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Efforts to discourage files-sharing continue

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The growing trend by the recording industry to search for and sue those who are conducting illegal file sharing across the internet has led UW-Stevens Point to become one of the hundreds of college campuses that are trying to inform their students about the consequences of their actions and limit the ability of students to download music and software onto their computer networks.

According to David Dumke, the Information Technologies (IT) Director for UWSP, there are no plans to block access to any web-

sites or programs that allow for file sharing, but there are plans to "educate students about copyright laws and make them aware that what they are doing is illegal."

Dumke stated that UWSP has placed filters on its network that search for packet information that resembles file sharing and attempts to limit the bandwidth for those downloads, slowing down the ability to share files but not preventing it.

Dumke went on to emphasize that UWSP is committed to student Internet use privacy and has no plans to conduct searches on the network for those who are still downloading files from Kazaa and other

file sharing programs.

He said that prior to the installation of the network filters, at least "65 to 70% of our bandwidth was being hogged by file sharing, making it difficult to justify what we spend per year on bandwidth if only 30% was being allocated for educational purposes."

More information regarding their rights and responsibilities with regards to copyrighted material will be made available to students in the coming weeks.

Even though the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) or other music groups have

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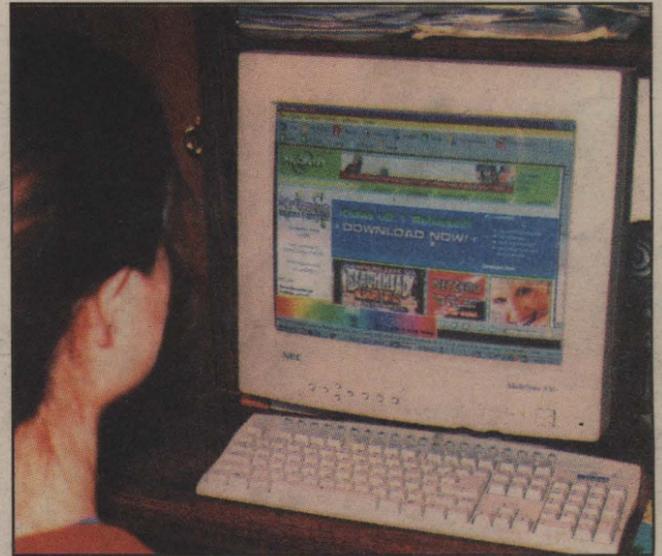


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Point rallies back against Augustana

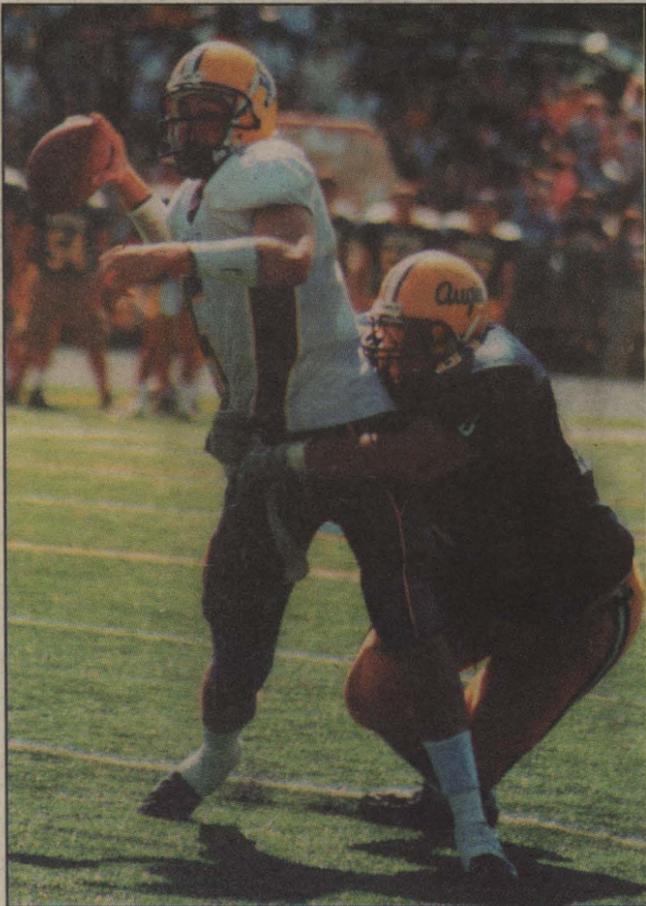


Photo by Jim Strick

Taking one for the team: Scott Krause releases a pass while being wrapped up during Saturday's game against Augustana. Story on page 10.

Vandalism: 33 cars damaged in lot Q

UW-Stevens Point has announced that it is offering a reward of \$2,500 for information on the individuals behind an act of mass property damage that occurred to cars parked on campus early Saturday morning.

Thirty-three vehicles parked in lot Q were found with their windshields bashed in and hoods dented in, as were 12 cars parked off campus on neighboring streets.

Footprints found by Stevens Point police and campus security indicated that the hoods were dented by someone standing on them and that the windshields were kicked in. The damage is believed to have occurred between 4:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. based on security patrols and when the incidents began to be reported. Stevens Point police and campus security are still investigating the incident and are calling for help in providing information leading to an arrest. The Stevens Point Police Department can be contacted at 346-1500 and Campus Security can be called at 346-3456.



Patricia Larson

Walking on broken glass: Thirty three students with vehicles parked in Lot Q awoke Saturday morning to find their hoods dented and windshields cracked. Police believe the vandals stomped in the windshields of all the vehicles, like one pictured above.

UWSP feels the effects of budget cuts

Students experience higher tuition and larger class sizes

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Students at UW-Stevens Point will face higher tuition and a diminishing course selection

beginning this semester, the result of \$110 million in budget reductions exacted on the UW System for the current fiscal year.

The university cut 28.5 positions during the summer, 10.5 of them instructional, while tuition was upped \$250 per semester, a 15% increase from 2002 aimed to compensate for a reduction in

state support.

The effort to reduce payroll expenses and the tuition increase followed the approval of the 2003-2004 budget by the UW Board of Regents in July. The budget calls for an additional \$140 million in cuts to the UW System in the next fiscal year as part of the state's see **Budget cuts**, page 4

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Reconstruction underway on Fine Arts Center

Three year project to cost \$26 million

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Work is in progress toward restructuring the Fine Arts Building on campus. Campus Planning Director Carl Rasmussen says that the plan is to demolish the existing music wing and add on a 103,800 square foot addition with three floors. The plan, which was approved in September of 2002, is slated to cost \$26 million and is expected to be completed in 2005. The addition will push out into what is currently the sundial and designed to accommodate the growing needs of the Fine Arts department.

These needs include a new theater and costume shop as well as practicing rooms and a dance studio. This will allow the Dance and Theater departments to work together more closely. Additional space will also be used by the Music and Art departments.

Andrew Claude, a Theater major, is very excited about the remodeling. "We were running out of rooms to practice in because they were always being used," says Claude, "I was having to reserve the weight room in my dorm just so we would have a place to rehearse scenes. We would have to push some of the equipment to the side."

When the project was approved by the State Building Finance Committee in 2002, then-Chancellor Thomas George stated that the plan had been discussed on campus since the late eighties when the Fine Arts department was beginning to exceed the capabilities of its building.

Now, the development of the Fine Arts building is noticeable to all students on campus as it has cut off certain walking routes. Claude admits that one of the current disadvantages of the remodeling is that it is more difficult to get around campus. He adds "I'm sure some people are pissed at us for 'destroying' much of the Sundial, but it is very necessary for us in this building who need more space to work."

There has also been concern about the project expressed by students that is destroying the unique architecture of a landmark historic building.

Claude describes the demolition of the building as "It's kind of like watching the Surgery Channel where they're doing the cutting and sewing and it's very painful and uncomfortable to watch because this building has been like home." However, Claude feels that the "surgery" is necessary for the department's health and is overall enthusiastic about the upgrade. He only laments that he will not be here when the project is completed to take advantage of the building's new capa-



Photo by Patricia Larson

Under construction: Construction on the Fine Arts building has caused students on foot to take circuitous paths to make their way across campus.

bilities.

The University has voiced pride in the work being done and has even set up a website where viewers can get a live, close-up view of the construction being done. Viewers are even able to choose between multiple cameras for different van-

tage points and are also able for a limited time to control the cameras from their computers to focus on different areas of the construction. This can be viewed at <http://www.uwsp.edu/admin/busaffairs/facplan/index.htm>.

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not contacted UWSP in recent months, students should be aware of recent moves by the recording industry to find the identities of those that have been downloading music illegally.

As revealed in the September 1st issue of *Newsweek*, the recording industry placed identifier tags on some MP3 files that were being traded on Napster, the predominant file sharing system a few years ago, and has spent the last few years searching the Internet for those files and noting the ISP addresses of those that have been sharing the marked files.

The RIAA and other music groups recently announced plans to sue several hundred people that they have identified through the use of marked files and through lawsuits against Internet providers that were aimed toward obtaining the names of those believed to be responsible for major file sharing.

The RIAA has announced a "Clean Slate Program," where those who are willing to come forward and identify themselves as file-sharers will be given a blanket pardon and promises not to be sued.

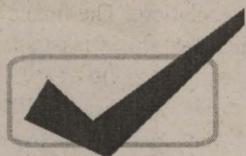
Those applying for amnesty must pledge to stop using file-sharing networks and to remove illegally downloaded music from their hard drive. This option is not available for those who are currently under lawsuit.

Some have criticized the plan, as it requires an admission of guilt with guarantees from the RIAA but not other music interests that those that admit file sharing will not be sued.

Once identified a user could also face future litigation by music publishers and the artists whose music they have been downloading.

For those who are identified against their will, the average settlement has been in the thousands of dollars. Recently an attorney for a 12-year-old girl from Los Angeles negotiated a \$2000 settlement with the industry for sharing 1,000 files across Kazaa.

ACTIVE OR INACTIVE?



For legal and practical reasons, student organizations need to be re-recognized each fall to maintain formal recognition status. To complete the re-recognition process, the following is required:

- 1 **A list of current officers with addresses and phone numbers.**
- 2 **An Advisor Contract Form signed by your advisor(s) stating that he/she will advise your group (forms are available in the Student Involvement & Employment Office).**
- 3 **A completed Risk Assessment Questionnaire (to help protect organizations and advisors).**
- 4 **An updated copy of your constitution if outdated by three years. (NOTE: Constitutions need to be updated a minimum of once every three years.) In addition, if non-students are members of your organization a risk management statement needs to be added to your Constitution.**
- 5 **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE at ONE of two re-recognition meetings (PRESIDENTS or DESIGNEES) scheduled on Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23 at 7PM in the Legacy Room of the University Center.**
- 6 **ADVISOR ATTENDANCE (if your advisor has not done so in the past) at ONE of several Risk Management sessions which will be offered through the Student Involvement and Employment Office.**

Please register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in the Student Involvement & Employment Office, lower level of the University Center. Groups not re-recognized will not be included in the Student Organization Directory and will not be able to use university services.

**PLEASE VISIT THE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT & EMPLOYMENT OFFICE TO
REMAIN ACTIVE!**

UWSP faculty promoted in rank, granted tenure

Twenty-four faculty members at the University of Wisconsin have been promoted in rank and 13 of the designees have been granted tenure by the UW System Board of Regents.

Promoted from associate professor to full professor, the highest faculty rank, were Michael Hansen of natural resources; Larry Ball of art and design; Guillermo Penafiel of art and design; Steve Bjella of music; Charles Young of music; Mark Balhorn of English; Theresa Kaminski of history; and David Gibbs of mathematics and computing.

Promoted from assistant professor to associate professor were Rhonda Sprague of communication, Terese Barta of biology, Kevin Heffernan of geography/geology, Nathan Wetzel of mathematics and computing, Katherine Jore of physics and astronomy, Gregory Taft of physics and astronomy, Justin Rueb of psychology, Bradley Hinaus of physics and astronomy, Michael Veum of physics and astronomy, Oluyomi Ogunnaike-Lafe of education, Fredrick Hebert of health, exercise science and athletics, and Steve McClaran of health promotion and human development.

