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UW System to face \$250 million in budget reductions

Students voice angry response to disproportionate cuts to higher education

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

Speculation of massive cuts to the UW System budget proved right on target.

The UW System will face a \$250 million budget reduction in this biennium resulting from Gov. Jim Doyle's proposal to reduce the state's current \$3.2 billion budget shortfall.

"Everyone must make a sacrifice in cleaning up the budget mess and the university system cannot be an exception," said Doyle in his address Tuesday.

Students reacted to the governor's budget proposal Wednesday in a protest held in front of the University Center, voicing disgust over the disproportionate impact incurred by state universities under Doyle's plan.

The Student Government Association, which organized the protest, cited the decision to sad-

dle the UW System with 38% of budget reductions seemed unfair, as the system only constitutes 9% of the overall state budget.

The cuts to the UW System budget emerged among the greatest proportional cuts to any recipient of state funding, amounting to 25% of the general-purpose revenue support the

Jeremy Gorzalski, vice-president of the UWSP College Democrats, told protestors.

Chancellor Tom George also criticized the cuts Wednesday, stating, "The burden has once again fallen on public higher education. If the situation gets more severe, we will have to start eliminating major programs. We had to do that in the mid-90s and we hope won't have to do that again."

UW-Stevens Point students will feel the effects of the cuts primarily through increased tuition rates, which could now rise by up to 15%, the equivalent of \$250 per semester.

Doyle announced that tuition increases will be capped at the newly proposed rate,

in part fulfilling a campaign promise made to students. The governor initially vowed to cap tuition increases at 10% but recently distanced himself from that position in the weeks pre-

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Photo by Kent Hutchison

Student protestors make their presence felt outside the UC, voicing discontent over cuts.

system receives from the state.

"I spoke to Gov. Doyle personally about the budget and how it would affect the UW system and he told me that he would not let us take the burden of these cuts. I feel he betrayed us,"

Global anti-war protests hit downtown Wausau

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

The Bush administration's push for military action against Iraq met a resounding international counter-response Saturday amidst a movement that stretched to reach even the remoteness of central Wisconsin.

Despite sub-zero temperatures, an estimated 2000 protestors gathered on the 400 block of downtown Wausau to express a desire for a more diplomatic solution to the Iraq conflict.

The event stood as one of over 600 anti-war demonstrations held worldwide over the weekend, which included rallies of more than 100,000 people in cities such as New York and London.

Protest organizers for the Wausau demonstration, The Northwoods Peace Initiative, remained consistent with the message projected by demonstrations across the globe in asserting that an anti-war solution remained possible in Iraq and also questioned U.S. motives for advocating an immediate military response.

A small number of notable speakers appeared during the two and half hour protest, including Progressive Magazine editor Matthew Rothschild, former Green Party gubernatorial candidate Jim

Young, and Devon Evans, formerly of Bob Marley and the Wailers.

The speakers collectively maintained that the current conflict with Iraq required U.S. cooperation with the United Nations and the continuation of weapon inspections. The larger theme of scrutinizing U.S. policy motivations took precedence throughout the afternoon however, as many speakers pointed to the desire control Iraqi oil fields and the larger unilateralist objective of seeking global dominance as the pillars of Bush administration's stance.

"This is about oil," said Mathew Rothschild. "Vice President Dick Cheney told the Veterans of Foreign Wars not long ago in an address that we cannot let a guy like Saddam Hussein sit on top of 10% of the world's oil supply. There's the confession right there."

Rothschild also remarked that the Bush administration has falsely attempted to blur the lines between Iraq and Al Qaeda in an effort to bolster support for military action, despite only providing marginal evidence linking the Hussein regime to the terrorist group.

"Iraq did not attack the United States on Sept. 11, but for months now, George Bush has tried to

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Legislature rejects state union contracts

By John Baeten
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

February 13 marked the end of a three-year battle between 31,000 members of the Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU) and the State Legislature, with the politicians coming out on top in a 5-2 vote.

The contract rejection affects over 400 UWSP employees who have been working without a contract for 18 months, and now must face more negotiations at the bargaining table.

The rejection affects 15 statewide contracts and is the first time since 1977 that the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JOCER) has sent negotiated contracts back for renegotiation.

In an open letter to state employees, Gov. Jim Doyle states, "My budget assumes full funding for the state contracts that were negotiated on your behalf."

According to State Senator and member of the

JOCER Jon Erpenbach (D), "Despite the fact that Gov. Jim Doyle said his upcoming budget could pay for the contracts, the Republican-controlled committee rejected them on a party-line vote and sent them back for renegotiation. The rejection of 15 negotiated contracts is unprecedented."

However JOCER member and Senator Alan Lasee (R) states, "They ought to be lucky they've got a job, to tell you the truth. If they can't understand the situation the state is in, then that's their problem. I don't know what their IQ is."

Erpenbach replied to Lasee's comments stating, "I am sure you know the contracts include not only agreements for doctors and engineers, but also a host of positions that require a college degree, which neither of us have. We both know you can't measure intelligence by education alone, but by a person's actions."

State Rep. Spencer Black
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Photo by Jon Greendeer

Anti-war sentiments abounded in Wausau last Saturday, as 2000 citizens from across central Wisconsin championed a diplomatic solution to the Iraqi conflict and questioned the motives of U.S. involvement.

Alternatives sought for cutting computer lab hours

Resolution to reduce lab costs comes before student senate

By John Baeten

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Members of the UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association (SGA) are trying to convince Information Technology (IT) to revise their current computer lab hours because of concerns voiced by students and faculty alike.

The resolution titled, "Lowering Costs of Computer Labs Without Cutting Hours," urges IT to "find a way reduce costs without reducing hours of availability."

According to Beth Ann Richlen, President of SGA, "The IT labs are closing because of budget cuts. This is what we are going to have to start weighing in on, how are we going to maintain services with much, much, less money?"

IT is in charge of maintaining the computer network, servers, email system and computer labs.

The IT resolution, written by SGA senator Nicholas Crawford, lists eight main alternative methods for IT to look

into to reduce equipment costs and save energy.

The resolution requests IT to look into "enabling monitor power-off functions to further reduce energy consumption and prolong the functionality of computer components."

According to UW-Stevens Point student Jeremy Anderson, "I've been in this lab for over seven hours and there hasn't been more than three computers open at one time. It's hard for me to concentrate to my full academic capacity while people are looking over my shoulders wondering when I'll be off the computer."

The resolution also requests IT to investigate "creating a self-shutdown for computers in Residence Hall computer labs that would engage when a computer is logged-off at a set time period (perhaps after hours) to reduce the number of computers running all night without use."

UWSP student Mike Emmenegger claims, "It would be one thing if the assigned homework was limited to word documents that could be accessed off campus. The problem is that many university

Tanaka, "I think it's a problem [lab hours] because [the first floor lab] is the only lab open after 9 p.m."

Student Life Issues recently put out an online survey to gather student feedback on the recent computer lab schedule changes.

The survey asks, "How have the new computer hours affected you?" and "Do you feel the computer hours offered are working?"

Emmenegger contends, "What saddens me the most is that this school would sacrifice and cut the tools to further our education instead of looking for alternative means of funding."

The resolution ends by stating, "Therefore be it resolved, IT report back with a written document and/or spoken presentation to the SGA Senate body during the Spring of 2003 regarding their progress on this proposal and regarding other issues that impact students, especially the revised computer lab hours."

SGA will be voting on this resolution Thursday, Feb. 20. Concerned students are urged to attend the meeting held in the Legacy Room beginning at 6:15 p.m.

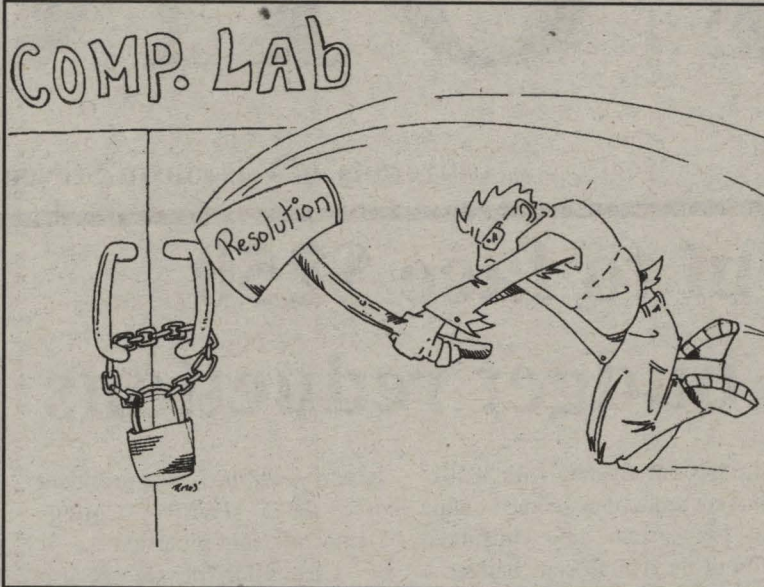


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classes, especially CNR and biology classes, require their assignments to be completed using programs only accessible on campus."

According to Lab Assistant Maki

Together for Children to emphasize abuse

The "Together for Children: 16th Annual Wisconsin Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect" will be held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on Wednesday, April 9 through Friday April 11.

The purpose of the conference is to improve the prevention, treatment, investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect by providing knowledge and skills that address emerging issues research, and public policy in the area of child abuse and neglect.

This year's opening keynote on Thursday, April 10, at 9:15 a.m. will focus on the link between domestic violence and child abuse and neglect.

Lundy Bancroft, a batterer intervention specialist and Guardian ad Litem from Massachusetts, will discuss the shock waves that batterers send through all aspects of family functioning and how professionals can intervene effectively.

The closing address, "It Only Hurts When I Laugh," will be presented by Ron Stregge.

UWSP's director of Multicultural Affairs, and Rob Boyle, residential college director at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, April 11.

This interactive multimedia program outlines the link between humor and success in school, work and everyday life, with hints for lowering stress levels.

Wednesday's Advanced Training Institutes will include sessions on understanding the generational aspects of poverty, working with adult survivors of child sexual abuse, and basic information about gangs.

Workshops on Thursday and Friday are organized by tracks and include child abuse and neglect in the context of culture, teen issues relative to child abuse, strengthening families, law enforcement issues related to child abuse and neglect, the link between domestic violence and child abuse, prevention strategies and self-care for professionals.

Conference sponsors include Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin; UWSP Extension; the Child Abuse Prevention Fund; Children's Trust Fund; divisions of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; the Wisconsin Professional Society on the Abuse of Children; and the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership.

L&S prepares for "Grand Slam"

The college of letters and science (L&S) will hold a reception to launch its "Grand Slam" campaign, aiming to raise \$100,000 for teaching and learning within the college.

The reception is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Center Legacy Room.

