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## Opposing homosexual views heat up campus

**Watson Hall teaches tolerance while off-campus Christian group protests**

By Josh Goller  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Stevens Point saw both a promotion of tolerance and a self-proclaimed campaign of discrim-

ination Monday. Watson Hall hosted "One Fish, Two Fish, Gay Fish, Green Fish" to educate the UWSP campus about homosexuality and to encourage tolerance.

Earlier in the day, the Monroe-based group Wisconsin Christians United (WCU) had congregated on the corner of Main Street and Division Street displaying large yellow "Homosexuality Is Sin" banners.



Photo by L. Zancanaro

"We're protesting to let people know what God's word says," said an activist who wished to remain anonymous. "People like to say that people like us hate. It has

nothing to do with hate. We're warning people that homosexuality is wicked, and the wrath of God is to come."

In addition to displaying banners and signs, the WCU activists were also distributing pamphlets titled "A little discrimination can be a good thing."

WCU members were soon met with an assembly of both gay and gay-supporting students and community.

"I don't agree with what they're saying, but I'm glad that we still have free speech so I can say what I believe too," said Kelly Pionek.

Several WCU members engaged in heated dialogue with the gay supporters. "You've got the spirit of Jezebel in you," said one WCU member. "You people are headed for hell."

"You need to love as Christ

told us to love," said senior Kristy Paulson. "He ate dinner with the tax collectors and prostitutes." Condemning an entire group of people isn't what God taught, according to Paulson.

"I'm not really with either side," Paulson said. "I am a strong Christian but I am not going to condemn their [homosexuals] lifestyle. The way they [the WCU] go about their protest isn't right. Yelling on street corners doesn't get the message to gay people."

Later in the night, the unrelated Watson Hall program incor-



Photo by L. Zancanaro

porated activities with a question-and-answer panel discussion. One activity included two organizers donning t-shirts marred with derogatory names for their sexual orientation.

"This [the names] is what I have to wear every day because I'm gay," said senior Michelle Fitch.

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## Black history celebrated

By Mollie Mlodzik  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The UWSP Black Student Union and the community of Stevens Point are taking time to recognize Black History Month.

Black History Month is a time to look back and recognize black Americans who have made contributions in history.

It is also a time to bring the campus together and help bond the community.

"We want people to feel connected all year long, not just in February," said Ronald Strege, director of Multicultural Affairs on campus.

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, and UWSP has celebrated black history on campus since 1971.

"Black History Month shows society what African Americans have gone through, how far we have come, and how far we are going to go," said Quianna Monroe, president of the Black Student Union.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson is the man who pioneered Negro History Week, or what has now become Black History Month.

A child of former slaves, Woodson enrolled in high school at age 20 and graduated two

years later. He eventually went on to earn his Ph.D from Harvard.

In 1915, Woodson he established the Association for the study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History), and in 1916 he founded the Journal of Negro History.

The initiative behind the annual recognition was to make known the contributions of black people through history.

Monroe added, "This is a time for us to acknowledge our ancestors, and to take advantage of what we have now."

The month of February was chosen because it is the month of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays. These two men made a great impact on African American history.

February also marks many other significant dates. The 15th amendment was passed granting blacks the right to vote in 1870, the first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels took his oath of office in 1870, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in New York in 1909, and Malcolm X

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## 'A martyr's life remembered

**Stevens Point honors former resident James Miller**

By Amy Zepnick  
NEWS EDITOR

In 1982, conflict in Central America accounted for the death of Brother James (Hermano Santiago) Miller, a Christian Brother from the Stevens Point area. Feb. 10 marked the 20th anniversary of his murder as fellow Brothers, family and friends gathered in the University Center's Alumni room to pay tribute to a man caught in political violence.

Brother Miller was born and raised in Central Wisconsin. He attended Pacelli High School in 1958, and became a member of the Christian Brothers, the largest teaching order in the nation. In 1968, he received a grant to study Spanish at the University of Dayton and went to Nicaragua to teach. During the Nicaraguan revolution in 1979, he was on leave in the United States and was advised not to return because all school officials were suspected by the new government of being sympathetic to the old regime. Instead, he volunteered

to serve at the Brother's school in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. It was there that, as he fixed a school window, three heavily armed men shot him to death.

"We view it as a concern when a Christian dedicates his life to humanity," said Brother Paul Joslin, "then they have to suffer at the hands of privileged minorities. In Central America, the level of personal violence, kidnappings and murders are up and the church is being blamed. For now, peace and justice eludes us."

In 1999, former President Bill Clinton visited Central America to discover the savagery of the Guatemalan military. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) supported the Guatemalan military after overthrowing the constitutional order.

According to the New York Times (June 30, 1995), the CIA gave the Guatemalan military millions of dollars in

the 1980s and 1990s to buy information from high-ranking military intelligence officers. To support anticommunism, armies supported by the U.S, suppressed democracy, free speech and human rights.

"These armies are responsible for 93 percent of the murders

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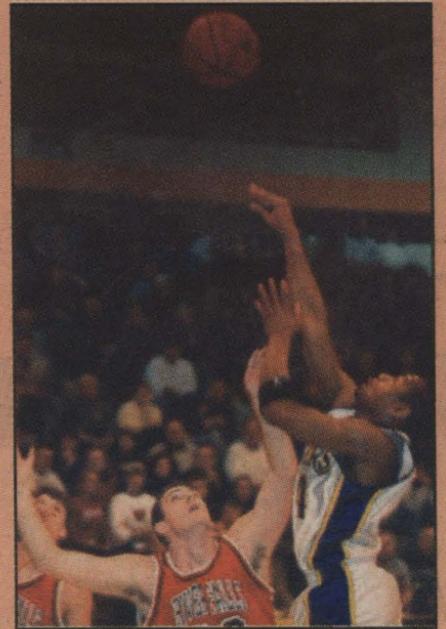


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Kadima slams in 24 points during Thursday night's game. See Page 10.

## Campus BEAT

**Watson Hall**  
Monday, Feb. 11 9:00 p.m.

A student reported the theft of his black Compaq lap top computer.

**Thomson Hall**  
Saturday, Feb. 9 3:42 a.m.

An officer was dispatched to a fire alarm on the second floor and discovered a discharged fire extinguisher.

**Steiner Hall**  
Thursday, Feb. 7 2:05 p.m.

A student reported she had lost the magnetic strip off her Point Card after it split in half.

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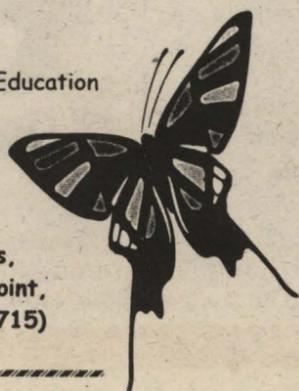
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**Miller**  
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in Guatemala," said Sister Alice Zachmann. "During the civil war, 200,000 Guatemalans were killed and 250,000 people fled to Mexico. The army would come in and mow down the villages. One thousand villages were destroyed."

The ceremony, dubbed Brother James Miller Day, celebrated Brother Miller's martyrdom and allowed his legacy to be heard.

"The presence of God is so unbelievable in the place Jim was," said Louise Shafranski, sister of Brother Miller. "After meeting all the people he touched, it was a comfort. His legacy continues in the lives and hearts of the people in Guatemala. He is just an example of what extraordinary things ordinary people can do."

Brother James Miller Day began as a result of his death.

"A lot of people didn't know what was going on in Central America," said Ray Stroik, coordinator of the event and 1993 recipient of the Brother James Miller Award. "We thought his death would be a good teaching tool. The 80s were all about the Central American conflict. It took involvement in our everyday lives. It was just the spirit of the times."

According to Stroik, this

event's purpose is to keep the memory of Brother Miller's death alive.

"Many people died in Central America," he said. "We the people pay the price for the bullets that killed James Miller. We are fighting for human rights. This event is a gesture of solidarity to the



Brother James Miller

victims of injustice."

According to Brother James Krause, Guatemala still struggles economically.

"The unemployment rate is over 40 percent," he said. "There is serious starvation because the land owners and businessmen don't pay taxes. Impunity holds for government officials and the people there have no confidence in the government."

Eight hundred thousand children do not attend school. Instead, they work in the fields for family income. Sixty percent take home \$2.00

a day.  
"Is the government helping people like Brother Miller to their death?" said Sister Zachmann. "The truth must be made known so we can act responsibly so the killing can be stopped."

The Brother James Miller Award was presented at the event. The Sisters of St. Joseph were this year's winners. They offer ministry to prisoners and refugees and work with inner-city churches.

"This award belongs to more people beyond our congregation," Sister Sandy Setterlund said. "We honor the brothers and sisters across the world. It's what they've given us that brings us to this celebration today. Wherever one of us is, all of us are. That's the spirit of community."

Stevens Point mayor Gary Wescott stressed the importance of this event.

"We are working to build a strong and powerful community," he said. "Not just the community of Stevens Point, but the community of the nation."

If interested in additional information about the event or the Central American conflict, contact Ray Stroik at 344-9661.

## New coordinator appointed in education

By Christian Parker  
NEWS REPORTER

Professor Patricia Caro, a specialist in educational psychology and early childhood special education, has been named graduate coordinator for the School of Education at UW-Stevens Point.



Caro

Caro will coordinate and manage admission of graduate students, advise students at the graduate and undergraduate levels and approve completion of final degree requirements. She will be an advocate for graduate education and assist with recruitment and retention of graduate students.

"I hope to reinforce and expand the School of Education as well as facilitate graduate students," said Caro.

Her goals include obtaining meaningful graduate programs that fulfill students' professional needs and increasing the level of choice-making by graduate students in their courses of study.

Caro holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education,

a master's degree in special education and an Ed.S. in special education from the University of Virginia. She attended McGill University in Montreal, where she earned her Ph.D. She has been a member of the UWSP education faculty since 1990, teaching a variety of special education courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

"I started out in cognitive disorders, which was my first position," she said. "It carried into my teaching career."

She has received several successful grants from the UW system and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. She has also served on boards of several organizations, including the Achievement Center, the Stevens Point Preschool Advisory Board, the Family Resource Center and Right From the Start.

In addition to being the School of Education's current coordinator of special education, Caro serves as adviser to more than 500 graduate students and 50 undergraduates. There are about 800 graduate students at UW-Stevens Point that are seeking a master's degree and/or certification in education. Caro currently has an article in press for "Teacher Education and Special

Education," a professional journal, about the use of distance education in a cooperative course. Distance education is the collaborative teaching of online courses with faculty from other UW campuses. She has published several other articles in professional publications, focusing on topics such as distance education, international adoption, case study analysis and her work with families having young children experiencing disabilities. She has worked with over 700 families.

Caro feels that the School of Education at UWSP has evolved well with rapidly changing times.

"The department doesn't change for fads or popularity," Caro says, "but rather focuses on careful analysis of education and making lasting changes."

Caro enjoys teaching because she has the opportunity to create her own agenda while expressing creativity and intelligence. She also feels that it is important to excel in an area in which you enjoy what you do.

As the new graduate coordinator, Caro looks forward with an open mind to new ideas and suggestions from the university and the community.

**Views**

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Members of the question-and-answer panel fielded various inquiries including family and friends' responses to their "coming out" as well as addressing discrimination and support they'd received because of their sexual orientation. The panel also tackled the question of which gay stereotype bothered them the most.

"My parents assume I won't be happy," said Chris Holly. "A lot of people freaked out and thought that I was attracted to them."

The panel also responded to the WCU activists' actions earlier in the day.

"I am also a Christian and it floors me where people's pursuit of this issue stops. They say 'homosexuality is sin' but doesn't God look at all sin as the same?" said Will Louis-BruX. "They claim that homosexuality is sin and say 'let's wipe them out' and use God as a reason for it. If Christ were here would he shun, persecute or kill? It bothers me when people want to do

hurtful, evil things to other people in the name of God."

