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Andrea Kraemer drives to the hole against River Falls en route to a 73-57 victory. Kraemer scored 12 points on the night and led the team with four assists.

Photo by Patricia Larson

Panel discusses media coverage of Iraqi relations

Scott Cattellino
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

How often do you sit and analyze the media and news you get in a war-time atmosphere? Now think, does it always represent both sides? Is it always the truth?

Those were some of the questions that were addressed during a panel discussion on Thursday, Nov. 21 in the CPS building.

The panel consisted of four UWSP staff members: Michelle Brophy-Baermann, department of political science; Thomas Miller, News Services/Legislative Liaison; Mark Tolstedt, division of communications; and Helena Vanhala, division of communications.

"War and the Media: Framing the Public Debate on Iraq, Terrorism and U.S. Policy" was the theme for the forum, which was

sponsored by the Peace Studies and International Studies programs here at the university.

Each panelist was given ten minutes to state his or her comments and insights on this critical current event and the media that reports it. A question and answer session between panel members and the audience continued for about an hour after each speaker had finished.

Many of the issues brought to light included propaganda efforts, journalistic practices, media perception and media product consumption. Several panelists and attendees made connections between the media, government and corporate America.

"Mainstream news often only give you one perspective and usually it uses propaganda," said

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Fire leaves 6 students homeless

By Scott Cattellino
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last Wednesday a fire at 2233 Main St. destroyed the home of six UWSP students and left fire officials uncertain of its cause.

The Stevens Point Fire Department responded to a call that the couch on the front porch was smoking at around 7:35 Wednesday evening, according to Captain Mike Spencer. Main Street was closed off near the University for several hours as firefighters battled the blaze. Deputy Chief Jay Gordon said that the department even had to call in off-duty firefighters to assist. One firefighter was taken to St. Michael's Hospital for treatment of second degree burns to his ears.

The house was being rented by six students who had all left campus for the Thanksgiving break weekend. Five of them are College of Natural Resources majors: Brian Haas of Marion, Josh Marchart of Cadott, Dan Mattke of Woodruff, William Verbeten of Greenleaf and Pat Wherley of International Falls,

Minn. The sixth student, Tim Burns of Cadott, is a Special Education major.

The majority of the damage was done to the first floor, although heat, smoke and water damage extended throughout the house. The front porch was extremely burnt and many windows had been broken out. According to the Stevens Point Fire Department, the estimated amount of loss is \$108,000.

Refzan Vargin of Carson is the owner of the house and said that she had been there four times that day and was completely surprised. "I offered for them to stay at my house as much as they want," said Vargin.

Several incidents involving arson have been reported on

campus in the past two weeks, but fire officials do not believe that this incident is related.

The University has taken several steps in an effort to reach out and help the tenants. UWSP officials met with the students

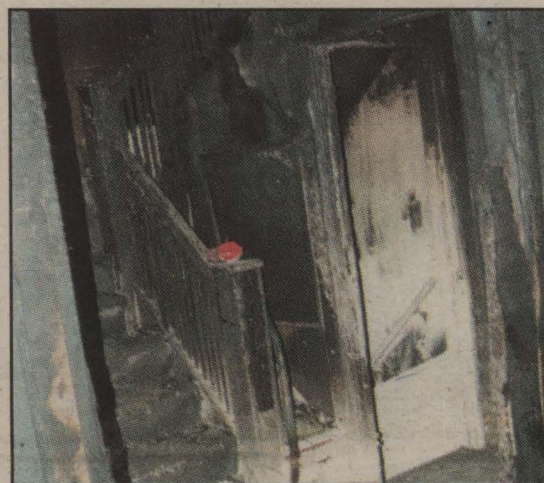


Photo by L. Zancanaro

The estimated cost of fire damage totaled \$108,000

on Sunday evening to make arrangements for them that would ensure they could remain in classes. Vice chancellor for student affairs at UWSP, Bob Tomlinson, said that the univer-

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Differential tuition meets mixed sentiments in student senate

By Andrew Bloeser
FEATURES EDITOR

With UW-Stevens Point bracing for the impact the state budget deficit will wreak upon its annual funding, the issue of differential tuition has once again emerged as matter of increased significance.

The differential tuition program, proposed in October by Chancellor Tom George currently stands as one of the most prominent issues facing the Student Government Association (SGA), due to the direct effect it will produce upon the lives of students.

In its current form, the proposal calls for an increase in residential tuition of up to five percent, with the revenues generated from the increase going toward the provision of additional classes in hopes of eliminating current registration problems. The proposal specifically

aims to create more courses necessary for fulfilling general degree requirements as well as some upper-level classes needed to complete many majors. Members of the student government have greeted the proposal with mixed reactions, citing the implications of raising residential tuition as the primary area of contention. Two perspectives have transpired in the senate, one favoring the support of an improved registration process supported by student dollars, the other in stern opposition to increasing tuition to increase class availability.

"I don't think it's right to charge the students more money for a service they should already be getting," said Senator Sara Stone referring to the provision of additional classes. She continued, "I don't think differential tuition is a necessity. I think we should reorganize the funding we already have instead of rais-

ing tuition rates."

According to Chancellor George, reorganizing current funds doesn't exist as an option at present and appears even more unlikely in the future, given impending cuts to the university's budget in 2003.

"The state should provide funding for these types of provisions," said the Chancellor last week, "but our budget percentage keeps going down. Providing classes for students is a service we provide, the question is to what extent. We've reached the limit as to what we can offer. We can stand on principle, but right now we have four universities in the system that are acting."

"I would like to see the option explored," said Speaker Pro Tempore Matt Kamke, who noted that an increase in tuition now might prevent larger

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90FM's Radiothon saves the hustle of holiday shopping

By Molli Kreuser
NEWS REPORTER

What do 90FM and Ebay have in common? This coming weekend, they'll have everything in common as 90FM's on-air auction, Radiothon, takes over the airwaves. 90FM WWSP will host its seventh annual Radiothon Saturday Dec. 7 and Sunday Dec. 8. The on-air auction will begin at 9 a.m. both days, with the last package going up for bid at 5:45 p.m. on Saturday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Radiothon is an on-air auction of goods and services donated by area business to support 90FM's annual fundraiser. All proceeds from the auction will go to benefit 90FM in its mission to bring the best in alternative programming to the listening area. Some of this year's packages

include collections of CDs, jewelry, and gift certificates from area establishments.

"There are some really neat packages I cannot wait to bid on," said 90FM listener and DJ, Marissa Larson. "The tickets to the Rave in Milwaukee for any concert really catch my interest."

The packages are up for bid for one hour with new packages going for bid in 15-minute increments. All bids can be placed during that time to the 90FM office at 346-3755. Music programming will remain the same during Radiothon weekend. The announcer will break in between every song to update listeners on the current bids.

Trivia coordinator, "Oz," will announce the Trivia 2003 theme Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. during the Saturday Morning Freakshow.

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Professor of political science Michelle Brophy-Baermann. "Protests across the country continue but the media pays less attention to antiwar issues than they do focusing on pro war sentiment."

Some focus was put on the advancement of technology and tendencies of American society. A recent study has shown that less than 15% of Americans read the newspaper each day. "It seems as if we are going backwards through evolution," said Communications Professor Mark Tolstedt. "We've gone from an illiterate society to a literate one and now we

going from a literate to illiterate."

Another highly talked about area was that of journalistic practices. There were several instances where panel members referred to journalism as "a lost art." News Services staff member and Legislative Liaison, Thomas Miller, said that he believes the schools of journalism in this country have been failing. "The media needs to get back to the basics of promoting investigative journalism and ethics," Miller said. "Stop worrying about who's on top of the media food chain and just do your job."

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- Tuesday, Dec. 10th -- 12-7pm
- Thursday, Dec. 12th -- 12-7pm



College of Natural Resources

Wednesday, Nov. 20 12:32 p.m.

The Soil & Water Conservation Society reported theft of money from their office while at the University Center.

University Center

Thursday, Nov. 21 2:30 p.m.

A large window located in the southeast entry way to the University Center was reported damaged.

Hansen Hall

Sunday, Nov. 24 12:03 a.m.

It was reported that an individual had tampered with the screamer box on the third floor of Hansen Hall.

South Hall

Sunday, Nov. 24 5:11 a.m.

Protective Services cadets were dispatched to South Hall where an individual was reportedly vomiting and unconscious in the fourth floor bathroom.

College of Fine Arts

Tuesday, Nov. 26 1:30 a.m.

An unknown person had written graffiti on the bathroom wall on the first floor north men's bathroom. Investigation revealed that someone had written the word "GLUE!" on the wall with what appeared to be a black crayon.

Health Enhancement Center

Wednesday, Nov. 27 10:26 a.m.

A student reported that money had been removed from his wallet, which was in his pants pocket.

Old Main

Monday, Dec. 2 2:22 p.m.

It was discovered that a University credit card account number had been taken and used to make unauthorized purchases. The card number belonged to the Chemistry Stockroom.

90FM

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UWSP to assess Portage County lakes with local government

Thanks to an \$184,339 grant in partnership with Portage County, faculty and staff at the UW-Stevens Point will be doing a systematic analysis of 29 area lakes over the next two years.

The grant, "A Snapshot of Portage County Lakes at the Turn of the Century: Assessing Watersheds, Water Quality, Habitat, and Changes Over the Last 30 Years to Inform Citizen Based Lake Protection," builds on UWSP's College of Natural Resources (CNR) 1970s and 1980s research. Project support is being provided by UWSP, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Lake Protection Grants Program and Portage County citizens.

"Thanks to previous baseline work by Byron Shaw and other CNR faculty and student researchers, data compiled during this study some 20 years later will give county planners a true measurement of changes in the health and vitality of our area lakes," said Nancy Turyk, water quality specialist for the Center for Watershed Science and Stewardship (formerly Environmental Task Force) at UWSP and lead author for the grant. "With Portage County in the throes of state-mandated land and water use planning, this type of data will prove invaluable as the county seeks to maintain and even improve water quality in the coming years."

According to Turyk, all but six of the 29 lakes have previous research data to draw upon. The lakes to be studied are Adams, Amherst Millpond, Bear, Bently Pond, Boelter, Collins, Ebert, Emily, Fountain, Helen, Jaqueline, Jonas, Jordan Pond, Lime, Lions, McDill Pond, Onland, Pickerel, Rhinehart, Rosholt Millpond, Severson,

Skunk, South Twin, Spring, Springville, Sunset, Thomas, Tree and Wolf. All 29 lakes are either spring fed, seepage or drainage type lakes. The largest lake in the study is McDill Pond (261 acres) at a maximum depth of 15 feet. The smallest lake is Ebert (12 acres) with a maximum depth of 29 feet.

The study's key objectives are to provide data that benefits the community by protecting and improving water quality in Portage County, determine groundwater and surface water watersheds for each lake, compare and contrast water quality for each lake with 1970s data, identify water quality and habitat areas sensitive to future changes in land use, characterize and map shoreline development and wildlife communities and provide educational materials to waterfront property owners to assist their conservation efforts.

According to Turyk, the study has eight key components. Water quality tests will be taken from each lake eight times throughout the year. Temperature, amount of dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH and Secchi depth (water clarity) will be measured when samples are collected. The information is then entered into a database for cross analysis with previous research.

An aquatic plants inventory also will be conducted, with emphasis on sensitive and exotic plant colonies at each lake. Robert Freckmann, emeritus professor of biology, will oversee portions of this phase of the study. Herbarium staff already have access to specimens collected in many of these lakes since 1968 to compare and contrast with the current data. Eight of the 29 lakes will be surveyed to

assess fish spawning habitat and the ability of each lake to support various fisheries. Ronald Crunkilton, professor of natural resources, will assess the eight lakes' fisheries, including an overview of sensitive fish habitat in each lake.

Ten lakes will have a bird study component, evaluating the number and type of bird species found near some of the developed and less developed lakes. Tim Ginnett, assistant professor of natural resources, will take the lead on this portion of the study.

Eric Wild, herpetologist in the biology department, will conduct amphibian and reptile surveys throughout the study. All lakes will be visited for frog call, salamander and turtle surveys.

Robert Bell, chairman of the biology department, will lead an algae study on all 29 lakes next spring. Algae samples will be taken from April through September, with a focus on algae impacts on water quality.

The last component of the study will be an assessment of shoreland vegetation. Staff will map shorelands in order to get an overall picture of shoreland health in both developed and undeveloped shorelines.

This information will be presented to the community on several occasions and summary reports will be compiled and distributed to Portage County citizens living around the lakes and town and village boards.

For more information on this study, contact Portage County Land Conservation Department at (715) 346-1334 or the Center for Watershed Science and Stewardship at (715) 346-4155.

Ramczyk retires from a 30-year career at UWSP

A Stevens Point native has retired from a 30-year career as a medical technologist at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Health Services.

