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UWSP employees still working without state contract

Local 584 Union joins WSEU in voicing concerns to legislators

By John Baeten ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Over 400 UW-Stevens Point employees are still seeking a contract that has been on the state bargaining table since July 2001. Members of the local 584 Union are voicing concerns along with the rest of the Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU), as to when the contract will be approved in the State Legislature.

According to Tom Burkart of UW-Stevens Point Mail Services, who is bargaining delegate for the local 584, "State workers have been working without a contract since July 2001, and have not had a pay raise since October 2000."

The local 584 consists of program assistants (secretaries in academic offices), facility and maintenance workers, financial operation personnel (Bursar's Office etc.), computer and electronic technicians and protective services.

However, according to Scott Jensen, Assembly Speaker (R), "The legislature cannot in good conscience approve raises of 5.5% for state employees when the state

Jensen, who was recently charged with increase effective April 2003." a felony for putting a republican fund-raisa desk in the Capitol, claims, "It would be

According to Burkart, "There are 15 er on the legislative payroll and giving her union contracts that were ratified in early December and are awaiting legislative

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Members of the Stevens Point 584 gathered in Madison to protest last month.

irresponsible to pass these contracts until we know how to pay for them."

The fifteen collective bargaining contracts covering 31,146 state workers call for a 1% raise retroactive to July 1, 2001, a 2% raise retroactive July 1, 2002 and a 2.5% approval. Republicans are baulking at the whole idea and want the contracts sent back for renegotiation after exhaustive months at the bargaining table. The ironic thing is that they, along with other top ranking administrative officials all received pay raises of 3% on Jan. 1, 2003."

State Senator Cathy Stepp (R) recently turned down a legislative pay increase stating, "I'm returning the pay increase to taxpayers because I cannot in good conscience accept a raise when we have state employees who've been working without a contract for nearly two years."

The local 584 states, "The politicians had no problem voting for raises for themselves, management and other non-represented employees over the last two years, but when it comes to the custodian making \$9.00 an hour then that's something else."

The Wisconsin Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JOCER) has been reluctant to process the contracts and send them to the legislature.

According to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) newsletter, "As of Tuesday Feb. 4, Representative Gard and Senator Lasee have failed to call a meeting of the JOCER. State employees want their legally and in good-faith negotiated contracts brought before the full legislature for

Governor Jim Doyle has said little in regards to the contract settlement; however, he is urging the legislature to take action.

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Doyle emphasizes education in address on budget reductions

By Josh Goller ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Governor Jim Doyle emphasized the importance of education while promoting his strategy for reducing the state's \$3.2 billion budget deficit in a brief appearance in Stevens Point on Monday. During his speech to an apprenticeship conference held at the Holiday Inn and Expo Center, Doyle stressed that education is key to improving the state's economic woes.

"We need new economic opportunities. We need new jobs. We need higher wages. We need new prosperity and we need a prosperity that is open to all Wisconsin citizens," Doyle said. "That is the reason why education must remain our top priority and it will be our top priority, as long as I am governor."

The governor underscored the idea that the journey to economic stability will not be easy but, with the cooperation of Wisconsin citizens, it is possible.

"We face challenging times

in the state right now, but I believe that if we stick to the basic Wisconsin values of hard work, we can get through this together, this is a great state and we can do it," Doyle said. "If we



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Doyle stressed education as a top priority in his speech Monday.

do not understand that this is a time of shared sacrifice, if everybody just starts to grab for their own, we're not going to [be able tol deal with this difficult process. But we will if we underthat we're all Wisconsinites, and we're all in

this together. This is a great state and we can do it."

According to Doyle, it's crucial for actions to be taken to right the sinking economic ship.

"Now is the time to decide what is really important in Wisconsin. My priorities are simple: education and job cre-

Meanwhile, Doyle critid the former administration's handling of the state economy and blasted the partisan politics that has dominated the state legislature as of late.

"Budget after budget ... has come to the state legislature so sharply divided by partisan differences and so characterized by partisan bickering, that people did not sit down and work through the basic issues to take care of this problem," Doyle said. "Our problems are too tough and are choices are too difficult to operate in the way we have done in the past."

Following the speech, Doyle

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Big Wu strikes a chord with fans



Photo by Jen Duccini

The Big Wu performed in front of a packed Laird Room Saturday, see page 13 for full review.

Information Technology cuts computer lab hours

By John Baeten ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Technology Information (IT) recently cut back computer lab hours because of increased operating costs. All computer labs now close at 8 p.m. on weekdays, except for the LRC first floor lab, which will remain open until 1 a.m.

Last semester, the labs last semester were open until 11 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dianne Smith and Colleen Andrews from IT state, "We were charged with the task of reducing costs. Our first and foremost concern has always been serving our students and meeting their needs."

Included in all student tuition is a 2% technology fee expenditure, which is used to "provide students with additional services" through IT. The 2% fee adds up to about \$396,000 allocated solely to technology. In this \$396,000, SGA set aside \$45,900 for non-negotiable student payroll.'

Along with the problem of "reducing costs," IT also has fewer employees this semester.

According to Lisa Nelson, Payroll & Benefit Specialist at UWSP. "Information Technology employed 82 students last semester and 72 stu-

dents this semester."

A student who wishes to remain anonymous states, "The university is cutting student jobs and computer lab hours, and replacing them with cameras. Though they've been trying not to connect the two so explicitly, it came up in the last meeting of SGA last semester. This is bailing out the UWSP Foundation from its own mistakes. Even though there are no cameras yet, the point is they want them. Overall, Information Technology wants to replace student jobs with security cameras."

However, Smith Andrews said, "We never capture student logons but rather the minutes each workstation is used in each lab every hour of every day. Please note also that there are no video surveillance cameras in any of the computer

According to the UW System Financial Administrative Policies, "The Student Technology Fee (STF) should not replace existing funds intended to support student technology. This fee should concentrate on areas that visibly benefit all students."

As of last semester, around 8,667 students attended UWSP. About 3,000 of which lived on campus and the remaining 5,667

resided in the Stevens Point community or were commuters from the regional area, according to Larry Sipiorski of Registration & Records.

This statistic means that potentially, 5,667 UWSP students are affected by the recent computer lab schedule change.

According to Smith and Andrews, "After analyzing the data collected from November 2001 through December 2002, we made decisions about which labs to close on weekends as attribute the reduced usage of computer labs to the personal ownership of computers by stu-

Student Government Association President, Beth Ann Richlen said, "Although I have faith in their (IT) decisions they should have come and collaborated with us to find a solution. This happened and we didn't have any input."

Diemer, UWSP Greg **Assistant Chancellor of Business** Affairs stated, "To my knowledge there has not been a budget affecting Information Technology; however there has been significant cost increases in their operations. Since it is a technology-led enterprise, reinvestment is a pertinent issue."

The shift in hours was due



The recent decision to close labs around campus at 8 p.m. on weekdays well as closing times. We poses a significant problem for a number of students living off campus.

> in part to lab assistant availability and meeting student needs.

> According to Smith and Andrews, "After attempting to keep labs open longer hours, using a 'roving lab assistant' system, we realized we were not meeting student needs. address this concern, we restructured our hours in an effort to provide the greatest support services at any needed time."

> According to Richlen, "[The decision is really disappointing. because we are guardians of that 2% fee."

> However, also included in the STF expenditures are guidelines for "appropriate and inappropriate STF allocations."

> One "appropriate" STF guideline states, "Expenses relat

ed to general access computer laboratories such as adding staffing for computer help desks and other support services to better assist students and increase hours of operation for computer

The exact budget details of IT were not available on request, specifically the STF allocations and employment reduction statistics.

However, Smith Andrews contend, "To further meet students' needs, we now have 14 multimedia workstations available to students for a greater array of hours. This enables those needing to do multimedia work, rendering, etc., greater opportunities."

Protective Services and police search for sexual assault suspect

By Andrew Bloeser NEWS EDITOR

Stevens Point police and UW-Stevens Point Protective Services will seek charges against a man suspected in the sexual assault of a female student two weeks ago.

The female student, age 23, reported that she was standing at a Internet station in the Heath Enhancement Center [HEC] at approximately 6 p.m. on Jan. 26, when an unknown man grabbed

Protective Services stated that according to the report filed by the victim, the woman screamed and the man, approximately age 30, walked away from the scene.

Assistant Director of Protective Services John Taylor declined to comment further on the incident until the completion of the investigation, but stated that the incident has been classified as a fourth degree sexual

The HEC released a bulletin Friday describing the perpetrator as standing at least six feet tall and weighing around 215 pounds. The bulletin also described the individual as dark skinned with long black hair in a ponytail.

"This is the first incident that has been reported [in the HEC] since I've been here, and I've been here three years," said Jeff Judge, HEC Facilities Director.