The program concluded by burning the "stereotype" T-shirts, to a cheer from those in attendance.

"I thought it was a good



Photo by L. Zancanaro

program," said sophomore Ian Dreger. "It's something this campus needs more of because there's people who need to realize that diversity is out there and they can't hide from it."

This was the third time that the program has been conducted in the residence halls, with the previous two programs taking place during the 1999-2000 school year.

**Bowman awarded \$3,900**

A UW-Stevens Point English faculty member has been awarded \$3,900 from the Wisconsin Teaching Fellows Program.

Mary Bowman, assistant professor of English, is among 15 peers in the UW System awarded fellowships for 2002-2003.

UWSP provides matching funds through the Office of Academic Affairs. Bowman came to UWSP in 1998 after a year spent as a visiting professor at Shenandoah University, Winchester, Va., and two years at Pikeville College, Pikeville, Ky.



Bowman

The chosen fellows use the grants for a yearlong opportunity to think creatively about ways to improve faculty instruction and student learning, while working cooperatively with colleagues both within and outside their disciplines. As fellows, the faculty members will attend OPID's Faculty College and Summer Institute, both held during June. They also will meet twice during the year in conjunction with other

OPID-sponsored events.

During her fellowship year, Bowman hopes to address two related problems faced by students in literature classes, the need for active involvement with the material and the fact that many are not equipped with the knowledge of culture and literature to interpret the material. She predicts the tools will include a combination of materials and activities, making use of electronic resources on the Internet and using technology in the classroom.

A specialist in Renaissance literature, Bowman holds degrees from Duke University and the College of William and Mary. She was nominated by the English Department for the University Scholar Award in 2000.

She has two articles forthcoming in professional journals and has presented and chaired sessions at Midwest Modern Language Association conventions.

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was killed by three Muslims in 1965.

Though black history has been celebrated since 1926, it was not until 31 years ago that the Black Student Coalition (BSC) was formed on campus.

The BSC hoped to get black culture and history into the curriculum and to improve race relations on campus.

Today the BSC has become the Black Student Union (BSU), a group that still holds strong with a purpose to cultivate self-esteem and racial understanding, to unite black students on the UWSP campus and to help educate and understand black issues.

In 1971, the BSC held its first Black Culture Week, featuring speakers, a "Soul Serenade" dinner, a black art and culture show and a fashion show.

The tradition has held strong. In honor of Black History Month, the BSU is holding its annual Soul Food Dinner and has invited two gospel choirs to sing at the Good News Fellowship Church.

The Soul Food Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 in the UC Alumni Room with the Muntu Dance Theater of Chicago to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for the public and \$5 for UWSP students with ID and for children eight and under.

The Gospel Festival is to follow Feb. 23 at the Good News Fellowship Church, located at 801 Highway 10 West.

Scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. are the Lane Tech Gospel Choir, hailing from a Chicago High School, and the True Praise Ministries chorale from Milwaukee.

"Lane Tech High School has African Americans, and not only

is it good for the community to come and listen but it gives us a chance to recruit for the campus," said Monroe.

This festival is \$5 for the public and \$3 for children and UWSP students with ID. Tickets are available at the UWSP Arts and Athletics Ticket Office, located in the Quandt Field House, by phone at 346-4100 or at the door.

Aside from the BSU Soul Food dinner and gospel choirs, the Learning Resource Center (LRC) usually has a display about Black History Month as well.

"We would usually have some kind of display downstairs in the lobby, but with all of the current construction, we don't have access to a lot of our display space," said Maija Stumbris, the LRC business manager.

Another place in Stevens Point celebrating Black History Month is the Portage County Public Library. The library has black history books and posters on display in their children's area.

"We are always restocking the displays, because people are apt to check the displays out and become interested," said Johnna Clegg, a library aid in the children's department.

The displays feature famous black civil rights activists and athletes throughout history and have drawn quite a bit of attention.

"The other day I saw a mother and son discussing the poster, and the son knew who all of the people were and what they had done," Clegg said. "It was really neat to witness, and it shows that teachers really are paying attention to this subject in schools."

**African American women in history**

Shirley Chisholm  
1924-

First woman elected to the U.S. Congress



Photo courtesy of greatwomen.org

Mary Mahoney  
1845-1926

First black woman to become a nurse



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Madam C.J. Walker  
1867-1919

First black millionaire



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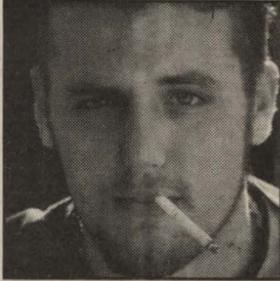
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# Words of Wisdom From the Editor



Valentine's Day touches my soft spot, ... and makes it puke.

By **Josh Goller**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Yep, here it is: the obligatory Valentine's Day column. If I were more creative I'd be writing about how I'm too creative to write a cliché Valentine's Day column, ... but I'm not that creative.

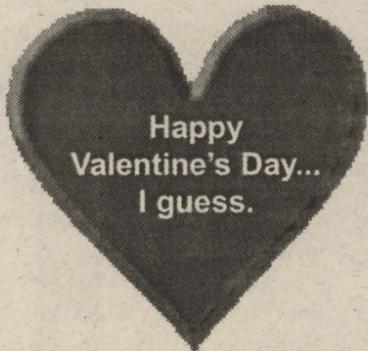
This holiday always creeps up on me. Y'know, the big holiday season is over and I'm pretty much ready to coast through until Easter Bunny time (making a stop to sip a green beer or two in between). Before I know it, motherlovin' Cupid pops up and whacks me in the face with that friggin' diaper.

This year I was rejoicing in the splendors of my tax refund when I heard the words every guy abhors: "So, what are you going to get me for Valentine's Day?"

Originally, mid-February brought about a Roman holiday celebrating a boy's rite of passage into adulthood. Through a very interesting lottery system, young men were given young women to serve as their companion for a year's time.

However, as Christianity spread throughout Europe, the holiday was replaced by a day to remember the clubbing, stoning and beheading of St. Valentine. Sure, there's some lovey-dovey crap associated with the story that involved St. Valentine corresponding with the jailer's daughter through the exchange of love notes or something, but as far as I'm concerned that's just mythic drivel. Deep down the holiday's based on clubbing, stoning and beheading.

And to tell you the truth, Valentine's Day usually leaves me with my bank account clubbed and my libido beheaded. I'm sure I could easily work



the term "stoned" in their somehow but hey, my Mom reads this column.

I'm sure that you've heard the rant about Valentine's Day really being a greeting card and flower company conspiracy to rake in more dough. Frankly, I think there's some clandestine girlfriend operation out there that, either in collaboration with the aforementioned organizations or independently,

manufactured V-Day ages ago. While it's their most successful venture to date, the newly formed Sweetest Day should not be overlooked. It's more obsolete and no guy will ever be afforded the knowledge of its actual date, and therein lies its danger.

No doubt, the years to come will spawn other ridiculous holidays like

"Buy Stuff for Your Lady-Friend" Day and probably even "Do These Jeans Make Me Look Fat" Day. I don't want to come across as a "gloom-and-doom" prognosticator but according to my inside sources (and Weekly Word News magazine) within the next 20 years or so we'll even be faced with the vexing "You Forgot What Day it is So You're Sleeping On the Couch" Day.

The future indeed looks grim, and I wish I, for once, really had some "words of wisdom." Alas, no amount of maneuvering can possibly avoid the inevitable. All I can do is buy a box of chocolates, muster up some romantic talk and succumb to this behemoth of a holiday.

Love you, honey!

## Demonstrators condemn with hate instead of reach out with love

It broke my heart to look out my window Monday night to see big yellow banners proclaiming, "Homosexuality is a sin" being held by "Christians." These "Christians" were trying to get homosexuals and anyone who condoned it to repent of their sins. They stood there proclaiming they "loved" the "sinners," yet they knew nothing about any one of the 10 or so people standing there. But I stood there, next to the "sinners." Not because I don't believe in God or because I am gay. I stood there as a heterosexual, fundamental Christian. I stood there next to the "opposing" side of my faith. I may not believe that homosexuality is right. In fact, I too believe that it isn't God's will for anyone, but I will not stand and tell my homosexual friends they are going to hell. It matters little whether or not I believe that, but it isn't my place to declare they are going to hell. The Ultimate Judge is God and only He knows. Going to heaven or hell isn't about doing the right things or being the perfect person. Going to heaven is about a relationship and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. If someone has accepted Jesus into their hearts then their life will reflect that commitment. God shows his children right and wrong.

The Christians that stood there condemning my friends thought they were showing love, but that wasn't how Jesus showed he loved. Jesus ate with the tax collectors, sat with the prostitutes and touched the untouchable. The way to get people to love God is to show them God's love. It is not standing on the street corner condemning their lifestyle. That isn't the way to show God's love to homosexuals, fanatics, liars, drunkards or any sinner. But we are all sinners and Christians are included in that. The only difference between Christians and non-Christians is that commitment to the Lord Jesus. So for those Christians to condemn is hypocrisy at its greatest. I am not saying Christians shouldn't state what they believe, but people will only listen to so much before they turn away. And if they turn away they may never believe. But by showing Christ's love their hearts will soften to what is being said.

So to all the Christians who stand on the corner yelling at the sinners of the world, look in the mirror and then look in the Bible. God teaches love the sinner hate the sin. Remember you were all lost before God found you and remember the people you are yelling at have hearts and souls that need to be loved, not condemned

Kristy Paulson  
UWSP Student

## Smoking by doorways hazardous to nonsmokers

Smoking on the UW-Stevens Point campus has become a huge problem. There are signs on every door on campus that is not a smoking area yet people seem to ignore those signs and pollute the air that we non-smokers have to breathe to get into the buildings for classes.

I am not trying to take an individual's right to smoke away. They can smoke all they want. I just want to be able to go to my class everyday without breathing in more than 40 class A carcinogens. That is why UWSP has designated doors in the buildings for people to smoke. If smokers would use those places I could go to class everyday knowing that I wouldn't have to walk through or by cigarette smoke.

Students and staff create this problem. I can't count how many times I have walked by the CNR and CCC building and have seen staff smoking in front of non-smoking doors. If the staff do it, then the students feel they don't have to pay attention to the signs. Then the question is posed why do students have to listen or follow any of the rules on campus. If an employee wants to set a bad example by smoking wherever he or she wants, then students can park where ever we want or turn class work in when ever we want. Obviously, this sounds ludicrous but all of us non-smokers that care about living past our 30s and 40s just want to be able to go to class without breathing in cigarette smoke.

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## South Pacific study abroad students arrive in Australia

The South Pacific group has finally found it's home. The bags are unpacked, the laundry is done and classes have commenced. Since our arrival in Sydney we have been escorted around the town on many fieldtrips in order to familiarize us with our new surroundings and we've found that there is something here for everyone.

Our first outing took us to one of Sydney's



Stacy Keeber with kangaroo.

many animal refuge parks the Koala Park. This unique park not only introduced us to Australia's famous fauna but also let us get up close and personal. We were allowed to pet dingos, wombats, kangaroos and of course koalas. Many of our biology majors are working closely with these animals during their independent studies. The zookeepers and professors at Macquarie University are thrilled to help students who want to learn more about Australia singular biology.

We've also visited the icon of Sydney, its opera house. The opera house is a haven for the Arts. They not only perform opera but also have symphonies, ballets, plays, art exhibitions and they're committed to involving everyone with art. They have many workshops where young and aspiring actors, musicians, artist and theatre enthusiasts can learn with professionals about their various field of expertise.

