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'Rate of gambling addiction higher for young adults

By Ben Wydeven
NEWS REPORTER

Gambling in Wisconsin is becoming a problematic addiction, and college students are said to be the most vulnerable. Experts report that 6-12 percent of young adults between 18 and 20 are addicted to gambling.

Gambling doesn't just include hopping on a bus and going to the casinos. For college students, it usually involves close to home activities such as online gambling, credit card debt and buying lottery tickets, which are as close as the nearest gas station.

Dominic "Farmy" Borlen is one of many students at UWSP that is addicted to online gambling. "I bet on college football, NFL, hockey, basketball, tennis," Borlen says. "I pretty much bet on everything."

Borlen says that a friend told him about an online sports gambling site, where anyone with a credit card can bet on sport events. "I started betting, Borlen recalls, "I won a couple of times and I thought I could keep winning. Then I lost some money."

Borlen wouldn't say exactly how much he's lost to online gambling but he does say, "It's a bit."

Experts say that college students are more vulnerable because they've grown up in a society in which gambling is everywhere, such as casinos and huge jackpot sums in the state lottery. People will often spend more money than they can afford to lose in an effort to try and beat the impractical odds.

Some gamblers are more cautious about how much money

they're willing to lose. An anonymous sophomore at UWSP says that he plays poker up to three nights a week, betting only small amounts of money. He claims that gambling is a profession, not an addiction.

"California decided it's not a game of chance, it's a game of skill and they legalized it," he said.

"And I think Wisconsin should do the same." He claims that he wins more than he loses.

"If you don't plan on luck, and you don't go in beyond what you can afford to lose, it's not a problem really," he said.

But not everyone wins at gambling. John Wenger, a junior at UWSP says that he doesn't want to gamble because he's seen the negative effects.

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Photo by Patricia Larson

For college students, participating in gambling activities typically takes place close to home, such as with online gambling and card games (above).

Rockets in full flight...



Photo by Liz Bolton

The UW-Stevens Point Society of Physics Students hosted a model rocket program for grade school children Saturday. Participants constructed model rockets and attended a show in the planetarium.

'Amendment approved to keep concealed weapons out of campus buildings

Compromise allows conceal and carry on other university property

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) approved an amendment to concealed weapons legislation. Tuesday, which aimed to exclude university campuses from areas where concealed weapons could be permitted—but only after a compromise.

The amendment would prohibit carrying concealed weapons in university buildings, including dormitories, but allow conceal and carry on other university property, such as campus grounds.

"This does water it down, but we lived with it," said Sen. David Zein (R-Eau Claire), who co-authored the bill. "It comes down to where you draw the line."

"Opponents wanted a ban on the entirety of college campuses, but what about people passing through," he added.

Legislators supporting the amendment and opposing the intent of the legislation as a whole contended that the bill lacked the proper safeguards to ensure public safety.

The compromise comes as part of legislation aimed at overturning Wisconsin's 130-year ban on concealed weapons, which the JFC approved by a vote of 13-3, along with 23 of the 55 amendments proposed.

The issue of whether to permit concealed weapons on university campuses mobilized leadership of the UW System earlier in the week, culminating in a letter from System President Katherine Lyall to the co-chairs of the JFC on Monday.

Lyall's letter emphasized that other states that have passed concealed weapons laws have exempted college and university lands.

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Amendment

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"Our campuses can be emotionally charged places, not just within classroom buildings, but in public gathering places such as the Library Mall here in Madison," Lyall wrote. "Emotions can run high and it would be tragic if those emotions were to result in the use of weapons to resolve differences."

The student senate of UW-Stevens Point opted for a similar stance, passing a resolution that supported an amendment to prohibit conceal and carry on university campuses. The resolution passed on a voice vote, with only two senators opposing the measure.

"The resolution supports the safety standards we already uphold on our campuses, which students seem to be happy with," said Erin Fay, who authored the resolution.

Fay, the Student Government Association's legislative issues director, began gathering student input in early October, the results of which indicated that more students opposed concealed weapons legislation than supported it.

Geoff Rademacher, an SGA senator who sits on the organization's legislative issues committee, voted against the resolution.

"With the resolution we passed, we're basically saying that students are not responsible enough to be afforded the right to self-protection," said Rademacher.

If passed, the legislation would allow citizens who are at least 21 years old to obtain a permit to carry concealed weapons if they complete a mandatory 22 hour training program and are not mentally incompetent or drug-dependent.

People who obtain a permit would not be allowed to carry a concealed weapon where it is prohibited by federal law, such as police stations, elementary and secondary schools, and jails.

The JFC also approved amendments that would prohibit conceal and carry in hospitals, abortion clinics, and places of religious worship.

The senate will discuss the proposed legislation Thursday. It must be passed by both houses and signed by Gov. Jim Doyle to become law.

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Hearings set for men charged in Lot Q vandalism

By David Cohen
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Court dates and charges have been set for the two men arrested for the property damage done to cars in Lot Q in early September.

The District Attorney's Office has pressed charges against a 19-year-old Milwaukee man and a 20-year-old Adams man, who is also a UW-Stevens Point student, for the felony charge of criminal damage to property.

Both men have been arrested in the past for driving license violations.

The Clerk of Courts has recorded that the two men have been released on \$5,000 bonds and are both forbidden to have contact with the UWSP campus.

Plea hearings have been set for November 24 at 11 a.m. and on October 28 at 3 p.m. Judge Fredric Fleishauer will be presiding over both cases.

John Taylor of Protective services has expressed satisfaction that the suspects have been arrested.

"Thirty misdemeanors will be charged for the crimes on campus in addition to the other," said Taylor, who added that the suspects were found due to a tip from a woman who saw the descriptions of the men on Channel 9.

Police found clothing that the suspects were seen to be wearing by witnesses in the suspects' residence.

Approximately 30 people were victims to property damage in Lot Q that occurred on September 6. The vandals broke in the windshields and dented the hoods of these cars as well as about 15 others on neighboring streets off campus.

One victim contacted said a judge had informed her that reimbursement for the damages done to the vehicles could take a long time in reaching her and others affected by the vandalism, if reimbursement was afforded at all.

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RHA voices concerns over funding for financial aid

Aid drawn from UW System auxiliaries impacts residential living

By David Cohen
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) has mounted a campaign to generate student awareness for changes in the state's financial aid funding for college students, voicing concerns that the new policy will adversely affect campus housing.

The state budget enacted this summer increased financial aid grants by \$26.5 million, but has received many complaints, as the money to fund this will be taken out of the UW system auxiliary reserves.

The funds in these reserves are set aside to aid in repairs or improvements and are paid for by residents of the halls or people who use campus food services.

Susan Malnory, Assistant Director of Administrative Services for Residential Living, stated that "auxiliary services are non-segregated fees and are different from segregated fees because they are paid for by user fees instead of by all students out of their tuitions."

She calls the tapping into these funds a "raid" and states that she suspects the governor chose not to tap into segregated fees as it would be more high-profile.

Residence Hall Association

is striving to make students living in the dorms aware of how their fees are being used. A forum was held by the RHA on October 5 to inform students about the situation and its details.

Schuler expresses strong concern about the governor's decision as it will make it much more difficult for repairs to be made. He is also upset because "the money is paid by students who use the dorms so that it can be used to help the dorms, not to pay for someone else's grants. It's kind of like a form of theft."



Schuler

A stipulation in the new law states that residence halls or any of the other services affected are not able to compensate for the lack of funds by raising the fees of its users.

Schuler states "We want to make the students aware that they will not be paying any more than they already are, but not all of the money they are paying will go to their dorms or food services."

He also points out that the quality of living may decrease in the dorms due to the restrictions this will place on its reparations.

Rick Rothman, the Budget Director for the University, said that UWSP has been assessed to pay \$1.7 million dollars toward these grants. It is the University's responsibility to determine how much money will come out of

each auxiliary fund.

Malnory states that the initial bill passed by the State Legislature placed a time limit on when this could be done. The governor vetoed this bill and it was revised so that he can take this money repeatedly year after year, placing even more of a financial burden on the universities.

She also stated that UWSP is being vocal in its opposition to the governor's actions and that people in the University are working together to try to lessen the damages.

Rothman states, "The line officers are listening to comments from Deans, directors and other affected groups. In early November they hope to make a decision on what is the most equitable way to distribute this \$1.7 million dollar cut. They are also trying to get placed on the Regent's agenda to explain just what these cuts mean to UWSP and to do everything possible to see that they do not happen again."

He also states that repercussions that students may face are, "Programs will be cancelled or scaled back. In the residence halls capital projects such as carpeting replacement or computer replacement will be postponed."

Schuler says that he was informed that the United Council had lobbied very heavily against this plan despite its approval. He states "we were told that the reason this was passed was that some legislators told the lobbyists that 'college students do not vote enough for us to listen to them.'" He plans to mobilize students to vote and be more active in the political process so that their voices will be heard by legislators.



Thomson Hall

Monday, Oct. 20 12:17 p.m.

A female student reported the theft of a bike from a rack located between Thomson and Knutzen halls.

Lot Q

Sunday, Oct. 20 3:44 p.m.

A female student reported an attempted break in to her vehicle while it was parked in the lot.

Lot T

Sunday, Oct. 20 9:15 a.m.

A male student reported that his car had been hit by an unknown vehicle.

Lot P

Saturday, Oct. 19 8:45 p.m.

Cadets noticed the driver's side rear view of a vehicle was knocked off a vehicle parked in the lot while on patrol.

Schmeekle Reserve

Thursday, Oct. 17 5:35 p.m.

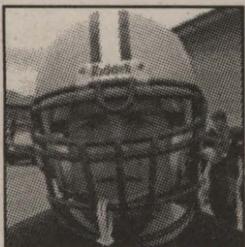
A visitor to the reserve reported that a vehicle parked in the visitor's lot had a window smashed.

The Campus Beat is compiled by UWSP Protective Services. All names withheld.

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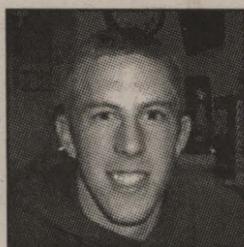
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If you could go anywhere, where would you go?



Jeff Sieg, Sr. Bus. Admin, Pub. Admin.

The huntin' shack.



Kyle Salzmann, So. Wildlife mgnt

Australia- to check out the wildlife.



Jen Duccini, Sr. Art

I'd go to Jamaica, just to get away from the cold.



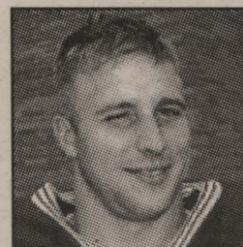
Becky Vaclav, Sr. Communications

Italy, for the art and culture.