Festivities will be open to the public and will include presentations by keynote speakers, a raffle and food.

Former Cincinnati Reds pitcher and current Wisconsin Woodchucks Coach Steve Foster

will speak at 3:30 p.m. to headline the event.

A Johnny Bench autographed baseball is the grand prize for a raffle including all donors of \$100 or more during the spring and summer campaign.

Other prizes include baseball-related items from the Wisconsin Woodchucks and the Milwaukee Brewers. The drawing for prizes will be held in August.

The money raised during the campaign will go to the L&S Enhancement Fund that allows

the college a margin of excellence to continue to improve teaching and learning opportunities.

The funds will be used to support various college programs such as the Undergraduate Research Symposium, Writer's Workshop, Model UN and other college needs.

According to L&S Dean Justus Paul, a top priority will be to help faculty accomplish research goals while incorporating students into the research projects.

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ceding his budget announcement.

"I hope the universities and the Board of Regents won't increase tuition even that much, but under no circumstances may they go higher," said Doyle.

The governor also announced a 56% increase in financial aid funding, the largest in state history, to offset the impact UW System budget reductions will have on working class families.

Doyle's budget includes \$23.6 million in funding for financial aid increases for UW-Wisconsin Higher Education Grants, Lawton grants, and the Advanced Opportunity Program.

The additional financial aid will come from UW System auxiliary reserves and will only remain available for one time use.

Tapping into auxiliary reserves has raised concerns of students who would rather not see funds initially set aside for other's services allocated for financial aid.

"This proposal means that in reality, we'll actually be helping to pay for each others education," said SGA Senator Sara Stone.

The unprecedented boost to financial aid came as a surprising development in the governor's proposal, but it did not prevent experts from noticing the extent to which state universities will feel the

burden of cuts.

Ted Barry of the Wisconsin Tax Payer's Union voiced that cuts to the UW System appeared noticeably harsher than those made in other areas stating, "One of the biggest losers in this proposal is the university system."

The cuts will impact students beyond tuition increases, as forecasts of reduced teacher to student ratios, reduced access to academic facilities and a reduction in enrollment still remain viable possibilities.

A differential tuition proposal making its way through the SGA senate also appears in jeopardy. The proposal, which aims to create more class availability to ease perennial registration conflicts, would raise residential tuition by a projected 5%.

SGA President Beth Ann Richlen contends that despite the severe impact that students will incur, the level of awareness and concern on campus remains low.

"I don't think students are getting the big picture. You can tell them it's coming, but until they see the effects, until certain programs and services get cut, they don't care," said Richlen.

The SGA plans to discuss further budget related issues at its meeting tonight, held in the Legacy Room at 6:20 p.m.

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announced that on Feb. 20 he will introduce a privileged resolution which would allow the full Legislature to vote on state employee contracts. This move will bring the 15 negotiated contracts out of the committee and force immediate action.

Black claims, "A handful of one party's leaders should not be able to block a fair contract for more than 30,000 workers who negotiated in good faith. The money has been set aside to pay for these contracts, and the state should keep its word and keep faith with state workers."

Assembly Speaker John Gard and co-chairman of the JOCER said that state employees

would face layoffs whether contracts are approved or not.

According to Doyle, "The 3.2 billion deficit we are facing should never have happened, but it did, and now we have to fix it. The budget I submitted to the Legislature eliminates 2,900 positions. I will do everything possible to make those reductions through attrition and retirements, but I am sure that some layoffs will be necessary."

According to Steve Baas, Gard's Public Relations Spokesman, "The contracts were negotiated without input by the legislature, we are not rubber stamps."

Tom Burkart of UWSP Mail Services and Local 584 bargaining delegate states, "Members of Local 584 are extremely frustrat-

ed with this whole process. Many of us are pondering whether it's worth continuing a career with the state."

According to Marty Biel director of the WSEU, "Unfortunately, because of the rejection of the contracts by John Gard and his band of thieves, the full legislature will not have the opportunity to cast a vote on these contracts. Clearly this was tyranny of the minority."

Burkart affirms, "John Gard makes more in his daily per diem than I do working an eight hour day. If our benefit package is unbundled, there really isn't much point in state service. We might as well take our chances in the private sector. At least there would be some chance at career advancement."

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glue the beard of Osama Bin Laden on the chin of Saddam Hussein," Rothschild stated.

Other speakers offered an even harsher perspective on the Bush presidency, challenging the legitimacy of the 2000 election and declaring that America needed a change in leadership.

"When those being governed see that those governing are not representing them, then it's time to remove them. We've reached that point, as we have a leader who is not listening to the people, not just of this country, but all over the world," said William Williams of Veterans for Peace.

Comments such as Williams' received enthusiastic support from the majority of those on hand, but also drew the ire of the estimated 200 counter-protestors who turned out for the event.

Bush supporters made attempts to shout down anti-war advocates during the demonstration and occasionally engaged individual protestors in verbal disputes.

Chants of "go home," "we support our troops," and "USA" resonated as an alternative battle cry to the more commonly heard mantras of "we want peace" and "no more Bush," while protest signs reading "Freedom isn't free" held minority status amongst anti-war offerings bearing such messages as "How did our oil get under their sand?"

Counter-protestors huddled around the belief that the United States maintains an obligation to protect not only its own interests, but also the interests of the world against the alleged threat posed by the Hussein regime and its potential ties to anti-U.S. terrorist groups.

"We can't afford to pacify Hussein as Neville Chamberlain pacified Hitler. Dictators have a history of taking advantage of nations that attempt to appease them, and those who ignore that need to learn something about history," said Tom Tiffany, a counter-protestor from northern Wisconsin.

Such views carried little weight with anti-war demonstra-

tors who pointed out that circumstances surrounding the Iraq conflict are unique due to the potential for a severe backlash from sympathizing terrorist groups pending immediate military action.

"I think there's a possibility of [a terrorist reaction] as the United States seems to push war the most and seems to be the least willing to explore other options," said UW-Stevens Point senior Bobbie Webster.

"There have already been instances of troops being attacked and Kuwait, and while those were not confirmed terrorist actions,



Photo by Andrew Bloeser

A counter-protestor looks on while representing a contrasting point of view of the impending Iraq conflict.

Turkey has also voiced wariness of allowing United States troops into the country."

The effects rendered by the worldwide protests still remain unclear, although mass anti-war demonstrations did illustrate a sharp divide that has emerged between the majority sentiments of the international community and those held by a sizable number of citizens in the United States.

Questions over the possible implications mass demonstrations may render upon relations between the United States and its traditional allies also remain largely unanswered, though two broad schools of thought have emerged on the issue.

Conservatives reacted to the protests by contending that international opposition to military conflict in Iraq places a deepened obligation on the United States to act alone if necessary.

"The Bush administration's [stance] is exactly what our country needs at the present time. We don't need appeasers, leaders that look the other way or leaders that don't back their words with actions. President Bush is not messing around with Iraq, nor should he," said Matt Kamke, president of the College Republicans.

"France and Germany are not important allies," he continued. "They are no longer the world powers that they used to be. I think [U.S. policy] is justifiable knowing that eight other European allies are supporting a U.S. attack on Iraq. Many students today think of war in terms of Vietnam and that's the problem. That's why we have all the protests and marches and other demonstrations during present day conflicts."

Jianwei Wang, the chairman of the political science department at UW-Stevens Point, offered a more globalist perspective, stating that one must look beyond the immediate situation with Iraq and examine the precedents set by U.S. foreign policy.

"The United States may win the war militarily, but may lose peace politically. As you can see from global demonstrations, this war will further divide rather than unite the world," said Wang.

"People in other countries are increasingly frustrated with the unilateral impulse in Bush's foreign policy. Without the imminent threat such as the former Soviet Union, these countries can afford to take more independent foreign policy. It also indicates that overwhelming power wielded by a superpower will compel other countries to join their forces to counterbalance the U.S."

President Bush has stated often that the timeline for a diplomatic resolution in the Iraq conflict has become a matter of "weeks, not months" and has remained adamant that a forceful disarmament Iraq remains the only viable option.

Saturday's protests appeared to have little if any effect on the administration's stance, as U.S. and UK officials recently revealed intentions of proposing a second resolution calling for forceful disarmament as early as this week.



Health Enhancement Center
Wednesday, Feb. 12 5:45 p.m.

A female student reported that her wallet was missing from the dance locker room.

Campus
Thursday, Feb. 13 2:10 p.m.

Stickers warning about the implications of the U.S. Patriot Act, deemed unremovable, were found on UW courtesy phones.

Debot
Friday Feb. 14 12:50 a.m.

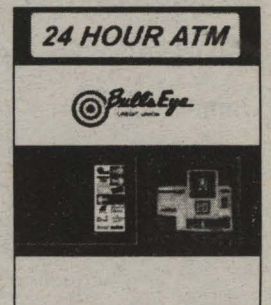
An employee reported an unknown person attempted to break into his car while it was parked in the loading dock area.

College of Fine Arts
Saturday, Feb. 15, 8:30 p.m.

A custodial supervisor reported that someone discharged a fire extinguisher in room 107A.

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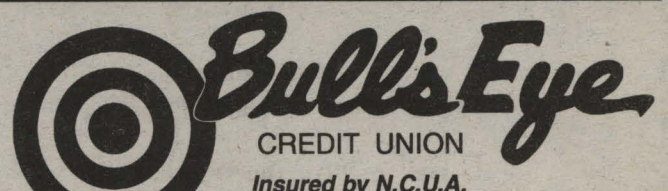
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Whatever...the world according to Steve

Are those *really* M&Ms in the cookies?

The absurdity that is "the war on drugs."

By Steve Seamandel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

After a sizeable drug bust in Stevens Point on Jan. 14, Stevens Point Police Department officer Sgt. Mike Retzi described Stevens Point's drug problem as being "under control."

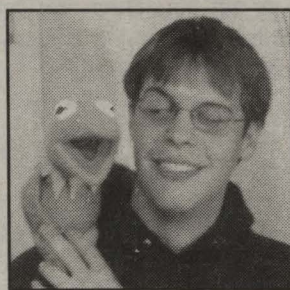
Dismissing the notion that any drug problems are under control in Stevens Point, the Stevens Point Journal ran a front-page article a week after The Big Wu show in the Laird Room detailing the exorbitant amount of students smoking pot in an official university building.

After witnessing the show and reading the articles about the recent drug war in Stevens Point, I don't think it's that bold of a statement when I say that the drug "problem" in Stevens Point is not under control. Just look at Campus Beat; there are plenty of "smells" in the residence halls that result in, well, pretty much no action besides smelling.

Now, Stevens Point isn't a special, on-the-map "drug infested community" because its residents can find drugs. That's why I hate using the term "drug problem." If you keep up with news in bigger cities, sure, Stevens Point has drug presense, but it's not like you can walk anywhere in town and find a fresh dose of crack-cocaine or sweet lady H. That's what I would call a problem.