The geologists anthropologists and historians have been not been ignored either. We spent an entire afternoon travelling along the coast and harbour learning about the geology and geography of Sydney and how it has affected the history of the country. Much of Australia's history can be found right on top of



Steve Reupert and Lindsay Pickrell with cockatiel.

its rocks in the form of aboriginal carvings. If you're paying attention, you can find traces of human life that existed tens of thousands of years ago in your own backyard.

The classes offered on the semester abroad trips not only help students fulfil GDR and major requirements but also provide an insight to your subject that is not available at home. Where else can you study art history and see first hand 22,000-year-old aboriginal paintings. The biological diversity of Australia opens up endless possibilities for research in the sciences and natural resource fields. Moreover, the people are as fascinating as the animals. Studying culture here is phenomenal. Being a communications major myself, this semester is a real treat for me. Not only was a core class with writing emphasis offered but also a remarkable cinema class that studies Australia through their movies. Each semester is different, though, the focus and classes offered on the trip depending on discipline the leader comes from. By planning to study on a trip lead by a professor in your major, you can tailor the trip to advance your studies instead of complimenting them.

Of course, this trip hasn't been all work and no play. Our first weekend here, we were treated to Australia's version of the fourth of July, simply called Australia day. It is a week-



Aren Schaefer and Matt Hamilton with koala.

end filled with food, drinks, fireworks and the best live entertainment anyone could ask for. The parks fill with Australians listening to live jazz, pop, country and folk bands as well as techno djs. Along the street is every authentic Australian food and wine ever created within the country. Many people in our group chose to celebrate Australia day their own ways. Some went hiking in one of New South Wales's many gorgeous national parks, other opted to camp on one of the hundreds of stretches of beach along the coast.

Here in Australia it doesn't matter what you're into, whether it's art, rocks, animals, mountains, beaches, wine, beer, camping or luxury, they have it here.

Lori Dahl

South Pacific Spring 2002

## Alcohol use not a joking matter

As I write this, it has been exactly three weeks since Elvio Misoni died with a BAC of .40%. Three weeks ago, his story was at the top of *The Pointer's* front page. So I don't think it's strange that I was stricken speechless when I read last week's *Pointer Poll*. My mouth opened, then my mouth closed. Then my mouth opened again. Eventually I said, "Is it possible that these people didn't read *The Pointer* three weeks ago? Is it possible that they did, but didn't learn anything about their own lives? Is it possible that they are too caught up playing Animal House to care?"

I am sure that more people than one "Concerned Student" were deeply affected by Misoni's death, but you wouldn't know it by reading *The Pointer*. The front-page article was a nice tribute to his life, but it kind of glossed over the cause of his death, "alcohol was the alleged cause of death." The Health and Wellness Spot article was informative, but that's it? That's all the staff of *The Pointer* has to say about drinking? Of course not. They also tell us five ways to cure a hangover, one of which is to drink more.

We naturally associate college with alcohol: Spring Break body shots in bikinis, finding a new best friend while tapping out the barrel and Thirsty Thursday nights with a \$5 bottomless. We seldom think of blackouts, unconscious puking, seizures, fights, arrests or a friend's funeral. Unfortunately, life's lessons must often be learned first-hand. Just preaching about the "evils of alcohol" is useless and counter-productive. In this case, *The Pointer* had the opportunity to do more than preach. One of our fellow students is dead. *The Pointer* could have discussed his death and possibly made it seem more real to the rest of us. Instead, they gave us hangover humor.

Maegen Howes-Podoll  
UWSP student

*Editor's Note: Upon review, I agree that last week's Pointer Poll question was in bad taste due to recent events. It was not intentional. -JG*

## Pointer Poll

Photos by Lyndsay Rice

What do you want for Valentine's Day?



Farah Renno, Soph. Enviro. Ed.

*A big kiss on the cheek.*



Bethany Johannes, Soph. Poli. Sci.

*A cute guy with a dozen roses.*



Carolyn Serane, Jr. Enviro. Ed.

*A fine, hot ass man.*



Shayne Swonger, Fr. Undeclared

*A vacation.*



Andrew Bushard, Sr. Philosophy & Soc.

*All taverns to be closed and alcohol to be banned.*



Tom Ley, Soph. Law

*I want love.*

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## Valentine's Day **POINT OF VIEW**

### Is it worth getting shot by Cupid?

By **Barett Steenrod**  
FEATURES EDITOR

By **Cheryl Tepsa**  
BUSINESS MANAGER

#### Yes, FIRE AWAY

#### No, GO AWAY

Cupid can shoot all the arrows he feels like on any given Feb. 14 and I'll even help him out! I love to show love, and Valentine's Day is about as good as any day to empty your quivers of those good hunting arrows with the potent "love tips." It really is the only single day of the year especially designed to show all those around you that you care.

Unfortunately, this holiday can be pricey as there is the expense of showing those significant others some of your love. In the long run, the effort to take someone out for dinner, send a V-Day card or have a bouquet of flowers delivered will mean more to both you and that significant other than the cost of doing so. If money were no barrier, I would have a dozen roses and a diamond ring sent to every woman on campus . . . well, at the very least, every woman I know. Of course, you might claim that my act of showing love is awfully biased, and it is, but that is only because I am a guy. I'd at least have a year's subscription of *Men's Health* sent to all the guys I know.

The very timing of the holiday is ideal and perfectly suited for February. By this time each year, the festive colors of the December holiday season are only a memory. Those feelings of peace on earth and good will towards men were replaced by the arrival of credit card bills in mid-January. Then to make things worse, school, homework and stress were soon to follow. The arrival of tuition bills only

compounded the feelings of academic foreboding (as if we all needed reminding of what we're paying for this experience). Now it is the middle of February and Central Wisconsin is awash in the blah of gray winter monotone. The arrival of Valentine's Day should serve as a bright red beacon of hope wrapped up in colorful flowers and bright heartshaped boxes of chocolate. If it wasn't for this day, I am sure that February would be a much more drawn out and painful experience than it is already.

Of course, there are those who have nothing but hate and rage towards this holiday. (case in point is the person writing on the righthand side of this page) and that is something that I just don't understand. I can understand that many people only associate this holiday with their boyfriend, girlfriend, husband or wife, and since not everyone has that type of significant other, I can understand some ambivalence toward Feb. 14. However, I should remind you that that does not have to be the case. This is a great day for announcing your love to someone else, or at the very least, telling your close friends and family members that you love them and are thinking about them. Besides, who hasn't gotten a Valentine's Day card from Grandma and Grandpa at some point in the past?

The day is finally here. The one I've been waiting for all year (major sarcasm here). Valentine's Day, the day of commercial love and affection, has arrived to remind me of the hundreds of thousands of committed couples out there who are celebrating the glory of their love. Gag me.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for love. I'm convinced that I'm on this earth to learn how to love better. Despite my good intentions about amore, I'm still single today. I ask myself, "why?" I'm one of the most fabulous people I know. I'm kind, caring, nurturing, affectionate, funny, creative, generous and all kinds of cute, in a roly-poly way. Every once in a while I try to convince myself that I'm just waiting for the perfect person; that I'm too busy for a relationship at this stage in my life. That's self-delusion. I miss getting roses on V-Day. I miss candlelight dinners for two. I miss having someone special to do puzzles and watch the History Channel with.

All day, I'll be reminded that I'm not attached to anyone. That point was made abundantly clear on Monday, when I received a package in the mail from my mother: a box of chocolates. She's known me for 20 years, but she still can't remember that I DON'T LIKE CHOCOLATE, especially the kind with fillings. No one is currently in my life to remember little details like that.

I have lots of friends who love me dearly. They

attend to my every whim and desire (on some occasions, they've outright refused, but I respect them more for that . . . what I asked for was pretty gross). Despite them, there's still something missing in my life. Valentine's Day is just a way for God to remind me that no, he doesn't really love me all that much, and yes, he's purposely trying to make my life miserable because I'm a lesbian.

Am I bitter? Yes, of course. Don't worry, though; I'll put on a happy face. I'll even buy roses for some of my near and dear. But after school tomorrow, no one is taking me to dinner and a movie. Instead, my drag queen roommate and I are having an all-out pity party. We'll be bitching and moaning about all the happily attached couples in our lives, and watching movies like *The Broken Hearts Club* and *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Sure, my reasons for hating Valentine's Day all stem from self-pity and loneliness, but at least I'm honest. I'm not going to go on and on about how Hallmark is taking over the world or how roses die in a matter of days anyway. I'm resentful of this "holiday" because it's completely exclusive for those who've found their better half, or for some, those who've found someone to put up with their shit. All this being said, if I happen to be dating someone next year around this time, I'll probably feel very differently. But I'm not, so I don't.



## Valentine's Day Special

By **Laura Daugherty**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

St. Valentine's Day dates back to Ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, when on Feb. 14, Romans honored Queen Juno, goddess of women and marriage. On this day, the names of every maiden in a village would be put into a jar and each single man would draw a name. The girl that he randomly chose would then be his partner for the Feast of Lupercia Festival, held on Feb. 15. Many times these pairings would last until marriage. Eventually, these rituals were banned under the laws of Emperor Claudius because he felt that single men made better soldiers and men with lovers or families would not want to leave them for war. As a result, all engagements and marriages were cancelled due to Claudius' demands. Saint Valentine, a Roman priest, was said to have married these couples in secret.

When Claudius discovered Valentine's actions, he was ordered to be executed. While awaiting execution in jail, it is said that he fell in love with the jailer's blind daughter who would often visit him. By a miracle, or some say by the prayers of Valentine, she gained her sight. According to legend, it is believed that before his death that he sent her a farewell note which he signed "From your Valentine." This is where the idea of sending valentines came from. St. Valentine's Day is celebrated on Feb. 14 of every year because this is the day on which the patron saint of lovers, "St. Valentine," was supposedly executed.

The exact origins of Valentine's Day are debatable, and other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured as a matter of course.

### Valentine's Day traditions & fun stuff

**England:** One early tradition suggests that women ate hard boiled eggs and then put green leaves under their pillows to dream of a husband-to-be. Children threw parties during Victorian times; entertaining themselves by playing games, dancing and exchanging valentines.

**France:** On the morning of Valentine's Day, the first man to be seen by a woman became her "boyfriend." Often engagement occurred after a year. Flowers became a popular Valentine's gift when one of Henry IV's daughters received a bouquet from her chosen Valentine. Women in these times would also plant onions in a pot, giving each a man's name. The first onion to sprout would be the husband-to-be.

**Wales:** Gifts of carved wooden love spoons were exchanged. People decorated them with hearts, keys and keyholes. Whoever received a key was said to be able to unlock the giver's heart.

#### Ways to Say "I Love You" in other languages:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| French: Je' t'aime      | German: Ich liebe Dich      |
| Greek: s'ayapo          | Irish: taim In'gra leat     |
| Italian: ti amo         | Japanese: Kimi o ai shiteru |
| Russian: Ya vas liubliu | Spanish: Te amo             |

#### Top 11 cheesy pick-up lines:

- 11) Your daddy must have been a baker, 'cause you've got a nice set of buns.
- 10) If you were words on a page, you'd be what they call FINE PRINT!
- 9) Excuse me, do I need to buy a ticket for your fantastic voyage?
- 8) Somebody needs to write 'explosive' on you, cuz you're the bomb!
- 7) Excuse me, do you have any raisins? How 'bout a date?
- 6) Let's make like a fabric softener and Snuggle.
- 5) You be the Dairy Queen and I'll be your Burger King: You treat me right, and I'll do it your way.
- 4) Do you have a Band Aid, because I just cut my knee falling for you.
- 3) You must be a Snickers bar, because you satisfy me.
- 2) Can I have directions? ("To where?") To your heart.
- 1) Was your father a thief, 'cause he must have stole the stars from the sky and put them in your eyes.



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# Growing anti-Valentine's Day sentiment present at UWSP this year

Among all the warm-fuzzies out there for Valentine's Day, there are a growing number of cold-pricklies.