Chris Uitz, Sr. Wildlife Management

New Zealand- to frolic with the sheep.



"Touchdown Tommy" Bushman, Sr. Business

I'd go to the Antarctic, cuz I'm so cool.

Gambling

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"My grandfather was prone to gambling and my dad's family because of that didn't have a lot of money, and were always in trouble." Wenger says.

Like other addictions, symptoms of compulsive gambling need to be identified. Once a gambler begins losing, they may feel they need to get back what they lost, thus losing more than they can afford. Gambling then goes from a pastime to a costly obsession. College students especially need to be careful not to get caught in debt as it could follow them the rest of their lives.

A flier on responsible gambling suggests that as long you play to have fun and not to make money, it won't be a problem. Start by limiting yourself to how much money you spend. A responsible gambler plays for entertainment, not money.

If you or someone you know has a problem with compulsive gambling, you can easily seek help on campus. Stop by Delzell Hall's counseling center on the third floor for help and more information or contact Delzell Hall at (715) 346-3553.

Got a story idea?

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Musings from Mirman

Some insightful quotes to help survive the midterm drama

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

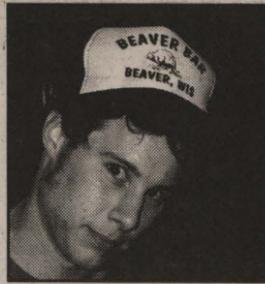
Once again midterms are upon us. For many it will mark the first time this year that we buckle down and put enjoyment on the shelf for a week.

The over seriousness of midterms makes me rely on my old standbys of movies and television. For almost any situation there is a necessary film or TV quote that can offer sound advice with a humorous tweak.

With that in mind I have compiled a number of quotes that have helped me to survive midterms. Even if they don't provide help, these gems are always good for a chuckle or a snicker. I'll start with something simple, from the modern classic *Top Gun*.

"Slider? (sniff) You stink." One of the all-time great comebacks, few comments burn like letting someone know they give off an unpleasant odor. How does this quote work for your midterms? Easy. Everyone has taken a test next to a smelly kid. Next time you sit down and that odor wafts over, let the kid know it. He should appreciate your honesty.

"You think you're too cool for school. But I've got a news flash for you Walter Cronkite...you aren't." Ben Stiller uses this line in *Zoolander* as he shot this



zinger toward Owen Wilson's character Hansel. Contracting the wrong word always gives me a slight chuckle. This is the perfect line to drop on the know-it-all sitting next to you. You know, the kid who keeps shuffling the paper so everyone can see the A on the page.

"Strange things are afoot at the Circle-K." Any movie quote article must have some representation from *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*. This line is by far the best description of a phone booth doubling as a time machine. This line also sits well for midterms because something unexpected always goes down. One year my computer only saved half of a paper I thought I had completed. Talk about most non-triumphant.

"Pardon my French, but (he) is so tight, if you stuck a lump of coal up his ass, in two weeks, you'd have a diamond." Of course this gem was spoken by none other than Ferris Bueller. The lesson here, if you remember the movie, is that Cameron was happiest when he loosened up a little bit. While I'm not inciting anyone to steal their dad's Ferrari, remember to save some time this week for personal enjoyment.

"Just because we're bereaved, doesn't make us saps." This line comes from *The Big Lebowski*. If you haven't seen this film yet, that's your fault. Because in my

humble opinion this is the best film ever made. Anyway this line is spoken when a funeral parlor clerk attempts to charge Walter (John Goodman) an exorbitant price for an urn. Walter finds a loophole by buying a coffee can to take the ashes away. The lesson here applies directly to teachers. If you haven't been prepared for a midterm, argue to have the date pushed back. I've had one teacher push an exam to next Tuesday.

"I didn't like him then, and I fkin hate him now."** John Cusack broke out this beauty in *High Fidelity*. I use this phrase almost daily. Once again this goes for the prof. who normally gives too much homework. Then when exams roll around, the work load reaches the ridiculous level.

"Alcohol, the cause of and solution to, all of life's problems." It was none other than Homer Simpson who gave this advice at the end of a *Simpsons* episode. Just remember that although beer may be in the fridge, the homework has to get completed first. And no, it's not possible to do both at the same time.

"So Steve...ever think of growing a moustache?" In the cartoon *Family Guy* Stewie utters this phrase. Stewie is a one year old with a British accent and Steve has a hairlip. There really is no lesson or tie-in with this quote, except that people with hairlips should consider growing a mustache. And finally no quote column would be complete without a line from *Dumb and Dumber*.

"They slapped a bullet-proof vest on me and gave me a gun." **"But what if he would have shot you in the face?"**

Just a reminder that blind luck sometimes beats preparation. So take that study break. Pop in your favorite film and be proud to recite every line.

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Students need to discuss politics

We, as students and citizens, need to start investing some energy in political conversation. We need to start understanding where we are going as a society and what that means for us as individuals.

We need to look at what our leaders are doing and what that means. This is especially important when this leadership is doing things that are obviously not in the interests of the people they claim to represent.

I felt compelled to write this because the current President and his administration outrage me. Bush and company have used the combination of fear and outrage the attacks on 9/11/01 brought out in people and the pride people have in their country to manipulate the emotions of Americans to such a degree that just about anything is now being justified under the pretense of "freedom", "national security" and "democratic values".

There have been two wars in two years. Neither of these has turned out at all like we were told they would nor has either of them seem justified in hindsight. (There are no WMD's. There is no link between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda despite what the President might imply.) What has happened is that billions of dollars have been awarded to large US corporations connected very indiscreetly to the Bush administration in closed bidding processes, the largest potential market in the middle east has been opened up to US investment and private industry and the 2nd largest oil reserves have been sold out to multi national corporations. (Well, at least the rich people are making money.)

Can anyone really wonder why US troops face so much resistance in Iraq on a daily basis? Exactly what are the benefits for the people there from our actions? Exactly what is the benefit to us? Should we feel safer now that a nation already in shambles with no capability whatsoever of attacking us is now utterly destroyed? Does any-

one else have the feeling that thousands of civilian deaths, a completely destroyed infrastructure and large foreign companies taking away all of their money might not help anti-American sentiment in the Arab world?

The effects of the Presidents actions in the last two years aren't just being felt abroad either. The Bill of Rights and our social freedoms have been stripped away from under our noses through the cynically named Patriot Act and the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security. J. Edgar Ashcroft is cracking down on any kind of dissent anywhere. When we relinquish these liberties in the name of security what 'freedoms' are we protecting? Soon the only one we'll be left with is the freedom to put an American flag on a brand new SUV.

Social freedoms are definitely important, but if we don't consider the planet we live on as vital to our own survival we are being completely naive and shortsighted. The "Clean Air Act" among other legislation, which will lower our quality of life and shorten the already threatened life of this planet, has gutted important environmental standards for our forests and skies. National Security? What will that matter when there are no more nations to protect? (try www.truthout.org, www.accuracy.org, www.indymedia.org for more evidence on all of this than I could possibly give in a letter to the editor).

Cynicism, apathy and consumerism feed each other and are killing us. How we can let this small group of people do so many horrible things that, if they haven't already, will touch our lives and the lives of so many others outside of this country in a deadly way and not simply say "No. That's wrong. You can't do that anymore?" Is it unpatriotic? Is it not worth our time? Is something more important than our health, our happiness and our freedom?

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The midterm stress mess

Ways to avoid burnout at this oh so critical time

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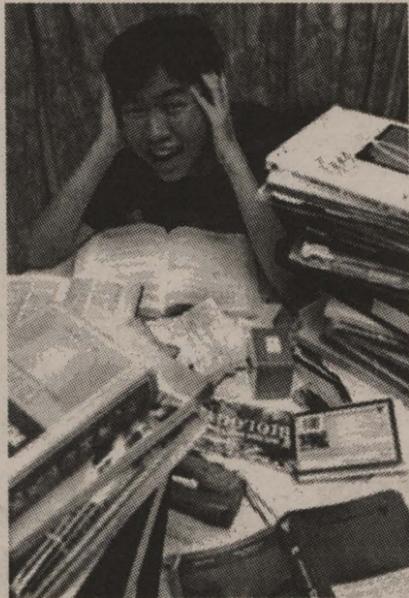
As we all know, this week marks the eighth week of class. If you have not already become familiar with what this means, odds are you soon will be. The exams, the projects, the papers all seem to magically appear at this time and you find yourself in a whirlwind of work. How will it all ever be accomplished, you ask? But more importantly, how will it all be completed without sacrificing your sanity in the process? The answer is oh so simple to say, but far more complicated in terms of carrying out. The answer relies on finding a balance between getting the midterm work accomplished while setting aside individual time. Like I previously stated, this is usually not an easy task.

I will be the first to admit that midterms stress me out. Actually, college life in general stresses me out; my friends can testify to that. In fact, as I sit here writing this article, all I can think about is the horrid midterm (need I emphasize that I am not using that word lightly) I have this week.

Simply stated, college life is hectic -- from studying for the exams that all seem to fall on the same week, to working so can you afford to continue your college education, while maintaining your social relations with friends all at the same time. But through it all, we college students trudge through this experience, knowing that with the completion of each semester (or midterm

for that matter) we are one step closer to the outside world. But the trudging through comes with a price. That price usually comes in the form of an unremitting feeling of anxiety, most commonly referred to as stress.

In college life, stress most commonly results from what every college student seems to be a master of at some time or another -- procrastination. Most



often, we delay those things that appear to be the most unpleasant, not realizing (or not wanting to acknowledge for that matter) that with the passing of time that task only becomes even more dreadful.

It is at this time that it is important for one to develop a reward system for themselves, something I firmly believe in. Equate studying for one hour or writing one page of your midterm philosophy paper with a "treat" of some sort. By treat I do not necessarily mean food, it could be going outside and enjoying the weather, taking a nap, or even something as simple as visiting a friend down the hall. A little word of advice: It does not hurt to tell your friend that they are your "treat" for completing homework. If anything, it will definitely bring some much needed cheer to their day.

Most importantly, take time for yourself. Relax, take things in stride and realize that your basket of tasks to be completed will never be empty. Realizing this usually is the first step in dealing with the insurmountable levels of stress that we all encounter on a day-to-day basis. Midterms are stressful, the entire semester itself is stressful, but it is manageable.

Think positive thoughts and realize that you are putting forth your best effort. Laugh and enjoy the simple pleasures of life, but above all else, realize that midterms are a sign that the semester is half over and to get through them is to be one step closer to accomplishing your ultimate goal -- freedom.

For more information on how to manage stress, please refer to the Counseling Center on the third floor of Delzell Hall.

ARE YOU STRESSED?