Promoted from instructor or lecturer to assistant professor were Virginia Freire of biology, Dejan Kuzmanovic of English, Glenn Bowles of natural resources and Barbara Mihm of mathematics and computing.

Tenure status was given to Ogunnaike-Lafe, Hebert, McClaran, Barta, Heffernan, Wetzel, Jore, Taft, Rueb, Associate Professor Catalin Rotaru of music, Associate Professor Marie Watson of communicative disorders and Associate Professor Michael Nelson of philosophy. Interim Chancellor Virginia Helm was granted tenure as a full professor in the School of Education.

Cyberspace security program comes to UWSP

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Hackers. Viruses. Identity theft. Cyberwar. With such threats looming over the world of technology, the growing need for cyberspace security is evident.

As a result, numerous career opportunities will surface to help strengthen cyber security systems. While neither the number of jobs nor their titles can be predicted, the goals are clearly stated in the definition of Information Systems Security (ISS), which is a less common term for cyber security.

According to the National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Instruction (NSTISSI), ISS is defined as the "[p]rotection of information systems against unauthorized access to or modification of information whether in storage, processing or transit, and against the denial of service to authorized users, including those measures neces-

sary to detect, document, and counter such threats."

The jobs in this field will be open to Computer Information Systems majors who have an information assurance track option.

Recently, this option has become available to the CIS majors of UW-Stevens Point, due to a \$200,000 grant awarded to the university by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Money received in the next two years will help in funding this curricular addition and for planning activities to establish a post-bachelor certificate program for those who wish to further their studies in the field.

While most of the required courses are readily available, CIS 366 "Information and Network Security" and CIS 368, later to be CIS 331, "Secure Server Administration" will not be offered until next year. The goal is to have them ready by Fall 2004 and Spring 2005, respectively.

College aid shifts to state for UW students

State grants could offset decrease in federal assistance

Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

Despite this summer's controversy over a change in the formula used to determine federal financial aid eligibility, students in the UW System need not be overly concerned, says Phillip George, the financial aid director at UW-Stevens Point.

The formula change specifically altered the state tax tables by reducing the amount of state and local taxes students and their families could claim as deductions, increasing the amount they would have available to contribute toward post-secondary education expenses.

"The formula that is used is very complex and considers a number of factors, so individual students could be affected differently, and part of that effect is determined by what state a student lives in," said George. "However, Wisconsin is in a unique situation given the amount of money slated to be available for state grants."

A provision in the 2003-2005 Wisconsin state budget increased funding for the state grant program by 11.5% for this fiscal year, equating to an extra \$5,360,000. An increase of nearly 22%, or approximately \$13,120,000, has been slated for next year, when the new federal aid formula will take effect.

"That could provide an offsetting effect," said George. "But that would be dependent on factors such as how many people a given family has in college, and the income of a given household."

A provision in the state budget also requires the UW System to rely on its auxiliary funds to provide \$23.6 million in financial aid through Wisconsin Higher Education Grants, Lawton grants and Advanced Opportunity Program grants. It also reduces the WHEG appropriation by \$3 million to fund National Guard tuition grants.

Just how much the state grants will offset reductions in federal college aid, such as the Pell grant, remains an issue of much speculation. The financial aid office at UWSP has stated that for at least some of the 3,000-plus UWSP students who currently receive the Pell grant, reductions of \$400 could be a possibility.

Many students classified as "high need" received increases of \$127 in state grants this year, but similar increases the 2004-2005 academic year will depend heavily on the effect economic pressures has have on the number of grant applicants.

Precise impacts upon UW students have not yet become totally clear due to the multiplicity of factors that determine aid eligibility, though a few general projections have emerged.

One effect will be that Wisconsin will see one of the highest federal aid disparities in the nation after the change takes effect, a situation rendered by a discrepancy between the current formula, which had not been updated for nearly a decade, and the actual state tax rate in Wisconsin.

"On paper, a student's aid was being calculated against a 10% state rate, when in actuality, Wisconsin state tax rates were much lower," said George. "In reality, we're just catching up."

According to statistics by Human Capital Research, an Illinois-based consulting firm, a Wisconsin family earning \$25,000, may be expected to contribute an extra \$220 or less. A family earning around \$50,000 may owe in excess of \$940, while families with incomes of \$80,000 may be required to pay an additional \$1,500.

However, those statistics remain contingent on a number of factors, including the cost of higher education. Tuition increases in the UW System could increase a student's calculated need according to the UWSP financial aid office, as the current state budget allows for universities to raise their tuition by up to 18 percent.

"I would expect that students with high financial need will find their needs addressed in fashion such that as costs go up, so will their grants," said Miller. "Students with limited or no grant eligibility will probably be looking to borrow more if that is possible."

An increased dependency on loans would likely be a trend reflected at UWSP, as many students already make use of both subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans.

Totals from 2002-2003 indicate that 3,113 subsidized and 2,030 unsubsidized Stafford loans were issued to UWSP students, a statistic that reflects some duplication, as many students borrow from more than one source.

ACT sponsor local blood drive in Laird

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NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

A blood drive sponsored by the Association for Community Tasks (ACT) will take place September 15 and 16 at UWSP in the Melvin Laird Room of the University Center.

The blood drive will begin at 10:30 a.m. and donors will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. both days.

The organization aims to attract over 180 donors over the course of the two day event.

Sponsors of the drive say that while all donations are

important, a great need currently exists for Type O negative blood, which only seven percent of all Americans have.

A press release circulated by the ACT has cautioned students who have recently returned to the United States after semesters abroad that blood donation might not be possible.

Persons having spent a total of six months in the United Kingdom are ineligible to make a contribution. Those who have traveled to any malaria areas such as Central and South America and Africa require a deferment period of one year

before making a donation.

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Nasons give \$50,000 to UWSP College to Fine Arts and Communication

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) today announced receipt of the first major contribution to its Great Artists and Speakers Endowment. The \$50,000 gift comes from Worzella Publishing Company President Chuck Nason and his wife, Vikki. It was made in memory of Nason's parents and family, longtime residents of Stevens Point.

"We are thrilled with the Nason gift and this demonstrated commitment to the students in COFAC," Dean Gerry McKenna explained. "Their gift will have a lasting impact on the quality of teaching on campus and the quality of arts and communication programming throughout the community. It couldn't have come at a better time for us."

The endowment was established to bring talented guest artists and dynamic lecturers and speakers to the UWSP campus for extended residencies, and to support student travel to experience great art around the nation. Visiting artists and speakers will

enhance the existing undergraduate education that students in the college receive, and raise the number and quality of public performances available for the Central Wisconsin audience. The college has recently begun soliciting gifts to the endowment from alumni, businesses and friends in the community.

"The arts and communication are dynamic and ever changing. To provide our students with the best education possible we need to expose them to excellence in all areas of music, drama, dance, communication and the visual arts," McKenna continued. "This endowment provides our students with access to the best in their fields. At the same time it offers the Central Wisconsin community more opportunities to experience great art and hear interesting speakers."

The Nason gift is made in memory of the late Charles W. Nason Jr., and Doris C. Nason. It also honors Nason's sister, Susan Schultz of Appleton, a

1963 UWSP graduate, and Nason's wife, also a UWSP alum and currently a graduate student at the university.

"My father loved being a drummer in the university's band in the late '30s, and both of my parents thrived on the UWSP music programs and cultural activities during their lifetimes," Nason said. "My sister received a top notch education here as has my wife. I had a daughter attend UWSP so we are thrilled to be able to help kickoff the Great Artists and Speakers Endowment and at the same time 'give back' to UWSP and the local community."

Nason said the family musical ties to UWSP go even deeper. His mother's brother, Kenneth Cuthbert, was an accomplished trumpet player and teacher. He was dean of the School of Music at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, where one of his star pupils was Bob Kase, an outstanding trumpet player who

is currently chair of the Music Department at UWSP.

The Nasons are both active on the UWSP campus and strong supporters of the UWSP Department of Music. Chuck Nason is a member of the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors and has been involved in the annual Department of Music benefit, "Soiree Musicale," since its inception. Vikki also is active in the 'Soiree Musicale' and an accomplished vocalist.

"The outstanding million dollar gift from John and Patty Noel ensured that the fine arts program would have a first class physical structure from which to operate," the Nasons pointed out. "The purpose of the Great Artists and Speakers Endowment is to bring world class people to UWSP to share their talent over several days or weeks. We hope others will join with us to ensure an annual flow of great talent for a great facility."

Budget Cuts

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cuts to the UW System in the next fiscal year as part of the state's effort to correct the current \$3.2 billion shortfall. UWSP will saddle \$10 million of the total \$250 million cut from the System budget over the biennium.

"Eliminating instructional positions was a very difficult decision," said Greg Diemer, chairman of the Office of Business and Budget Affairs. "However, since over 70% of our resources are in instruction, some instructional positions, unfortunately are impacted."

Each of UWSP's four colleges must now adapt to the loss of at least one instructor, a setback that translates to larger class sizes and fewer course offerings for students.

The college of Letters and Science experienced a loss of 4.5 instructional positions, the most of any college at UWSP, rendering a pronounced effect on basic courses in departments such as English, history, and foreign languages, which all students need to graduate.

A major in Russian has been dropped from the college, while the loss of two English instructors will cause an estimated 200 fewer students to receive English classes this semester than last.

Justus Paul, dean of the College of Letters and Science expects the situation to get worse before it gets better.

"If we face more staff reductions as anticipated during this coming year, there will be more closed sections and courses unless we also agree to place limits on enrollment," he said.

"[But] even that will not solve the problem as we unlikely to be able to make program reductions in exactly the right areas even with a slightly smaller enrollment."

The College of Fine Arts and Communications will deal with similar problems. According to Gerald McKenna, the college's dean, a major in communication technologies management will now have to be introduced as a minor. A BFA program in theater may also get cut in the next year, due to the loss of a faculty position.

The college of professional studies will have two fewer faculty positions than it did a semester ago; the college of natural resources will have one less position. Each college will now cope with a unique set of consequences.

Elementary education, a major encompassed by the College of Professional Studies, for instance, will experience some strain on class sizes, given a reduction in the number of seats due to a position cut. The major currently receives twice as many applications than it can accept. Applicants to all majors in the college will also have to pay to take an entrance

exam beginning next year, although the fee is not expected to reduce the number of applicants.

The College of Natural Resources, which has already cut its operating budget, dropped an administrative position and reduced its number of part-time instructional positions has been forced to explore new avenues to maintain its prestige position among undergraduate programs in the nation.

"To maintain our margin of excellence in the face of a steady decline in state allocated tax dollars, our faculty and staff generated \$7.5 million in external grants out of the campus total of \$8.8 million in the last fiscal year," said Victor Phillips, dean of the College of Natural Resources.

All of the colleges will also contend with the increased possibility that students will have their progress toward graduation delayed. Deans from each of the four colleges have stated that they will make an effort to prevent this, but that the possibility remains likely.

"I'm not sure that it will occur as of this minute, but give us one more cut and you will see delays in graduation," said McKenna.

Debates on the fairness of the reductions and the manner that the UW System has handled them still remain.

Lawmakers again voiced frustration with the System following a decision to provide 14 UW administrators with pay raises.

This followed criticism mounted in April by members of the Joint Finance Committee, which rejected the first budget proposal submitted by the UW System, requiring the system to make an addition \$500,000 in cuts to its administration.

Greg Diemer stated that UWSP has always operated with a small, efficient administrative budget, and that the recent round of complaints against the UW System has resulted from difference of interpretation in accounting.

"The UW spends about 6% of its budget on institutional support compared to 10% nationally," said Diemer. "However when some members of legislature look at the budget, they classify everything that is not direct instruction as administration."

Nick Crawford, president of the Student Government Association at UWSP, has emphasized the role of low student-voter turnout during recent elections in assessing the current troubles of higher education, stating students must head to the polls in large numbers this February.

