Is this it? Lousy bluegill?" But it was all in good fun. The conditions were horrible and I had none of my gear with me.

With all of the fishing shows nowadays, it really gives me the intuition that you need to have Babe Winkelman's brand of everything or else you won't catch that walleye. It's just not true. It's another marketing ploy and brainwashing tactic that surely worked on me.

The next time you're in a fishing store drooling over that \$75 ultra-lightweight rod, think to yourself, "Will this really make me catch more fish, or will it just make me feel like I'm catching more?" You can really save yourself a lot of time and frustration if you settle for what works as opposed to what you think will catch you more fish.



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Peace to all.

Dombeck prepares for environmental issues

By Joe Shead

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

"Chance favors the prepared mind." That was the major theme of Mike Dombeck's speech entitled "The Big 10 Conservation Challenges, Where do We go from Here? With Vignettes from the 'D.C. Sausage Factory from Inside the Grinder.'"

Dombeck, a UWSP graduate and former chief of the U.S. Forest Service, was recently named a Global Environmental Management pioneer professor at UWSP. His speech was the first CNR Colloquium of the year.

The first challenge is the 1872 Mining Law. Dombeck calls this law "the most egregious and outdated natural resources law in the U.S." Some of the major problems with this law, according to Dombeck, are the fact that timber, grazing and other exploitations of natural resources must be approved for environmental safety and other things, but there are loopholes with mining. Also, the 1872 Mining Law allows privatization of public land for a mere \$2.50-\$5 per acre.

Issue two is wild-land fires. Dombeck said Americans have a negative impression of forest fires. This is largely due to the success of the Smokey the Bear program, which teaches children

that fires are bad. The program is so successful that Dombeck said a 1968 survey found that more people could name Smokey the Bear than the president.

Because fires have been suppressed in America for the last 100 years, downed trees have built up, posing a threat for even more severe fires than would normally occur. Fires are also a natural part of forest ecology.

"Fire is the cleansing agent like wind and water on the land. The forests are adapted to fires because if they were not, they wouldn't be here. It's our homes that are not," Dombeck explained.

Dombeck's third conservation issue is exotic species.

"From a biological standpoint, it's the most challenging problem we may ever face in our lifetime," he said.

Dombeck lists the preservation of native habitats, import inspections and standards, a proactive approach and research as the best defenses against exotics, which are spreading across continents.

"We're in Pangea again, socially, though, not geographically," Dombeck said.

Land fragmentation is the fourth environmental issue on Dombeck's list.

"The question we have as a society is 'How much of our last remaining large tracts of wild land we want to keep?'" Dombeck said.

Dombeck said the United States has 104 million acres of land designated as wilderness, but not all habitat types are preserved in wilderness. For example, no tall-grass prairie or bottomland hardwood ecosystems are preserved as wilderness.

Dombeck said there are 550,000 miles of roads on federally owned lands, which is more miles of roads than are contained in our interstate highway system, but there is no commitment to take care of them. Some favor closing these roads in such areas as national forests, but loggers and other land users want them maintained, which is costly.

Old-growth forests and grasslands are Dombeck's fifth concern.

"The old-growth forest issue has been a tough one for a long time," Dombeck said. "The basic simple question again is 'How much are we going to save?' The spotted owl issue was really about old growth; it wasn't about endangered species.

Sixth on Dombeck's list is



Photo by Luke Zancanero

Global Environmental Management professor Mike Dombeck speaks during the CNR Colloquium Oct. 10.

loss of biodiversity. Dombeck said Aldo Leopold best summed up this subject with these words: "There will always be pigeons in books and in museums, but these are effigies and images, dead to all hardships and to all delights. Book-pigeons cannot dive out of a cloud to make the deer run for cover or clap their wings in thunderous applause of mast-laden woods. Book-pigeons cannot breakfast on new-mown wheat in Minnesota and dine on blueberries in Canada. They know no urge of seasons; they feel no kiss of sun, no lash of wind and weather. They live forever by not living at all."

"Off-road vehicles will be the issue of the decade," Dombeck said. He predicts the

debate will be serious with no clear definition of why or why not these vehicles should be allowed on public lands.

"The Chequamegon [National Forest] is open unless marked closed and the Nicolet [National Forest] is closed unless marked open," Dombeck joked.

"Private land conservation is the area where we have the opportunity to make the biggest strides," Dombeck said of his eighth issue.

"Water is perhaps the biggest issue of the century," Dombeck said. He cited predictions that two-thirds of the world's population will be dealing with water shortages in the next 25 years.

