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Tenure saga comes to a conclusion

Political science professor leaving UW-SP at end of year, students give final tokens of support

By Ben Wydeven
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The denial of tenure to a UW-SP political science professor has caused shock to hundreds of students and faculty on campus. Assistant professor of political science Bryan Brophy-Baermann was denied his final chance for tenure last June.

He and his wife, Dr. Michelle Brophy-Baermann, both professors of political science for seven years, tried for tenure last November but were both denied.

"There was a significant mishandling of their case as I see it," said Sarah Fisher, 24, who will be graduating as a political science major at the end of this semester. "I've had both of them for a few classes and I've known them for my entire college career... Both of them have displayed considerable skill at what they do. They are the teachers from whom I learned the most."

Both professors had a reconsideration hearing in November and again last June. Michelle won the appeal in June, but Bryan was still denied 2-1.

Although Bryan's chance

of getting tenure is over, many students are still taking action against the decision, which many students have argued was unreasonable and that important information was overlooked.

Andy Bloeser, a double major in political science and communications was one of three letters to Pat Rothfuss' letters and opinion column in *The Pointer*.

"The big thing here was his scholarship that he had not published enough," said Bloeser of Bryan's tenure reconsideration process. Two denial votes did not seem to take his forthcoming works into consideration based on the language of their statement of reasons according to Bloeser, who had helped Bryan with one of the professor's scholarship works.

"At the time, five works were in progress, four of which have now been sealed and delivered. Two were encyclopedia pieces, one was a book review and one was a chapter. And he has another that's in progress right now that has department research assistant for political science."

For Bryan's reconsideration in November, the final vote was 1-1-1, one denial, one in favor and one abstention vote.

"The abstention was Dr. Edward Miller who after evaluating Dr. Bryan Brophy-Baermann for seven years, denying him tenure once, somehow took two months and decided that after-

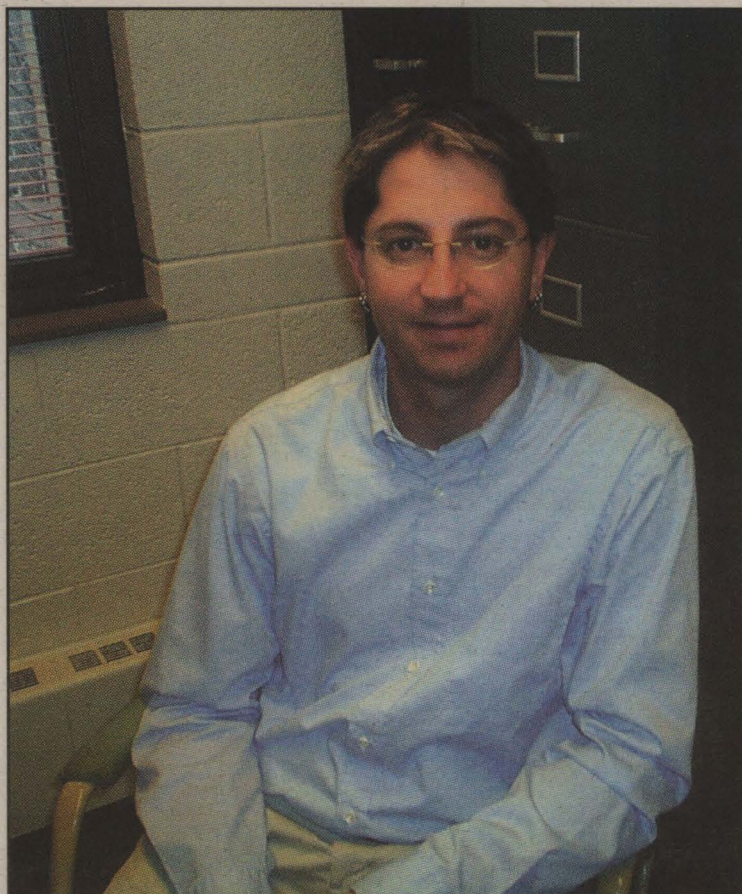


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Dr. Bryan Brophy-Baermann has been the subject of an intense lobbying effort by students to have a larger impact on the tenure process. He was denied tenure by a faculty mediation board decision and will be leaving the university at semester's end.

wards that he really couldn't make a decision," said Bloeser. "Unfortunately the way the system works, in that if there's abstention, it's not a positive vote, he still gets denied tenure. So that's essentially what happened."

Bloeser noted several other issues that were overlooked or ignored in Dr. Bryan Brophy-Baermann's tenure process,

including the similarities between the appeals committee language and the two men who were originally denying him, concerning Bryan's scholarship works.

"Their statement came back and in their statement, the scholarship was also too weak," said Bloeser, which political science professor Dr. Dennis Riley has speculated miscommunication see **Brophy-Baermann**, page 2



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Hot treats go too far



Photo by Liz Bolton

A Monday morning fire caused \$302,500 worth of damage to the Stevens Point Dairy Queen. The cause of the fire is under investigation, the building has been declared a total loss.

