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## Richlen appointed student regent

By Andrew Bloeser  
NEWS EDITOR

Though her term as Student Government Association (SGA) President has ended, Beth Ann Richlen's tenure as a representative of the students will continue on. Gov. Jim Doyle appointed Richlen as student representative to the UW System Board of Regents Tuesday, a duty she will begin serving this fall.

"I am truly honored to be able to serve as the student regent," said Richlen on the day of her appointment. "I am going to try my hardest to sit at that table and think about every one of the 160,000 UW students."

Richlen stated that she intends to champion student interests during a time when reductions to the UW System's budget threaten to impair those interests, a task she plans to accomplish by matching student concerns with a face and a voice.

"This is a really exciting time for the Board of Regents, because some really difficult decisions need to be made about the long term future of the UW System," she said.

"The price of education keeps going up while the percentage of state support goes down. The board of regents is going to have to stretch the buck and make some long term plans about the long term quality and access the UW System is going to provide."

Richlen's position on state budget issues served as one of the defining aspects of her presidency as she engaged in a very vocal role in both the Joint Finance Committee hearings and the UW Board of Regents listening session, which were held in April.

She also played an instrumental part in organizing demonstrations to protest the effects that the state budget proposal will have on higher education, which was manifested in a rally in front of the University Center the week the governor announced his budget proposal.

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## Plan to discourage file-sharing expected by fall

UWSP follows trend of  
universities nationwide

Andrew Bloeser  
NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point will look to join the growing number of universities seeking to more aggressively dissuade students from downloading and sharing copyrighted materials off the Internet, the result of a nationwide response to extensive Internet service bills and to a wave of lawsuits from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Last month, the RIAA filed separate lawsuits against four college students alleged to be running file-sharing programs through computer networks provided by their respective universities, culminating in a settlement that cost the students between \$12,000 and \$17,000 each, to be paid in annual installments over the next three years.

The lawsuits, as filed, could have theoretically resulted in damages of up to \$100 million.

"This should be a warning to our students that, if caught, there is a precedent for the judge deciding in favor of the copyright holder and for huge fines to be levied," said Colleen Andrews, manager of Student Computing Services at UWSP.

Andrews stated that UWSP currently has a procedure in place to discourage illegal downloading, which consists of contacting students found to have illegally downloaded or traded copyrighted files and discontinuing their access to the university's computer network if the problem continues. Repeat offenders are stripped of Internet access for the remainder of the semester in which the violation occurred.

According to Andrews, the



Photo by Patricia Larson

Due to the level of illicit downloading and file sharing activities, UWSP administrators have considered charging a fee for bandwidth use.

university receives emails from piracy investigators working on behalf of the entertainment and software industries on a weekly basis and relies on such notices to locate offenders. She also stated that the number of such

notices is increasing, putting a strain on the staff available to respond to the situation.

Further measures aimed at discouraging illicit downloading and file-sharing activities have  
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## Naked run arouses interest downtown



Photo by Patricia Larson

Public nudity, a long-standing tradition of the UWSP track and field team, drew a sizable crowd to the downtown area of Stevens Point Saturday.

## UWSP Faculty Senate votes against anti-war resolution

By John Baeten  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, May 7, the UWSP Faculty Senate voted on an "Anti-War" resolution, and it was defeated through a secretive ballot vote 20 to 15.

The resolution, proposed by Senator Neil Heywood, brought up numerous concerns with the ongoing threat of war and a general stance against conflict conveyed by the Senate.

The resolution states, "Be it resolved that the UWSP Senate, representing its faculty and academic staff, opposes all initiation and subsequent pursuit of armed conflict as a means to resolving disputes."

Members of the Senate brought up concerns with the connotations attached to the word "oppose" and questioned that the resolution would be against such actions as World War II.

According to Heywood, "We are opposed to conflict in principle; however, if it is in defense, then conflict may be inevitable."

Hesitant members of the Senate also vocalized concern as to whether it

was the Senate's responsibility to act on a matter as formidable as peace.

However, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Padmanabhan Sudevan stated, "At least four other university senates in Wisconsin have passed similar resolutions."

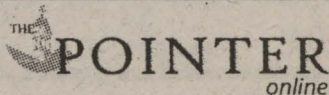
The resolution also states, "[That the Senate] desires that all ongoing or prospective initiatives for such interventions cease immediately, or as soon as is practicable, and expresses sympathy and support for all non-instigators, of any origin, who face jeopardy as a result of belligerence."

A number of UWSP students were in attendance to show their support for the resolution as well as the peace movement.

The resolution also stated its support for "expanding, publicizing and providing counseling or other necessary services to any member of the campus and surrounding community during and after times of conflict."

Along with its general tone of non-conflict, the resolution also urged for the

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## Differential tuition still a prospect at UWSP

By Andrew Bloeser  
NEWS EDITOR

Despite concerns over the annual tuition increases promised by the new state budget, Chancellor Thomas George has confirmed that a differential tuition proposal to enhance student programs and advising is still being considered as a viable option at UW-Stevens Point.

The proposal, if approved and implemented, would cause tuition rates for UWSP students to increase by an estimated 5% in addition to the projected 12% to 15% increases already being projected for students across the UW System.

"My personal feeling is that this is something that would be beneficial," said George. "It's matter of students paying more in tuition now for things that will enhance their experience and help them graduate on time so they won't have to pay more later."

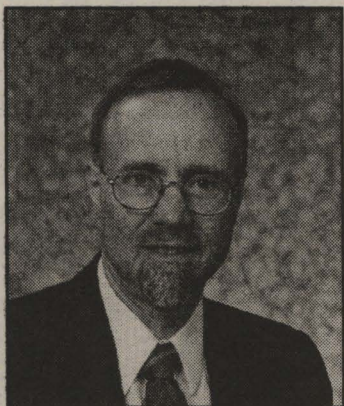
The chancellor stressed that such a program would allow UWSP to remain competitive with universities in the UW System, half of which have already adopted campus specific versions of differential tuition.

"It's clear that if a school such as Eau Claire has \$1 million a year more for academic programs, it gives them an edge," he said.

Eau Claire, which became the first UW campus to adopt a differential tuition program in 1997, ranked fourth in the Midwest on rankings list compiled by *U.S. News and World Report*. UWSP ranked sixth on that same list.

While university administrators state that UWSP looks to remain among the top universities in the System, it has also been argued that new means of maintaining that status must be explored.

"Many students will be drawn to universities that can offer better opportunities," said Assistant Chancellor Bob Tomlinson. "Students perceive that



George

there's a pecking order within the UW System, and it's important that we explore options that keep UWSP at the top of that pecking order."

A committee formed by the Student Government Association (SGA) has been exploring different possibilities for differential tuition throughout the course of the semester and will await the results of a student survey before making a decision regarding implementation.

If approved by the students and the chancellor, the differential tuition program will face a vote by the Board of

Regents before then being submitted to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) for approval.

The prospect of receiving approval from the JFC has also raised concerns, as the state budget proposal stipulates that universities cannot raise tuition above a level equating to \$250 per student per semester, which may ultimately make differential tuition unfeasible.

While exceptions can be permitted at the discretion of the JFC, the committee has taken a stance indicating that components of the UW System need to move toward reducing expenditures, given the current budget deficit, having previously asked the System to further cut expenses from administrative bureaucracies.

Some student advocates have expressed a different view, stating that the trend of reduced state support for higher education has driven the necessity for UW schools to develop a differential tuition program, a necessity that may become further pronounced by reductions stemming from the state budget.

"Up until five years ago, differential tuition didn't even exist, and it's important to remember that," said Maggie Brown, president of United Council. "Students are being asked to pay something that should be provided, and that's related to declining state support."

Differential tuition could face a vote by the student senate as early as September and could be implemented as soon as spring semester 2004.

## Regents to hold meeting at UWSP

UW-Stevens Point will highlight some of its most noteworthy programs this week, as the UW System Board of Regents will hold its monthly meeting on campus for the first time since 1997.

The Regents' meetings are open to the public with the exception of occasional closed sessions to consider personnel matters, and will be held Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9.

Thursday's meeting will begin with an all-Regents session that includes an update on the state budget and a presentation on developments in online learning in Wisconsin.

The two-day event also features several presentations by the host campus.

On Thursday, the Education Committee will hear a report on "internationalizing" UW-Stevens Point students, faculty, staff and community. The Business and Finance Committee will learn about electronic authorization and web registration at UW-Stevens Point, while the Physical Planning and Funding Committee will take an in-depth tour of the university's facilities.

Friday's full board meeting features a UW-Stevens Point presentation entitled "Regional Sustainability: The Economy and the Environment." Members of the United Council for UW Students will also present to the regents the structure and mission of their organization.

The meeting will begin Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Laird Room of University Center on the UW-Stevens Point campus. Friday's meeting begins at 9 a.m.

## Graduating on May 18th?



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Questions? Contact University Relations at 346-3811.

## State contracts approved after three years of negotiations

By John Baeten  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Governor Jim Doyle signed into effect 19 state employee contracts that have been on the negotiation table since 2001 and also declared May 7 as State Employee Recognition Day.

According to the Wisconsin State Employees Union, "The passage of these contracts is the result of the dedication and persistence of our members."

The contracts, which went into effect immediately after Doyle signed them, cover close to 35,000 employees, of which about 330 are employed by UWSP.

According to Jerry Naczek, President of the Local 584 Union, "It's a bittersweet victory, and the contracts should have been signed in December."

Health care coverage for state employees has undergone some changes

with the signing of the new contracts.

According to Assembly Speaker John Gard R-Peshtigo, "Make no bones about it, the era of free health care for public employees is over."

Gard, who receives free health care as a state employee, has been against the contracts since early negotiations.

Local 584 bargaining delegate Tom Burkart states, "Other state employees, both faculty and academic staff,

received their contracts immediately. We were singled out, they wanted us to renegotiate, which means pay cuts and wage concessions."

The signing of the contracts gave most state employees a retroactive pay raise, and the employees hope to have another two year contract for 2003-05 ready for the Joint Committee on Employment Relations by fall.



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Senate to provide legal aid and advice to individuals in need during a time of crisis.

According to the resolution, "[The Senate] supports provisions of information regarding personal or legal options to anyone requesting such during times of crisis, and expresses hope that we strive to truly learn and address why casual antipathy exists, and prevent it for current and future generations."

### Correction

In the May 1 issue of *The Pointer*, the picture accompanying the page 1 article "Highway 10 closes for construction" actually depicted construction occurring on Reserve Street, and not on Main Street as reported in the caption. *The Pointer* apologizes for the error.



# Lassa swearing-in ceremony to be held at UWSP Faculty Senate passes security camera policy

Senator-elect Julie Lassa, a 1993 graduate of UW-Stevens Point, will be sworn into office for the 24th State Senate District on Thursday, May 8, at 5:45 p.m.

The ceremony will be held in the courtyard of the UWSP Fine Arts Center. The Honorable William Bablitch, retiring justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, will preside over the ceremony.

Lassa will be the second person in UWSP's 108-year history to take the oath of office on campus for government service. Lee Sherman Dreyfus, UWSP

chancellor from 1967-1977, was sworn in as Wisconsin's 40th governor on the steps of Old Main in January 1979.

A political science and public administration major at UWSP, Lassa continues to pursue a master's degree at UW-Madison's La Follette Institute of Public Affairs.

First elected to the State Assembly in 1998, Lassa has served on the Assembly's Colleges and

Universities Committee.

