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## Annual trivia contest gearing up for weekend

**Contest inspires participants to wait in line for several days**

By Adam Somers  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 16, Stevens Point will experience the 35th installment of Trivia. Trivia will last all weekend, spanning 54 hours until midnight on Sunday. The theme for this year's Trivia contest is "Thanks for the Contest".

Monday was the first day teams could register and it was a record-setting day for Trivia. 90FM station manager Courtney Sikorski reported that 240 teams registered on Monday, setting a one-day record for Trivia. "The first day was phenomenal," said Sikorski. Jim "Oz" Oliva, Trivia Coordinator, was in agreement. He also added that not only did Monday's record-setting day top last year's mark of 209 teams registered, but by Monday night,

6531 players were registered.

Oliva stated that the first team to register was, "The Collective", who started camping out at noon on Sunday. The second team to register, "Dad's Computers" also camped out, but pitched a tent for their wait. By the time registration opened at 3 p.m. Monday, a line was wrapped around the corner and down the side of the Communications building.

With Copps, one of Trivia's major sponsors in the past, pulling their sponsorship this year, Trivia has looked elsewhere for sponsors. This year's returning major sponsors include: Premium Brands (Point Beer Distributor), Bank One and the UWSP Alumni Association. New major sponsors for this year's contest are: Rice Clinic Medical Center, Portesi Italian Foods and Flatoff's Gold Key Motors. In past years there has been a grocery bag give-away for a team at the top of each hour. With Copps dropping out of sponsorship, County Market will be sponsoring the giveaway this year.

Overall, the process of registration and the preparation in the 90FM station have been running smoothly so far. "Barring some unusual circumstances, everything is good," stated Sikorski. According to Oliva, besides "ironing out computer issue," registration is going well. Oliva also commented that "The staff has really stepped up to plate."

An interesting aspect to this year's contest is that Trivia will be the subject of the movie entitled *Trivia U.S.A.*, with crews filming all over town to cover the event. The executive producer has worked for VH-1 and the cinematographer is from the T.V. show *Cold Case*. There are plans to show the film at various film festivals, such as Sundance. The contest has been covered in papers nationwide, but this might be its biggest exposure to date.

Trivia is run solely by a group of volunteers that draws its membership from students who work with 90FM, alumni and various people in the community. Sikorski stated that

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Photo by Liz Bolton

Participants are allowed to register for the Trivia contest. Some of those pictured registering had been waiting outside since the day before. The contest will be filmed by a camera crew as part of an independent film being centered around the event.

## It's a great day for a cookout



Photo by Liz Bolton

Participants in the Newman Center Spring Cookout take advantage of a brief period of spring-like weather. The cookout was in celebration of spring and Easter, and serves as a prelude to a much larger year-end picnic to take place on May 9.

## Fuel prices a growing concern for students

By Adam Somers  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The price of gas almost always rises in the warm weather months as people begin to travel, but this year the sharp increase in the price of fuel might affect some of those plans.

As of Wednesday, April 14, the average Wisconsin gas prices have risen slightly over the national average. The average price for regular unleaded gas in Wisconsin is now at \$1.82 per gallon. This is up from last month's average of \$1.75. The price of fuel has been rising steadily since the start of the year, when the price was \$1.54 per gallon.

The hike in fuel prices has affected many students' daily life, as well as their travel plans. Sophomore Val Csiszer, who resides in Illinois, stated, "All I

want to say [is] that gas prices are outrageous!" When asked about how gas prices affect her travel, she said, "I live three and a half hours away and because gas prices are so high it makes me not want to drive home because I don't want to go broke paying for gas."

With the current gas prices rising steadily, residents of Wisconsin could see prices reach \$2.00 a gallon by the summer months. This could drastically affect travel and vacation plans, as well as everyday travel for residents and students alike. While Csiszer mentioned the current gas prices have not affected her everyday life because she does not use much gas around town, her views will definitely change once summer comes. "I am living

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# Students elected to county board

By John T. Larson  
NEWS EDITOR

Two UWSP students were successful in their efforts to win seats on the Portage County Board of Supervisors.

Taniya Faticci and Philip Peterson, running under the Green Party banner, won the supervisor positions for the 1st District and the 11th District on the April 6 election.

Faticci, a second semester freshman, said that the position of supervisor for the 1st District was open, and that a friend of hers placed her name on the ballot. After receiving the endorsement of the Portage County Greens and the College Greens, Faticci said that although her experience in running an election campaign was limited, she received some help from her fellow Greens. "They gave me advice on what to do," said Faticci.

In her bid for election, Faticci made use of several media outlets, such as the weekly program produced by the College Greens

on STV. The rest of her campaign was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly done by putting up posters, by handing out flyers and by spread-

Faticci said that part of her motivation to pursue the seat was a desire to represent the student body, as no student had held such a position since the early 1980's.



Photo by Liz Bolton  
Taniya Faticci, pictured here, is one of two UWSP students elected to the Portage County Board of Supervisors.

ing through word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them."

One of the projects that Faticci plans to get started on right away is trying to promote the expansion of alcohol-free student social gathering centers. "In downtown Point there are three options: bowling, Mission Coffee House and Almond Street.

It would be nice to have a place where high school students and college students can come together in an alcohol-free environment. See **Student election**, page 3

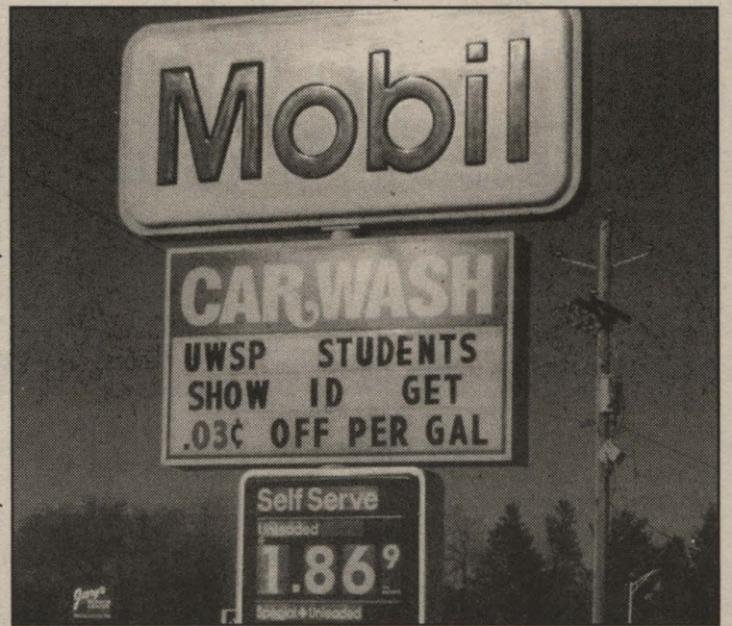


Photo by Liz Bolton

The price of fuel, already a problem for some, is expected to hit record highs this summer.

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here this summer and all I know is that I'm going to have to purchase a new bike and break out the rollerblades."

There are many factors that can be looked at to explain the price increase of gas. One of the factors is the shortage of oil refineries in the United States. "We haven't built a refinery in this country in many, many years," explained Political Science professor, Ed Miller. Miller also went on to mention that a fire had broken in a refinery about a month ago, which has added to the reduction of the product.

Another factor is the different requirements states have for oil and gas products. Due to air and other types of environmental pollutions, different states require different fuel additives to help eliminate such pollution.

This in turn slows the refining process, which then raises costs.

Taxes on gasoline are also a major factor for the increasing prices. This is especially seen in Wisconsin. "We have the highest tax in the country," said Miller. The government has built a strategic reserve, which they buy and sell oil to build up a reserve in case of a war. Since this is taking out of the supply of oil, a number of states, including Wisconsin, have increased tax on gasoline. This tax is increased automatically every year without a vote by the legislature. There are no direct state control of prices in the U.S.

Concerns of the environmental effects of getting such oil and the dependence on foreign oil have also been brought to attention.

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# THE CAMPUS BEAT

**UW-Stevens Point**  
**Friday, April 2 10:15 a.m.**  
**Type: Fraud**

A female reported the loss of her student ID card. Person[s] unknown were reportedly using the card to make purchases from campus vending machines.

**Watson Hall**  
**Saturday, April 3 9:57 p.m.**  
**Type: Interfering with fire equipment**

Protective Services was contacted by the Stevens Point Police Department with a request to pick up a piece of stolen property. The property in question was a fire extinguisher.

**Steiner Hall**  
**Sunday, April 4 12:45 p.m.**  
**Type: Vandalism**

It was reported to Protective Services that the southwest entrance cigarette depository post had been broken and pulled out of the ground.

**Physical Education Building**  
**Monday, April 5 9:12 p.m.**  
**Type: Theft**

A male reported the theft of his wallet from his sweatshirt pocket. The wallet contained \$64 in cash, a Social Security card and two gift cards.

**Hyer Hall**  
**Thursday, April 8 2:12 a.m.**  
**Type: Underage drinking**

Protective Services was notified about a fight occurring between residents of Hyer Hall and Roach Hall. Several students were arrested for their conduct and underage consumption of alcohol.

**Roach Hall**  
**Thursday, April 8 11:50 p.m.**  
**Type: Underage drinking**

Protective Services was contacted by a hall official about a beer bottle that had been thrown through a dorm window. Several students were cited for underage drinking.

**Smith Hall**  
**Friday, April 9 10:45 a.m.**  
**Type: Theft**

A male reported the theft of his bike from the rack located between Smith Hall and Pray-Sims Hall. The student reported that the bike was unlocked at the time of the theft

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

## Student election

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ronment.

Faticci also intends to fight urban sprawl, which includes plans to create a new shopping center in downtown Plover. "I would like to have the business district kept in downtown Stevens Point where it was intended to be in the first place. If they are going to put energy into a business district that's where they should do it.