By **Barett Steenrod**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Amid all the Valentine's Day hoopla that has been spirited on campus this past week, it became clear to me that there appeared to be a growing number of people who were simply shrugging their shoulders in indifference of what is normally considered to be a "holiday" of love.

To check my hunch, I began a very thorough search and interview mission to find out just exactly what the dilly was.

I began with my fellow Pointer staff and was blown away with one of the most intense and raged filled deridings of Valentine's Day out of all I'd spoken with.

"Its a lose-lose situation. If you have a girlfriend, you have to buy her things. If you don't have one then you get all pissed off because you get a holiday you can't even celebrate," exclaimed Sports Editor Dan Mirman while waving his arms for emphasis.

At that point, I wasn't really sure if I should continue on.

Was this the normal reaction, or just the tip of the iceberg, I thought.

I decided that this had to simply be an anomaly and forged ahead to the UC. It was there that my suspicions were confirmed repeatedly.

Maggie Mattacola was quick to say, "Valentine's Day sucks!" before following up with, "I've been single

every Valentine's Day I can remember."

Ouch. That was blistering. It didn't get better though. "Its national sulking day!" are the kind words Aidan Brusewitz had to say about the holiday. She later went on to say that Mr. Right had yet to come along, which was why she was bitter about Feb. 14. (She did mention that if any guys are interested in her, they can call her at 911).

Based on just the first three responses I got, it seemed that there was considerable antipathy towards the holiday today.

Other responses after further inquiry unearthed details about how Feb. 14 in some circles is known as Black Thursday, and is quietly regarded as a plot by the Hallmark greeting card company to artificially inflate profits for their stockholders.

There were many people who were indifferent to the whole holiday. They neither liked nor disliked it as such.

Mike Wadsworth "doesn't really worry about it," and Mark Fields "doesn't really care."

Justin Olson shared similar sentiment, by saying his opinion of the holiday lacked any, "positive or negative feeling."

Most people agreed, though, that Valentine's Day

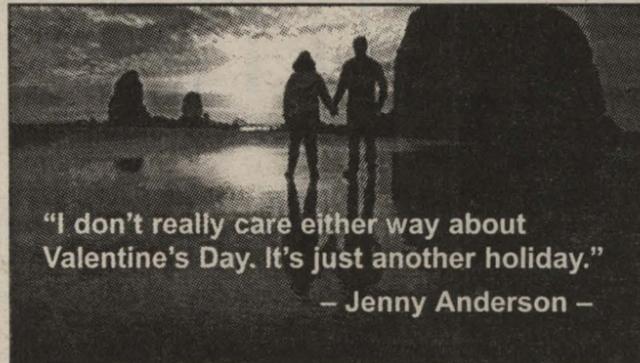
wasn't measuring up to what it used to. A possible Hallmark connection was echoed by Leigha Lenz, and Carrie Boeldt felt the "commercializing of it is rather annoying," while BJ Nickel said, "I think its all rather nauseating."

Among all these varied responses, I got the feeling that many simply didn't enjoy the pressure of having a holiday decide for them how and to whom they were going to show their love. The idea of Valentine's Day is harmless enough, however, many said that the way some businesses take advantage of it for profit has left them indifferent towards Cupid and his friends in the floral and greeting card business.

Nikki Montgomery was the last person I spoke with, and she summed it up best by saying, "I think it is kinda stupid. Why should people have to have a special day to tell someone they love them."

I think I can safely conclude that UWSP students don't hate Valentine's Day, they just don't want to be told how to show their love.

However, there are those like Roger Thielman on campus. When asked about Valentine's Day, he responded



"I don't really care either way about Valentine's Day. It's just another holiday."

- Jenny Anderson -

## Why do bad boys hold a spell over nice girls?

By **Amy Zepnick**  
NEWS EDITOR

You know the type - the scowling bully clad in a barbed wire tattoo and leather jacket. He fixes cars. He watches football. He pierces his ears and unmentionables. He's the rebel, and for all the "nice" guys, he's competition.

But why do girls like bad boys? What is it about the "I-don't-care-about-anything-I'll-beat-you-up-if-you-give-me-a-wrong-look" attitude that makes women flock?

"It's the rebellious appeal," said junior Tressa Jordan. "It's wanting what you can't have or wanting what your parents always told you to stay away from. It's the thrill."

Another female student agrees.

"Bad boys have that mystery," said Beth Houle. "It's a challenge trying to get to know them."

From a male perspective, the bad boy image drudges up frustration.

"Nice guys really do finish last," said one student who wished to remain anonymous. "Bad boys treat women so horrible, but women like that. I don't understand. They drink and are all hard-ass but the women find that attractive. Why can't women be attracted

to guys who are sensitive and are strong mentally more than physically?"

Women throughout time searched for a strong mate - someone who could protect and provide for them. They wanted a man who exerted confidence and strength.

Today is no exception. It's not that women want jerks that have been around...and around and around. No one wants a mate who's really a bad person. Instead, women are attracted to the appeal of a strong guy... a bad boy.

There is also research that considers the attractiveness of bad boy physical features. Eyes set apart are more appealing to women than close eyes. Women are attracted to chiseled faces and mid-set ears. Small noses and wide mouths also top the charts.

For all you nice guys, there is hope.

"The bad boy image wears off," the anonymous male student said. "They get old and are not 'bad' anymore. Either that or the woman gets tired of their demanding ways. All in all, bad boys probably wouldn't make good husbands."

The bad boy image is a primal magnetism versus a preferential one and doesn't mean they are better or worse. The bad boy image just is.

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# The Pointer through time: this week from 1910

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### Terese's Valentine.

Terese La Rue, the pretty French clerk who had charge of the laces in Smith and Company's big department store, was exclaiming in her sweet voice over the beauties of a valentine in a shop window down the street:

"Such a sweet thing! Eet is ze fairest valenteen in ze shop! I have so admir' heem! Ah! Mo'sieur Spreck, you too should have seen heem. Ze charming—w'at you call heem—Cupeds—all so sweet! So bee-autiful!" And the fair Terese clasped her hands and looked up at her companions thru the long lashes which shaded her brown eyes.

Johann Sprick, the little German clerk at the ribbon counter, had been for months one of the most devoted of Terese's many admirers and now his bosom swelled visibly with pride as he saw Mickey Donahue, the floor-walker, watching jealously the exchange of confidences between the two. Micky was Johann's most formidable rival and therefore

hated by the little Dutchman. Mickey's glances did not escape the notice of Terese, and to the discomfiture of Johann she called, "Ah, Meester Donahue, have you seen heem—ze so sweet valenteen in ze window?"

Micky approached eagerly and with an admiring twinkle in his blue eye replied in a rich Irish brogue, "Sure, Miss Theresa, an' phwat for wud I be looking at valentines when I can see your own bonny face any day? Faith, they wouldn't suit me at all, at all."

This speech elicited a snort of disgust from Johann as he turned toward his work, and the words "ze wicked flatterer" accompanied by her sweetest smile from Terese as she tripped away to her counter.

Thruout the day the floorwalker and the ribbon clerk exchanged glances which were not pleasant to say the least. The clouds were only dispelled at intervals as Terese smiled gaily across at Johann or laughingly challenged Mickey as he passed her counter.

(Continued from above)

As the day passed a change came over the countenance of Johann. He seemed imbued with some great purpose which overshadowed all the petty trials and cares of his life. So great was his exaltation that he left the store alone that evening undisturbed by the fact that Mickey was left to escort Terese in triumph to her home.

Johann proceeded straight to the shop where the valentine was displayed and expended nearly a half week's wages on its purchase. It was truly a beautiful valentine, fearfully and wonderfully made of lace, blue satin and pink Cupids. With the precious bundle under his arm he went to his boarding house, where he hastily swallowed his supper and then locked himself in the secrecy of his chamber. Here his exalted mood was nearly overcome by the difficulty of his task. This task was nothing less than the composition of a speech by which he might offer the "so sweet valentine" together with his heart and hand to the fair Terese. He seated himself on the bed to think, his elbows on his knees and his face buried in his hands. After a few moments he arose and stood before the mirror. Placing his hand over the upper left hand side of his abdomen he began; "My dear Teresa, you haf always been— you haf— you haf— ach! was hast du? Ahem— My dear Miss La Rue, I know that you— that you— I have here a small— a small

token of my feelings, and I, und I. und I—" But poor Johann could get no further.

He came to the store, feeling

very much dejected the next morning, nor was the gloom dispelled until Terese praised him in the most ardent terms when he left his own department to help her prepare hers for the day.

In the meantime, the days passed rapidly. Johann payed ardent court to Terese in the form of all sorts of services, while Mickey won her smiles and good graces by the eloquence of his "Blarney." On the evening of the thirteenth of February as Mickey was on his way home, his glance happened to rest on something which recalled to his mind certain phrases, "ze so sweet valentine" and "ze charming cupids."

"Faith an' I believe it's the same valentine as Miss Teresa liked so well," he said, an' I think I'll be a buyin' of it." He soon came out of the store with a package under his arm very much similar to that which Johann had carried out of the same store a few days previous. "Seein' as how I'm to ask Miss Teresa to change her name to Donahue," he said to himself, "maybe this will help her to decide the matter."

That evening as Johann arrayed in all the glory of his plaid suit, celluloid collar, red tie and patent leather shoes, approached the home of Terese, he heard approaching him from the opposite direction, a familiar voice singing softly—

"Wid me bundle on me shoulder

Faith there's no man could be bolder."

The singer turned in at the walk leading to Terese's house and when Johann came puffing up, the following conversation ensued:

"Vat you here all the time for?"

"Ah Dutchy! Go back to your pretzels."

"Ha! You laugh now! Ain't you know I'm going to get married on Terese?"

"The devil you are! Terese will be Mrs. Donahue before you are many months older."

The dialogue was interrupted by Terese herself as she opened the door. "Ah! I am so delight, Meester Spreck an' Meester Donahue! Walk in gentlemen. Oh, for me? (as they presented their packages) How sweet! How charming! I can't thank you. Ze two bee-anti-ful valentines! I haf so love. Such a charming surprise. Ah, but I haf a surprise for you! Come with me."

She led the way to the parlor, here the two rivals beheld a dark visaged man with a small very much pointed mustache.

"Allow me," said Terese, "to present to you ze Mo'sieur Jean D'Arcy." Here she paused, smiled at them and glanced shyly at Mo'sieur D'Arcy. "He is zee gentleman to which I am engage," she explained.

## Don't miss this show

Bostonian Rob Gonzalez and his band will bring their rock sound to UWSP on Friday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m.

Singer, songwriter and pianist, Gonzalez is a well-established performer who moved from Milwaukee to Boston in 1991. He has written more than 100 songs and has recently released an album, *Somehow*, produced by major label producer Anthony Resta.

His most popular song, "Somehow," debuted at number 18 on the national radio chart in December and is currently on the CMJ Top 200

chart.

In addition to Gonzalez, the band features Dan Myolte on guitar, drummer Paul Giovine and Spencer Hargis on bass. The musicians have been performing together since 1994.

Gonzalez describes his music as, "Catchy modern rock/pop with Americana flavor."

The performance is sponsored by Centertainment Productions. There is no cost for UWSP students with valid IDs. Admission is \$3 without IDs.



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# Women's hockey grabs share of conference title

**Two game sweep of 7th ranked Superior guarantees first NCHA title for UWSP**

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's hockey team (21-1, 12-1) cleared up any doubts that they were the best team in the NCHA this season with a two game sweep of UW-Superior.

The two teams had split a double header in Stevens Point earlier this year and were tied for first heading into the showdown at Superior. But UWSP dominated both games and held Superior to just a single goal to key the sweep and guarantee at least a first place tie in the NCHA.