Judge also commented that the HEC has acted to take further precautions to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. The HEC began internal discussions about implementing further security measures over winter break and will soon begin the process of limiting the number

of entrances that allow access to the facility.

"The problem with this facility is the number of doors located around the building. There's a lot of different places that you can get access into the facility," said

Judge and HEC Facility Administrator Fred Hebert will meet with Protective Services later this week to review current security practices and discuss fur-

"We're in a situation where we want to make sure that we're doing the proper thing in terms of monitoring the access people have to the building," said Judge.

The UW-Stevens Point campus has historically not seen many instances of sexual assault on campus. Protective Services has handled only five cases of sexual assault in the past five years.

is in order."

Burkart states, "Mr. Doyle has been reluctant to take a stance on the situation, due to the fact that the contracts were ratified in the prior administration."

The local 584 maintains, "Chancellor George and the rest of the UWSP administration have all been very supportive of our cause."

Retired provost returns to oversee Foundation

Retired provost Bill Meyer will return to UW-Stevens Point to serve as the interim assistant to the chancellor for University Advancement in wake of Bruce Froehlke's resignation University Foundation president.

Meyer will begin his acting duties next week and

will be responsible for the oversight of the University Foundation, Alumni and University Relations and News Services

Froehlke, who has served as foundation president and head of advancement since 1997, will remain on

special assignment, conducting research on university fund-raising, until June 30.

"We have called upon Bill, a seasoned administrator, to provide the stewardship and the leadership needed during this period of transition," said Chancellor Tom George.

"He'll work with foundation and advancement staff, faculty, administrators and the foundation board to assist with the transition and to plan for the future. Throughout his long career, Bill has always provided the kind of stability and vision the university will again be able to rely on during a period of change."

Meyer, who retired last

summer after more than 30 years at UW-Stevens Point, began his association with the university in 1968 as a faculty member in the School of Communicative Disorders. He served as director of the

Center Communicative Disorders for six years before

dean for five years. Meyer also spent a decade as associate vice chancellor for Personnel and Budget and an additional year as acting assistant chancellor for Student Life.

serving as the school's associate

Following two years as acting vice chancellor, he became the provost and vice chancellor in



Meyer

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Dovle states, "There is a legal process at work. I think the legislature should take this up and vote on

According to WisPolitics, "If the legislature rejects the contracts negotiated under former

Governor Scott McCallum, Doyle said renegotiation

Associate Dean of CNR awaits senate confirmation

Partisan conflict in state capital prolongs confirmation hearings for Doyle appointees indefinitely

By Andrew Bloeser **News Editor**

Christine Thomas, Associate Dean of the College of Natural Resources, recently became one of the 127 new appointments to Gov. Jim Doyle's state government; the question now remains whether she will receive the opportunity to serve the state.

"Before Gov. Thompson left for Washington, he reappointed two of his previous appointees to their seats on the board," said Thomas. "However, the senate at the time was controlled by Democrats under the leadership of Chuch Chvala, and they did not reconfirm any of Gov. Thompson's appointments."

Gov. Doyle withdrew 127 of his predecessor's appointments upon coming to office, raising the ire of many in the state senate, now controlled by Republicans.

Doyle appointed Thomas to the state Natural Resources Board two weeks ago, but the Republican controlled state senate has opted to delay confirmation hearings that would allow her and over 50 other appointees to assume their new roles.

State senate majority leader Mary Panzer has publicly stated in recent weeks that holdover appointees from the Thompson administration will continue to serve the state in their current positions if they choose to fulfill their designated

That includes Dan Paulson, who Thomas was slated to replace. Paulson recently confirmed that he intends to fulfill the term appointed by former Gov. Tommy Thompson.

"There have been no confirmation

hearings sched-Christine Thomas," confirmed Gregg Hubbard, spokesperson for state senate majority leader Mary Panzer.

The potentially infinite delay of the confirmation hearings stems from a partisan backlash due to decisions made by state senate Democrats under Chvala's

Mary

Panzer's office, Chvala played a role in preventing the confirmation of 210 citizen employees over a four-year span.

Current tensions over recent appointments have not deterred Gov. Doyle's

optimism for finding a solution to the conflict.

"The governor is confident that things will be worked out," said Doyle spokesman, Josh Morby.

Thomas also remains at ease amidst the controversy and said that she has kept a sense of humor in regards to the situa-



Photo courtesy of Portage County Gazette

leadership. Christine Thomas remains enthusiastic despite the possibility that her According to appointment to the Natural Resources Board may never be realized.

> "I'm keeping this all in perspective," said Thomas, "I have a ton of other responsibilities, and I'm not anxious about this, or concerned, really."

> > Thomas stated that while she

acknowledges the possibility that she may never serve on the Natural Resources Board, she remains enthusiastic about her nomination and the chance to provide her expertise to the state.

"I'm in an interesting position by being a professor in the UW System. One of the expectations of professors is to become involved in the areas of public policy where we have expertise," said

"I have a lot of different life experiences that I bring to this in addition to my academic experience. My husband and I spent 15 years farming. I'm a hunter and angler. That brings a lot of practical experience along with my knowledge of issues in their theoretical sense."

Thomas holds a doctorate degree in resource policy and law from UW-Madison in addition to the masters degree in water resources she earned at UW-Stevens Point.

She founded Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) in 1991, which in addition to strengthening the political base for wildlife enthusiasts also provided over 20,000 women with an outlet for learning outdoors skills last year. She also currently sits on the board of directors for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the board of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation.

Past honors include being named the Budweiser/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Outdoorsman of the Year and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation conservation educator of the year in 1998.

Police bust weekend house party

Police state that grants and overtime incentives play a role in law enforcment

By Sara Daehn

FEATURES EDITOR

Police officers broke up a house party last weekend after receiving a call from nearby neighbors complaining of disorderly behavior.

Police said that neighbors complained of disruptive noise coming from the house at 10:47 p.m. A neighbor also claimed that a partygoer urinated in his yard.

When police officers arrived, they advised the large group in the house to disperse. According to the police report the crowd cooperated with all instructions and left the premises promptly.

Captain James E. Dowling, administrative

services commander for the Stevens Point Police Department, explained the reason behind the seemingly growing number of college parties being broken up each year.

"Each year, the government gives the police department a traffic safety grant. The grant's main purpose is to prevent accidents caused by drunk driving and underage drinking," he said.

However, he also said that the department is not trying to come down harder on college parties this year than in previous years.

According to Dowling, it may seem that an unusually large number of gatherings were cut short last semester compared to last spring because the police department tries to use up all of its grant money during the summer and early

Dowling also stated that police officers get paid overtime for any underage drinking parties Nea H. Gouin, the occupant of 1932 College they break up, this being a major incentive to Ave., was given a citation for serving alcohol to strictly enforce laws concerning underage drinking and disruptive parties.

Doyle

spoke more candidly with

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reporters about what the average university student should know about how his upcoming budget pro-

"I'm doing everything I can in really, really bad circumstances to make sure that people get a great university education," Doyle said. "Even though it's going to be a tough budget time ... I want to make sure that a university education remains affordable for everybody and that it's of great quality."

The governor also addressed the issue of tuition increase, and promised to balance increases with additional financial aid opportunities.

"I think everybody understands there'll be a tuition increase, but I'm doing everything I can to keep it reasonable and I'm also trying to make sure that it's coupled with financial aid as well," Doyle said. "As tuition goes up, I want to make sure that it never happens where some young person who has worked hard and qualified for entry into the University of Wisconsin System is unable to attend because of finances. That's not the Wisconsin way."

Minnesota faculty member headlines Hmong conference at UWSP

Zha Blong Xiong, the first Hmong faculty member at the University of Minnesota, will headline the annual regional Hmong conference at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Xiong, Mai Zong Vue and James Harris will be the speakers for the conference at UWSP's University Center on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The conference, "Hmong Past, Present, and Future," will give participants an opportunity to learn about Hmong gender roles, artifacts, and how education is key for Hmong success in the United States. Sponsored by the Hmong and South East Asian American Club (HaSEAAC) and UWSP's Multicultural Affairs, the conference and lunch are free and open to the campus and the public. Chancellor Tom George will give opening remarks with registration beginning at 9 a.m. No preconference registration is required.

Xiong will address the opening and closing sessions of the conference. His 9:30 a.m. presentation will focus on Hmong history, while his closing session at 2:15 p.m. will present his views on what the future holds for Hmong citizens.

His is a life of "firsts" as he was the first in his family to receive a college degree, first Hmong in the nation to earn a doctoral degree in family social sciences, and the first Hmong professor hired in the state of Iowa at Iowa State University. His research focuses on ethnic minorities, especially adolescents in those communities.

"Minnesota is always home," said Xiong. "I think Minnesota is unique because of the growth in diversity. There is a big increase in immigrants and ethnic minorities in the state in recent years."