**Philip**

Peterson, a sophomore Geography major, said that his decision to run for the 11th District seat against incumbent Bob Woehr was based upon his association with the Green Party. "I got really involved with the Green Party on campus," said Peterson. "A lot of my ideals and morals in life...the Green Party really identified with them." Peterson said that after a call for volunteers was made by the Portage County Greens, he decided after some thought to run for the position. Like Faticci, his campaign was one of inexperience, but on the day of the election, Peterson decided to make an extra effort. "On election day I got on the phone

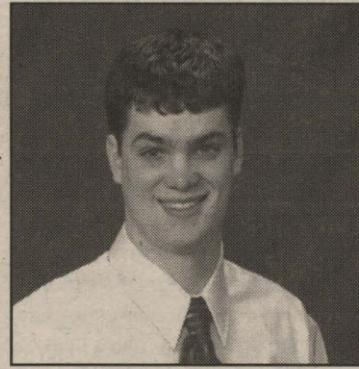


Photo courtesy of Philip Peterson  
 Philip Peterson

and started calling people in the phone book and asked them if they were going to vote, and if they were I urged them to vote for Philip Peterson."

Peterson said that one of his top priorities as a board supervisor is to work to change the perception he believes is held by

members of the board that students are not responsible enough to handle that position.

"What I really want to emphasize right now is that students

can be responsible leaders in the community.

There is a lot of animosity generated by the county board towards students. I want to emphasize that I'm here for the long haul."

As part of his commitment to his new position, Peterson announced that he will withdraw from the university as a full time student in preparation for his new responsibilities.

He plans to take classes during the summer and is considering full-time status in the fall depending on how much time is consumed by his new job. "During the election I was under a lot of academic pressure, and I did not want that to be a distraction to my new position."

## SGA to form bus route committee

**By John T. Larson**  
 NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association is announcing the formation of a committee that will decide the new bus route that will be created as part of the new U-Pass system.

Using data provided by the university, the committee will be given the task of forming a route that will best serve student interests.

"We have a map of the university that the geography department put together that shows where students live and a distribution of where the highest concentrations of students are located throughout the city," said SGA Student Life Issues director Stephanie Lind.

The SGA is looking to create

a committee that will consist of a cross section of students from around the campus that will work with members of the SGA and city transportation officials to make the final decision.

Lind says that the SGA is looking for any and all students who are interested on working to decide the route. "Anyone who wants to be incorporated will be welcome. It would be an opportunity for any student that has an interest in deciding where the U-Pass is going to go next year."

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday April 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Conference Room of the U.C. The Committee will have until the beginning of May to issue their ruling as the contract will be locked into place at that time.

## Trivia contest

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there are at least 200 volunteers for this year's contest. Duties performed by the volunteers include distributing the donated food, helping out with merchandise sales and broadcasting the contest.

There are also 18 people who answer calls for 14 different shifts during the contest. Sikorski mentioned that despite the pressure and stressors that they have faced in the month preceding the contest, everyone is really excited this week and are looking forward to this weekend.

There are not many changes to

this year's contest, with the usual two running questions and the Trivia Stone hunt still intact. However, one change that Oliva noted was the "big push made to expand the rulebook." He said that this expansion will be justified at next year's contest.

Oliva encourages a lot of students to play and pull together all the knowledge and resources they can. However, he did send out a message of caution by saying, "We'll humble them real well."

Trivia will not be covered by STV this year due to a dispute, so the contest will only be broadcasted over radio by 90FM and through streaming media on 90FM's web site

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## Musings from Mirman

Oh no! Too many students are receiving A's, something must be done

By Dan Mirman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

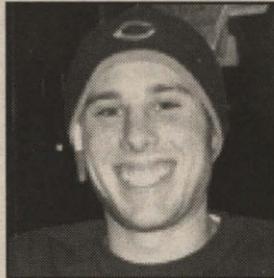
It wasn't a story that caused a lot of conversation. Political pundits didn't debate the merits of the story and there is no tie to the war in Iraq.

This story appeared in the Friday Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and explained that Princeton University will now limit the number of As teachers are allowed to give to one particular class. The new rule requires teachers to give no more than 35 percent of any given class an A or A minus.

This decision by the Princeton administration comes in response to what they termed the "epidemic" of grade-inflation. Apparently 46 percent of Princeton students received As in the last year and this number is too steep an increase from the 31 percent in the mid-70's.

I love the term epidemic in this context. I have lived through a number of epidemics, but they're normally negative. I can think of the still continuing AIDS epidemic, the Mad Cow epidemic and right now we have the blossoming gas epidemic, but these definitely pale in comparison to the grade-inflation epidemic.

Shouldn't the ultimate goal of any learning institution be to have all their students receive As? That would show the students understand their expectations and have met them to satisfy the standards. Nope, instead we now have a scary precedent as far as grades go.



Instead of sitting down next to a classmate and seeing a person in a similar situation, that person now provides a roadblock to your A.

Even if you do your best work, it may not be good enough better if that kid sitting next to you is just a little bit better and brighter. This situation encourages both dirty tactics and cheating.

I've heard stories of Harvard law students checking out books for an entire semester to handicap their competition.

Why not?

We're taught that grades are even more important than learning the material. We learn that good grades equal a good job. And a good job equals happiness. So if you have to cheat or play dirty to achieve happiness so be it.

The funny part of the whole situation is that grades are completely blown out of proportion in the first place. Don't get me wrong they carry some importance, but not nearly as much as some students believe. I recently took a resume class and was told it didn't really matter if I put my GPA on the resume. I learned that extra-curricular activities are much more important than grades.

Regardless of a grade's importance, every student in the class should have the potential to earn an A grade.

Hopefully this requirement stays in the snobby environment of the Ivy League. Because if this policy comes to UWSP, you better keep your eyes off my notebook. I don't want you taking my A.

## Eating contest distasteful

I am disturbed as to why there is an eating contest this Friday sponsored by Centertainment, right here at UW Stevens Point-one of the best colleges for Wellness and Natural Resources?

In the past, I have been thrilled with what Centertainment does for our campus, but this event goes too far. It seems to me that this contest goes directly against all that our campus strives for; in fact I believe this contest is supporting the American fat machine.

According to The Complete Idiot's Guide to Saving the Environment, obese Americans have increased from 1 in 8 in 1991 to 1 in 5 in 1998 and that in the United States obesity is the second-leading cause of preventable deaths after smoking. What kind of lifestyle is our campus supporting?

If you think watching people gorge themselves on mini corn dogs, Twinkies, pizza, and pie until they puke is fun, by all means go and support this ludicrous event, but please remember that as you watch, people are suffering and dying around the world from malnutrition and starvation, and that by supporting this event you are promoting the American fat machine.

However, if you think this event is distasteful, wasteful, and morally wrong; then please email Centertainment at [cntrtain@uwsp.edu](mailto:cntrtain@uwsp.edu) and voice your opinion.

Kelly Firkins  
Environmental Council Member

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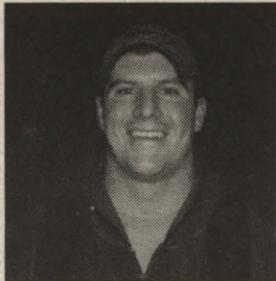
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Where do you think we'll find Osama Bin Laden?



Tim Collins, Fr., Resource Mgmt.

At the Jaws ride at Universal Studios, it's so romantic.



Dan Brett, Jr., Biology

Hopefully in a grave somewhere.



Fluffy

Smoking a bowl on Willy Nelson's tour bus.



Jodie Vitrano, Sr., Psychology

He's just probably tooling around somewhere on a camel.



Laura Balkevich, Sr., Health Prom.

In Uranus.



Dana Calhoun, Sr.,

In the walk-in cooler at The Blueberry Muffin restaurant.

## Balancing grades amidst the warm weather

Motivation to study dwindles as green grass and warmer temperatures beckon

By Alli Himle  
FEATURES EDITOR



Spring fever is now upon us. I do not think any college student can honestly say that they are not itching to get out and

enjoy the warmer temperatures and soak up some sun in the process. However, finding that time to relax and kick back seems to come at a price for many of us. Inevitably, studying for exams, projects and final papers all seem to get placed on the back burner.

In the midst of the craziness of the last few weeks of the semester, a time that is often plagued with an overabundance of stress, a medium can exist where studying and enjoying the long overdue spring weather can be attained.

Take your studies outdoors. Instead of sitting hours upon end in front of your computer screen aimlessly typing that paper for religious studies that has crept up on you all too quickly, take your notebook outdoors. You would

be surprised how fresh air and a glowing ray of sun can cure writer's block.

Take advantage of your down time. Instead of lounging around your dorm room or apartment between classes, stay on campus.



Photo by Liz Bolton

Students take advantage of the nice weather to study outdoors.

Make use of the spacious lawns in front of the library and between the College of Natural Resources and the Collins Classroom Center to open a book and get caught

up on the reading that seems to never end.

Give yourself treats. Allow yourself extra incentives for getting the homework done that you assign yourself. Tell yourself that if you finish the last chapter of

your reading or complete the final paragraph on your research paper, you will treat yourself to a walk in Schmeckle.

Furthermore, pack your

backpack and take your studies to Schmeckle for an afternoon of studying while relaxing near the lake.

Lastly, make studying a joint effort among friends. Encourage your friends to join you in bringing your studies outdoors. Sometimes all you need is a little push from friends to force you to face that pile of work that you have been procrastinating about for too long. Take your blanket, bring your friends and study together in the warm weather.

Most importantly, realize that there are only four weeks left in the semester, and then you will be free from the balancing act of studying and trying to enjoy the fresh, warm air (that is, if you are not taking the dreaded summer courses). Then you will have three months of freedom from papers, projects and exams.