Whooping cough fears

Outbreak possible for easily transmitted severe cold

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

If the student body did not have enough to be concerned about with the looming threat of an influenza outbreak and a limited vaccine pool to combat it, the Stevens Point area now has another potential outbreak to be wary of.

Several cases of pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, have been reported in two Stevens Point schools, 4,000 cases have been reported throughout the state of Wisconsin alone and several other states have issued reports of several hundred cases of pertussis,

prompting fears of a much larger national outbreak.

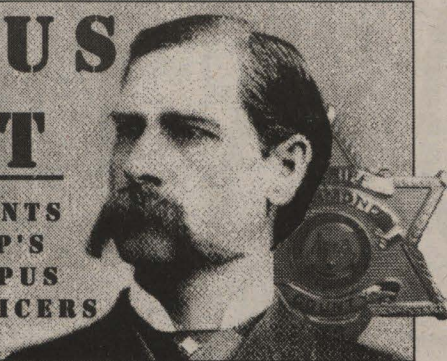
Given the highly contagious nature of the virus and its slow incubation period, a chance exists that a dozen, if not more, UW-SP students might be infected and passing the contagion on to other students and faculty without being aware that they are infected.

According to Dr. Bill Hettler, director of the UW-SP Health Service Center, the slow acting nature of the virus is a catalyst for an outbreak situation. "The problem with pertussis is the fact that unlike influenza, which hits you right away, it can take up to 20 days before the full symptoms, like the distinctive cough, come to the surface," said Hettler.

Whooping cough can at its see **Whooping Cough**, page 2

CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
FINEST CAMPUS
SECURITY OFFICERS



Pray Hall
Wednesday, Dec. 1 10:34 p.m.
Type: DRUG POSSESSION

Protective Services was notified about controlled substances being used in the hall.

George Stein Building
Sunday, Dec. 5 12:45 a.m.
Type: DUTY TO REPORT ACCIDENT

Two females in a 1992 Saturn collided with a parked 2001 Ford Interceptor in front of the building.

Lot X
Sunday, Dec. 5 3:30 p.m.
Type: VANDALISM TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

A female reported that her vehicle had been damaged while parked in the lot.

Hansen Hall
Sunday, Dec. 5 4:45 p.m.
Type: BURGLARY

A male reported the theft of his Dell laptop computer from his room. The reported value of the stolen item was \$1,500.

College of Fine Arts
Tuesday, Dec. 7 9 a.m.
Type: THEFT

A female reported the theft of one of her class projects, a ceramic vase, from the ceramics lab. The reported value of the missing item was \$450.

Lot B
Tuesday, Dec. 7 10:05 a.m.
Type: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A male reported that damage had been done to his vehicle while parked in the lot. An inspection of the vehicle showed that person(s) unknown had struck the vehicle and left marks along the right hand side.

College of Natural Resources
Tuesday, Dec. 7 2:15 p.m.
Type: THEFT

A male reported the theft of his bike from the rack on the west side of the building. The reported value of the missing bike is \$50.

Thomson Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 7 5:09 p.m.
Type: DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Parking Services requested assistance with a disorderly individual in the hall service drive.

College of Natural Resources
Tuesday, Dec. 7 10:08 p.m.
Type: THEFT

A male reported the theft of his bike, which he had left unsecured, from the rack located at the back of the building. The reported value of the missing bike is \$300.

**THE CAMPUS BEAT IS COMPILED BY UW-SP PROTECTIVE SERVICES.
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Whooping Cough

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onset appear to be a common cold, complete with the usual symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose and a persistent cough.

After about the first week, a deep cough, distinctive to the disease will manifest and can cause coughing fits so severe that they can cause hyperventilation and in extreme cases vomiting. This part of the disease can be fatal to small children, as the potential exists in a severe case where a coughing fit can deprive a child of oxygen and cause respiratory failure.

Hettler said that the situation is made worse this year given the fact that a large portion of the student body will no longer have immunity to the virus. "Those pertussis vaccines that most of you got as students are now wearing off, and given

the easy transmission of pertussis, it could spread rapidly across the campus.

Hettler noted that pertussis is capable of lasting for several weeks if left untreated. A five-day antibiotic regimen can be successful in combating the disease, but the hard part is controlling the outbreak. As pertussis can be spread by an infected individual coming into close contact with others or coughing on their hands and touching objects around campus such as a door or a lab keyboard, students are advised to take the same precaution with this potential outbreak as they would the looming influenza threat.

"The best thing that students can do, other than washing their hands as often as possible, would be if they have to cough would be, if they are wearing long sleeves, to cough into their sleeve rather than into

the open air or on their hands," said Hettler.

He said that the most effective way to halt the spread of pertussis would be for students that have a cold or persistent cough to stay at home, or if going to class is unavoidable, sitting in the back of the room as isolated as possible.

Students are also advised to monitor themselves and other students for the distinct cough that is a clear indicator of pertussis infection. "It is one thing to treat and isolate one infected person, but it will continue to spread unless you isolate and treat all of the people that they came into contact with."

Students wishing to learn more about ways to protect themselves from pertussis, or would like to know what the distinct whooping cough sounds like, they should visit www.pertussis.com.