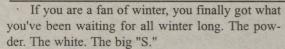
An assistant professor in social science, Xiong came to the United States in 1982 sponsored by the Lutheran Church. He graduated with honors from Winona State University and by 1994 was ready to enroll in the university's family social science doctoral program. His main emphasis of research today is juvenile delinquency among Hmong youth. "I have a personal passion to help students like me be successful," said Xiong. "I want to show them that if I could strive they can do it too. They can follow my path."

Whatever...the world according to Steve

Instead of walking to school uphill, it's driving around in ten inches of snow...

By Steve Seamandel

EDITOR IN CHIEF



After our first glimpse of snow in early October, I was thinking that we'd really get buried this winter. No such luck. While I'm a fan of white Christmases, I wasn't utterly disappointed by the fact that I could have played bocce, or even better, lawn jarts with my family after opening presents on Christmas morning. I knew the snow would come eventually.

And it did. Finally, snowboarders, skiers, snowshoers, sledders and snowman construction enthusiasts all across North Central Wisconsin can participate in activities that, prior to this week, they couldn't.

However, more people than just me have noticed that after the snow came, the plows didn't, at least on the streets that are predominantly filled by student housing. Take a look for yourself after the next snowfall; College, Reserve, Briggs, Phillips – they're always the last to get plowed, if they get plowed at all.

To the city's credit, after last weekend's snow-fall, these streets were actually plowed the day after the snow fell, which is good to see. But still, it's no secret that streets with "real" people living on them (also known as "taxpayers") get plowed first.

I see this as just another slap in the face to the students. Why does the city constantly give the students the short end of the stick? Oh yeah, that's right, because they can.

I haven't done a lot of extensive research on this, but I'll bet a huge part of it stems from the fact that students don't pay taxes, are probably one of the least-prevalent voting age groups in the city and probably account for most of the domestic disturbance calls to the cop shop.

The thing that students are good for, on the other hand, is local business. I noted this over the



summer; bars that are normally packed on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the school year were literally empty over the summer. Not that I'm complaining I guess, because it was nice to be able to snag a pool table without problem every time I went downtown.

But I digress. The problem at hand here is our streets, not how I can't shoot billiards while school is in session. Right. The streets.

You know it's bad when more of the sidewalks up and down College Ave. are shoveled before the streets are plowed. When students can get off their lazy keisters and shovel before the city can do the streets, something isn't right.

Unfortunately, I don't really know what we, as students, can do to change anything. We'll always get the short end of the stick because we're students and vulnerable. Or just unorganized enough to fix a miniscule problem like getting our damn streets plowed in a timely fashion.

One semi-sick thing that I can visualize is lining the unplowed streets with a student-run army of snowmen. I think this would eventually resolve the problem. See, after it snows, all of the students can play and have fun in the streets since they're way too snow-filled to drive on. One of the required activities would be to construct at least one snow creature or structure; a snowman, fort, fence or just a big ball will do. When you're done, just leave it in the street. Eventually, someone will want to drive down that street, find out that they can't get through because of all of the snow creations and call the city office and complain, forcing the city plows to clear the streets that the students invested so much time on.

OK, so maybe building armies of snowmen in the streets isn't the best of my ideas. But it sure beats looking at a dull covering of snow that doesn't get plowed until four days after the storm rolls through town.

Student Legal Society: Above and beyond duty

Unfortunately, like many fellow students, I am no greenhorn when it comes to crossing paths with Johnny Law. After three and a half years of attending college, bad things do happen to good people.

Whether our legal problems are undeserved, unjust or just plain stupid, we should realize that we have an extraordinary resource at our fingertips.

For instance, I recently found myself in a bogus legal altercation where I needed a helping hand. After paying a mere five bucks to the Student Legal Society, I had a plethora of legal advice at my disposal and an attorney to go with it.

I won't mention any names, but Jan, you went above and beyond what you had to do for my case, and I would just like to say thanks.

As for the rest of you unlucky souls, consider your options and most importantly your rights. The Student Legal Society can help.
-Andrew McLain, UWSP Student

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Top VIII award

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For the second straight year, a student-athlete from UWSP has won the prestigious NCAA Top VIII award. Kari Groshek, a Rosholt native who enjoyed an outstanding four-year career as a UWSP basketball player, was presented with the award in a ceremony on January 12 in Anaheim, Cal.

Groshek finished her Pointer career last season as the school's third all-time leading scorer with



Groshek stands with coach Shirley Egner at the awards ceremony.

1,414 points. Her 495 points last season was the second highest single-season total in school history, coming just four points shy of the record. Groshek's 679 career rebounds rank fourth on the school's all-time list.

Despite her stellar career, Groshek was surprised by her nomination, saying, "[Sports Information Director] Jim Strick just called me out of the blue one day and said I won the same award as (former Point track star) Leah Juno. I was ecstatic! I just jumped around for ten minutes.".

While the award takes strong consideration of athletic achievements, it was Groshek's off-thecourt academic work that may have clinched her nomination. Groshek, who graduated in May of 2002, had a 3.74 grade point average in Biology and is currently working at a health care facility in Stevens Point to earn hours to attend school to become a physician's assistant.

"College sports are fun and everything, but I knew that they weren't going to lead anywhere," said Groshek. "The awards are nice, but once you leave school, if you didn't focus on your studies, you won't have anything."

Groshek, who was salutatori-

an of her high school class at Rosholt, has admittedly come a long way since growing up in her tiny hometown. "I never thought about any of this in high school." said Groshek. "I was just trying to live up to my sister's (former UWSP track standout Sarah Groshek) name and trying to be as successful as her. I never foresaw any of this."

UW-Stevens Point joins Washington University of St. Louis as the only Division III schools ever to have two winners

> in the 30-year history of the Top VIII award. Groshek and Juno are the only athletes from the WIAC ever to earn the honor and join Stevens Point native Suzy Favor-Hamilton from UW-Madison in 1991 as the only Wisconsin athletes to be honored in the history of the

"Having two in a row makes the athletic program here look very good," said Groshek.

As for her future, Groshek is currently applying to grad school. She is also volunteering to as an assistant coach for the UWSP women's basketball team, something that was hard for her at first. "The first few games were really hard," said Groshek. "I really wanted to go out on the floor and help the team. It's getting easier now to help from the sidelines, but there are times I wish I was still

out there." After the season, Groshek hopes to begin her grad school program in either Chicago or Madison.

Groshek was part of an elite group this year that included two U.S. National Team members, an

NCAA champion gymnast, a track and field national champion, two All-American football players and a threetime All-American Division II women's basketball player.

Other winners this year included Missouri track and field athlete Ann Marie Brooks, Northern Kentucky women's basketball player Michelle Cottrell, Montana State football player Johnson, Rvan UCLA softball player Stacey Nuveman, Alabama gymnast Andree' Pickens, Georgia football player Stinchcomb and Santa Clara soccer player Aly Wagner.

UWSP athlete takes Glover speaks of peace, equality

Celeb speaks to **UWSP** students and community at Berg Gym

By Josh Goller ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

> Actor and equal rights

activist Danny Glover read the inspirational poetry of Langston Hughes to a Berg Gym audience Tuesday in an event sponsored by Multicultural Affairs in honor of Black History Month.

Known best for his role as Sgt. Roger Murtaugh in the Lethal Weapon series, Glover performed a dramatic reading before a near-capacity crowd, while context from which

he wrote his poems. Glover also promoted the equal rights ideology that was an integral part of Hughes' writing.

Glover dipped into his acting talent to bring Hughes' racial oppression and Harlem-based poetry to life, occasionally

singing or altering his voice when the material called for it.

Described by Glover as the "poet laureate of the Negro race," Hughes dispersed his writing across many different forms of media, including short stories, essays, newspaper columns and novels. However, Hughes

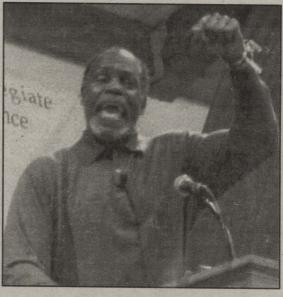


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detailing the history Danny Glover speaks to a packed audience at the of Hughes' life and Berg Gym on Tuesday night.

> achieved his greatest fame for the Dream. poems he penned in the midst of what is now referred to as the Harlem Renaissance.

Glover became a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Development Program

in 1998. Since then, he has trav-

eled throughout the world, ar during his performance h recounted his recent humanitar an trips to Guinea and Brazil.

During a question-an answer session that followed t reading, Glover spoke out opposition of the possible mi tary action against Iraq.

> claimed that the Unit States shouldn't insist democratizing nations when minorities our own country are s struggling for equali Glover also pointed domestic issues such unemployment and inr city education deficienc as grave concerns that c federal government is t preoccupied to address.