"Our stronger voice at this time is in the primary elections," said Crawford.

"The money lost in cuts is lost forever. Our chance this year is to support political candidates who place a high value on the UW System. The message cannot be any stronger. Students must vote."

Instructional Position Cuts by College

Letters and Science: 4.5

Fine Arts and Communications: 3

College of Professional Studies: 2

Natural Resources: 1

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Musings from Mirman

The five year college plan: the preferred method to earning that degree

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Five years ago as a lowly freshman at the University of Minnesota I received my initial collegiate counseling advice. I simply needed to average 15 credits per semester and I would receive a college degree in four years. My advisor promised that once I graduated, employers would beat down my door trying to lure me to their companies.

One school transfer and a few years later I think I finally figured this college thing out, no thanks to that freshman advisor.

Taking five years or more to graduate college provides a much smoother route and allows students to really appreciate the experience. The first year almost always disappoints and that's cool. It's nearly impossible for college to live up to the idealized view that most incoming freshman have.

Whether the ideas come from movies or TV, we expect college to supply everything missing from high school. The roommate should become the best-friend-for-life and that cute girl or guy next to you in class obviously shares your love of sand dollars and sword collecting. Yes college, where teenagers and independence collide to provide a student utopia.

Except that friends-for-life roommate refuses to clean up that pizza box that's been sitting out for a week. That cutie in class already has a steady squeeze. Then, gasp, drinking to excess doesn't cause attractive people to flock to your winning personality. But it can earn a couple hot dates with a porcelain beauty. Hopefully by the time the year ends the report card will not contain any failing marks. The first year can be chalked up as a learning experience.

In your sophomore year, the college career will take off. This year the roommate is selected, not inherited. There is also a certain veteran status of checking with all the folks from last year.

Of course sophomore also translates to wise fool, which isn't just a coincidence. I picked up two underage drinking tickets for ridiculously stupid

actions, which I will not get into at this time.

Realizing that the constant party would get me tossed from school, I began the involvement phase, I came to head the call of "getting out of college what you put into it." At this time I latched on to *The Pointer* and 90FM. Finally after a year and a half of growing up college started to click.

Then Junior year comes and finally my own place, free from the dorm quiet hours. My own personal room and four female roommates, ...oops. Female roommates have a lot of great qualities, unfortunately one of mine also had a motherly quality too. But bad roommates are part of college and it seems everyone has that one shady roommate so I can't complain.

Traditionally the junior year marks the 21st birthday. This is the point that you really feel like an upperclassman. Now when the bars are raided there is no ducking into the bathroom.

This year the value of education finally starts to sink in. Becoming an intellectual and educated person starts to look appealing. I even started to read books not titled Harry Potter.

This all leads to the initial senior year. Fielding questions about post-graduation plans, looking for that unpaid internship, doing grunt work.

This is the point where it's time to hit the brakes. You're only 22, why not drop down to 12 credits and really explore your options after graduation? Maybe pick up an extra minor and make sure that your field is one that you see yourself happy working in.

Sure the extra year means more expenses, but with financial aid and student loans they can be pushed out of sight for the moment. This plan doesn't apply to everyone as well. Many students just see college as an obstacle they need to clear as quickly as possible.

But with a non-existent job market, why not take that extra year before scoring that sweet unpaid internship?



Keep church out of state

I thought I'd start the 2003-04 Letters & Opinion section off with a bang by throwing in my two cents about a controversial issue that always seems to poke its nasty head back into the news. Recently, the backwards state of Alabama became a hotbed of controversy as Chief Justice Roy Moore defied a court order to remove the two and a half ton Ten Commandments monument he'd erected in the rotunda of the state courthouse two years earlier.

Moore created such a stir with his stalwart defense of "God's Law" that he attracted religious fanatics from far and wide to the front steps of the courthouse. Despite their public demonstrations, Moore's steadfast refusal to remove "Roy's Rock" from the rotunda resulted in his suspension and the monument was moved to a private area of the courthouse anyway.

Frankly, I don't understand the controversy surrounding the separation of church and state.

The Constitution clearly states that the government cannot establish religion and must protect the rights of individuals to practice any religion (including atheism). The separation of church and state prevents members of minority religions from being alienated by our government. Isn't it understandable why a Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu or (heaven forbid) atheist would feel a bit uneasy walking into a courthouse and seeing a 5,000 pound Ten Commandments monument staring them in the face? Isn't it quite clear why they might feel a bit discriminated against?

But whenever I mention the importance of the separation of church and state, some narrow-minded, egocentric right winger always responds with a "but our nation was founded on the Ten Commandments" or the even more ridiculous "what would our forefathers think?" I often hear these people say that our increas-

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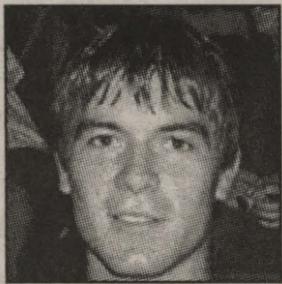
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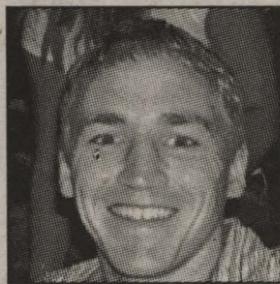
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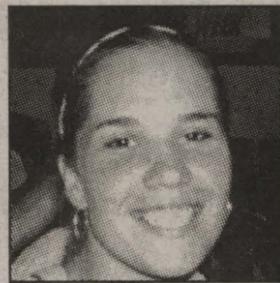
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Alicia Schwan, Senior, Secondary Education
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For the freshmen

Advice on how to begin your UWSP journey

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

My junior year at UWSP is now upon me, and I cannot believe how fast my first two years here went. Everything is now so familiar to me; the campus has become my home. Yet with the passing of two years, I still find myself remembering, as if it were only yesterday, the time I regarded UWSP as only "the place I was going to college." UWSP has since become much more to me than that. I only hope to offer whatever insight I can into making that transition easier for those just beginning their journey here; the freshmen.

Move-in day is where it all begins; wondering how you will ever fit all of your belongings in that one room, let alone have room for the infamous roommate's stuff as well. You unpack and then you are left alone - without the comfort and security of your parents, without knowing how you will make your room more than just a place to sleep, but a place to feel like home.

It is at this time that you meet your roommate - the person who will be sharing a room with you, a room that some may consider not even large enough for one person to occupy, let alone two, for the next nine months. Your roommate can become your best friend, as was the case for me or someone you could never imagine willingly living with. You alone have the choice to make this a positive or negative experience. A word of advice, the latter of the two however will make things much more difficult.

The first week of classes begins, and you have still not found your footing, your place in this often overwhelming university setting. This is where you realize that it is up to you, and you alone, to find your place here, to find why it is that you are truly at this university. It is in accomplishing this goal that you realize how important the bond of friendship truly is. You never realize how important your friends are until they are spread across the upper Midwest. Yet with that happening, you have the opportunity to

form a whole new circle of friends as close to you as the next door.

I think it can be said that the greatest friendships are the ones formed at college. Keep in mind that you are all starting out on this same new journey. You are all beginning again. The best advice is to go and meet those girls/guys next door to you, or make friends, with the person sitting next to you in class. You never know what great friendships can be formed from a simple hello.

Secondly, do not lose touch with those that helped guide you thus far in your journey. Your parents have seen you become what you are, and without a doubt, they contributed in that formation. With that in mind, calling every week or so is not asking too much. Realize that they care about you, and even though you have started anew and are on your own so to speak, you want to hear from them just as much. Your friends as well are branching out from the high school life. More than likely, you and your friends have gone to different colleges, either near or far, and keeping that relationship is neither one or the other's sole responsibility. Make use of email and instant messaging, and more importantly, realize that even though you are all making new friends and sharing different stories, these are still the type of people you can tell anything to, for even though you may be at a different place geographically, emotionally you are all on the same page.

This brings me to my final point, yet a point I cannot emphasize enough. Do not be afraid to change! Change is one of the imperative benefits of starting anew. I changed more my first year of college than I did throughout my entire high school career. (Parents and friends can testify to that). This change does not need to be dramatic by any means, nor does it need to be encouraged by others. The reward of a new beginning is precisely that: it allows for a new start. That, I believe, is the true gift of college. It is not an A on an exam (although that certainly could not hurt), it is the ability to transform into the person you want to be.

I leave you with this final piece of advice: no matter what, make the most of your college years. Yes, at times college is hard and stressful, but in the end no experience will allow for more personal growth than the journey you have just begun at UWSP. Make this what you want, and in the end only you are responsible for how you will reflect on this experience.

Gandhi continues grandfather's message of peace

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The grandson of Mahatma Gandhi brought his grandfather's message of peace and nonviolent resistance to Stevens Point on Monday night.

Arun Gandhi spoke in the Laird Room in front of a packed audience for the better part of an hour, speaking at length about his

Ghandi was born in 1934 and came to America in 1987. He is a noted journalist with eight books and hundreds of articles to his credit. He also has founded the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence at Christian Brothers University at Memphis.

Much of Gandhi's speech was dedicated to his experiences with his grandfather and his

black and for the blacks I was too white."

Yet, Gandhi says, his grandfather taught him to never use his anger for evil. Nor, he claimed, was it a good idea to suppress it.

"Grandfather told me that anger is like electricity," he said. "It can be used for our benefit or for destruction. We must learn to channel it for the good of humanity instead of the destruction of humanity."

Gandhi also showed the humorous side of his experiences with his grandfather. Particularly amusing was his story of how, in order to test his grandfather's non-violent beliefs, he tried to get his autograph without paying the typical \$5 fee. His grandfather refused, so Gandhi tried everything to provoke him, including barging in on meetings and demanding it. His grandfather never backed down and never lost his temper. And Gandhi never got his free autograph.

"I could not do it, but despite my pestering for several weeks, he would not lose control," Gandhi said. "If we could attempt to do 50% of what he could do, think of the changes we could make to the

level of violence."

Gandhi concluded with the statement, "I hope that all of you can come together to make this world a peaceful world."

Afterwards, he answered questions from the audience. Several of his responses were as entertaining as his stories. He admitted that he "does not agree with President Bush" and suggested that the TV should be "thrown out the window." Both

answers received significant applause.

Bob Tomerslin, head of Student Affairs, introduced Gandhi's speech. Student Affairs sponsored Gandhi, along with Residential Living, Multicultural Affairs, SGA and Centertainment.

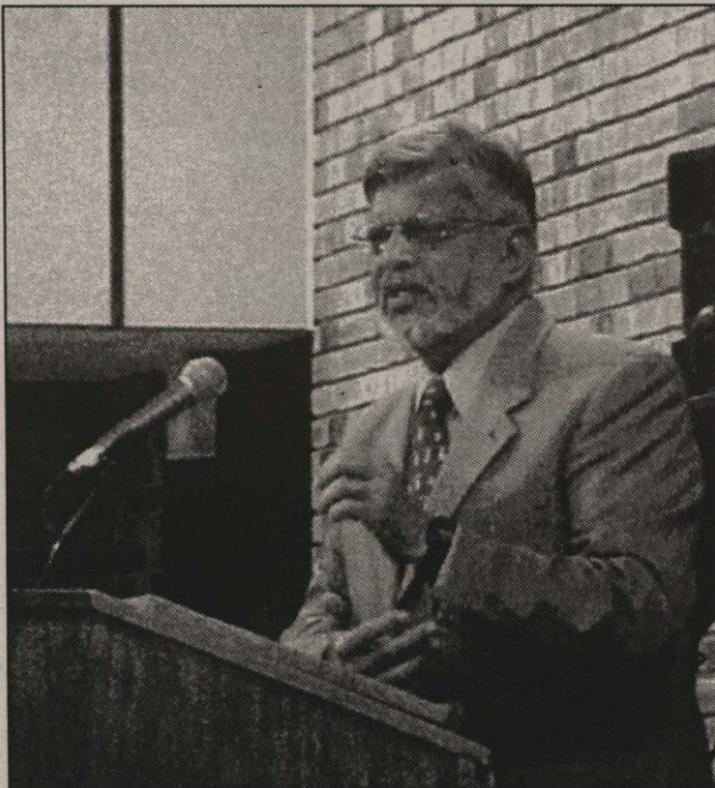


Photo by Patricia Larson

Gandhi's Grandson delivers his message to the students of UWSP

experiences with his legendary grandfather and how nonviolence is the way to achieve a peaceful society.