Stevens Point, along with many other college towns, has become disillusioned towards drug problems. Try finding a college campus anywhere without students who have drugs, whether the consumers get their stashes from inside the town or transport it from other locations. I'd argue that every college in the state, ranging from UW-Madison to little old UW-Marathon County, contain students with a plethora of drugs available at any given time. It's inevitable. Where there are people, there are drugs. I'm not saying that drug use only centers around college students, either. There are plenty of elders who are contributing to the drug presence in the area, as they do all around the country, and all around the world. Again, where there are people, there are drugs.

Furthermore, I think the police and even University gestapos are over-confident with their insider knowledge regarding drugs in the area. I just learned why a few weeks ago.



I've been trading music (CD-Rs of Phish, The Dead and The Disco Biscuits, just for starters) since high school. When I broke free from parental control after high school, I could finally devote all my free time in college to burning CDs and mailing them in exchange for CDs from other traders.

An old Community Adviser (CA) of mine told me that I was on some sort of "watch list" in the dorms because I received so many packages.

Please, tell me this. If I was a hardcore drug user, dealer and/or trafficker, do you honestly think I'd be so stupid as to having packages chock full of drugs sent to me in the dorms? Yeah, those M&M cookies that my mom used to send me were pumped full of LSD and meth. The system my mom and I had going on worked like a charm and we made millions by trafficking drugs straight out of my dorm room.

Yes, I was seriously on a "watch list" because I received an abnormal amount of packages. I'm not sure if every residence hall has an actual program focusing on students who get too much mail, but if they do, they're completely laughable and wasting their time and my board money. And talk about profiling. I've never been racially profiled before, but now I've been profiled by age, music preference and postal behavior. Postal profiling... what is this world coming to? I must be a terrorist, too.

And let's not forget that while the Hall Directors and CAs were all meeting to discuss my cookies and CDs that were supposedly drugs from Columbia, students who were smoking and drinking got away with it. You're welcome for my diversion, everyone.

This is not a pro-drug article, nor is it an anti-drug article. I fully support the D.A.R.E. program for the youngsters, and even the after-school specials detailing the dangers of drugs by showing Jimmy and Sally tie off for the first time. Educate the youngsters, by all means.

However, if people haven't learned about drugs by now, they're not going to start. Profiling people and wasting time looking for people with a spot of grass isn't going to make anyone's community safer.

The Division of Communication would like to congratulate the following students, who were inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association Honor Society, on Saturday, Feb. 8:

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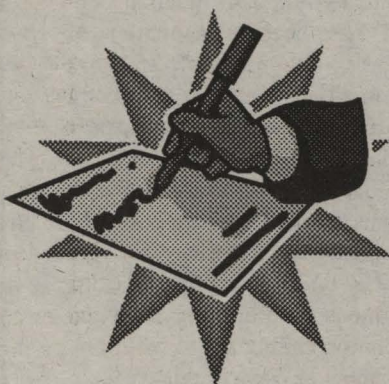
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Is something upsetting you? Do you have any suggestions, comments or ideas for *The Pointer*?

Write a letter to the editor!

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We read most of them.



StWEA sends thanks

I have to hand it to the UWSP student organizations! This year the student organizations made an outstanding donation to a very special campaign, which will supply each first grade student in the Stevens Point School District with a book for Valentine's Day.

This campaign was entitled, "Books from the Heart." Once again, the UWSP chapter of the Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA) decided to challenge the campus student organizations to donate just five dollars, which was the price of one book. The response from the campus was outstanding! Nineteen organizations, along with donations of eight residents halls and ten individuals helped to contribute \$650 to "Books from the Heart," providing roughly 130 Stevens Point first graders with a book!

The Student Wisconsin Education Association would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for their support:

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Once again, thank you for your outstanding efforts, which made this Valentine's Day very special for many local first graders!

-Amanda Froom, UWSP Student Wisconsin Education Association President-Elect

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House of terror, students in Hungary

Now living and studying in Szeged, in southern Hungary, the nine of us, along with our intrepid leader, arrived Jan. 29 in the beautiful capital city, Budapest, for a brief entry tour. Even in this leafless season, one of the city's

was caught in crossfire between the Nazi and Communist dictatorships. During the Nazi occupation, hundreds of Hungarian Jews and enemies of the Nazi party were put to death in the cellars of 60 Andrassy Boulevard,

took place in the building as well as the realities of Hungarian life under the Communist regime. Also, the structure itself stands as a memorial to the hundreds of victims.

Our group visited this museum and learned that the recently elected ruling party in Hungary, of Socialist persuasion, has instigated parliamentary debates over whether or not to cut funding for the House of Terror, which they feel paints an overly unsightly picture of the Communist era. This thinking undercuts the very purpose of the museum, which has already been forced to shut down several times over the issue.

It would seem, however, that this controversy bears relevance beyond the interests of the museum's directors, the

Hungarian government, or the nation's history. This issue cuts to the heart of an important human question: How do we remember the past? Among the many monuments we erect to human achievement, should achievements of terror or brutality be excluded? What dangers await a society that does not acknowledge or is willing to forget the darker passages of their history? How might we learn from stories that have not been told?

-Phil Cox, UWSP student



The first UWSP group to visit Hungary in Budapest with the Liberty Bridge in the background. Students on the trip include (L-R) Dan Pearson, Denise Dill, Dan and Holly Graves, Anett Arvay (guide), Leah Ostrander, Jennifer Mack, Curt King, Phil Cox and Eric Marx.

most famous and attractive thoroughfares is the long and tree-lined Andrassy Boulevard. Among the many stately villas that line the boulevard, the building at 60 Andrassy stands out in 20th century Hungarian history with grave importance, for it is here that two of the century's most feared terror regimes, the Nazis and the Soviets set up Hungarian headquarters for torture and execution.

Like much of East-Central Europe during WWII, Hungary

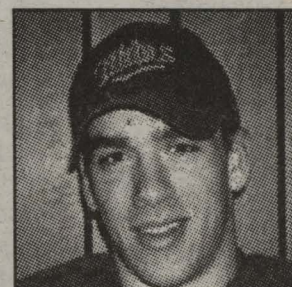
and in 1945 "one of the first tasks of the Hungarian communists arriving on Soviet tanks" was to occupy the building. Until the late 50's the building was home to state security and secret police organizations that imprisoned, interrogated, and murdered enemies of the state, while terrorizing the Hungarian populace.

In 2002, an artistic reconstruction effort was completed and the building was reopened as the House of Terror, a museum that explains both the actions that

Pointer Poll

Photos by Patricia Larson

If you could be a superhero, who would you be?



Logan McLennan, Sr., Forest Mgmt
Superman, so I could fly.



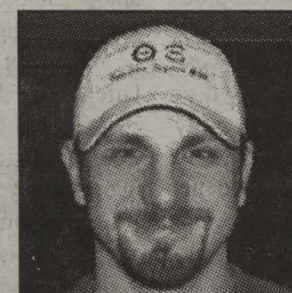
Alanna Kosholek, Sr., Forestry
The Invisible Woman so I could spy on people.



Allison Jorgensen, Soph., English
She-Ra, because I want to date He-Man.



Jason Devcich, Sr., Forest Mgmt.
The Human Torch, cause I like to burn things.



David Giblin, Sr., Forestry
The Incredible Hulk, so I could break stuff.



AJ Wieseler, Soph., Pre-Law/Business
Sailor Moon, because she can use her hair as a weapon.

Students react to drug bust coverage in The Pointer

I believe that the way you exploited the people who were arrested on drug charges is appalling. You took their mug shots and placed them on the front page with a huge headline, exclaiming that they are drug dealers. They are not CONVICTED of anything, and yet your story made it seem that way.

How is it fair that you do this to them now, when they haven't even been convicted of a crime. Everyone who reads this article is going to treat these people poorly for something your paper can't attest to. Their professors are going to treat them differently as well. I know you won't be printing a follow up, and if there is one it surely will not tell the student body anything positive. The only thing that you see fit is to tell your readers negative attributes of everything.

These three young men might get completely discriminated against and be treated like lesser people. Their grades could suffer greatly. That is a huge disappointment, if they fail because of this they will not get the jobs they are going to school for. That will not only damage their lives but our economy as well.

I know that at least one of these men tries

very hard in school, and he is a great student. This could take that away from him, all because something that he is accused of. An accusation is not always correct. At this moment in time as people read this letter, they are accusing me of a great deal of things...

My point is that I have met all three of these young men at some point in my career here at UWSP, and I happen to think that they are all polite, diligent working men. Also they are innocent until proven otherwise. Apparently our lovely school newspaper doesn't seem to believe in The Bill of Rights. If this paper does not do these people justice it might as well be called *The Point Your Finger* since they are basically putting these young Americans into a social prison before they are even tried. I really don't want to be in class and have to look over and see a fellow student with their head hanging down in shame, I want to see them as they were and as they should be. The student paper seems to me to have become more of a tabloid, and that is fine, but gossip about something that isn't going to hurt our students and give our school a bad reputation.

-Molly Wheaton, UWSP student

In a recent front-page article about a drug bust, three students are represented by police photos and depicted as convicts. Before the article is even read, it has effectively destroyed the reputation of three students who haven't even faced a trial.

Any additional stories will only be the result of conviction, and even if an article attempts to clear the accusations facing them, it will be on the back page and do little to re-establish the credibility and reputation these individuals once had.

Several years are required to establish the good nature and positive character that was instantly stripped of them, all for a more impressive story.

Despite the second amendment right to bear arms, the article mentions a gun that was found to create the image of a violent man. The gun happened to belong to a kind, peaceful individual who happened to be an avid marksman, not a violent drug-lord. I'm sure he had knives in the kitchen and maybe an axe or chainsaw in the garage if he was a forestry major.

Instead of creating an actual

news article, the author constructed a single-sourced opinion article. Sgt. Retzki attributes this city's problems to this isolated incident and assures, "It's under control." How arrogant and ignorant to link the problems of Stevens Point to a few individuals and convince people their families can sleep safe at night because we know a few names.

The inappropriate interpretation and representation of the event clearly reflected the ignorant and selfish nature of the reporter. It all boils down to respect. Journalism requires a certain ethic that has been steadily disappearing from the writers of locally distributed gossip leaflet, commonly referred to as *The Pointer*.

Unfortunately, the paper travels beyond campus property and beyond the isolated audience for which it was intended. Not only does this socially devastate and alienate the students involved, but it also reflects poorly upon the school and student body. I should not feel ashamed to bring the paper home for my parents to read.

-Matt Schmidt, UWSP student



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Eagle Walkers prepare for the long haul

By Farah Renno

FEATURES REPORTER

The Eagle Walkers of 2003 are beginning to practice for their 200-mile backpacking adventure across Wisconsin.