In the end, if you motivate yourself to get through this final month, you will be able to lounge in the sun without feeling guilty for putting off your schoolwork for one more day. For, as we all find out sooner or later, it does not take long before the days of missed class and schoolwork begin to take their toll.

## Eating contest slated for this Friday

Upchuck and be gone

By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

This Friday, students will have the opportunity to see 16 of their own chow down for a chance to win \$100.

Centertainment is sponsoring an eating contest at 6 p.m. on Friday night in front of the University Center. The contest is a four-round, winner-take-all competition to see who can eat the most food, and keep it down.

Event organizer Andy Liesener said he expects not everyone will be able to go the distance without throwing up.

"That's why we're having it outside," Liesener said. "They can puke all they want outside. There's no puking in the Encore."

The event features four rounds, each with a different food item. In the first round, all 16 contestants must eat mini hot dogs. The top eight then move on to the second round, where batches of Twinkies await for them to scarf. Only four will remain standing after this round.

"I've got 12 hot dogs and six Twinkies apiece in the first two rounds," Liesener said. "I hope I picked appropriate amounts."

The lucky four will be reduced to two after a third round that will have them slamming



down personal pizzas. The final two will then eat as many apple pies as they can for the honor of claiming the \$100 prize.

"It's a winner-take-all decision," Liesner said. "The other contestants get water and napkins to clean themselves up afterwards."

Only 16 students may compete in the contest. The sign-up sheet is still open at the Information Desk in the U.C. Spots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

The contest runs from 6 to 7 p.m. If you want more information, contact the Centertainment office at extension 2412.

And if you go, please, remember to bring napkins. The contestants will need them.

## The time to get into spring fashion is now

Coming from the runway to your closet

By Maria Lewis  
FEATURES REPORTER

As the weather gets nicer, it gets hard to wear turtlenecks and winter jackets without sweating up a storm during class or even just walking home. It is time to start dressing more for Florida weather and not for Antarctica's.

For this spring, everything is about color. Colors from pastels to bright solids are the rave right now. Pairing these daring colors with white is a very in thing for spring.

One element that is a must-have for spring is a good jacket, one that is functional for those rainy April days, but one that can definitely handle those May flowers too. This jacket should be semi-water resistant. They now make a lot of coats that double as rain jackets. Good colors for this sort of jacket are white, pink, peach, lime and lavender. Any color that screams spring is one that you want.

Another fun spring accessory is an umbrella. It becomes a much under-rated accessory, but one that you can make work with an outfit. Be creative when you are looking for an umbrella.

Don't be afraid to buy one with a funky pattern or a bright solid. Try to find one that you feel com-

fortable walking with, but, more importantly, one that will keep you dry and looking fabulous.

From hats to sunglasses, it is now time to break out those fun accessories. Necklaces and chunky pieces of jewelry are popular this season, so wear them with no fear.

A trend for spring is bright prints and patterns on clothing. Warning: too much of a good thing could happen here. Pair patterns with solids because patterns and prints can get really old, really quick.

Another trend is lingerie-inspired clothing. From lace to corset tops, these sorts of clothing are very in for spring.

Shoes for this season are a little different than what we've seen in years past. The ballet slipper is now something that you are seeing everywhere. Anything flat and comfortable is a must this spring. Another bonus to these shoes is that they come in almost every color imaginable. They have some really cute styles at Payless, so check them out.

Now that you have all the tips for spring, shop away. Good luck and do not be afraid to walk on the sidewalk outside the UC like it is your own personal runway!

## Uncovering Hidden Connections Earth Week 2004

**Saturday: April 17**

Earth Week Kick-off:

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

- Panelist speakers/discussion  
Keynote: Michael Nelson and other prominent campus/community speakers  
Room 116 CPS

**Sunday: April 18**

3:00 p.m.

- Campus Clean-up!  
Meet at Knutzen Porch

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Waterfall Day Hike

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## Appreciating the natural side in art

Experience nature in art now through May 16 at the Riverfront Arts Center

By Lynn Gorzlaneyk  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leonard and Martha Fieber packed a sliver of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and delivered it to the Riverfront Arts Center (RAC) in Stevens Point. Their beaver-chewed furniture and nature-inspired fiber art is on display from April 2 until May 16.

"The response, in numbers of visitors in this first week, has been phenomenal," said Brenda Gingles, director of the RAC. "This is a must-see exhibit as we usher in spring and reacquaint ourselves with the beauty and genius of nature."

This exhibit has natural tranquility – it is as if the northwoods has been planted indoors and adapted to its new environment. A chair, table, lamp and bench have sprouted and taken root in the RAC.

The display pays tribute to the life-cycle of the young aspen, poplar, white pine and maple. Felled by the beaver, these trees serve as shelter and food only to be discarded in rivers, lakes and streams once

he has stripped them clean, satisfied his appetite and established his residence.

Leonard Fieber has rescued this floating beaver refuse and recycled it to create his beaver-chewed furniture. He has preserved the natural beauty of the

of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As I collect the sticks, I am visualizing how they will create my next piece," explains Leonard.

Martha's fiber art wall-hangings accent the furniture and serve as windows to the surrounding natural world. Color springs forth

iridescent coat wrapping every branch of a tree, reeds mirrored reflection upon a lake of solitude, a burst of blossoming color in a miniature orchard; prairie grasses blowing upon a warm summer's breeze a hemlock branch – its texture to be seen in every needle so lovingly sewn.

With nature as her inspiration and fiber as her choice of medium, Martha has found "the possibilities and materials to be endless."

So often the beauty of our world escapes us. Life's hurried pace throws us into a myriad of everyday images as we race to meet our destinations. Engage your senses while disengaging your anxieties.

Visit the RAC, located at 1200 Crosby Avenue, Stevens Point (next to Bank One). It is open from Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open your mind's eye to the ordinary and discover the extraordinary beauty that is all around you.

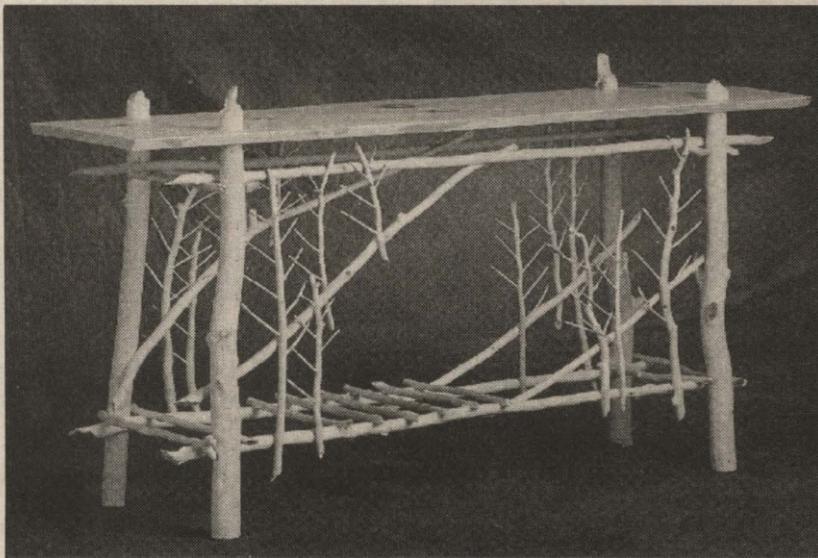


Photo Courtesy of Martha Fieber

A table made from beaver-chewed wood is one of the many pieces of art currently on display at the Riverfront Arts Center.

wood, while creating functional works of art.

"Many works actually begin in the canoe in some remote area

as Mother Nature weaves her tapestry of life.

She has captured familiar scenes in nature: winter frost's

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## The way I see it... Be a good sport!

**By Joshua Schmidt**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Working in the field of sports media has given me the opportunity to attend many events over the last several years. While nothing can compare to the atmosphere and excitement of a live sporting event, the experience could be even better if some people would keep their mouths shut. While most of us are content to cheer for our team in a positive manner, shouting encouragement to our players and enjoying a good game of what ever the sport may be, there are always a few "fans" who seem content on ruining the experience.

You know who you are. You are people who see yourselves as experts of the game despite your obvious lack of knowledge, the people who see it as your job to critique the officials' every call, and the coaches' every decision. The worst part is that you do it so loudly and obnoxiously that everyone attending the event can hear you.

What is the purpose of your outbursts? Do you honestly think if you ride the officials constantly, it will benefit your team? Do you think that you're more qualified than the coach to make critical decisions during crunch time? The answer to both of these questions is a resounding no.

First of all, if you've never officiated a game, you have no right to criticize the people who work hard to make sure the game is played cleanly and fairly. I've worked as an official in several different sports and have many friends who

are officials, and trust me there are very few of us looking to screw a team out of a win. Most of us take positions as officials, not for a power trip, but because we love the game and want it to be played the way it should be. Sure there are a few guys out there who have a hidden agenda, but that's no different from any other occupation. Sure we make mistakes, but nobody's perfect. Plus, fans who question our eyesight, intelligence, etc., aren't helping their team, if anything they're hurting the game by not allowing the officials to focus on the task at hand.

Second, stay off the coach's back. Coaching is an underappreciated profession. Most coaches don't get paid near enough for the work they do. They put in countless hours working with players, working on game plans and dealing with second guessing fans and media. Give these men and women a break; it's hard enough trying to make a key decision in the heat of battle without having a bunch of know-it-all wanna bes screaming at you from the stands.

Third, be considerate to the people sitting around you. Most of us are at the event to enjoy a well played game. We don't need a few idiots ruining the experience for us by screaming negative comments at the participants, officials and coaches.

Now I'm not saying you should sit quietly and do nothing. Yell all you want, but do it in a positive manner. Encourage the players of your team. Tell the coaches when they've done a good job. Have fun.