"We are honored to host Senator-elect Lassa's swearing-in ceremony here at her alma mater," said UWSP Chancellor Thomas George. "Julie is a longtime supporter of higher education and the critical role the UW System plays in Wisconsin's academic and economic future. She has not forgotten the value of her education and how it helped prepare her for the rigors and demands



Lassa

of public service."

Lassa was among the first in the Assembly to urge that student financial aid increases keep pace with student tuition hikes. She supported legislation creating an income tax credit for businesses that pay tuition for their employees to attend a university, college or technical college in the state.

Two years ago, Lassa co-authored a bill to add a second student regent to the UW System's Board of Regents. To that end, she brought the committee to campus for a public hearing in May 2001.

By John Baeten  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On April 16, the Faculty Senate at UWSP voted unanimously to approve the installation of security cameras at UWSP. The initial policy was passed by the University Affairs Committee and then sent to Faculty Senate, who in turn, sent it to Chancellor George for approval.

Some questions were brought up at the Faculty Senate meeting about the initial policy and how it would affect University routine.

According to the Faculty Senate, "A discussion followed which raised the following concerns: is there enough theft to warrant the policy, and will the policy violate academic freedom in the classroom? It was pointed out that security cameras would only capture images, not audio."

SGA President Nick Crawford was also at the meeting and answered questions regarding student concerns.

According to Crawford, "There were two students on this committee. Drafts of the policy were also presented at SGA meetings as drafts of the policy made their way through the committee."

Crawford further stated, "That overall the [student] response to the policy was positive."

The security camera officer, who is responsible for the images captured on the cameras, will be appointed after the Chancellor approves the policy.

According to Provost and Vice Chancellor Virginia Helm, "I expect the policy will be ready for implementation by July 1. Prior to that time, we will select a security camera officer and begin developing any necessary additional guidelines for implementation."

According to Padmanabhan Sudevan, chair of the Faculty Senate, "Anything approved by the Senate becomes university policy when the Chancellor signs the item. It takes a couple of weeks, typically."

Students concerned with the policy and security cameras in general are urged to contact the chancellor. The chancellor can be reached by phone at 346-2123.

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al and an SGA organized trip to the Statewide Day of Action last month.

Richlen's role in student issues also extended beyond matters concerning the state budget, as she emerged as the first SGA president to allow Chancellor Thomas George to propose a differential tuition program to the student senate, a measure aimed at improving undergraduate advising, career advising and student programs.

The United Council recently honored Richlen as its President of the Year for her efforts, and she has also received James H. Albertson Award honoring outstanding leadership, scholarship and campus citizenship.

In addition to serving as the student regent, Richlen will also attend UW-Madison, where she intends to study law.

## File-sharing

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also been considered and could see implementation as early as this fall.

"The most viable deterrent seems to be charging folks continuing to use large amounts of bandwidth for illegal or any other activity, just like we charge for printing in our computer labs," said Andrews. "Those who use the most bandwidth would pay the most for Internet access and usage."

Universities across the nation have witnessed half or more of their bandwidth utilized by students uploading and downloading music, films and software since the Napster file-sharing program emerged as a popular entity in 1999.

Some universities have attempted to combat such bandwidth use by blocking network traffic associated with file-sharing programs or have resorted to confiscating computers used to trade copyrighted files.

Pennsylvania State University opted to discontinue network access to 220 students who had traded copyrighted files last month after issuing a warning about the legalities of such conduct in March. The Naval Academy also disciplined 85 students last month who were allegedly involved in using campus resources for file sharing activities. Earlier this month, the New Jersey Institute of Technology opted to ban the use of file-sharing software on its campus, stating that the risk of lawsuits played a factor in its decision.

The RIAA stepped up its own efforts to stop illegal downloading in

April, launching an instant messaging campaign to send warning messages to copyright violators that use services provided by KaZaA and Grokster.

Though the RIAA has stated that issuing warning messages is a component of an educational effort to prevent future abuses, others outside the industry have suggested the move by the RIAA may be a precursor of things to come.

"While it's easy to blend in with millions of others, this wired world leaves traces that will eventually catch up to you," said Nicholas Crawford of the Student Government Association (SGA). "The next logical step in this progression is to pursue people who have copies of music and video on their hard drives and prosecute them for that."

An ad hoc campus committee has been formed at UWSP to examine the issues of copyright violations and billing for bandwidth usage and includes representatives from SGA, the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Student Conduct Office, ResNet and Information Technology (IT).

According to Crawford, students can expect to see a more concrete policy by this fall.

"Events on other campuses brought an urgency to the issue across the country," he said. "It's only prudent to take steps on our campus."

More information on the downloading policy for the university network at UWSP can be found at <http://www.uwsp.edu/it/policies/net-policies/htm>.



## Sims Hall

Tuesday, May 6 1:01 a.m.

A fire alarm was activated by a smoke detector.

## Lot Q

Friday, May 2 11:25 a.m.

A student reported that the passenger side bumper of her car, directly behind the rear tire, had been pushed inward and had scratches on it that contained red paint.

## Thomson Hall

Friday, May 2 1:12 a.m.

Stevens Point police requested assistance for ambulance attendants tending to an injured victim in the hall basement.

## Lot Q

Thursday, May 1 12:35 p.m.

A student reported that the driver's side rear truck window was smashed and his fuzzbuster was stolen.

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# Whatever...the world according to Steve

My last column as dicta...er, editor:  
Unique beards make me sappy.

By Steve Seamandel  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The temps are increasing. Focusing on homework is becoming more difficult while tossing the disc suddenly becomes a huge priority. Spring is in the air, finals will pass in no time and before you know it, we'll be in the wonderful college downtime known as summer.

It's safe to say that we've all just about made it. Surely, we'll have to cope with the perils of final exams and moving. In my case, the latter will involve two weeks of vagrancy, drifting from city to city, sleeping on random couches and floors. There ain't nothin' quite like college.

While I lived in the dorms, all of the older students told me that every semester goes by more quickly than the previous one. I'm not sure if I buy that, but this year certainly flew by rather quickly. The daily rigors I faced this year were certainly unique ones.

For starters, I lived with seven female roommates this year. The opportunity pretty much fell into my lap, mostly because I was in the right place at the right time. At first I had my doubts, as I'm sure the seven ladies did as well.

However, I can honestly say that this was an experience that I wouldn't trade for the world, and it's made me a better person in the process. Now I'm trained to leave the toilet seat down and clean up after making a mess in the kitchen, a few things that some of my roomies don't even do. Now that's what I call progress.

And obviously, the biggest stress-factor for me this year was what you're holding right now. *The Pointer* slapped me around until I was down and bleeding and made me its bitch – but I still wouldn't have traded the opportunity to be the big chief. Whether you're reading my column for the first time this week, or if you've read every single one and

plastered your ceilings with my columns (and picture with Kermit), thanks for reading.

My heartfelt thanks also goes out to everyone who's written a letter to the editor this year, or sent some sort of comment, to *The Pointer* this year. Feedback is a definite sign that our work in *The Pointer* is getting read, and it's a complete pat on the back to get any sort of response from our readers, whether positive or negative.

At the beginning of the year, this column merely served as a means for me to ramble about whatever was on my mind that particular week. Since about week three of *The Pointer*, I've honestly been putting serious thought into each topic. Rest assured, some were better than others, and it truly comes as a shocker to me that some of my friends think my "I can't grow a beard" article from last October was the best thing I wrote all year.

I really hated that article at the time. However, I learned a major lesson from it that weekend when countless people approached me, saying that it was the best thing I've ever written. Just because you hate it as an author doesn't mean that others can't, or won't, enjoy it.

Yep, I learned lots this year, like not to let grades get you down. Believe it or not, profs aren't always right. Just because you can't even buy an "A" in a class doesn't mean you're a horrible writer. And never let your self confidence, or lack thereof, get in the way of something you want to do, write or say.

All sap and preachiness aside, have a nice, relaxing summer, or post-college life, and I'll see you in the funny pages until next fall, when you'll see me on the page before the funny pages.



## America's involvement

At the end of World War II, America was a nation beloved by the Arab world. At this time in history, the Zionist nightmare was about to hit the Arab world. When it did, with the birth of the State of Israel, courtesy of American intimidation of certain members of the UN, the respect for America and regard for Americans began to vanish from the Arab nations of the Middle East.

How did this happen? The answer lies in the power the friends of Zionism had in the administration of President Truman, who pointed out to his advisors that he had a constituency very much interested in the Zionist cause in Palestine but no constituency with a concern for Arab interests.

In the Eisenhower administration, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles tried to reverse American policy by making the observation, "The Israeli Embassy is practically dictating to the Congress through influential Jewish people in the country" (*Warriors at Suez*, Donald Neff, p.433).

Zionist control of the executive branch came back with a vengeance with the advent of the Johnson administration when the 34 Americans killed by the Israelis during the attack on the USS liberty resulted in no congressional investigation with Israel receiving more monetary and material aid from America.

Israel's American friends have increased their stranglehold on American Middle East policy over the years to where today we are hated in the Middle East because American-supplied weaponry to Israel is murdering Palestinians on a daily basis.

The Iraqi war cost at least 100 young American lives. How many Americans will die in the next war concocted by Bush's lackeys of the State of Israel?

-William Gariland, Rio, Wis.

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"I find subversive honor in  
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opposition..."

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mise who you are for what  
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too short, be happy with who  
you are and what you have."

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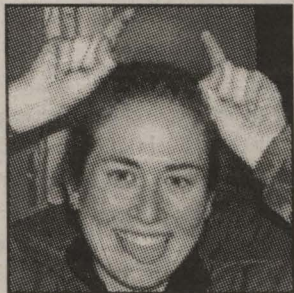
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What's the first thing you're going to do after your last final?



Katy Edwards, Senior, Res. Mgmt

Do something that will constitute an appearance on World's Wildest Police Chases.



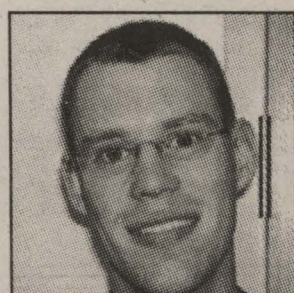
Jeff Borling, Senior, English

Talk to Bill Chilletti as little as possible.



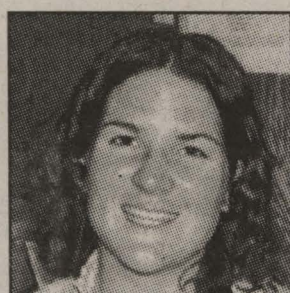
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Candles, a glass of wine and a bubble bath.



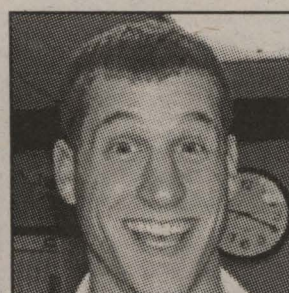
Dax Burroughs, Jr., Poli Sci

Stop thinking until next semester.



Erin Riley, Jr., Health Promotion

Be the first person to open and close Ella's on the same day.



Andrew "Chaska" Grasmiek, Sr., Comm

Dance naked in my living room with Squanto.

## Pointers down under

The Australian Outback - a land of dry, red earth, of giant, hopping creatures, of birds that don't fly but are as tall as a man, of hard-worn farmers struggling to eke out a living, of . . . Pointers?!!

A group of 35 students left Chicago on January 4 to study abroad through the UWSP International Program office known as the South Pacific: Australia program.