The Eagle Walk is a 200-mile trek from Stevens Point to Eagle Valley Nature Preserve in Glen Haven, Wis. along the Mississippi River. The walk will take place over spring break March 14-March 23.

The purpose is to raise money and awareness for land preservation, habitat restoration, and migratory bird/raptor studies. Each walker raises \$200 and the money collected will be donated to the Wisconsin Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Last year the walkers raised over \$4,400 and the donations for this year have been very successful already.

On Feb. 15, the walkers started their two day practice walk to Nelsonville and back for a total of 40.2 miles. The first practice was physically challenging, but very rewarding, in good spirits. The second practice walk is scheduled for March 1-2 and they will be hiking to Amherst and back for a total of 46.2 miles.

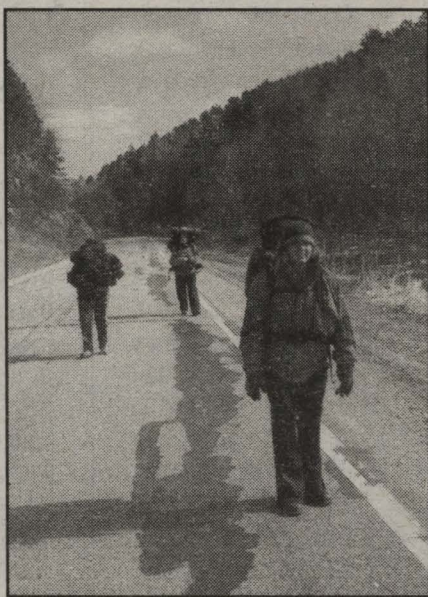


Photo submitted by author

Students raise money and awareness for environmental causes on their annual Eagle Walk.

Dance and imagination meet reality in Players production

The Theatre & Dance Players Organization presents "Unraveling Together: Sometimes Life Feels like a Dream..." conceived and directed by 1998 Ripon High School graduate, Andrea Skurr. This show explores the different facets of our human experience--everything from love and despair, to humor and faith. It is a world where dance and imagination meet reality. Relive events

that shaped your life and made you feel like you were in a dream when you experienced them. Performances are March 7-8, at 7:30 p.m. and March 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the UWSP Fine Arts Center Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adult. Call the Ticket Box Office at 346-4100.

Health Advocate

Dear Health Advocate,

I am concerned about a friend of mine who works out a ton! She is really fit, and says she just loves to work out; however, she is always at the gym. Sometimes she will work out for two or more hours at a time. She works out seven days a week and at least an hour every time. So please help me, how much is too much?

Sincerely,
How Much Is Too Much

Dear How Much Is Too Much,

You are very smart to be concerned about your friend. Working out is a very healthy activity, but many people don't know how much is too much. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends that Americans engage in 30 minutes of aerobic activity on most days of the week.

Following these guidelines can enhance our physical and emotional well-being and add a healthy balance to our lives.

However, exercise sometimes turns into an unhealthy means of control. Individuals who exercise compulsively use the activity to "purge" the body of excess calories in order to maintain weight or prevent weight gain. If your friend is regularly exercising beyond the requirements for good health, she could develop a long list of both physical and psychological consequences. Over-exercising can have many negative affects on your friend.

If you would like to find out more about this, please feel free to contact the Student Health Promotion Office in the lower level of the Allen Center located in room 004 or call 346-4313.

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Two Gentlemen of Verona brings Shakespeare to life

By Sara Daehn
FEATURES EDITOR

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" will take the stage in Jenkins Theatre this weekend, presenting audiences with a comedy about love, friendship and a really cute misbehaving dog.

Assistant Professor Steve Trovillion Smith directed and adapted this Shakespearean play to take place in the innocent time period of the 1950s. He chose the 50s because it portrays a time of innocence in America, "when teenagers had little to worry about except boyfriends, girlfriends and best friends."

Teenagers did not have the burdens of school violence, drugs, parents getting divorced, or other modern day dilemmas to deal with as much as they do today.

Changing the period of the play required set designer and UWSP Professor of Theatre Arts Stephen Sherwin, costume designer Samantha Fromm and Smith to put some extra work into placing costumes, customs and the set into the new time frame.

A few ways that Smith added a 50s



Photo courtesy of UWSP News Services

Adam McAleavey (left) as Launce, Oscar as Launce's dog Crab, and Andrew Cao (right) as Proteus

atmosphere to the play were by placing a scene in a club where beatniks perform, including a motorcycle gang called The Outlaws, and playing rock 'n' roll music during set changes.

The play takes two friends on a journey from small town Verona, Wis. to a strikingly different way of life in Milan, Calif. "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" shows the test of friendship between two men, the loyalty of two young women and

a miniature dachshund playing the role of a mischievous man's best friend.

The two young men from Verona go to a university in Milan. Valentine, played by Ryan Reilly, falls in love with a beautiful girl named Silvia (Courtney Jones). When Proteus (Andrew Cao) arrives, he soon falls in love with Silvia too, forgetting about his girlfriend back home. Valentine is forced to flee the city when Proteus betrays him by telling of his friend's plan to elope with Silvia.

In the meantime, the suspicious girlfriend, Julia (Susan Maris), disguises herself as a man, and travels to Milan to see what Proteus has been up to.

Silvia runs off to join Valentine, and everything is eventually resolved during the comical peak of the play.

Smith says the play, "has a lot of physical humor, and the romantic nature of the plot makes it a great date play."

"The play is about what we do for

love," he said.

The cast and crew have been rehearsing for the past five weeks to get ready for the upcoming two weekend performances.

Smith states, "It's been a lot of work, but we have wonderful actors, designers and technicians here at UWSP and I think audiences will love the production."

Seats are selling out fast for opening night, but there are still plenty remaining for subsequent performances. The play will run Feb. 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. The following weekend, it will continue at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 27-March 1.

Tickets are \$11 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and \$6.50 for kids. Students with a UWSP ID may purchase tickets for \$3 in advance or get in for free if seats are still available on the day of the show. Call the University Box Office at 346-4100 or 800-838-3378 to reserve tickets, or stop in to the University Box Office room 103A of the University Center.

As graduation approaches, the job search begins

By Nora F. Bates
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Spring graduation is 87 days away. Have you started your job search yet?

There are a lot of helpful tools out there to help you find a career that fits you. Take measures now to ensure a career tomorrow.

The Central Collegiate Job Fair is this coming Monday, Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn Convention & Expo Center from noon-4 p.m.

Some of the employers that will be there include Sentry Insurance, The Noel Group, Marshfield Clinic, American Express Financial Advisors, E O Johnson Company, Lands End and Walt Disney World. There will be over 40 companies there.

Be sure to bring along your resume when you go. If you are interested you can even print up your own free business card at www.vistaprint.com, where all that you pay for is the shipping and handling.

There are many resources on campus to help you find your perfect job. Career Services is only one tool in helping you find that fit.

Your professors can be extremely helpful in writing letters of recommendations as well as giving you advice on what companies would work best for you. Professors know a lot of people, and the biggest asset in finding a job is through your network of colleagues, so utilize your professors. As you may have heard before, it is not only what you know, it is also who you know.

Martha Miller from Right Management Consultants spoke to The Society of Human Resources (SHRM) and conducted a workshop on how to network. Networking is a great tool, and involves learning to find jobs through the people you know, or through people they know.

Creating a resume can be an easy task, but creating the perfect reflection of what you have accomplished can be another story.

You want to think of your resume as something that stands alone. A lot of employers will never meet you, so your only chance of getting an interview depends on how well you sell yourself on your resume. You want to

make sure that the best choices of words are used and the best qualities about you appear on your resume.

If you have a geographical location in mind as to where you would like to work, it is a good idea to subscribe to that area's newspaper publication. Reading their Sunday edition is extremely beneficial.

It is easy to find jobs on the Internet, but what you want to avoid is being lazy. Employers want to know that you are sincerely interested in the position they are offering, so in addition to applying online, send a follow up letter of interest with your business card enclosed. If given an interview remember to send a handwritten note thanking them for their time.

Some of the Internet job resources you can use to help you find jobs are: www.Monster.com, www.hotjobs.com, www.flipdog.com and www.headhunter.net.

Remember that being involved on campus and volunteering are also things that an employer looks at. Employers like to see that you are helpful in your community and with the people around you.

It is never too late to add involvement or volunteering to your resume, so get involved today, it could make all the difference.

Local shows highlight sculpture and student art

Three exhibitions in Stevens Point art galleries during March will showcase different levels of artistic creativity.

"Two Sculptors," featuring the work of two art professors, will be held from March 2-30 at the Carlsten Gallery in the Fine Arts Center at UWSP. To celebrate Youth Art Month, artwork by Stevens Point elementary school students will be shown on the same dates in the adjacent Schneider Student Gallery.

Featured artwork was selected by Stevens Point area elementary teachers. A reception for the students on Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. is free to the public.

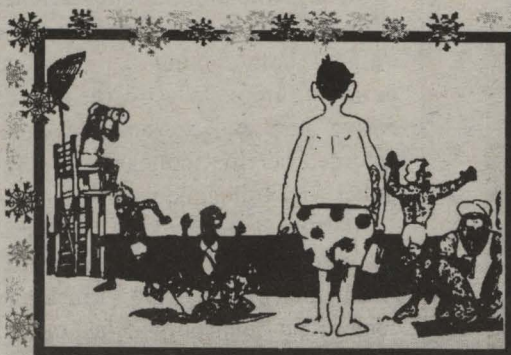
"Emerging Artists" from area junior high and high schools will display their work at Riverfront Gallery in Stevens Point. The show runs from March 1-30. A reception for junior high school students will be Sunday, March 2, from 1-2 p.m., and for senior high artists from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

In the Carlsten Gallery, Edwin Jager, Assistant Professor of Art at UW-Oshkosh, and Doug Calisch, Professor and Chair of the Art Department at Wabash College, will show recent work. A closing reception, Sunday, March 30, from 2-4 p.m., will coincide with the UWSP Festival of the Arts that runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

Jager, who teaches graphic communication at UW-Oshkosh, will exhibit "Inference," which presents the book simultaneously as sculpture on view and object to be read.

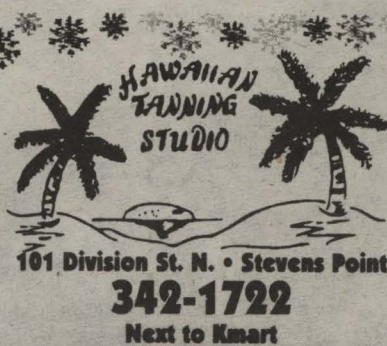
Calisch creates sculpture, wall reliefs and figurative effigies from materials he collects.