## The Man's Take Opening Day Odyssey

**By Craig Mandli**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Opening day.

What more is there? Bubbly brews, steaming sausage and smoking grills. Not bad for a first opening day.

When my buddy (STV sports personality Shawn Kozlowski) suggested an opening day trip to Miller Park, my practical side showed through.

"We don't have tickets, and it's a sell-out," I said.

"Don't worry, my dad works for the Brewers...we'll have tickets," retorted my friend (proving once again that its always nice to have connections).

Bling-Bling...we were off.

**Friday morning, 8:15 a.m.** - Ugghhh! Snooze alarm.

**8:45** - Phone call. "Doofus, you ready to go?" "Yeah, been waiting for ya," (lies, all lies).

**9:05** - On the road finally, beat-boxing to some tunes suitable for Bruisers. Not my bag, but Shawn works there, so he must like it.

**9:15** - I'm hungry. (How pathetic am I that I can't go for 10 minutes without complaining about something?)

**9:25** - McDonald's breakfast. That'll sit well with the brats and choice beverages later. I can already hear my stomach going on strike.

**9:35** - I amuse myself by watching Shawn devour a McDonald's deluxe breakfast (the one with the flapjacks) while driving down Highway 51. Simply an amazing feat of driving and eating. After nailing a couple low shoulders, I can't believe I'm still alive.

**9:50** - The music has now switched over to country-western. Somewhat depressing, but nothing can drown the buzz of opening

day. Sing away, Toby Keith!

**10:45** - We arrive at the local Pick 'n Save in Delafield to stock up on tailgating fare. Mmmm, bratwurst and Shlitz.

**10:55** - Adversity! We are nearly kicked out of the store for filming ourselves buying bratwursts. What is this world coming to? We're just trying to film a documentary.

**11:00** - After picking up some choice beverages from the booze department (and meeting a beer-can stacking mad man) we are on our way.

**11:15** - There it is, the house that disgruntled Wisconsin taxpayers built. Makes me wish I was from Minnesota. Actually, no, it doesn't.

**11:30** - The grill is going, the brats are ready to go on, we're in the shadow of the park, life is good.

**11:31** - Grill goes out. Relight.

**11:32** - Grill goes out. Swear a little. Relight.

**11:33** - Grill goes out again. (Shawn walks over, and in a rather incredulous manner, points out that the charcoal goes on top of the bottom grate. Yeah, I'm an idiot.)

**11:45** - Brats and choice beverages. Oh yeah!

**12:30** - We decide to walk around the parking lot, filming anything we find interesting. This includes touring an RV, playing bean-bag darts and getting offered our share of beverages and unhealthy food products.

**1:00** - GAME TIME!!! GO BREWERS!!! (yeah, they lost, oh well.)

*Editor's note: Check out our Miller Park opening day documentary at 9 p.m. Thursday on STV (Channel 10).*

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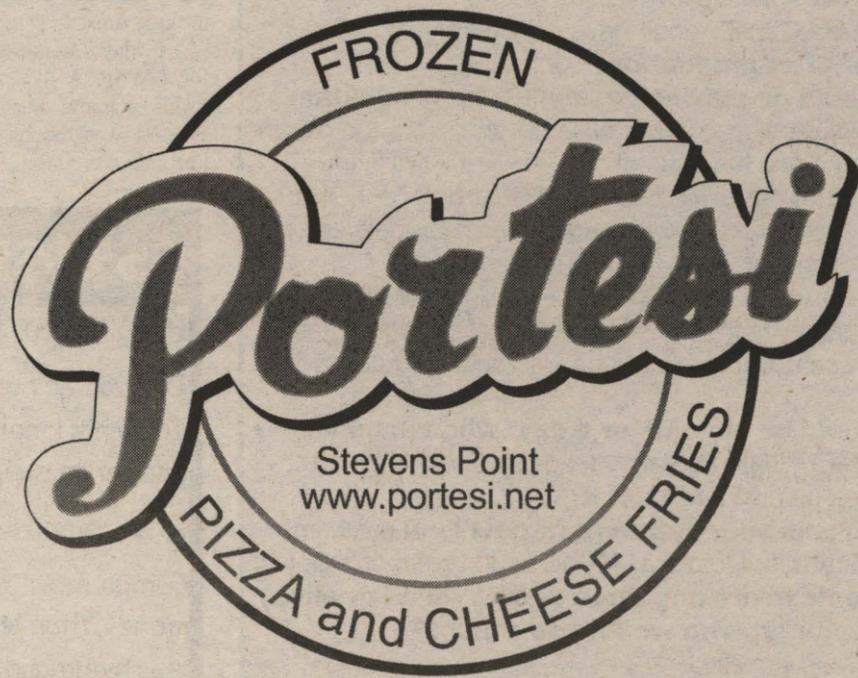
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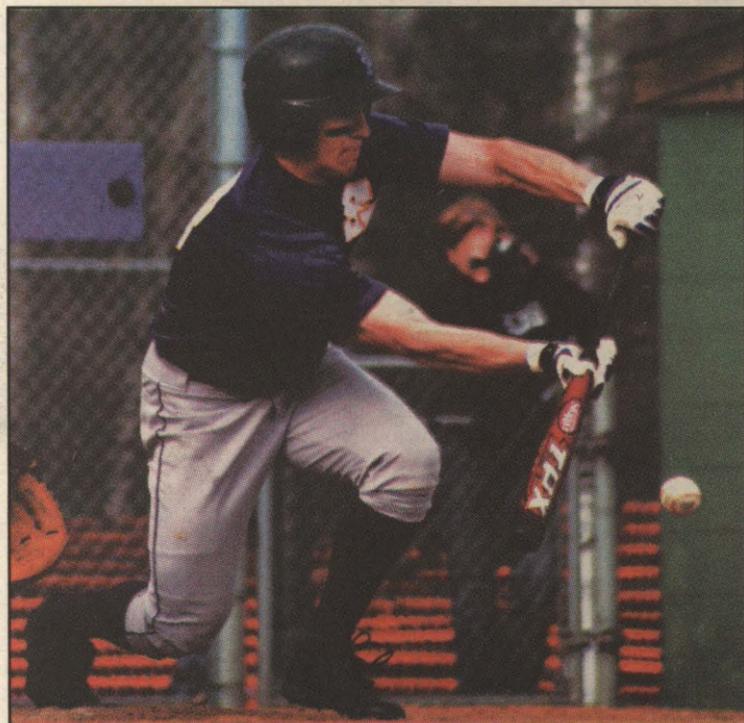


Photo by Patricia Larson

Pointer freshman centerfielder Chuck Brehm attempts a bunt during the second game of a double-header with Oshkosh on Wednesday.

## Winning week has Pointers on a roll

### Strong offense has team surging towards top of WIAC

By Steve Roeland  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer baseball team has been on an offensive surge for the past few weeks, leaving the opposition in its wake. UWSP has not lost a game since the first contest of the Mar. 31 doubleheader against UW-Oshkosh.

### baseball

The stretch of six games in five days this past week couldn't stop the streaking Pointers. With sweeps of UW-La Crosse and Lakeland College, UWSP increased their winning streak to nine. Pointer head coach Pat Bloom attributes the team's recent success to the timeliness of UWSP's performances.

"We did an excellent job of performing in the clutch," he said. "We performed well in all facets of the game." Bloom added that timely hits, quality pitching and sharp fielding helped his team battle from behind in several games and to win nine in a row.

The first session of last week's six game stretch was a Thursday-Friday set of two doubleheaders at La Crosse, where the Pointers captured all four victories, outscoring UWL 38-23.

"I was not surprised at all," Bloom said of the team's offensive production. "We went in having a good approach and put the ball in play."

The first match-up on Friday was a decisive 12-2 UWSP victory. In the win, the Pointers' Matt Peterson went one for three with a three-run home run and Matt Peetz went two for three with three RBIs. Aaron Achterberg pitched six and one-third innings and struck out six in his win for UWSP. The Pointers jumped out to a big lead in the first game, holding a 6-0 edge after two innings played.

The nightcap on Thursday was a bit closer, with the Pointers edging the Eagles 9-6. UWSP scored seven of their runs on home runs, which were launched off the bats of Peetz, Chuck Brehm, and Joe Waksmonski. Both Brehm and Waksmonski had two hits on the day and drove in three runs.

Friday's contests were both one-run victories for UWSP. A 4-3 win by the Pointers was the result of game one and a Pointer win in a 13-12 slugfest was the result of game two. Brehm and Peetz delivered for UWSP, with both of them going

two for four with an RBI. In his two for four day, Brehm included a home run, his fifth of the year. Waksmonski and Greg Tremel, whose RBI was the game winner, drove in one run apiece to make four for the Pointers. The Pointers trailed in the game 3-2 after seven and a half, but UWSP scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth to take the lead and the win.

In the second and final game of the two day double-header series the Pointers, despite committing seven errors, managed to pull out a victory. With one out in the bottom of the ninth, UWSP's Mike Hall collected his first hit of the game in a timely fashion. His RBI single up the middle drove in the game winning run and the four game sweep of UWL. Kevin Pankow collected the win for the Pointers, his fourth of the year.

After Easter weekend, the Pointers got back into it again, facing off against Lakeland College in a double-header on Monday. The Pointers never looked back, winning the game 9-3. Jake Frombach was a perfect four for four in the game for UWSP. He also drove in a run in the eighth. UWSP's Matt Mehne collected his first career win in game one, while Lakeland College's Steve Plucinski received the loss despite striking out 14 Pointer batters in six innings pitched and only surrendering one earned run.

In the nightcap, the Pointers fell to an early 2-0 in the first, but scored five runs in the bottom of the opening frame to take the lead. The five runs came with two outs and the bases empty. Hall drove in three runs on a double and Matt Polomis drove in two on another double for the Pointers, all in the first. Hall finished the game two for four with four RBIs and Polomis collected two hits in three at-bats and drove in three.