A stress-level checklist



- Inability to sleep.
- Unusual irritability.
- Increase or loss of appetite.
- Trouble concentrating.
- Headaches.
- Crying.
- Feeling out of control.
- Losing your temper more often.
- Desire to drink or smoke.
- Overly negative attitude.
- Feeling consistently disappointed.
- Bickering with friends and family.
- Depression.
- Letting little things bother you.
- Tendency to blame mistakes on others.
- Feeling as though these thoughts will never subside.

WISPIRG wants you

Concerned about environmental issues? WISPIRG is too.

By Ashlee Theilacker
FEATURES REPORTER

WISPIRG, Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group, is a statewide student run and directed organization that was formed in 1989 by a group of idealistic and dedicated students who believed that public decisions should be made in the public interest, and not for special interests. Since then, students have teamed up with professional staff and lobbyists to create a record of admirable accomplishments.

WISPIRG students learn how to convince the media and decision-makers to pay attention and take action on a range of important issues. The group learns to investigate a problem, develop a practical solution and promote that solution in order to turn it into a reality. Recently, the Milwaukee and Madison chapters have helped to pass the

toughest Clean Water Standards for Runoff Pollution, helped convince Staples to phase out the use of paper products made from old growth trees, and have raised thousands of dollars for the hungry and homeless. In 2000, WISPIRG helped register over 10,000 students for the elections, sponsored debates and helped students research the issues.

This semester WISPIRG students are working to stop rollbacks of key environmental laws, such as forest protection, the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. They are also dedicated to making sure that facilities and sewage treatment plants stop illegally dumping chemicals like arsenic and benzene into our waterways. By working on these issues and others, such as increasing voter turnout and ending hunger and homelessness, WISPIRG students have gained an educational experience in

democracy; they have learned how to get their voices heard and have been given a chance to face up to society's big problems, take action and win concrete changes that improve the quality of our lives.

Students at UW - Stevens Point will be working to help become a part of this network of students and lobbyists. Being part of a larger network will allow students at Stevens Point to work with students all over the state and country in order to address and tackle statewide and national issues. We will actually be able to change the problems we want to see changed for the long term.

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Ailey II Dance Ensemble to perform in Stevens Point

By Sarah Dennewitz
FEATURES REPORTER

Come enjoy an evening of amazingly talented dancers performing at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point. From abstract ballet to contemporary jazz, the Ailey II Dance Ensemble will leave the audience with a breath taking performance.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. the Ailey II Dance Ensemble will display their talent through numerous choreographed routines. The Ailey II Dance Ensemble, one of the most commended dance companies in the United States, combines the talent of our country's finest dancers and the work of many distinguished choreographers. The Dance Ensemble was established by Alvin Ailey in 1974 with dancers from all over the country.

For the performance at Point, Ailey choreographed excerpts from many songs by adding traditional music for

"Blues Suite," "Autumn" by George Winston for "ISBA" and a piece by Ralph Vaughan Williams for "The Lark Ascending." Robert Battle,



The amazingly talented Ailey II Dance performers.

another Ailey Ensemble choreographer, has put together an array of dances which will also be performed on Tuesday.

Not only will the Ailey II

Dance Ensemble perform for the students, they will also work with many dance majors here on campus. A master class will be held for individuals who have been invited through local dance studio directors. Sylvia Waters, the Ensemble artistic director, pushes for the company to offer opportunities for dancers in all areas. As the Ensemble travels to 40 different U.S. cities, they will partake in workshops and offer a variety of opportunities at elementary, middle and high schools.

Tickets for the Ailey II Dance Ensemble can be purchased through the UWSP Box Office by calling 715-346-4100, on the internet at <https://tickets.uwsp.edu/Wt3/>, or at the door if the show is not sold out in advance. Student admission is \$4 with identification, \$20 for the general public, \$16 for senior citizens and \$8 for children.

If you are interested make sure to buy your tickets immediately because the Ailey II Dance Ensemble is an event that does not come frequently.

Good eats in Point

Mmmmm, muffins

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Back home, one of my favorite places to dine at is the Queen Bee Restaurant, located in scenic downtown Appleton. The Queen Bee reminds me of nothing so much as an old-fashioned diner, a place to go to get a good meal at a reasonable price, read the paper, have some coffee and chit-chat with the staff and the regulars. During my time in Point, however, I've been somewhat stymied in trying to find an equivalent to the Bee.

Well, thankfully, my search has finally ended. The Blueberry Muffin Family Restaurant is an establishment like the Bee in almost every way. Located at 2801 Stanley Street, the Blueberry Muffin Family Restaurant is a perfect neighborhood eatery, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner every day at most generous prices.

At the Blueberry, the "Early Bird" breakfast special is offered Monday through Friday until 9:00 a.m., offering everything from pancakes to waffles to eggs, all for under \$5. And of course, there are the ubiquitous blueberry muffins from which the restaurant gets its name.

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A moment, please, on these blueberry muffins. I did not have any room to have them, as my lunch was plenty filling as it was, but they were impressive-looking simply from behind the display glass. The blueberry muffins are about the size of grapefruit. Some have warned me that the muffins look better than they taste, but I'll give the muffins the benefit of the doubt until I taste them myself.

For lunch, I had one of my favorite meals in creation, a nice tasty fried fish sandwich with everything on it. This was served with beer-batter fries, another wondrous culinary creation. From the taste of this fish sandwich, I feel I may have to drop by this Friday to try the fish fry.

So if you are like me and want to find that nice quiet neighborhood restaurant like the one back home, the Blueberry is the way to go. The food's great, the ambience is nice and you may even get some of our very own *Pointer* staff to service you there. (I won't say who, as not to spoil the surprise.) Now, perhaps, the palpable stomach rumblings for the good old Queen Bee back home won't be so harsh.



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'Bruce has record-breaking day in Pointer victory

Bruce, Oswald key dominating week of games for Pointers

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Friday, the Pointer women's soccer team hosted a strong Concordia-Moorhead team. What started out as a defensive struggle ended with the Pointers gaining control and pulling away late.

soccer

The first half was marked by seven corner kicks by the Pointers, all of which came up empty due to the tough Concordia-Moorhead defense. The Pointer offense finally got on the board at the 37:07 mark as Kelly Fink scored her 17th goal of the season with an assist from Jenny Bruce, making the score 1-0 as the first half of play drew to a close.

In the second half, Point came out relentlessly attacking the Concordia-Moorhead goal. Kelly Fink scored her second goal of the game seven minutes into the half, with Melissa Becker notching the assist. Barely a minute later, Megan Frey scored her third goal of the season, with Bruce getting her second assist of the game. For the rest of the half UWSP kept the offensive pressure on, out-shooting Concordia-Moorhead 16-5, but couldn't get another goal past Concordia-Moorhead goalie Jamie Savage.

Overall, the Pointers kept Concordia-Moorhead on their heels most of the day, peppering their goal with 22

shots, compared to eight against the Pointers. Bruce, with her two assists, became the WIAC all-time assists leader with 48, passing the current leader, UWSP's own Jennifer Davis.

Sunday saw UW-Superior come to town looking for an upset. The Pointers would have none of it, however, as they dominated the game from start to finish.

Kim Reese struck first for the Pointers at the 5:35 mark with an assist from Bruce. Fifteen minutes later, it was Reese doing the assisting as Andrea Oswald scored her seventh goal of the year to put the Pointers up 2-0. A little more than a minute later, at the 20:47 mark Alyssa Souza contributed a goal of her own with both Frey and Oswald helping out on the assist. The half ended with UWSP controlling the game 3-0.

The second half saw Bruce take over as she scored three straight goals to extend the lead to 6-0. Bruce was helped out by assists from Reese, Katie O'Leary and Oswald. The offensive onslaught continued with an Anna van Stippen goal, with the assist going to Katie Simo. Simo scored the next goal herself, unassisted. Azita Zeyghami rounded out the scoring with an unassisted goal making the final score 9-0.

The Pointers dominated the game completely, out-shooting UW-Superior an incredible 40-0. The win moves the Pointers to 11-2-2 (5-0-1) on the season. Next up, Point continues their home stand against UW-LaCrosse Saturday.



Bruce



Oswald



Photo by Patricia Larson

Senior Andrea Oswald and junior Molly Kreibich try to beat a UW-Superior defender to the ball on Sunday. Point won the game 9-0.

Runners continue solid conference performance

Women still yet to lose to a Division III opponent

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

For the second consecutive week and fifth time this season, the Stevens Point women's cross country team won the team crown, this time at Oshkosh. The men on the other hand couldn't quite get the edge on top ranked Oshkosh, or fourth ranked Calvin, placing third.

cross country

The women held strong at number three in the nation and made a big statement holding off fifth ranked Oshkosh and sixth ranked Calvin.

With the new ranking coming out, Coach Len Hill felt good about where his team stood, saying "The new ranking came out and they (Oshkosh and Calvin) are still fifth and sixth, so that makes me feel pretty good about where we're at. Our third is probably fairly honest."



Bednarek

Though the women weren't perfect like they were last week, they still had all five of their top runners place in the top ten. Leading the charge again for the Pointers was Megan Craig who finished fourth. Then just Oshkosh runner Katie Isermann separated Craig from the rest of her team, with the next four across the line sporting the purple and gold, with Teresa Stanley, Leah Herlache, Jenna Mitchler and Isabelle Delannay rounding out the



Herlache

Pointers' field. This weekend's pack had been the tightest of the year for the Pointers, with only a 16 second margin separating them.

Said coach Hill "That's what we've been working for and that's what we have to continue to do. That's our strength. If we can do that, Oshkosh can't touch us and La Crosse can't beat us."

UWSP finished with a team score of 34 and both Oshkosh and Calvin shared second with a team score of 49.

Unfortunately the men didn't have quite the same success against either of those two squads at Oshkosh. Though his team didn't get the victory, senior Curt

Johnson did race to the individual title at Oshkosh, but he'll be the first to tell you he'd rather have had the team placing first. "We were hoping to do a little better. We had a tough week of practice. I thought all in all that we all ran pretty well, we were just tired," said Johnson.

Other top finishers for UWSP included Mark LaLonde in fifth and Andy Bednarek in nineteenth.

The men's race was a great opportunity for the Pointer squad to prepare for the rapidly approaching WIAC meet as well as the NCAA meet. Four of the top five teams in the nation, including the third ranked Pointers, each competed this weekend. Top ranked Oshkosh actually shared first place with fourth ranked Calvin with a team score of 36 and then UWSP was next with a score of 70.

Coach Rick Witt added, "It's just so close, there's just not that much of a difference [between the top teams] and on that particular day I wasn't surprised that Oshkosh ran extremely well. It was their home meet, Parent's Day, they were all ready to run." Second ranked North Central (Ill.) placed fifth.