"The fact that each collected detail shows some sign of natural wear or past human activity intrigues me," he said. "It suggests that each sculpture has an expansive history beyond my involvement with the materials."



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UW sends off seniors in royal fashion, downing Titans

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

On senior night, the lone senior for the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team (22-2, 13-2) appropriately stole the spotlight.

Josh Iserloth scored 19 of his game high 23 points in the first half and the sixth ranked Pointers made 14 of 15 shots during one stretch as they blew out the UW-Oshkosh Titans 79-60.

The night was only made better for the senior when he crossed the 1,500 point barrier for his career, a feat achieved by only five previous players in Pointer history.

For the first 20 minutes, the Pointers put on an absolute clinic as they shot a staggering 69 percent from the field en route to a 31 point halftime advantage.

"The first half I said to our guys, I wish we could save this, bottle it and sprinkle it later when we need it," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "That's as fine a first half of basketball as I've witnessed in a long time, at any level."

Sophomore Jason Kalsow dominated from the beginning scoring six of the first eight points for the Pointers as he registered a double-double for the game with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Coming into the match-up, Point had already clinched an outright WIAC title, their fourth consecutive. But they still had some unfinished business as the 17th ranked Titans had given the Pointers one of their two losses on the season.

"We made them look bad, but this is a team that everybody picked to win the conference," said Bennett. "I think it had something to do with our defense tonight, we smothered them and challenged every shot."

1,808 people packed the Quandt Fieldhouse to witness the blowout victory and the vast majority stayed through until the very end. The only cause

the crowd had for booing was when Bennett was ejected with 12 minutes left in the second half.

The ejection occurred after Iserloth crashed hard to the floor after being undercut on a rebound. Bennett argued for his player and was hit with the first technical; shortly after, he received a second

men's basketball

Pointers	79
Oshkosh	60

Pointers	75
La Crosse	39

and an early exit.

"I am not proud of what happened, but I will fight for our players," said Bennett. "The first one I thought was undeserved, but the second one I earned."

Saturday the Pointers clinched the WIAC title with a convincing victory over UW-La Crosse 75-39. Iserloth led the team in this contest as well hitting on nine of 16 shots for 21 points.

The Pointers dominated the Eagles inside, outscoring them in the paint by a lopsided 34-6 margin. Once again the defense shutdown La Crosse, as the team recorded a season high of 13 blocks.

Point has their longest road trip of the season ahead when they finish up their regular season schedule in Superior as they take on UW-Superior Saturday at 7 p.m. The Pointers also have home court advantage for the WIAC tournament which is slated to begin on Tuesday with four quarterfinal match-ups. UWSP will either have a rematch with Superior, or La Crosse will come into town, and that game will also have a 7 p.m. tipoff.



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Senior Josh Iserloth skies for a dunk against Oshkosh on Wednesday.

Flight of Fury

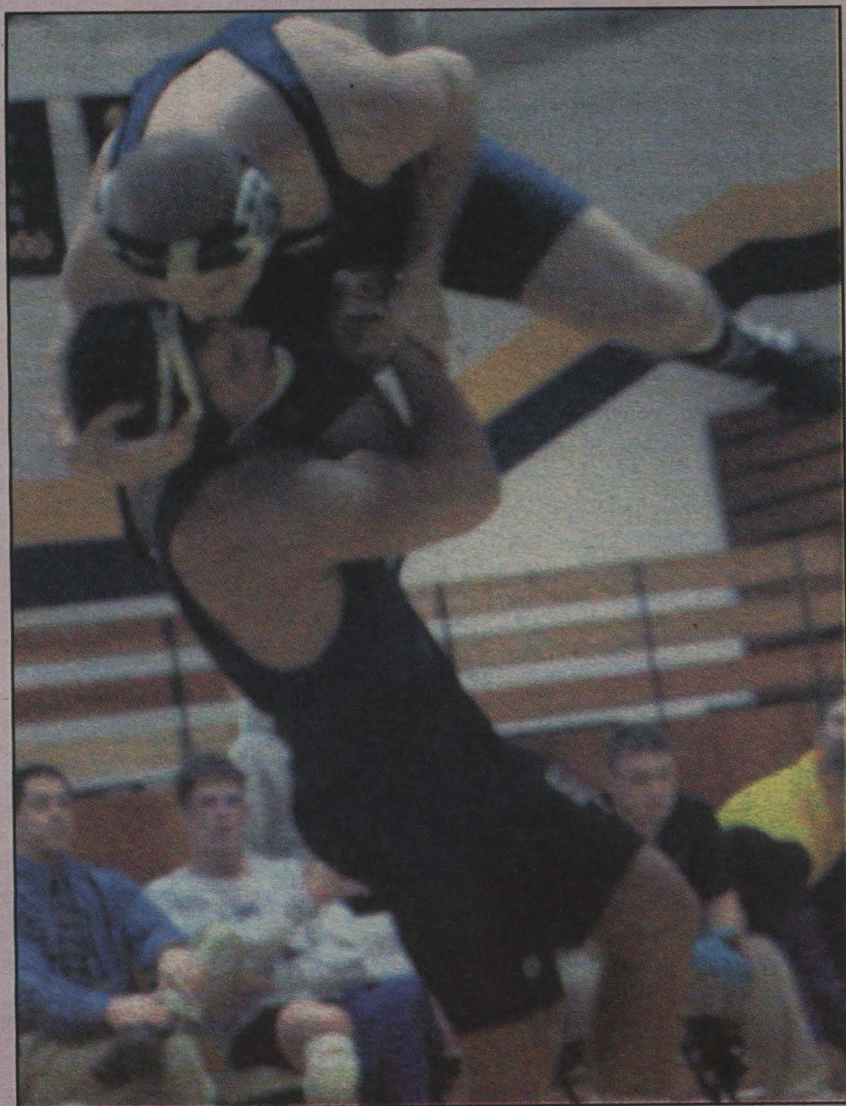


Photo by Holly Sandbo

Sophomore Logan McLennan up-ends his opponent in his 165-pound match against Eau Claire on Saturday night.

Skaters end regular season on a high

Pointers gear up for first round matchup with Lake Forest

By Emily Teachout
SPORTS REPORTER

On Sunday the UWSP Women's Hockey team played their last game of the season at Ice Hawk Arena.

After concluding their conference play last weekend with a pair of wins at Eau Claire, the Pointers finished off their regular season with a bang, routing Hamline University (Minn.) by an 8-0 margin.

The Pointers fired a team record 69 shots on goal, including outshooting the Pipers 20-0 in the first period and 34-0 in the third period.

The dominating Pointer defense surrendered a team record two shots on goal, both coming in the second period. Junior Wisconsin Rapids native goaltender Amanada Senn recorded her first collegiate shutout in her first collegiate start.

UWSP dominated the first period, notching four goals by four different players in 1:40. Freshman center Kim Lunneborg kicked off the scoring just 3:15 into the period, continuing her hot streak with her fourth goal in two games.

The offense kept coming as sophomore forwards Kim Chenery

and Ashley Howe and sophomore defensemen Jennifer Dorff all chipped in providing a sizable 4-0 lead less than five minutes into the game.

The Pointer offense slowed after the first period outburst and was held scoreless during the second period. It didn't take long for the Pointers to find their offensive stride adding another four goals throughout the third period including freshman defenseman Jackie Foley's first collegiate goal and Dorff's second goal of the game.

women's hockey

Pointers	8
Hamline	0

The Pointers have no time to look back on their successful season as they head to River Falls for the NCHA Playoffs on Friday.

The team will face the Foresters of Lake Forest, whom they have beaten four times this year—the last three of the victories coming by only one goal—at 7:05pm on Friday.

Should the Pointers prevail again over Lake Forest, they will face the winner of the River Falls vs. Superior game on Saturday at 4 p.m. The winner of that game will almost certainly be assured a spot in the NCAA Division III tournament.

Skaters come out on top in early playoff action

Deciding game goes down to final three minutes

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into last weekend's first round playoff games, Pointer Coach Joe Baldarotta knew that his team stood as good a chance as any to win the tournament and garner an automatic spot in the NCAA Division III tournament.

The Pointers knew that none of their games would be easy, though, as they were matched up against longtime nemesis Lake Forest in the first round.

After two hard-fought games, the Pointers emerged victorious, and won the chance to move to the second round.

The two teams were very familiar with each other, having matched up three times earlier in the season. Point took two of the three games.

The Pointers didn't get off to a great start, trailing Lake Forest by two goals with a minute left in Friday's opening game. UWSP finally came alive, as freshman Andy Corran found sophomore Adam Kostichka with 55 seconds left, and junior Justin Micek with 33 seconds left to force the tie at 3-3.

men's hockey

**Pointers 3
Lake Forest 3**

**Pointers 6
Lake Forest 5**

"With that comeback, we felt really good going into the second game," said Baldarotta. "I was happy with how the guys played."

Friday's tie made Saturday's game even more important, as the winner of that game would be the team to move on to the second round.

The teams played even hockey through nearly three periods, but Corran scored a clutch goal with 2:53 left in the third period to break a 5-5 tie and give the Pointers the win.

Micek also scored a goal and posted two assists in Saturday's game as Corran and sophomore Ryan Kirchhoff each had two goals. Senior Zenon Kochan added a goal in the victory and Kostichka added two assists.

"Lake Forest is a very talented, young, up-and-coming team," said Baldarotta. "I was very happy we were able to get past them."

With their series win over Lake Forest, the Pointers won the right to take on the nation's top-ranked team, St. Norbert, in the NCHA semifinals on Feb.

28 in Green Bay. The two teams have faced each other twice this season, with the Green Knights coming out ahead on both occasions, by the scores of 2-1 on Nov. 8, and then 6-3 on Feb. 1.

"We feel fantastic going into the [St. Norbert] game," said Baldarotta. "The way we're playing right now, it's going to be tough for anyone to beat us."

SENIOR ON THE SPOT NICK GLANDER - HOCKEY



Glander

Career Highlights

- Led NCHA in short-handed goals and game winning goals last season
- Named team's "Mr. Consistency" last season
- Scored a hat trick during the 1999-2000 season against Lake Forest

Major - Resource Management

Hometown - Brookfield, Wis.

Nickname - "Glands" & "Outlaw"

Idol while growing up - My father, he has taught me so much.

What are your plans after graduation? - I guess I'll look for a job.

Do you plan on playing hockey after graduation? - If I get an offer, I would consider playing pro. I will continue to play in a men's league if I don't.

What is your favorite aspect of hockey? - The physical part of the game. Nothing is better than seeing pain in your opponents when it's all said and done.

Most embarrassing moment - When my roommate's girlfriend had a barbershop quartet sing to our team on St. Valentines Day during practice. That was embarrassing for everyone!

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Dino Ciccarelli, one of the toughest SOB that ever played the game.