"During [the past] nine games, we were consistent. In the first six, we were not," Bloom said of why the team has produced so well.

The plethora of wins last week moves UWSP to 11-5 overall on the year and gives them a 5-1 record in conference. Seeing WIAC opponents for the first time has Coach Bloom figuring out who are the teams to beat in the conference.

"Top to bottom, the conference might not be as strong as it used to be. But Oshkosh and Whitewater are still good programs," said Bloom.

*Editor's Note: The double-header on Wednesday night against Oshkosh ended too late for a game story. The Pointers fell to the Titans 16-11 in the first game, and 4-1 in the second. - C.M.*

## Senior on the Spot Joe Waksmonski - Baseball



Waksmonski

### Career Highlights

- Catching Bill Verbrick's perfect game in 2002.
- Randy Reed's walk off home run to beat Oshkosh two years ago.
- Going 3 for 3 in a rain-storm to beat La Crosse for the Conference tournament championship.

**Major** - Physical Education

**Hometown** - Schofield, Wis.

**Nickname** - I really don't have a nickname.

**Plans for after graduation** - Get a job.

**Do you plan on playing baseball after graduation?**

- I will always play summer baseball until I am too old and then I might touch a softball.

**What is your favorite aspect of baseball?** - Being part of a team and the one-on-one match-up between a pitcher and hitter.

**Most embarrassing moment?** - Taking a fastball between the eyes from (former teammate) Brian Wanek when I wasn't paying attention. He couldn't knock me out.

**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?** - I would be Barry Bonds so I could be better than everyone else and know it.

**What CD is in your stereo right now?** - A pre-game mix of Disturbed, Metallica, AC/DC and System of a Down.

**If you could invite any three people (dead or alive) over for dinner, who would you choose?**

1. Dave Chappelle
2. Jerry Seinfeld
3. Peter Gammons

**What will you remember most about playing baseball at UWSP?** - I will remember how much fun I had and how I was allowed to be myself here.

**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** - Someone make sure Kevin Pankow is all right, and let it all hang out!



Peterson

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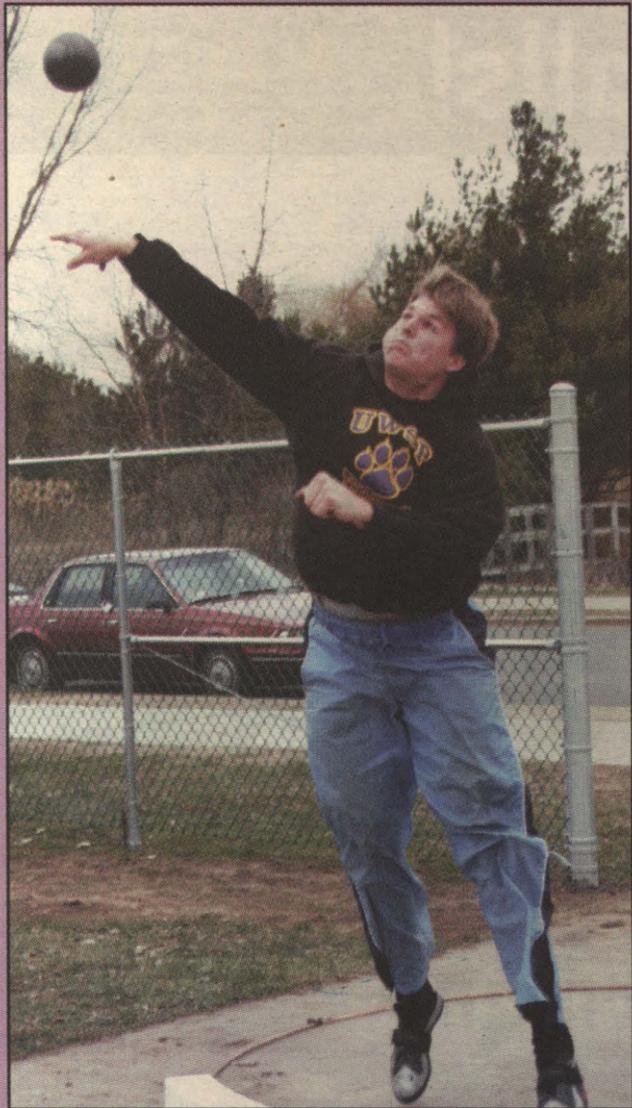


Photo by Patricia Larson

Sophomore Pete Prusinski heaves the shot put during Saturday's Coldman Invite. Prusinski finished third.

### Women finish second, men first in weekend meet

By Adam Wise  
SPORTS REPORTER

With another stellar showing, the UWSP women's track team finished second out of the nine teams competing at the Coldman Invitational, their only home meet of the season. The men's team finished first.

### track & field

The men's team had 294 points and UW-Oshkosh was second with 199.5. The Pointer women's team had 224.5 points, while the Titans had 268.5 points to win the meet.

Kent Hutchison and Andrew Schliepp each won two events for the men's team. Hutchison won the long jump at 21 feet, 8.75 inches and the javelin at 151 feet, six inches. Schliepp captured the 110-meter hurdles at 14.99 seconds and the 400-meter hurdles at 55.87 seconds.

Josh VanderVelden won the shot put at 49 feet, 1.75 inches and Mark Wierzba claimed the hammer throw at 184 feet. Other winners were Marcus VerDuin in the 100-meter dash in 11.17 seconds, Matt Legel in the 400-meter dash at 49.83 seconds, Rick Pavlat in the 800-meter run at 2:00.33 and Mark LaLonde in the 1500-meter run at 4:04.52. The 4x100-meter relay also won in 43.79 seconds



Mitchler

and the 4x400-meter relay won in 3:28.61.

On the women's side, Marie Burrows followed up last weekend's second place finish in the 200 meter dash with an identical finish in a spot that is becoming quite comfortable to the Pointer sprinter.

Unsurprised by the steady performance of Burrows, Coach Len Hill complimented his athlete saying, "She is our most consistent performer on the track. Week in, week out, she does an excellent job of competing."

In the 800 meter run, Megan Craig and Isabelle Delannay claimed the top two spots in the extended solo sprint with times of 2:23.09 and 2:25.91.

Hill was very adamant about not allowing himself to be content with sub-par performances, even though the workout schedule is still very strenuous on all the runners this early in the season.

"These performances are not what we would expect from these two veterans. They can run much faster. In about another week we will begin to back off on the training and let their legs recover from the workouts so that they can step up their level of performance."

Complimenting this trio's impressive performance were Jenna Mitchler and Leah Herlache who finished atop the standings for the 5000 meter run with best

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## Pointers have up and down week

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After winning six out of their last eight games, the UWSP softball team looked to keep their hot streak going as they traveled to Eau Claire last weekend to take part in the Eau Claire tournament.

### softball

The Pointers started the weekend with a tough 14-2 St. Scholastica squad. The Pointers got the scoring started in the fourth inning. Rebekah Bauer led off the inning with a double. Lynsi Lowehagen followed with a RBI single. UWSP had two more batters reach base but couldn't get any more runners across as the inning ended with the bases loaded, and the Pointers nursing a 1-0 lead.

The lead looked like it would hold as pitcher Stephanie Anderson cruised through the first six innings allowing only two hits and no runs. She couldn't quite close the door, however, as St. Scholastica rallied in the bottom of the seventh, scoring two runs on four hits, making the final score 2-1 in favor of St. Scholastica.

The Pointers looked to get back on the winning track later that day against Viterbo. The game was scoreless until Viterbo scored four runs on five hits and two errors in the top of the fourth inning. UWSP looked to rally in the bottom half as Lowehagen scored on Jenni Van Cuyk RBI single, making the score 4-1.

The Pointers tied the game



Photo by Patricia Larson

Sophomore Rebekah Bauer slides into third base during the sixth inning of Tuesday's second game against Oshkosh.

with a big sixth inning. Jessica Cook, Abby Bartz and Amanda Jellish all had RBIs as the Pointers tied the game at four. Once again, however, the seventh inning was unkind to the Pointers as Viterbo's Krystal Check hit a two out two run homer. The Pointers couldn't answer in the bottom half of the inning and fell 6-4.

Saturday saw the Pointers take on Northland College. Pitcher Stephanie Anderson dominated the Northland line-up allowing three hits and no runs in a five innings of work. The Pointer offense also gave her plenty to work with. UWSP didn't waste any time scoring four runs in the first inning scoring on hits from Bauer, Van Cuyk and Boettcher.

The Pointer onslaught contin-

ued in the third as Carlie Zipperer and Jenny Feidt knocked in three more runs, making the score 7-0.

Rebekah Bauer finished the scoring with a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth. Stephanie Anderson was a little shaky in the fifth inning allowing three walks before finishing off Northland with an 8-0 final.

The last game of the weekend for the Pointers saw them face the host school, UW-Eau Claire.

UWEC bats came out hot and knocked around UWSP starter Kelly Schmidt, scoring six runs in the first three innings. The Pointers tried to mount a rally in the fourth inning, taking advantage of a couple of Eau Claire errors to score two runs. That

was all the Pointers could man-

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Bauer

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## Mr. Winters' two cents



Well Pointers, it's getting real damn nice out there in the natural world. And once again, I hear them fishies are biting like mad as a result. Of course, I'm stuck at home doing spring cleaning and house-

work. Whoever devised such a rotten system of existence?

Ya, you guessed it. I'm feeling sorry for myself. The wife keeps giving me chores to do and if I don't do them, I don't get my allowance of high-life and smoking tobacco.

So in order to get free for an afternoon, I came up with a simple plan: I'll tell the wife that my good brother, Art, needs some assistance out on the old farm. Well, fixing that arrangement went alright, and I headed out to Art's place. Now you kids might think I was in the clear there. Wrong! Wrong!!