"The cleanest water in the country comes off of our forested landscapes - a key concept most Americans don't understand," Dombeck said.

"I leave education for last because I feel it is the most important," Dombeck said of the last issue. "More people grow up removed from the land. We will never do enough in terms of education."

Dombeck said these issues will be important, but will be difficult to address, as the current federal budget of natural resources is 50 percent of what it was in 1962, and he stresses for people to be prepared for the challenges to come.

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Letters From the Edge of the World

Oracle at Large

By Pat "Lorax" Rothfuss

ETHNO-BOTANIST

Hi Pat!

Hope you are having a great fall semester. The leaves are all turning here and the air has that wonderful smell of a football game to it. Fall rocks.

I'm writing because I didn't see your column in last week's Pointer and I was wondering if they had finally kicked you out for saying something too outrageous.

So what's up?

Your fan,
Erica

Well Erica, I'm glad that you're enjoying fall out there in Wisconsin. I miss it. Silly as it may sound, I miss the wet wind and the slate coloured sky. I miss the hills covered in vast panoplies of orange and green. Things just aren't the same out here.

I think the biggest problem is that Washington only

has one tree. It's a perfectly good tree, mind you. But we all have to share it, and it's pretty difficult to get your viewing pass authorized this time of year, when everyone's eager to soak up some of autumn's splendor. The other problem is that the tree is made entirely out of fiberglass, used gum and asbestos.

Still, the seasons continue to turn. Every year the graduate students in the art department draw straws: long straws get a pint of mescaline and a Teaching Assistantship, short straws are awarded a Starbucks coupon and are forced to give The Tree its annual autumnal paint job.

They're very secretive about it. Dressing in black and moving with SWAT-team precision they paint the tree in the small hours of the morning when everyone's asleep. They claim they do it that way to maintain their artistic integri-

ty. They claim that their secrecy and covert action are the only way to accurately portray their unpredictable nature of, um ... Nature. No one buys any of their bull, though. Everyone knows the real reason: they're afraid of running into squirrels.

Everyone's afraid of the squirrels here in Washington. They're not like the fluffy, carefree creatures we have back in Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, squirrels bounce around and eat out of birdfeeders. In Washington squirrels smoke clove cigarettes and give each other tattoos.

Worst of all, because there aren't any trees, they just hang around outside the student union all day, making crude nut jokes and selling crack to the pigeons.

Just the other day when I was scoring a dime off them, I asked why they didn't spend some time by The Tree,

maybe reclaim some of their cultural heritage. They explained that they'd like to, but poor technical writing skills rendered them unable to fill out the appropriate forms. I explained to them that I was an English teacher and would be happy to tutor them for the sake of inner-species harmony and a future discount on any purchases I might make. They suggested I leave while I still had my nuts securely attached to my person. I left.

As to your question about last week's column. There wasn't one. Why wasn't there a column? Because nobody wrote me any letters. No letters = No column. Pretty simple, huh?

Warning, Pat Rothfuss's words contain truth in its purest sense. Unfortunately, pure truth, like pure grain alcohol, can be exceedingly dangerous when handled improperly. Because of this, extreme care should be exercised when reading his column.



Acclaimed folk singer Dar Williams to perform in Stevens Point

One of the most acclaimed and evocative artists of her generation, Dar Williams crafts tunes that resonate with passion and integrity. On her new *Razor & Tie* CD, *The Green World*, her fourth solo outing and first since 1997-the singer/songwriter pushes her art to the next level with a collection of songs that are personal, dynamic and poignant.

From reflecting on the mysteries of the natural world to reminding herself of the importance of maintaining a playful attitude in the midst of tumultuous times, Williams' *The Green World* delivers a remarkable batch of eleven short-stories-in-song that have a transformative power. The rich, vibrant sounds of Williams's newest work showcase her characteristically thoughtful lyrics with an ambition and reach not yet heard from this artist. The expansive scope of these songs immediately envelops you, inviting you into *The Green World*.

Dar Williams will be performing at the Encore in the University Center on Saturday Oct. 13 with special guest Catie Curtis.