Sharon Ramczyk, has worked in the laboratory sciences field since she graduated from UWSP's medical technology program in 1970. After three years at St. Michael's Hospital following graduation, she says she found the "perfect setting" at UWSP where she was able to work part time while also devoting attention to her family.

She and her husband, Tony, retired from Kimberly Clark's Neenah-Whiting Paper Mill, have two adult children. A graduate of Maria High School, the former Sharon Copeland grew up near downtown Stevens Point.

A strong commitment to parochial education led to her longtime involvement with Catholic schools, serving on committees at all levels including four years as president of St. Stan's School Committee, eight years on the Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools Education Commission, and three years as the Stevens Point Deanery's Representative to the Diocese of La Crosse Education Commission.

Ramczyk's career at UWSP brought her into contact with college students whom she describes as a "nice clientele." She believes that working on a campus helps to keep people "young and current." Greeting students, drawing blood and running

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Advent at Newman

A season of messengers, preparation, anticipation

The Sundays of Advent

5 PM Saturday

10:15 AM Sunday

6 PM Sunday

St. Joseph Convent Chapel

1300 Maria Drive, just west of K-mart

Late-Night Mass

9 PM, Newman Center

Next to Pray-Sims

Advent Prayer

7 PM Monday, Newman Center

Pray the Rosary

12:15 PM Tuesday, Newman Center

Reconciliation

6:30 PM 11 Dec., Convent Chapel

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The Roman Catholic Parish at UWSP

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expenditures by students in the future. "Ultimately, the expense of approximately fifty dollars per semester for each student, over a four year college career, could potentially save students a great deal of expense by allowing them to graduate on time."

A secondary matter of contention regarding the proposal centers on the feasibility of maintaining student oversight on the differential tuition program, if implemented. Senators concerned with the maintenance oversight express the danger of experiencing a loss of control over the program's direction due to the inevitable graduation of student representatives.

"There's a fear that after the youngest member currently in the senate graduates, that the administration could do whatever it wants. Funds brought in through differential tuition could end up being used for other things that might not benefit students, or it might become a slush fund," said Senator Stone.

Acknowledging this fear, Senator Kamke has expressed the desire to require training on differential tuition for all new senators and has also raised the

suggestion of adding information on the program to the senators' handbook if the proposal receives approval.

Though the intended deadline for the SGA to reach a conclusion no longer remains a possibility, the chancellor remains optimistic that approval of his proposal could occur sometime during the next semester. It is anticipated that a committee comprised of five student representatives appointed by the speaker of the SGA senate will begin working on the proposal with the chancellor and members of the administration after winter break.

"Ideally, I'd like to see this happen for the fall of 2003. I don't know that it will happen, but that's what I'd like to see," said the Chancellor.

A revised proposal, written by SGA President Beth Richlen will appear on the senate's agenda during tonight's meeting, held in the Legacy Room at 6:20.

Whatever...the world according to Steve

I hate phoning it in. Somehow, it's SGA's fault. Trust me on this one.

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF



I had the best column imaginable slated to go for this week's issue.

Two weeks ago, the SGA senate rejected our proposal to pay the people who draw our comics people. Naturally, the wheels in my head were turning and as a whole, *The Pointer* was ready to put the SGA and its crooked ways in their place.

Of course, about four hours before I was ready to plop this gem of an article into my section, we met with the SGA one last time and actually came to a resolution for the problem. Although I'm grateful that everyone will be paid, I really wish that the situation would have prolonged itself for just one more week so I could have run my article.

What's a guy to write about on such short notice after he's been fuming about one big thing for the last two weeks? There certainly are issues that I'd like to address with the SGA senate, but Monty Burns said it best when he stated, "I'll bide my time. And when they least expect it..."

Then it struck me: I'm actually overwhelmed this week. I experience a lot of stress, as much as any other student on campus, and I really pride myself on trying to maintain my cool exposure. I usually don't wig out, cry or go postal very often.

Today, I think I went postal. For me, at least. After realizing that I had to rewrite an article and also account for a *Pointer* section editor who's practically on her death bed, I finally freaked out.

I turned to Subway for dinner. It was a quick and rewardable solution to my problems at the moment. Subway, or at least its soda, could actually be classified as one of my weaknesses, I guess. I'm talking about the best soda known to man: Subway's Mountain Dew. This stuff is so syrupy and so gooeey, it's like the all-syrup Squishee that Bart and Milhouse bought at the Quik-E-Mart when they found \$20 laying on the ground. It's good stuff.

I paid for my food, grabbed my cup and headed for the self-serve soda fountain. I go to get my Mountain Dew, but alas, nothing but seltzer.

That does it. I quit. I've got a project and exam

tomorrow, and I'm not prepared for either. *The Pointer* is kicking my ass, and I just got shut out of the one thing that I got my hopes up for to make my day all better: the thickest Mountain Dew known to man. I finally recognized that it was crunch time.

While I was home over Thanksgiving break, I talked with an older colleague who asked how school was going for me. He said, "I always hated Thanksgiving because I knew that after a relaxing long weekend, I'd have to go back to school and really buckle down."

After realizing that it was indeed "go time" for me this semester, I decided to offer some simple tips for keeping your composure during these stressful times.

For starters, just think: two weeks to go, and then we can all relax. Or, if you're especially lucky, you can look forward to intense sessions of Winterim classes. Not me, though; I plan on doing very little in terms of schoolwork this winter break. That's enough to motivate me a little, picturing myself sitting in my room, watching the snow fall.

Another thing that helps me stay on task is taking ample study breaks. Of course, you've really got to be strict on yourself with the breaks before they turn into a hiatus, or even worse, termination of project. It's always easier to study when you know that you'll be able to chill out for fifteen whole minutes after reading the next nine chapters of the history of the ancient Greeks.

Lastly, use your weekends wisely. Yes, it's great to be done for the week, but you'll live much more sanely if you do at least a little bit of work before hitting up the Square on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

With that in mind, you should be all set for the last few weeks of the semester. In the event that you do find yourself freaking out, reassure yourself that it's not so bad. Unless you're truly unlucky, at least you don't have to deal with the SGA senate to accomplish anything.

Cyclists need to respect handicapped areas

I have recently noticed a fair amount of bicycles being locked to the rails of the handicap ramp on the west side of the LRC building.

While I am certain that no one is doing so in a malicious manner, please stop and think about what you are doing when locking your bike to these rails. You are creating an obstacle for a person in a wheelchair or with other mobility issues.



I call on anyone who sees a bike locked to these rails to please, leave a note reminding the individual that they need to think beyond their own immediate needs.

There are many bicycle racks placed strategically around this campus; please use them. I am also calling upon Protective Services to start issuing fines for those who block this ramp or impounding the bicycles.

Be a part of the solution; help make this an accessible university for all.

-Mike Close, UWSP student



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SMOD no more than SPAM to some students

I've been a student at UWSP for six years now, and there is something I've done every day since I've started attending this campus. This simple action is getting to be very annoying now, if you consider that I've theoretically done it over 1080 times. It's getting old. What is it, you ask?

It's deleting that annoying student message of the day. How many people read it anyway? I know I never do. The reason is that all the documents are in word format, and the titles always have really vague and stupid explanations like 'Call me

for a good time' and the person who wrote it considers sitting around in a support group drinking coffee and discussing how great it would be to be in the 'in crowd' a 'good time'.

Really, I never read the student message of the day, and I don't know anyone who has ever read it. I simply delete it every last time I see it. It seems like a real waste of campus bandwidth. There is no reason that the people running SMOD have to email it EVERY DAY to every last person on campus. They could just edit a website for viewing which

technically they do anyway. So what's the point? Why do they send it to me? It's basically spam in my mailbox and it's a very good waste of disk space.

On a side note, I will commend IT for the great job they do preventing SPAM on campus. To date I've gotten less spam messages than I have fingers and toes. As for student message of the day, it SHOULD be used as an effective medium for communication but it really just gets deleted by me and everyone I know.

-Anonymous UWSP student



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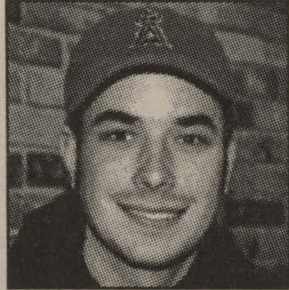
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What is your favorite part of winter?



Miranda Christiansen, Soph., Und.

When it's over.



Brad Kryst, Senior, Biology

Snow bunnies.



Kyle Williamson, Jr., Bio/Chem

Making good use of rear wheel drive.



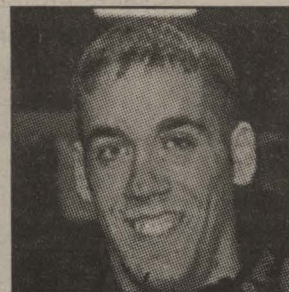
Lesley O'Hearn, Jr., Accounting

Snowball fights.



Anna Hawley, Fr., Gen. Res Mgmt.

Icy roads.



Scott Loss, Jr., Wildlife/Bio

Writing my name in the snow.

More open seats in GDR classes needed

I am writing in regards to students and the opportunity for them to earn a diploma and become more respectable citizens of society. However, it seems these diplomas are not quite as easily attainable as implied.

I am a UWSP student, more specifically, a CNR major. I realize the necessity of some of the undergraduate obligations required to earn a bachelor's degree from the college. I also am aware of when I am made to jump through hoops, and the CNR has its fair share, many of which are requirements. What is frustrating is that often times these required classes do not contain enough seats to satisfy the demand to fill them. In some cases, the student must apply for permission in order to have the opportunity to register for them.

During the first week of registration for the spring of 2003, I was approached by a student who merely needed to jump through a 2-credit hoop, however, no spots remained open for an attempt at this. Within the e-mail plea to give up my spot in the class, this individual offered monetary reimbursement for my troubles. I have to say that I was utterly shocked! A clear disorder of the system was unraveling before my eyes. This is a nationally renowned Natural Resources school, where besides paying tuition, students have to beg others to drop their classes and offer them money in order to satisfy a 2 or 3-credit graduation requirement! What an absurdity!

Finger pointing has not been shown to solve any problems, but I do want to make clear the problem lies not with the student begging for a spot to be in the class, nor with the faculty member who can only effectively allow a cer-

tain number of individuals into the class. Clearly, there is a shortage of open spots in required classes.

I am also well aware that this is not a new issue. As you well know, Chancellor Thomas George has been promoting the "enhanced-educational-program" since 1997. He has proposed this program to three consecutive SGA presidents only to be shot down three consecutive times. According to Andy Bloeser's article in the October 3, 2002 issue of *The Pointer*, "... the proposed rate increase [of tuition] would yield between \$702,661 and \$1,003,082 in its first year of implementation." That is a lot of money that could be used to improve specific academic opportunities for students at UWSP. The possibilities are endless. The funding could also be used to help the CNR live up to its nationally renowned status instead of just coasting and boasting on an era of the past.

The tuition increase may seem like a lot of money now to poor and indebted college students struggling to make ends meet. However, wouldn't it be nice in the future to look back on our days at UWSP and think about all the academic and career advising opportunities that were provided to us? Opportunities that saved us money "in the long run" by helping us pick a path early in our academic career rather than flying blindly, only to have to change majors two, three or four times. Imagine knowing that when we did need academic advising, we were able to find helpful and knowledgeable advisors available within our own colleges that were willing to provide real answers to real questions. Imagine now, as a current student, not having to worry

about your last semesters prior to graduation. Imagine knowing that you will not have to beg a registered student into dropping a class so that you can fulfill your own requirement. Imagine not even reaching the point where you have to contemplate proposing extra monetary incentives to achieve your goals of earning a degree. Finally, put yourself in the shoes of those students who have had to postpone graduation for an additional semester or more, for the mere fact that their degree progress reports showed one class remaining and the class registration lists were accompanied by a waiting lists with your names on them. Without a doubt, if a class is to be "required", then a student should be able to get into the class.

I urge you to support Chancellor George's program and raise my tuition by approximately \$55. This will help to ensure the quality of tomorrow's transfer student's learning experience, as well as the incoming freshman's experience, who either come or are recruited to UWSP to study a particular field only to change their minds. This will prevent them from having to bounce around aimlessly until all the fun and excitement of their college experience is sapped away, leaving only the thought of graduation day when they can leave and never come back.

This program is a step in the right direction to meet these needs, and will make UWSP a more unique university by providing opportunities that show it actually cares about the individual student and their overall educational experience while attending this institution.

-Andrew J. Walloch, UWSP student

SGA's rejection of comics is a joke

This is kind of an open letter to the SGA, and an apology to the readers of *The Pointer*. I'm one of the cartoonists who supply *The Pointer* with comic strips. I write and illustrate "Jackie's Fridge" and, with my partner in crime Joey Hetzel, I'm also responsible for co-writing and illustrating "JoBeth!" and "Catball and Clown Girl." Joey is behind "Tonja Steele," which is probably this week's funniest strip.