This weekend, both teams welcome Oshkosh to Lake Pacawa in Plover for a dual meet. The women's top runners will

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VanderVelden leads way for Pointers

Despite sloppy fourth quarter, team hangs on for victory

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Every game the Pointers play for the rest of this season is a "must-win." After dropping their first two conference games, they need to win out and hope for some help with other conference opponents if they want their goal of a conference championship and postseason play.

football

The team played the first three quarters this past Saturday against Eau Claire like a team with their back against the wall, getting out to a 31-0 lead. However, they must have then forgotten their goals, allowing the BluGolds to nearly steal away the game. Time finally ran out on the furious BluGold offense, with the Pointers winning 31-28.

"The whole fourth quarter was our football team relaxing, saying 'Oh, they can't score 31 points in one quarter against us,'" said Head Coach John Miech. "But you see teams making huge comebacks all across college football this season. It happened here."

The Pointers opened the game with a 12-play drive that ended with a 29-yard field goal by place-kicker Dan Heldmann. After holding the BluGolds, the Pointers' senior runningback Jason VanderVelden rushed for a 50-yard touchdown on the first play of their next drive for an early 10-0 lead.

Quarterback Scott Krause continued the onslaught in the second quarter, throwing two touchdowns in the second quarter - a nine-yard pass to big freshman tight end Adam Spoehr and a 26-yard toss to junior wide receiver Tony Romano - to make it 24-0 at halftime.

The Pointers opened the second half with an 80-yard drive in eight plays as VanderVelden caught a 24-yard touchdown pass from Scott Krause to build the



Photo by Patricia Larson

Pointer senior halfback Jason VanderVelden battles for some extra yards during Saturday's game. VanderVelden set the team carry record in the Pointers' 31-28 win.

lead to 31-0. However, this was the last time the Pointers would garner anything offensively, as the momentum was totally reversed, swinging the BluGold's way the rest of the game.



VanderVelden

Eau Claire picked up two quick touchdowns, first when quarterback Nels Fredrickson threw up an 11-yard prayer that looked to be picked off by sophomore Jared Flesch. However, Eau Claire's Matt Evenson wrestled the ball away, and the referees ruled it a catch, giving Eau

Claire a touchdown. Then, at the end of the quarter, Eau Claire blocked a Ryan Prochnow punt and returned it for a touchdown, reducing UWSP's lead to 31-14.

Eau Claire scored twice more in the fourth, but UWSP was able to pounce on an onside kick with 1:25 left to seal the victory.

UWSP's VanderVelden set a team record for carries in a game with 43. VanderVelden also had a career high 204 yards, after only having 115 yards on 42 carries coming into the game.

"We went into the game with the plan that Jason was going to get 15 to 18 carries," said Miech. "But when the line is blocking so well, you have stick with what is working."

This weekend, the Pointers travel to Oshkosh to face a 4-2 Titan team that's coming off a tough 56-14 loss at La Crosse this past weekend.

The Pointers beat Oshkosh narrowly 12-10 last season in Stevens Point after falling to the Titans in Oshkosh the year before.

"For us to reach our goal this season, we have to win out," said Miech. "Oshkosh is just the next hurdle in our season."

Matchup

UW-OSHKOSH
TITANS



UW-Oshkosh

UWSP

Where: Titan Stadium - Oshkosh, Wisconsin

When: 1 p.m. Saturday

Listen: The game can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger and Ken Kulick on the call.

Series History: The teams are meeting for the 101st time with UWSP holding a 53-39-8 lead in the all-time series. The rivalry started in 1896 and is the 16th longest in NCAA Division III history. It is the longest between two Division III non-private schools.

Last Year: UWSP came away with a 12-10 victory last season. Excluding the eight ties, it was only the seventh time in the other 92 matchups that has been decided by a field goal or less. Pointer cornerbacks Chase Kostichka and Jared Flesch each knocked down UW-Oshkosh passes at the goal line in the closing seconds to seal the game for the Pointers.

5 Things to Watch...

1. Will Flisakowski be back?

UWSP's top tailback, Cory Flisakowski, missed last weekend's game with a shoulder injury. While backup Jason VanderVelden had a career day against Eau Claire, the offense needs Flisakowski's game-breaking ability.

2. Can the Pointer defense contain Andy Stern?

As the Titans' top tailback, Stern is averaging 4.7 yards per carry and 97 yards per game. The line and linebackers have to contain this break-away threat.

3. The Pointer DB's will have their hands full.

The Titans' hanging Chads (Lindsley and LaLuzerne) are both threats at receiver. Lindsley is a huge (6'3", 250 lb.) tight end with speed, while LaLuzerne is a 6'4", 195 lb. freshman beanpole with excellent hands.

4. Where is Cody Childs?

The Pointers' second leading receiver, a transfer from UW-Madison, only had two catches for 23 yards last week. He is the future of the UWSP passing game, and needs to be involved more.

5. Can the Pointers get pressure?

End Craig Johnson leads the team in sacks with five on the year. The team needs to find another pass rushing threat. Maybe freshman Jake Nantell?

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Conference rollercoaster continues

Despite career night from Parker, team still falls to Eau Claire

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team played host to conference rival UW-Superior Friday night.

volleyball

UW-Superior looked ripe for the taking as they came into the match with an eight-match losing streak. The first game was a hard-fought battle, with neither team able to take control. In the end Superior came out victorious, getting the 34-32 win.

The second game saw Superior leap out to a 6-1 lead and never looked back as they coasted to a 30-

22 win.

The Pointers were looking for redemption in the third game of the match. The game was tight, tied at 25 when Superior made their move, going on a 7-2 run to end the Pointers come-back hopes, and ultimately taking the match 3-0.

Leading the way for the Pointers were Melissa Weber with 13 kills, followed by Kelli Rydeen with seven. Nichole Stahovich and Kim Palmiter tallied three aces a piece.

On Saturday, the Pointers were in action at home, finishing out their WIAC schedule against the always-tough UW-Eau Claire Blugolds. The Pointers played Eau Claire hard all afternoon, but in the end came up short.

After bowing out of the first

game 30-26, the Pointers looked to take control in the second, fighting Eau Claire to a 27-27 score late. Eau Claire was just too strong, putting an end to the Pointer hopes with a 3-0 run to end the game 30-27.

The last game was more of the same, with the Pointers staying close but falling in the end 20-25.

Jessica Parker had a career night, posting career-high 20 kills. Stahovich also contributed eight kills of her own. Rydeen was sharp with her serves

recording four aces. The loss drops the Pointers to 8-20 (1-7).

Next on the schedule for the Pointers, a trip to Menomonie for the UW-Stout tournament this weekend.



Parker

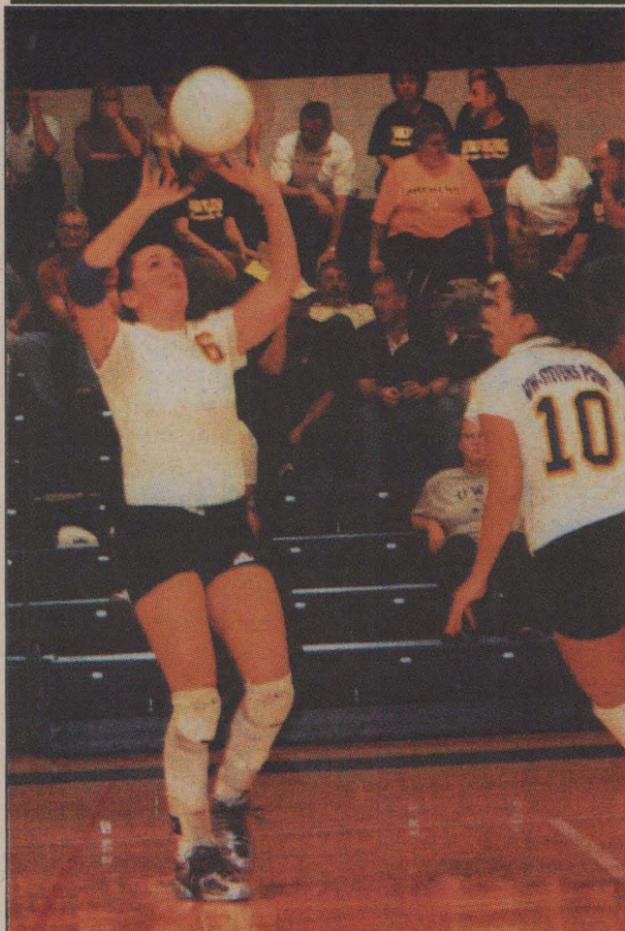
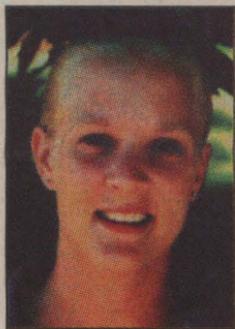


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Maggie Fasan sets the ball while Nichole Stahovich gets ready for a spike on Saturday. UWSP fell 3-0 to Superior.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT JESSI BEVERS - CROSS COUNTRY



Bevers

Career Highlights

- Gaining a spot on the Conference team my junior year

- Personal records along the way, getting faster than I thought I could

Majors - History/Broadfield Social Science/Spanish

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What are your plans after graduation? -

Getting married this summer, and looking for a teaching position at the high school level in Madison.

Do you plan on running competitively after graduation? I'll still participate in 5K road races, and I hope to run a marathon someday!

What is your favorite aspect of cross country?

- The fact that we each compete against ourselves and the clock, but we are still a team and we need to work together as well.

Most embarrassing moment - Getting completely lost at the Standing Rocks race my sophomore year.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Tinkerbell

What CD is in your stereo right now? John Mayer - *Heavier Things*

If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? - Oh I don't know...my fiance?! As strange as it sounds, I'd love to go to Russia or Japan.

What will you remember most about running cross country at UWSP? - The friends that I've made and the great teams I've been a part of over these five years here at UWSP. There have been so many wonderful people that have taught me a lot of lessons about running and about life.
Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - "Run because you love it!"