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

1. A fishing pole

2. A knife

3. A lot of beer

What will you remember most about playing hockey at UWSP? - Going through all the good times and bad times with the guys, being able to help them and have them help me throughout the years, and mostly just all the great time we've spent together on the ice and off the ice.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - Don't hold anything back. Before you know it, it will all be over and all you'll be left with are memories.

Point hoopsters pound WIAC foes

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointers came into Kolf Sports Center with one thing on their minds: to claim second place in the WIAC. With a dominating 75-62 victory over UW-Oshkosh, the Pointers (20-4, 12-3) claimed an outright second place finish and the all important second seed for next weeks conference tourney.

When junior Andrea Kraemer and sophomore Amanda Nechuta were sent to the bench with early foul trouble, it was juniors Cassandra Heuer and Tara Schmitt to the rescue.

Heuer poured in 16 first half points en route to a game-high 22 by cutting and slashing to the basket and hitting five free throws. Schmitt consistently knocked down open jumpers and scored 11 of her 18 in the first session.

"I wasn't surprised at all that Tara and C stepped up," said Head Coach Shirley Egner. "That's what we expect out of them."

Point opened the game on a tear jumping out to an early 24-9 lead by hitting key shots and playing a sound defense in front of a loud Oshkosh crowd.

"I thought we ran our offense well, got some good looks and played very well on defense," said Egner. "At halftime we just talked about stopping the fouls and defending the three point line."

In the first half Oshkosh connected on six of their three point attempts and climbed within 10 at 45-35. However, with Nechuta back on the floor in the second half, Point fed the post and pushed the lead to 20 at one point. Nechuta finished with her sixth double double of the season by scoring 18 points and grabbing 12 boards.

Before pounding against Oshkosh, the Pointers posed of UW-La Crosse last Saturday 69-55. The Pointers led throughout the entire second half and used a late 10-0 run to put the game away.

Leading 55-50 with just over five minutes left, UWSP held the Eagles scoreless for four minutes by

forcing five turnovers in six possessions.

Although happy to collect the victory, Coach Egner does not like her team's reoccurring trend of pulling out games in the last minute.

"When we have opportunities to put a team away we need to do it before the last five minutes."

Nechuta posted yet another outstanding game by scoring 19 points and collecting 13 rebounds, including eight on the offensive end. It was her fifth double double of the season.

women's basketball

**Pointers 75
Oshkosh 62**

**Pointers 69
La Crosse 55**

"She is a phenomenal player, she can score, drive, defend, and shoot the long ball," said Egner.

Freshman Cassandra Schultz continued her hot shooting, connecting on three 3-point baskets and scoring 11 points. Forward Cassandra Heuer was also in double figures with 10 points.

Throughout the game, defensive steals and offensive rebounds contributed to the Pointers' success. They collected 21 steals and 18 offensive rebounds allowing them to get 11 more shots than La Crosse.

"We can control how intense we want to be to get steals and how hard we go to the glass," said Egner. "It's all about effort."

The women conclude their 2002-03 regular season with senior day at home this Saturday at 5 p.m. against UW-Superior. The Pointers will then begin play in the WIAC conference tourney with a first round home game on Monday. The winner of the conference tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.



Photo by Kent Hutchison

Sophomore Amanda Nechuta goes in for a layup against La Crosse on Saturday.



THE BACK PAGE



The Man's Take: Our prep sports system is screwed up

By Craig Mandli

SPORTS EDITOR

Recently much attention has been bestowed on prep basketball sensation LeBron James. I know that most scouts and basketball insiders feel that he is the best high school basketball prospect ever. Well, the best since Moses Malone or Kareem (The Artist Formerly Known as Lew Alcindor) Abdul-Jabbar. They may be right.

That being said, the exploitation of this kid is a joke! Seriously, the kid just recently celebrated his 18th (!) birthday. When I turned 18, I was thinking about what to get at McDonalds for lunch, or whether or not to put an old-school speaker box and neon lights in my '81 AMC Eagle station wagon. I wasn't thinking about what super-agent I was going to sign with, or which multi-million dollar shoe contract to sign.

James' high school (St. Vincent-St. Mary's in Akron, Ohio) has played on ESPN numerous times now and only plays games in which they get a sizable performance bonus just for showing up. St. Vincent-St. Mary's and ESPN, among many other media outlets and sponsors, are virtually playing pimp for the talented James, hoarding the millions of dollars that he brings in.

James isn't the only victim of this capitalist view on prep sports. There are many world-class female figure skaters and gymnasts that are household names by 14, and turn professional at 16. Turning professional at 16! I got my first job at 16, teaching little snotty kids how to swim for five bucks an hour. Some of these professional figure skaters can pull in up to \$100,000 per appearance on the ice. At least that's an excuse for my girlfriend never to drag me to the Ice Capades...the tickets are too damn pricey.

If you think that's bad, wait until you hear about Kendall Marshall. Kendall is a fifth-grader at Evangel Christian Elementary School, who just happens to be ranked the number one ranked basketball player nationally in his class by www.hoopscooponline.com. Kendall is 5'1", weighs 90 pounds and just had a story about him in *Sports Illustrated*. He regularly has 2-3 college scouts at his games, and another 20-30 that check out his game on a regular basis during his AAU summer league season.

I can't believe that somebody actually RANKS fifth graders! What's next, signing embryos to endorsement contracts? Nothing like a fetus with a pair of Nikes. Why can't corporate America let these kids just be kids? These kids are still going to be talented when they are 21, so why take their youth away?

Recently LeBron was kicked off his high school team for accepting \$950 worth of throwback jerseys from a sporting goods store in Akron. He faced criticism from every media outlet imaginable and was forced to not only give the jerseys back and apologize.

Man, if somebody offered me \$950 worth of anything when I was 18, I wouldn't have asked any questions. I also would have wondered what they were smoking. No 18-year-old kid deserves gifts like that for his athletic achievement.

So how does America solve this problem? Well, not letting kids jump from high school to professional sports is a start. Also, making a minimum age of 21 to earn professional dollars would also be a good plan. I know one thing though...it may not be right, but if I was 18, and I was offered fortune and fame, I probably would have taken it. It's not the athletes' fault the system is so screwed up, it's the system itself.

GO POINTERS!!!

View from a Pointer: Snowboarding for dummies

By Dan Mirman

SPORTS EDITOR

After reaching the ripe age of 20, I officially became too old to learn any sport that could remotely be considered an X-game. At least, that was my feeling until this week when a pal of mine talked me into giving snowboarding a chance.

First, I want to make it plainly clear that I was "that guy" out at the snow hill formerly-known-as Rib Mountain (now called Granite Peak). I had my doubly thick snowpants that looked eerily similar to the ones Randy wore in *A Christmas Story*, as well as multiple layers of clothing as my friends had advised. Confident that I looked like a dork I began my journey.

I learned to maneuver my board well enough with one foot to eventually make it to the lift. Immediately upon being picked up my board started to drag underneath and I felt sure that my ankle would break ending my adventure prematurely.

But the board stayed true and I must say that chairlifts are by far one of the most peaceful experiences one could hope for, especially at night. (Sorry, I apologize for getting sappy.)

My next obstacle lay before me: getting off the chairlift. I carefully observed the two folks in front of me, and it appeared fairly easy. I slid off the chair and coasted about a foot and tumbled down the rest of the way, definitely a victory in my eyes.

With my back foot strapped-in, I embarked on my first quest down the hill, it lasted a good two or three seconds before I fell directly on my coccyx bone or (tailbone to the layperson). I bounced right back up and started motoring again only to discover

I could not coax the board into turning left.

I continued to the right until I hit some deep snow and fell down, once again on that damn tailbone. I now discovered my inability to stand up in the powder and was forced to crawl back to the middle of the hill on my hands and knees.

At this point, I distinctly remember realizing how I was the same person I made fun of when I was a youngster. The old man, because snowboarders normally peak at my age, making a fool of himself trying to learn something new as kids flew by me snickering to themselves.

However, at this point I didn't care because my concern correlated directly with trying to survive my first run. After a few more falls, on the exact same part of my body, I took off once again. Suddenly I'm flying down the hill moving slightly left so as to avoid trees and I realized why snowboarding is so damn fun. Unfortunately my next realization was that I would have to slow down soon; this was unsuccessful. Next I hoped to fall forward, thusly putting the brunt of the impact on my relatively fresh knees (didn't happen).

After leaning forward, I abruptly lurched backwards slamming down first on my coccyx and then my head against the rock hard ice covered by a layer of snow.

Refreshed by a feeling of invincibility I finished up the evening pretty uneventfully, either that or I did get a concussion and I can't remember anything else, but I digress. The point remains that I had an outstanding time and provided some laughs for anyone who happened to witness it.

Now I just hope my professors accept my excuse for not sitting down for a month.



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Tip-up awards banquet '03



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

It's true folks, I am crazy about the tip-ups, and while the fishing has been pissing on us angler's legs lately, I decided to get serious about rigging my fish-traps up for the impending late-ice jamboree, and to hold a brief discussion on baiting. Lucky for me, the annual Tip-up Award Banquet (TUAB) occurred this past weekend, so here is a look at the winners and all the juicy details.

The evening started out with a light-hearted duet by Babe Winkelman and Al Linder, singing a country version of "Thick as a Brick," bringing applause and laughter forth. The first award given that evening was the "Best unusual tip-up bait," a new category this year. While many people felt that hot dogs or pork chops should have won this year, the award went to the underdog, "Medium Stuffed Animal dipped in Blood."

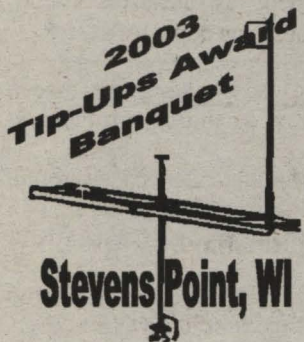
After a surprise performance by James Dio, Joe Bucher presented the golden tip-up for "Best Walleye Bait." Nominees included Milwaukee shiners, large fathead minnows, Swedish pimples rigged with Golden Shiners and the favorite, Suckers (or Chubs). Nobody was surprised that Suckers ran away with this one, after the year they had recording several monster fish early in the season. Bucher wept as he said, "The big walleye just can't resist."

Technical difficulties stopped the show for a moment; however, the show went on with the prestigious "Tip-Up Formation" award. For a record fifth year in a row, "working a weedy shoreline" topped "surrounding a small bay." The "random middle of the lake spot" left disappointed once again.

The crowd favorite award for "Best Punishment for a False Tip-up Call" was the highlight of the evening as the winner, "Putting a lively minnow down the back of shirt" gave an emotional speech, stating, "I just love to slip down the small of the back, all wet and uncomfortably." Losers in this category included the classic tar and feathers, moustache amputation and beer bottle tossed at head.