"My grandfather did what he did because he saw the world was being consumed in a culture of violence," Gandhi said. "If we do not do something soon, we will be consumed and destroyed by the culture of violence."

childhood growing up in South Africa during the height of apartheid. There he learned firsthand the bigotry and hatred between the different groups of people as well as the destruction hatred brings. Often he was beaten by gangs.

"I was beaten up by white youths at age 10," he said, "then by black youths a few months later. For the whites, I was too

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Yes, there are other options besides Debot

Your guide to eateries around campus. Your stomach will thank you later.

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

By now I'm sure that many freshmen have heard horror stories about the Debot dining center. Let me assure you that there is nothing to worry about. Yes, there are the rumors about the rats in the ventilation ducts, but I don't think any have found their way into the evening's entrée yet...

Kidding, kidding! But for those of you who are Debot-phobic, or simply want a change of pace, there are numerous other dining opportunities. Granted, Steven's Point is not exactly a culinary center a la France, but there is a wide variety of dining establishments within walking distance of the campus.

The first, of course, is the Grill/C-Store, located in the bowels of the dreaded Debot. The C-Store offers your standard convenience store fare, so anyone lacking in ramen noodles and frozen pizzas should restock here. The Grill offers numerous fast food-style entrees, many deep fried and dripping in enough grease to drown a yak. For those who value their cholesterol level, vegetarian alternatives are also available. I would advise getting there early because the line in the evening is about as long as Space Mountain's. I recommend; the wraps, for chicken and beef fans alike.

Across campus are the Wooden Spoon and the Pointer Express, both located within the University Center. The Express is open for breakfast and lunch, offering everything from salads to bacon cheeseburgers. The Spoon works like Debot, but the bill of fare is typically of higher quality. Meal plans can be used at both places. And if you need a pick-me-up in the morning, the Brewhaus below offers coffee and other stimulating drinks like beer, but you freshmen needn't be concerned about that.

If you prefer to eat off campus, there is a wide variety of fast-food eateries around. Like most college campuses, Point attracts every fast-food chain imaginable here to suck all the loose change they can get from desperate students. Our local parasites include McDonald's, Hardee's, KFC and the pizza-dishing trio of Pizza Hut, Papa John's and the venerable Topper's. Unfortunately, Burger King has closed down, so if you



Whopper-junkies are desperate for a fix, you need to drive over to the Plover establishment.

Since we are a college campus, yes, there is a Taco Bell standing right across from Lot P, ready and willing to take your money when you stagger in during the wee

morning hours, hungry after a long Thursday night. Plus, there is another TB squished between the Express and the Spoon in the UC, perfect if you want a nacho or chalupa fix between classes. Just try not to sit next to me after eating.

For 24-hour service on Friday and Saturday, Perkins is ready and waiting near the vast car-strewn wasteland that is the K-Mart parking lot. Country Kitchen, on the other hand, is open 24-hours all days of the week. If you're sick of fast food and actually want to have a sit-down dinner with service, Perkins is the place to go. It's even open on Christmas, but your life isn't so sad and lonely that you would be dining out on Christmas evening, is it?

And one cannot have a restaurant guide without mentioning the immortal Belts, located just a few short blocks from campus near the downtown area. Belts specializes in serving various frozen treats, many of them cold enough to lower your core temperature to Ice Age levels. Fair warning; the "Flurries" (which bear a striking resemblance to DQ's "Blizzards") come in three sizes: "Large," "Very Large" and "Gargantuan." But if you want to taste this ice cream paradise, hurry, because they close in October and won't come back until spring.

So if you despair of Debot's latest culinary concoctions and wish to broaden your diet, the Point campus area does offer a wide variety of choices. However, if none of these please you, there is one final alternative: go home and have Mom's cooking. But you're in college now and are at least trying to be independent, so use this as a last resort, okay? Otherwise, I see ramen noodles in your future.

Becoming a UWSP Ambassador

Your key to getting involved on the UWSP campus

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

Looking for a way to get involved on campus while influencing the minds of prospective UWSP students? If you are, then becoming a UWSP ambassador is for you.

Being an ambassador for UWSP entails giving campus tours to visitors and prospective students. This includes those who are transferring from other campuses and those who are nontraditional students beginning their college experience.

As an ambassador for UWSP, you will usually give a tour once a week with a time commitment of an hour to an hour and a half. The tour takes the visitors through the majority of the academic buildings, as well as the UC, library, and Allen Center and then concluding with a tour of a residence hall which includes a mock residence hall room.

I have personally gained a great deal as an ambassador for UWSP. It is such a rewarding

feeling knowing that you are influencing the lives and decisions of others. As an ambassador, you become the first student to give campus insight to those who are visiting. The way in which you regard UWSP helps foster an image of UWSP in the minds of others. This is definitely an experience I would recommend to anyone that wants to profess how truly great UWSP is.

In addition, becoming an ambassador is a tremendous contribution to a resume, not to mention the fact that it will help when trying to find someone to write a letter of recommendation for you once graduation approaches. Having an experience such as this really allows you to enhance your people skills.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Jen Anderson in the Admissions Office, located in the Student Services Building.

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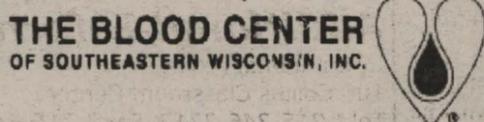
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The road construction is driving me crazy

And other random thoughts from a cranky student

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

There's no question that road construction and nice weather go hand-in-hand. Believe me, I should know. This summer in my hometown of Appleton it was virtually impossible to go anywhere in town without running into a blocked-off dead end. Still, I could handle it. I just kept telling myself that I would soon be back in Stevens Point where I would not have to deal with it anymore.

Boy, was I a naive fool. I returned to Point and what did I find? Why, road construction, of course! And not just any road construction, either. We're talking about the massive remodeling job they're doing on Highway 10, which just happens to be the road I take to go back and forth between Point and Appleton. Now, it's not enough that Highway 10 can compete for the title of "America's Deadliest Highway." Oh no, that would be too easy. Now they have to take the "safe" part of the road, the one part where your chances of a life-threatening accident are minimized, and turn it into a stop sign-laden, zig-zagging, ripped-up mess. I'm sure they have good reason for making Highway 10 more complicated to get through than the Labyrinth, but I haven't heard it.

And is that all of the road construction we must deal with? Of course not! That would be too easy! No, the geniuses in

charge of our fair city have decided to tear up not one but TWO of the major roads in town. Yes, Highway 51 is also blocked off, making travel towards the downtown area a bit more complicated. All those who want to travel to Belts for a frozen treat have to use the footmobile, for real mobiles are forbidden to pass. The construction also makes getting to Rogers Cinema a bit more complicated. I'm sure Campus Cinema is thrilled, expecting a boost in business from those students who don't want to go through a maze of side streets to get to Rogers, but for a guy who reviews films, this is a pain in the rear. I'm praying all the films I want to review are at the Campus cinema until the construction is done, but I doubt my luck will hold up.

It's getting to the point where having a car on campus is not worth the trouble. Case-in-point is that the new parking system, which allows permit holders to park in lots P, J and Q. The result is that P has been turned into an overcrowded mess

where trying to find a parking spot is a Darwinian struggle of the fittest. A word of advice: Do not drive during the week unless you absolutely have to. If you leave, your parking space will be snapped up within minutes and you will be forced to drive around campus for a half-hour like a dummy looking for a new one. Wait until the weekend when people take off.

And whatever you do, don't park in lot Q. As last week's events showed, if you love your car, you should avoid Q at all costs. I'm sure that you car-owners love your precious automobiles and try to maintain them the best you can. The last

thing you would want is to leave them unprotected in a place that is the stalking ground for brutish drunks with a mind for property damage. Take care, unless you want to wake up some morning and learn that your car got aired out on account of the windows being bashed in with a base-

ball bat.

A little message, too, for the jerks who committed that act. Have you no shame? Would you like it if someone decided to practice their golf swing on your car? Do you think it's fun to have to pay for that type of damage? Either you were drunk and didn't know what you were doing (and this proves you don't handle your liquor well), or you're nothing but a bunch of cretins who think property damage is funny. Let's see if you enjoy it when you're caught and forced to pay for the mess you made.

In short, there's no shortage of things to be cranky about as this semester opens. With blocked-off roads, over-crowded parking lots and roving bands of drunken hoodlums attacking helpless cars, there's a lot to be stressed about. The only consolation is that it all will pass. The roads will (eventually) get finished, the parking situation will eventually lessen (we can hope) and the anonymous vandals will be caught, hopefully before they think lots P and J are getting off easy. It'll take a while, but I suppose we'll have to be patient. In the meantime, get used to using Highway 39 to get around the construction. That is, unless the guys in charge think 39 could use a touching up...

UWSP organization spotlight

Why joining SGA is for you

By Jeremy Gorzalski

To explain the Student Government Association, one must first explain that SGA differs from other organizations in many ways. Unlike the many organizations of UWSP, SGA encompasses the entire campus in terms of the wide array of issues it deals with.

To begin with, SGA is empowered by state law. Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) gives SGA the power to influence the distribution of student fees and decisions that affect students.

The body is comprised of two different branches - the executive, headed by the President, and the legislative, made up of the Senate. Both the President and the Senate are elected by the student body at large to represent student issues.

The UWSP Student Government is considered by most to be the state's strongest student government. SGA is responsible for sending representatives to Faculty Senate committees and University committees, allocating funding to student groups, passing legislation affecting student, campus and academic life and serving as a liaison between the students and the city and state governments.

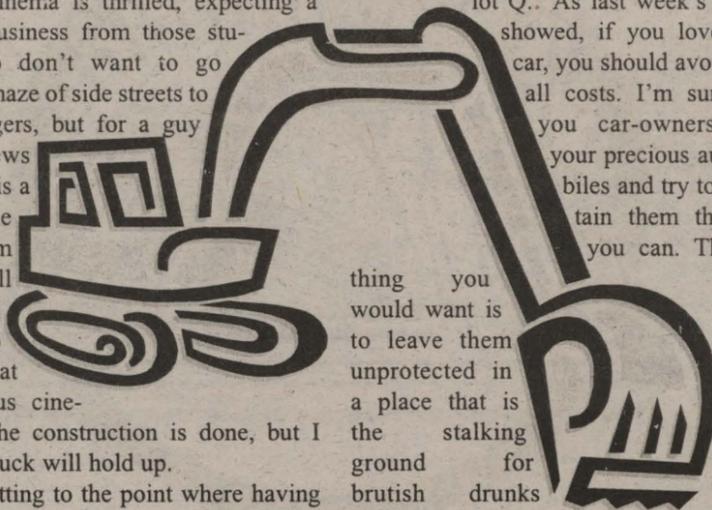
The current President is Nick Crawford and the Vice President is Renee

Stieve. They appoint a cabinet of Directors to work on specific issues. The Speaker of the Senate is currently Sara Stone. Each of the colleges, including Letters and Science, Fine Arts and Communication, Professional Studies and Natural Resources, has a number of Senators in proportion to the student population in each.

Quite simply put, SGA has something for everyone in it. Every issue which affects students can be and often is brought before SGA, either by its members or students at large, and is decided upon by the Senate. I encourage anyone who is or has ever been concerned with issues affecting students to apply for a place on the Senat. Positions are currently available, so stop on down at the SGA office located in the University Center in Rm 026 --- and pick up an application.

I would also encourage everyone to attend weekly SGA meetings at 6:20p.m. on Thursdays in the Legacy Room of the UC, and to direct any questions or issues to a SGA member.