"The difference from the last games was just our overall team play," said Head Coach Brian Idalski. "We were just solid from top to bottom and we also played extremely well defensively. We are playing really well right now and feeling good that if we play our best we have a chance to win, no matter who the opponent is."

Saturday's contest saw UWSP put together an excellent game, shutting out Superior and scoring a goal in every period to give them a 3-0 victory.

Emily Teachout opened up the scoring about halfway through the first period with her 14th goal of the season. It was Teachout's fifth consecutive game with a goal and it also turned out to be the game-winner.

Liz Goergen added another goal with one minute left in the second period on an assist from

Kim Chenery. Then, points leader Ann Ninnemann capped the scoring with a minute and a half left in the third period with her 17th goal on the year.

Diane Sawyer had a superb game turning back all 19 shots that she faced to keep her record perfect at 11-0.

When the teams met in the opener on Friday night, it was all about the second period. A grand-total of 34 shots were taken and all four of the goals in the contest were scored in the second in a 3-1 UWSP victory.



Teachout

Jackie Schmitt started the scoring by turning a positive into a negative when she scored a shorthanded goal a little over six minutes in to give UWSP the early lead. Then seven minutes later, Teachout scored a goal, which turned out to be the game winner,

to increase the lead. Ninnemann then made it three straight UWSP goals as she put in one more just a minute and a half later. With 25 seconds left, Superior scored their lone goal of the weekend to finish up the wild period.

"There were plenty of chances on both ends throughout the game," said Idalski. "But we finally got a couple [goals] to sneak in and we just capitalized on our chances in the second."

For her pair of game-winners over the seventh ranked Superior team, Teachout was named the USCHO National D-3 offensive player of the week, as well as the NCHA offensive player of the week.

UWSP will finish up their regular season this weekend when they head to UW-Eau Claire for a Friday-Saturday doubleheader.



Photo submitted by B. Idalski

Jackie Schmitt skating in for a rebound during UWSP's showdown with Superior this weekend.

# Pointer men win a pair of nailbiters

**Veteran Kadima steps up defense and scoring for Pointers**

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

In close games the most experienced players are the ones that have to step up, and that was what happened Wednesday night for the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team (19-5, 10-5).

Senior Kalonji Kadima scored 24 points including the final six to defeat UW-River Falls 77-74. It was the fourth straight conference victory for UWSP, who now finds themselves in a five-way tie for first place in the WIAC.

"We are in rarified air right now, we will be playing for our third straight conference championship, that's amazing," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "The best part is that no one thought we could do it with this young of a team, but we just keep winning these tough games."

UWSP trailed River Falls by one with just a minute remaining, and that's when Kadima took over. First he hit a step back jumper for the lead, and then, after River Falls went back up by one, he made a driving lay-up with 22 seconds left to give UWSP a lead they would not relinquish. Kadima finished up the game by rebounding a missed River Falls shot with one second remaining and then made two free throws to ice the game.

"It's no secret that Kalonji is our most experienced player, even though he is still only

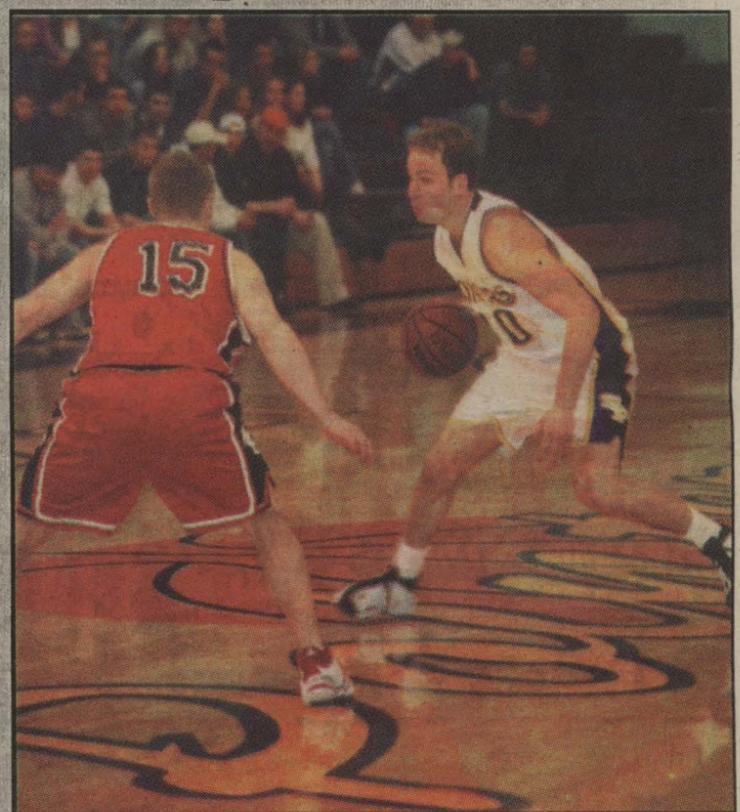


Photo by L. Zancanaro

Pointer guard Neal Krajnik prepares to make a move against River Falls on Wednesday night.

about 80 percent healthy right now," said Bennett. "He has been through the wars and the battles and learned from it. Josh Iserloth led the way

**"The best part is that no one thought we could do it with this young of a team, but we just keep winning these tough games."**

**- Jack Bennett**

Tonight he just came up huge for us." scoring 28 points to pace UWSP in their victory. Kadima was the only other Pointer to reach double figures as he chipped in 16

The victory over River Falls was the second Maalox masher of the week for UWSP. On Saturday they beat UW-Oshkosh by a single point for a 74-73 victory.

Oshkosh banked in a three-pointer with just three seconds left to tie up the game. But Neil Krajnik calmly stepped to the

UWSP will close out their regular season with their final conference game against UW-Superior. With a victory, Point will claim at least a share of their third straight conference championship and home court advantage for at least the first two games of the conference tourney which starts on Monday.

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## Women's hoops secures home playoff

**Team handles River Falls and Oshkosh convincingly**

By Andy Bloeser  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's basketball team (22-2, 13-2) showed no let down on Wednesday, dominating UW-River Falls 78-55.

The Pointers took an 11 point lead into halftime and continued to stretch their advantage in the second half. Kari Groshek continued her fine season, leading the team with 19 points. Also reaching double figures in a balanced attack were Tara Schmitt with 13 points and Carry Boehning with 10.

UWSP defeated UW-Oshkosh last Saturday by a convincing margin of 68-51. The win marked the first time the Pointers have swept the Titans since the 1986-87 season.

Andrea Kraemer led all scorers with 16 points in addition to being credited with 6 assists and grabbing 7 rebounds. Kramer was

also brilliant in shutting down our conference." Oshkosh's Kristen Steckmesser, holding the Titans' guard to just 7 points in her 32 minutes on the floor.

"Kraemer is an explosive player," said Coach Shirley Egner after the game, "She doesn't get a lot of credit, but she's a tremendous asset as both ends of the floor."

Team captain and senior Kari Groshek also delivered a strong performance in her last game in the Berg Gymnasium, scoring 12 points and pulling down 6 rebounds, despite being limited to just 19 minutes of playing time due to foul trouble.

"Foul trouble has been a frustration all season for Kari," says Egner. "She's getting double and triple-teamed and she's just not getting any calls her way. Granted, it's a physical game, but I don't feel she's getting any respect for being one of the top players in



Kraemer

Foul trouble and reduced minutes aside, Groshek is currently fourth in the WIAC among scorers and third in the conference in rebounding.

"I know I'm going to be getting double-teamed when I go out there, but that's something I'm going to have to deal with," said Groshek before a team practice earlier this season.

Fully acknowledging the challenge, she was quick to add, "I work well under pressure." To date, her statistics have spoken for themselves.

The Pointer women venture to UW-Superior this Saturday for the final game of the regular season and will be looking to improve their conference record to 14-2 against a team hungry to notch its first win against a conference opponent.

## Bruce is Academic All-American

**Sophomore is third Pointer in school history to receive honor**

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore UWSP soccer player Jenny Bruce already has quite a list of career accolades. Now she can add another big one to the pile, as the high-scoring forward has been named to the Verizon Academic All-American women's soccer second team.

Bruce, who carries a 3.93 grade point average in sociology, led the WIAC and ranked 11th in NCAA Division III with 16 assists this past season for the Pointers who finished 18-2 and won their fifth straight WIAC crown. Bruce finished the season with 13 goals and 16 assists for 42 points. Her single-season assist total is the fourth-highest in WIAC history.

"I was very honored to get this award. I thought I may have a chance to get All-District honors,

but to get All-American is unbelievable," said Bruce.

Bruce was eligible for All-American honors after being named to the All-District team in early January. The All-American teams are voted on by Sports Information Directors from throughout the country.



Bruce

Bruce is the third Pointer in school history to earn Academic All-American honors after former soccer players Marie Muhvic and Margaret Domka were named to the first and second teams, respectively, last season. Bruce was the only WIAC athlete

named to any of the three teams awarded.

"It was great to be recognized, but my goal is still to go all the way as a team next season. That is most important right now," said Bruce.

The Menasha native is a junior academically after redshirting one season at UW-Madison. She was named All-WIAC and was named to the Central Region All-Region squad this season as well.

## Pointer men skate into NCAA tourney



Photo by L. Rice

Freshman forward Mike Brolsma brings the puck up center ice versus UW-Superior on Friday.

**Pointers enter playoff tournament with third seed**

By Lucas Meyer  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team split a pair of games this past weekend at K.B. Willet Arena. The Pointers (third in NCHA) host a pair of quarterfinal playoff games this weekend against UW-Stout.

On Friday night, even though springing out to a 3-0 lead against UW-Superior, the Pointers finished with a 4-4 tie. The next night, St. Scholastica left Stevens Point with their heads hanging, losing to UWSP 6-3.

The last regular season game for the Pointer seniors ended on a high note. UWSP raised their final NCHA record to 8-4-2. Bob Gould became the second goalie in Stevens Point history to notch 44 wins. Gould ended the weekend with 30 saves.

Even though UWSP outshot St. Scholastica 32-13, the Saints kept up with UWSP's aggressive style. With around 14 minutes into the third period, the contest remained tied at 3-3. In spite of this, the tables soon turned.

Nick Glander tallied the first go-ahead score at the 6:23 mark of the final period. The night didn't end there. Zenon Kochan and Adam Kostichka each stacked goals onto the lead. The Pointers, in excitable fashion, ended the night on top, 6-3.

"We had to win Saturday night. Hosting the first quarterfinals round against UW-Stout is a huge plus," said Coach Joe Baldarotta. "This is a big deal

for us. This is our chance to get on a roll for the playoffs."

Friday night's contest featured a match-up between UWSP and second ranked UW-Superior. The opportunity slipped out of UWSP's hands. The Yellowjackets stung the Pointers with a 4-4 tie.

UWSP quickly attacked Superior with three unanswered goals by Kochan, Brolsma and Strassman. For the Pointers, 3-0 was not a comfortable lead. Superior battled back with a 4-0 run that led into the third period.

"We made two prominent mistakes early that gave them momentum and cost us the game. Take those away and we come out on top," said Baldarotta.

The game was far from over. Assisted by Brolsma and Kochan, Ryan Kirchoff tied the nightmarish game 4-4. Unfortunately, UWSP couldn't muster another score. The icebreaker ended in a tie.

UWSP enter the playoffs as the third seed. The Pointers know it's a whole new world out there once NCAA tourney action begins.

"To us, there's no difference being ranked second or third. The only destiny we control is winning, and that's it," said Baldarotta. "Right now, St. Norbert's has as good of a chance as anyone. It's time to show the NCAA what we're all about. We can compete with any team on neutral ice."