New CD review

Suzanne Vega

Songs In Red And Gray

By Colleen Courtney
90 FM MUSIC DIRECTOR

Between a divorce and a growing daughter, Suzanne Vega somehow found time to write and record songs for her seventh album, *Songs In Red And Gray*. Signed in 1984, Suzanne Vega is first known for her 1987 hit "Luka." Three years later, "Tom's Diner," off of *Solitude Standing*, became a hit in England after it was sampled by DNA. (You know it ... do-do-do-do, do-do-do-do)

Indeed, Vega is the quintessential folk singer with a few mainstream breaks. But *Songs* resembles *Solitude's* softer gems: it is a traditional folky album for female-singer fans. Soft, winding instrumentals and intimate storytelling lyrics are the staples Vega's fans have come to love. Fans cannot ignore the melancholy lyrics based on her breakup. In "Soap and Water," Vega resounds, "Heal the cut we call husband and wife." The soft

electric guitar in "Widow's Walk" accompanies the statement, "So consider me a widow, boys ... does the weather say a better day is nearing?" Pride for her daughter prevails over the heartbreak in the title track: "Her mother, I can see lives within her still ... I feel she peeled back my guilt disguise."

Songs is aptly named. Through all the gray depression, there must be a "red" outlet. "If I Were a Weapon" meanders with tight poetry. "Last Year's Troubles" cheerfully rambles comparative fantasies of pirates and waifs. The acoustic guitar rings with light melodies, Vega at her best.

Fans of harder bands can obviously pass up this album, but curious listeners looking for female ingenuity will appreciate this exhibition of a poetic woman and her guitar. Aimee Mann fans or rejecters of Tori Amos' eclectic new album will embrace Vega. Vega is folk at its finest.

Scary Halloween review

Alice Cooper
Goes To HellBy Zack Holder
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

With the Halloween season about us, I decided that it's time for some installments of my *Scary Halloween Review*. These are meant to showcase some of the lesser known scariness that is available to the readers. Today's featured installment is Alice Cooper's June 1976 album *Goes To Hell*.

Most people know Alice Cooper for his 1989 hit "Poison," classic rock station staples "I'm Eighteen" and "School's Out" as well as appearances in films like *Wayne's World*. The more knowledgeable music fan can tell you that Alice Cooper has been releasing albums, both as part of the Alice Cooper Group and solo, since 1969. *Goes To Hell* finds Alice at a time in his life when his alcoholism was running rampant and he may have died at any second. This is reflected in this concept album which describes Alice's trip to Hell as he sleeps, his face-to-face meeting with Satan and his struggle to make it back home.

The album consists of 11 tracks, ten original compositions and a cover of the Judy Garland standard "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows." Unlike most bands that fall into the hard rock genre, Cooper has always had a penchant to try and move away from the tried and true method of having a guitarist, bassist and drum-

mer only. His dream of mixing theater and rock and roll especially shines through on this album. He mixes in seven different instruments and 12 vocalists.

The styles of the songs change from songs with tripped-out studio effects like the title cut, disco in "You Gotta Dance" (since Alice decided that being in Hell would be like being in a disco) and ballads like "Didn't We Meet" and "I Never Cry." These different styles mesh brilliantly with straight up rock and roll songs like "Wish You Were Here" and the angelic choruses of "Going Home." The lyrical content is also filled with the biting wit and sarcasm that is Cooper's trademark.

This is a great album for people who think that someone like Marilyn Manson was the first one making shock-rock albums. Dipping into the archives shows that Manson is just biting what Cooper was doing when Marilyn was still in diapers. All in all a good album for people who want to get into the spirit of the season or just want to see what a musical pioneer was doing almost thirty years ago.



Upcoming film releases for the week of Oct. 11 to Oct. 17

Oct. 12

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Oct. 14

Riff Raff-John Vondrak, Tom Davidson
The Human Body-Heather Pike, Buster Pike

Oct. 15

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Top 5 albums on CMJ chart as of Sept. 28

1. Bjork-*Vespertine*
2. Stereolab-*Sound-Dust*
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5. Superchunk-*Here's to Shutting Up*