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Pointers hit the ground running

Strong team showing keys double firsts for team

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP Cross Country men's and women's teams both placed first at the Hanover (Ind.) Invitational this past weekend. The Hanover was the teams' first competition of the year and they couldn't have done any better.

cross country

The men beat out 19 other schools and the women topped 17 others on the surface they hope to be having the same luck on in mid-November when the national championships will be held at Hanover.

Strong 4-5-6 finishes by senior Curt Johnson and juniors Mark LaLonde and Andy Bednarek helped lead the way for the men. Two others, seniors James Levash and Brad Wick, also placed in the top ten to give the Pointers half of the top finishers.



Wick

Men's coach Rick Witt was very happy with Wick's race. "Brad has really improved from last year. They say that your team is only as good as your fifth guy. Brad ran great

at that fifth spot."

Also, no UWSP runner finished outside the top 60 of the field of 207 with a team average of 26:09 completion time for the 8K run, besting second place Rend Lake CC by 25 seconds.

"We were very pleased with the team as a whole," said Witt. "Our goal with this meet was to get the pack to run together, and they did just that. Our front guys helped out our back of the pack."

Points are awarded to the top five runners on each team with the lower finish/score being better. UWSP had 33 points, followed by Rend Lake with 72 and Washington University in third with 78 points.



Stanley

As for the women, they had a more difficult time holding off the field, outrunning second place Gustavus Adolphus by just a team average of nine seconds. With just one runner in the top ten, Teresa Stanley who came in ninth, the Pointers relied on their top five runners all placing inside the top 25.

"Teresa ran very well," said women's coach Len Hill. "The team effort is what really stood out, though."

Stanley ran so well at the Hanover Invite that she garnered WIAC Runner of the Week honors.

Junior Megan Craig and sophomore Jenna Mitchler paced each other finishing eleventh and twelfth. Rounding out the scoring for the women were senior Isabelle Delannay in 24th and sophomore Ashleigh Potuznik in 26th respectfully.

"We expected coming into this meet to possibly place third," said Hill. "We had a few injuries, so some of our top runners were out. To take first like we did was great. Our team looked like it had ran a few meets already."

Coming up this week is the Pointer Invite/Alumni Meet at Lake Pacawa in Plover. This is the first home meet of the two that will take place this season in the eight-meet schedule that the teams will take part in this year before the WIAC and NCAA Championships.

Levash is the lone conference award winner from a year ago for the men. The Brillion native was a second team WIAC recipient last season.

"We finished eleventh last year, but we think we are stronger this season," said Witt. "We like to think that we are a top ten caliber team."

The women, on the other hand, have three returning award winner from last year. Junior Leah Herlache was a first team WIAC performer last year and senior Kara Vosters and Mitchler were on the second team.

"This team has the talent to make nationals and take home a top ten finish easily," said Hill. "We're gunning for a top four."

The final NCAA rankings from a year ago had the men's squad ranked tenth in the nation, while the women were unranked.

Young tennis squad starts season on a cold note

Goron/Serpico tandem bright spot so far

Juniors Kim Goron and Tiffany Serpico finished fourth at No. 2 doubles to record the top finish for the Pointers at Saturday's UW-Whitewater Invitational. Goron and Serpico beat a tandem from Beloit in the opening round 6-2, 6-3 before losing their next two matches.

tennis

UWSP had two winners in consolation matches as Ashley Ayer and Liz Stangl outlasted their Beloit opponents at No. 3 doubles 6-4, 6-7, 6-2 and Emily Schlender posted a 6-0, 6-2 win at No. 1 singles.



Serpico

On Friday, the Pointers lost their season opener at Carroll 6-3. Schlender won 6-2, 6-3 at No. 4 singles and teamed with Liz Ganshert for an 8-6 win at No. 3 doubles.

Goron and Serpico were 8-2 winners at No. 2 doubles.

On Wednesday night, the Pointers had their top showing of the year, tying Lawrence 4-4. Schlender and Goron won their singles matches, while the Pointers took two of the three doubles matches.

The Pointers will compete at the UW-La Crosse Invitational over the weekend.

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Ladies hit well at Whitewater

Team has best day in three years

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP golf team could get used to this. After years of topheavy teams without a lot of depth, the 2003 squad had its best day in nearly three years on Sunday with a 355 team score.

golf

The score led them to a sixth place finish out of 13 teams at the UW-Whitewater Invitational at Prairie Woods Golf Course in Avalon.



Miller

Senior Andrea Miller led the Pointers with an 82 after an opening day 87 to finish eighth overall with a

two-day score of 169. UWSP's second day score was the fifth best at the meet and three strokes better than any team score the Pointers have posted since Sept. 30, 2000 at the UW-Oshkosh Invite.

Freshman Susie Lewis added an 85 on Sunday after a 91 on Saturday to finish 22nd with a 179. Another freshman, Quinn Scarborough, rebounded from a 96 on Saturday with a 90 on Sunday, while freshman Amy Herman carded a 92 on Saturday and a 98 on Sunday.

UWSP totaled a 721 overall team score as UW-Oshkosh won the meet with a 646.

The Pointers will host the UW-Stevens Point Invitational on Saturday and Sunday at the Stevens Point Country Club for their only home meet of the season.

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The Pointers' Jason VanderVelden gets his facemask grabbed by Augustana's Adam Guy while making a first-quarter tackle Saturday afternoon at Ericson Field in Rock Island, Ill.

Krause sparks late-game, come-from-behind win

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Pointer head football coach John Miech should be getting used to this behavior from his quarterback. In what seems to be his trademark fashion, Pointer senior Scott Krause again rallied his troops to a strong second half comeback to key a season-opening 19-15 victory at Augustana (Ill.) University.

football

Krause threw for 278 yards on 15-for-27 passing with three touchdowns, including a 29-yard pass to freshman wide receiver Cody Childs with 2:57 remaining to give the 21st ranked Pointers the victory over the 24th ranked Vikings.

"We really had terrible playing conditions because of the heat (over 100 degree heat on the field)," said Miech. "Scott was able to keep his composure. That's what happens when you have a veteran quarterback. There was no doubt that those kids knew they would score."

A defensive struggle raged on until late in the first half, when Augustana cornerback Alex Arguello slipped in front of an errant Krause pass and returned it 31 yards to the Pointers' seven-yard line with 41 seconds left in the half. The Vikings quickly converted the

touchdown, giving Augustana a 6-0 halftime lead.

Among the halftime adjustments Coach Miech made was to go to a more wide-open attack. "They were stacking the line against us, trying to stop our running game. It freed up our receivers," said Miech.

The Pointers tied the game with 8:35 left in the third quarter when Krause hit junior wide receiver Kurt Kielblock for an 87-yard touchdown pass. However, the Vikings blocked the extra point and Matt Furlong returned it for two points and an 8-6 Vikings' lead.

The back and forth game swung back the Pointers' way with 12:28 left in the fourth quarter when Krause hit Kielblock for a 25-yard touchdown pass on a fourth-and-18 play for a 12-8 lead.

The Pointers forced the Vikings to punt on their next possession, but then fumbled the ball on the first play, giving Augustana the ball on the Pointers' 35-yard line. Wendell hit running back Anton Steinhart for a 31-yard touchdown with 7:36 left on a fourth-and-six play to give the Vikings a 15-12 lead.

After trading punts again, the stage was set for Krause's and Child's late game heroics. Miech is excited about having Childs, a transfer from Wisconsin, on this year's team. "Cody was a outstanding back in high school, but was buried as a walk on in Madison. He just wanted to

play. He's got great hands and is very quick. It's a good situation for both of us."

Besides Krause, the offensive hero of the game was Kielblock. Making his first start at wide receiver after playing two years as a half-back, the junior from Scandinavia had five catches for 174 yards.



Kielblock

The defensive effort was led by senior end Josh Vander-Velden, who recovered two fumbles and kept the Viking running game off balance all day. VanderVelden, a transfer from Michigan Tech where he was the defensive MVP last season, brings an attitude to the defensive side of the ball for the Pointers. "Josh is a great kid off the field, but he is a mean S.O.B on it. He really plays defensive line the way it's supposed to be played," said Miech.

Up next for the Pointers is Tri-State University in Indiana. Tri-State, a NAIA scholarship school, is a team in transition right now. Head coach Bob Frey was just hired in July, and the transition has been a tough one for the 0-1 Thunder. However, Miech anticipates Tri-State being ready to play on Saturday.

Said Miech, "They will be at home in front of a big crowd, so our kids are going to have to play at a certain level. Our schedule this year is tough. There is no 'little sisters of the poor' on there. We can beat any team on our schedule, and any team can beat us."

Caufield helps guide teen hockey team to gold

UW-Stevens Point men's hockey assistant coach Paul Caufield helped guide the United States to the gold medal at the Under-18 World Championships this past week in Piestany, Slovakia.

Caufield was an assistant coach on the squad that finished 5-0 during the championships. The Greendale native is the first Division III coach ever selected to coach with the Under-18 national team.

hockey

Caufield was joined as an assistant coach by Notre Dame assistant Andy Slaggert. Minnesota State-Mankato head coach Troy Jutting was the team's head coach. Caufield, who is UW-Stevens Point's all-time leading scorer with 254 points during his career from 1988-92, was in charge of running the forwards and letting the players know when certain units should be on the ice, as well as the penalty killing units.

Madison native Erik Lampe, a member of the Madison Capitols of the United States Hockey League, scored two goals, including the game-winner, on Saturday as the United States rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat Russia 3-2. On Friday, the United States edged seven-time defending champion Canada 4-3 in overtime.

Team USA opened the tournament on Monday with a 5-2 victory versus Sweden. Following a 3-2 win against Russia on Tuesday, the squad completed Group B play on Wednesday by defeating host Slovakia 5-1.

Caufield also helped select the team during tryouts July 11-17 in St. Cloud, Minn. He was contacted about the position in late March after helping coach USA hockey clinics for a number of years. Last summer, he worked with the select U-14 and U-17 teams based out of Colorado Springs.

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'Point falls hard to Green Knights

Young team falls to 1-6 during the early season

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's volleyball team hosted the St. Norbert Green Knights Wednesday night in the Berg Gymnasium. The Pointers, in their only home match in the month of September had a lively crowd supporting them in a well-played, competitive match.

After dropping the first game 24-30, the Pointers started strong and never looked back in the second. The powerful balanced attack of the Green Knights was countered by the finesse of the young Pointers. Effective use of tip kills and the strong play in the frontline by junior Nichole Stahovich helped Point jump out to an 8-4 lead. The Pointers extended their lead late 20-15 behind a couple of aces and some great blocks. The Green Knights would not go away, cutting the lead to two, but senior Katie Zellner ended the Knights comeback hopes with a spike to end the game 30-28.

After evening the match at a game apiece, the Pointers looked to take control. Point had St. Norbert on the ropes early with a couple of big kills by junior Jessica Parker. The Knights clawed back into it, however, and raced to a 9-6 lead behind their powerful front line. The lead grew to seven before the Pointers made their move behind the strong serving of sophomore Kim Gilbank, getting the lead down to three, 21-18. St. Norbert took control from there with Janae

Jansen leading the way with some dominant play at the net extending the lead again 24-19. The plucky Pointers wouldn't go away, but couldn't get any closer than two the rest of the way as St. Norbert went on to win game number three 30-26.

volleyball

The fourth game was a nail-biter to the end with neither team able to take control of the game. Point started strong once again, taking an early 10-5 lead behind the pinpoint serving of freshman Katie Stephenson and a couple of kills by Parker, but St. Norbert made a run and tied it at twelve. The rest of the game was a back and forth thriller as neither team was able to get more than a one point advantage. The Green Knights finally pulled away at the end to beat the Pointers 30-27 and take a hard fought match 3-1. The Pointers fall to 1-6 on the season while St. Norbert improves to 7-2.