In the most heated award category of "Best Pike Bait," the enormous golden shiners were stunned by the winner, "Dead 10-inch smelt with two treble hooks and 'Jizz' fish attractant." The Shiners promptly left the awards show acting very bitter and perplexed citing more catches and significantly better action as reason for the supposed "obvious corruption of the voting panel." The dead smelt had no comment on the alleged bribery, only leaving a wretched odor as testament to their tastiness.

The final award of the night was presented by an energetic Ted Nugent. The big award for "Best Tip-Up" went to the classic wooden beaver dam model, taking the award back from the upstart first-time winner, the Frabil insulated round model that wowed the awards banquet in 2002. Several votes were cast for the new and mysterious "Whisper-Trap Tip-Up." Nugent proceeded to fire a flaming arrow into the bandstand and disappear in a cloud of smoke as the ceremony drew to a close. So, "Let's go ice fishing!"



Mr. Winters' two cents

How are things, folks? With me they're just fine. I'm enjoying this warm weather for a couple of reasons. Number one is the stiffness of winter is leaving these old bones and late ice may soon be upon us. For one thing, the damn fishing can't possibly be any worse than right now, and after late ice is my 76th spring, which I'm really looking forward to. There's no better of a time to take a ride to the fishing hole and have a nice smoking pipe along the way, with the windows rolled down and the wind in my whitish hairs. It's still a ways off though, so you kids keep on studying and reading up now, so you can enjoy all the fishing later on. As for me, I'll just go on being retired and eating peanut butter sandwiches and such. Honestly now, "Go on and Geet!"



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A totally tubular retreat

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Before all the snow melts and we're left with a grey slushy mess, a weekend retreat slipping down a sledding hill might serve as a relaxing getaway.

Powers Bluff County Park in Wood County offers downhill snow-tubing every weekend for a mere \$5 entry fee. The entry fee

by increasing the number of runs from three to four and including jumps and other exciting changes on two of the runs.

Powers Bluff is the 13th highest point in Wisconsin peaking at 1,472 feet. Powers Bluff County Park offers an exciting and interesting landscape for tubing, skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, gaining snowmobiling access and simply enjoying the out-of-doors.



Joyful tubers ride the two-handle tow lift at Powers Bluff County Park, near Arpin.

includes the use of a tube and the two-handle tow lifts for one round. A round is the time slot that the park offers for tubing, running either from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. A person must pay the \$5 fee for each round.

Replacing the old tow-rope at Powers Bluff this year is a newly installed two-handle tow lift, making it easier to ascend the hill after tubing downhill (you actually sit on your tube and ride uphill). The park management hopes the addition of the tow-lift will decrease congestion and increase tubing time.

Powers Bluff has modified the tube runs

Getting to Powers Bluff is fairly easy. From Stevens Point, take Highway 10 West until the County Highway E exit, near Marshfield. From County Highway E, County Park signs will indicate the direction to Powers Bluff. The ride to the park takes about 25-30 minutes.

In addition to the tubing hill, Powers Bluff has downhill skiing hills with lifts. The hours of operation for the ski lifts (handle style) are from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Snowboarding is permitted as well. The estimated vertical drop for the ski runs is 250 feet, making Powers Bluff ideal for beginning skiers and snowboarders.

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Chasing the swift-footed Yeti

A review of Portage County cross-country ski-trails

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

*Bless the Nordic cultures, and their slender skis.
That allowed the human-folk, to glide nimbly through the trees.
Winter times, they often bring, snow that is so deep.
And evil lurks, out in the woods, that haunts me as I sleep.
My father told me, when I was young, always to be ready.
To defend our fort, to ski real fast, and chase the swift-foot Yeti.
So now I whisper, on my skis, o'er the fresh powder snow.
And every winter, on white swathe, I move as rivers flow.*

Plover River Trail

Just beyond the airport on Highway 66 lies the lesser-known Plover River Valley, along which intersects the Green Circle Trail, in itself providing over 26 miles of trail. Jutting off the circle is the Plover River Trail, a public ski trail that winds up and down the Plover valley with six separate loops available.

The longest loop (blue) travels over 5.5 miles on groomed trails and the shortest (red), winds for just over a mile. The outward leg is less scenic, sharing borders with the municipal airport, a logging encampment and a strange police-run compound (I heard gun-shots and screams). On the return journey, the trail sticks closer to the semi-frozen river and features several smaller hills and climbs along the way to keep the skiers on their heels.

The trails are starting to lose snow this week with the warmer weather and lots of leaves and pine needles have cluttered the paths, making for slower going on some parts. Overall, the trails' closeness to the university, beautiful river segments and various loop options make for an enjoyable experience worth trying. Also, a makeshift house/ lodge serves refreshments on the weekends, including some sweet hot cocoa.

Iverson Park

What can I say? To be honest, not much, when talking about Iverson Park here in Point. The short trails aren't groomed, offer little to no hills and are often trodden with animal, human and "other" prints that create numerous mud spots and ice slicks. With some luck, you can get a run on the small sledding hill, and maybe construct a jump to entertain yourselves there. If this park were a person, he would be that washed up old man at the Airport Bar telling jokes about flying sheep and testicles. Trust me folks, avoid him. Hey Iverson Park, get a haircut and a real job, punk!

Schmeekle Reserve

Plain, simple and in your own backyard folks! It doesn't get any better than this for convenience. The reserve offers plenty of trails and backcountry surroundings to explore, plus you might see some good luck three-legged deer with radio collars. I prefer to see the sights here at night and enjoy the in-city solitude that only Schmeekle can

provide. Bring an Old English H.G. along, a few friends and flying-squirrel-viewing equipment. Cross-country skiing will never be the same.

Standing Rocks County Park

Let me tell you folks, the cream always rises to the top. After spending a delightful afternoon with my special lady gliding across the snow-encrusted terrain of Standing Rocks, I must pronounce a landslide winner.

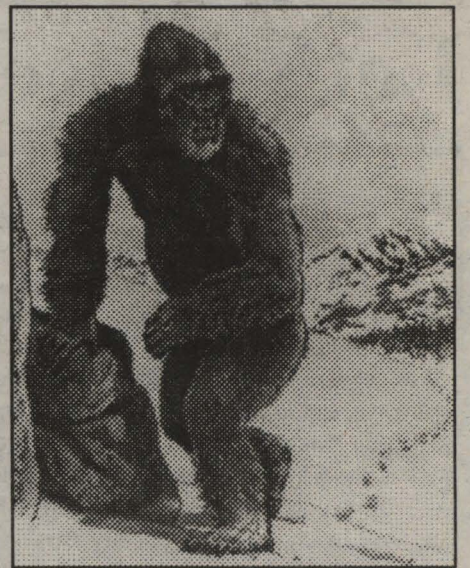
Located in the hill-laden southeastern portion of Portage County, Standing Rocks is nestled in the beautiful rolling landscape. With one of the finest networks of trails in the central Wisconsin area, winding for nearly 20 miles over large hills and through pristine pineries, Rocks has something for all skill levels and offers both classical and skate skiing trails.

The green loop features gentle hills and is ideal for first-timers or youngsters. Red trail is classified as intermediate with several good slopes and climbs near the shore of the small Bear Lake. My heart, and nimble feet, however, will forever yearn for the big blue back loop.

At the cost of burning legs, a frozen beard and several bleeding wounds and blisters, my lady and I traversed the treacherous "Grouse Ridge" and "Boulder Junction." Who can forget the jovial dips and serenity of "Gary's Gulches?" In the farthest reaches, only the sound of graceful skis and crisp wind touch the wild ear. After a short rest, we headed back towards the lodge, along the way experiencing the heart-pounding decent of the amply-named "Thrill Hill." With legs and arms feeling the weight of the journey, we climbed the "Final Challenge," and then slid with relief back to the Mazda, feeling a general sense of accomplishment.

On the weekends, the county runs a small downhill slope complete with tow-rope and rental services as well as the cross-country trails. The lodge offers concessions and sells tow-rope passes and ski rentals (both run about \$8). During the week, a self-registration box is at the trailhead for payment. Cross-country fees are \$2 for students 21 and under and \$4 for adults over 21, with an extra dollar being charged on the weekends. Trust me though, after skiing the other trails in the area, it is worth the registration fee to use these splendid trails. Also, the permanent nine-hole disc golf course is still open year round for people with snowshoes or good boots.

So get out there and try one of these trails. Outdoor EdVentures is still offering free rentals on Tuesdays. Remember folks: be on the look-out for flying sheep and that dangerous, dangerous yeti. He'll eat your spine at the drop of a hat if you look him directly in the eye.



The yeti has the swiftest foot around.

I'll build an indoor disc golf course, you'll see



By Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

A special call out to my disc golfing counterparts is due, only because I'm a seasonal discer, and some kids carry shovels through inches of snow to keep on throwing throughout the cold Wisconsin winter.

Where available, disc golfing is a year-round sport, but die-hards in Wisconsin pack through the snow covered greens to shovel paths to each hole. Can you believe it? I'm proud of you though, even if I'm a summer discer and I've got no intentions of making disc golf actual work for myself.

Actually, I'm a pretty lame disc golfer all-around. In true honesty, I had never kept score for the first four years of discing because whenever I started counting, my golfing skills would rapidly decrease (must be all those numbers jumbling my head). In the past two years whenever I did keep score—it's never kept every time—it was for making bets in which I won not personal admiration for my best score, but happy treats like beer, pride for being able to beat my boyfriend's score and a pack of watermelon Bubblicious (that I'm still waiting for, thank you very much).

Extreme-winter disc golfing (yes, I've coined my own phrase) is probably really fun, but for a lazy, cold-hatin' girlie girl, I'll leave the shoveling to the die-hard discers. However, I hope you extreme-winter disc golfers know that by doing this you're making the sport of disc golf even better and at that, more challenging. I say, keep it up! Make disc golfing a year-round sport.

For people like me, I'll return to Wisconsin when I've got the capital to build an indoor disc golf arena equipped with a heated outdoor driving range—just like old school golf—and an indoor mini-course.

Of course, there will be a disc golfing arcade game similar to Golden Tee, only better and more fun. Although, I personally do not have the computer gaming skills to actually make the game. I'm not saying Golden Tee isn't fun either, I've just never played it and it looks entirely too scary for me to try.

So all you entrepreneurs out there, keep your minds open and your heads up because I'll need your business savvy brains in a few years, and you'll love me for bringing in such a profitable recreational joint to Wisconsin. Peace ya'll, and keep the extreme-winter disc golfing going strong!



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This column contains "a shocking twist that will blow your mind."

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

In the wake of *Joe Millionaire*'s ratings blowout that indicated one out of every three TV viewers tuned in for the show's climax, I began to ponder why so many Americans took part in the hype. Publicity for TV shows has reached an all time high. Promotional advertisements for each network's top shows inundate every commercial break multiple times, and even magazines and newspapers will preview ultra-hyped TV events.