Team hopes to showcase at conference

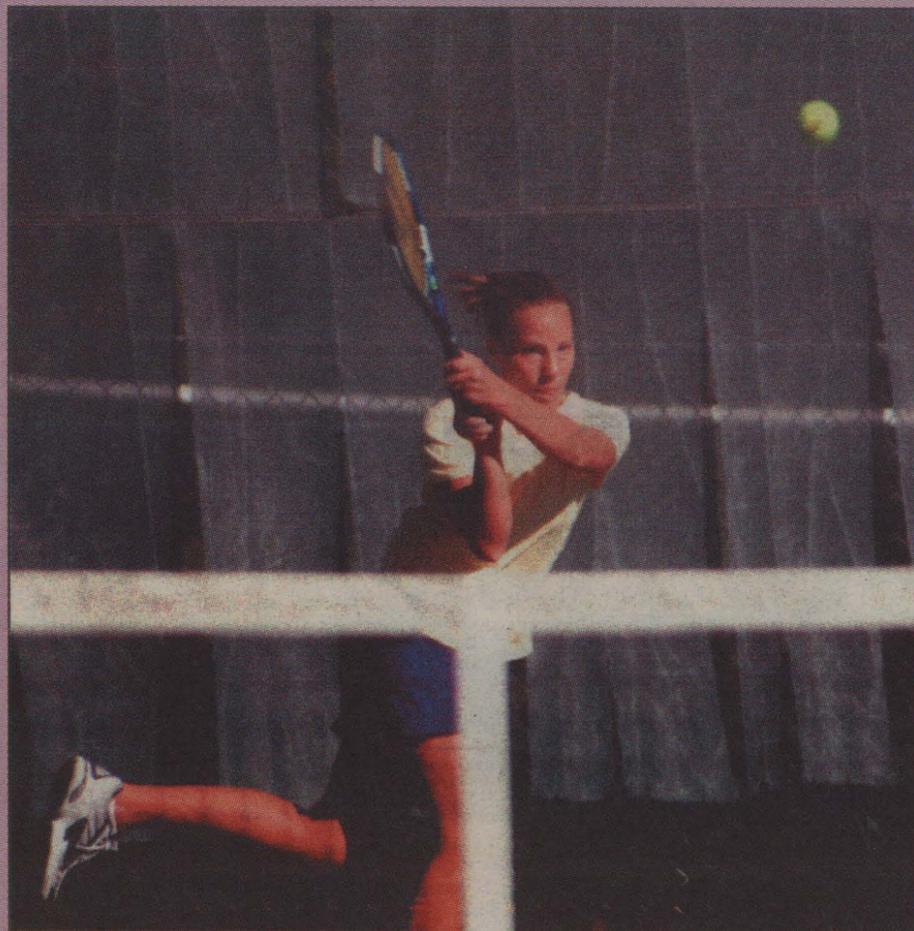


Photo by Patricia Larson

Senior Emily Schender hits a backhand in her number three singles match versus Molly Cadwell of Eau Claire last Saturday.

Optimistic attitudes abound despite poor record

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP tennis team gave their best efforts Saturday against UW-Eau Claire, but still could not capture their second team victory of the season.

tennis

"We had a difficult time against Eau Claire. They are in first place going into the conference championship this weekend, and we had a very hard time winning games," said Pointer Coach Nancy Page.

And a hard time winning games is exactly what the Pointers experienced. The team was shut

out 9-0 and only four players were able to win a game.

Angie Brown put on the best show at number six singles, as she gave Allison Taplin of Eau Claire a run for her money falling only 6-2, 6-3, while Tiffany Serpico garnered one point in her number two singles match.

The Pointers are now turning their full attention to this coming weekend where they will enter the WIAC tournament in Madison. The team is very positive about the weekend as it seems due time for something good to stem from all their hard work.

"We will have to play our very best tennis this weekend. Everyone is working hard in practice and we are optimistic that we

can improve on our last place finish of a year ago," said Page.

Seniors Amber Wilkowski and Emily Schender also have an upbeat attitude for the upcoming weekend.

Said Schender, "I believe we should all forget about our record and play each team as if we have never competed before. I know

if we play like we do in practice and play as if we expect to win, we will."

Individually, Schender, who is new to the team this year, just hopes to continue to have fun. "I had high expectations for myself at the beginning of the season that only frustrated me. I had to



Serpico

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THE BACK PAGE



The Man's Take: The World Series? Who cares!

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

I'm boycotting the World Series this year. Why? Well, it's not because I'm a Brewer fan. I know that the chances of of the Brew Crew going to the series during my lifetime is virtually nonexistent.

Really, the only reason I'm not watching is because I utterly, with total disregard, hate the New York Yankees.

We all know that Major League Baseball is somewhat fixed. How else can they get so many

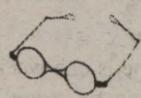
seven-game playoff series every year? As my esteemed colleague Joshua Schmidt says in his column to the right, the sports world is becoming more and more driven by money. Each playoff game is more money in the pockets of the owners, networks and sponsors.

What I don't get is why Major League Baseball let a Yankees/Marlins series even happen. They had the perfect opportunity for the most-watched series of my lifetime if the Red Sox and Cubs were in it.

I mean, who wouldn't watch a Red Sox/Cubs series? There is so much history with the Cubs "goat curse" and the Red Sox "Bambino" curse. That series would have more drama than an episode of the *Real World*.

Don't get me wrong, I love baseball. I'm a stat dork. I actually keep score while watching games on TV. But I just can't get into this series...not with the Yankees and their \$160 million payroll and All-Stars at every position. It's not right, and it's not fair.

GO BREWERS!!!



The way I see it...

The quest for the almighty dollar is causing the downfall of sports

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Money. You either have it, want it, or are trying to figure out how to get it. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the world of sports. The endless labor disputes between the owners and players in the NHL and MLB. The mind-numbing spectacles during pre-game and halftime of NFL games. The ill-conceived BCS of college football. These are all examples of how money is degrading the self-respect and integrity of these great sports leagues.

There's no better example of money ruining a sport than in Major League Baseball. Look no further than the New York Yankees. They play on a different playing field than most of the league. While the Yankees are paying 150 million plus for their talent, you have the Detroit Tigers, Tampa Bay D-Rays and Milwaukee Brewers of the league, who in a good year have payrolls topping 40 million, maybe.

These teams have basically become farm teams of the league. Year after year I've witnessed the Brewers develop some decent players only to trade them a year before their contract is up, because they can't afford to keep them. So year after year, we're stuck watching the Yankees or some other team that's trying to buy a championship ala the San Francisco Giants, Arizona D-Backs or 1997 Florida Marlins.

Then there's the Bowl Championship Series in college football. You know why

the powers that be don't want a real playoff format? Because the Northern Illinois of the world might mess up and make it too deep and get into one of the big bowl games. You think the Orange Bowl Committee wants NIU in their bowl? They'd much rather have schools with big time drawing power, like Nebraska or Michigan. Why? Because a bigger audience means more money.

With the BCS format, the big bowls can pick and choose who plays where. In a playoff format, there's a chance that NIU or TCU could get to the National Championship and interrupt that precious cash flow.

And finally, there's my beloved NFL, arguably the healthiest league in the country, financially. With the salary cap, they manage to keep all the teams on the same financial plane.

Unfortunately, they, in search of more advertising dollars are staging ridiculous pre-game and halftime shows. Is there really any good reason to have Britney Spears kickoff the 2003 NFL season other than to draw more 20-something male viewers and therefore get more companies to sponsor the event. I'm surprised they didn't come up with the Britney/Madonna kiss before MTV. And who actually watches those insanely elaborate Super Bowl halftime shows? You're going to have to do better than Michael Jackson or Aerosmith to keep me from my annual halftime beer/pizza run.

I know, whether I like it or not, money is a part of sports, and always will be. But please have a little respect for the fans, who make so much of that money possible.



View from the Rowdy Crowd

The Rowdy Crowd is back and ready to go

By The Rowdy Crowd Writers
SPORTS CONTRIBUTORS

The cold, crisp fall air is upon us once again, and the ice surface has been installed at the K.B. Willett and Ice Hawks arenas here in Stevens Point. These are all signs marking the arrival of the Pointer Hockey seasons that are about to begin!

With the arrival of the season for hockey the Rowdy Crowd want the readers of *The Pointer* to know that we are hoping students and residents of Stevens Point take some time out to come watch the two very capable hockey teams this school puts out

for competition in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The season begins on Halloween night Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. for the men's team as they take on the YellowJackets of Superior, and the women travel to River Falls to battle the Falcons.

The Rowdy Crowd would love to see all the Pointer hockey fans and especially new fans come out to these local arenas and cheer on our beloved Pointers. Also feel free to come and cheer with us, the Rowdy Crowd.

Editor's Note: "View from the Rowdy Crowd" will be a regular column on "The Back Page" this hockey season. The Rowdy Crowd Writers will bring you their own special blend of humor and insight all season long. —C.M.



Cross Country

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be resting for the first time this year. "They'll be resting this week, the week before conference. I'm resting 10 of my top 12," said Hill. For the men, this will be a "very, very, very low key meet, with most of the top runners not competing," added Witt. This will be the final meet of the reg-

ular season before the WIAC championships in Colfax on November 1st. According to Coach Witt the key to that meet is staying healthy. "Everyone's exposed their hand, now it's just a matter of who can stay the healthiest over the next month or so." Coach Hill had the same sentiments, saying "If the kids stay healthy, I think we're in the driver's seat."

Tennis

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change my attitude a little by setting realistic goals and having fun," she said. The tournament proves to be both business and personal for Wilkowski. "I am really looking forward to conference; it's a chance to really face those girls again who I know I could have beat the first time or at least put up a better fight," said Wilkowski. While she has personal goals of walking away from Conference with some type of medal, "if it's in singles or doubles, 1st place or 4th, I want my senior year to end in a conference medal around my neck," she also has

high expectations for the team. Said Wilkowski, "I really think the team as a whole can really rack up some wins at Conference." On a more personal note, the WIAC tournament also gives Wilkowski a chance to watch her younger sister, who competes for UW-Whitewater, play some matches. "She does great every year so hopefully I will see her walk away with a medal as well," said Wikowski. Win or lose, it can be assured that the UWSP tennis team will enter the WIAC tournament with as much enthusiasm and effort as they have every other match this season. Hopefully, though, the team will receive some of the success so they so much deserve.

The Week Ahead...