The Pointers host two quarterfinal playoff games this Friday and Saturday. In the event of a 1-1 series tie, a mini-game tiebreaker will decide the winner. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

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## Grapplers have final tune up before championships

**White pulls of major upset for the pointer wrestlers**

**By Craig Mandli**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's off to the conference championships for the young Pointer wrestling team. The Pointers capped off their regular season with three dual matches in two days this past weekend, posting a 2-1 record. The Pointers fell to national power Augsburg College (Minn.) 29-9 on Friday, but bounced back on Saturday to crush UW-River Falls 54-4 and defeat UW-Eau Claire 22-14.

Sophomore Yan White had a huge weekend for the Pointers, defeating the top-ranked wrestler in the country at 197 pounds on Friday night. White won an 8-4 decision over Kevin Rasmussen at the Pointers' dual

meet at Augsburg College. White also pinned Larry Moen of UW-River Falls in 4:20, and defeated Adam Kolo of UW-Eau Claire 6-1; Leading the Pointers to a 2-1 dual meet record this weekend. With his successful weekend, White ascended to fourth place in the individual rankings of Division III wrestlers at 197 lbs.



White

Freshmen Cody Koenig and Joel Burdick also won two matches on the mat last weekend, joining senior Joel Bavlnka as the only double-winners for the Pointers.

The match against River Falls was a Pointer-dominated one, with the only loss coming in the heavyweight division, where freshman Tim Lium dropped an 8-1 decision.

The Pointers travel to River Falls next week for the WIAC Championships on Saturday.

## Indoor track teams finish strong at Pepsi Challenge

**Teams achieve balance on both the track and in the field**

**By Craig Mandli**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The indoor track and field seasons are off and running as the Pointer men's and women's teams received a final tune-up before the big Pointer Open Invitational next weekend. The Pointer men sported a first place finish, while the women placed second out of six teams at the Carthage College/Pepsi Challenge in Kenosha. The men scored 139 points to easily outdistance UW-White-water's 90 points, while the women accumulated 122 points, trailing Carthage College with 160 points.



Lesperance

The Pointer men claimed event titles in the 4 x 400 meter relay with a time of 3:22.58 and the Distance Medley Relay in 10:15.30. With their winning time, the Distance Medley Relay team provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships. Junior Cory Lesperance won the

long jump with a leap of 6.84 meters, and Kent Hutchinson won the triple jump with a provisional qualifying mark of 14.06 meters. Hutchinson was also named the WIAC men's track Athlete of the Week in field events for his exploits in Kenosha. Sophomore strongmen Luke Hilgers and Noah Eschenbauch won the shot put and weight throw, respectively.

On the women's side, senior Point native Jody Butkowski automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships with a winning triple jump of 11.65 meters. Other top performers for the women included Megan Craig, who claimed the title in the 800 meter run in a time of 2:21.48, senior distance specialist Becky Lebak, who won the 5,000 meters by over 11 seconds with a provisional qualifying time of 17:40.59 and sophomore jumper Stephanie Renk, who won the high jump, clearing 1.57 meters.

Both Pointer teams will be home this weekend for the first of two Pointer Open Invitationals.

### The Week Ahead...



- WRESTLING:** at WIAC Championships, Sun., 10:00 a.m.
- WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** at UW-Eau Claire, Fri., 7:05 p.m.; at UW-Eau Claire, Sat., 7:05 p.m.
- MEN'S HOCKEY:** UW-Stout, NCHA Quarterfinals, Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** at UW-Superior, Sat., 3:00 p.m.; WIAC tournament quarterfinal, Mon., 7:00 p.m.
- MEN'S BASKETBALL:** UW-Superior, Sat., 7:00 p.m.; WIAC quarterfinal, site and time tba.
- INDOOR TRACK & FIELD:** Pointer Open Invitational #1, Sat, 10:30 a.m.

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## SENIOR ON THE SPOT KARI GROSHEK - BASKETBALL



Groshek

### UWSP Career Highlights

- Set single game record for points (38)
- Over 1,000 points in career
- Pre-season All-American 2001-02
- Named All-WIAC first team and All-WIAC defensive team 2000-01

- Major -** Biology
- Hometown -** Rosholt, Wi
- Nickname -** "Shak"
- Most memorable moment -** I think it is yet to come, but it's gonna happen this year.
- Who was your idol growing up? -** My parents; they taught me everything and they are just great people.
- What are your plans after graduation? -** I'm going to graduate school at Madison to become a physicians assistant.
- Do you plan on playing basketball after graduation? -** I might coach a team someday.
- What is your favorite aspect of basketball? -** Just being with the team and seeing everybody coming together.
- Most embarrassing moment -** I once got six fouls in one game. After I was called for a fifth foul at Platteville and I threw the ball off the ground and was called for a technical for my sixth.
- If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? -** Julia Roberts, because she is so lucky to have that lifestyle and she is beautiful.
- 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. Food
  2. Suntan Lotion
  3. Josh Hartnett
- What will you remember most about playing basketball at UWSP? -** Just all the friends I have made and just the memories that I have.

# THE BACK PAGE

## The Sports Guy's Opinion: The Man's Take:

### Womens winter sports taking flight

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

This season, the women's basketball and hockey teams have combined for a total of three losses this season, against a total of 44 wins heading into this weekend. Are you kidding me!

This is absolutely ridiculous how these two teams have absolutely dominated their competition. The basketball squad is winning their home games by an absurd 29 points a game. Not to be outdone, the hockey team clinched a share of first place in the NCHA conference in just their second year of existence.

Both teams are also ranked in the top ten in Division III. The hoops squad stands at ninth place in the country, while the hockey team is ranked number five. That is just staggering, especially looking at where they came from.

Just three years ago a women's hockey team did not even exist. Then, in their first season last year, they battled to a respectable 13-13 record before bowing out in the first round of the playoffs. Despite their solid opening season, no one could have foreseen the leap to an elite team this season. Led by first year Head Coach Brian Idalski this team has just one loss, which came by last year's conference champ UW-Superior. That was rectified last weekend with a sweep of Superior at Superior.

For the women's basketball team the road was a little bumpier. Three years ago they struggled to an 11-14 season and lost

Kari Groshek for the season, due to injury. Then, last year, Groshek returned to lead the team in scoring. Thanks to a freshman class that included Tara Schmitt and Cassandra Heuer, they improved to 20-6.

This year everything came together with another outstanding class of freshman and the improvement of the rest of the team.

A defining moment for this team came on Saturday when they defeated UW-Oshkosh, who was just a game behind them, by 17 points. The victory came on senior night, and afterwards was an extremely touching ceremony where the three seniors (Amie Schultz, Carry Boehning and Groshek) who had been through it all, were presented with their jerseys framed in front of a packed Berg Gym by Head Coach Shirley Egner.

Now, I have not been a fan of women's sports at all, until recently. I laughed when the WNBA was formed and I did not even know we had a women's hockey team until last season when I had to cover the team second semester.

But I will tell you this: both these teams are extremely talented and one hell of a lot of fun to watch. Whether it is Diane Sawyer and Shannon Kasperek teaming up for a scoreless streak of over 350 minutes, or watching Groshek drop a record setting 38 points on UW-Whitewater.

Basically my point is this: these two teams have home playoff games coming up, starting Monday at seven, so why not be there? You might be surprised.

### Why my girlfriend no longer watches sports with me

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

With all the stories in this week's issue concerning Valentines Day, I made an attempt to try to tie this illustrious Hallmark holiday to sports. Needless to say, I failed. I guess sports and romance just don't mingle very well.

Anyway, a thought did pop into my head as I sat down to watch *Sportscenter* earlier this evening: It has been a very long time since I had watched a sporting event with my girlfriend.

Some may be thinking that my girlfriend may not be a sports fan. Well, that idea crossed my mind too, but I had to rule it out when she started to tell me her thoughts on why the Patriots beat the Rams in the Super Bowl. Can you believe it? She watched the Super Bowl without ME!

Then I turned the thoughts to myself. Could it have possibly been something I did? Well, I couldn't handle it anymore, so I had to ask her what was up.

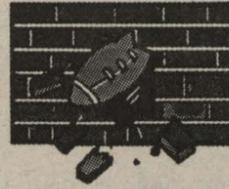
She told me that she wasn't comfortable watching sports with me because I get too excited. Now, I consider myself to normally be a pretty even-keeled person.

WHAT!!! Too Excited??? Come on!

Sure, I may throw some things at the TV. You know, food, the remote control, my roommate's glasses. It's all in the name of fun, right? Sure, I stand up and yell at the TV when things aren't going right. Normal, right? Hey, every guy jumps around the room and shouts when his team is on a hot streak. It's just an episode of pure excitement.

For example, during a Packer game this fall, I had one of these episodes. The Pack had just scored a late touchdown to take the lead during a big game, and I proceeded to do something that must have looked like a cross between the macarena and the Worm, all while trash-talking the opposing team on TV. Expecting my girlfriend to be sharing in my enjoyment, I turned around and got an unexpected look of sheer horror. When I asked what was wrong, she gave me probably the nicest response she could: "You're scary."

Well, what can a guy do? When sports are on, I get excited. So my girlfriend and I made a pact: When I watch sports, she won't be in the room. Hey, it's better than no sports at all (the other alternative). I'll cope, as long as I have *Sportscenter* to get me through. GO POINTERS!



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## Ice, ice everywhere

By Steve Seamandel  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Winter means a lot of things to different people. For some, it's a nuisance for four more months, bringing nothing but unwanted cold and snow. For others, it's a favorite season with many outdoors sports around to pass the time. Some take the middle ground and settle for coexistence with the inevitable winter season.

Whatever your stance may be, there are a few aspects to winter that not even die-hard cold-weather enthusiasts care to endure.

For example, nobody really enjoys scraping the ice and snow from cars in the early morning or tracking snow everywhere in the house.

However, perhaps the greatest inconvenience, and maybe even a danger, is a slippery sidewalk. Sometimes they can really sneak up on you and before you know it, you're on your keister and everyone in front of the UC at lunchtime has just seen you land a perfect ten. Obviously, it can be embarrassing and even painful to experience this.

Of course, the university does attempt to clear the way for pedestrians, but sometimes there's no way to combat it. And while the sidewalks around the class buildings are usually fairly clear, the entrances around the residence halls are usually a different story. I remember getting lots of style points by gliding, slipping and sliding out the door at my old residence hall.

What can students do to prevent the ultimate embarrassment? Not much, except to leave for class a minute or two earlier and walk with a little bit of extra caution.

Also, a word of caution to those not living in residence halls—if you've got sidewalks, then you have 24 hours to clear the way after a snowfall. Failure to do so can result in added fines to your (or your landlord's) property taxes. Help yourself out (and your neighbors) and clear your sidewalks!

Luckily this winter has been a very atypical Wisconsin winter, but don't let that fool you. There may not be much snow, but there sure is plenty of ice and cold temperatures here. Be sure to watch your next step before you end up on the ground!

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## The nighttime is the right time to toss Suick

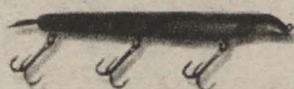
By Adam Mella  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

As I sit in my dimly lit room on a cold February evening with my jack knife in hand, and a pile of fresh cedar on the floor nearby, I drift away in quick thoughts of summer nights on the pond. Winter can be a merciless stretch for the musky hunter, you know, the man with the bug. While ice covers the water, and my formidable foe lurks beneath, there is little I can do to entice that muskellunge to rise.

However, lad, there is hope for you, the lake whispers to me from Antigo, way north. On yonder Pelican Flowage lies the spirit of a man, a man with a vision, who lived on a trout farm north of town. He takes notice of the feeding habits within the compound, like the musky on the lake they call Pelican.