We're talking about my wife. I knew she'd be checking up on me, to make sure I was going to my "intended" destination. You know what, I drove right out there in the old Lincoln, planning to stop at Art's for a small visit. After she called and talked to Agnes (Art's wife), I still figured I could be on my way to the fishing hole, scott free. Wrong!!

Well my friends, this sweet little plan went off without a hitch until my old brother Art started rambling on about all the plowing and planting he had to get done. So once again, my damn sympathetic heart prevented me from getting to the fishing hole and the two of us got a heap of spring work done instead. All in all, I can't say I've felt that good in years, and hell, there's always next week. So for now, enjoy your youthful freedom, hit the spring fishing run, and then, "Go on and geeeeeceet!!"

-Mr. Winters

## Lawn games offer fun, relaxation

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

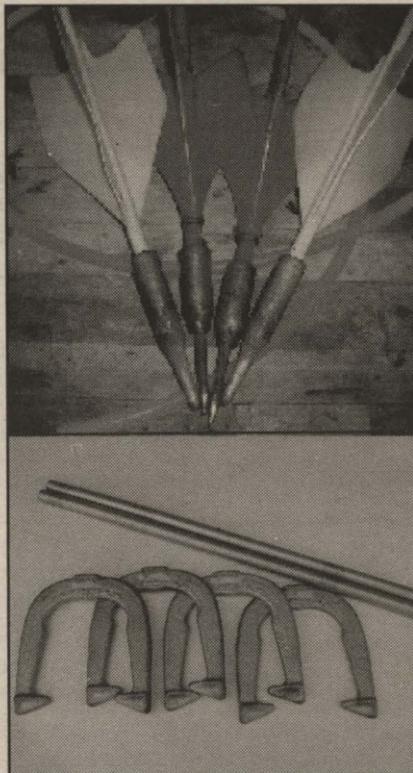
The up and coming school of Urban Outdoors is quietly turning heads around town. This hot trend includes disc golf, extreme sports and the ever-expanding realm of yard games. Ranging from bocce ball to croquet, yard games are one of the most popular warm-weather activities in North America. Their emphasis on mental toughness and unrestricted playing fields combine smoothly with summer weather and afternoon barbeques to offer each participant a challenging and enjoyable outdoor experience. While each yard or lawn game is exceptional in its own way, the entire genre is based on the central concept of rigorous competition blended with an ideal amount of pleasure and relaxation.

### Bocce ball:

This first-rate game of cat and mouse originated in the hillsides of Italy during the rule of the Roman Empire. In the standard setup, this is a four-person game. The object is to land your bocce ball, which is designated by color, closest to the pallino ball. While the Italians play this game in a regulation court, it can easily be played in freestyle form throughout the various exotic Stevens Point terrains. Some great places to play are the front lawn of Old Main, Iverson Park and the Island in Schmeekle Reserve. Score: 10/10.

### Horseshoes:

Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the seventh ranked horseshoe pitcher in the United States and is one of the top money winners on the Pro Bowling Tour. If you think yard games are for flunkies, think again. The object of this game is simple but the execution is simply mind-bending. Players like Williams regularly shoot over a 75% ringer average in league play, however, the game can be just as enjoy-



Shoes and jarts are great submitted by author for comfortable sporting.

able for the novice who shoots 3%. That is the beauty of yard games.

Score: 8/10.

### Croquet:

Any game that involves the swinging of wooden mallets, freshly cut grass and a rule encouraging the "bumping of other player's balls" is a hit in my book. The task in this game is very similar to golf, although the field is much smaller and the players are not constrained to any one hole. The result is often mass chaos, if such a description can be used for a yard game. The snooty imagery associated with croquet, that comes from its royal background, might turn some people off, but be assured, there is nothing more royal than being the first to bang the end-stake. Score: 9/10.

### Lawn Jarts:

This almighty bad-ass of lawn sports has actually been banned in most states due to the deadly nature of the equipment. Back in the day, a few uncoordinated kids accidentally punctured their faces and lungs with the sharp metal jarts, causing the game to turn to safer plastic and rubber models. Bush-league! The real way to play is still alive in the black market with prices for the original metal death blades pushing \$50 on Ebay. Don't let the Feds catch you though, as these "weapons" are considered a terrorist threat under the new PATRIOT act. Score: 7/10.

### Badminton:

From the cold hills of Dunbar, England, comes the leisure sport of Badminton. The sport as we know it today was standardized by Colonel S.S.C. Dolby in 1893. Combining all the best aspects of tennis, ping pong and volleyball on a near-perfect scale for human beings, this lawn sport is probably the most physically challenging event in this group. Phy-ed teachers wearing Zuba pants across the country recently voted to name the sport, "Favorite Game to Master and then use to Humiliate Smart-Mouthed Students who Think They're Better than Me." Score: 8/10.

### Lawn Dice:

Brought to you by the same people who thought flashcards and "trigonometry-opoly" were fun, Lawn Dice is just another sneaky attempt by mathematicians to weasel math into everything. It has been going on for years now and someone needs to stand up to those human-mind-freaks. Honestly. Don't buy into the hype or the popular lawn dice slogan "like bar dice but bigger," either. These dice aren't fun, and they can easily turn a relaxing afternoon into a numerically-based hell. Don't say I didn't warn you. Score: 2/10.

## The walleye run is on

By Adam Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Well folks, in case you haven't heard yet, the spring walleye run is in full swing. Forget waiting for the first weekend in May, because the real fishing opener is starting this weekend.

With water temperatures in the river pushing into the mid-50s, a good majority of the male walleyes have already moved up to the spawning grounds and the fat females are starting to follow.

Like our state bird, the robin, the arrival of the golden Walter to its spawning grounds marks the end of winter and the beginning of the fisherman's new year.

The majority of fishermen will be spending their time on one of the surrounding flowages.

For simplicity and local convenience, I'll focus on the Stevens Point flowage. Walleyes can be caught as close as Bukolt Park in the city limits, within the various backwater sloughs north of town and most obviously, at the hydroelectric dam below Lake Dubay.

While all these options hold good promise to the persistent angler, I find the most productive spring fishing for the shore

fisherman to be the rocky banks below the Dubay dam. Any spot that draws a dozen boats and a small army of shore fishermen on a weekday afternoon has got to retain a healthy fish population. It is simply the walleye's nature to swim against the current.

It is not uncommon to hit fish after fish when the spring run is on, even from shore. The boats may look sexy, but there are plenty of advantages to lurking on the rocks. Try starting a bonfire and fishing with more than one friend in a boat. It isn't going to happen.

What will happen is going to be amazing. The tip of the rod gives a small 'twang-twang.' Alerted, you retrieve the slack line and wait until that slippery walleye makes its move... then WAMM, a stunning hook-set sends your pink jig-head deep into the corner of the fish's mouth. The whole episode is enjoyed with the cold-blooded beast flopping in your hand, knowing, that it will happen again within five minutes.

"Is this heaven?" you ask.

"No, this is the spring spawning run."

"You were supposed to say Iowa," you reply.

"Get lost, kid."

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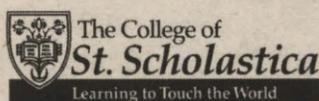


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# DNR holds hearings on changes

## Extended deer hunting season, musky length limits among key issues

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Portage County residents as well as UWSP students attended the Conservation Congress meeting on Tuesday in order to vote and voice opinions on proposed wildlife and fish rules changes.

The spring hearings are held annually on the second Tuesday in April in each county across the state. The DNR organizes the hearings to make rule change decisions on the basis of public opinion and counted votes.

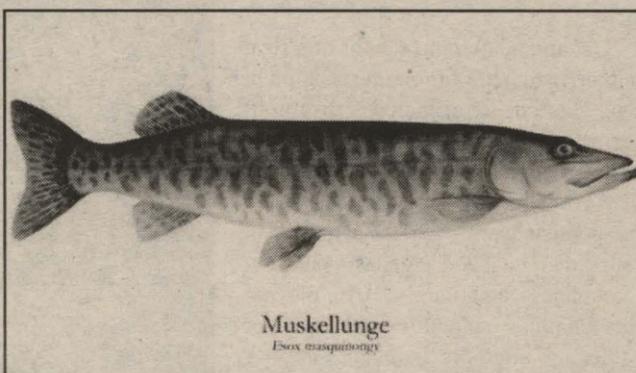
Nearly 150 people attended the hearing, and each participant received a booklet that contained 78 detailed proposal questions. The questions were grouped into two categories: those with statewide impact, and those with local impact.

One of the highlighted questions of the evening was a cause for some debate. The statewide board advisory question asked if hunters would support a proposed expansion of the deer season to 23 days. Although the season would eliminate the much debated Zone T and Earn-A-Buck seasons, some hunters stressed opposition to the elimination of the separate muzzleloader season.

"The muzzleloader season is my only chance to enjoy the woods without any pressure from other hunters," one man said. Another man exclaimed that he would like to see "a nine day muzzleloader season one week before the regular gun-deer season." He went on to say that "the bowhunters get the chance to hunt an early season, so why can't we?"

Nearly 15 minutes passed before the advisory question was put to a final vote. In the end, 37 people voted in favor of the expanded season, and 98 people voted against it.

With the number of concerns and uncompromising views it is unlikely that the issue will go away any time soon. If the advisory question passes, the season could be implemented in the fall of 2005.



Citizens voted in favor of a size increase for muskellunge, from 34 to 45 inches.

Another issue that raised a few eyebrows was centered on a fisheries management rule change. It asked if people were in favor of increasing the minimum length limit on musky from 34 inches to 45 inches on the Wisconsin River.