> Many of Glove films have also advanc the study of black histo including his roles in 7 Color Purple, Belove Freedom Song, Buffa Alex Hales Queen and America

Upcoming campus ever celebrating Black History Mor. include the annual Soul For Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 9 and t Gospel Festival on Saturda March 1.

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Students still working on New Year's resolutions

By Nora F. Bates ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The biggest resolutions of any year include the promises of losing weight and quitting smoking.

Coming back to school after a long vacation usually inspires the resolution of weight loss after the hours of feasting with friends and family over the holiday break.

So, now a month after making our New Year's resolutions, how are they holding up? Did you make it past the first day without a cigarette? How about those late night calls to Topper's Pizza; did they stop? Making resolutions, like making promises, is sometimes easier said than done.

In an interview with Katie Gaulin, a Student Advocate for the Student Health Promotion Office, I was able to find out some of the things that can be done to help keep those weight loss resolutions.

The Student Health Promotion Office likes to work with change from the inside out. They work with students on a one on one basis trying to find each student's individual needs, including whether a student needs to increase fruits and vegetables or lower the fat intake in their diet.

This technique is called "Behavior Change Facilitation." The health office asks students questions like, why do you

want to lose weight? Why is it important to you? What kinds of diets have you tried? Then they try to find the why and what for each student. It is important that the dieter is losing weight for him or herself and not for someone else.

Gaulin says the best way to stay healthy is by remembering the phrase, "Small steps to a big outcome." She suggests that making small changes is the way

to start out. Do not start working out seven days a week; start out small, so that you do not get burnt Instead, start by working out two days a week.

In another interview with Chris Rice, stu-

dent manager of the Cardio Center, I asked if he has seen an increase in members since the end of last semester, and said, "Yes, we have definitely seen about a 200 member increase."

Rice also stated that compared to the end of last semester, when there were about 250 active members, now there are 450 active members.

When asking Rice about personal trainers being available he replied that they are available to students for \$10 a session. or package deals, like six sessions for \$50. Personal trainers are helpful in promoting and motivating you along the way as providing you with a work out schedule that will work for you.

Rice said that it often gets discouraging to members who come in the late after-

> noon when it is packed. Frustrated students then tend to give up on the weight loss. Rice suggested coming at off-peak times like early afternoon, mornings or weekends

Rice says, "You would be surprised

picky people are about the machines they

Rice did point out that the increase in members is not just a result of New Year's resolutions, but that fitting into swimsuits for spring break 2003 is another big factor in the Cardio Center's rapid increase.

Ironically, Rice said, "The Monday after spring break we will probably only see about 150 members." Well, at least UWSP is healthy for a couple months.

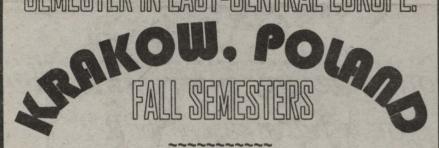
When asked about smokers on campus, Gaulin stated, "25% of UWSP men and 22% of UWSP women smoke." Gaulin agreed that next to weight loss, smoking is one of the biggest resolutions made each year.

There will be a "Smoking Sensation" class (HPW 299) offered for one credit starting after spring break. The class is sponsored by the American Lung Association and as an added bonus to taking the class, students are offered 50% off the membership at the cardio center.

Student health advocates are available now to help you on a one on one basis. There's no need to wait to quit, you can start today. If you need someone to talk to you can call Smokers Health Services at 1-877-270-STOP and they can help when you are having a late night craving or just need extra support in your quitting.

The Student Health Promotion office phone number is x4313 and the hours run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The Cardio Center number is x4711 and the hours are 5:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and 5:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday. They are also open on the weekend Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 9 p.m.

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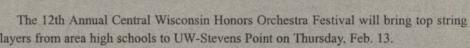
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Honors Orchestra Festival at UWSP

players from area high schools to UW-Stevens Point on Thursday, Feb. 13.

A concert that combines honors students and the UWSP Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Professor Patrick Miles will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Michelsen Hall of the Fine Arts Center. In addition, two guest high school orchestras will perform. This year the orchestras from Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School and Shawano High

Admission to the concert is \$5 for the general public, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for youth and free the day of the concert for students with a UWSP ID. Tickets are available at the UWSP Box Office or by phone at (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. Tickets also will be available at the door if the concert is not sold out in advance.

During the festival, area students and directors come to UWSP for a day of rehearsals, master classes and the evening concert. Classes are taught by UWSP string faculty mem-

"The concert gives all of the performers a unique side-by-side experience," Miles said. "The high school students are exposed to performing in a university orchestra and the college students, many of whom are music education majors, have the opportunity to interact with high school students."

Health Advocate

Dear Health Advocate.

My friends and I like to go out on the weekend to socialize and we usually end up drinking. I was wondering how we could be safer when we go out and drink? Sincerely.

Your average college student

Dear Your average college student,

It is important that if you do choose to drink when you go out, to do it with wisdom and planning.

Here are some tips concerning alcohol safety.

-Do set a liquor limit. Have a mindset of how much you will consume in a given outing. It will help keep you in control and spend less.

-Do know whom you came with and whom you are going to leave with at the end of the night. This will help with confusion at the end of the night and will keep you safe.

-Do have a designated driver for the night and or try walking. Point is small enough to walk anywhere.

-Don't go out with people who make you feel uncomfortable.

-Do you know who is watching your back? If something does happen you should know you have someone there, like the buddy system.

It is also important for you to know at UWSP 75% of students drink once a week or less. When students on our campus choose to drink, the majority consume four or fewer drinks. When choosing to drink it is important to be safe.

Skaters to make last stand of regular season

Team splits pair of weekend games to take season down to wire

By Craig Mandli

SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP men's hockey team continued its up and down season last weekend, splitting a pair of games with rivals Lake Forest and St. Norbert at Willett

The Pointers put themselves in position for a first round home series with a 5-3 victory over Lake Forest in their first game Friday night. Leading the Pointers was sophomore Adam Kostichka, who scored his second career hat trick in the victory. "We really needed points in this game, so I'm really happy with how the guys played," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta.

Freshman defenseman Jordan Blair broke a 3-3 tie with 3:07 left with a long shot from the blue line that gave the team a 4-3 lead. Sophomore forward Mike Brolsma then scored the final goal, giving him a nine-game scoring streak.

"It was an emotional game," said Baldarotta. "They kept coming back, but we were able to shut them down at the end with a strong line shift."

The Pointers' would not be as fortunate on Saturday night as they took the ice against the St. Norbert Green Knights. The Pointers had a tough battle against the topranked team, but ran out of juice at the end, falling 6-3.

Green Knights were playing their first game of the weekend, while the Pointers were coming off the emotionally draining Lake Forest game the night before.

Although UWSP freshman forward Mark Peters scored his first career goal in the first period, the well-rested Knights were able to out-skate the tired Pointers to the tune of a 4-1 score at the break.

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The team battled back in the second period as Brolsma scored a power play goal and senior Joel Marshall scored a shorthanded goal in a three-on-five situation to bring UWSP within 4-3.

"Once we made it 4-3, I thought we were in control," said Baldarotta.

That is as close as the Pointers would get though, as the Green Knights got very strong play from their defense, especially goalie Chancy Colquhoun, to keep the Pointers at bay. The Knights added a third period shorthanded goal to pull away.

"We played a good game, and now we know we can play with those guys," said Baldarotta. "The next time we face them, it will be in the playoffs, so we are looking



Photo by Patricia Larson

Sophomore Adam Kostichka goes to center the puck against Lake Forest on Friday

forward to that."

The final regular season series of the weekend lies ahead for the Pointers, who need a win or tie against UW-Superior or

St. Scholastica on the road, or a Lake Forest loss or tie in one of its two games to clinch the fourth seed and home ice for the first round of the NCHA playoffs.