Top 5 Billboard albums for the week of Oct. 4

1. Jay-Z-*The Blueprint*
2. Alicia Keys-*Songs in A Minor*
3. Various Artists-*Totally Hits 2001*
4. Enya-*A Day Without Rain*
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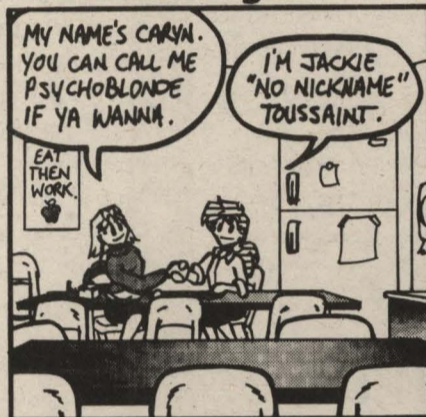
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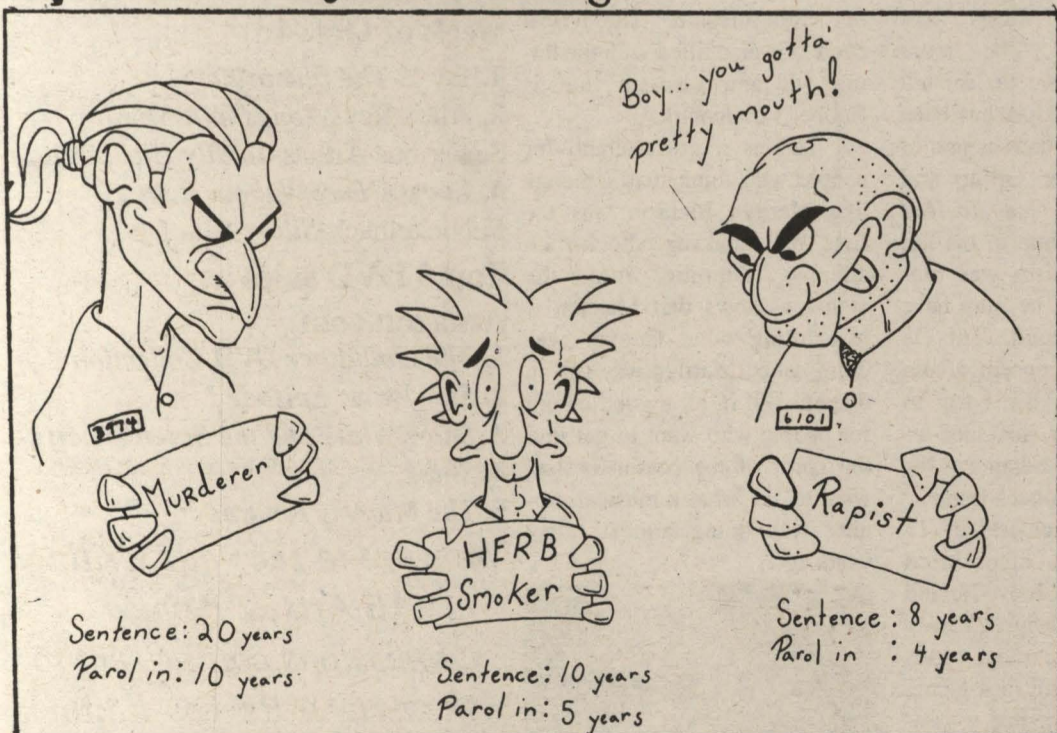


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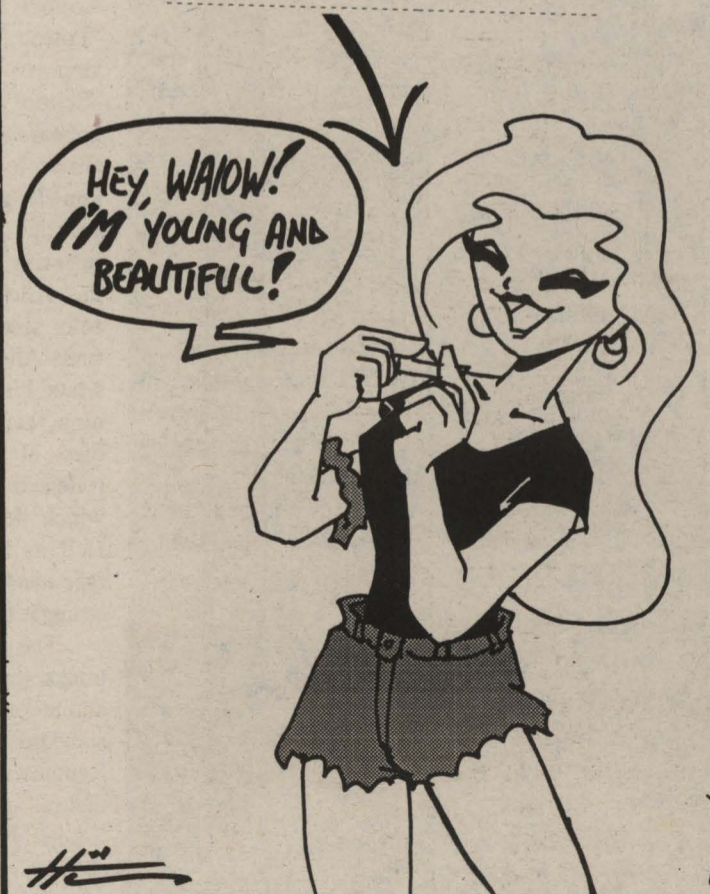


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