Before the question could be put to a vote many opinions were raised. Much of the argument was based on the issues of trophy management, and the effect it has on children. "What if my child catches a 44 1/2 inch trophy and can't keep it?" one man said. "That's a fish of a lifetime."

Another man countered this argument and explained how his daughter "gets a kick out of throwing fish back in the water."

One of the board members jumped into the discussion as well and explained how much money is spent on raising a healthy population of muskies in the Wisconsin River and all over the state.

In conclusion, 111 people voted in favor of lengthening the size limit to 45 inches, while only 17 voted against the proposal.

## Upcoming events

### Free musky fishing seminar

Steve Heiting, managing editor for *Musky Hunter Magazine* is a nationally known musky fishing expert and seminar speaker.

He will be speaking on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in room 212 CCC. The seminar is free and open to anyone on campus.

Mr. Heiting graduated from UWSP. He has guided for muskies in Wisconsin and written articles for newspapers and magazines for over a dozen years.

Steve is a nationally known musky fishing seminar speaker and will be talking about fishing techniques for early season muskies. He will also cover the effects that management decisions have on professional fishing careers.

### Wildlife photographer to present slide show in Point

*National Geographic* photographer Jim Brandenburg will be presenting a slide show of his work entitled, "The World is my Backyard" on Thurs, April 22.

His photographs have won many awards, including 'Magazine Photographer of the Year' from the National Press Photographer's Association and 'Kodak Wildlife Photographer of the Year' by the BBC.

In addition, Jim received the 'World Achievement Award' from the United Nations Environmental Program.

Brandenburg has published many books about his home state of Minnesota, including: *Chased by Light*, *Looking for the Summer*, and *Brother Wolf*.

## ResNet Support and Computer Labs Support Teams Recognized

Information Technology Lab Management and ResNet Management take this opportunity to recognize our team members and express our thanks for their service to these campus technology-based service areas. Without the commitment and dedication of these individuals, service in the computer labs and networking/computer support in the residence halls (ResNet) would not be what they are. Thank you everyone for a job well done! We are proud of you!



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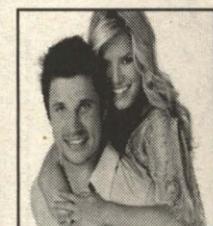


## At a glance...

### News and notes from the entertainment industry

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Sunday night was a bout of Jessica Simpson vs. *The Simpsons* for me. There's no chance I'd ever give up the likes of Homer and Bart for Jessica and Nick, but I was intrigued enough to flip over to the *Jessica and Nick Variety Show* on ABC during FOX commercials.



I only watched bits and pieces of the show but that was enough time for me to deem it a huge, laughable failure. After their opening song-and-dance routine, I was fully convinced of my hatred for Jessica in addition to Nick, who I believe to be controlled by some sort of dog leash off the cameras.

I also found Simpson's duet with Jewel (for whom I also lost respect for being on the show) on "Who Will Save Your Soul?" a travesty. Jewel shone while Jessica tried her hardest to out-do Jewel on her own song. And failed. However, the show did so well in ratings that ABC is considering turning it into a regular Holiday special.

Speaking of "the good Simpsons", *The Simpsons*: Season IV will be available for purchase on DVD on June 15. The days won't move quickly enough. The fourth season will follow the suit of the third season and immediately become "the best season on DVD"...until season five comes out. Season four will feature 22 episodes over four discs, including time-honored classics like "Kamp Krusty", "Itchy & Scratchy: The Movie", "Mr. Plow", the story of Lisa's first word, Homer becoming a monorail driver, "Whacking Day" and Krusty's Komeback Special, prompted by his mortal enemy, Gabbo.



*Kill Bill Vol. 1* became available for purchase on Tuesday. Like many others who rushed out and bought it, I was slightly disappointed to hear rumors that when *Vol. 2* becomes available for commercial release in December, it will be released with *Vol. 1* in a double, uncut feature combining the two. Oh well, I'll certainly get my money's worth out of *Vol. 1* before December.



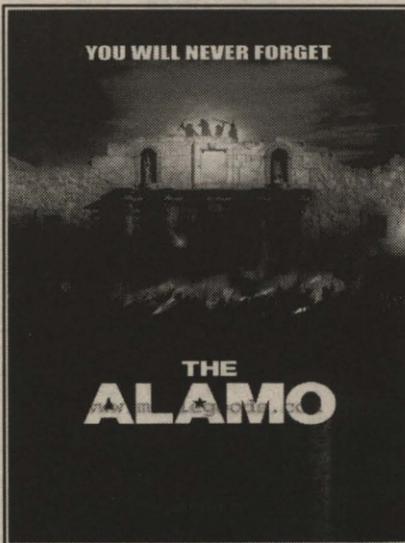
## movie review:

By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Given the legends and myths that surround it, the siege and battle of the Alamo during the Texas Revolution in 1836 has been difficult to film. John Wayne's 1960 epic version is now considered an overblown embarrassment, marred by historical inaccuracies and Wayne's jingoistic, simplistic worldview. *The Alamo*, the new version of the battle, is an improvement, but still falls way short of classic status due to faults of its own.

There's little to tell about the Alamo that people don't already know. In 1836, the American settlers in Texas revolt against the rule of Mexican dictator Santa Anna. While Sam Houston (Dennis Quaid) attempts to raise an army to win Texas independence, a couple hundred men face off against 6,000 Mexican troops at the Alamo. While nominal commander William Travis (newcomer Patrick Wilson) and legendary fighter Jim Bowie (Jason Patric) battle for control, the men take heart from the presence of Davy Crockett (Billy Bob Thornton), a living legend bemused by the stories told about him.

Frankly, I have to wonder if the editor of *The Alamo* was drunk at the wheel, because this film desperately needs a more thorough chop job. Scenes have a tendency to either drag on too long or, at critical points, like Travis' speech on the eve of the final battle or Houston's climactic victory at San Jacinto, are rushed and feel incomplete. And the film doesn't seem to know if it wants to be a sober minded historical portrayal or a patriotic, rah-Americans depiction of the Alamo myth, opting instead for middle ground that is unsatisfactory.



## The Alamo

Director John Lee Hancock does give us some beautiful scenery and well done battle scenes, but they can't overcome the film's flaws.

On the acting front, Thornton towers over all as Crockett. Unlike Wayne's overblown, larger than life hero, Thornton portrays the legendary frontiersman as human, both bemused by his fame and saddened by the fact that he can never live up to his myth. The scene where he hauntingly plays his violin in concert with the Mexican army's band is the film's best moment. Nobody does as well as Thornton. Quaid captures Houston and all his flaws, especially his penchant for the bottle, but is sidelined for much of the film. Ditto for Patric, as

Bowie spends the second half of the film bedridden due to illness and Patric is too reserved for such a flamboyant character as Bowie. And Wilson's Travis is an anal, unlikable novice who only aggravates the siege with his actions.

One cannot fault *The Alamo* for trying, but for all their good intentions, the film's flaws end up crippling it. Yes, it's better than the Duke's version, but that's like saying *Friday the 13th Part*

8 is better than *Friday the 13th Part 7*. Despite Thornton's performance, perhaps the most accurate of Crockett ever given, the film is no classic. Perhaps if Ron Howard had made the film as intended, it could have been. But, like the fate of the Alamo's defenders, it's something we can only speculate about in hindsight.

The Alamo is rated "R" and is playing at Rogers Cinema at 1:20, 3:55, 6:30 and 9:05.

The Alamo received



/ Four stars

## concert review: Elph Lettuce @ The Encore

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Stevens Point's very own Elph Lettuce was all smiles onstage at their free show in The Encore last Thursday.

And they had every right to be. The gig was their first legitimate one outside of a bar, they experienced a good turnout of nearly 100 people and as the night progressed, so did the quality of their jams.

The band looked as if they were comfortable onstage, a step that many young bands have a problem surpassing. Joking and witty stage banter from the band made it seem as if they were having as much fun as those in attendance, without losing their focus and seriousness in the process.

Their cover of The Grateful Dead's "Little Red Rooster" and encore performance of "U.S. Blues" were honest replications that strayed a little from the song's normal paths. Elph's take on The Velvet Underground's "Rock and Roll" (with an extended jam) was perhaps their best cover of the evening.

Elph does have a growing arsenal of original tunes which they planted in the setlist amidst covers. Guitarist and vocalist Jake Lison shone on his tune "Down in the Slums" and the band excelled during other originals like "Lettuce Funk" and "Stolen By the Breeze". Keyboardist Matt Ruder especially turned it up throughout this show in perhaps his best performance that I've seen to date.

One of the major highlights of the evening included an impromptu rendition of the theme from the first level



Photo by author

Elph Lettuce gets down at The Encore on Thursday.

of Super Mario Bros. I've heard a few bands play it before; Elph's rendition was just varied enough from the original to call it their own, but true enough to form to make everyone feel like chasing mushrooms and stomping on turtles and goombas.

The only thing that could have made this show better was perhaps bassist Alex White thumping out the bassline to Mario's level 1-2 over drummer Rich Hankinson's tight snare snap coupled with a dose of the hi-hat. Maybe next time.

Elph Lettuce will be playing in the area throughout the next few weeks, including gigs at Deuces Wild on April 16 and April 22, and at UWSP's EcoFair on April 23.