From 1930 until the mid-1940's Frank Suick used his homemade wonder-lure made from cedar, rivets, treble hooks, and multiple paint schemes in secrecy to out-fish every man in northern Wisconsin. By 1942, the

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Frank soon purchased a tavern near Pelican Lake, north of Antigo and made a name for himself as the world's most prominent musky hunter. He used pool cues for fishing rods so, "the



Musky couldn't break it," and used piano wire for a leader, for the same reason. In the mid-1950's the other fishermen on Pelican Lake gathered a petition to ban Frank Suick and his lure from the lake as a joke; however, many of the fishermen were not so amused.

He continued to catch record musky until his death. His wife swears that Frank would fight muskies in his dreams, with his "arms clamped to the bed-post as if it were his fishin' rod," and one close friend remarked that "it was like he could crawl under the skin of a Musky, which better enabled him to understand their daily routines."

Simply put, Frank Suick was the father of modern musky fishing, and a genius ahead of his time on that big pond.

So as I sit here in the cold Point winter, whittling with my jack knife and watching my tip-up against the canvas of a wintry Wisconsin sky, I can't help but hear the voice of Frank Suick floating in the breeze. I know then and there that the nighttime is the right time to land that big deal, and to capture the moment, as I drown my sorrows in the flowing bowl with a full moon overhead.



## Year-long recruitment of wardens for class of 2003 now underway

By the end of 2003, there will be 25 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Conservation Wardens who will be eligible to retire. Finding eligible men and women to fill those retirements, officials say, is a lengthy, time-consuming process, which is currently underway and will conclude later this year after a number of candidates are offered positions as conservation wardens.

"Many of our veteran wardens are at, or are nearing, retirement," said Randy Stark, DNR conservation warden training director. "While our department's budget does not allow us to fill all pending retirements, we will be able to fill a dozen or so."

"If we were not able to fill at least some of these upcoming vacancies, we would fall behind in our recruitment and it would take years to get back to the staffing levels that the public has come to expect and rely upon," Stark added.

What does it take to join the ranks of the Wisconsin Conservation Warden service?

"We need honest, dedicated, intelligent men and women," said Assistant Training Director Chris Wunrow.

But those aren't the only requirements necessary to become a Wisconsin Conservation Warden. Candidates who are well qualified for the position must meet some minimum requirements and be able to successfully withstand the scrutiny of a very thorough background investigation. Applicants must have either a four-year college degree (or 120 academic credits) and be certified or certifiable as a

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The department must receive completed application packets by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

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# Letters From the Edge of the World

Love: Exciting and New.

By Pat Rothfuss

YOUR FURRY VALENTINE

Dear Pat,  
I have been reading your column for almost four years and finally have a question to throw at you: why are college students inspired to get married so damn early? I have a friend who is engaged after knowing her fiancée for a mere three months. I also know someone who is engaged after only a year, a shorter time than my current boyfriend and I have been together. I am not anxious to have a big rock myself, but how can these people be so convinced they are with "the one?" Why can't they just live their lives independently first?

-An advocate for keeping the divorce rate at 50-50.

Marriage is a tricky subject, mostly because it means a lot of different things to a lot of different people. On one hand, marriage is just a business arrangement: purely fiscal. On the other hand, marriage can be a sexual agreement: purely physical.

As if that weren't complicated enough, our goddamn puritan cultural heritage tells us sex is repugnant and evil, while our goddamn French romantic traditions try to persuade us that pure love exists on a higher plane. At the same time, goddamn Walt Disney tries to sell us tickets to some "happily ever after" mythology. So you stand in line for, like, two hours, in the hot sun, waiting for your turn

on the love coaster because you know that once you get on the right person, you're on for good, right? Wrong. Oh, it's exhilarating for a while. Then things lurch to a stop, and while you're trying to read the fine print on the ticket, your significant other decides they want to ride a different ride with an Austrian gymnast. Then, feeling desperate and vaguely nauseous, you keep getting back in that long goddamn line, hoping for a ride that lasts forever, but you never find one, and, eventually, you throw up.

The only other option is to go to the funnel cake stand, where they're going to charge you at least eight dollars, which is ridiculous no matter how you look at it, and you might still get sick. Especially if you eat two. Trust me on this.

What's this column about again?

Oh, yeah. Marriage.

Ultimately, people have trouble with marriage because people have trouble with love. That's where the trouble starts, you see. We only have one word for a whole range of emotion. For instance, "I love you, Mom" implies a different "love" than, "I love my Playstation 2," or "I love you, Sugar-Monkey."

The Greeks were a little more clever with this particular term. They had three different words for three different emotions: Philios (family love), Eros (sweaty love) and Agape (Playstation 2 love.)

But before we start patting the Greeks on the back for being all clever, we have to

admit that they didn't go nearly far enough. Sure, three is better than one, but *really*, how could anyone with any emotional depth believe there are *only* three types of love? Please. It's like saying there are only three tastes in the world. It just ain't so.

Being something of a love connoisseur, I've spent the last ten years of my life carefully tracking down different types of love in the wild. Here's a list of the ones I've found so far. I've given them Greek names because it makes me look really, really smart.

## Aletheia

(I-want-to-see-you-naked love.)

A relatively pure form of love that everyone feels from time to time. It lies somewhere between curiosity, artistic appreciation and infatuation. Men seem to be especially prone to this type of love, and frequently mistake it for a different type of love.

## Theoria

(I-want-to-experience-you love.)

A more advanced form of Aletheia, usually involving more of the senses. Note: if you have ever persuaded someone to take off their clothes, given them a backrub, then lost interest; you were experiencing Theoria, not Eros.

## Kairos

(Right-now love.)

Kair was a little-known Greek deity, son of Hermes and Eros (don't ask). He delivered urgent messages of love between partners. Kair's symbol was a hollow wooden staff called the *Btuae Calus* that he used to carry the messages. Note: this is where we get the term Booty Call.

## Hairetos

(Best available option love, or love-by-default.)

Closely akin to the emotion of relief, this is the love you feel for the person who you find most interesting/attractive among a group of people who are largely unappealing to you. For instance, if you were stuck in a room full of engineers, and you managed to find one not talking about *Star Trek*, this is the subtle variation of love that you would feel for that person. Note: there is a high prevalence of this right before bars close.

## Apeiros

(Unfettered, humble love)

This is the love you feel for your roommate when you come home and find out that they've done the dishes even though it was your turn to do the dishes and they were mostly your dishes anyway. Note: exceptionally rare.

*Did you forget Valentine's day? Are you in the Doghouse? Do you love someone and they think you suck? Send a description of your type of love to Pat Rothfuss at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. He'll include it in his column, and do his best to fix your sad little life.*

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## Music Interview

By Colleen Courtney  
WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

Rob Gonzalez, singer, songwriter and piano player, grew up in Wauwatosa, Wis., and pursues his musical career in Boston, Mass. Gonzalez recently released his first CD, *Somehow* with the help of producer Anthony Resta, who most recently worked on Collective Soul's *Blender* and Shawn Mullins' *Beneath the Velvet Sun*. Gonzalez is returning to his home state for his first tour and will perform at the UW-Stevens Point Encore in the University Center this Friday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.

**What was your musical childhood like, and when did you begin playing music?**

I started playing piano when I was five years old. I'd make up my own songs on the piano. I officially started taking lessons when I was nine. By the time I was 12, my friends were always asking me to play. Kids in my music class used to bug the teacher to stop to let me play the piano for them.

**You attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. When did you start to play for people?**

Almost immediately; about a month after I moved out there. One night, I heard a guy playing piano in a bar. I went in to listen to him and told him I'd just moved to Boston to go to Berklee College. He said, "Hey, why don't you sit down and play a few songs?" So I did, and the manager came over and basically hired me on the spot. They needed someone because the

Rob Gonzalez

pianist was going to play on a cruise ship for a few months.

**Who accompanies you during performances?**

I've been working with my drummer, Paul Giovine, for a long time now. I've been working with the bass player, Spencer Hargis, for almost two years. Dan Myolitte plays guitar.

**How did you meet producer Anthony Resta, and what was it like working with him?**

Anthony was a wonderful influence. I was playing at an open mike in Boston, and when I came offstage, a random stranger said, "I think you're really good. I have a friend who's a major label producer, and I'd like to introduce you to him." Soon after that, I met Anthony and played him my demo tapes. I was so thrilled that this guy, who worked with people like Elton John, Duran Duran, Collective Soul and Shawn Mullins, liked my music.

**What is your ultimate goal for your music?**

I've been supporting myself financially with my music for ten years. Putting out an album is different because for the first time, I can play all of my music instead of using lots of cover songs in my set. I think there's a void for male songwriters today. I want to fill that void, tour and make a living.

## Concert Review

**Battle of the Bands**  
**Feb. 7th, UC-Encore**  
By Zack Holder  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Like last semester, the Centertainment people tagged me to be on the panel of judges for the Battle of the Bands held at the UC-Encore. I always like this gig for two reasons. One, they always feed me, so I can't argue with that. Two, and most importantly, you get to see some of the best talent that the local music scene has to offer. Each band had a half-hour time limit to prove that they were the best. Like last semester, the contest last Thursday did not disappoint in the least.

Starting off the night was the punk band Sentinel. These guys weren't in the contest because one of the members is Centertainment's own Javier Alaniz on vocals. Even though they had nothing to win, they played like they were going for the championship. The rest of the band consists of Sam Macleod on drums, Carl Bartlett on bass and Mike Berge on guitar. The foursome blazed through a half-hour set of hardcore that reminded me of AFI at times.

Kicking off the official contest was local metal favorites Dead of Silence. This band consists of Joel "Big Love" Shanahan on guitar, Justin Reynold on vocals, Brad Nelson on bass and Chad Johnson on drums. These guys have that "new" heavy metal sound influ-

enced by the likes of Korn and Slipknot. This young group of ass-kickers played a set with a lot of heart and soul that showed they are dedicated to bringing you the best set they possibly can.

Following them was Marshall Park. This foursome consisted of N.C. Adamany on guitar, Nick Sanborn on bass, Adam Dipiazza on drums and Mark Breunig on keyboards. Like a lot of great rock and roll bands, they share vocal work. The pure musicianship in this band blew me away. All four members can play their respective instruments with skill, and right when you think they're getting into a rut, they break into a totally new sound. Good stuff.

Next up was the only five-piece band of the night, Hart Carter. This band consists of Adam Reichardt on drums, Louis Lodel on keyboards, Nick Cramer on guitar, Claire Bluhm on vocals/guitar and Roger Reicherdt on bass. They play a good mix of covers and originals and were also the only band with a female vocalist. To tell you the truth, I really liked this band. They reminded me of so many different types of bands I like. At times they sounded like the well-refined alternative rock that came from the East Coast in the early 90s, reminding me of Letters to Cleo or the Throwing



Photograph by P. Larson

Contest winner Hooked on Pisces.

Muses. At other times they had that raw, gritty feel of The Ramones or Joan Jett and The Blackhearts. If you want to see a great change of pace, check these guys out when you get a chance.

Last up was defending champion Hooked on Pisces. This crowd-pleaser consists of J.J. Santy on lead vocals/rhythm guitar, Ben Marty on bass guitar/backup vocals, Andy Wilkins on drums and John Santy on lead guitar. Right from the opening chords they had the fans in the palm of their hands. This band really can do no wrong on stage. Their sound is a good mix of all types of music which brings a big and diverse crowd to the show. As always, this band was musically tight as can be and proved why they were the defending champions.

After Alaniz counted up the votes, there came the pulse-pounding moments of anticipation before the winners were announced. Once again, Hooked on Pisces walked away with the title as they held on for the second semester in a row. This was a great night because it shows how much good music you can find in your own hometown. These bands all plan on playing out again soon, so go on out and support them.