Football: at UW-Oshkosh, Sat., 1 p.m.
Volleyball: at UW-Stout Tournament, Fri., 4 p.m. & Sat., noon
Tennis: at WIAC Championships (Madison), Sat. & Sun., 1 p.m.
Cross Country: UW-Oshkosh, Fri., All Day
Swimming & Diving: at UW-Oshkosh, Sat., 1 p.m.
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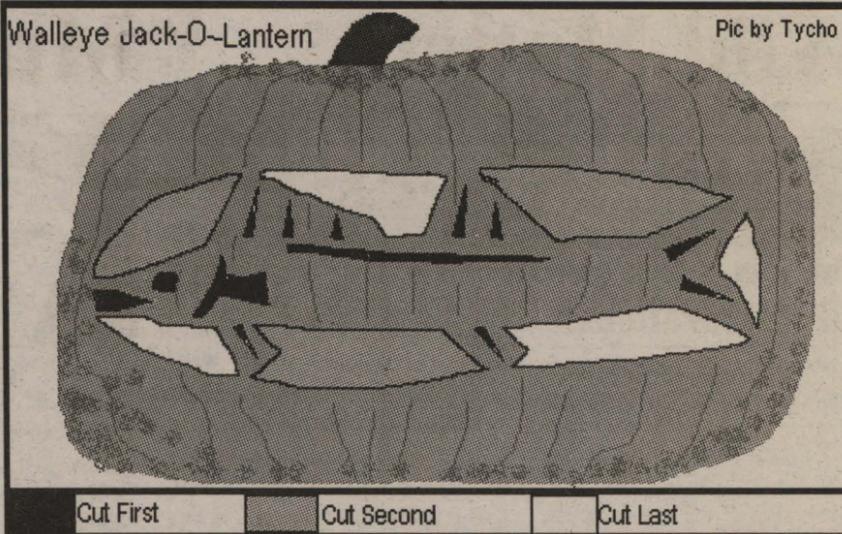
By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

One of the best ways to enjoy the grand Hallowed Eve every year is to take a ride to the old pumpkin patch, select a ripe fruit and bring it home where it will be sufficiently gutted and carved into a spooky face. This Thursday, Oct. 24, is National Pumpkin Carving Day.

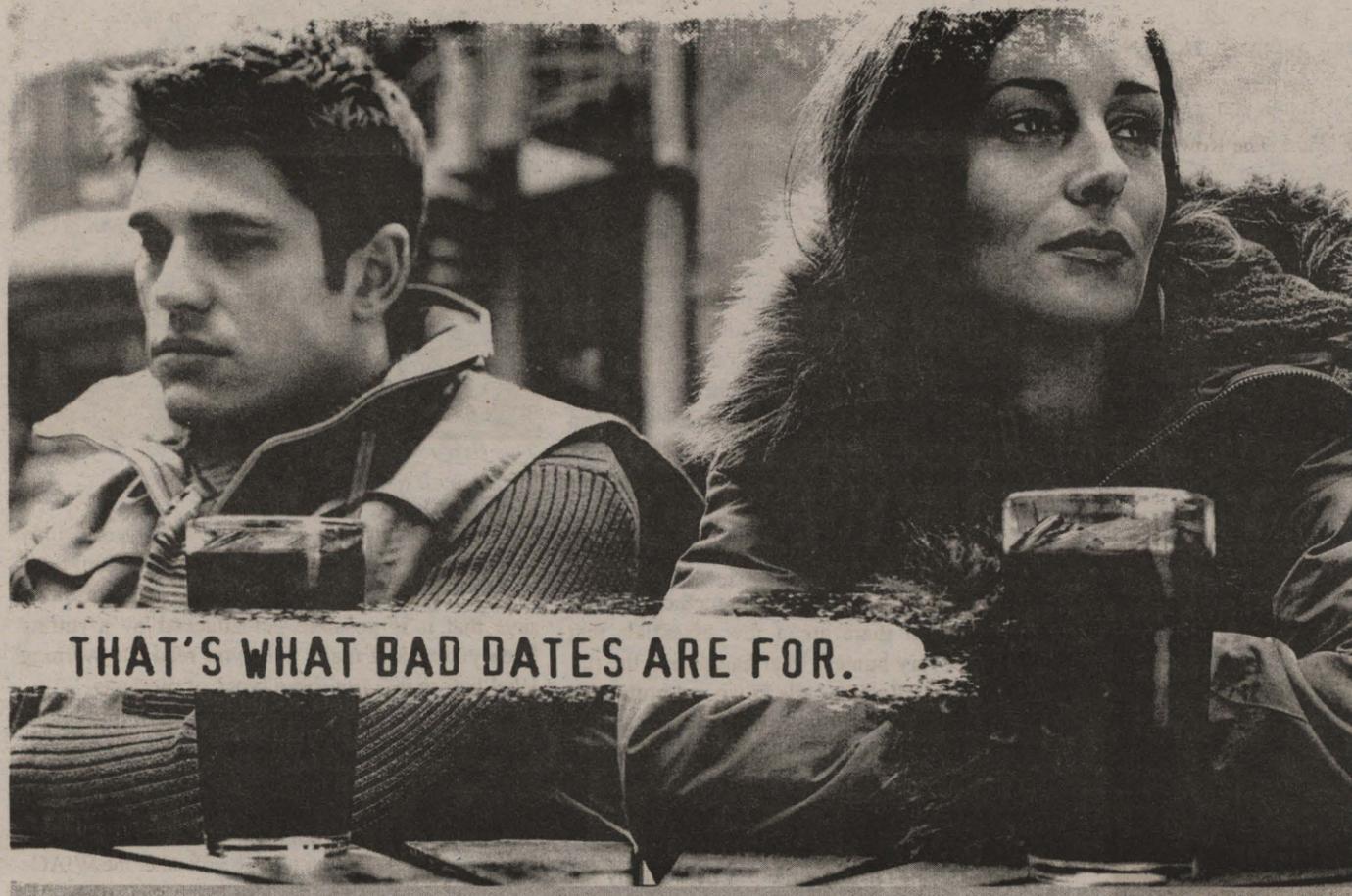
Most pumpkin patch proprietors agree

that the best carving time is one week before the Eve. Pumpkins carved too soon will rot away while pumpkins carved too late will not get much use. Once the pumpkin is carved to the artist's liking, put a candle inside and place it on the stoop or front window. The seeds scooped out can be baked in the oven with some spices for a delicious treat.

To the right is a wonderful walleye Jack-O-Lantern design for the outdoors lover.



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Good places to purchase your carving pumpkin

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

You can't really celebrate the spirit of Halloween unless you have the perfect pumpkin. If you drive along Highway 51 or highway 29 you may have noticed the variety of places that sell pumpkins by the truck-load.



For those who aren't inclined to drive a country mile in order to get their holiday pumpkin you might want to take a drive over to the local Kwik Trip and take a gander at their plentiful selection. Another great way to check out the selection of pumpkins in the area is to take a little drive east of Stevens Point on Highway 10. Here you might find a more quality pumpkin that hasn't been picked through by the masses.

Another unique spot I stumbled upon is Casey's Orchard. This quaint little spot is located a few short miles east of Stevens Point. Just take a right off Highway 10 onto old Highway 18. Stay on 18 for about two and a half miles and you can't miss the signs. They not only have a wide selection of pumpkins but other items such as apples, apple cider, honey and maple syrup. This is a great time of year to enjoy the countryside, so get out and enjoy it before the snow flies.

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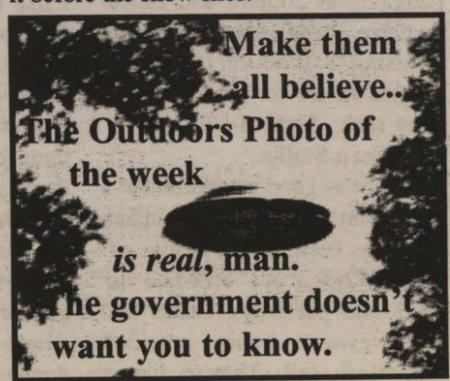


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Wild Matters



The low-down on Halloween yard decorations

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

People like to get extra-crazy for holidays. The most evident sign of these spectacular delusions almost always come by way of excessive home and yard decorations. I use the word excessive with the upmost respect for the word "overdone." Aside from Christmas, Halloween is second to none in the school of supplemental residence ornamentation. The year-round gnomes and plastic deer would stab Halloween in the back, given the proper chance.



Fake gravestones.

This is a classic and recently underused front-lawn standard. A set of three or four plasti-granite tombs out by the rain-spout says, "Watch out folks, people die here often, just look, we needed our own graveyard. That's how much death happens at this house." Without this classic, you might as well rest in peace. 7 out of 10.

Squashes and Gourds.

These two time-honored heroes of Halloween deserve a place at every porch or stoop in America. They are the Moe and Larry to Curley, and their average price dives in at just under a quarter apiece. There is no reason, not even the one involving elephants and torpedoes, to skimp here. 9 out of 10.

Pumpkins or Jack-O-Lanterns.

I shouldn't have to even say anything, but I will out of respect, and the fact that you can't keep your mouth shut about the belligerent pachyderms. If you don't have a pumpkin or Jack-O-Lantern for Halloween, you're probably a Red who stomps puppies to death for some obscene personal pleasure while laughing at cripples and cancer patients. God, what were you thinking? 10 out of 10. Painted pumpkins are for lazy folks and they suck. 5 out of 10.

Corn Stalks.

Not as good as gourds but a good bet nonetheless. Indian corn has been known to give off the old "magic eye" effect on visitors and passerbys. Stalks and fruit give a house bonafied appeal in fall. They're like a

snowflake, unique in every way. 6 out of 10.

Witchin' paraphernalia.

For the most part, witchin' has been looked down upon. Not that it is right, but that's just the way it is man. Like goth people, moustaches and cantaloupe, they are never fully understood and only tolerated because it's easier than confrontation. Brooms suck. If you don't know why, I'm not telling you. The only exception to the witchin' curse might be a cauldron-- filled with potion-free noodled chili. 2 out of 10.

Window décor.

This can be as varied as the Ellis Island Charade Championships of 1903. For the most part it's cool, and it is always fun to make the skeleton touch his or her pelvic bone. On the other hand, these items are so generic that they make Sir Aldi puke blood. 4 out of 10.

Orange pumpkin garbage bags.

So it has two triangle eyes on the outside. Yeah, Okay! Let's make garbage and compost decorative, that's a sweet idea. You know what else works good? I went and found a dead kitten in the road and propped it up on my porch for a nice doormat, real classy-like. Don't worry, I painted it's little face orange. I'm sure the garbage men and Jehovah's Witnesses will appreciate the festive attempt. 0 out of 10.

Fake spider webs.

Get real spider webs, loser. When cotton candy and Q-tips become scary, call yourself on the phone and hang up. 1 out of 10.



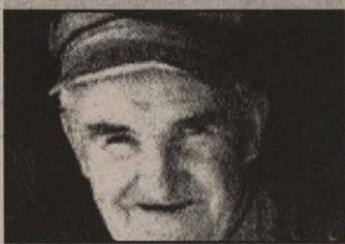
Scarecrows.

Super-awesome. One time I found a scarecrow floating at the Thomas Lake boat landing and it scared the shit straight out of me. I like a scarecrow that chills on the porch next to the mailbox. That's the way to go. As a decoration it's tops, but as a costume it says, "couldn't think of anything better." Over-all pants are the key. 7 out of 10.