Led by Dr. Perry Cook, a professor in the Education Department, the group spent two weeks learning about the indigenous culture in Fiji before continuing on their journey to Dunmore Lang College in North Ryde, a suburb of Sydney, Australia. In between classes, like international studies, anthropology, national resources, and geography, the group traveled to the nearby Blue Mountains and the Australian capital, Canberra, to put their knowledge to work. Most recently, the students, along with Perry Cook, his wife, Jean, and their three children - Danielle (age nine), Connor (seven), and Stephanie (four), ventured to the famous Australian Outback.

The journey began with a 16-hour train ride from Sydney to Broken Hill, an old mining town in the area where silver and lead were discovered in 1883. After arrival, the group boarded a coach to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). This service provides general and emergency medical care to an area the size of England. With a plane

we were going to tumble over the top of the camels when they were standing up and laying down," said Lori Damon, a Pointer on the trip.

After an Aussie barbequed lunch in Silverton, described as "a virtual ghost town" by the Broken Hill Regional Tourist Association, the group continued further into the Outback to White Cliffs.



Trekking through the Outback in a camel caravan. From left to right: Kelly Fortune & Kari Tweedale, Kelly Dickey and Katie Riester, Ryan Wenzel and Jeremy DeWall

Escaping most of the flies by hopping on the coach, the group transferred to their next location - Tirlta Sheep Station. A third-generation rancher, Ian Jackson provided the students with a personal accounting of the hardships of the recent drought, which was the worst in recorded

Arriving back in Broken Hill, the students visited the Line of Lode Visitors Centre Miners Memorial, commemorating the loss of miners in the area during the mine's long history, before their 16-hour train ride back to civilization and away from the amazing and intoxicating Outback. As Allison Langford, a graduate of UWSP, explained, "I never knew being out in the middle of nowhere could be so incredibly fun!"

-Jessica Gillis, UWSP student



Stopping at a camel farm, everyone had the opportunity to experience how Burke and Wills traversed the isolated Australian Outback in the latter half of the 19th century - in a camel caravan. Seated double atop moaning, nose-pierced camels, the courageous riders learned to appreciate the camels' gait and methods of taking on passengers.

"It was a lot of fun, but I think we all thought

## President Bush's favorite Iraqi - an embezzler

Why has President George W. Bush chosen a convicted embezzler, who stole \$78 million from the Petra Bank of Jordan, as the future ruler of Iraq?

I have reference to the head of the Iraqi National Congress, Ahmad Chalabi, who is the darling of the JINSA (Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs) "chicken-hawks" Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz and others who are now running America's foreign policy in the Middle East.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher pointed out to Tim Russert in an April 27 "Meet the Press" interview that Ahmad Chalabi has been convicted in absentia of embezzlement of the Petra bank funds mentioned above which led to the bank's collapse. Mr. Muasher cited the fact that Ahmad Chalabi is now a fugitive from Jordanian justice with a 22-year prison sentence hanging over his head.

The Bush-anointed Chalabi is not only an absconding crook from Jordan. Jordan's foreign minister also pointed out that our president's favorite Iraqi also bankrupted two banks in Lebanon and is now in trouble with the banking authorities in Switzerland.

The Swiss media has reported that "Chalabi-linked finance firms" loaned "millions of pounds to companies controlled by the Chalabi family, including Ahmad Chalabi himself..." (The Guardian-Reuters-April 18 - <<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/04/17/1050172708630.html>> -).

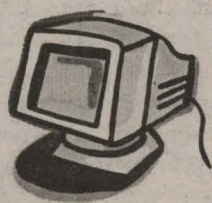
The Chalabi controlled Swiss banks Socofi and Mebco also experienced the same fate as the Petra bank of Jordan, Ahmad Chalabi's premier exercise in embezzlement.

Is this why some 130 young Americans died? Did they die to replace the despot of Baghdad with a professional swindler?

These are questions which should be addressed to our representatives in Congress. These are questions that should be addressed to President George W. Bush himself.

-William Herzinger, Neenah, Wis.

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## Patriotism and protest

I am writing to question your headline of last week's *Pointer*, "Laird Day brings out patriotism and protest." Who and where were the patriots on Laird Day. I expect to find this kind of slanted news in the *Stevens Point Journal* or Fox News. I naively expected more objective news from *The Pointer*.

Protesters are patriots! It is the right wing view that people exercising their constitutional rights are unpatriotic. I do not understand how exercising one's Constitutional right to protest a war that one feels is immoral is unpatriotic. It takes a real patriot to go against the majority opinion and express their unpopular opinions publicly.

We have seen people like Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, the Dixie Chicks and others branded as unpatriotic because they have spoken out against a war and a foreign policy that they consider corrupt and immoral. Now we have seen *The Pointer* brand protesters as unpatriotic because the spoke out against the majority opinion.

It takes courage and dedication to one's beliefs and morals to take such unpopular stands in the U.S. these days. Would the founding fathers have been ashamed of the Laird Day protesters? I do not think so. They fought for the right to speak out and to protest. They wrote the constitution in hopes that the tyranny of the majority would not take away the rights of the minority.

I think that the founding fathers would be prouder of the protesters than the Republican senator. Protesters were supporting human rights and the killing of innocent people for corporate profits. The Republican senator was supporting bombing innocent people and the occupation of a foreign land for corporate profit.

I have no doubt that all of the founding fathers would see the protesters as the epitome of the American patriotic spirit and condemn the senator as unpatriotic to the American ideals.

In the future, would you please let the reader decide who is patriotic and who isn't? You just need to report the story.

-Jim Kelim, ESL Director, UWSP



# Barney Street: not a purple singing dinosaur

Leigh-Ann Balthazor  
FEATURES REPORTER

Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m., the staff of *Barney Street* will sponsor a release party at the fire pit outside of the Allen Center, which will include poetry and fiction readings of student works, free food, T-shirts, prizes and a free copy of *Barney Street*.

"What the hell is *Barney Street*?" you ask. "And what is it releasing?"

*Barney Street* is UWSP's literary magazine, showcasing poetry, fiction and art. The magazine, which was written, edited and steered through the publishing process by UWSP students, is released annually each spring. This year, the release will be celebrated with a party for the staff, submitters and their guests and anyone else who is interested in literature, art or even just likes to toast marshmallows over a campfire.

*Barney Street*, originally titled *Portage*, was first published in the 1970s. The title was changed in the early 1980s to commemorate the legendary Barney Street, which used to run down the center of campus. The College of Letters and Science and Fine Arts Center now reside in its place, leaving the literary *Barney Street* the job of bringing together those who write and those who make art.

Currently, the staff is working to publicize the literary magazine to gain more readers and also to encourage more writers to submit their work.

Kate Kirschner, *Barney Street* staff member, said,

"We really want to reach those outside of the English department. There are plenty of outstanding writers on this campus who may also be natural resource majors, business majors or music majors."

The release party, along with the new t-shirts with the words "Sea Salt & Malt Vinegar" printed on them, (the product of a mistake in the chip aisle and a *Barney Street* member with unusual taste), is just the beginning of *Barney Street's* quest to build a new, more friendly, image and to become known by UWSP students. The staff wants

**"Too much purple dinosaur connotation. The magazine is really a serious literary work."**

to make *Barney Street* a fixture on campus, as well as a mark of pride among the students. Along with readings, prizes and food, the party will include a contest that will gather ideas for a new name for the literary magazine.

"Too much purple dinosaur connotation," said Erica Ringelspaugh, editor-in-chief of *Barney Street* from 2002-2003. "The magazine is really a serious literary work. Students and staff are very proud of it. I don't want it to be demeaned in the public's mind."

Next year, the staff of *Barney Street* plans to launch a huge ad campaign to gain submissions (due in December) for its 2004 edition.

"We've put a lot of work into asking for submissions. We've hung up posters, posted in the SMOD and have even

harassed the professors to support us," said Chris Klingbeil, staff member.

"We had a lot of trouble getting submissions this year," said Ringelspaugh. "We had only 13 submissions by the end of January and the deadline for submissions was Feb. 15. We worked our butts off making posters and spreading the word, but it paid off. By Feb. 15, we had 206 submissions."

The staff of *Barney Street* was incredibly impressed by the quality of submissions, and expects to get even more next year. They are also looking to recruit new members. With a bigger staff, the organization hopes to hold more fundraisers to raise money for a larger magazine.

"With more pages comes more student work that will be available to the university," said Kirschner.

To get a start on this plan, there will be a donation jar available at the release party. In case of rain, the release party will be held at the Mission Coffeehouse following the English Department awards ceremony.

If you are interested in joining the editorial team for next year or would like submission information, please e-mail *Barney Street* at lbalt936@uwsp.edu.

## Organization of the Week: A.C.T.

By Nora F. Bates  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Association for Community Tasks (ACT) is a student volunteer organization. The group places students in volunteer positions throughout the community to gain experience in their major or minor. This also allows them to have fun and make new friends. Most importantly, the group's goal is to make a difference in the community.

ACT's executive members are President Sara Gardner, Vice President Stephanie Muelbauer, Budget Director Kristen Nehring, Director of Agencies Leigh Wurm, Director of Computer Operations Eric Lieven, Director of Hunger Clean-up Katy Steeno, Director of

Newsletter and Public Relations Bethany Kromholz Director of Schools Missy Miller and Blood Drive Coordinator Melissa Berwick.

This past year ACT has spent time cleaning up area parks and painting agency buildings and has raised money for the community with such programs as Operation Bootstrap and the Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

Coming up yet this semester is the Relay for Life of Stevens Point, sponsored by the American Cancer Society to be held May 9 and 10.

If you would like to be a part of this organization or are interested in any of their community involvement projects email them at; act@uwsp.edu.

## Health Advocate

Dear Health Advocate,

I am a not a smoker, but I have a friend that smokes. She frequently smokes around me and I am wondering, what are the risks of being around second-hand smoke?

Sincerely,  
Pondering Pointer

Dear Pondering Pointer,

Your concerns are definitely justified. Second-hand smoke (SHS), otherwise known as Environmental Tobacco Smoke is a recognized carcinogen, meaning it has been proven to cause cancer. SHS is categorized as a class A carcinogen, which means it is in the most lethal group of cancer-causing agents. The Environmental Protection Agency has done research on SHS and has found that 3,000 non-smokers die annually from lung cancer.

As you can see, there are definite risks to being around SHS. I would suggest sharing this information about SHS with your friend. It will help her see that she is not only putting herself at risk, but she is also compromising your health and well-being when she chooses to smoke in your presence.

It is very important to be aware of health risks like SHS. Being aware and taking action to protect yourself can help to ensure a longer and healthier life. If you would like more information, contact the Student Health Promotion Office, located in the lower level of the Allen Center in Room 004 or call ext. 3414.

Sincerely,  
Your Health Advocate

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## Graduates get ready for spring commencement

About 1,100 graduates will receive their diplomas at the 2003 spring commencement at 1 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at UWSP's Specht Memorial Forum (Sundial).

The program will open with the national anthem sung by Jessica Pagel, a senior voice major, who also will lead the singing of the alma mater.

Chancellor George will present diplomas and give the charge to graduates. Doris See ('48), a member of UWSP's Alumni Association Board of Directors, will give the charge to alumni. Music will be provided by the UWSP Commencement Band under the direction of Scott Teeple.

Graduating senior Beth Ann Richlen of Milwaukee will address the audience as Class of 2003 Representative.

In the event of inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to the Quandt Fieldhouse and split into two separate ceremonies. The 1 p.m. ceremony would confer diploma for all associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees within the College of Letters and Science. The 3:30 p.m. ceremony would confer all master's degrees and baccalaureate degrees for the Colleges of Professional Studies, Natural Resources and Fine Arts and Communication.