We figured running a blank comic page as protest would be worse than running a bunch of snotty strips. Protest? Well, yeah—the Student Government Association voted unanimously against paying us. *The Pointer* staff appealed, and again it was unanimously voted down. I guess none of the members of the SGA read the comics and wouldn't miss them if they were replaced by advertising. Luckily, the SGA and the Pointer

were able to come to an agreement.

Am I sounding snotty? Probably. But consider the nuts and bolts: Joey and I, on top of our full-time "day" jobs, put in about 16 to 20 hours a week on these comics. "Jackie's Fridge" takes an average of 4 hours to create one strip. "JoBeth!" is another hour and a half, with "Catball" clocking in at just 15 minutes. Well c'mon, look at it. Joey spends about four to five hours on each "Tonja Steele" strip, and that's not counting the time it takes to scan each strip, add the greytone and send it to *The Pointer*.

If you read all four strips, that's 30 seconds out of your life to read almost 11 hours of work. So where does the other half of our 20 hours go? Check www.jobeth.net to find out. And how much did the Pointer ask SGA to fork over? Broken down into an hourly wage: \$1.81/hour for me, and \$2/hour for Joey, not counting

"Catball," of course.

We're not mad about the small dollar amount. What we don't understand is why the SGA decided it would break the bank to pay us even that much. We like to think we work just as hard as the rest of the Pointer staff. Now I'll stop whining.

Go through the Archives sometime—if they haven't moved, you should be able to find the room buried on the fifth floor of the LRC. They have every issue of *The Pointer* on file in big boxes, and if you ask nicely, they'll let you read them. Go through the issues from the late '90s, and check out the comic pages. For a while, there were two pages per issue, all provided by students and local artists. Now we're down to one.

I promise the comics page will be funnier next week.

-BJ Hiorns

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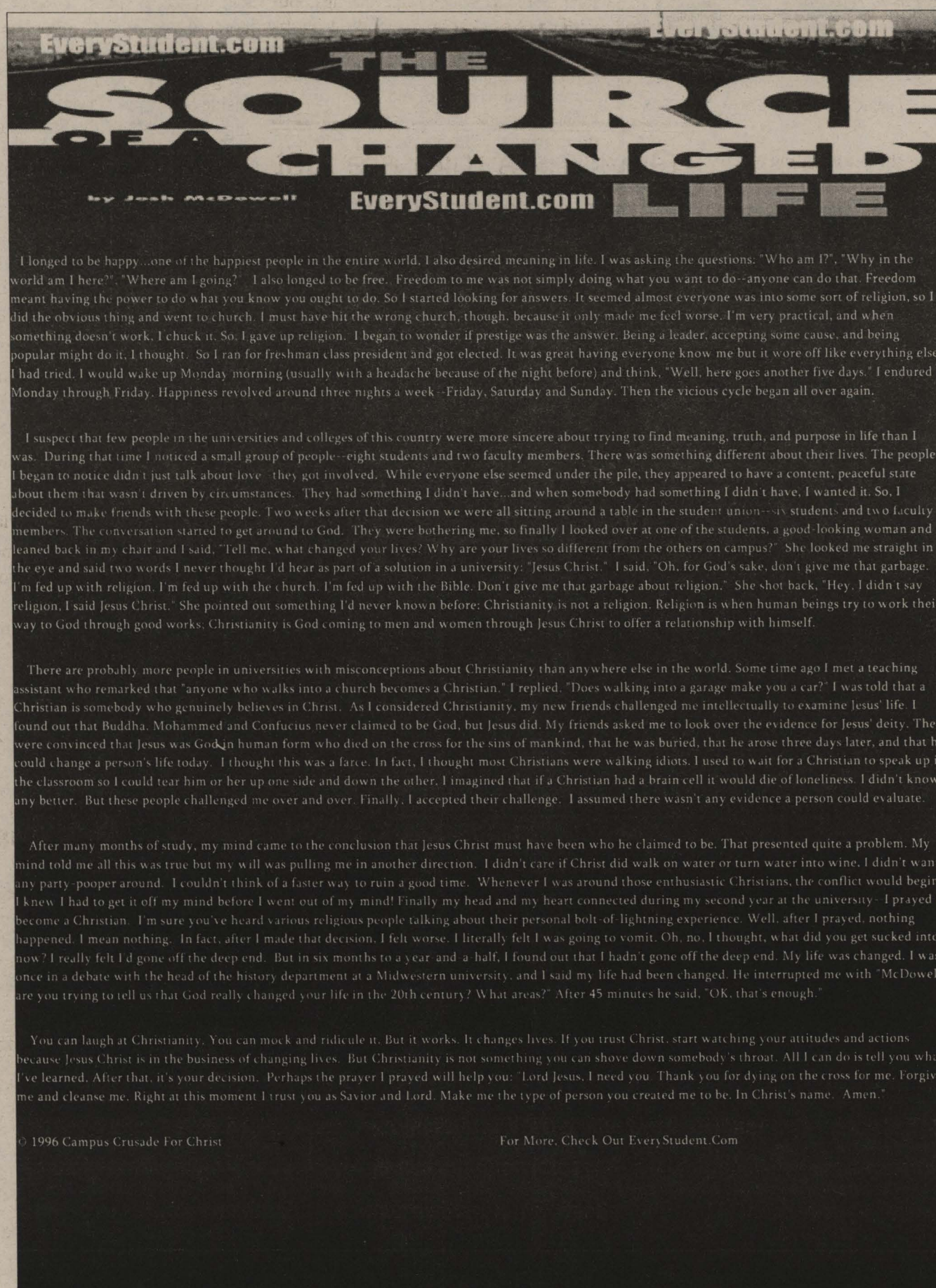
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THE SOURCE OF A CHANGED LIFE

by Josh McDowell

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I longed to be happy...one of the happiest people in the entire world. I also desired meaning in life. I was asking the questions: "Who am I?", "Why in the world am I here?", "Where am I going?" I also longed to be free. Freedom to me was not simply doing what you want to do--anyone can do that. Freedom meant having the power to do what you know you ought to do. So I started looking for answers. It seemed almost everyone was into some sort of religion, so I did the obvious thing and went to church. I must have hit the wrong church, though, because it only made me feel worse. I'm very practical, and when something doesn't work, I chuck it. So, I gave up religion. I began to wonder if prestige was the answer. Being a leader, accepting some cause, and being popular might do it, I thought. So I ran for freshman class president and got elected. It was great having everyone know me but it wore off like everything else I had tried. I would wake up Monday morning (usually with a headache because of the night before) and think, "Well, here goes another five days." I endured Monday through Friday. Happiness revolved around three nights a week--Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Then the vicious cycle began all over again.

I suspect that few people in the universities and colleges of this country were more sincere about trying to find meaning, truth, and purpose in life than I was. During that time I noticed a small group of people--eight students and two faculty members. There was something different about their lives. The people I began to notice didn't just talk about love--they got involved. While everyone else seemed under the pile, they appeared to have a content, peaceful state about them that wasn't driven by circumstances. They had something I didn't have...and when somebody had something I didn't have, I wanted it. So, I decided to make friends with these people. Two weeks after that decision we were all sitting around a table in the student union--six students and two faculty members. The conversation started to get around to God. They were bothering me, so finally I looked over at one of the students, a good-looking woman and I leaned back in my chair and I said, "Tell me, what changed your lives? Why are your lives so different from the others on campus?" She looked me straight in the eye and said two words I never thought I'd hear as part of a solution in a university: "Jesus Christ." I said, "Oh, for God's sake, don't give me that garbage. I'm fed up with religion. I'm fed up with the church. I'm fed up with the Bible. Don't give me that garbage about religion." She shot back, "Hey, I didn't say religion, I said Jesus Christ." She pointed out something I'd never known before: Christianity is not a religion. Religion is when human beings try to work their way to God through good works; Christianity is God coming to men and women through Jesus Christ to offer a relationship with himself.

There are probably more people in universities with misconceptions about Christianity than anywhere else in the world. Some time ago I met a teaching assistant who remarked that "anyone who walks into a church becomes a Christian." I replied, "Does walking into a garage make you a car?" I was told that a Christian is somebody who genuinely believes in Christ. As I considered Christianity, my new friends challenged me intellectually to examine Jesus' life. I found out that Buddha, Mohammed and Confucius never claimed to be God, but Jesus did. My friends asked me to look over the evidence for Jesus' deity. They were convinced that Jesus was God in human form who died on the cross for the sins of mankind, that he was buried, that he arose three days later, and that he could change a person's life today. I thought this was a farce. In fact, I thought most Christians were walking idiots. I used to wait for a Christian to speak up in the classroom so I could tear him or her up one side and down the other. I imagined that if a Christian had a brain cell it would die of loneliness. I didn't know any better. But these people challenged me over and over. Finally, I accepted their challenge. I assumed there wasn't any evidence a person could evaluate.

After many months of study, my mind came to the conclusion that Jesus Christ must have been who he claimed to be. That presented quite a problem. My mind told me all this was true but my will was pulling me in another direction. I didn't care if Christ did walk on water or turn water into wine, I didn't want any party-pooper around. I couldn't think of a faster way to ruin a good time. Whenever I was around those enthusiastic Christians, the conflict would begin. I knew I had to get it off my mind before I went out of my mind! Finally my head and my heart connected during my second year at the university--I prayed to become a Christian. I'm sure you've heard various religious people talking about their personal bolt-of-lightning experience. Well, after I prayed, nothing happened. I mean nothing. In fact, after I made that decision, I felt worse. I literally felt I was going to vomit. Oh, no, I thought, what did you get sucked into now? I really felt I'd gone off the deep end. But in six months to a year and a half, I found out that I hadn't gone off the deep end. My life was changed. I was once in a debate with the head of the history department at a Midwestern university, and I said my life had been changed. He interrupted me with "McDowell, are you trying to tell us that God really changed your life in the 20th century? What areas?" After 45 minutes he said, "OK, that's enough."

You can laugh at Christianity. You can mock and ridicule it. But it works. It changes lives. If you trust Christ, start watching your attitudes and actions because Jesus Christ is in the business of changing lives. But Christianity is not something you can shove down somebody's throat. All I can do is tell you what I've learned. After that, it's your decision. Perhaps the prayer I prayed will help you: "Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Forgive me and cleanse me. Right at this moment I trust you as Savior and Lord. Make me the type of person you created me to be. In Christ's name. Amen."

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Your College Survival Guide Guys

By Pat "Big Dog" Rothfuss

BRINING YOU WIENER JOKES SINCE 1993.

Dear Pat,

My friends and I were reading your columns about the games women play and in so doing, we came up with a few questions about guys that we are counting on your wisdom to answer.

Why is it that guys insist on referring to themselves in the third person when they talk about themselves? Do they think that we will forget who they are in the time it takes to tell their story?

Also, why do guys give themselves their own nicknames and then expect us to refer to them with those nicknames? Where is the fun in that?

Sincerely,

Sarah Braun

On Behalf of Girls Everywhere

Whenever someone says they're counting on my wisdom, I start to get a bad case of sour-tummy. I can't really guarantee wisdom, but I can try to shine a little light toward the truth.

To answer your questions, let's start with a story.

I have a friend with a great big dog, a mutty German Shepard mix called Eros. He's big as a pony with a bark like bottled thunder. Seriously, the thing sounds like it's been THX certified.

This monster of a dog is timid as a kitten. He barks and romps around like a big golden thunderstorm, but if you make any quick gestures around him, he flinches away. My friend describes him as "a Chihuahua who doesn't know how big he is."

Now guys, as a rule, are just ever-so-slightly more self-aware than dogs. This doesn't mean they realize they are, in fact, big dogs. What they realize is that they *look* like a German Shepherd, but, deep down they're really only dachshund-sized.

Most of the behavior you've mentioned stems from this limited self-awareness. Guys will do anything to keep the world from seeing the truth. Deep down, they're nothing more than wiener dogs, and tiny wiener dogs at that.

In fact, most everything that guys do makes sense only if you realize the only reason they do it is to hide the truth: they're tiny wieners. All the brashness, the bragging, the belching, the bar fights, the facial hair, the weightlifting, the deerhunting, the SUVs, the business suits, the bullshit political speeches, the oil drilling, the treaty violations, the disregard for the Clean Air Act, the compulsion to suck corporate dick, the hypocrisy, the Hitler-esque propaganda, the insane goddamn desire to invade countries and kill people just to score a couple points in the polls....

Um... what? Hold on... What was I talking about again? Oh well, probably nothing important. Probably nothing like the death-rattle of our once proud nation. Let's just move along to the next letter and more dick jokes, shall we?

"Guys, as a rule, are just ever-so-slightly more self-aware than dogs."