Dead things with stink.

Carcasses, roadkill and real bones are always scary. Use as a garnish, but don't tell anyone where you got them. Seriously. 8 out of 10.

Mr. Winters' two cents



Well, hope you all enjoyed the warm weather earlier this week, cause guess what, it ain't gonna last. Anyways, enough with that bad news. There's more important bad news at hand. For starters, football is not lookin' good in this state right now. So what is an old man to do? I'll tell you. Cheer for the Marlin's to beat "them damn Yankees".

Well I got to tell you, the

harvest is going on right as you read and I sleep. It sure has caused some bickering at home. This last Sunday I had a quarrel with Grandma. I had decided to go fishing for the day, and of course, my brother Art was out combining his corn, all by his lonesome. Well I got to thinking how I've been milking cows and feeding the hogs since I was four years old, way back in the 1910's or so. I've put in my fair share of the work and Art is still a youngin', so I think I deserve to be retired from that line of work.

Every year still, the wife keeps haggin' on me to get out in the field. Maybe she thinks the farm air is good for me, maybe

she misses the tradition or maybe she's trying to get rid of me so she can galavant with those rascally 59-year olds at the polka hall. Can't rightly say.

Well, regardless, I went fishing anyways after I had talked with art on the phone line. His grandson's were coming up for the weekend to help him out. The wife was still unhappy until me and my buddy came home with three walleye for dinner. That sure calmed Grandma's nerves some, so hopefully next harvest, instead of raising a fuss, she'll just tell me to "go on and Geeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

Big bucks vulnerable during rut

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I carefully observed a doe last weekend as she chomped on fallen acorns near the edge of a river bottom. After the doe disappeared she suddenly reappeared out from the thick cover while a small 8 pointer trailed close behind. After a short chase the doe slowly walked off and the buck proceeded to make a rub on a tree just 10 yards away. I decided to pass on this little scrapper, knowing that the weeks ahead will possibly bring larger bucks.

The rut is like Christmas to a five year old for many bow hunters. Large bucks are extremely vulnerable during this part of the season, which presents a unique opportunity for anyone in search of massive antlers. It is not uncommon for some hunters to spend all day in a tree stand in the hope that a trophy will present a shot.

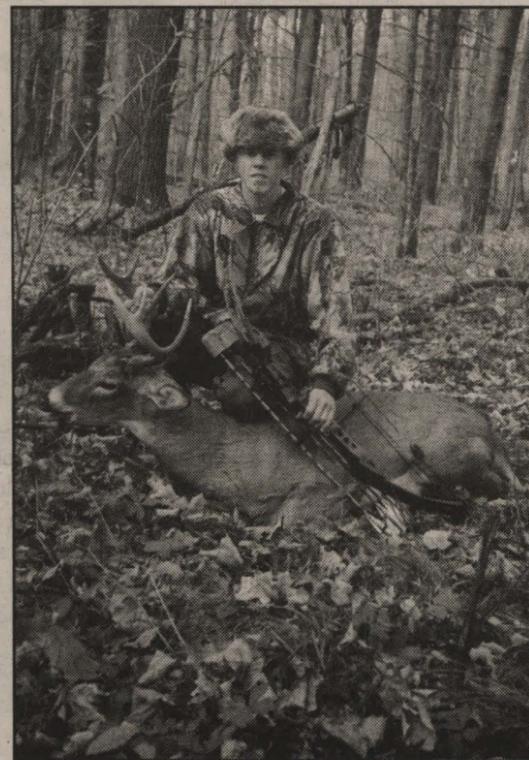
There are generally three known phases of the rut; pre rut, peak rut and post rut. The buck mentioned above was exhibiting pre rut activity. Much of this activity involves making rubs on trees or scrapes to establish dominance in the area. This is my favorite time to hunt because various calls can be used to coax in bucks of all sizes. The few bucks that I have been fortunate enough to harvest have occurred during this time. However, none of these bucks could have been taken without my little bag of tricks.

Each hunter has his or her own method for harvesting deer, but there are a few essentials that should be in every hunter's gear bag during the rut. One of the most effective calls I own is a grunt call. In coordination with a good pair of rattling antlers the grunt call can imitate two bucks sparring over a doe. A grunt call can work by itself as well. When a buck is too far away you can usually bring him in with a few grunts.

A good set of rattling antlers is next on my list of tricks. Although I don't use them on every outing, I always bring them along. One of my latest purchases included a rattling bag. Sometimes a good set of antlers is a burden to carry into the woods. A rattling bag not only saves space, but it can also be used with one hand, which leaves the other hand for your bow.

If I could only choose one item for my bag of tricks it would have to be the call that produces the whining bleat of a doe in estrous. This call comes in different forms, but the most popular is "The Can" made by Primos game calls. This is no gimmick folks. Bucks literally do come running when the timing is right. If you have not tried it yet I would urge you to give it a try.

Scent is another important item that ranks high on my list. Bucks rely heavily on their nose, so a good bottle of doe estrous urine works great. Take an old film container and place a piece of cotton inside. Fill a liberal amount of estrous urine in the container and hang it in a tree next to your ambush



This frisky 8-point buck followed submitted by author a rattle-call to his demise.

site. Place a few drops in a scrape nearby, or simply sprinkle it on a limb. Make sure you don't apply any of this to your body or clothing. Word on the street says that it is possible get attacked by a rutting buck-yikes! Just make sure you read the warning label before you use these types of products.

From here you should be rut ready. If you plan on venturing into the woods this weekend bring one of these items along, and let the good times roll. The rut only comes around once a year so now is the time to get out there and put some of these proven methods into practice.

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concert review: **Umphey's McGee @ The Witz End, 10/15/03**

Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

For a band who watched their beloved Chicago Cubs fall to the Florida Marlins in the late innings of Game 7 of the National League Championship Series, Chicago's Umphey's McGee delivered a solid show on their maiden visit to Point.

Lead guitarist Jake Cinninger directed the band's jams with soothing guitar licks interspersed with raging solos and effects-laden fills, while rhythm guitarist Brendan Bayliss completed the sound by adding a solid backbone to each jam. Cinninger turned the intensity levels high right off the bat with a "Der Blumen Kat" sandwich, featuring "Jimmy Stewart," "Phil's Farm" and "Kimble" mixed in between. The first set concluded with a happy cover of Paul Simon's "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover."

While the first set was worth the drive into the wooded confines surrounding The Witz End, the second set was the highlight of the show. After a brief dedication to Steve Bartman, the Cubs fan accused of single-handedly starting the



Bassist Ryan Stasik lays it down.

downward spiral leading to the Cubs' defeat, Umphey's turned it up a few notches. A three-song combination of "Kablump" into the end of "Jimmy Stewart" into "Q*Bert" featured layered, mature jamming that had everyone in the joint bouncing.

Drummer Kris Meyers (newly acquired in 2003 due to Umphey's' old drummer leaving to pursue a medical career) and bassist Ryan Stasik lit up the stage by fusing a fast breakbeat with industrial thumping bass that would rival any DJ's performance.

The encore, "Power to Love," was preceded by a brief visit to Van Halen's "Panama." Teases like this are commonplace at Umphey's shows; the band also touched on Blue Oyster Cult's "Godzilla".

Covers included, accessibility is what makes an Umphey's McGee show so appealing. Their general rock sound, mixed with elements of jazz, bluegrass, blues, electronica and a cover song here and there is tough to beat. The end result was a good night at an Umphey's McGee show, and fans probably walked out having heard something that they were familiar with, even those unfamiliar with any Umphey's material.

Vegas comedian visits Point

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Comedian Benny Baker will host four shows this weekend at Buffy's, running daily from Thursday, Oct. 23, through Sunday, Oct. 26.

Baker has a long-winded history in comedy. His late-night comedy show is ranked as number one in Las Vegas, where he plays regular shows at the Palms Casino and Hotel.

Baker has toured extensively with Carrot Top, was a contributing writer for Comedy Central's *Politically Incorrect* and has also written for shows on HBO and CBS. He also briefly appeared in Eddie Griffin's latest film, *Foolish*.

The start time at Buffy's on Thursday and Friday will be 10 p.m., and Baker hits the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Comedian Luke Anderson will warm up the crowd before the main set.

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movie review: **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre**

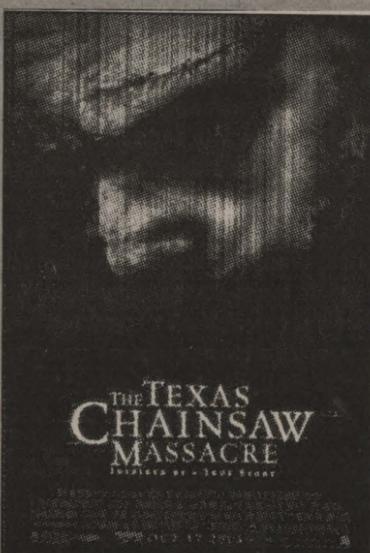
By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Why does the world need a remake of *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*? Tobe Hooper's 1974 original has lost none of its power or ability to frighten audiences, so the only reason for this sorry excuse of a remake seems to be the bottom line. In the hands of a soulless filmmaker like producer Michael Bay (whose *Armageddon* and *Pearl Harbor* are text-book examples of mindless, tedious blockbuster snorers), the new *TCM* is a misfire on the level of Gus Van Saint's disastrous *Psycho* remake.

The new *TCM* opens much like the original, in documentary style detailing the "true" nature of the gruesome events in the Texas backwoods. (In a nice touch, John Laroquette, who narrated the original, does the same duty here.) We then open with a quintet of hot young things, led by Erin (Jessica Biel), returning from a pot run to Mexico, on their way to a Lynrd Skynyrd concert in Dallas. Their idyllic afternoon turns sour when they pick up a shell-shocked hitchhiker on the road, who babbles that "they're all dead" and about a "bad man." Before they can help her, she blows her head off with a hidden revolver.

Understandably shocked and with a bloody corpse on their hands, the quintet drive into an almost deserted backwater town looking for help. They receive little from the locals, who include a

cuckoo sheriff (R. Lee Ermy) who practically has "Klan" stamped on his forehead, a feral kid (David Dorfman, the creepy kid from *The Ring*) and other assorted weirdos. Then they make the mistake of investigating an old plantation house. There lives Leatherface (Andrew Bryniarski), everyone's



favorite chainsaw wielding, human-flesh wearing lunatic. The youths are picked off one by one and soon only Erin survives to battle for her life against Leatherface and his cannibalistic clan.