## Students represent UWSP in Kentucky

By Nora F. Bates  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Early last month, two graduating UWSP seniors attended the 14th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Science and Culture at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

Katherine Spalding, a philosophy and environmental ethics major, presented "Archaeology and the Concept of Wilderness: Resting Wilderness on Past Impacts." Kathryn Brickman, an anthropology and environmental studies major, presented "The Role of Archaeology in Conservation: What It Gets Us, and What It Might Not". "The papers were well received and there were many positive comments about the level of professionalism that these two students displayed," said philosophy Professor Michael Nelson, who accompanied the students.

On Thursday May 8 at 4p.m. in D314 Science Building, both students will be sharing their para-professional experiences and participating in an inter-disciplinary discussion with the campus. The UWSP Anthropology Club is sponsoring the presentation and everyone is welcome to attend. That same evening, Brickman and Spalding have also been requested to present a poster regarding their work for the UW-System Board of Regents meeting held here on campus.

Both students are employed for the summer at Ft. McCoy in archaeological tech positions. Brickman will be doing graduate work this fall in Environmental Studies at the University of Illinois-Springfield through an assistantship with the EPA. Spalding will be pursuing independent research and studies.

## Summer cookout recipe: grilled corn on the cob

### What you need:

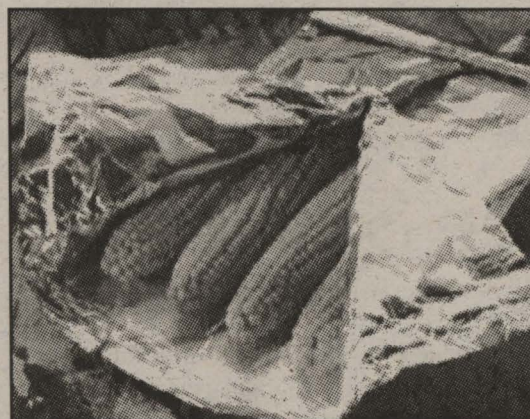
- 1 sheet (18x24") heavy duty aluminum foil or Reynolds cooking packet
- 4 ears corn on the cob, husked
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- salt & pepper to taste or seasoning salt
- 2 ice cubes

### What to do:

Preheat oven to 450° or build a medium-high fire in barbecue or grill. Spread margarine on corn. Sprinkle with

seasonings. Top with ice cubes. Place corn in aluminum foil. Double fold top and ends to seal making one large foil packet (see photo) or place ingredients in an alu-

minum cooking bag and seal carefully. Leave room for heat circulation inside. Bake 35 to 40 minutes on a cookie sheet in the oven or grill 15 to 20 minutes. Turn packet over once during cooking. Open carefully to avoid steam and enjoy. Makes 4 servings.



## Infinity Syndicate provides students with alternatives

By Nora F. Bates  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR  
& Ryan Drum  
FEATURES REPORTER

Infinity Syndicate is a new organization on campus that has started a revolution.

The stated mission of Infinity Syndicate is "to provide UWSP students, faculty and staff with independent and alternative forms of mass media, through the sharing of information in the forms of written publications, video documentaries and other actions."

The group aims to promote unity, critical thinking, awareness and combat apa-

thy. They strive to inform the entire Stevens Point community about the processes that control and run our lives.

Infinity Syndicate strives to perform a valuable service on this campus. The group says, "We live in a time of accelerating social and environmental crises, and a time of great denial. Corporate media and the rhetoric of fearless leaders do not always portray the facts accurately or, more importantly, focus attention where it is desperately needed."

The group encourages creative and critical thought. They promote action and individual empowerment in a society that

**"Corporate media and the rhetoric of fearless leaders do not always portray the facts accurately."**

is in desperate need of positive change. They encourage people to be critical, to resist and disrupt the norm, to focus their dissent, to destroy that which

needs to be destroyed, to have vision, to create something new and beautiful and to celebrate life.

Infinity Syndicate has implemented a documentary screening in the UC Encore

and has published a magazine, called the *Paper Brick*, that has already begun to unite several sectors across campus, including artists, writers and philosophers. There will be a second issue of the magazine available before the end of the semester. The group is still taking submissions for issue two of *Paper Brick*.

The group has a lot of other ideas that will hopefully manifest themselves next year, focusing on multi-media, art, video and audio forms of expression.

If you are interested in submitting or attending meetings, contact Ryan Drum or Matt Oldenburg via email. The group meets Monday evenings at 9 p.m. in the room adjacent to the Brewhaus.

## Week in Point

Thursday, May 8, 2003

Residence Hall Association Presents: Spring Festival w/ Rock n' Roll To Go Plus and DJ. Debot, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga Class B w/Maureen Houlihan. Allen Center, 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Danstage, FAC Jenkins Theatre, 7:30 PM

One-Man Play w/Albert Wyatt Kuether (Point Brewed Talent). UC The Encore, 8:00 PM

Friday, May 9, 2003  
Last day of spring semester classes

Groundwater Festival School Day. Campus-Wide, 9:00 AM

Centertainment Productions Presents: The Encore Affair Featuring Pat McCurdy and Exit. UC The Encore, 6:00 PM

Danstage, FAC Jenkins Theatre, 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 10, 2003  
Reading Day, Campus-Wide, All day

First Annual Wisconsin Groundwater Festival-Get WET and Energized. Debot, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Danstage, FAC Jenkins Theatre, 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 11, 2003  
The Stargazer Planetarium Show. Planetarium/Observatory, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Monday, May 12, 2003  
Spring semester final exams week. Campus-Wide

Tuesday, May 13, 2003  
Concert Band, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 11, 2003  
Spring Commencement, 1:00 PM  
Specht Memorial Forum (Sandial)

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# Pointer selects Koenig and Cady as players of the year

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pointer sports department has named sophomore wrestler Cody Koenig and senior soccer player Molly Cady the first ever Pointer newspaper athletes of the year. Selection was based on not only individual athletic achievements, but on what each athlete brought to their respective teams, their academic prowess and their standing as ideal student-athletes.

Koenig, a native of Underwood, Iowa, had his second straight outstanding season for the Pointer wrestling team during the 2002-2003 season. After finishing as a runner-up for a Division III title as a freshman, Koenig came back this season on a mission, going a perfect 36-0 and capturing the NCAA Division III title at 174 pounds.

Koenig used a miraculous comeback finish to beat top-seeded and defending champion Eduard Aliakseyinka from Montclair State in his title match. Trailing 8-4 after Aliakseyinka had four takedowns and Koenig had four escapes, Aliakseyinka again had Koenig

down before Koenig reversed him with 10 seconds left in the second period and pinned him with three seconds remaining.

Koenig's win also helped the Pointers capture a school-record third place as they edged out fourth place Montclair State by just two points. Although still a young athlete himself, Koenig sees himself as a team leader. "I always work hard, which I think is important for the young guys to see," said Koenig. "Toward the end of the season things get tough, so I try to be joker of the room. I think that it's important to keep things light."

Koenig, a wildlife major, hopes to go into environmental law enforcement or the Department of Natural Resources after his college career. "[My academics] are very important to me. That is really what you go to school for," said Koenig.

Cady, a midfielder from Cottage Grove, Wis., led her team to an 18-1-2 record overall during the 2002 season.

Molly led the team in assists and was second in goals, along with being one of the top if not the top defensive player on the team. She also served as a team captain.

"Molly is a great senior as far as leadership ability," said Head Soccer Coach Sheila Miech. "The kids that came in really looked up to her as a role model for the type of player she's been these last four years."

Cady also garnered regional second-team All-American honors for the third straight year, along with being named the player of the year in the WIAC. She became the 25th player in Division III history to reach 40 goals and 40 assists in a career, ranking third in school history with 129 career points, third in career assists with 43 and fifth in career goals with 43.

Cady also has excelled in the classroom, garnering honors throughout her four years at Point. She is a physical education major and will graduate in May 2004. "I think that academics are really important, because as a Division III athlete, you need to be realistic on what you are going to do with the rest of your life," said Cady.



Koenig



Cady

## Pointer Spotlight: Bowling for love of the lane

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

When walking into Skipps Bowling alley on a Wednesday night, it does not require much skill to pick out the table where The Dirty Hippies are sitting.

The pitcher in the center of the table contains Point Amber, however that name has no bearing on the Dirty Hippies. If you ask them what they're drinking the only answer received is "motor oil." While the brew does have an eerily similar look to engine lubricant, many more items lay on the table also.

At first glance the pint glasses don't seem unique, except when staring around at the plastic cups the other

tables hold. Each glass has a separate bead bracelet encircling it so that each member can recognize their own personal glass. A jar of chili nuts and a blue ashtray, both brought from home, also help the table stand out. Toward the front of the table sits a water bottle; the hippies won't say exactly what's in the bottle, only that "It's not water."

Of course the Dirty Hippies stand out just fine all by themselves. This four-man bowling team has competed in Skipps' Wednesday bowling league the last seven seasons, or three and a half years.

Their co-founder, Chuckwagon, has seen quite a change since he began the legendary team nearly four years ago. "When we first started there were no women and eight teams, but now there's 35 teams that are about 30 percent women and two separate leagues."

While the expanding number of teams required a 9 p.m. league in addition to the 7 p.m. league, Hippies member JEB wants to make it clear that while the leagues are separate, they are not equal.

"7 o'clock is the pro league. We call the 9 o'clock the 12 year-old league because it's a bunch of girls who look like they're 12 and apparently are in college."

Peco and Fast Eddie fill out the Dirty Hippies four-man team, although Chuckwagon remains the lone original member. In all, 14 different men can consider themselves a Dirty Hippiie at some point during the last seven seasons.

The original four included Squiglet, Mr. Frumples and Pauly Wolly. In this bowling league, real names quickly give way to the name on the bowling shirt.

The Hippies are the only league team with legitimate, collared bowling shirts. The turquoise shirts proudly display the team name on the back with corresponding nicknames on the front; of course the black collar gives the shirts some style as well. "Not only are we the best looking team, but we have the coolest jerseys in the league," said JEB modestly.

Fast Eddie is the lone hippie without his name stenciled on the front pocket, instead his shirt proclaims the name "Lincoln" on the chest. Unfortunately, Lincoln's tenure on the team was short-lived due to differing commitments.

"Lincoln's a great guy, but he wasn't committed to the Dirty Hippies," said JEB. "He had to commit



Photo by Tom Behnke

The Dirty Hippies wait on their lane during league play.

to work and school rather than the Dirty Hippies. That's a perfectly acceptable decision to make; now Eddie's filled the void."

On this night, the Hippies are battling the team Throwing Rocks, and Peco is on fire. He's tossed six consecutive strikes and ends up with a near career best of 257.

After a victory in the opening game, the Hippies drop the final two games to the Rocks, but the mutual respect is obvious. When a member of either team throws a strike or spare, both teams give the man high fives.

Al, of Rocks, enjoys playing against the Hippies more than any other team in the league. "We yell at these guys every single time we're out here. It's the coolest. They're our favorite guys to play against."

Despite the influx of new players, the Hippies always have one common trait. Well it used to be two common traits, but Chuckwagon has since changed the requirements.

"You've got to love the lane and have a passion. It started that you also had to have long hair, but that rule has been thrown out now that we all have short hair."

After this season the Hippies must replace the graduating Chuckwagon and departing Fast Eddie. But the team will move forward, "We're the Rolling Stones of bowling. We may be geezers but we still know how to bowl," said Chuckwagon.

You might think that, after seven seasons, Chuckwagon may get a little misty-eyed in his next to last league game, but nothing could be further from the truth. The Hippies' co-founder only concerns himself with one thing: "I just want to bowl, I'll always be bowling."