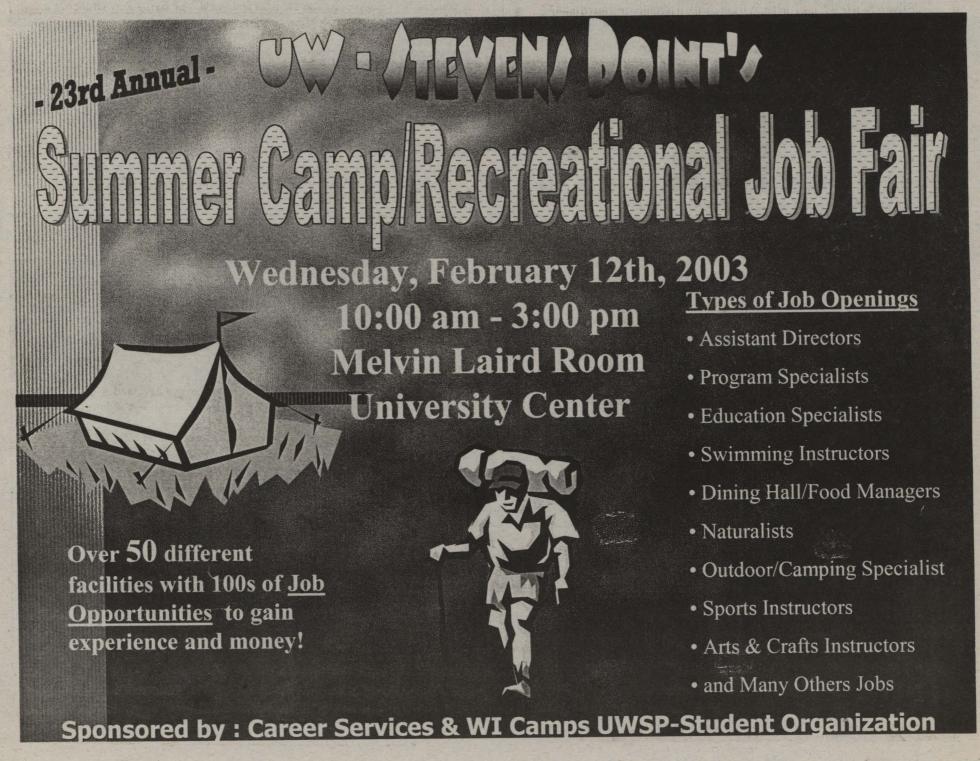


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Sophomore Jason Kalsow led the Pointers with 20 points and 11 rebounds on Wednesday night.

Pointers stun River Falls

By Dan Mirman

SPORTRS EDITOR

It's common knowledge that basketball is a game of runs. Usually the runs are small ones like 8-2 and 6-0 spurts, but the UWSP men's basketball team (18-2, 9-2) decided to bypass all the little runs for one monster run in their game against UW-River Falls on Wednesday.

Trailing 50-40 early in the second half, Point reeled off 20 straight points in the midst of a 33-5 run for the 74-61 victory, effectively ending any hope that the Falcons had of an upset.

"River Falls has the best scorer in the league in Melzer so you have to concentrate on him, and they shot the ball well in the first half," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "But the 12-13 minute mark on that was as courageous and gutsy a performance as I've seen a team make. Every kid that went on that floor played with instincts and courage and that's the only way to come back against a team like that."

Sophomore Nick Bennett continued his outstanding play by dropping in a game high 21

points to go with seven rebounds. Once again Bennett proved clutch from the free throw line, shooting a perfect nine of nine from the charity stripe.

Another sophomore, Jason

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Kalsow, also came up with a big performance, leading all players with 11 rebounds, five of which were offensive, to go with his 20

"I can't say enough about the way Nick and Jason are playing; they're as steady as they come. They're only sophomores and that's the beautiful part of it," said Bennett.

Senior Josh Iserloth also reached double digits scoring 13, including five straight points during the big second half that pushed Point's lead into double digits for the first time with 7:19 to play.

Although River Falls jumped out early and led by as much as 12 throughout the opening half, but a pair of Brian Bauer jumpers, including one at the buzzer, cut the lead to six at the break. Bauer had nine for the

"We knew Brian Bauer had that in him and I just knew he would find his moment to have his coming out party and tonight he did it," said Bennett. "Even though Izzy didn't have a great game, he had a great five six minute stretch and sometimes it's not the quantity it's the quality, and he did that."

Saturday night Point also had to come back from an early deficit to defeat UW-Eau Claire

Iserloth shot 12-15 from the free throw line en route to a team high 19 points to go along with eight rebounds. As a team UWSP shot a scorching 36-41 on free throws in both games and maintained their hold on first place in the WIAC.

Next, Point will hit the road as they travel to Platteville for a showdown with the Pioneers on Saturday. Tip off is scheduled for

Point overcomes sluggish start to clip Falcons

Heuer and Schultz pour in 16 apiece

By Jason Nihles

SPORTS REPORTER

After spotting River Falls a seven point lead Wednesday night, Stevens Point (16-4, 8-3) battled back to get a hard fought 70-54 road victory.

Back-to-back three point plays by Cassandra Schultz and Amanda Nechuta with 2:30 left to play and a pair of free throws by Nechuta sealed the game in the second half.

The Pointers were held scoreless for the first 4:41 of the game Pointers in scoring with 16 apiece.

until a Cassandra Heuer deuce put UWSP on the board.

Trailing 19-22 with 9:30 left in the first half, three-point baskets by Andrea Kraemer and Tara Schmitt started an 11-0 run. Point turned up the defensive intensi-

ty at the same time and held the Falcons scoreless for nearly eight minutes to take a 33-28 halftime

"Our kids were a little back on their heels at the start," said Coach Shirley Egner. "But they came back when they needed to. We were able to pull it out. This is a tough place to win."

Schultz and Heuer led the

Kraemer chipped in 12 and Nechuta also reached double figures by scoring ten. Tara Schmitt added nine points and pulled down a career-high 11 rebounds. The win keeps the women in a second place tie with UW-Oshkosh.

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Last Saturday the women ran into a buzz saw in the form of conference leading Eau Claire. The Blugolds scored the first five points of the game and never looked back while coasting to an easy 72-50 win.

Eau Claire used an 18-4 run in the last 7:46 of the half to take a 20 point lead to

"They were clicking on all cylinders," said Egner. "Their confidence rose and ours began sinking."

Point shot 26.9% in the first half and allowed Eau Claire to convert on 62.5% of their first half attempts.

"We did not defend," said Egner. "We still have to defend and rebound to give ourselves a chance to win."

Sophomore Amanda Nechuta led UWSP with 13 points and six rebounds.

Up next, the Pointers will host UW--Platteville this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. before traveling to UW-Whitewater next Wednesday.

"We're gonna play one game at a time and take it from there," said Egner.

Team shut down against River Falls

Schultz

By Dan Mirman SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's hockey team had a showdown against UW-River Falls this weekend with both teams looking for an inside track towards the NCHA regular

After both teams battled to a 1-1 draw on Friday, the Falcons took advantage of two power play goals to come away with a 3-2 victory on Saturday.

"I felt like we dominated play on both nights," said Head Coach Brian Idalski. "But we needed to bury our scoring opportunities."

In Friday's contest River Falls jumped on top six minutes into the opening period as Ali Slinden netted her 14th goal of the season. After a scoreless second period, sophomore Emily Teachout wasted no time as she scored the equalizer just 16 seconds into the final period. After that, neither team was able to score again. The equal scoring did not represent the shot total as Point dominated, outshooting the Falcons 43-18 for the game.

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Saturday the Falcons jumped on Point early as they scored a pair of first period goals to gain the early advantage. After trading power play goals in the second period, Point could only muster one more score by Teachout before dropping the contest.

Once again Point dominated the shots on goal 37-13, but for the second night in a row Falcon goalie

Marlene Yeager was up to the task as she stopped 77 of 80 shots for the weekend.

'Yeager played well, as did River Falls team defense," said Idalski. "They capitalized on their scoring opportunities and our goaltending was inconsistent."

Point still has a chance to capture the regular season NCHA title despite the rough weekend. They need to win their final two games against Eau Claire and that, combined with one River Falls loss in their final four games, would give Point the title and home ice advantage for the postseason tournament.

"The effort is there," said Idalski. "But we need one of our goalies to step up and solidify that position for us to have a chance down the stretch."

UWSP will finish their regular season when they head to Eau Claire for a pair of weekend tilts.



Photo by Patricia Larson

Freshman Kim Lunneborg skates in to check a River Falls skater during Friday's draw.



THE BACK PAGE



View from a Pointer: Road trippin' to steel city

A radio man's account of a bus ride to Pittsburgh with the UWSP men's basketball team

By Dan Mirman

SPORTS EDITOR

Every facet of the trip to Pittsburgh went off with-out a hitch. This alone should have forecasted trouble as we entered LaRoche College for one more. game before returning to Stevens Point.

Earlier in the day school officials had assured me that they would have a phone number for the radio broadcast that evening. When I got to the gym, they didn't have one. Even after some mad scrambling and the use of Assistant Coach Dave Adelman's cell phone, the number still didn't surface.

So there I was, 14 hours from home, and all I could do was call in updates to the station. On top of that, right before the end of the first half, starting guard Ron Nolting crumpled to the floor and made one of

those faces that a fan never wants to see.

Nolting was immediately rushed to the hospital and, fortunately, x-rays turned out negative, but he will still miss at least a couple of weeks due to a severe ankle sprain. It's a shame too, because Nolting,

much like the entire Pointer team, showed nothing but class and courtesy the entire

The longest road trip of the year began at 8 a.m. Friday morning as the Pointer men set out for Pittsburgh to play a pair of nonconference games. The trip also provided a homecoming for Head Coach Jack Bennett, who

was born in Pittsburgh, as well as Adelman who graduated from Pittsburgh University and coached at nearby Duquesne.