I have to wonder if Bay and his MTV weaned director/protégé Marcus Nispel even watched the original *TCM*. The original *TCM* succeeded because of its raw power and its almost documentary-style realism; it was what *The Blair Witch Project* could only aspire to be. The new *TCM* is a generic, predictable slasher film, full of tired clichés and never achieving real-

ism (except for the beginning and the *Blair Witch*-type ending). Plus, contrary to reputation, the original *TCM* is rather bloodless, relying more on mood and setting to stir the imagination. Not so with the new *TCM*, which adds too much gore to the screen then is necessary. The added gallons of fake blood nauseate instead of scare.

The cast is no help either for the most part, as the protagonists are mostly so annoying and dim-witted that they ask for their fates. Biel gives her best as Erin, but is pretty much reduced to screaming non-stop for the last 30 minutes. (I couldn't help but notice, though, how much priority Bay and Nispel put on keeping Biel as wet as possible, the better to show off her assets.) And while Bryniarski does what he can, he can't match original Leatherface Gunner Hansen. The only acting jolt comes from Ermy, as the *Full Metal Jacket* drill sergeant now seems to have a lock on all psycho roles not already taken by Christopher Walken.

I have little or no doubt that the new *TCM* will be a success financially and probably spawn its own series of sequels. (The original did, including one sequel featuring a pre-stardom Matthew McConaughey and Renee Zellweger.) But on an artistic level, the film is a complete failure, bringing nothing new to the table. Skip the new *TCM* and stick with the old. After all, good horror classic never die, they just keep on scaring.

uwsp play review:

By Liza Asri
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Picasso at The Lapin Agile

Steve Martin in the *Father of the Bride* acts as a loving, dotting father who finds it hard to realize that his little girl is getting married to a guy named Brian Mackenzie - an "independent communications consultant". But according to him, Brian is an "unemployed, amazingly brilliant non-ape" that he isn't going to support when no one hires him. With such sharp, witty remarks, Martin managed to tickle my funny bone throughout the movie. That is Steve Martin as an actor.

And then there is Steve Martin as a playwright. Last Thursday night, I had the pleasure of watching our university's very own production of Martin's "Picasso at The Lapin Agile." At first glance at the title, I knew that it wasn't going to be an average run-of-the-mill play with a mediocre storyline. There had to be a reason why he chose the weird title. And by weird, I mean The Lapin Agile.

I had no clue what or where The Lapin Agile was, (and I do know Picasso) until an usher with a beautiful smile handed me the program book.

The Lapin Agile was a bar in Paris in 1904. It is the place where an imagined meeting of Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein took place. A year later Albert Einstein published his Special Theory of Relativity and three years later Pablo Picasso painted Les Demoiselles D'Avignon. It was a meeting between two famous people in history before they were famous and where the patrons had several unique issues to talk about.

I think I have to agree with the director of the production, Stephen Sherwin, in his director notes when he asks the question, "How could a comic who started his career with an arrow through his head or as "the wild and crazy guy" from *Saturday Night Live* write a play?" Well, he did and do allow me to let you

in on a little secret: It was brilliant. With a wonderful cast from our very own acting, theatre and musical theatre majors, it was hard not to laugh at the casually expressed witty lines. From Gaston, an older man, played by Scott Luke who just seemed to say the wrong things at the wrong time and had to leave every 15 minutes to visit the restroom. Germaine, played by Jeanie Bettner, tried to justify her infidelity with her husband Freddy the bartender played by Wyatt Kuether to Picasso and the heated debate between Albert Einstein, played by Adam McAleavey, and Pablo Picasso, played by Jacob Pague, on the issue if there is a distinct difference between talent and genius, art and science, and on the value of art - is the meaning really in the person or the painting?

Despite the relative comical and playful appearance of the play, I left the play with questions to reflect upon. For instance, should a relevant distinction be made between art and science? Both clearly are well-appreciated by the masses for its aesthetic value in art and in science for advancing us into technology. So does it really matter if both were just as important to human kind? Or perhaps, the issue raised in a subtle way by Charles Schmendiman played by Charles Thao: Does it really matter that your contribution to society is small and not noted in the encyclopedia? Should you do big things to get noticed? Or, should you be satisfied with what you contribute to society even if it comes in small packages?

I am still almost as clueless as before these questions were raised for I still haven't quite gotten straight answers yet. But one thing I know now is that the world should not be viewed as merely black and white, but should also be viewed in those grey areas that we seldom look at.

And yes, Steve Martin wrote this play.

Jackie's fridge



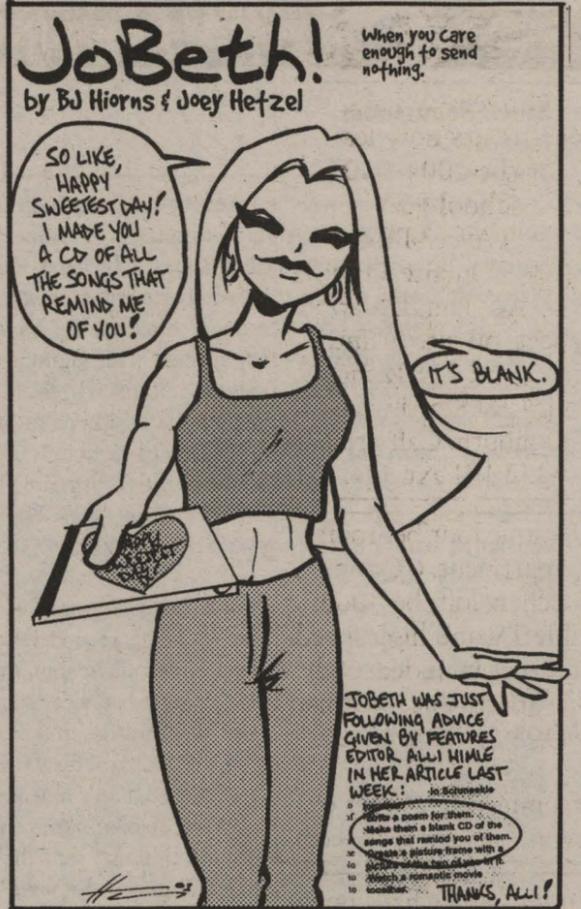
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College Survival Guide: Ars Locusia (The art of the prank)

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium
With Help from GottaHavaJava

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Halloween: for one magical day it's socially acceptable to dress up like a freak, gorge yourself on candy, and engage in a little healthy civil disobedience.

Unfortunately, the art of the prank seems to be lost. It used to be that colleges took pride in their pranks. But lately...nothing. I'm forced to conclude that the majority of the student body is comprised of flaccid, apathetic, soulless meat-sacks without the spark of divine fire required for first-class pranking.

Of course, I could be wrong. You could prove me wrong. You could get up off your lead asses and make me proud.

But first, let's get some things straight. Pulling a fire-alarm isn't a prank; it's just being stupid and rude. Catching one of your friends while they're asleep, stripping them naked, and leaving them duct-taped to a table in Pray-Sims' front lobby isn't a prank; it's just cruel. Breaking windshields isn't a prank either, it's just another way of

saying, "God gave me a ridiculously small penis, and I'm really upset."

Why aren't any of these things pranks? Because these things are only "fun" for the people doing them. And if you get some twisted joy from making other people unhappy, then you've got a real abhorrent personality. What's more, you are *probably* a serious asshole, and assholes should never attempt pranks. They just don't have the requisite discretionary skills.

"But Pat," I hear you cry, "how can I tell if I'm an asshole?"

Take my simple quiz. 1) Do you honk at pedestrians while you're driving?

If you answered "yes," you're an asshole. So do the world a favor: go home and drink some paint thinner.

What's the big deal? Well, let me give you a word picture. I'm walking home, getting some exercise, and preserving the environment by not wasting gasoline. I'm thinking deep thoughts about apotheosis, and xanthophyll, and what makes us burp, and, well, sometimes boobs.

Regardless, I'm in some manner of happy place, minding my own business. Then someone drives by, blows their horn, and drives away laughing like a third-grader who just lit a fart. I'm sick of it.

So here's the only warning you're going to get. I've got one of those landscaping rocks in my jacket pocket: smooth, round, and slightly bigger than an egg. The next time one of you assholes honk at me, I'm going to crack your back windshield with it and pray, just *pray* you stop your car.

Because as soon as you step foot on the pavement, I'm going old-testament on you. I'm talking some serious pillar-of-salt kill-your-firstborn-son get-the-fuck-out-of-my-garden wrath. I'll give you a Super Mario Brothers style ass-kicking. That's where I run up to you, jump on you once to knock you down, then keep on jumping up and down on you until coins and mushrooms start popping out of your flat, sticky corpse.

Hold on. What was I talking about again? Oh yeah, the three rules all good pranks follow.

1) IT MUST BE CLEVER

My rule of thumb is to ask the following question: "Would a group of drunk frat boys do this?" If the answer is "yes" then the prank is not a good one.

You need to consider what reaction you want to provoke. Surprise isn't anything special. You can surprise people by jumping out from behind a door. There's no style to that, no class.

What you want is people to see what you've done and say, "Wow." You want them amused and amazed. You want wonder and delight with a dash of confusion.

For example, you could figure out parking services' schedule, then precede whoever gives out tickets through their route, putting nickels in all the expired meters. Preferably you should do this dressed as a mime.

You could give vitruvian man on the CNR mural pants, or

a tuxedo, or a gimp suit.

I've always wanted to put a bunch of arrows all over campus. They would wend several separate circuitous routes through Stevens Point, eventually converging in some remote location. Then I'd rent one of those port-a-toilets, put it there, and sit in it all day waiting for people to stop by and open the door.

I don't know what I'd do when they opened the door. But no matter what it was, it couldn't help but be funny.

2) NO PERMANENT DAMAGE.

Permanent damage can occur in many ways. Obviously, you shouldn't do pranks that can physically hurt people. This seems like common sense, but it's easy to get caught up in the moment and pour a bucket of goat's blood off an interstate overpass without thinking through all the potential consequences.

Other types of damage need to be avoided too. A broken leg may last months, but psychological trauma is the gift that lasts a lifetime. Just remember, Your funny prank might be someone else's psychotic episode. If you aren't sure where your idea falls, make sure you get a second, (and maybe a third or fourth) opinion and err on the side of caution.

Lastly comes property damage. It's one thing to tempera-paint a large piece of public statuary. It's another thing to spray-paint it. Not only is property damage terribly impolite, avoiding it puts you on better legal footing so that....

3) NOBODY GOES TO JAIL.

Good pranks usually don't involve any lawbreaking beyond a minor trespassing and mischief. Ideally, you want to brag about your prank without worrying about the police knocking on your door. Rearranging your neighbor's lawn ornaments so the ceramic reindeer seem to be molesting the pottery gnomes is funny. A wheelbarrow load of raccoon feces in the municipal pool is criminal.

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