### SENIOR ON THE SPOT

#### JOSH GOLLER - JOURNALIST



Goller

#### Career Highlights

- Served as Editor-in-Chief for the 2001-2002 season
- Personally interviewed Gov. Jim Doyle in 2003
- Got recognized by drunks at local taverns as "Guy who writes those funny articles"

**Majors** - Communication and Psychology  
**Hometown** - New London, Wis.

**Nickname** - "Oshkosh B' Josh"

**Idol while growing up** - Uncle Jesse from *Full House* and Bob Ross (that painter with the afro).

**What are your plans after graduation?** - I'm headed to Japan to get all enlightened and sh\*\*.

**Do you plan on writing after graduation?** - Of course. I plan to pursue an underpaid position in writing where my talent will go unappreciated by the humorless drones in charge. Also, at some point I'm going to try to write a novel that no one will read.

**What is your favorite aspect of working for The Pointer?** - Ranting and raving in print every week. And free use of the copy machine.

**Most embarrassing moment** - Writing about my own tumble down the Steiner Hall stairs and subsequent underage drinking ticket in the Campus Beat back in 2000.

**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?** - George W. Bush, so I could pull my head out of my ass.

**What three CD's are in your stereo right now?**

1. The Disco Biscuits - 4-19-03 disc 1
2. The White Stripes - Elephant
3. George Harrison - Brainwashed

**What will you remember most about writing for The Pointer at UWSP?** - Taking part in three of the most memorable issues of *The Pointless* on record.

**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** - Procrastination works. I'm a procrastination poster boy, and they're letting me graduate! Suckers!





## Guckenberger rewrites record book

### Senior pitcher Karen Guckenberger's work ethic inspires brilliant career

By Tyler Drummond and Alexis Sustman  
SPORTS REPORTERS

In sports, there are two types of athletes: the athletes that are born with natural talent to play their respective sports and the athletes that work overtime to gain the valuable skills needed to compete. UW-Stevens Point softball player Karen Guckenberger is the best of both worlds, combining her awesome natural talent with her incredible work ethic.

Karen Guckenberger, the senior Pointer softball ace, has been involved with softball for as long as she can remember. Guckenberger started playing softball when she was nine, but it wasn't until she was 11 that she found her niche as a pitcher.

Little did anyone know at the time that the 11-year-old pitcher would someday grow up to rewrite the record books at UWSP. Currently, Guckenberger holds the record for single season strikeouts, strikeouts in a career, most wins and she also holds the Division III record for most saves in a career, a record she broke earlier this year.

"The things I've accomplished were never really goals. I just wanted to go out and do my best, and it just happens that I broke the records," said Guckenberger.

Guckenberger likes to give her parents the credit for molding her work ethic into what it is today. Her parents led by example and Karen credits her parents for her will to keep going when things get rough.

"I look up to my parents because they have a great work ethic, which is something they've really passed along to me," said Guckenberger.

Not to say that Karen doesn't put

in a lot of her own personal time into becoming the best player she can be. Guckenberger jokes that her parents tell her "if she put as much time into school as she does into softball, she'd have a 4.0 grade point average."

"Usually during the off season I lift four times a week and do cardio workouts four times a week. During the fall season, I pitch every day, but when the fall season starts (October to December) I'll pitch about twice a week. However, as soon as second semester starts, I go back to pitching everyday," said Guckenberger.

"Karen is a hard worker, and she pushes others to do the same," added senior teammate Caroline

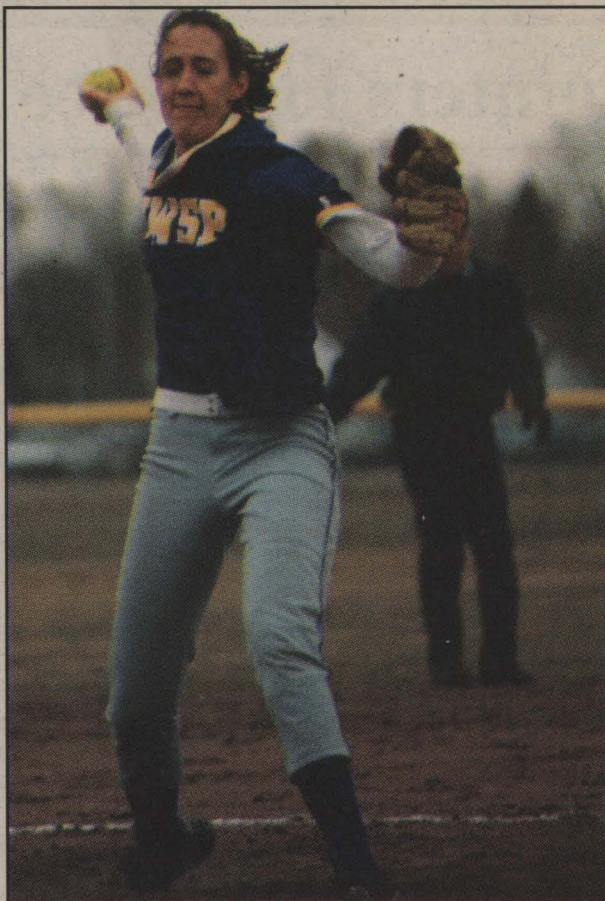


Guckenberger

Hermesen.

Going into this season, Guckenberger had her sights set on keeping sharp and not having a 'senior let-down.'

"I didn't want to have a senior let-down," said Guckenberger. See **Fastpitch**, page 10



File Photo

Senior pitcher Karen Guckenberger has set nearly every softball pitching record during her career at UWSP.

## LaCrosse and Oshkosh spoil home track advantage

By Tony Bastien  
SPORTS REPORTER

### men's track & field

Last weekend there were plenty of events going on around the community of Stevens Point including Rusty's Backwater Bash and the Beer Festival in the park, but none came with as much excitement as the closest WIAC conference meet in nearly 30 years.

Unfortunately, for the home crowd in Point the Pointers weren't in the running for the conference championship as it came to an end late Saturday afternoon at Coleman Field.

It was favorites UW-LaCrosse and UW-Oshkosh providing the thrill, battling for the crown with the same result as the indoor championship just two months earlier. Final team scores were: LAX-209.5, OSH-204 and SP-139.5. The five and half points separating LaCrosse and Oshkosh was the slimmest margin since Stevens Point and LaCrosse tied with 74 points apiece back in 1974.

"It was pretty much what we expected. We realized third was about the best we could get and that the meet was going to be pretty close between those two (LaCrosse and Oshkosh). It turned out it was closer than we actually thought," said Coach Rick Witt.

Witt was not disappointed in his team's efforts though, adding, "We were proud of our kids. I think we performed as well as we could have done. All-in-all, I thought if we had our best meet we could score 150 points."

Injuries hampered the men as it had all spring long. Issues with their sprinters in the 100m, 200m and 400m posed problems, as did foot injuries to the team's second-best hammer thrower, Mark



Photo by Patricia Larson

The Pointers hosted the WIAC track meet on Friday and Saturday.

Weirzba, and All-American distance runner, Matt LaLonde, took points off the board before they were even put up for the team.

Coach Witt offered this analogy, "Start taking four or five of your top line people out and that makes a huge difference. That'd be just like a football team without five of their starters."

For UWSP individual accomplishments from the meet, there were two conference champions. Scott Dreger won the javelin event and Aaron Carley won the long jump. Dreger joined the track team three years ago, but he had actually come to UWSP to play football. Witt had nothing but praise for Dreger and his perseverance to become a conference champion.

"Scott's a guy you really like to see have success...through extremely hard work he has made himself into a really, really good track and field performer and it's fun to see somebody like that step up and be successful."

Dreger also placed fourth in the Decathlon and Witt believes he will advance to the national meet later this

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## Women run to best finish since '85

By Jody Butkowski  
SPORTS REPORTER

### Women's track & field

It was a weekend to write down in the record book as the lady Pointers came within three points of dethroning UW-LaCrosse from their now sixth straight outdoor track and field championship title. The Eagles finished with 192 points while the Pointers trailed unexpectedly closely with 189.

Head Coach Len Hill shared this quote from "Bagger Vance" the day before the meet: "Don't hold nothin' back." And they did exactly that.

"I can't say enough about the team and how they performed. As a coach, I expect great efforts. Great efforts don't always result in great performances, but this weekend they did. If you really want to know how great our performances were, ask the other eight schools in the WIAC. I think we caught them all by surprise," said Hill.

Pointer women competed strong on Friday, giving the team a solid start. "It's difficult to believe that track and field can be a momentum sport with all the different events at different venues, but once we got rolling, nothing was going to stop the Dawgs," said Hill.

The Pointers had a remarkable seven champions in the two day meet. Sophomore Teresa Stanley had two brilliant performances and was named conference champion in both the 3k steeple chase with a time of 11:19 and in the 5k with a finish in 18:20. Junior Kara Vosters took home the title in the 10k with a time of 38:31. Sophomore Amanda Nechuta, who's enjoyed a highly successful season, won the shot put by over a meter with an automatic qualifying throw of 46' ¾", giving her a second straight title. And senior Jody Butkowski claimed the triple jump title with an automatic qualifying distance of 39' 7 ½".

The 4x100m relay consisting of Liz Goergen, Butkowski, Kim Klosno and Tara Schmitt was the first to cross the line with a season best time of 48:63. The 4 x 800m relay with runners Isabelle Delannay, Leah Herliche, Jenna Mitchler and Megan Craig also claimed the conference title with a finish time of 9:30.

"We had a lot of outstanding performances by individuals with more than eight national qualifying performances, three of which were automatic qualifiers," said Hill. New Colman Field records were set in the triple jump, steeple chase, shot put and 4 x 800m relay.

Second place finishes came from Butkowski in the 200m with a time of 25.66, Nechuta in the discuss with a throw of 45.12 meters, Melissa Seefeldt in the hammer with an automatic qualifying throw of 172'8" and Becky Clarke in the javelin with a distance of 34.57 meters. Craig finished second in the 1500m in a time of 4:41 as well as in the 5k with a time of 18:36. Goergen came in second in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:05.23 as well as third in the 100m hurdles in 15:35.

"What the team accomplished this weekend was a major upset. Even losing to LaCrosse by three points is a major victory knowing their tradition and what they had to offer coming into this meet," said Hill.

In addition to the Lady Pointer's breaking that nine year third place barrier, Butkowski won the WIAC Judy Kruckman Scholar Athlete Award. "The competition for this award is more contested than any of the events on the track. This is a great honor," said Hill.

And to top off the astonishing weekend, Coach Len Hill was named WIAC women's coach of the year, by vote of the WIAC coaches. Coach Hill humbly said, "The credit goes to this group of student/athletes who came to compete." And did they ever.

Several athletes will continue to compete for the NCAA championship meet in Canton, NY on May 22-24.



# Pointers lose three of four, take third seed for WIAC

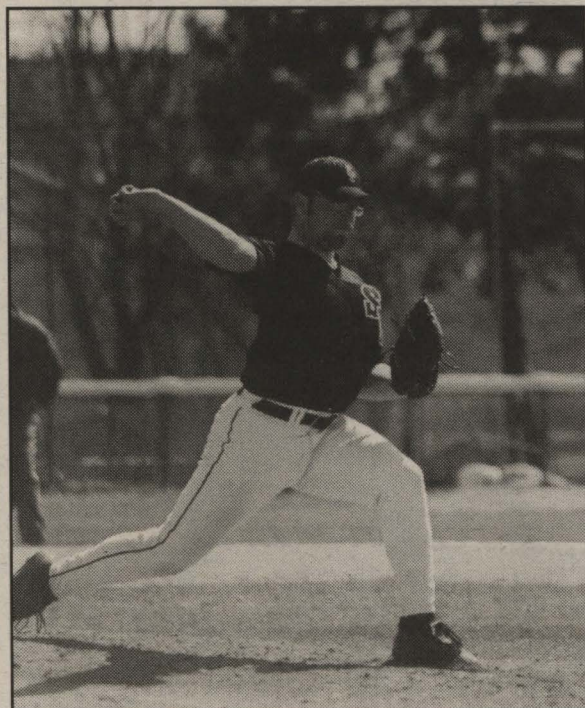


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Senior Eric Schlender tosses a pitch in the second game on Saturday afternoon. The Pointers won the opener 22-0.

Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Baseball

Last weekend began with great promise for the Pointer men's baseball team (25-12-1, 14-9), but ended in disappointment as the Pointers dropped three of four to the UW-Oshkosh Titans.

The two teams played a pair of weekend doubleheaders, with the Pointers cruising to an easy 22-0 victory over the eighth-ranked Titans in the first game, then dropping the final three to earn a three-seed in the conference tournament that begins Friday.

"We played exceptional the first game, and had our chances in every other game," said Coach Brian Nelson. "We just have not gotten the key hit to break games out."

In the second contest Sunday the Titans scored six first inning runs to propel Oshkosh to a 9-4 victory.

Pointer starter J.C. Reinke (2-2) lasted only a third of an inning as he

allowed four runs, all earned, in his short stint.

The Pointers struggled to drive in runs, stranding runners on third base in four different innings, including the ninth when they left the bases loaded. Number nine hitter Jake Frombach had three hits in the game as he singled in eight consecutive at-bats over the weekend before having the streak snapped with a ground out in his final plate appearance.

"Jake has improved more the last month than anyone I have ever coached," said Nelson. "He is a hard worker and being a true freshman he had a lot to learn and he is performing at a high level."

In the first Sunday tilt, the Pointer held a 2-1 advantage into the bottom of the ninth inning when the Titans rallied for two runs in the final frame for a 3-2 victory.

Senior Vince Mancuso started the ninth with his 16 homerun of the season to tie the game. Later in the inning David Young blooped a Jared Szews (1-2) pitch over the head of shortstop

Mike Hall to drive in the winning run from second.

On Saturday the Pointers lit up Titan pitching in the opener for 22 runs on 17 hits. The Pointers scored seven runs in both the first and second innings as they destroyed Titan pitching. Titan starter Jeremiah Govey never recorded an out before he was lifted from the contest.

After four walks and a wild pitch, third basemen Matt Peterson hit a grand slam to give the Pointers an early cushion. Rightfielder Greg Tremel followed Peterson with a solo shot to complete the first inning onslaught.

Junior Josh Blaha (4-2) threw a complete game five-hitter, shutting down a Titan offense that came into the weekend with a .383 batting average.

The Pointers and Titans will match up again at noon on Friday in the first round of the WIAC tournament held in Whitewater.

Despite the tough weekend Coach Nelson still likes his team's chances this weekend. "There's no doubt in my mind we will win this tournament."

# Pointers drop two to end season

By Jana Jurkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite their best efforts, the UWSP Women's Softball team ended their season this past weekend as they fell to UW-River Falls and UW-Lacrosse in the WIAC Conference Tournament.

Both games took place on Friday with the Pointers opening against the Falcons from River Falls. The game was a battle of hitting as both teams tallied fewer than five hits for the entire game. The scoring didn't start until the bottom of the sixth inning when the Falcons brought in two runs. The Pointers tried to rally in the final inning,

but fell short bringing in only one run on a Falcon error. The second game started out fast as both teams got on the board early and were tied at one after the first. However, that would be the Pointers only run of the game as Lacrosse brought in a run in the sixth and seventh respectively. The women were unable to come back in their final at-bat, ending the game 3-1.

"We competed very hard, and I was proud of our ladies. We played solid defense and Karen Guckenberger pitched very well," said Coach Paul Caufield. "We just did not hit (only five in two games). What is frustrating is we know we have some very good hitters. We led the WIAC in hitting as a team. Guckenberger recorded her 500th career strikeout and Amanda Sparks was the only player to get two hits on the

weekend. She [Sparks] came to play."

Despite a disappointing end to the season, the Pointers made many strides though the year. "Only one team advanced to the NCAA tournament from our league (Whitewater). We beat them twice, so we know we had a very good team," said Caufield. "We have a strong group of returning players for next year, but our seniors will be missed."

The postseason awards have been announced for the Pointers. Guckenberger and Van Wychen were both named to the All Conference Team, Strmsek was named honorable mention and Van Wychen was also named Player of the Year.

As with every sport, what happens off the field is many times just as important as what happens on. Commented Caufield, "The one thing I am proud of is that our team bonded together and everyone now has new friends that will last a life-time." The team is looking on to next year knowing that they will return much talent.

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## Men's Track

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month in that event.

Aaron Carley not only won the long jump event, but in doing so qualified for a provisional position in the NCAA championships. That does not necessarily mean he will be traveling to nationals, only that he has a chance depending on how others around the nation have performed and will perform. The national meet takes up to 18 qualified entrants and according to Coach Witt usually only about six of those are automatic qualifiers with the others being

provisionals in order from the best times/performance getting the births first.

Noah Eschenbach was unable to repeat the success he had at the indoor meet in the weight throw, in the hammer against Jeremy Wendt of Whitewater. Both the weight and hammer throw are similar events with the weight weighing more than twice as much (35lbs.) as the hammer (16lbs.) Esch placed second in the hammer behind Wendt. All outdoor season these two men have encountered each other with Wendt getting the upper hand more often than not.

## Fastpitch

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down this year where I had three solid years, and then I just flop. I wanted to have a good team this year and go far. I can break all these records but if the team is bad it doesn't mean very much," said Guckenberger.

"Karen is very much a team player. Even with all the attention she gets from her great displays of pitching, she hasn't let it get to her head and still gives 110 percent. She is a natural leader, and it shows," said senior teammate Broke Woller.

When Guckenberger takes the mound, she notes that being in control is the mentality she needs to have.

"It's really important to go out there and tell yourself that you're in control of the game. Once you lose control and the other team starts hitting, they're the ones that are in control of the game then. It's also important to be in control of my pitches and not walk a lot of batters," said

Guckenberger.

Being in control of her pitches isn't a hard thing for Guckenberger, who doesn't walk many batters. She doesn't have a wide pitch selection but does have three marquee pitches she throws. Guckenberger's main pitch is the drop ball, which is the equivalent of a sinker in baseball. The ball is supposed to drop low in the strike zone before it gets to the batter, increasing the number of ground balls and decreasing the number of long fly balls and home runs. Guckenberger can also throw a standard fastball and a change up to keep batters on their toes.

As for the future, Guckenberger would like to be a coach somewhere, if not the head coach, an assistant coach. Her major is physical education so she's also hoping to become a teacher one day.

"I just take things one day at a time. I've enjoyed my time at UWSP. It's been a great time at school, and I've gotten a great education," said Guckenberger.



## Connectivity

By Leigh Ann Ruddy  
OUTDOORS EDITOR



Ye-AH!

The frozen sandy loam stung my bare hands with every shove of the roots. I hated my father that day. I cursed him every time I reached my hand in the cold bucket filled with

seedlings as he dug another hole. I stopped counting after 107. With every new seedling I swore it would be my last "volunteer" job and I would just walk away from my involuntary duty of planting trees. But I was eight years old.

Now when I think back to that day I smile, because I remember my grandparents were there and so was my brother; everyone was together doing something good for the environment.

Over the last 14 years, I've watched those spruce seedlings grow taller than me and now they create a thick mass of green needles. The trees block noise from the road and provide privacy, and now I can be grateful to those trees for providing so many life lessons.

The natural world provides insight into the human realm. We are all connected to the grass, to the animals to the salamanders. With my title as Outdoors Editor, I tried to serve the outdoor world with my journalistic curiosity and understanding.

But now it is time for me to go. I'm moving on to a new time and a new place, but I will never forget what I can learn from the outdoors world and what I have learned from being a part of the UWSP campus.

The best advice I can give to all students is: never take Schmeeckle Reserve for granted. Some of us really don't realize how absolutely lucky we are to have pristine acreage to relax, exercise and get lost in for hours on end. I bet many students remember their first time in Schmeeckle...the first time they swam in Lake Joanis...their first time entering after dusk. This is a connection that everyone has with the natural paths of Schmeeckle and should remind us that we're not all that different from one another.

This is my farewell (hasta entonces); it's a bittersweet moment to leave a part of my life that was tedious yet rewarding. I've made some of my best friends through working here, and their impacts on my life will never fade. I want to thank you all for helping me through two of the hardest years of my life: Steven, Dan, Josh, I love you guys like brothers and it's heartbreaking to have to say good-bye. So I won't say good-bye, I'll just say "see you later" so maybe in another time and another place our paths will intersect again.

## UWSP Adopt-A-Species Program

By Serene Granstrom  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

A symbol of America's wild lands, the brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) or grizzly bear is one of the largest North American land mammals. The grizzly bear's historic range covered much of North America from the mid-plains westward to California and from Central Mexico to Alaska and Canada. Today, the grizzly bear is found in about one percent of its original range in the lower 48 states.

Grizzly bears need a very large home range (50 to 300 square miles for females, 200 to 500 square miles for males), encompassing diverse forests interspersed with moist meadows and grasslands in or near mountains.

In the spring, bears usually range at lower elevations and go to higher altitudes for hibernation. Male grizzly bears stand about seven feet tall and generally weigh from 200 to 600 pounds. Females are smaller, usually weighing between 200 and 400 pounds.

Although a standing grizzly is commonly perceived to be in a threatening pose, bears mostly stand when they are simply curious or surveying their surroundings. Otherwise, they remain on all fours.

Unlike the black bear, the grizzly bear has a rather concave face, high-humped shoulders and long, curved claws. The grizzly's thick fur, which varies from light brown to nearly black, sometimes looks frosty, hence the name "grizzly," or the less common "silvertip bear." Also, the grizzly has shorter, more rounded ears than the black bear.

Except for mating and caring for their young, grizzly bears in the lower 48 states lead solitary lives, spending most of their time foraging, or looking for food. The grizzly is North America's largest omnivore. About 80-90% of the grizzly's food is green vegetation, wild fruits and berries, nuts, bulbs and roots. Grizzlies also eat a great deal of insects, sometimes tearing rotten logs apart and turning over heavy stones in search of insects and larvae.

The meat in a grizzly's diet comes from animal carcasses, or carrion, of big game animals—although grizzlies will sometimes prey on elk or moose calves and smaller mammals. For grizzlies along the west coast of Canada and in Alaska, salmon is an important food source. In Yellowstone National Park, spawning trout also are a crucial part of the bears' diets. Pine nuts, or seeds from white bark pine trees, have traditionally been important source of food, but with disease heavily impacting those plants, it appears that the bears are moving to other sources of nutrition, including army cutworm moths.

Grizzlies must eat enough to store huge amounts of fat

needed to sustain their bodies for up to six months of hibernation.

The grizzly's ability to eat large quantities of rich food and store fat without suffering from heart disease or cholesterol problems is of great interest to medical scientists. If scientists can determine how grizzlies accomplish this, it may be useful in preventing human heart disease.

Adult grizzly bears have little to fear from other wild animals with the exception of man. Habitat loss and mortalities caused by humans are the major threats to the bear's survival. Early in the fall, grizzly bears begin looking for places to dig their dens, traveling many miles before finding a suitable area. During the next five to six months, the bears use up their accumulated fat.