Dear Mr. Rothfuss:

I noticed that though you asked for letters on what sort of games men play, you did not receive any responses. Now, I am not a woman, and thus I might be out of place writing on such a topic, but I may have a bit of insight on why you got no letters. Men in general, I believe, are simply too ... well ... too dim to be able to play successful games. Now, not every man is so dense; but for every Pat Rothfuss (whose games are said to include clown suits, monkeys, and Funyons) there are two dozen Neanderthals.

I believe that the mating games of a male of our species can be generally distilled into one category: the "Pull my _____" Game.

As we all know, there are basically two things that a man will ask another person to pull for

him, either of which have their own particular effects. Needless to say, this is usually considered inappropriate unless there have been copious amounts of alcohol consumed.

While these are certainly games that men play, they are not very interesting ones. Unfortunately, this seems to include the greater range of our creativity.

Thank You,

Ryan T. O'Leary

Well said, Ryan. However, it would be unfair to imply that guys are completely game free. While we aren't as well organized or imaginative as the women, all guys do have a private scorecard tucked away inside our heads. However, unlike the women's scoring system, which awards social status for points, our system just shows how cool we think we are.

Here's an abridged version of my scorecard for last two weeks:

Gave noogie:	1 point
Ate more at Thanksgiving than father:	8 points
Saw Buffy the Vampire Slayer:	2 points
Saw Buffy the Vampire Slayer (Naked):	5 points
Bought girlfriend heart chocolates:	4 points
Engaged in juvenile wiener humor:	10 points
Was told to shut up by little sister:	-1 point
Shut up after being told to:	-7 points
Used word "Egregious" in conversation:	20 points
Changed tire:	5 points
Cried while watching Shadowlands:	-3 points
Engaged in obscene pantomime with large plush Pikachu toy:	12 points
Made sock-monkey joke:	4 points
Left out socks even though girlfriend told me to pick up socks (3 days):	6 points
Asked for more letters to be sent to prothfus@uwsp.edu	2 points

Week in Point

Thursday, December 5, 2002

Dick Hall, Book signing, UC Concourse 11:00 - 2:00 PM

Cardio Center Presents: Yoga Series II w/Jeanne Pawiowski, Allen Center, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Madrigal Dinner, UC Laird Room, 7:00 PM

Multicultural Affairs Presents: Mark Turcotte (Poetry Reading) FAC Carlsten Gallery, 7:00 PM

Afterimages, FAC Jenkins Theatre, 7:30 PM

UWSP Symphony Orchestra with guest artist/composer Ed Sarath, FAC Michelsen Hall Music 7:30 PM

CP! Presents: Point Brewed Talent w/Anthony Cao, Piano Extraordinaire, UC The Encore, 8:00 PM

Friday, December 6, 2002

Madrigal Dinner, UC Laird Room, 7:00 PM

Who's Who Among College and University Students/Chancellor's Leadership Awards Ceremony, UC Alumni Room, 7:00 PM

CP! Centers Cinema Presents: Scooby Doo, Debot 073, 7:00 PM & 11:30 PM

Afterimages, FAC Jenkins Theatre, 7:30 PM

UWSP Women's Hockey vs. Lake Forest College, Ice Hawks Arena, 7:30 PM

Kansas Brass Quintet, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 7, 2002

Special Events Presents: Children's Breakfast with Santa Claus, UC Alumni Room, 10:00 AM

Conservatory for Creative Expression fall Music Recital, FAC Michelsen Hall, 12:00 PM

Diane Bywaters, art exhibition reception, FAC Carlsten Art Gallery, 1:00 - 3:00 PM runs through Dec. 20

UWSP Women's Hockey vs. Lake Forest College, Ice Hawks Arena, 2:00 PM

Musical Roots, Schmeeckle Reserve Visitors Center, 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Madrigal Dinner, UC Laird Room, 7:00 PM

Afterimages, FAC Jenkins Theatre, 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 8, 2002

Winter Wonders Planetarium Show, SCI Planetarium/Observatory, 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM

UWSP Campus Band, FAC Michelsen Hall, 3:00 PM

Madrigal Dinner, UC Laird Room, 5:00 PM

Monday, December 9, 2002

Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga Series II w/Maureen Houlihan, Allen Center, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Joint piano and trombone student recital, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 9, 2002

CP! Present: Issues and Ideas Presents: Pilates, Exercise Mini-Course, UC 205, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga Series IV w/Maureen Houlihan, Allen Center, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

UWSP Jazz Jam Session, UC Basement Brewhaus, 7:00 PM

UWSP Men's Basketball vs. UW-Stout, Quandt Fieldhouse, 7:00 PM

CP! Concerts Presents: An Evening With John Berry, Sentry Theatre, 7:30 PM

UWSP Improvisation Ensemble Concert, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

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Homosexuality and Christianity discussion bridges perspectives

By Andrew Bloeser
FEATURES EDITOR

The controversy surrounding the mutual existence of homosexuality and Christianity was further explored on the UW-Stevens Point campus Tuesday night, serving as the discussion topic in a program sponsored by the Intervarsity Christian Foundation (IVCF) and the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA).

In its second annual installment, the discussion was moderated by Assistant Chancellor Bob Tomlinson, who set the tone for the evening in stating, "This is not a debate. There is no right or wrong. There is no winner or loser. This is a respectful and intellectual discussion."

At the heart of the discussion resided the question of whether Christian values allowed for the acceptance

of homosexual lifestyles, an issue which provided the impetus for conflicting views, as evidenced in the opening statements of both groups.

"Nowhere in the Bible, from beginning to end, does scripture allow for homosexuality," said IVCF speaker Josh Wolff, "We are to love the sinner, but hate the sin, as Christ demonstrated to the people who needed it most in his time."

GSA speaker, Pastor Ed Hunt, also referenced the Bible in his opening remarks, stating that his research of scripture reflected a much different interpretation of

Christianity's relationship to homosexuality. "The Bible has no sexual ethic. The

Bible has a love ethic. Since it was originally written, views have changed considerably in regards to its message. Things prohibited in the Bible, we in our culture permit. Things allowed in the Bible are prohibited in our culture," said Hunt.

Biblical interpretation remained an important element of discussion throughout the evening, providing the basis for the responses of each group during a question and answer session conducted with the audience.

In responding to questions pertaining to the nature of love and misconceptions surrounding the issue

from both perspectives, each group maintained that selective interpretation of scrip-

ture greatly detrimized an accurate assessment of Biblical truth.

Emphasizing a more literal translation of Biblical text, Wolf stated, "The Bible makes it clear that homosexuality is a sin. I think you're deceiving yourself in you're doing everything you can to be a good Christian except for one thing specifically prohibited in the Bible."

Focusing on the underlying principles of the scripture, GSA panelist Mike Kerkman responded, "The biggest misconception is that everything the Bible is literal or factual. Things need to be taken in context."

The discussion ended on a note that stressed the elimination of stereotypes and the necessity for open mindedness. A third installment of the discussion remains a possibility for next year, pending further GSA and IVCF support.



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IVCF discussion panelists

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Spotlight Trivia



1. This film, which stars Nicholas Cage, tells the story of an alcoholic who drinks himself to death.
a. *Leaving Las Vegas*
b. *Vegas*
c. *Showgirls*

2. Where does the 1943 film *Casablanca* take place?
a. *Egypt*
b. *Morocco*
c. *Spain*

3. What novel was the basis for the 1979 *Apocalypse Now*, a film about the Vietnam War?
a. *Finnegan's Wake*
b. *Heart of Darkness*
c. *The Stranger*

4. What American writer has had his/her stories made into more films than any other?
a) John Steinbeck
b) Steven King
c) Edgar Allan Poe

5. Which of the following is NOT somebody who works on a movie set?
a. Best man
b. Best boy
c. gaffer

6. Who directed *Rear Window* and *Vertigo*?
a. Steven Spielberg
b. John Ford
c. Alfred Hitchcock

7. Which of the following is NOT a Steven Spielberg film?
a. *Waterworld*
b. *Schindler's List*
c. *E.T.*

8. Where do Thelma and Louise end their cross-country journey?
a. Mexico
b. Grand Canyon
c. Texas

9. What are the names of Bill Murray's twin boys in *Rushmore*?
a. Ronny and Donny
b. Timmy and Jimmy
c. Peter and Paul
d. Amos and Andy

10. Which of these films does not feature John Travolta?
a. *Michael*
b. *Phenomenon*
c. *Saturday Night Fever*
d. *Malcom X*

11. Which of these movies was directed by Steven Spielberg?
a. *Deep Throat*
b. *Debbie Does Dallas*
c. *The Hidden Oyster*
d. *Shlinder's List*

Special thanks to eslpartyland.com for these questions.

Answers:
1. a., 2. b., 3. b., 4. c., 5. a., 6. c., 7. a., 8. b., 9. a., 10. d., 11. d.



How you can help this Holiday Season

EdVenture. Donations will feed families in the community through Operation Bootstrap.

The Residence Hall Association is also sponsoring a drive. They are looking for clothing, bedding, linens, pencils, books, toiletries and non-perishable food items. They do not need furniture or large appliances. Large containers for collection are located in the lobby of each residence hall.

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to help with their house Dec. 7. Meeting place will be at the University Center at 8:30 a.m. If you have a car, bring it for carpooling. They plan to work until supplies run out. Contact Shannon Hext if you have any questions.

Last, the Association for

Community Tasks (ACT) has many giving opportunities. They sign up bell ringers and give holiday baskets to the Salvation Army for distribution. Contact the ACT office for more information.

If you are one for four-legged friends, the Animal/Pre-Vet Society needs help decorating boxes for their food and supply drive. They also need volunteers to help them make pins and ornaments. You can contact Megan King for more information.

So, take time out of your busy schedule and help those in need this holiday season. Sometimes the best gifts are the ones given instead of received.

Cornerstone Press publishes *Buckridge Chronicles*

Buckridge Chronicles by columnist Dick Hall of Oshkosh has been published by Cornerstone Press at UW-Stevens Point.

The 200-page paperback is available for sale on the Internet and at the University Bookstore for \$15.95. Students from Professor Dan Dieterich's Editing and Publishing class will sell the book in the University Center Concourse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Dec. 2-5, at CenterPoint MarketPlace from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8.

The author will sign books on Thursday, Dec. 5, in the UC Concourse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Charles M. White Public Library in Stevens Point from 4 to 7 p.m.

Hall, whose work has been published in several magazines and newspapers, has worked for 40 years to make his woodlot into a sustained environment. His writing is practical, common sense information he learned while working in his own forest.

"Like all woodlots, it is wonderfully unique upon the landscape, and it has taught me much," the author wrote. "Woodlots are moderators of wind, year-round habitat for wildlife, cleaners of air and water, the only form of agriculture dependent on wild species in natural communities, and places of unique living cycles and natural beauty . . ."

His collection of personal essays and sketches was chosen from among 10 manuscripts submitted to the class. It is illustrated with line drawings of the 160-acre woodlot in southern Wisconsin.

The book was printed by Badger State Industries of Madison.

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Mental Health Corner

This spot features the benefits of and techniques for maintaining a mentally healthy lifestyle.

Procrastination is the avoidance of doing a task that needs to be accomplished. By interfering with academic and personal success, procrastination has a high potential for painful consequences. This can lead to feelings of guilt, inadequacy, anxiety and increased stress among students.

Procrastination is a self-defeating behavior brought about by justifying poor work habits. Individuals may delay certain projects or responsibilities for many different reasons, ranging from fear of failure to inability to motivate oneself. Whatever the cause, procrastination can often be overcome by simply getting organized. You can get organized to help ward off procrastination by:

- Giving yourself a deadline for starting and sticking to it.
- Making a specific plan
- Breaking large jobs into smaller tasks and completing them one by one
- Jumping into the job and do the easiest, most enjoyable or least painful part first
- Taking short breaks to avoid getting burned out, and do something you enjoy
- Thinking positively and realistically
- Rewarding yourself appropriately for successes

In addition to increasing levels of stress as a deadline approaches, procrastination also leads to more stress-related health problems according to researchers. Therefore, procrastination is not adaptive or beneficial as some procrastinators claim. While many people believe that they work better under the pressure of a looming deadline, there is no evidence to suggest that work done at the last minute is in any way comparable to well-structured, thorough work.

For more information, stop by the Counseling Center on the 3rd floor of Delzell Hall.

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Young Pointers improve to 6-0

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

With a 73-57 win over UW-River Falls Wednesday night, the UWSP women's basketball team is off to a solid 6-0 start. The team received balanced scoring, as sophomores Amanda Nechuta and Cassandra Schultz each scored 17 to pace the Pointers.

women's basketball

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Starting three juniors and two sophomores and playing only one senior in the regular rotation, Coach Egner has seen her share of ups and downs from her young Pointers this season. At times they have shown a little of everything. They are able to produce large blowouts like the Lawrence game, but also proved capable of winning the closer ones like Heidelberg. They have shown the ability to be amazing passers but are also prone to sloppy turnovers. Good shooting nights as well as poor shooting nights happen. They have displayed tenacious defense at times but are often in foul trouble.