With the exception of the Nolting injury, things could not have gone better on the court. With friends and family in attendance, Bennett's team crushed both

College with dominating defense.

All along the trip Bennett preached tough defense and solid play, because even he admitted that these two games were special to him. The same held true for

> Adelman, who got a little teary eyed telling the team how proud he felt coming back to town as their coach. Due to rainy condi-

> > tions, sight-seeing on

the trip was held to a minimum as the team got the abridged tour of PNC Park and Heinz field, the new state of the art baseball and football fields. However, they did have time for one quick picture in front of the statue of Roberto Clemente.

The outing for the most part was structured by the coaches, but the team did have Sunday evening to themselves, at least until the 12 o'clock curfew, which I am glad to report almost everyone made.

So where does a team of college guys go on their own time? Well the answer is

Carnegie Mellon University and LaRoche fairly obvious; Hooters Restaurant. Hey, it's a sports bar and the Packers were playing, albeit poorly, but you can see the rationale.

> Because it was Sunday night, options were limited after the Hooters excursion so most of the guys just went back to the hotel to play some cards and relax.

> The trip concluded with a 12-hour marathon drive back to Stevens Point that began around 11 p.m. with just one quick break to change drivers in Milwaukee.

> In an age where the athlete as a prima donna seems more and more prevalent, it felt good to hang out with a group of players that check their egos at the door; they even treated a media man like myself as part of the team. Even the bus driver, who had an eerie resemblance to Ishmael from the movie Kingpin, got nothing but love.

> The Pittsburgh trip will definitely be a memory I can carry with me long after graduation; just don't ask me about LaRoche College and their crummy phone

Wrestling team continues to be top heavy, still wins Eau Claire invite

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP wrestling team continues to be a team carried by three standouts. While a

can do relatively well in tournaments due to other teams taking points from each other, the Pointers continue to struggle in

team made up in this fashion dual meets, which require more already with a national title overall talent.

> Keeping with this theory, despite being 4-8 overall in their dual meet season, the Pointers captured the UW-Eau Claire Invitational for the second straight year. Sophomore Cody Koenig and junior Yan White both continued their strong seasons, winning individual titles.

"The guys that we expected to wrestle well wrestled well," said Coach Johnny Johnson. "Yan and Cody continued to carry us."

Koenig, who is a strong contender for a national championship, cruised through four matches last week at 174 pounds and improved to 26-0 for the season with two pins and two major decision victo-

While Koenig kept his perfect record in tact, White,

under his belt, won four matches at 197 pounds, running his record to 23-2 for the year. The junior from Antigo posted two pins and a major decision to claim the title.

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Eau Claire Invitational UW-Stevens Point

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Junior Brad Marten placed second at 184 pounds, losing to Parkside's Division II AllAmerican Rory Herring 8-3 in the finals. Marten is just starting to round into form in this, his first season competing for the Pointers. He competed at Division I Wisconsin before transferring to UWSP.

On Marten, Johnson added, "It's great to get a guy [of his caliber]. His was a weight class that we needed, so it was nice that he decided to come here."

Other top finishers for the Pointers at the invite were sophomore Justin Geitner, who was second at 149 pounds, junior Jared Esala, who was third at 125 pounds and freshman Jon Burdick, who was fourth at 141 pounds.

The Pointers have a pair of home duals this weekend against Augsburg and Eau Claire. The Augsburg match is at 7 p.m. on Friday, while the Eau Claire match is at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Senior on the s IOEL MARSHALL - HOCKEY



Career Highlights

- Scored first career hat trick in a game earlier his season
- Ranked fifth on team in individual points last season
- Scored ten points as a freshman during the 1999-2000 season

Marshall

Major - Communication Hometown - Madison, Wis. Nickname - "Marshy"

Idol while growing up - My brother Jeff.

What are your plans after graduation? - Live in my parents' basement 'til they kick me out!

Do you plan on playing hockey after graduation? - Maybe in the minor leagues somewhere, but the bar leagues back home are more likely.

What is your favorite aspect of hockey? - Watching my teammates "pass the puck."

Most embarrasing moment - Before a game my sophomore year I forgot to take my helmet off during the National Anthem.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - My girlfriend.

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. My computer

2. Skates

3. "Wilson"

What will you remember most about playing hockey at UWSP? - Watching our goalie Scott-1 lose his lunch all over the ice last Friday during the second period of our game. Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? -One loss is good for the soul, but too many losses are not good for the coaches!



The Week Ahead ...



Swimming & Diving: River Falls, Sat., 1 p.m.

Men's Hockey: at Superior, Fri., 7:05 p.m.*; at St. Scholastica, Sat., 7:05 p.m.*

Women's Hockey: at Eau Claire, Fri., 7:05 p.m. & Sat., 7:05 p.m.

Men's Basketball: at Platteville, Sat., 7 p.m.; Whitewater, Wed., 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Platteville, Sat., 3 p.m.*; at Whitewater, Wed., 7 p.m.

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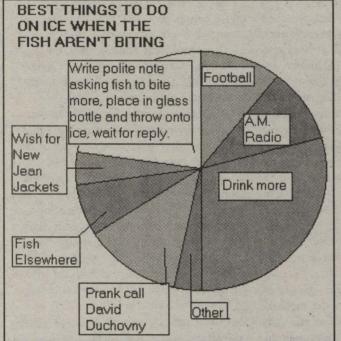
OUTDOORS



Let's go ice fishing

Weekend recap and buoyant debate

By Adam M.T.H. Mella Assistant Outdoors Editor



Lake DuBay Tournament Results

Somebody better call David Duchovny or Danny Glover because things have been getting mysterious on the lakes

around these parts.
After several hours of intelligent conversation with my ultraclever, mind-reading,

spotted-owl friend, "Lil' Tycho Brahe", we came to some startling conclusions. The sun does indeed revolve around the earth, handle bar mustaches are back in a big way and the fishing at the Lake DuBay fishing tournament last weekend was lousy... real lousy.

I spent Saturday with a few buddies fishing in this very tournament. There were 68 registered fishermen and women, yet only a handful of fish were caught all day, with no crappie or bass being taken at all. The largest northern pike was a sickly 26" (although I would have killed for just one tip-up), the largest walleye tipped the rulers at 18", a 7.5" perch took that category and a 4.5" behemoth bluegill ran away with that prize.

While the fishing was a joke, the volunteers from the UWSP Circle K Club put on a top-notch performance. The tournament was well run and the ladies and gentlemen in charge kept us fishermen updated on the results and even offered to bring their delicious hot cocoa and beef franks right to us on the ice. The weather was a delight, with little wind and temperatures ranging in the low 30's all day.

Unfortunately for some folks, a pair of wily DNR agents were fixing to spoil all the fun with their intimidating and often selective approach to enforcing the law. Biscuits!

Where Did All the Crappie Go?

On a most surprising note, the entire tournament passed without a single crappie being caught. Reports from other sections of the lake tallied much more favorable results.

I, along with everyone else that fished the tournament, was left stumped as to where the crappies spent the day. A pair of 500,000 candlepower spotlights would have gone to the biggest, or in this disappointing case, the only crappie taken. I heard through the grapevine that some good crappie fishing was done on the eastern side of County Highway DB, which leaves me scratching my head as to why the whole tournament got skunked last Saturday. Double biscuits!

An Enjoyable Sunday Afternoon with Mr. Winters

After sleeping through the Big Wu show Saturday night, I awoke on Sunday thirsty for a Bloody and still eager to teach those fish a lesson. I strolled over to Mr. Winters' house to discuss the fishing options with my friend, neighbor and outdoors guru. With more snow coming that evening, we decided to go out to Lake Joanis for a few hours before the flakes flew.

While we were setting up, we got to talking about floatation options for winter jig fishing. The old man is pretty stubborn, so it made for a really good debate. Mr.

"As far as knots go, I focus on my boot knots, monofilament knots, kite string knots, and square knots (these may actually be all the same knot) when attempting the "knotterical" arts."

Winters will go on and on about his precious slip bobbers if you let him, while I, on the other hand, prefer the simple clip-on float.

First off, I am horrible when it comes to tying those tricky, tiny knots and honestly, I can really do without the hassle when I'm trying to enjoy some good old pan fishing. As far as knots go, I focus on my boot knots, monofilament knots, kite string knots and square knots (these may actually be all the same knot), when attempting the "knotterical" arts. I must also point out that a clip-on bobber can be removed without re-rigging, making it a more versatile tool. In a world that is so complex, I can always count on the simple, effective workhorse that is the red and white clip-on bobber.

We managed to bicker about minuscule floating objects for a good two hours, which was long enough to keep our minds of the fact that we only got a snake northern, a garbage-eating largemouth and two sweet head-buzzes from Mrs. Winters' 'special' coffee canteen. Oh hell. Triple Bubba Franks Biscuits! Until next week then, "Let's go ice fishing!"