Head Coach Stacey White seemed pleased with her young team's progress. "Compare the last couple of weekends to where we are now, we've improved by leaps and bounds as far as our intensity and teamwork go and we're going to grow from here. A lot of newcomers have stepped in and done a nice job for us. (Freshman) Toni Johnson has done a nice job for her first year with us. (Freshman) Laurie Martin was a red-shirt last year, she's playing in a new spot this year, and stepping into a leadership role."

Next up for the Pointers, a trip to Hamline University (MN) to take part in the Hamline Invitational.

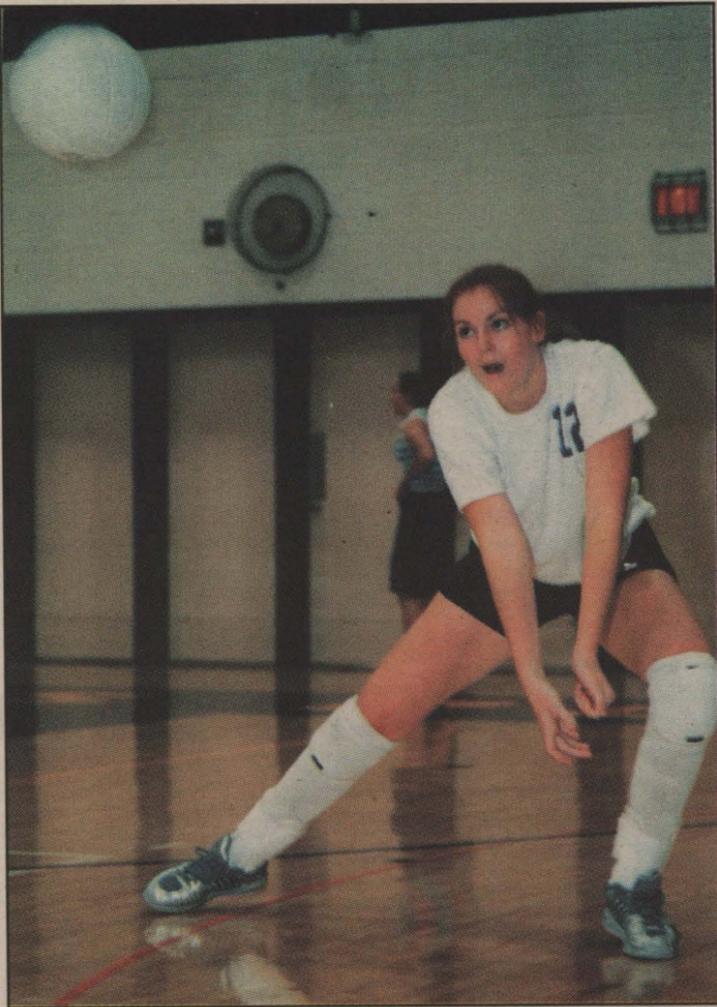


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Sophomore Kim Gilbank gets ready for a bump against St. Norbert on Wednesday night. Point dropped the match 3-1.



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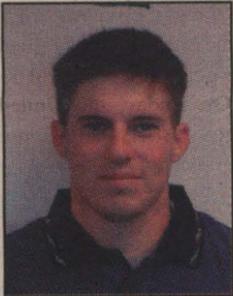


Zellner

SENIOR ON THE SPOT SCOTT KRAUSE - FOOTBALL

Career Highlights

- Has been a part of two conference championships
- All-conference quarterback after 2002 season
- All-West Region quarterback after 2002 season



Krause

Major - Elementary Education

Hometown - The Only Waunakee (Wis.) in the world

Nickname - "DEEZ" or "NUTZ"

What are your plans after graduation? - Its a toss up between a shepherd and a truck driver.

Do you plan on playing football after graduation? - Only if the shepherd or truck driving gig doesn't pan out.

What is your favorite aspect of football? - Taking snaps from my roommate Peter.

Most embarrassing moment - Either the time the quarterbacks had to drink a \$7 bottle of Lime Tequila and sing "Im a Little Teapot" while wearing shaving gel, or being seen walking into Bruisers. It's a toss up.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Uncle Dan, so I could fully appreciate Bartonville.

What CD is in your stereo right now? Ween-*Chocolate and Cheese*

If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? I would take (UWSP multisport athlete) Tara Schmitt. We'd go somewhere real fancy so I could wear my fancy pants. Then I'd go tell Kielblock all about it.

What will you remember most about participating in football at UWSP? - How crazy every game seems. For example, a two-overtime game for the conference championship my sophomore year is one that seems to stand out. Also, eight fourth quarter victories shows that our team doesn't quit.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - "Keep 'er between the ditches."

Pointers roll out early season hot streak

Great start gets team 16th ranking

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's soccer team is off to a hot start this season as they try to continue their dominance of the WIAC. The Pointers return this season trying to win their eleventh WIAC title in twelve years.

The Pointers are a veteran team that returns seven starters from last year's team that rolled through conference play undefeated.

soccer

Leadership and scoring shouldn't be problem with seniors Jenny Bruce and Kelly Fink returning. Fink, a third team All-American, combines with Bruce to make up one of the highest scoring duos in WIAC history.

Throw in midfielder Andrea Oswald and you've got an offense that won't be lacking in firepower. Also returning are Tara Schmidt, a 2002 All-WIAC selection, Mollie Kreibich, Melissa Becker, and Katie O'Leary.



Fink



Bruce



Photo by Patricia Larson

Point senior Kelly Fink drives in for a shot against a Carleton defender during Thursday's 5-0 UWSP victory.

Combine that with a defense that was the best in the WIAC last year, allowing less than one goal per game, and you have the ingredients for another successful season.

The Pointer Women enter this week ranked 10th in NCAA Division III rankings after outscoring their first three opponents 16-3, including a big win over rival St. Thomas 3-2 in the opener.

Wednesday night the Pointers were in action against fourth ranked Wheaton College in Illinois. This game was defensive battle with a total of twelve shots on goal between the two teams with Point managing five shots to Wheaton's 7. The final score was a 0-0 tie.

The Pointers travel to Platteville on Friday to take on the Pioneers and open WIAC conference play.



THE BACK PAGE



The Man's Take: What I learned on my summer vacation.

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Let me be...well, by now, probably the last to welcome everyone back to the wonderful little hamlet in the middle of Wisconsin we like to call Stevens Point.

Now, it's not like I really left. In fact, I lived in my wonderful *cough* studio apartment all summer long.

What I did leave was school.

Sure, I could still look out my window and see the various buildings on campus, but they had no life in them, save a (random) custodian sweeping up, or a work-a-holic professor scrambling to read up on next fall's curriculum.

Where was I? Well, I was lucky enough to get myself an internship working for the outdoors division at Krause Publications out in Iola, Wis., which is basically the

definition of rural, small town America.

What I did have while sitting in front of my computer in my tiny cubicle was a lot of time to think. During most of the school year, I'm so busy with the paper that I don't have time to sit down and reflect.

What did I reflect on? Well, I'm a sports junkie, so that's what I thought about. And since UWSP and other college sports were null

and void, I thought about pro sports, or more specifically, what is wrong with them. Here's what I came up with.

1. I hate the Yankees. I know it's cliché to hate the Yankees. Everybody hates them. Well, I have a whole new level of hate now. Do you realize that it would take nearly five Milwaukee Brewer payrolls to equal what George Steinbrenner dishes out to his legions every year? That's just not right.

2. Cork can't effectively take the place of steroids. Oh Sammy, how could you? First, you fill your body with supplements, both legal and illegal. Then when you are called on that, you begin corking your bats? I have never been a huge fan of Sammy, although I was pulling for him to beat McGwire a few years back. Now I can't stand him. When Sammy came into the league, he was a 165-pound speedy centerfielder with warning track power. No one can realistically change their body that much in ten years without a little (illegal) help.

3. Fantasy football is America's new favorite pastime. I don't know how many times I've walked over to one of my editor's

desks this past summer, only to see them checking on how many touchdowns Peerless Price scored last year. Who needs Vegas? The whole fantasy football underworld takes over more and more men (and women) every day.

4. If I thought sports were my life, I am way off. Most of the guys I worked for had three priorities: sports, family and work (most of the time they are in that order too). There were times I felt like an idiot talking to some of them. These are guys who know who started the opening game of the 1978 season at running back for the Packers. I even worked with a guy who would talk about watching football games every year with his good buddy Pete Rose (!!!). I have so much more to learn.

5. Professional athletes don't have that "something special" that college athletes have. Every athlete that goes to school here plays for the love of the game. You can see it every time they step onto the court, field or rink. I really missed that.

GO POINTERS!



The Week Ahead...



Football: at Tri-State University (Ind.), Sat., 12:30 p.m.

Soccer: at Platteville, Fri., 4 p.m.; **Macalaster, Sun., 4 p.m.***

Volleyball: at Hamline (Minn.) Invitational, Fri., 4:30 p.m. & Sat., 11 a.m.; at Platteville, Wed., 7 p.m.

Golf: UWSP Invitational (Stevens Point Country Club), Sat., All Day

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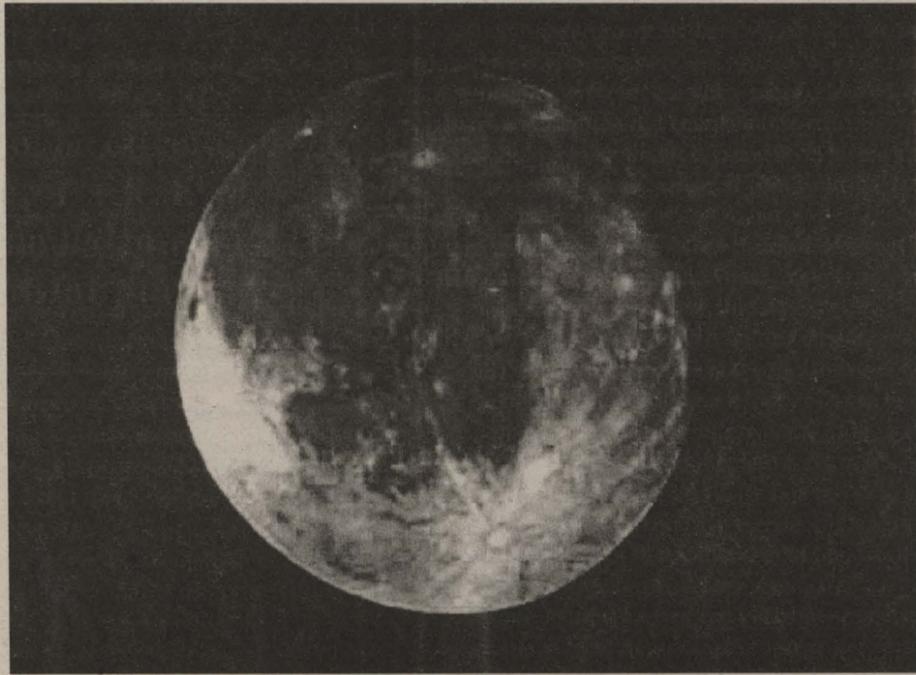
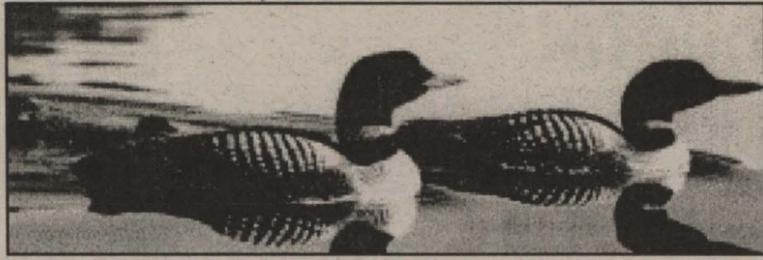
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Wild matters

Howling at the harvest moon

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR



Oh boy that moon is big... Wow, just look at the size on that psuedo-planetismal.

submitted by author

farmers who used the addition moonlight to work the fields all night long during the crucial harvesting season. It was often thought to be the largest full moon of the year. However, this usually isn't the case. The harvest moon is simply the full moon that occurs closest to the fall equinox on September 21. While this year's harvest moon came early, they can occur as late as October 8.