"We are a young team and that is going to happen," said Head Coach Shirley Egner. "We've been tested early this season."



Photo by Patricia Larson

Amy Scott takes a running one-hander versus Ripon College last weekend.

son. We've had a few close games that we had to take care of the basketball and make our free throws at the end."

This past weekend Point picked up a pair of wins by defeating Wisconsin Lutheran on Saturday and the University of Chicago on Sunday.

Sunday against the University of Chicago the Pointers came out blazing, shooting 62% in the first half jumping out to a 36-24 halftime lead. With a barrage of three pointers in the second half from junior forward Cassandra Heuer, the women pushed the lead to 60-38 with 9:30 left in the game. The University of Chicago made a comeback, but UWSP held on for a 71-54 lead.

"Chicago was a very good team, and they were patient," said Egner. "We played extremely well compared to Friday."

Sophomore Amanda Nechuta led the Pointers with a career high of 23 points and also pulled in seven rebounds. Heuer, who was four of six from the three-point arc, finished with her own career high of 22.

"Nechuta battled very hard in the block," said Egner. "And Heuer did an excellent job of playing up to her potential."

The day before the Chicago game, Stevens Point was in Milwaukee to take on Wisconsin Lutheran. The Pointers struggled shooting the ball throughout the game shooting a meager 30.4% on 21 of 69 from the field. However they were able to collect 27 offensive rebounds and play good enough defense to come away with a 61-52 win.

Stevens Point went on an 11-1 run with nine minutes left in the game to pull away 55-40. They only made four of 11 free throws down the stretch but held on for the win.

"It was ugly. We didn't play well but we got the W," said Egner. "We did what we needed to do."

Sophomores Amanda Nechuta and Amy Scott each posted their first double-doubles of the season. Nechuta tallied 15 points and 10 boards while Scott chipped in 13 points and added 13 boards. Junior Andrea Kraemer struggled with

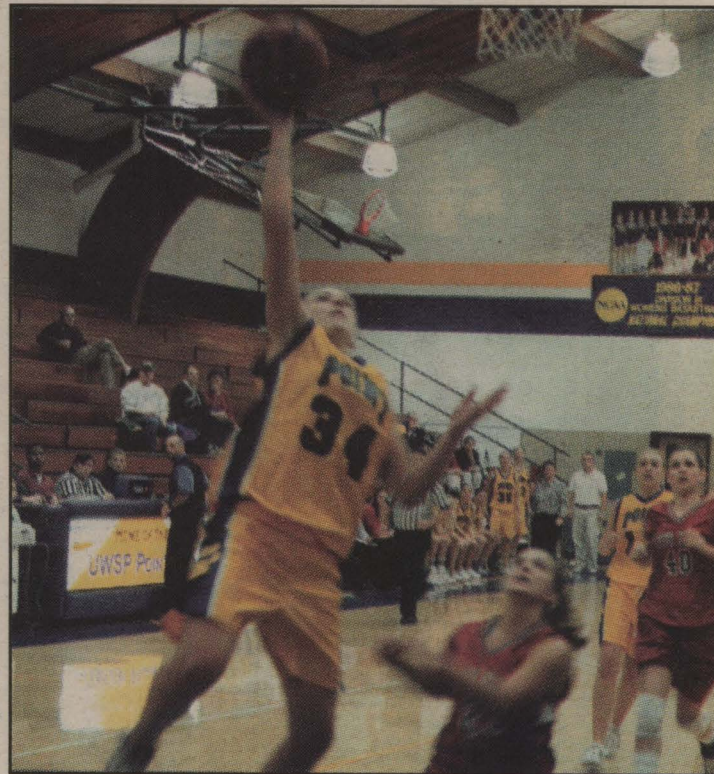


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Cassandra Heuer goes up for a lay-in against River Falls on Wednesday.

shooting the ball, but finished with a solid all-around performance by scoring 12 points, pulling down seven rebounds and dishing out four assists. Senior Megan Hodgson was the spark off the bench scoring nine points and grabbing eight rebounds.

Not content with the 6-0 start, Coach Egner knows her team still has room for improvements. "We need to take better care of the basketball, establish an inside game and stay out of foul trouble. Our defense has been solid, but we can still get better."

Saturday, Dec. 7 the Pointers travel to Illinois to take on Wheaton College before returning home on Wednesday for a big showdown with UW-Stout. Stout beat UWSP's National Champions in both meetings last season.

Pointer hockey gets back on firm ice with blowout of MSOE

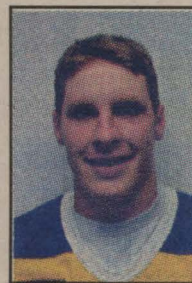
Kostichka garners first career hat trick

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

After a pair of tough games, including a loss to arch-nemesis UW-Superior, the UWSP Pointer men's hockey team (4-4) was ready for a little break. They were given that opportunity with an easy 8-0 rout of Milwaukee School of Engineering (0-6-2) in the first-ever meeting between the two schools on Saturday in Milwaukee.

"We played a really solid game against a weaker opponent," said Pointer Head Coach Joe Baldarotta. "It's hard to look good in those kind of games, but I thought we went down there and did a good job."

The Pointers, after a slow start, finally got on the board at the 11:25 mark of the first period with freshman Andy Corran slapping home his third goal of the year on a power play with assists from sophomore Ryan Kirchhoff and senior Nick Glander.



Kostichka

for the Pointers, adding another goal in the second to goal with his game-opening shot.

Coach Baldarotta, sensing an opportunity to get his younger players some ice time, decided to start freshman Joe Behn in the goal. Behn, despite playing understudy to veteran Ryan Scott all year, didn't disappoint, posting a shutout in his first collegiate appearance to pace the defense.

UWSP who was ranked 15th in the latest NCAA Division III rankings, will travel to Minnesota this weekend for contests against St. Olaf and Gustavus

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Adolphus. It will be the Pointers' first trip to St. Olaf since 1986-87 and their first ever visit to Gustavus Adolphus. "We don't know a whole lot about either team, so we will have to go over there and play crisp hockey," said Baldarotta. "The rink, the referees and everything is not something we are accustomed to, so we really have to concentrate."

The puck drops on Friday at 7 p.m. against St. Olaf at Northfield Ice Arena, and then at 7:05 on Saturday against Gustavus at Don Roberts Ice Rink in St. Peter, Minn. Both games can be heard live on 90FM.

Corran also had a standout game on offense

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Tracey Truckey brings the puck up versus Augsburg College.

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Truckey leads Point past St. Olaf

The UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team trailed for the first time this year in a battle with St. Olaf last Wednesday. But Tracey Truckey decided to bring the Pointers back all by herself.

"It was just really exciting," said Truckey. "I didn't even know there were six seconds left until I came to the bench. The puck just came to me, and I put it in."

The three goals allowed were the most by the Pointers during their 23 game unbeaten streak.

After a scoreless first period, St. Olaf managed one goal in the second to take a slim lead into the final period. After Ann Ninnemann tied up the game early in the third, St. Olaf jumped out to a two goal lead before Truckey took over.

Last Tuesday four players combined for five goals as Point dominated Augsburg 5-1. Truckey had a goal and an assist, while Ashley Howe had a pair of goals in the route.

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Truckey scored twice in the final ten minutes to send the game into overtime at 3-3. Then Truckey completed her hat trick with the game-winning goal just over two minutes into the extra period to finish off the Olies.

Point men route River Falls to begin conference season

Kalsow leads balanced scoring attack for hot Pointers

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP men's basketball team started their quest for a fourth straight WIAC title with a 71-63 victory over UW-River Falls Wednesday.

The Pointers never trailed en route to their 16th consecutive victory over the Falcons. Jason Kalsow led a balanced attack that saw eight players hit double figures. Kalsow had 15 points to go with eight rebounds. Neil Krajnik, Josh Iserloth, and Ron Nolting were the other Pointers to hit double digits in points.

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Pointers	72
Marian	50

"The WIAC men's basketball league is the most competitive, the most intense, the most difficult conference of any sport I have been associated with," said Bennett.

"That's what makes it such a great league, but that's what makes it so tough because you know you're going up against a lot of teams that are playing well."

Over the weekend UWSP continued their dominance of non-conference opponents with two victories in the Badger Classic.

UWSP put away Edgewood on Sunday with a 78-51 victory. Iserloth had his best scoring output on the young

season totaling 19 points on six of nine shooting. Tamaris Relerford had a great game off the bench for the Pointers as he made four of five three point shots amassing 14 points to go with six assists.

"I thought that we played our most complete game on Sunday against a good Edgewood team," said Bennett. "We shot the ball like we're capable of shooting and defended well. I think our defense is a little ahead of where it's been in the last couple years and that's a source of confidence for us."

Saturday the Pointers had no problems with Marian College as they prevailed 72-50. With 12:25 left in the first half and a 15-10 lead, UWSP put the clamps on Marian as they allowed just one field goal the rest of the half as they jumped out to a 43-20 halftime lead and cruised to victory from there.

Kalsow put together a masterful game shooting a perfect 8-8 from the field for a team high 16 points in 23 minutes. Kalsow also had eight rebounds and a team high five assists for a solid all around game. The victory extended UWSP's record against Marian to 11-0 all time.

UWSP now has a week off to prepare for their conference home opener against UW-Stout Wednesday at 7 p.m.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT JEN RANDALL - SWIMMING

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- 2001-2002 Academic All-American
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Randall

Majors - Math and Business Administration
Hometown - Wisconsin Rapids
Most memorable moment - The 2002 conference championships. We took second, but it was still lots of fun.
What are your plans after graduation? - I want to be an actuary (at an insurance company).
Do you plan on swimming after graduation? - Just for recreation and for fun.
What is your favorite aspect of swimming? - Competing and the friendships.
Most embarrassing moment - At the 2002 nationals, during the 200m free relay, I went for the tag and slipped off the blocks.
If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - (Author) Ayn Rand
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. A book
2. A pen with a journal
3. A picture book of all my friends and family
What will you remember most about swimming at UWSP? - Learning how to take the ups with the downs.
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Kalsow



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The Man's Take: 'Tis the season...to be a sports fan

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

I recently came to the realization while riding my bike to class this week, that it is pretty freakin' cold out there. I am a little embarrassed that it took wiping out on a patch of black ice to come to this realization, but now that I have, I find myself in a bit of a quandary. What do I do now that it's too cold for regular outdoor activities?

I throw ice-skating out the window almost immediately, seeing as I look about as graceful on a pair of skates as a horny wildebeest would. Downhill skiing also gets the axe. Not only can't I afford lift tickets, the thought of rolling down a triple-diamond hill into the only clump of pine trees within miles just doesn't appeal to me.

Snowshoeing? They cost too much too; plus, if you have ever seen anyone snowshoe, you know that it isn't the most appealing to

the eye. Let's just say that to me, a big guy on a pair of snowshoes looks like a bullfrog on crack.

Cross-country skiing? Well, I equate this "sport" to cross-country running. The only way you are ever going to get me to run (or ski) long distances is if Liza Minelli is chasing me wearing a black teddy and oven mitts.

What about the indoor winter sports, you say? Basketball is a great sport...to watch. If any of you have ever seen my ballhandling and shooting skills, you know what I am talking about. I make Justus Cleveland look like the second coming of Moses Malone (you know, I'm not quite sure he isn't).

So where does that leave me? Well, in front of the old radiation tube, of course. There are so many great sports to check out right now, I don't even need to leave the house. For example:

NFL football: With only four games left in the season, it's do-or-die time for most

teams, so sit down and cheer for your favorite team this weekend. And if the Packers aren't on, it's always fun to cheer for any team playing the Eagles, Vikings, Raiders, Rams, Warren Sapp or even the lowly Bears. It's not as if the Bears need my help to lose, but it's always nice to shut up those Chicago fans that think that year wasn't a fluke.

College basketball: If you are one of those that doesn't tune in till March Madness, you are missing a lot of great balling. Those of you that watched that Indiana/Maryland game know exactly what I'm talking about. A guy doesn't nail a 55-footer to win the game, and then have it called back, with the refs saying that the clock ran out a fraction before he let it go. This just doesn't happen. Why didn't they just kick Steve Blake in the junk with a 50-lb steel-toed Carolina?

UWSP sports: Yeah, if you can brave the frigid cold and the rowdy crowd, go check out our winter sports teams. Our

women's basketball team won a national title last year, and they may be even better this season. The men's team is the most athletic it has been in years, with at least six different guys capable of going off in any given game. Our men's hockey team is a perennial powerhouse, and our women's skaters are predicted to challenge for a NCAA championship. Even our swimming and wrestling teams are ranked at the top of the conference. Where can you go wrong, I ask?

So I don't want to hear any sports fan out there say that this is a boring time of year (unless you are a soccer or cricket fan). While you aren't going to see me out there slapping home a shorthanded goal or driving for an uncontested layup, I'll be in the stands cheering on the home team. And if they aren't playing, I'll be at home, curled up on my old green couch, beer in hand and cheese on head, cheering on the only pro team worth cheering for. GO POINTERS (and Packers)!!!