Bears mate in June until July, and in January, one to three cubs, each weighing only a pound or less, are born. The cubs gain weight quickly and often reach 20 pounds by the time they leave the den. As many as half of all cubs do not reach breeding age, this is a leading reason for the grizzly's low numbers.

With Brown Bear Resource's Adopt-A-Grizzly program, you can be part of an international effort to help protect grizzly bears. Adopted bears are collared for habitat and population studies and you can learn about the grizzly's life through four seasonal reports. Please pledge your support for the preservation of one of our nation's most prized animals. With your pledge of \$30.00, you receive a certificate of adoption, a color photo of the adopted bear, four seasonal reports and one year's subscription to Brown Bear Resource's newsletter.

If you are interested in adopting a grizzly, you should log on to [www.seeleyswanpathfinder.com](http://www.seeleyswanpathfinder.com) to adopt via credit card.

I want to thank the UWSP community for all of its support. We are all so fortunate to be part of such a giving and conservation-oriented university. I look forward to continuing the Adopt-A-Species program next semester, so if your animal of choice was not featured, there are many more to come. Thanks again, UWSP.



## Standing Rocks Open for advanced throwers

The Stevens Point Area Flying Disc Association is hosting the fifth annual Standing Rocks Open (SRO) Disc Golf Tournament this weekend, May 10 and 11 at Standing Rocks Park, east of Stevens Point. 160 or more professional and advanced players will be traveling from at least nine states to compete on two 18-hole courses set up just for this event.

Players play two rounds on Saturday and one on Sunday with a five-hole skins match for the top four on Sunday afternoon. Sunday's round and skins match offer a great opportunity for spectators to watch the action.

Last weekend on May 3, the amateur segment of this popular tournament took place and set a state amateur record of 91 players.

In 2001 the SRO ranked 10th in number of players out of the 600 events worldwide sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA). In 2002, the tournament was plagued by winter weather conditions and ranked only 18th since some fair weather players stayed home. Stevens Point has a reputation of hosting fun, quality events; the tournaments held for three years (1996-1998) at Mead Park set state records for attendance.

Although Standing Rocks Park only has nine disc golf targets permanently installed, 27 additional baskets will be set up for the weekend. The ski trails offer ample opportunities for great disc golf holes. Organizers are able to set up a very extreme course which features dramatic

elevation, nasty rough and longer par four holes. One of the signature holes for which the tournament has become famous is the 540-foot, hole 14 on the East Course. This hole drives down the ski hill behind the lodge and is as much fun to throw as to watch. This hole, incidentally,

was aced in 1999 by Troy Campbell from Eau Claire who threw a world record hole-in-one during the first tournament at Standing Rocks. Hole 10 on the West Course, a.k.a. "the Serpentine" is not particularly long at 360 feet, but a severe twist in the fairway requires a difficult throw to reach the green. A conservative player will set up on the hill crest midway for an easy three, while the gutsy player who goes for the deuce is likely to find himself in the rough and facing a five or worse. Such holes as these truly challenge the top pros, which

explains the heavy draw.

Barry Schultz of Stevens Point, is the four-time reigning champion. Barry was the 2001 National Champion and also won a gold medal at the 2001 World Games in Akita, Japan. Barry has had the best 2003 season on the national tour so far, winning four majors already. Several other top pros will be attending this week's tournament, offering Barry some tougher competition than in the past.

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## Let's go fishing

### Summertime notions and storytelling

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

I am so pleased to know that summer is only a week away. I can trade my books for work boots during those warm months and retire my mind to those personal pursuits I have been tinkering with since January. Most important is the extra time I will have, as I'm sure most of you readers will feel the same. I am pleased summer is near, for the great fishing stories that will follow.

Last weekend I should have been doing a million things, between papers and studying. I spent the weekend up north fishing instead. I sat in a rowboat in the great Northwoods and cast my new Zebco into a lake of worryfree beauty. We only caught a few keepers, but the experience was as perfect as any fishing tale I could ever imagine. The sun was shining just so and gentle winds carried us along. Sometimes I don't know what I like better; going fishing, or just shooting some stories around over cool refreshment. Either way, the summer will provide a full livewell of both.

“In the end, I like to think that the outdoors is a transforming creature in itself.”

I am pleased that summer is near, but at the same time I am distressed that *The Pointer* is only a semesterly paper. It will be nice to take a break, but in the end, so many fine summer stories will remain trapped in my mind until fall: walks down trout streams in early June when the fishing line rests on the crest of a rolling current,

silently stalking the deeper pools through eyes covered in sweat, canoeing down a river with a good pal, a few beers, a basket of sandwiches and listening to the same old wily ducks in Schmeekle while fishing for crappies under a glowing sunset. These are the outdoors of Point in summer, and these are the stories that many folks never hear.

In the end, I like to think that the outdoors is a transforming creature in itself. A hallowed thing that always finds a way to keep you interested and smiling. I hope that, through stories, I can bestow the beauty I see to others, and while my summertime yarns are mine to keep, those stories might find an ear come fall.

## Crafting a natural loincloth for the hot summer months

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

Now that we have only a week until summer vacation, it is time to reevaluate your summer wardrobe. Most folks will pull some shorts and tank-tops out of the hutch-attic to combat the sweltering heat. For those who seek a closer and more intimate relationship with the outdoors, a handmade, natural loincloth may be a wiser choice.



Photo submitted by author

Nothing says “natural” like the stunning beauty of the naked human body. The best chance

*The Pointer's own Adam Mella sporting the comfort and breathability of a hand-summertime is made loincloth.*

we, as furless mammals have, to enjoy the outdoors in this ideal native state. Those of you who have tried the winter-time, nude-bobsled at Iverson Park know what I mean. While summer nudity may be the most agreeable for comfort, it still contradicts our societal norms. Therefore, it may be necessary to explore the happy medium offered by a fine loincloth. This ancient, but not yet forgotten staple of worldly fashion allows people to experience the wonderful feeling of wild nakedness, while still remaining within the acceptable legal limits of society's ridiculous laws.

Crafting such a loincloth is actually quite simple. All that is needed is a handful of large, soft leaves, a length of rope or vine and an open mind. For a genital-covering cloth, use one or two leaves, or for a secure buttocks and genital swathing loincloth, use two or three leaves. Just weave the desired leaf coverage onto the rope, vine or some other type of cord. Adjust the coverage to suit your needs and enjoy. Using a clasp or pin can be useful for multiple-use loincloths, however, it is usually best to construct a new loincloth every day to combat leaf-shrinkage... and in turn, genital and buttocks exposure.

So go on and give it a try. Loincloths are attractive, allow ample breathing in humid environments, require no laundry and most importantly, let the human body experience hot summer weather in a natural, yet acceptably semi-naked state...even moreso than a Speedo.

## The finest buds blooming on campus

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

Our skilled photo editor caught up with some of these beautiful buds blooming throughout campus during the past week. *The Pointer* outdoors staff would like to congratulate these humble plants for showing us their wild side, if only for a few precious days. Those gorgeous plants and buds pictured will receive an extra dose of “*Pointer Outdoor Fertilizer*” and an honorary membership to the UWSP Fine Buds Association.

Every spring three plants around campus are bestowed with this title. All UWSP students should aspire to achieve such successes, as we should also expect great things from the leaves and flowers these spirited buds will become in the near future.



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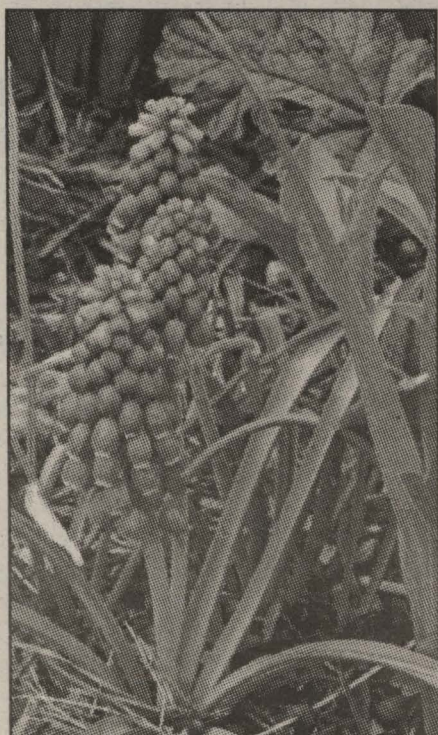


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## Mr. Winters' two cents

Well, it's been a hell of a time getting on with you kids this year. I hope that I've been able to key ya'll in to some of life's lessons, not to mention, talk a bit about where and how to catch my best buddy, the goggle-asuarus (Walleye). Anyhoo, before we take separate trails for a spell, I'd like to give you folks some summer insights.

Number one, if you want big walleye, find some deep water. Them fellers are just like me in that they like a cold, quiet environment on them sweltering summer days. Course, sometimes I still got to get out in the field. Speaking of the field, here's suggestion two: if you're going to be bailing hay this summer, get your ass on the tractor, not the wagon. That is a lesson in life just as much as it is a reasonable idea.

Well, I'm getting off the subject again. Then here's the final and third summertime premonition. Get out and enjoy your break. Don't go working too damn hard...shoot! Well, since I won't be around to tell you this until next fall, I'll tell you rascals one last time right now: “Go on and Geeeeet!”

<sup>1</sup>Term for the walleye first coined by my good friend “Pike,” otherwise known as “Shit-Pike.”



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## And another thing...

This is the end ... my only friend, the end.

By Josh Goller  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Well, we had a good run. With only a handful of academic obligations left to complete, I've come to terms with the fact that the glorious four year stretch known as college will soon become a thing of my past. UWSP and I made a go of it, and had some laughs, but in the end, I just can't be tied down. Frankly, I need space and I've even been thinking about seeing other universities.

For my fellow graduates out there who wish to cleanly break it off with UWSP, I feel that I can offer some advice. When it comes to something as life-changing as college graduation and the eventual assimilation into the fabled "real world," it's important to approach such an event with the right frame of mind.

Most college grads will celebrate this event by binge drinking until they black out and vomit on themselves. While this certainly constitutes an acceptable graduation ritual, I'd recommend a more personal, meaningful approach to marking your initiation into the land of the grown-ups.

As an increasingly introverted hermit, I'm looking forward to spending an entire day by myself partaking in a full-blown music

and movie bender. For those wishing to indulge in a similar form of entertainment-induced self-reflection, I can offer a few suggestions.

First, a little slow-paced, twangy Lynyrd Skynyrd is in order. I plan on listening to "Tuesday's Gone" and "Free Bird" over and over for at least a good hour.

Next up, it's good to delve right into a sentimental movie, especially the kind with good old fashioned shenanigans. *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* could serve as a solid choice. *The Graduate* seems even more appropriate, however, and gets bonus points for including the spry young lad/crusty middle-aged woman adultery plot.

For those who prefer to pursue a more apocalyptic approach to graduation sentiment, watch Pink Floyd's *The Wall*. If you're destined to become another number in a major corporation's payroll, this film is particularly apt.

For you renegades out there, Alice Cooper's "School's Out" could still prove to kindle those special "screw school" feelings. However, I grew out of that song after high school.

You get the idea. Take a little time for yourself and do something you really enjoy before you walk the stage. That's it UWSP. I'm out.

## Movie Review

### X-2: X-Men United

By Geoff Fyfe  
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

*X-Men* was a monumental film for two reasons. Not only did it rekindle the craze of comic book inspired films (a craze enhanced by *Spiderman*), it was as near-perfect an adaptation of the popular Marvel comic as there could be. Now the sequel has come and, wonder of wonders, it's even better than the first. Rid of the character introduction and exposition the first film had to deal with, *X-2* is a roller coaster ride full of memorable characters and some of the best action scenes of the summer.