## Centertainment to present showing of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*

By Zack Holder  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

After watching Rob Gonzalez perform Friday, Feb. 15 at the UC-Encore, be prepared to be caught up in one of the oddest shows on Earth. At midnight, Centertainment is showing the film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Originally released in 1975, the film follows a young married couple (Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick) after their car breaks down, and they seek shelter in the eerie residence of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, who is one unique character. Tim Curry stars as Dr. Frank-N-Furter and this film also features Meatloaf in his screen debut. Reaching cult status after its initial release, movie theaters started having midnight screenings in which the audience dressed up in costumes, brought their own effects and acted out the parts with the characters on screen. Holding true to tradition, Centertainment is saying that costumes are encouraged. The price is free to UWSP students with student IDs and \$4 without IDs or for non-students.

## Local Concert Update

### Friday, Feb. 15

Rob Gonzalez—UC-Encore—8 p.m.  
Peter Mulvey—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.  
Ivan Klipstein—Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.  
Jupiter Moon—The Keg—9:30 p.m.  
Piper Road Spring Band—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 16

Strawberry Square—The Keg—9:30 p.m.  
Irene's Garden—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

### Monday, Feb. 18

Open Mic—The Keg—8 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 19

Open Mic hosted by MOON—Witz End—9 p.m.  
Mike Joyce—The Keg—9:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, Feb. 20

The Stranger Project—The Keg—9:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 21

Blaq Lily—UC-Encore—8 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 22

John Stano & David Stoddard—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

JB Acoustic—The Keg—9:30 p.m.

The Westside Andy/ Mel Ford Band—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 23

Jerry Rau & Raymond Yates—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

## CD Review

Jaguar Wright

*Denials, Delusions and Decisions*

By Zack Holder  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR



Ok, those of you who are familiar with these pages, know that I'm quite the cynical bastard when it comes to albums that MCA Records sent me. For example, remember the review of the "new" Shaggy record from a couple weeks ago? Well, when I got the newest release from Jaguar Wright, I was not overwhelmed with joy.

Regardless I put it in the CD player, because, after all, that is my job. To my surprise, I didn't hate this album. Not at all. I didn't necessarily like it either, though. It's not terrible, but it's just not my thing.

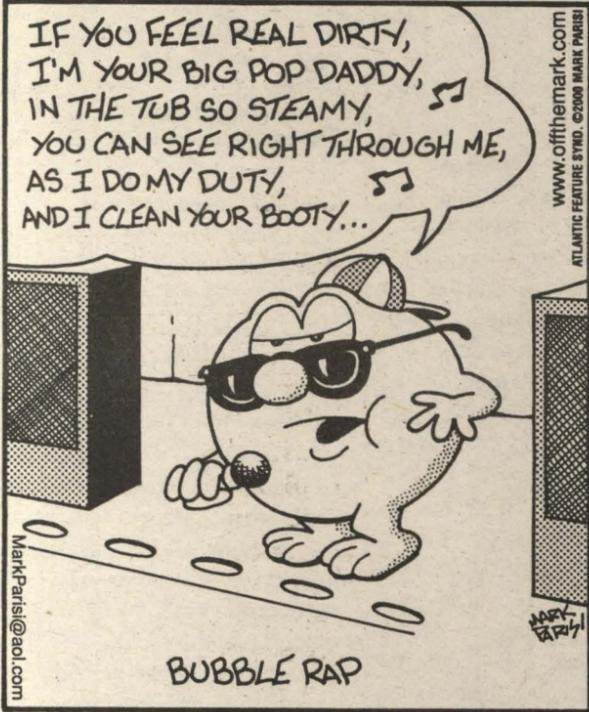
Wright's voice is both gravelly and at times silky smooth. She likens herself to a modern day Etta James and almost has the voice to match. This album also features something which most R&B albums lack most. That one ingredient is real-life backing

musicians. While most R&B albums have slick and overproduced backing music, this one contains live musicians and string sections on all of the selections but one. Some of the musicians and producers of this album are part of eclectic hip-hop group The Roots.

Bottom line on this one: It's not bad. It's not especially good either, but it's not bad. Because it doesn't fit in what I'd usually buy for music, I probably wouldn't have heard it if it wasn't sent to me. If you're into a lot of R&B and are looking for a something somewhat original, buy this album. It should be big on commercial radio stations like 95.5 and MTV, so if you're one of those anti-every-establishment thing, then stay away. Otherwise, buy it and enjoy it.

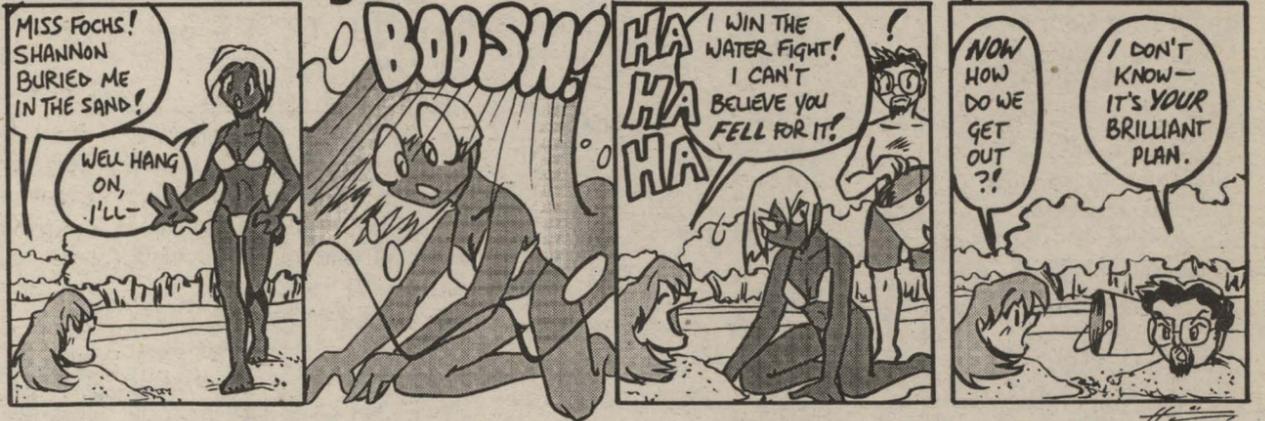
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by BJ Hiorns



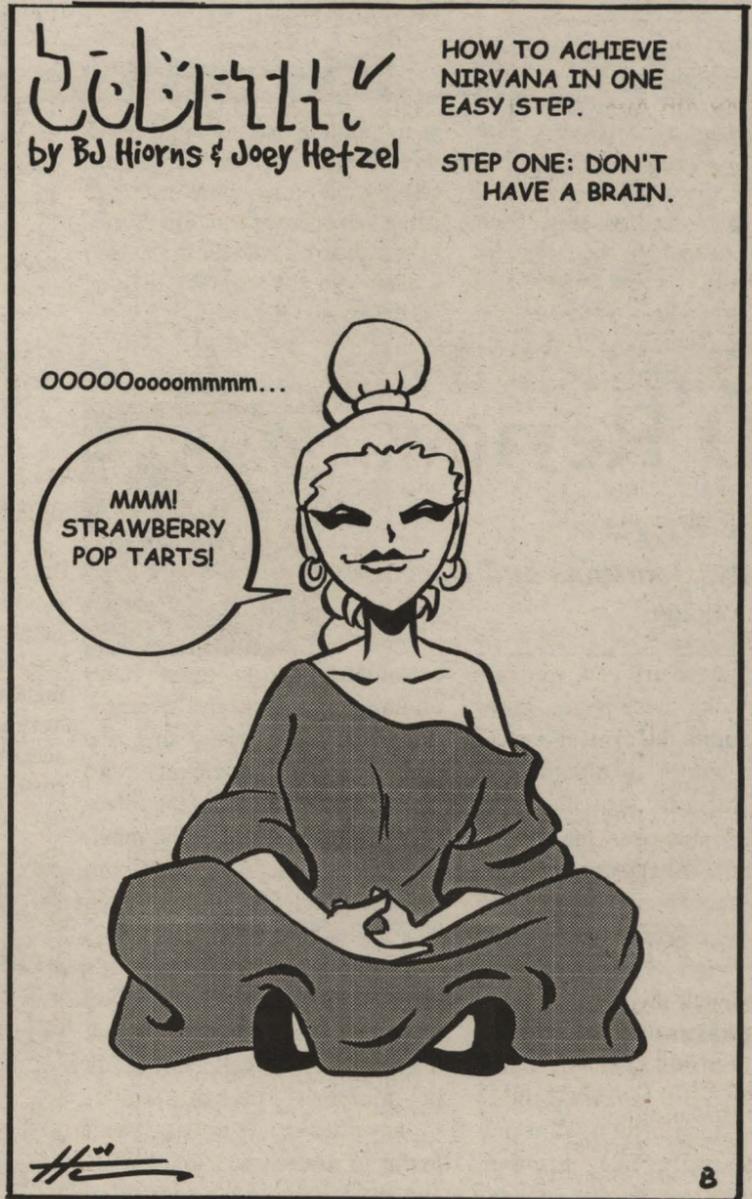
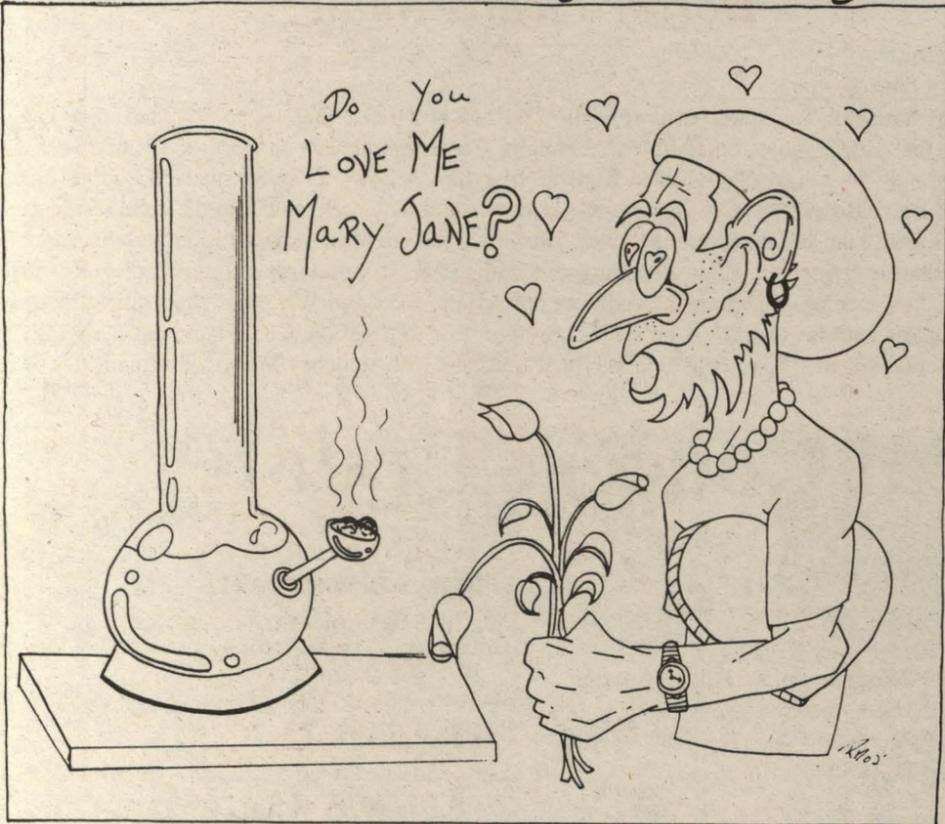
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**Help Wanted**  
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 Hours Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri 9-8 & Sat 9-3.

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**Color \$27**  
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## Late Night Special

Large cheese pizza & original breadstix™ for only \$9.99 after 9pm



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## Dinner for 4

Large 2-topping pizza, original breadstix™ & 4 cold drinks for only \$14.99



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2 bags of chips for only \$8.99

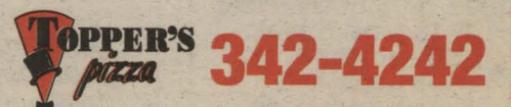


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