Grapplers blow out Muskies in first dual

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pointer wrestling team admittedly had an up and down early tournament season. The team had excuses, though, as they were attempting to fill out an inexperienced starting lineup. However, the Pointers were finally ready to start their fight toward a NCAA Division III title on Saturday with a convincing win over the Lakeland University Muskies 33-12.

wrestling

Pointers 33
Muskies 12

Freshman Jon Burdick started the night out in a positive fashion for the Pointers in his 141 lb division, picking up a convincing 11-5 decision over Musky standout Matt Preimesberger. "Jon wrestled pretty well for a young guy," said Pointer coach Johnny Johnson.

Sophomore Ryan Hanson picked up the only pin of the night for the team, taking down

Lakeland's Nick Brock in 3:44 to take the 149 lb division.

Other top performers for the Pointers included 174 lb sophomore Logan McLennan, who beat Jake Eigenbrodt by a 7-2 decision, and freshman heavyweight Mike Hayes, who scored a hard fought, two-overtime 6-5 decision over Matt Benson. Hayes was subbing for injured senior Mark Burger, who tore a knee ligament and is out for the season.

"I was proud of the way our heavyweight finished the match," said Johnson. "It's tough when you're young and you get in those overtime situations."

UWSP's top wrestlers, David Davila, Brady Holtz and Yan White, all won by forfeit as Lakeland failed to field competitors in their weight classes.

Next, the Pointers travel to La Crosse where they will face a rival Eagle team with whom they match up with very closely.

"If we go out there and wrestle aggressively, we should come out on top," said Johnson.

View from a Pointer: Interview with the intramural man

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

This week kicks off the block two playoffs, so I thought it would be timely to sit down and talk with the head of intramurals, Ian Plant.

There have been some changes in the intramural system this year, the most notable one being that the intramural staff finally has some office space.

"We have added two staff members this year to help as the program continues to increase in size," said Plant. "We have also moved from the old cupboard, as we called the old intramural office, into a place that's visible to the student eye (Quandt Fieldhouse lobby), and that's one of the biggest changes."

Plant has worked hard to promote that not only are intramurals fun to participate in, but they also gives students the opportunity to get some exercise as well. He especially wants to see more women in intramurals.

"We have a lot of people participating, but we are looking to increase every year and that hasn't happened in the past," said Plant. "We really want more women to sign up right now because intramurals have really been dominated by guys, and we are trying to promote female participation."

Another change in the intramural system is the tournaments. Plant is offering more tournaments than in past years, and he has also added a little bonus.

Unlike past tournaments, the ones this year are free.

"The volleyball tournaments and the flag football ones are both free," said Plant. "Although last block it was kind of interesting because volleyball is our most popular sport and no one signed up."

It's hard to argue with Plant's logic as far as the perks of intramurals go. Not only can a person get some solid exercise, but getting involved is also a good way to break up your studies.

"The main thing is to get away from your studies; you need that free time to get out and talk to people and compete."

Intramurals offer two types of leagues. There are division I and division II. Division I is for the serious competitors who are out for victory and want the intensity turned up. Division II is for the casual athlete who wants to go out and have fun and compete but not at a high level.

Anyone who has ever competed in intramurals knows that inevitably things will get out of hand. Sometimes things are said to referees or to other teams in the heat of the battle, and I was curious how Plant felt about this.

"In division I, things get a little intense but that happens when you have such a high level of competition and for the most part it works out. I would just like to ask the students to cut down on swearing and having a go at the officials because they are doing the best they can," said Plant.

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Women's Hockey: Lake Forest, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Lake Forest, Sat., 2:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: at River Falls, Sat. 7 p.m.; Stout, Wed., 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: at Wheaton (Ill.), Sat., 4 p.m.; at Stout, Wed., 7 p.m.

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Hunters register 261,093 deer during 2002 nine-day season

Wisconsin's current status of the deer hunt and CWD numbers

A preliminary call-in tally of registration stations across the state shows hunters killed 261,093 deer during the regular nine-day gun deer hunt.

This is about 10 percent lower than the tally of 291,563 from Wisconsin's 2001 season and about 20 percent lower than the 10-year average of call-in numbers of 328,000. The preliminary total includes deer shot in the chronic wasting disease (CWD) zones during the nine-day season. Those zones have extended gun seasons as part of the state's effort to control the fatal deer brain disease.

"I'm very pleased with the effort hunters made to get out and with the number of CWD samples they volunteered to our surveillance effort," said Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary Darrell Bazzell. "I think that given the unusual nature of this year's hunt, with the early lag in license sales, the fear and uncertainty caused by discovery of CWD in Wisconsin and the extraordinary effort to collect CWD samples, hunters and staff can be proud of the effort they've made. The success of Wisconsin's statewide surveillance effort will be because of their contributions."

"Hunting conditions were near average almost everywhere in the state with the only complaint being a wish for more snow cover to aid in spotting deer in the field," said Tom Hauge, director of the DNR Bureau of Wildlife Management.

Gun deer hunting license sales hit 618,945 by Nov. 22. This was a drop of 10 percent from 2001, but up considerably from the 19-20 percent deficit only 10 days earlier. DNR records show that nearly 70,000 licenses were sold the last day before the season opener and 37 percent of all license sales occurred in the last week before the opener.

"This was both a most unusual season and yet very



similar to dozens of past seasons," Hauge said. "Thousands of hunters waited until the last minute to purchase their licenses while hunters in the CWD eradication zone could hunt without a license and with an unlimited bag. Yet at the same time, today I saw a picture of a Door County hunter and his first buck, a beautiful, mature 12-pointer. You could see by his face that he was just as proud of his deer as you'd expect in any other season, regardless of CWD."

The pre-hunt deer population was estimated at about 1.6 million, with 41 units designated as Zone T, where the population is more than 20 percent over goal. Leading into the fall gun hunting seasons wildlife managers stressed the importance of the Zone T seasons for managing the state's deer population and the need for a solid hunting effort during the nine-day season for the same reason. Any shortfalls in harvest this year will need to be addressed in the 2003 hunting seasons, Hauge noted. Hunters shot only about 28,000 deer during the early Zone T hunt that was held Oct. 24-27, compared to nearly 44,450 in 2001. But, Hauge noted, the number of deer management units included in the Zone T hunt changes from year to year. A second Zone T season will be held Dec. 12-15 in those Zone T units located south of Highway 8.

Efforts to collect the large CWD surveillance samples provided wildlife health experts with a wealth of information on the health of Wisconsin's deer herd, according to Dr. Julie Langenberg, DNR wildlife veterinarian. With just over 36,000 samples collected statewide to date, scientists will have a lot of data to analyze over the coming months.

"Perhaps the toughest duty was carried out by the 1,200-plus state employees and citizen volunteers who staffed CWD sample collection stations throughout the opening weekend in sometimes windy, 30-degree temperatures," Langenberg said.

Hunters registered approximately 2,006 deer over the nine days at the three registration stations in the CWD Intensive Harvest Zone (IHZ). Combined with earlier hunts in the area, this brings the total harvest from the IHZ to approximately 11,000 deer since Feb. 28.

State wildlife managers want to reduce the deer population in the CWD infected area to as low a level as possible. Estimates place the pre-hunt deer population in the area at about 25,000 to 30,000. Gun hunting will continue in the IHZ until Jan. 31. Hunting in the CWD Management Zone, an area surrounding the IHZ, will continue until Dec. 15 and resume Dec. 21-Jan. 3.

"History will tell us that we took the appropriate steps based on the best science available at the time," said DNR Secretary Bazzell. "Some have claimed that our actions are too aggressive but we feel good about the effort we've made and our commitment to defining the CWD problem in Wisconsin. What's important for the future is that we continuously evolve our management of CWD as we learn more from the laboratory and the field."

I'm a wintertime wuss, but I like snow

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Walking outside today, the crystals falling down reminded me that soon the ground will be covered in a thick blanket of powder...and I'll get to go snowshoeing again.

I'm a pretty lazy winter-sports enthusiast. Usually, I'm one to just sit around watching movies and TV, eating anything in sight.

I've owned a snowboard for the past three years and have only managed to use it a handful of times. I've mastered standing up on it, but still can't hold on to the tow-rope for the bunny hill without falling.

I've tried downhill skiing too. I'm better at that than snowboarding, but with both sports I have to buy a lift ticket and find a ride to a ski hill. Besides, skiing and snowboarding in Wisconsin isn't that much fun when you've been out to Utah or Colorado or any other Western state with actual mountains.

I've always wanted to try winter camping. I mean real winter camping, when you can build an igloo over your tent and melt snow for fresh water. Yeah, but I'm too much of a cold-wuss to do any winter camping or sports for too long.

But snowshoeing is different. It's easy, it's cheap and I can be pretty lazy about doing it. First off, snowshoes don't cost that much and don't require sharpening or tune-ups every fall before the snow season. Shoes can just hang in your basement and be ready for when the first layer of snow is

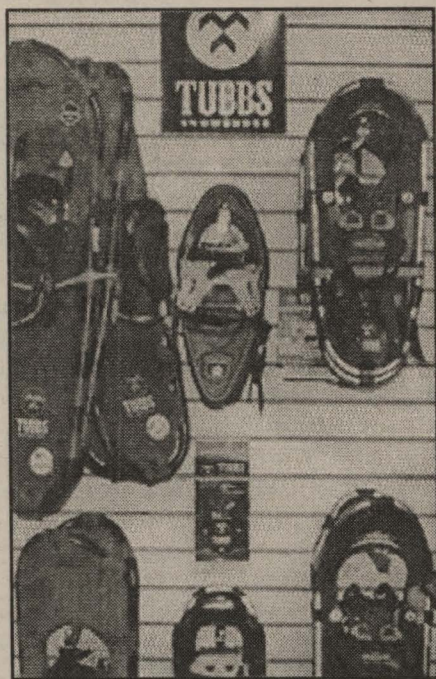


Photo by P. Larson

I'm just waiting and hoping for a new pair of snowshoes from Santa.

dumped on us.

The calming effect snowshoeing has on me may stem from the fact that it's so appealing to an array of outdoor types. Snowshoes can be tools of necessity for hunters and trappers that need to get into hard-to-traverse areas in the wintertime. Snowshoes are also just another way of getting out into the woods.

Cabin fever gets to the best of us. It's no wonder that snowshoeing has come around in recent years as another winter sport. If I can get off of my lazy ass when snow and winter weather comes around, anyone can. You betcha!

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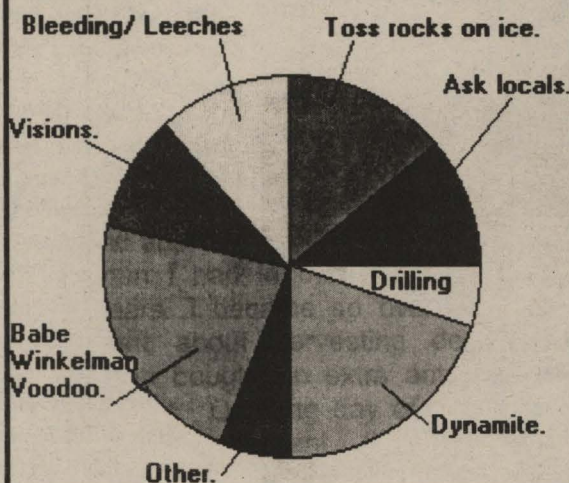
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Portage County ice thickness

By Adam Mella
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the Portage County area had received extremely cold weather that resulted in most backwaters and small lakes completely freezing over. Surveys were conducted throughout the area earlier this week to assess the ice thickness. Most backwaters are now walkable with 3" to 4" of ice, while inland lakes have ice sheets just over an inch thick. Main channel currents are keeping ice on the river from freezing more than just in spots and open water still is prevalent throughout the river where faster water runs. For those attempting to ice fish early this season, ice picks are recommended and going out alone should be avoided. As the graph shows, most people know relatively little about determining ice thickness levels. Always check with local bait shops for the most up to date information before venturing onto the ice, especially early in the season.

How do people test ice thickness?



Mr. Winters' two cents



Mr. Winters

I got on the ice and just chipped a few holes. This small lake had about 2 to 3 inches of ice, but was definitely walkable. This leads me to my first suggestion for fishing this winter: When using tip-ups I like to tie on a

Well folks, I hope we all gave thanks for the extra cold weather this past Thursday. I know I did, and of course, for that hearty meal I got to sit an' eat.

On Saturday, I got on the ice and just chipped a few holes. This small lake had about 2 to 3 inches of ice, but was definitely walkable. This leads me to my first suggestion for fishing this winter: When using tip-ups I like to tie on a

monofilament leader. Back in the day when I was a youngster you didn't have to trick these damn fish- they were plentiful! But nowadays it helps to reduce the visibility of your line, and therefore "makefer" a more natural presentation.