The harvest moon is often celebrat-

Well folks, it's that time of year again. The sweet smell of cool September nights, the sounds of acorns thumping the ground and the sight of a rain-stricken landscape starting to turn, always remind me to think of autumn.

Speaking of, the fall equinox is only a long week away. If anyone happened to look towards the southern sky last Tuesday night, they were certainly in for a treat.

Aside from the scattered cloud cover, the night sky offered a spectacular view of the one and only harvest moon. Brilliantly orange, and seemingly glowing, the full moon lit the darkness from sunset until dawn. Mars followed closely along the ecliptic, making for a fantastic spectacle.

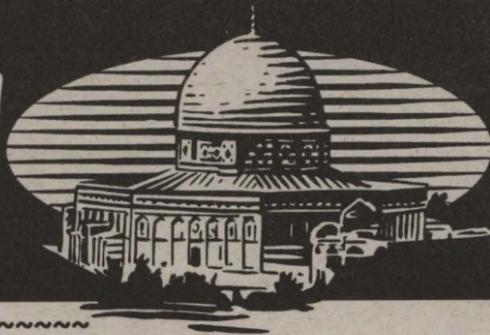
The harvest moon got its name from

"The harvest moon is often celebrated by way of a festival, barn dance, or shindig to commemorate a successful growing season."

ed by way of a festival, barn dance, or shindig to commemorate a successful growing season. While Stevens Point doesn't have a festival, I encourage anyone who harvested a large crop, a small hobby garden or even a single living plant to celebrate sometime in the near future. Here's to you, green-thumbed cultivators of central Wisconsin. Without you, the moon would stop visiting us and those without hatchets would surely die.

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Mr. Winters' Two Cents



Well students, welcome back for another year. Hopefully you saved a few of your brain cells for all that learning in the coming months. I tell ya, we had a hell of a hot summer, and it left this old man reaching for the old lady's special lemonade. Some mornings I'd wake up kind of stupid, but shoot damned if I didn't feel refreshed! Anyhow, that goddamned sun left me all dried up like a snake sunnin' itself on the road. Honestly.

Let me tell you something else, I been around this land for quite a long time, and I haven't seen a drought as bad as this one since '79. The corn and alfalfa and beans are as thirsty as a walleye in a tree. Speaking of walleye,

that rascal of a river is mighty low for the beginning of September.

Anyhoo, as far as fishing goes, I don't have too much to say as of late. I reckon I'm going to wait a spell for some rain, pray for the Packers and anticipate that fall snap. Otherwise I'd suggest throwing some big plugs for that always-elusive musky. Until then, dream of precipitation, study hard and let the fish come to you. Then, set the steel and go on and Geet!!

-Mr. Winters



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Let the hunt begin!

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Wisconsin mourning dove season is officially underway, and I can't think of a better invitation for hunters to get an early start on their fall hunting endeavors. This is a special opportunity for the entire state of Wisconsin that should be recognized by anyone who enjoys the sport of hunting. If you haven't had the chance to participate in

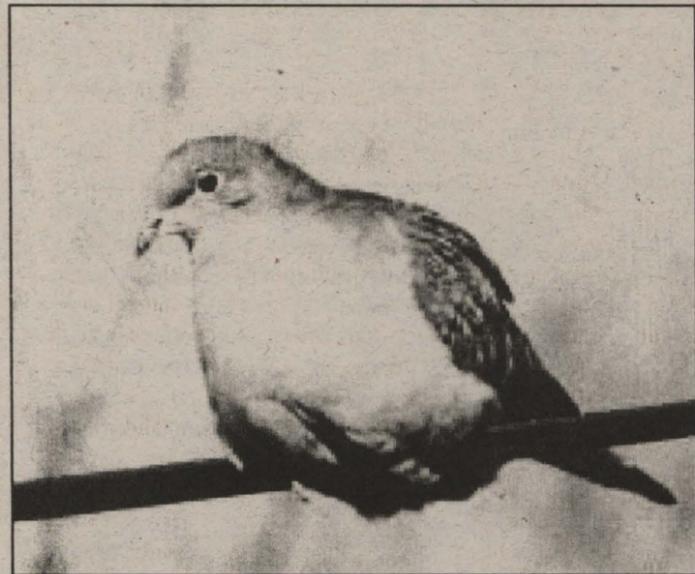
you intend to hunt migratory game birds this fall. Be sure to answer "yes" to this question, because if you answer "no" you will not be legal to hunt migratory game birds, including mourning doves.

Once the licensing process is complete, you will need the right gun for the job. A 12-gauge will work just fine, along with some

your gun can hold as long as it is reduced to lower than three. It is also illegal to use a shotgun larger than a 12 gauge. Just make sure to read through the regulations thoroughly before you take to the field. Once you have these details clear it's time to get outside and enjoy the thrill of the hunt.

The items I chose for my first experience were quite simple but effective. First I packed a small cooler of ice. This doubled as a spot to sit as well as a cool place to put doves as they were harvested. Other items included binoculars, sunglasses and mosquito repellent for the early morning and late evening hunts. I also packed some bottled water, as the temperature was unusually humid. This is important especially for hunters who intend to bring their dogs. Clothing is probably the least important item while hunting doves. This is not to say that you should hunt naked, but allow yourself a slight ability to blend with your surroundings.

From here you should be dove ready. All you need to do now is find a secret dove haven and let the good times roll. You may have to do a little research before you enter the field, but the doves are definitely out there. Use common sense, respect the landowners, hunt with friends and let the hunt begin!



Mourning Dove Chillin' on a branch submitted by author

this unique opportunity I would like to encourage you to give it a try.

To begin this new tradition you will need a small game license that costs \$14. Because the mourning dove is a migratory game species, you will also need the Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification. This is a free and simple process that entails the question of whether or not

inexpensive low brass number 8's. Just remember to keep it light and simple. There's no need for extravagance when it comes to mourning dove hunting.

Keep in mind that if the gun you use has a capacity to hold more than three shotgun shells it's illegal to use. You can correct this problem, by simply inserting a plug into the magazine. This will limit the number of shells

Another great season of hunting and fishing starts now

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

September 13th is not far away, and I hope all of you sportsmen and women are as excited as I am for the upcoming season. This is a time that I wait in anticipation for all season long. It's also a season where I question my sanity. Seriously folks, how much hunting can one person take? We've got deer, grouse, squirrel, ducks and geese just to name a few. Not to mention some of the hottest walleye, musky and catfish action there is to speak of.

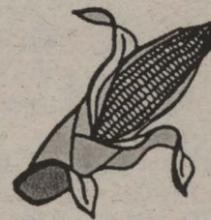
Each year I wonder how I can make it through the semester and still manage to hold on to a respectable G.P.A. I guess it just goes to show that you can still have your cake (or venison) and eat it too! It won't be long until 25 packs of ramen noodles will be substituted with a tasty side of venison.

In celebration of the weekend events I would like to salute all of you out there who take part in the fall harvest. In a state that has guaranteed hunting, fishing and trapping rights it would be a waste not to enjoy what this wonderful state has to offer.



Deer Baiting Banned in 22 counties

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR



The state Department of Natural Resources has issued an emergency ban on feeding and baiting deer in 22 counties. The state board voted in a 6-0 landslide decision on Monday, just in time for the highly anticipated bow hunting opener this weekend.

Although this is a temporary ban, many hunters will undoubtedly be disturbed by such a sudden decision. Much of the reasoning behind the ban is due to the state's ongoing battle with Chronic Wasting Disease.

Some of the affected areas in this ban include Juneau, Adams, Washara, and Portage counties.

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Bringing Quality Into Play

UW-Stevens Point's Wildlife Society chapter of the year

The Wildlife Society at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been named National Student Chapter of the Year.

The award will be presented to chapter representatives at The Wildlife Society's 10th annual conference in Burlington, Vt., this month. Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., the society has a mission to promote excellence in wildlife stewardship through education and science. Its student chapters are specifically designed to give students hands-on experience with the tools and techniques used by wildlife ecologists and managers.

Since the award's inception in 1994, UWSP's College of Natural Resources chapter has won national honors four times. There are more than 80 student chapters throughout the United States.

Professor Eric Anderson, wildlife researcher in natural resources, is the faculty adviser to the student chapter. "This award is particularly remarkable since nearly all the organization's projects were created, planned and executed by students with little or no faculty assistance. The student organization continues to raise expectations for future academic classes," said Anderson. "We're delighted to have been selected best in the nation and these students are certainly deserving of the honor."

With more than 140 student members, many of whom are

wildlife majors. The group donated nearly 2,000 volunteer hours to 30 different projects. Approximately 2,000 volunteer hours for about 20 programs were accomplished by the Society during the past year, including radio-tracking deer in the Stevens Point area, building nesting platforms for cormorants, researching flying squirrels,



teaching environmental topics in local schools, controlling exotic plants, and creating native prairies through a prairie restoration project at (Camp Helen Brachman, Children's Outing Association), where students have been working to restore the native prairie landscape since 1997. Also since 1997, society students have been helping the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' wolf-tracking project. The project tracks the progress of the South Bluff Wolf Pack near Babcock. The students also assist the Wisconsin Department of

Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with tracking wolves in Central Wisconsin, monitoring frog and songbird populations and counting sand-hill cranes and prairie chickens. In addition to these wildlife projects, students are also volunteering their time on behalf of deer, waterfowl, salamanders, prairie chickens, small mammals, frog monitoring, raptors, wood ducks, osprey and more.

"The primary focus is to give students hands-on experience with a wide variety of aspects of wildlife ecology and management," Anderson said. "Experience is one of the key requirements for getting a job in a wildlife field or for going on to graduate school. This organization provides a rich breadth of experiences that students just can't get in a classroom."

The society also hosted a student conclave of 120 students who represented 132 universities from eight states at the Lion's Camp for a weekend of workshops and activities. Students participated in a wide variety of opportunities including trapping banding birds, trapping wildlife, identifying tracks and more., radio collaring white-tailed deer, teaching elementary students about wildlife management, and more.

UWSP is also eligible for a travel grant of up to \$1,000 to send a student delegation to the society's annual meeting this fall.

The Wildlife Society's past officers were: Louise Venne of Steuben, president; Mandi (Huntington) Reiman, of Stevens Point, vice president; Gina Rosetti, of South Milwaukee, treasurer; and Sarah Gomoll of Green Bay, secretary.

Climb the magnificent Roche-A-Cri

Camping, hiking, and vulture-viewing

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR

It is still not time to give up on camping for the summer. I realize that camping can be done, and is allowed, outside of summertime, however, I'm referring to that special type of camping that can only happen during summer. It is the kind of camping that I remember as a youngster. Bugs, wolves, severe burns and starry warm nights, ahhh... childhood.

We still have a few of these special weeks left, and more importantly to the college student, a few of the weekends as well. As for the weekend camping getaway, the great state of Wisconsin has a bounty to offer. Depending on how far you are willing to drive, walk, canoe, swim or swing from tree to tree, the possibilities for remoteness are endless. These are great adventures in the camping world, and well worth the effort. But even then, with planning and transportation, these great vacations can soon become more than a simple weekend can hold.

So then, for relaxation on a small budget of time and money, the college student might want to consider a far less stressful option for a weekend camping trip. One alternative to the remoteness of the northwoods is the casual backyard wonderworld commonly called the Roche-A-Cri State Forest. Located only 40 minutes from Stevens Point, at the intersection of highway 21 and 13, the small state park is nestled in the basin of good old time glacial Lake Wisconsin.

The 605-acre park is one highlight of an area littered with glacial formations of native Wisconsin limestone. The name Roche-A-Cri is French for "crevice in the rock". And what a rock it is! The limestone mound stands 300 feet clear above the surrounding countryside, and is equipped with a rustic wooden staircase built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The view from the top observation deck makes the climb well worth the effort. A panoramic view of the old glacial landscape complete with informative signs and descriptive pictures gives the newly baptized mountaineer a better understanding of the Roche itself, along with the entire glacial undertones of the greater Wisconsin Region.