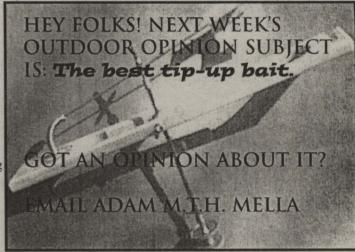
Mr. Winters' two cents



Well folks, another week's gone by us and finally Mother Nature grants us the greatest wintertime gift in the way of good, wet snow. It makes me smile just to mess up my galoshes several times in a week. For all of you who favor the white stuff, I recommend you go on and enjoy it, because it can go just as soon as it comes these days.

Anyways, this week my neighbor Adam and I got out fishing on Sunday, and he goes on chatting my ear off about these goddamned clip-on bobbers. I'm sure he'll tell you differently, but here are the straight facts on ice fishing floats, kids: When I'm fishing for the panfish, I really appreciate using the slip bobber, and I've been using these things since before that bearded punk was even born. These new models out there allow the angler to clip the bobber onto the line, while still using the knot stop. Those are sort of a hybrid between the old and the new, but any way you slice the pot roast, kids, the slip bobber lets the user simply reel in the fish rather than awkwardly hand lining the fish out of the hole. It makes the fishing convenient and effortless, which is why they are the only kind of bobber I use anymore.

Besides fishing these days, the wife has been watching that Joe Millionaire program on the television, and I must admit that I watched a few minutes yesterday. If you ask me it is a damned funny prank to play on those money hungry dames, but honestly, what in the hell happened to television? I need to take my vitamins and stool medication now, so until next week, kids, "Go on and Geet!"



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OUTDOORS

The gazelles of wintertime

Cross country skiers in Stevens Point enjoy fresh powder

By Adam M.T.H. Mella ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

With an ample base of fresh snow finally upon Central Wisconsin's sweet bosom, the fastest Nordic athletes in the state, along with many amateur skiers, have taken to the trails with great anticipation. The Stevens Point Area has several cross country ski trails within a thirty minute drive of campus, with both beginner and advanced courses to test the gliding masses.

Cross country skiing is as much a part of Wisconsin's past as it of the present. Every new winter brings out more people seeking to try the exciting thrill of Nordic flatland skiing. All one really needs to try the fun activity is a set of used skis, poles and boots, and clothing that gives warmth while allowing for maximum movement and exertion. Two words, folks: wind suits. Skis, poles and boots can be purchased new or used at several area stores, or simply rented from Outdoor EdVentures. Right now, the on-campus Outdoor EdVentures is offering free rentals every Tuesday from noon until six, so go out there and take advantage of the opportunity. Also, the UWSP



"You don't need to be a finely tuned athletes like these guys to have fun on the flat land in skis."

Cross Country Skiers Club is holding an introductory ski outing that is scheduled for Feb. 8, with a



"Enjoy the beautiful scenery of Point in peace and quiet by skis."

time and location to be announced sometime this week on the Student Message of the Day

Some of the best trails in the area include Standing Rocks County Park, which by far offers the most challenging trails, to the Plover River courses on Highway 66 east of town and in town at Iverson Park that feature a gentler terrain. The 26-mile long Green Circle Trail is always available for skiing in winter, although the trail may not always be groomed. Close to home, the versatile Schmeeckle Reserve hosts an extensive array of paths to explore, day or night. Hartman Creek State Park and Rib Mountain State Park are nearby as well, with dozens of miles of quality trails.

With so many options for skiing variety around the county, it is one of the most enjoyable ways to pass the dreary winters away. Cross country skiing is also a great source of exercise, a way to get out and enjoy beautiful scenery and an infinite supply of fun filled afternoons spent with good friends.

Snow demons ruin fun

By Leigh Ann Ruddy

OUTDOORS EDITOR

It was calming to me, as I opened my shades on Friday morning, to see the shower of snowflakes brush past the panes. Unfortunately, I had to wake up early that morning, but for some reason, after I stepped into the frosty, unshoveled snowland I became euphoric for snow. This is a rare thing in my life, since usually I head into a torpor-like state for most of the months that end in -ber and -ary.

All things aside, I couldn't resist the urge to build a snowman over the weekend. So Sunday, as the last snowfall was about to cease, I geared up in my snowpants, lobster-finger gloves, toasty snowboots (not moon boots) and jacket. Man, was my inner child screaming. I hadn't made a snowman for over ten years, and here I was squatting in the fluffy snow, carefully rolling snowballs over the lawn to make the three necessary body parts.

The hour I spent packing snow and creating my snowman was the most juvenile yet liberating experience I've had in my four years of being a college student. I couldn't help but giggle to myself in pure delight as I meticulously created my snowman.

This just proves to me and everyone else who made a snowman or snowcreature over the weekend that you're never too old to enjoy the simple things about life. I haven't been more proud of a personal creation.

So to you slobby bastards that kicked my snowman down, you ruin everything that is pure joy in life. I'm convinced that you, as well as your counterparts that smash little kids' jack-o-lanterns, are destined to be charged with shaken baby syndrome (SBS) or some other domestic abuse violation when you become grown-up

There's no question to your pent-up rage and I feel sorry for the females in your lives, especially your mothers.

I guess I just don't know why people would be intent on wrecking something that another person created. Is it because your grade school art teacher told you that you would never be an artist and that your finger painting was crap? Is it because you got your snowman kicked down as a kid? I guess I don't care about any of your excuses because I was heartbroken, not only because my hard work was ruined only after a day of standing, but also because of the fact that it could have been a sweet 5-year-old girl that had made the snowman for the first time in her life. It could have been more traumatic than it was.

Too bad for you, snowman wreckers, that my sweet roommate put his head back on and gave him stark, glaring, Point Special eyes instead of those foggy charcoal eyes I gave him the first time. Now he's got an advantage, and the next time you try to kick him down, he's going to run after you and deflate your balls.

Kudos, to all of my fellow college-aged folk that enjoyed the snow and made artistic creations out of it.

Statewide Deer Management Unit review meetings start this month

The public will have an opportunity to discuss results of the 2002 deer hunt and the deer population status of Deer Management Units (DMUs) at local public information meetings scheduled across the state.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife managers will discuss deer harvest results by DMU, population estimates, and proposed antlerless quotas for the units and the historic likelihood of reaching those quotas with the regular nine-day hunting season framework. Meetings may have an initial informational presentation followed by a question and answer session or may be open house style, depending on location.

"We won't have final harvest quota recommendations by the time of these meetings, but the information the field biologists have will be pretty close," said Dave Evenson, acting DNR deer and bear ecologist. "From that, we'll have a pretty good picture as to whether or not a management unit fits the criteria for being recommended to the Natural Resources Board as a 'Zone-T unit in 2003."

A DMU is placed in the Zone T season framework if biologists determine that a regular season framework is not likely to bring the unit to within 20 percent of the established population goal for that unit.

Wisconsin is divided into 132 deer management units that allow DNR wildlife biologists to better manage the state's deer population based on the amount and types of habitat and other conditions relevant to that geographic area.

For Portage County the meeting will be on Feb. 25. Portage county includes DMUs 57C and 62A. The meeting is scheduled to meet at the Portage County Courthouse Annex in Conference room #1, 1462 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. If there are any questions, contact Greg Dahl (715) 421-7818.

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And another thing...

Celebrities are the opiate of the masses.

By Josh Goller Arts & Review Editor

In my extensive efforts to distance myself as much as possible from the mainstream, I often lose touch with the latest celebrity gossip, allowing myself the opportunity to view this odd genre of entertainment from an outsider's perspective from time to time.

I began to become reacquainted with celebrity gossip as I stood in line at the grocery store, preoccupying myself with tabloid front pages before purchasing my weekly ration of ramen noodles and bouillon cubes. Then, after visiting some entertainment websites, reading an issue of *People* and sifting through some boy band posters at Wal-Mart, I confirmed the theory

I'd been recently proposing:
America's official religion is celebrity worship.

The average American is a confirmed and baptized "celebritist." These "celebritists" aren't concerned about the latest word from Hans Blix or Colin Powell, but salivate at the chance to hear gossip about movie star marriages or celebrity arrests. With their elevated status most often based on sex appeal rather than talent of any sort, the most worshipped celebrities have become transcendent deities to and feeble-minded young Americans alike.

Never before have the rich and famous been exalted to such a ludicrous degree. Stars with the widest demographic appeal are shuffled through dozens of advertisements, while countless hours of TV (and even entire channels) are dedicated to promoting the stars themselves with in depth analysis and behind the scenes commentary of their personal lives. Celebrity marriages, gay rumors, childbirths and deaths command an almost "stop the presses" hysteria in our media, and often these heralded stars have really accomplished little more than looking, acting or sounding a certain way. The personal lives of most Hollywood stars are often spent bingeing in extravagant excesses, sometimes to the detriment of others. However, celebrities remain

America's most exalted commodity

Meanwhile, in an even more disturbing trend, stars falling from grace acquire a greater amount of attention among "celebritists." The horrible images of Michael Jackson's synthetic face collapsing into disrepair received national attention. Winona Ryder's shoplifting trial was granted daily coverage. The world paused for a moment when it became apparent that The Who's own Pete Townshend might think the kids are a little more than all right. Hell, if a celebrity happens to pack on a few pounds we usually hear about it (is Oprah fat or skinny these days, anyhow?)