However, remember if fishing for big pike, muskies, or walnuts to use a heavy pound test in the 15 to 35 pound range.

Also, early ice equals good fishing, so get on out there and slay them fish! Don't forget that Sunday night will be a delight. A Packer victory and Vikings wearing earmuffs. Now, "Go on and Git!"

Let's Go Ice Fishing

Gearing up for Winter

By Adam Mella
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

It was a familiar scene as I drove west on Highway 10 Friday night. The gusting winds tested my Mazda's zoomy zoom bald tires and coated my cracked, barely transparent windshield with ice. Thirsting for eggnog, I rounded the last bend into Point for yet another season of ice fishing. Sound the auger folks; ice fishing is upon us all.

Since Point was pretty desolate over the holiday weekend, I spent the beginning of my night assessing my ice fishing equipment and five-gallon buckets.

In the process, I decided to make a list of what I consider essential gear needed prior to punching that first hole. My ancestors used railroad ties, rusty hooks and meatloaf to catch fish in the olden days, and big name anglers would have you take out a smallish loan to cover all their 'necessary' equipment. I believe that success and fun falls somewhere in the middle.

I'll start out with the basics here. The most important step to fishing through the ice is creating a suitable hole in the ice to fish through. Enter the auger. This ingenious tool has been reinvented and fine-tuned over time, and is the staple for drilling ice. They come in both hand-driven and gas-powered units, with blade diameters ranging from four inches up to ten. Augers can easily be the most expensive necessity to ice-fishing, going for \$30 up to over \$300 for the deluxe models. For those of you just starting out, or with limited budgets, I recommend finding a buddy with an auger and saving a few bucks. If you have one, or plan on purchasing an auger, making sure the blades are sharp will make drilling those first holes a hell of a lot easier.

Once the hole is drilled, you'll need to keep it slush- and snow-free to enjoy good fishing. Hands work fine, but I advise you to shell out the two Sacagaweas and get a cheap plastic scoop. If you are feeling rich, go for the unbreakable aluminum scoop and toss slush like a king.

The next thing you'll definitely need is your jigging rod and reel combo, and a few sturdy tip-ups, as every angler is allowed three lines in Wisconsin. Fleet Farm has the best selection, and most other stores in the area should carry ample materials.

A modest jigging rod set up with super light cold water line and some lead will work fine, and should run you anywhere from \$5 to \$30 depend-

ing on how fancy you want to look. Tip-ups price about the same, but here there are more varieties to choose from. Plastics are the cheapest, and lifetime wooden models are slightly more, but the newest thing on the market is the round shaped tip-up. These top-of-the-line versions cover the entire hole, presenting a more natural, light free look. They also help to keep slush from forming as well as keep blowing snow out of the hole.

That's all you really need for ice fishing equipment; however, to actually enjoy yourself, it is important to be comfortable, dry and warm on the ice. Step one is to locate yourself a good five-gallon bucket with a sturdy handle. Not only will it make carrying your gear easier, but it also doubles as a sweet chair to jig from.

Nothing ruins a good day on the ice quicker than having a cold ass, foot or hand, or feeling chilled in any sort of way. There are numerous ways to battle the cold. You most certainly need a good pair of long underwear and a sweat suit; I cannot stress this enough! A pair of wool socks and heavy-duty waterproof boots are a must. A good snowsuit, bibs or the like and a heavy coat will help to keep your body heat in and wind out. Top all that off with a nice hat, some mittens and perhaps a scarf. For those long days out, I recommend a few packs of thermal Hot Hands packets that can be bought at any outdoors store, and are relatively cheap for the soothing warmth that they provide.

That about covers the essentials and a few extra comforts that I have come to consider important to a good day of ice fishing. In the coming weeks, I will bring to you articles on basic ice fishing techniques, ice fishing luxuries, rituals and etiquette, as well as other information related to ice fishing in order to help you better enjoy the winter fishing season. Any input from readers is appreciated and more than likely to be printed.

Until next week folks, "Let's Go Ice Fishing!"

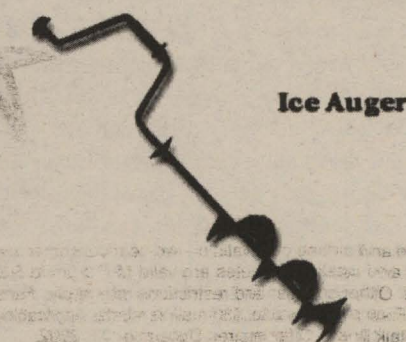
"Hands work fine, but I advise you to shell out the two Sacagaweas and get a cheap plastic scoop."

and heavy-duty waterproof boots are a must. A good snowsuit, bibs or the like and a heavy coat will help to keep your body heat in and wind out. Top all that off with a nice hat, some mittens and perhaps a scarf. For those long days out, I recommend a few packs of thermal Hot Hands packets that can be bought at any outdoors store, and are relatively cheap for the soothing warmth that they provide.

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Fire

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with any textbooks, clothing and meal allowances they needed. "We're going to basically help them out in any way we can," Tomlinson said.

A "Fire Fund" has also been put together and will be accepting donations until noon on Monday, Dec. 9. If you would like to make a cash donation please stop by rooms 100 or 180 in the CNR building or room 469 in the CPS. Also anyone who may know of housing for six in the spring semester should contact Sue Kissinger at skissing@uwsp.edu.

Retirement

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tests for maladies such as Streptococcus, Mononucleosis and STD's occupied Ramczyk's days at UWSP prior to leaving campus at the end of August.

She says she loved interacting with the students, answering their questions and working in the laboratory. Overseeing the work of student laboratory assistants also was a favorite part of her job.

Following the move from Nelson Hall to Delzell Hall in 1980, Health Services expanded its services and the expertise of its staff in order to better serve UWSP students, Ramczyk says. During a busy year, she and the other full-time medical technologist conducted as many as 19,000 laboratory tests.

During their retirement, the Ramczyks plan to travel throughout the United States. They recently attended the hot air balloon festival in Albuquerque, N. M. Also, enjoying their back yard retreat (she is a charter member of the Central Wisconsin Rose Society), working on genealogy (she has been a member of the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society for more than 30 years, having served as president) and pursuing creative projects are part of their plans. Ramczyk says she also hopes to volunteer with a social justice organization.

Allen Center remodeling awaits approval

UW-Stevens Point's Allen Center will undergo a remodeling project if the \$540,000 budget is approved by the UW System Board of Regents this week.

A former dining hall, the building is now used as a recreation facility. The remodeling project will convert an abandoned cafeteria kitchen into a large exercise room, small kitchen and laundry room. A new air circulator will replace three obsolete units and an exterior balcony will be flashed to eliminate leaking.

Several years ago, the center was closed as a dining facility, a casualty of enrollment management. Used infrequently for special events, it stood empty until 1995 when students opted to use a portion of their fees to turn it into a recreation center.

It currently houses an aerobic room, fitness area, education room and a Student Health Promotion unit, as well as an outdoor rental and programming department.

For further information, contact is Susan Crotteau, assistant director of University Centers administration, at 346-4379.

The Board of Regents meeting agenda for Dec. 5 and 6 is available online at www.uwsa.edu/bor/index.htm.

Words of Wisdom From the Senior

A tale of the merry, lone concert-goer.

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

It's a rare thing in this age for an individual to happily spend an evening alone, unless they're perverts with chafed hands or own an excess of two-dozen cats. However, a few weekends ago, I was able to confirm a theory I'd already proposed this summer when I was obsessive enough to see the White Stripes perform. I drove down to Milwaukee to attend a concert, all by myself.

On a regular Saturday night, when most UWSP students were busy "tying one on," I made the solo trek to The Rave to witness the bizarre antics of the master of the bass himself; one Les Claypool. I'd been looking forward to seeing the former Primus mastermind perform for several

months and jumped at the opportunity to grab some two-drink minimum vouchers. For those of you whose music knowledge begins at Creed and ends at Matchbox Twenty, maybe you'd recognize Col. Claypool's voice from the South Park theme.

Originally, I was going to attend the show with a roommate. But when his 1990 Dodge Caravan (with "Official Pimp Mobile" sticker displayed prominently in the rear window) decided to take a crap in front of our house the day before the show, he was forced to respectfully bow out. So that left me with two options. I could either end up at the bars downtown (where I could pound shots of Jaeger and puke on the Friendly Bar floor) or suck it up and head down to the concert alone.

But I'd already done the former and I still can't believe how vehemently that girl shouted the word "gross" when that soupy mix of half digested macaroni bits and High Life splattered onto her flare jeans. So naturally I packed up a dozen CD's and, with the purchase of a full tank of gas and a few Cherry Cokes, headed down to Milwaukee.

Upon arriving at The Rave, I quickly realized that finding a spot in the security-guarded parking lot was going to be no easy task. It turns out that the sensitive, lady-pleasing Ben Folds (whose performance was a much more highly touted show) was performing upstairs in the Eagles Ballroom. There were Geo Prizms and PT Cruisers as far as the eye could see, leaving little room for my dented "grandma" car.

I was fortunate enough to

secure one of the last spots in the \$15 parking lot behind the venue, but was disappointed to find that not only was I going to have to park on a 45 degree incline but \$15 for parking split one way means I wound up paying \$15. At least I made my credit card company chip in for gas.

In a pre-show run to an ATM to replace the chunk the parking fee taken from my out of my wallet, I crossed the path of a homeless man looking for a handout. Being the basically compassionate but still uptight and socially obtuse country boy that I am, I compromised by offering him a cigarette, which he refused. In an effort to act as if this one simple kind act could fulfill my humanitarian obligations for a lifetime, I offered the man three dollars. However, despite his lowly state, the need for reciprocity compelled this "shelterly-impaired"



Drawing by J. Goller
Les Claypool's Frog Brigade recently prompted the author to head to The Rave solo

gentleman to provide me with a five minute discussion on the dangers of smoking. Not something I'd bargained for.

After being herded through a juxtaposed mix of khaki-clad Ben Folds ticket-holders and purple voucher-toting greaseballs, I made my way downstairs to "The Bassment" of the building. Although I appreciated the three separate bars in The Bassment where I could spend my two drink minimum tickets (which ended up costing \$17 in their own right), I must say that in general the venue was disappointing. The room was braced with a half dozen supporting pillars and, due to the opaque nature of supporting pillars, it was difficult to see parts of the stage from almost every vantage point.

However, I did secure a spot where Les would be in clear view. As he took the stage following a lengthy guitar intro by his Frog Brigade, Les thumped his bass strings as only he can while decked out in a Clockwork Orange mask, appropriate for his phantasmagoric musical styling.

The show was a mix of songs from the band's recent "Purple Onion" album and magnificent covers. Opening with a cover of Pink Floyd's "Shine on You Crazy Diamond," Les Claypool's Frog Brigade continued with their recent release "Up on the Roof" spliced with a cover of the classic "I Put a Spell on You."

Since I didn't know anyone there, I was given the independence to gyrate like a tazer victim without having to feel embarrassed. Also, I couldn't have received that \$3 anti-smoking lecture from the homeless man if I'd brought friends along with me. Given the chance to venture out on my own, I attained the freedom to act however I wanted without the yoke of accountability on my shoulders.

I did have to pay for gas and parking on my own. Sure, my ticket was a little more pricey than I'd expected. All in all, it cost more for me to travel alone but, unlike free shots of Jaeger, I was able to keep those two \$8.50 screwdrivers in my stomach. And, hell, at least I had that parking lot N.J. all to myself.



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AtomFilms: the e-Bible of short films

How to use the Internet to dive into the underworld of independent films

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

In today's profit-based film industry, major motion picture blockbusters dominate the movie scene. With nearly everyone in America rushing out to see the same handful of films that grace almost every commercial theater in the nation, independent filmmakers suffer the long, arduous process of getting the public to view their pictures.

Occasionally, an independent filmmaker will get his or her film into a major independent film festival and strike it big when Hollywood studios notice their talent. However, the fact remains that few people see the majority of films produced in America.

Our society makes it even more difficult for a director to get a short film into the mainstream. Once a staple of early moviemaking, the short film has almost become a lost art in the industry for the simple fact that there is rarely a substantial profit. However, with the inception of the Internet, filmmakers received

a new medium through which to distribute their creations.

Atomfilms, a branch of Shockwave.com, is one of the many short film sources to turn to in search of quality film shorts. With a wide range of genres, from animation to thrillers, AtomFilms provides the public with access to short films of varying lengths. While some films run under two minutes, other span over a half an hour in length. Not everything at AtomFilms is quality filmmaking (some doesn't even try to be) but it all boils down to a film experience that can be different from anything seen before. Sometimes AtomFilms virgins need a bit of guidance in order to discover quality films on the web site. AtomFilms includes user reviews and rankings to ease this process as well as an intrasite search engine to allow users the ability to search for topics of interest.