The park also offers 41 lovely campsites scattered around the base of the mighty Cri. During the Civil War, Wisconsin troops assembled here and left their mark in graffiti on the sheer stone walls. Native American petroglyphs and pictographs dot the very same rock outcroppings. Once again we find history blending with beauty.

Roche-A-Cri also offers a good trout stream with Carter Creek passing south of the great rock. A buzzard viewing trail passes through a wild prairie, reminiscent of pre-logging Wisconsin. The turkey vultures are quite a magnificent sight.

For the short drive, cheap park admission, rad-super views and history, the Roche-A-Cri State Park is an excellent choice. Let me tell you, there really is nothing like climbing 300 feet above the earth with a jug of shine, a sturdy walking stick and good friends at 3 in the morning. But don't take my word or quiet-hour breaking behavior folks. Please, please, experience this splendid one for yourself.



The View from the top (not as good as the real thing)

State park photo



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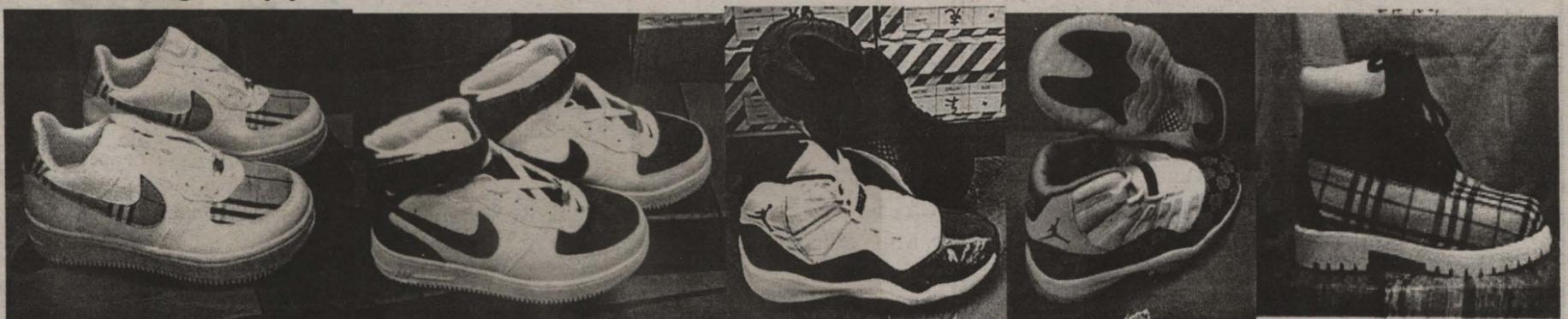
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RIAA lawsuits approaching ridiculousness

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Within the past few days, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has brought the swift arm of justice down on 261 Internet music swappers.

The biggest headlines lately have concerned the RIAA's lawsuit against the high profile downloaders and file sharers — the people who possess and share thousands of illegally distributed audio MP3's and bootlegged movies. The

R I A A tracked the users to their Internet service providers and, through a subpoena,

collected the names of the heaviest users of music downloading programs like Morpheus and KaZaA.

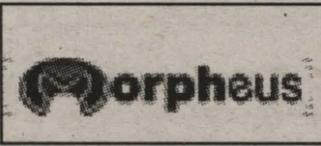
The case that's receiving the most attention is the lawsuit against at 12-year-old girl who was downloading illegal MP3's and sharing them. Her parents and lawyer ended up settling out of court for a \$2,000 payoff.

Without debating the pros and cons of downloading MP3's, the RIAA is policing this in all the wrong ways. This is a battle that they simply cannot and will not ever win.

The first major problem stems from the fact that this music is so easy to obtain, yet so difficult to regulate and track. The RIAA has had minimal success in tracking heavy users lately, but there are so many users that if one remains low-profile, the RIAA probably won't invest too much energy investigating

someone who downloaded "Shake Ya Tailfeathers" and a few other lame-o tunes.

As of now, the RIAA's main focus seems to be placed on the sharers, not the downloaders. Therefore, when you download KaZaA, or whatever your favorite illegal downloading program may be, as long as you uncheck the "share all files" box, you should be golden. In time this may



change, but if you don't share, it seems as if you're safe to download.

Of course, the down side to not sharing is that if too many people don't share, the quality and selection will severely decrease, making the concept of downloading and sharing MP3's null and void.

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However, with an estimated 60 million members, the MP3 trading community has a long way to go before demand outweighs supply.

Furthermore, the RIAA has dropped lawsuits against MP3 player manufacturers because they have no legitimate case against the players. By law, consumers are allowed to make backup copies of music and movies. Since the technology is available in VCR's, CD-R burn-

ers and the latest craze, DVD burners, it's nearly impossible to make people use these machines for purely legal reasons. Downloading MP3's is no more illegal than burning a friend's Coolio CD or recording a movie that you rented from the video store. Nearly everybody has illegally reproduced a video, tape or CD of some sort.

This doesn't make it acceptable, but it does prove how widespread the practice has become and how lax the rules are. The problem comes from the fact that it's not illegal to possess the instruments that make one capable of committing these illegal acts.

The RIAA has been nothing but shift through out this whole ordeal. It even offered amnesty to all users who have downloaded in the past until a lawsuit was brought up against the RIAA for offering false and deceptive amnesty. Apparently it served as more of a trap than a deal for downloaders.

My guess is that the fight against downloading MP3's will go the way of the war on drugs and the war on terrorism: simply unwinnable.

Consumers can buy blank CD-R's for a dime apiece and a decent burner for as low as \$60 at Best Buy. Downloading the program to download MP3's takes less effort than actually getting Internet service at your house. The RIAA just won't be able to keep up and compete with the speed and ease with which consumers can download MP3's.

Upcoming DVD releases

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-Anger Management
-Confidence

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-Monty Python and the Holy Grail (2-disc collector's edition)

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-Holes

-Babe

Film review: *The Order*

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Really, hasn't the Catholic Church suffered enough these days? As if the endless spectacle of "Priests Behaving Badly" wasn't enough, now they have to be the subject of horrid films like *The Order*? Pity the Vatican, for *The Order* should be renamed *The Ordeal*. Brian Hegeland's flick strives to be like *The Exorcist*, but is instead one long snooze fest.

Alex Bernier (Heath Ledger) is a morose priest whose spirits are dampened even more when his old mentor is found dead in Rome of an apparent suicide. The deceased was the head of an arcane Catholic order called the Carolingians; the only surviving members of which are now Alex and his old friend Father Thomas (Mark Addy). Upon the news that their mentor's death was under mysterious circumstances, the duo head to Rome, accompanied by Mara (Shannyn Sossamon), Alex's old flame.

Alex's investigation leads him to his mentor's killer, William Eden (Benno Furmann), a dapper young man who turns out to be 500 years old. William, it seems, is the Sin Eater, a renegade priest who has the power to absolve a person's sins, thus allowing them to enter Heaven no matter what their crimes were. William, though, is growing tired of his role and wants Alex to take over. And he's not about to take no for an answer, especially when he plans to help orchestrate a revolt for control of the Vatican.

Watching this film, you'd never know Hegeland won an Oscar for scripting *L.A. Confidential*. The film's plot is so much religious and supernatural hokum, much of it is swiped from other, better films. Editing is poor, with many scenes having little or nothing to do with the ones preceding them and with numerous plot threads left unresolved. The special effects are laughably ludicrous.

Ledger, Sossamon and Addy all starred previously in Hegeland's enjoyably silly *A Knight's Tale*, so you'd think they'd be familiar enough for him to get decent performances out of. No such luck. Ledger's charisma is non-existent, as he mopes through this role as though he knows it's a groaner, but with the added knowledge that he can't get out of his contract. Sossamon, who, with her waif-like figure and mournful eyes, looks like a B-grade Winona Ryder, is stuck with a colorless, one-dimensional role. Addy (*The Full Monty*), is always good for a few laughs, but doesn't get much to do. And when Peter Weller arrived on screen as a corrupt cardinal, all I could think of was, "Hey, since when did Robocop get religion?"

The Order was not screened for critics before it opened, usually a sure sign that a studio knows a film sucks and that they want to squeeze a few dollars out of it before everyone finds out how awful it is. *The Order* fits the bill to a T. Ludicrous, shoddy and, worst of all, boring, *The Order* is one lousy film. If this is what occult films have to offer, perhaps the upcoming *Exorcist* sequel should have stayed in development hell.

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Saturday, 9/13: Umphrey's McGee, Barrymore Theater, Madison

Tuesday, 9/16: Leftover Salmon/Del McCoury, Barrymore Theater, Madison

Sunday, 9/21: Mudvayne, Powerman 5000: The Rave, Milwaukee

Thursday, 9/25: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bradley Center, Milwaukee

Thursday, 9/25: Brothers Past, Thai Joe's, Milwaukee (21+)

Friday, 9/26: Lake Trout, The Rave, Milwaukee

Thursday, 10/2: Robert Walter's 20th Congress, Thai Joe's, Milwaukee (21+)

Friday, 10/3: Saves the Day, The Rave, Milwaukee

Thursday, 10/9: Keller Williams, The Orpheum, Madison

Wednesday, 10/15: Umphrey's McGee, Witz End, Stevens Point (21+)

Friday, 10/17: Umphrey's McGee, The Studio, Oshkosh

Saturday, 10/18: Marilyn Manson, The Rave, Milwaukee

Friday, 10/24: Particle, Luther's Blues, Madison (21+)

Thursday, 10/30: Steve Kimock Band, The Annex, Madison

Friday, 10/31: moe., Aragon Ballroom, Chicago

Friday, 10/31: Spiritualized, Barrymore Theater, Madison

Saturday, 11/1: moe., Aragon Ballroom, Chicago

Wednesday, 11/5: Less Than Jake, The Rave, Milwaukee

Thursday, 11/6: Yonder Mountain String Band, The Orpheum, Madison

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ingly secular society is "taking God out of government." I find it difficult to understand why more people don't realize that God was never in our government to begin with.

After all, our legal system was simply not founded on the Ten Commandments. When is the last time you saw anyone arrested for coveting his neighbor's wife? And I know a lot of kids who get away with dishonoring their father and mother without serving any time at all. Come to think of it, you can even work on the Sabbath without being hauled off to the clink. In reality, only two of the Ten Commandments are actual laws in the United States, and "thou shalt not kill" and "thou shalt not steal" aren't exactly exclusive concepts of Judeo-Christian morality.

As for the argument that our forefathers are rolling over in their graves when we separate church and state, one needs look no further than the Pilgrims (for all intents and purposes, the first Americans) to discover that this contention is also rather weak. The Church of England (an amalgamation of religion and government in its most heinous of forms) had given the soon-to-be Pilgrims so much flak back in Britain that they chose to leave the life they knew to board rickety ocean vessels and face the uncertainty of the New World rather than live in a society where the state established religion (and, for that matter, where religion ran the government).

Thomas Jefferson believed that a separation between church and state would protect government from the dogma of religion. Years earlier, the rather

liberal Puritan (oxymoron or not) Roger Williams taught that a separation of church and state could protect religion from infringement by the government. In essence, this is what the separation is all about, keeping them from polluting each other as they have throughout history. Political leaders, who already have an omnipotence complex to begin with, love to use God to justify their actions (ahem... George W. Bush). History is full of holy war bloodshed brought about by union of church with the state (remember all those Crusades).

Religion and government just don't mix. To those who argue that religion should be allowed to influence government, I ask you if you'd be so willing to allow government to control aspects of the church? Would so many still tout the inclusion of God in the government if Congress started passing laws and restrictions on the church, or began taxing their tithes? Many Christians want the best of both worlds, allowing religion in government but keeping government out of religion. Religion and government need to be kept entirely separate or they'll inevitably contaminate and undermine each other.

Upon hearing the final verdict on "Roy's Rock," religious demonstrators started parading around with signs reading something to the effect of "You can take religion out of government, but you can't take it out of our hearts." My question to you is: isn't that where religion belongs in the first place?

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