The details of celebrities falling from grace seem to ease the inferiority complexes of the

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77 celebrities create. It's karma. Yin and Yang. Alpha and Omega. And a central theme of "celebritist" thought.

With our nation on the brink of war, Americans are still concerned with hearing about Brad Pitt scronking Jennifer Aniston on a pile of one-hundred dollar bills. As the poverty and unemployment rates increase, we choose to pay attention to which celebrity shows up wearing the most revealing dress at award shows. As people are starving all over the world, we celebrate actresses who starve themselves for sex appeal.

That's why I choose to admire movie stars like Danny Glover, who came to Stevens Point, Wisc. on a bitterly cold night to share a refreshing piece of largely ignored African American culture. It's for these reasons that I respect Robert Redford for using his fame to promote solar power, an energy source alternative that our asphyxiating atmosphere desperately needs. And this is what causes me to hold actor Sean Penn's trip to Iraq in promotion of peace in such high esteem. Instead of milking their fleeting fame for all it's worth, celebrities should be using their status to make the world a better place.

Got something to say about arts and entertainment?

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Counting Crows booked for Quandt

Tickets to be available within weeks for April concert date

The moody music of the Counting Crows will radiate through the Stevens Point air on Tuesday, April 15 when the band is scheduled to perform at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Breaking onto the popular music scene in 1993 with their August and Everything After debut, the Counting Crows coupled roots rock with soulsearching lyrics. The heartache in Adam Duritz's haunting voice struck a cord with many, and the band's

music quickly received widespread acclaim. They followed this release with their successful *Recovering the Satellites* album and solidified themselves as a musical mainstay.

This latest tour, which stops in a half dozen Midwest cities, follows their summer 2002 release *Hard Candy* featuring the hit single "American Girls."

According to the band's website, tickets will go on sale Feb. 24 and are available exclusively at the UWSP Ticket Office.



The Counting Crows

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Entertainment week in review

The Good:

Danny Glover for bringing his message of equal rights to Stevens Point through his inspirational performance of poetry by Langston Hughes. Glover boldly addressed issues that aren't often discussed at this overwhelmingly white university.

Honorable Mention: Centertainment for bringing The Big Wu to the Laird Room on Saturday. Finally, UWSP sponsors the type of musical act that many students had been calling for.



The Bad:

Ben Affleck for announcing in a Vanity Fair interview that he's contemplating a future run for a congressional seat. Despite his ambitious goals, Affleck has voted only once in the last 10 years

and, even after touring with Gore to convince America's youth to vote in 2000, he didn't even bother to cast a ballot himself. But hey, Reagan was an actor. Maybe one day, former fly-girl **J.Lo** will be our First Lady.

Dishonorable Mention: Hole lead singer **Courtney Love** for disgracing herself once again with an arrest following an altercation with flight attendants in which she was **verbally abusive**.

The Ugly:

ABC for broadcasting Are You Hot? The Search for America's

Sexiest People. Apparently, the personality and talent ratings in beauty pageants have become too complicated. This new reality series promises to judge contestants (who will wear nothing but bathing suits) on "face,



body, and overall sexiness." The American Idol-esque panel will include a supermodel, fashion designer, and "tough guy" movie star. The American public has the ultimate decision by voting on an on-line poll. This show could quite possibly be the most soul-less, superficial piece of garbage ever to defame the small-screen. Nothing like blatantly engaging in a glorified version of "hot or not."

The Hemels: CBS for broadcasting the *Price is Right Million Dollar Spectacular*. And just when you thought million dollar game shows weren't trendy anymore. Then again, it may be the first time that a primetime audience will be reminded to have their pets spayed or neutered.

Mixed feelings about The Big Wu's first Point appearance

By Steve Seamandel Editor In Chief

Anticipation, as well as intoxication levels, ran high on Saturday, Feb. 1 when The Big Wu rolled into Stevens Point for their first performance ever in the area.

The Centertainment-sporsored show, which was moved from the Encore to the more sizeable Laird Room, was capped after 500 people, giving a few students and non-students alike the proverbial shaft. People waited in a line that stretched from the entrance of the Laird Room all the way to the Pointer Express for up to an hour before the doors opened at 7:30.

The Big Wu stormed the stage promptly at 8:00 and began the show with a semi-poppy version of "Break of Day." From that point on, the Wu meandered, literally, through two sets of music; about half of which consisted

rest of their sets by noodling through their aged songs just enough to coax applause from the energy hungry crowd that filled the Laird.

Attempts at old Wu standards like "Oxygen," "Kangaroo" and "Kensington Manor" plainly fell short of what the Wu is capable of accomplishing. "Oxygen" simply fizzled out and when guitarist Chris Castino

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There were a few musical standouts throughout the evening, though. The first set closer of "Rhode Island Red," a fairly new Wu song in retrospect, blazed through

a bluegrass-tinged segment that built with a climaxing guitar solo belted out by Castino. In the second set, "Take the World by Storm" and "Shantytown" grabbed the fans' attention the most, although neither version was spectacularly different from their studio efforts.

The Big Wu is credited for being one of the upand-coming jambands in the midwest. However, I witnessed very little jamming taking place in the Laird Room. I'd classify The Big Wu as more of a "stale, worn-out soloband."

I've been seeing The Big Wu since 1999, and have definitely noticed them taking a step back from the direction that they were headed in at that time. It's not like the band hasn't faced their hardships though; last fall, original band member and guitarist Jason Fladager left the band, citing personal reasons for his departure, and The Big Wu hasn't quite been the same since.

Noticeably, a lot of the Wu's "heavy hitting" songs like "Jazz 88," "Southern Energy," "Pinnacle," "Red Sky"

and "Save Our Ship" have taken a dive since Fladager's disappearance. In addition to the Wu's main catalog of songs, they lost a handful of keepers that Fladager wrote and can



Photo by Jen Duccini

obviously no longer be performed, like "Two Person Chair" and "Handle the Spam."

The Wu's show was definitely not lacking in the "fun" category. Nearly everybody told me that they had a good time in one way or another. However, you can only see a band so many times before the novelty wears thin and the fun becomes more inconsistent. After seeing The Big Wu play "Kangaroo" the same exact way time and time again, recently minus my favorite member of the band, I'd say that I definitely have a hard time finding fun at a Big Wu show.

An all-too-predictable encore of "Minnesota Moon" sent me, and many more, on their way home, or downtown, for the evening. Perhaps the Wu has lost focus, initiative or that creative spark that differentiates "regular" bands from a truly talented jamband. Whatever their problem may be, the future of The Big Wu is about as cloudy as the Laird Room was after the show.

Trying not to feel let down by the show, I kept on reminding myself what a friend had told me earlier during the first set. "Just remember man, they're playing in the Laird Room for free." I guess the old statement rings true: you get what you pay for.

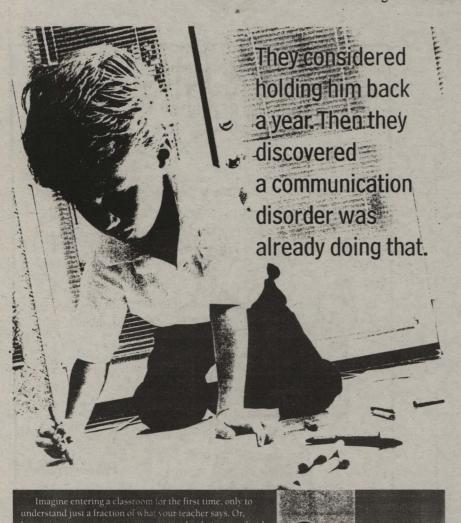


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of Wu originals with the occasional ultra-common cover song to keep the seemingly bored fans afloat during weak moments.

Cover songs performed by the Wu included "Hard to Handle," "U.S. Blues" by The Grateful Dead, "Higher Ground," performed by both Stevie Wonder and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and "Good Lovin'," a classic popularized by the Grateful Dead.

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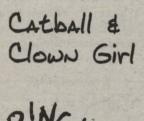


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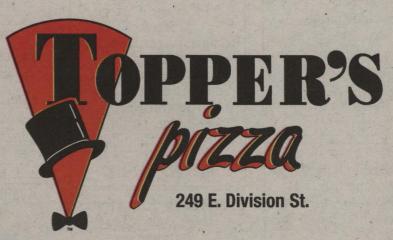


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