Take, for instance, *The Simpsons* historic 300th episode on Sunday night. Not only did Fox build up this milestone, but USA Today included a several page spread detailing the program's history. While this excessive coverage may have been warranted for such a remarkable show, the hype caused many to believe that there would be a 90-minute program packed full of whoopla when really only a re-run and two new episodes were aired, which barely even commemorated the landmark achievement.

Hype directs the course of popular entertainment and allows frail-minded Americans to passively learn what is supposed to be hip. TV promotions dictate what shows people will be talked about around the water cooler the

next day. Instead of judging what the highest form of entertainment is for ourselves (and weeding out the crap that's a waste of our time), we all too often listen to the hype and rely on it to guide our way.

Whichever movie hits the top spot at the box office is usually the film that had the largest promotion budget. Whichever hit single rockets to number one is most often the richest recording label's "flavor of the month." The highest-rated TV shows are always those that are promoted the heaviest.

The tendency to conform to societal norms is so strong that the desire to fit in often overshadows thinking for oneself. Instead of searching the world for the most fulfilling form of entertainment as individuals, we're drawn to the flashiest diversions like doomed flies to a bug zapper. If we base our values on what advertisements tell us is important, our society will grow increasingly superficial. Hopefully, we can begin to ignore the hype and make our own choices. Until then, we're going to keep falling for advertiser's tricks and waste our lives paying attention to crappy entertainment that will one day take their places in the embarrassing pop culture archives alongside Vanilla Ice and the Macarena.

Movie Review

Daredevil

By Geoff Fyfe
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Thanks to the twin successes of *X-Men* and *Spiderman*, comic book-based movies are now all the rage. The latest film, *Daredevil*, stars Ben Affleck as the blind vigilante known as the Man Without Fear. While not up to the levels of the two previously mentioned blockbusters, *Daredevil* manages to entertain and rises far above such comic book-inspired disasters as *Batman and Robin*.

Matt Murdock (Affleck) is a most unusual superhero. As a child, an accident involving toxic waste blinded him, but gave his other senses superhuman abilities, in addition to enhanced agility and strength. He can even "see" using a sort of built-in radar sense (brought to life by some nifty special effects). When criminals murder his prizefighting father (David Keith) who refused to take a dive, Matt vows vengeance. A lawyer by day, he represents the downtrodden citizen's of his native Hell's Kitchen. By night, he prowls the rooftops dressed like a demon, beating the crap out of any crooks he finds.

Matt's lonely life is brightened when he meets Elektra Natchios (Jennifer Garner), the beautiful, martial arts-trained daughter of a Greek shipping magnate. However, their romance is shadowed by her father's attempt to break with his business partner. The partner is Wilson Fisk, a.k.a the Kingpin (Michael Clarke Duncan), the all-powerful crime boss who rules New York's underworld with an iron fist. The Kingpin marks his partner for death and sends Bullseye (Colin Farrell), his psychotic assassin, to kill Elektra and her father. When *Daredevil* interferes, he soon has Bullseye, the Kingpin, the NYC police force and a vengeful Elektra (who blames him for her father's death) on his trail.

Daredevil is far removed from the campy

styling of some comic book adaptations (again, *Batman and Robin* is the biggest offender in this category). Instead, it's grim and realistic, taking great care to show us the lonely, tortured life of its hero. The love story is quite believable and tragic while the fight scenes (especially the duels between *Daredevil* and Bullseye) are terrific.



Affleck will never be a great action hero (witness *Armageddon* and *Pearl Harbor*), but he does well here, portraying *Daredevil* as a very human superhero who doubts himself. He's upstaged, however, by Garner, as the *Alias* star brings her ample acting talents, physical prowess and mouth-agape

beauty to the table, bringing the vengeful, tragic Elektra to life. Duncan has a grand time playing the larger than life Kingpin, while rising star Farrell steals the show as the manic Bullseye, an assassin who can use such innocuous things as paper clips and peanuts as lethal weapons. Also look for Joe Pantoliano as an investigative reporter on *Daredevil*'s trail, Jon Favreau (*Swingers*) as *Daredevil*'s law partner and comic relief and director Kevin Smith himself in a cameo as a morgue attendant.

While not a classic like *Superman* or the first *Batman* and probably not likely to be as successful as *X-Men* or *Spiderman*, *Daredevil* is a worthy effort and should probably warrant a sequel. There's even a spin-off featuring Garner's Elektra in the works. Hey, if *Blade* can merit a trilogy, I'm up for another helping of the Man Without Fear.

Entertainment week in review

Compiled by Josh Goller

The Good:

Comedy Central for re-running episodes of the political farce *That's my Bush*. This program was in danger of being lost in the political satire archives, and was never rebroadcast after Sept. 11. Fortunately, Comedy Central has resurrected it at the most appropriate of times.

Honorable Mention:

Irish rocker Bono for his Nobel Peace Prize nomination. It's impressive for any celebrity to be mentioned in the same humanitarian breath as the Pope.



The Bad:

NBC for unveiling the launch of a future reality series entitled *Who Wants to Marry My Mom*. A spinoff of *Meet my Folks*, this series will feature adult children deciding who will accompany their adult mothers on a "fantasy vacation." This five-episode series is promised to both begin later this spring and suck donkey.

Dishonorable Mention:

The bank robber in New Jersey who has been described as an Eminem look-alike. This is only going to cause more uptight conservatives to ludicrously blame the popular rapper for the downfall of society.

The Ugly:

The Sci-Fi Channel for leading an unconsenting woman to believe that she was the victim of an alien attack. As a part of the channel's upcoming hidden-camera based *Scare Tactics* reality TV series, a team of tricksters fooled a Los Angeles woman into believing that hostile extra terrestrials were chasing her through a "dark, desert canyon area." The woman subsequently filed a lawsuit against the channel for "causing severe physical and emotional damages." Maybe this story will turn up one day on a cheesy "Reality TV's Most Shocking Moments" special.

The Homely: The E! network for promising to bring the antics of the bloated beauty Anna Nicole Smith to us live in a special episode of *The Anna Nicole Show*'s upcoming second season.



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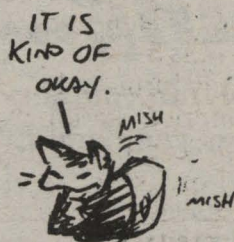
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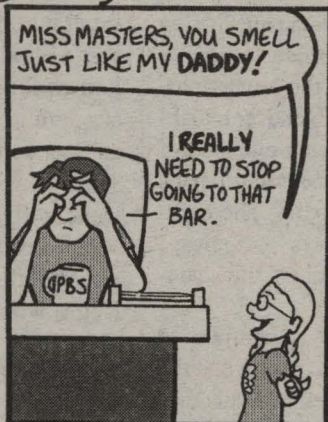
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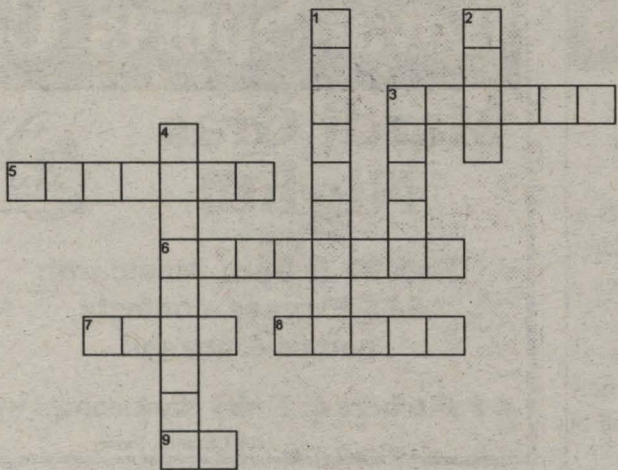


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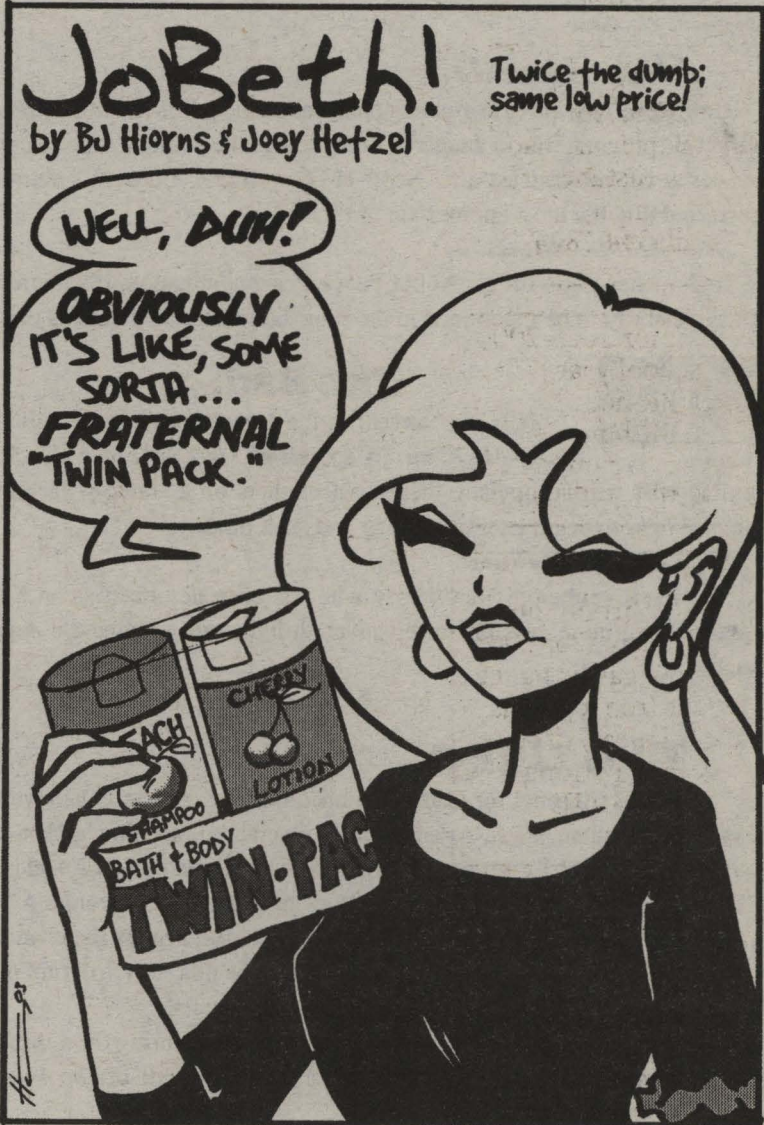


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- 3. Eldest Cosby offspring
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 - 6. North African Country
 - 7. Goat cheese on Gyro platter
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- Down
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