I've stumbled across many a fine film through this process and would like to pass along this information for those interested by reviewing several films that I enjoyed.

The Date, an Australian short film, revolves around the premise of a young man running all over town in search of a specific condom to replace one his girlfriend snatched from her par-

ents' room while they were out of the country. It may seem like a basic plot, but this six minute dark comedy takes a momentous turn in the closing seconds that makes it a great short film.

In *Refluxus*, an eight-minute thriller, a murder witness suddenly becomes swept into the heart of the crime. Filmed with very little dialogue, *Refluxus* challenges the viewer's perception of reality as well as raises questions similar to *Back to the Future's* time-space continuum. This is one of the most interesting short films I've discovered at AtomFilms.

For those who enjoy crude comedy, the Bikini Bandits series provides an opportunity to indulge. With nearly a dozen episodes to choose from, this series is what its title suggests and centers around a foursome of attractive, bikini-clad criminals. It may not be for the easily offended, but Bikini Bandits can provide some laughs for the select audience who appreciates its wacky brand of humor.

All in all, AtomFilms gives the short film fan the chance to view free films that are unlike anything produced in Hollywood these days. They may not all be gems, but digging through this website in search of the good stuff is half the fun.

Natty Nation returns to spread the word of Jah

Negative vibrations will be eliminated at Witz End on Friday, Dec. 6 as the Roots Rock Reggae band Natty Nation performs at 9:30 p.m.

Making their second stop in Point this semester, and playing at the Witz for the third time in the last year, Natty Nation brings positive



Natty Nation

vibes that "enlightens and unifies people from different cultures."

Hailing from Madison, Natty Nation is a member of the Reggae Ambassadors Worldwide (#665). The quintet blends a driving one-drop beat with political and humanitarian messages that are sure to keep the crowd jiving.

Natty Nation proves that you don't have to travel down to the Caribbean to hear quality reggae music. A favorite in the Stevens Point music scene, Natty is sure to draw a large audience. The Natty Nation experience proves that there are bands out there who bring culturally significant music to Stevens Point.

Movie Review

Die Another Day

By Geoff Fyfe
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Bond. James Bond. Pierce Brosnan returns as 007 for his fourth (and possibly last) Bond film. The 21st Bond film (I always count *Never Say Never Again* due to Sean "The Bond" Connery's presence), *Die Another Day* lives up to the formula of guns, gadgets, explosions and scantily clad beauties. It succeeds despite being perhaps the most ludicrous Bond film since the "007 meets Star Wars" exploits of *Moonraker*.

Die Another Day starts off with a very un-Bond beginning as the superspy is captured by the North Koreans after a botched arms deal. After 14 months of torture, 007 is released in a prisoner exchange (and comes out looking like the *Unabomber*). Instantly, M (the indomitable Judi Dench) strips him of his "00" rank for fear he may have spilled secrets over torture. James knows the truth — someone betrayed him from inside the MI6 ranks.

Soon, Bond escapes custody and makes his way to Cuba and then Iceland in a hunt to uncover the traitor and clear his name. The trail leads to Gustav Graves (Toby Stephens), an out-of-nowhere billionaire playboy and his statuesque ice-queen publicist Miranda Frost (Rosamund Pike). Graves apparently is planning something with his secret "Icarus" project, a giant mirror that can act as a second sun. But what is it? With the help of Jinx (Halle Berry), a maverick U.S. agent he countered in Cuba, 007 must discover Graves' secret and thwart his plans.

As previously stated, *Die Another Day* contains plot twists and some moments that are ludicrous even for a Bond film, especially in revealing Graves's true identity and connection to North Korea. But that's a minor quibble. The film delivers on all that can be expected of a Bond film and more. Highlights are a ruthless fencing duel between Bond and Graves (plus a cameo by Madonna, who sings the title theme) and a climactic four-way battle aboard an exploding jet. It also possesses some of the raciest entendres for 007 ever.

Brosnan remains the best Bond since Connery, possessing the right mixture of ruthlessness and light-heartedness since the original 007. He's matched, however, by Berry, as the recent Oscar winner turns Jinx into not just an pretty ornament for 007, but his ruthless equal. Stephens'

Graves is a somewhat lackluster villain, a spoiled rich kid with a daddy complex (think George W. Bush gone bad). He's upstaged by Rick Yune as Zao, the treacherous North Korea assassin. Thanks to James, Zao has a constellation of diamonds embedded in his face and neon eyes. He makes another memorable Bond henchman, ranking next to Jaws and Oddjob.

A final note: this is the first Bond film without the late, great Desmond Lewelyn as Q, the put-upon weapons maker. Thankfully, John Cleese steps in admirably, as exasperated as his predecessor by this overgrown adolescent who continually wrecks his latest gadget. Watching him berate 007 proves that with Bond, some things will never change.



CD REVIEW

Trust Low

By Mike Kerkman
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

If you know of Duluth's Low, you know their style is a distinct one—and the human urge to categorize has given it the label "slowcore". Indeed, an archetypical Low song takes its time, exploring the importance of not only the notes, but also the spaces between those notes. What also characterizes Low is the gorgeous textures they create with these explorations, accompanied by the voices of husband and wife Alan Sparhawk and Mimi Parker.

It's easy to recognize this classic Low on much of the excellent new album *Trust*. It doesn't get much more beautiful than "Point of Disgust" (oddly enough), as Parker's voice shimmers over piano and strings. This actually marks one of the few moments for her voice on this

album, as Sparhawk sings lead on most songs here. Yet his voice has never been better, and for proof see "Time is the Diamond".

The "slowcore" Low is most evident here on songs like "Candy Girl," which builds itself around a simple one or two chords. "The Lamb" brings the beat to a slow (and literal) stomp, and with a distant chorus of voices, takes us through a spooky and affecting seven minutes.

Don't worry about Low becoming formulaic, though. The strength in the calculated beauty and melody of these songs keeps working, and well. Not to mention surprises, like the straight-up "rock" of a song like "Canada." Low, in fact, manages a gratifying amount of diversity for a band that is so expected to conform to their label, and *Trust* is another quality example.



Alan Sparhawk, Mimi Parker and Zak Sally of Low.

Local Live Music Schedule

The Mission Coffeehouse

Friday, Dec. 6

Greenscene

Saturday, Dec. 7

Brainerd
&
The Lust

Witz End

Friday, Dec. 6

Natty Nation

Saturday, Dec. 7

Greg Koch & the Tone Controls

Clark Place

Friday, Dec. 6

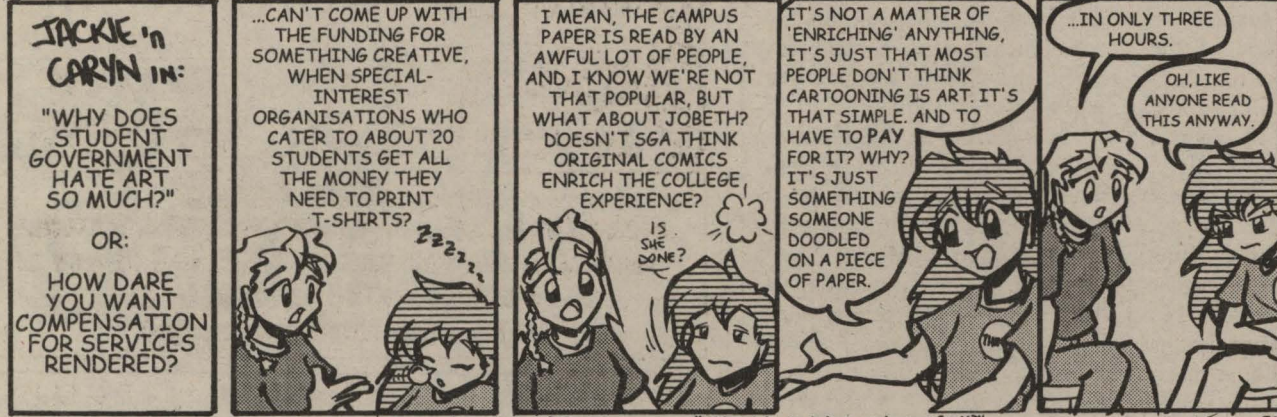
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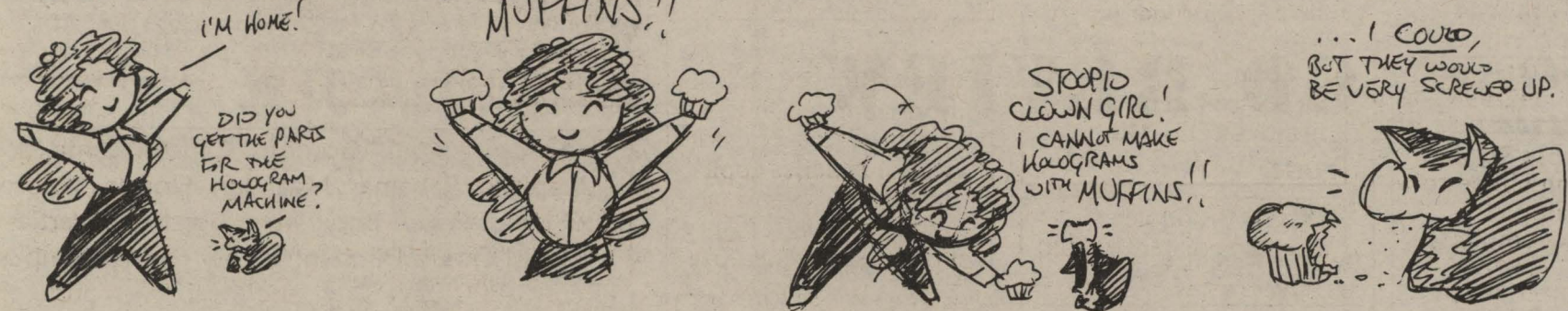
"If teachers teach 'for the students' and not 'for the money', why should we pay them? If painters are compelled to paint, why do they want money for it?"

tonja steele

by joey hetzel

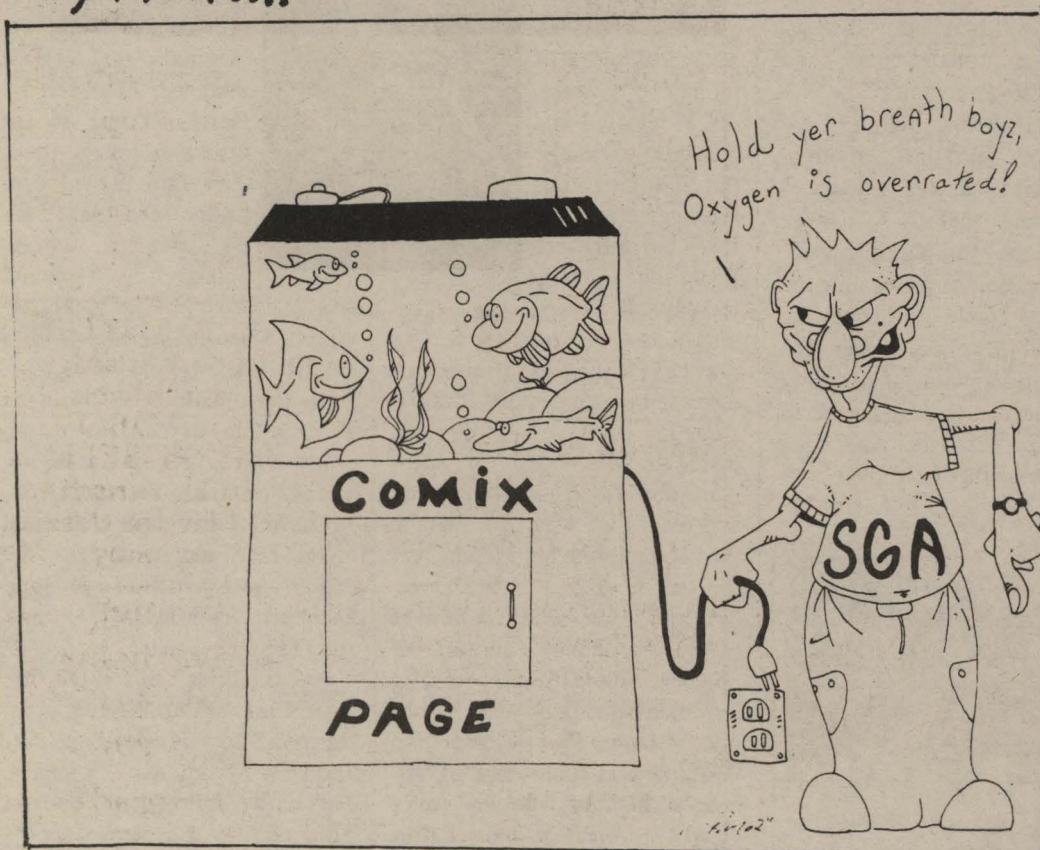


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