*X-2* picks up not long after *X-1*, with Professor X (Patrick Stewart) continuing to teach young mutants at his school for the

"gifted," the villainous Magneto (Ian McKellen) still in his glass prison and everyone's favorite mutant anti-hero Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) still searching for the clues of his past. The

opening features a spectacular attack on the White House by the blue-skinned, demon-faced teleporter Nightcrawler (Alan Cumming), whose near assassination of the president intensifies human fears about mutants. Rabidly anti-mutant Gen. William Stryker (Brian Cox) takes the opportunity to attack Professor X's school, scatter the mutants and capture both the Professor and team leader Cyclops (James Marsden).

The X-Men are left to try and cope with Stryker's threat. While Wolverine takes his adopted kid sister Rogue (Anna Paquin), her boyfriend Iceman (Shawn Ashmore) and the renegade Pyro (Aaron Stanford) to safety, Storm (Halle Berry) and Jean Gray (Famke Janssen) try to track down Nightcrawler. Meanwhile, Magneto breaks out of prison with help from his shape-shifting lieutenant Mystique (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) and plots his own moves. In the end, both good and bad mutants

must unite to rescue their comrades and stop Stryker from using Professor X's powers to destroy all mutants.

*X-2* is everything a comic book fan could want on screen. There's none of the camp that destroyed *Batman and Robin* here, as the film takes a serious and often sobering look at prejudice and sacrifice (leading up to a shocker ending where a major character apparently perishes). Memorable sequences abound, from Nightcrawler's attack on the President to Magneto's ingenious escape from his cell to an out of control

Pyro firebombing police cars left and right. The screen literally soars with excitement.

Nearly the entire cast from the first installment returns for *X-2* and they all seem perfectly comfortable with their roles. Jackman still

stands out as Wolverine, while McKellen is all silky-smooth villainy as Magneto (these two hog all best lines in the film). Of the newcomers, Cumming captures Nightcrawler's loneliness and deep religious faith, while the great Cox delivers again as a complex and menacing villain. Special mention must also be given to Romijn-Stamos, who is an even more striking presence as Mystique and Stanford, whose troubled Pyro is a prime Magneto recruitment target.

Few sequels can ever hope to be considered superior to the original. *X-2* not only surpasses *X-1* in almost every department, but you get the feeling this was the film the filmmakers wanted to make in the first place. For a first-rate comic book adaptation, *X-2* is superior to even *Spiderman*. If the filmmakers keep improving with experience, *X-3* should be one for the ages.



"X-2 is everything a comic book fan could want on screen."

## Performance Review

### Danstage 2003

By Amanda Rasmussen  
COPY EDITOR

The dancers of UWSP have outdone themselves once again with *Danstage 2003*. Featuring seven very unique pieces, *Danstage* is a guaranteed good time and a fantastic addition to any weekend plans.

The program begins with the world premiere of *Zoom In, Look Out*, an interpretative, multi-media piece choreographed and directed by Margarita Bali and performed by Joan Karlen, a UWSP professor of theater and dance, and Edgardo Mercado. After *Danstage 2003* is over, the piece will be performed in a number of different theaters in South America.

The performance centers around a woman who's thoughts, fears and desires are expressed through a variety of images projected on a screen behind her, sound clips that are triggered by motion detectors and, most importantly, her interpretative dancing. The second character, a cameraman (Mercado), first appears on stage as only an observer as he films her. The footage he shoots is used during the piece using the live video-editing program Isadora. Eventually, he becomes her partner as he is welcomed into her world. The duet is improvised live at every performance.

*Danstage 2003* also offers modern dance pieces such as *Retrieval*, choreographed and performed by UWSP student Amanda Sharp, and *Signal*, which incorporates huge fans and flowing costumes as well as the choreography of Karlen of *Zoom In, Look Out*. Hip-hop takes the stage with high energy and humor, not to mention amazing talent and attitude, with *Why Not?* choreographed by Andrew Cao, a UWSP student.

The modern, interpretative piece *everybody has a story* combines spoken word with simple costumes to tell the story of nine Stevens Point men as they relate to their parents and families, other men and dancing.

For those that prefer more traditional dancing there's *In Canon* and *I Wish You a Waltz*. *In Canon* features *en pointe* ballet to Pachelbel's "Canon in D Minor," and *I Wish You a Waltz* is a 16-person waltz that could have come straight out of an old movie. James Moore, a UWSP professor, choreographed both pieces. Moore is one of the individuals responsible for establishing the dance program at UWSP and will be retiring



Members of Danstage 2003.

this year.

I was completely blown away by this show. The dancers are incredibly talented, the costumes are amazing and it's all right here on our campus. UWSP has a reputation for putting on quality shows, and *Danstage 2003* is no exception. So take a break from studying for finals, take your significant other somewhere other than the square and get a little culture with your education.

There are still tickets available for the Sunday matinee of *Danstage 2003* at 2 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater. Students can purchase tickets for \$3 in advance with student ID, or if you like to live on the edge, you can wait until just before the show on Sunday and try to get in for free.

## Local Live Music Schedule

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Saturday, May 10

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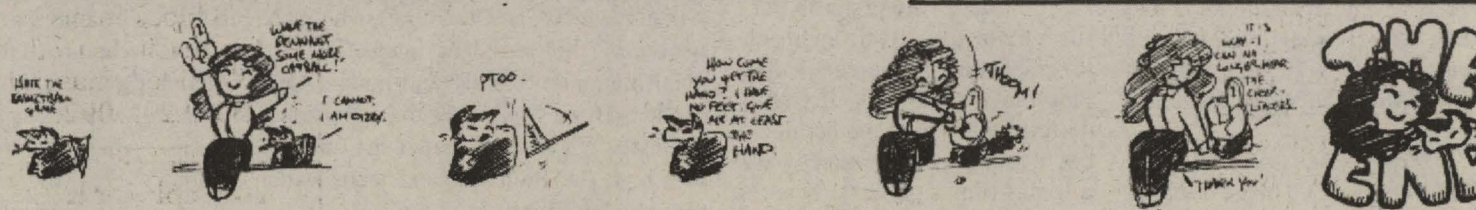
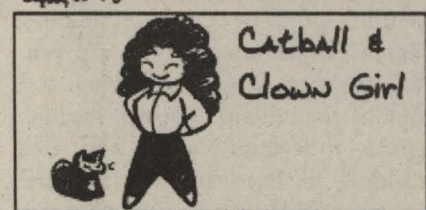
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## Your College Survival Guide:

## Happiness Grab-Bag.

By Pat "Funny Pump" Rothfuss  
MASTER OF THE SINGLE ENTENDRE

Wow. End of the semester already. Time sure flies when you don't have a job and just sit around all day looking for new places to scratch yourself. Anyway, I've got a bunch of letters to deal with and this is my last chance this semester. So I guess I better skip my ordinary witty patter and dig right in.

Pat,  
Two weeks ago you mentioned that you'd been writing for The Pointer for four years. That means I've missed two years of your stuff. Have you ever thought of putting all of it in a book or something? I'd buy it.  
Fanboy (Or Maybe Fangirl)

You're not the first person to mention something like this, FUMF. I've been thinking about doing the "Collected College Survival Guide" for a while now. It might happen next semester, so keep your eyes and ears open.  
If we're extra lucky, it might even be illustrated as well by my old buddy Brett. (You can see his work if you look up about eight inches.) Brett used to do art for the College Survival Guide back-in-the-day and somehow managed to draw tasteful, funny art for difficult concepts, such as "Clown Sex: the Morning After."

Pat,  
I am graduating in May so this will be my last letter to you. This one is actually serious.

I heard through the grapevine that you may be calling it a wrap on your column. This is a bad idea. With all the crap going on in the world, people need humor and need to laugh.

Philip Kauth

Yeah, I was thinking of giving up the column for a while. When you get as old and crotchety as I am, sometimes you turn the crank on the funny machine and nothing comes out.

You've helped out a lot with your letters. (For those of you who don't follow along all that closely, Phil has written in some great questions, including my favorite of all time, the "Snake with

Stapler" question.) It's a lot easier to make with the funny when someone out there primes the funny pump for me.

Uh... don't read too much into that last statement.

But no fear, Phil. I've decided to hold onto the column for at least another semester or two. (If next year's Pointer crew will have me)

And when I can't get my funny on, we'll have some new Rothfuss blood to pick up the slack....

Pat,  
Jamie's bar column rocked. Where have you been keeping her? She rocks. Unless you made her up. In that case she still rocks, but differently than the aforementioned rocking. And you rock too. Will she be writing more next semester?

Kelly

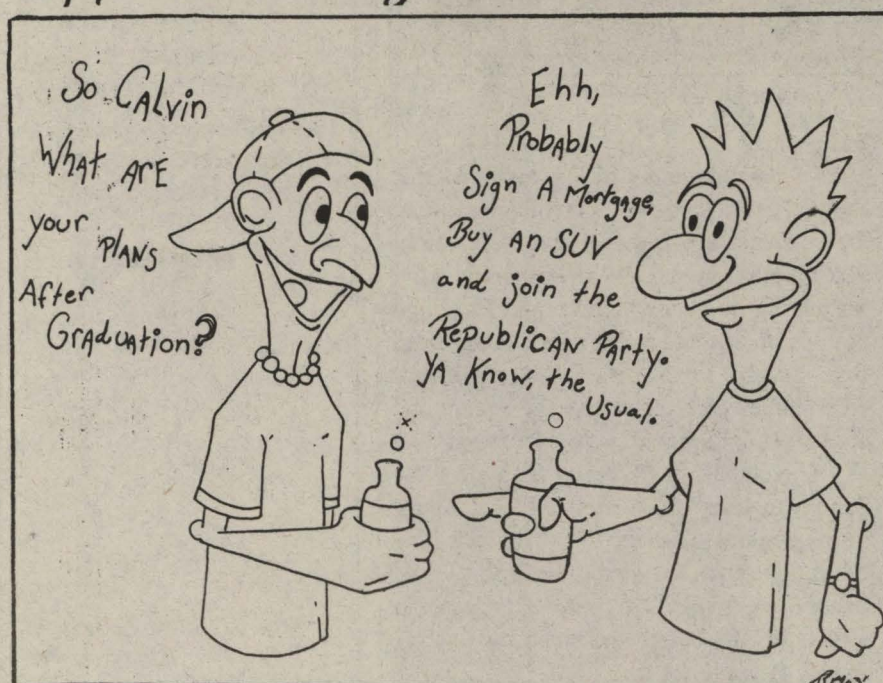
Even after the confusing votes like this one are tallied, everyone seems to have liked Jamie's column. In fact, she's been mooching free drinks all week from the bars she didn't slander too badly. Apparently, I've never realized the full potential for grift that this column provides.

In response to your letter, Kelly: Yes she does rock. No, I didn't make her up. I keep her in a shoebox under my bed, and yes, she'll probably be making guest appearances next semester provided that I can still find said shoebox.

Hell, maybe we'll make this into a regular brother-and-sister show. The Flying Rothfi or some shit like that.

If you feel the burning desire for a little extra Pat Rothfuss before your summer starts, feel free to stop by at Café le Grande in Wausau on the 29th of the month. (on Grand Ave. near the fire station.) Pat Rothfuss will be reading a collection of his poetry to a room full of sycophants and sybarites. Trust me, you'd fit right in.

## SPARK it.... by: Mel Rosenberg





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