## Events Calendar

**Thursday, April 15**  
Down By Dignity @ The Encore  
8 p.m., FREE SHOW

**Friday, April 16**  
Stealin' Strings @ Clark Place  
8 p.m., \$5

**Friday, April 16**  
Elph Lettuce @ Deuces Wild  
8 p.m., FREE

**Saturday, April 17**  
Art Stevenson and High Water @  
Clark Place  
8 p.m., \$6

**Thursday, April 22**  
Shannon Lawson @  
The Encore  
8 p.m., Free w/ID, \$5 without

**Saturday, April 24**  
Battle of the Bands @  
The Encore 7 p.m., Free with UWSP ID

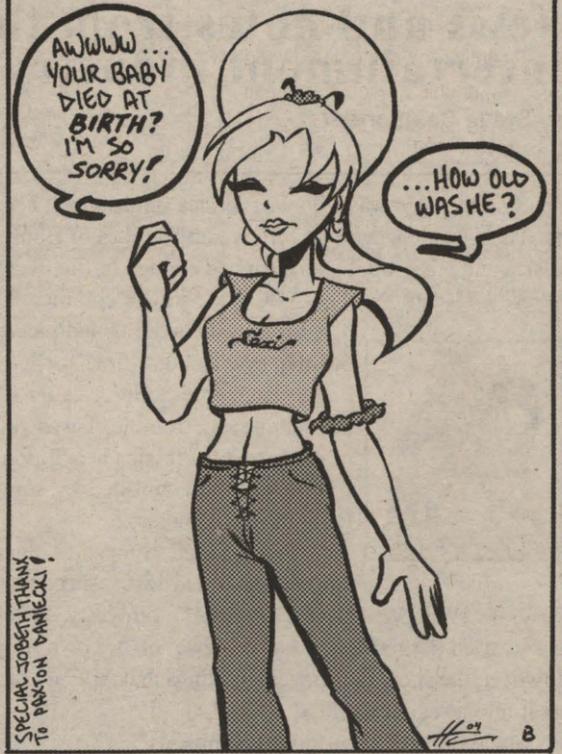
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by bj hiorns



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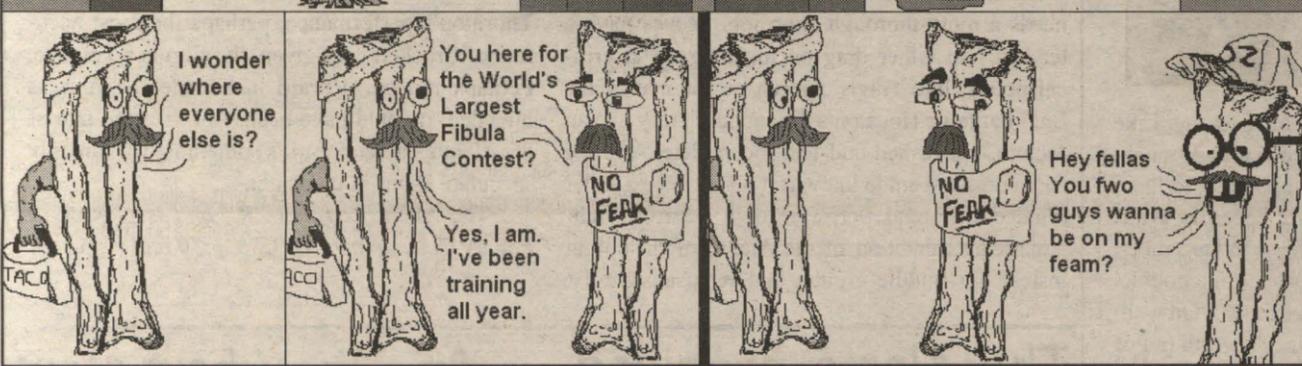
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### Moustache Sandwich

By: Tycho



**Hootie and the Blowfish Joke of the Week:**  
 What do you call Darius Rucker orbiting around a youngster's girating hip-region?  
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## Your college survival guide: It's all about U.

BY: THE PAT ROTHFUSS CONSORTIUM  
 WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE  
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Dear Pat,  
 My friend, Julie, has been hanging around with a guy for about two months. Right now they're 'just friends,' but I know she really likes Josh and hopes that he'll put the moves on her soon.  
 Here's the problem. I really like Josh too, and I think he likes me. He's been stopping by our place more and more often, and when Julie isn't around he still hangs around and talks, sometimes for hours.  
 Is it wrong for me to make a move on him? It wouldn't really be stealing, as he's not really hers. Besides, "all's fair in love and war," right?

To protect the innocent,  
 Names Changed

Wrong.  
 I don't mean to trivialize your question by giving it a simple answer NC, but when you're wrong you're wrong. "All's fair in love and war" is the sort of thing people say to themselves so that they can feel good about doing bad things. Unfortunately for you, your friend has dibs on this guy. You have to respect that.  
 Already I can hear you spluttering, "but, but, but..." I know you've got a dozen reasons it seems OK. Trust me, it's really not. Still, if it will make things easier, let's look at some of the "buts."  
 "But he likes me more."  
 It's still wrong.  
 "But I'd be way better for him."  
 Wrong.  
 "But what if he puts the moves on me?"

That makes it easy (to be wrong.)  
 Now, I don't want to come across as being holier-than-thou. I know that it's wrong is because I've been there myself. Twice.  
 The first time I had the opportunity to steal this incredible girl away from her guy. She was great. Better yet, she thought I was great. Best of all, I hardly knew the guy. But after a lot of soul searching, I took the high road because I knew it wasn't right. It wasn't fair, and it wasn't polite.  
 That didn't make it easy. I moped around for months after deciding to take the high road. The high road usually sucks.  
 But it's still better than the low road. I took that one once too. Years ago a friend of mine, Dale, invited me to a party. When I arrived Dale was in the process of laying down some of his best moves on a lovely young thing we'll refer to as Trixie. (And by "thing" I mean a girl. {And by "girl" I mean a woman}).  
 Now it's true that Dale's moves were mostly games like, "I've hidden a nickel somewhere on my body. If you find it, you can keep it." But despite this, before too long, Dale was on the couch playing snugglebunnies with Trixie.  
 So I start throwing down my best moves too. I wasn't trying for Trixie, mind you, I was just playing the room. However, you must understand how mad sexy I can be when the mood strikes me. I'm like Casanova, Wilt Chamberlain, and Steven Tyler all rolled up into one great fleshy wad.  
 Anyway, to make a long story short: Trixie asked me out on a date while still snuggling on the couch with my friend. I thought it was funny as hell, and said yes. She seemed nice enough. Besides, and all's fair in love and

war, right?  
 Wrong. It was a jerky thing to do and I've regretted it for a long time. So, my advice in a nutshell: take the high road. It's better in the long run.  
 Emergency back-up advice: If you really, really can't stay away from him, at least talk to your friend first. Tell her that there was a little thing about 40 years ago called the sexual revolution, and that by sitting there like a passive vapid bint, she's embarrassing her whole gender. Tell her she has one week to make her move, and after that, you're going to throw the boy down, ride him like a pony, then see if he wants to go get coffee or something. You can further break your passive gender stereotype by offering to pay using your gift certificate from our sponsor, The Mission coffee house.  
 Alternately, if you two really can't decide who has the better claim to him, you could always team up and offer yourselves as a package deal. You'd be virtually guaranteed to win the guy over. And besides, you're in college, live a little, try something new.  
 You owe me Josh. You owe me big time.

The "Describe Pat Rothfuss" contest will be ending soon. Send your brief, freakish descriptions to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. Also, letters asking for advice are always welcome.

Looking for some fun this Friday? Don't miss the Trivia parade. Where I will be on the Float for Team FREAK. Look for me in all my dead-sexy splendor. I'll be the pirate with his beard on fire.

After the trivia parade, you should head to the Mission where Ace Fail and Farewell to Twilight will be rocking the joint with punk and indy tunes. On Saturday, Ivan Okay is having their CD release party at the Mission with help from Mannequin Hanjob. Remember, not only are all Mission shows for all-ages, but I have it on good authority that the sheer weight of angst in the music, when combined with the heat of all the clove cigarettes being smoked, is enough to transform an ordinary charcoal briquette into a sarcastic, patchouli-scented diamond.

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## Softball

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age as they fell 6-2.

Tuesday the Pointers took on conference rival UW-Oshkosh in a double header. The Pointer offense was a one woman show as Rebekah Bauer crushed a two run homer in the first inning and a grand slam in the second, making the score 6-0. The fourth inning saw Oshkosh intentionally walk Bauer, but it didn't do much good as Carlie Zipperer hit a two run single, followed by a RBI single by Jessica Cook. Amanda Maule finished off the Titans by holding them scoreless in the fifth, making the final 9-1.

The Pointers tried to get the

sweep in game two, but Oshkosh pitcher Cassie Goodweiler had other ideas, getting the complete game shutout. The Titan offense gave her plenty of help, tallying eight runs for the 8-0 win.

Next up the 11-12 (3-3) Pointers take on St. Norbert College Thursday at Zenoff Park.

# Trivia!!! on 90FM

## Track

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times of 17:56.38 and 18:24.06.

Providing additional team points for the Pointers were Ashley Earney and Nicki VanGheem who also finished first and second in the 10,000 meter run.

Amy Frey, Bethany Richter, Holly Clarke and Jill Tucker controlled the field when that order finished second thru fifth in the triple jump, scoring a combined 23 points for the Pointers in just one event.

Finally, Becky Clarke and Stephanie Renk went back out

to compete in the Javelin throw where Clarke blew away the field with a toss of 36.40 meters and Renk lobbed herself to a third place finish of 29.68 meters.

Still, not overly pleased with his team's performance, Hill said, "[Becky] can throw much better than this. There just wasn't any competition there to push her. This week she will be pushed and we will find out just what she can do in the javelin."

The Pointers finished with 224.5 points for the day's competition and were only surpassed by UW-Oshkosh's 268.5 points. The team travels to Rock Island, Illinois this weekend to partici-

pate in the Augustana Meet of Champions.

"At this time of year, the weather is not very conducive to good competition performances. So what we do is work the team real hard in practice. In another week the weather should start to warm up a bit and we will then back off on the training to let the good performances come," Hill said.

"Right now we are putting money in the bank. When the weather gets better we will begin to withdraw that money. The conference would be a good time to do that."

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