Brophy-Baermann

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between the tenure committees. "There are these sorts of concerns right now that Dr. Bryan holds, that Dr. Dennis Riley holds, and a number of us as students hold," said Bloeser, "If the committee wasn't properly briefed, that's a problem in the system."

Since the first denial of tenure in November 2003, students have been standing up for the Brophy-Baermanns. In reaction to June's final denial against Bryan, the Student Government Association passed the resolution to commend Dr. Bryan Brophy-Baermann for service last Thursday.

With their resolution, SGA sought to vocalize more than 200 students and will be forwarded to the chancellor, vice chancellor,

dean of College of Letters and Science, faculty senate, department chair of political science and the political science department faculty and staff.

"I believe that a group of well-educated students who are voicing our opinion could have some effect on what happens here," said Fisher. "There's not a whole lot to do at this point."

Although it's unlikely that SGA's resolution will make an impact, Bryan was grateful for the gesture. "The process went through as fully as it could, it went to the final appeal and that was the end," said Bryan. "I'm not trying to force an issue in any way. It was a surprise to me that the student government wants to say thanks the way they did. I very much appreciated it."

The fall 2004 semester will be Dr. Bryan Brophy-

Baermann's last semester as a political science professor. "I'll be done and my options are to find a job around here, doing non-academic work or look anywhere possible for academic work," said Bryan. "Hiring is usually so far in advanced that it's not likely that I'll find any teaching jobs before next fall. I'll probably be around here in the meantime doing something or another. Michelle is here for the foreseeable future unless something came up where we could both get jobs at the same school like we had here. We're not going to pick up and leave just for the sake of leaving."

Professors Michelle and Bryan Brophy-Baermann were hired at UW-SP in the fall of 1997 as two half time appointments. They have been full time professors of political science since 2000.

Public smoking ban in the works

Group to petition city government to ban smoking in all indoor workplaces including taverns

By Ben Wydeven
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Stevens Point residents are petitioning the city council for city-wide smoke-free workplaces despite the council's decision against taking action last summer. The petition would call for an ordinance in the city of Stevens Point to ban smoking in all indoor workplaces including bars and restaurants.

"We've been kind of discussing this issue and trying to bring it forward for almost two years now," said Carol Weston,

administrative assistant at UW-SP. Weston is a coordinator in the effort to have a smoke free workplace on the ballot in April, which requires 15 percent of Stevens Point's voting population, 1,254 signatures. Many students at UW-SP have contributed their signatures to the petition list, which is almost complete.

Local businesses, especially bars and restaurants, permit indoor smoking, exposing those around them to second hand smoke, which the U.S. Surgeon General has determined to cause heart disease, lung cancer and respiratory illnesses.

"There were over a hundred people who came out to these public hearings, a number of people who testified and supported this, a number of letters were sent to the common council for this," said Weston.

The Environmental Protection Agency classifies second-hand smoke as a "Group A" human carcinogen, meaning that there is no safe level of exposure. The agency recommends that every company workplace have a smoking policy that protects nonsmokers from second hand exposure to tobacco smoke.

"In Wisconsin there are 16 other communities that have smoke-free ordinances," said Weston. There are over 10 states that have state-wide policies regulating smoking indoors. And now there are nations that will regulate where smoking occurs.

For more information on the effort to make Stevens Point workplaces smoke-free, see Carol Weston at her office in Nelson Hall room 0008.

Non-trads need higher priority

Registration priority is determined by the number of credits one has. For the most part, this makes sense. However, for non-traditional students, this can be a problem. Many don't have the luxury to change their schedule as classes close. Some depend on getting into the night classes in order to keep their status as a part-time student. Once those classes are closed, it's over for them.

A recent survey went to all non-trads out there regarding these issues. So far, most of respondents preferred afternoon and night classes (71 percent.) A large number of respondents (74 percent) said that when registering for the night classes offered, they were already full.

There has to be a solution for those struggling to get one or two classes. Some solutions suggested in the survey were to have more night classes available or giving non-trads a higher

priority.

Non-trad input and suggestions can help create a situation where everyone is satisfied with class availability.

Adam Maier
UW-SP Student

Donate clothing

The fall 2004 Good Will Campaign, sponsored by RHA, will begin on Monday, Dec. 6 and end on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Gray carts, labeled "Good Will," will be placed in the lobbies of residence halls.

All items collected will be taken to local charitable organizations. Items that are acceptable include (but not limited to): Reusable and nonusable clothing, bed linens, towels, small working appliances, sports equipment, toys, pencils, pens, tablets, books, magazines, toiletries and nonperishable food.

Large items such as televisions, microwaves, furniture and appliances are not acceptable.

Letter from a student/ soldier

I'm here in Camp Shelby, Mississippi but by the end of next month we are scheduled to leave the states for Kuwait for one month and then after that finally to our "home" in Iraq by December. We will be stationed north of Baghdad so it should be interesting. I'm sort of excited because finally all this training will come to some good use. I just hope that it won't have to come to me taking a life, but if that's to protect my life or that of my buddies, then I must. I'm not too excited about shooting up Iraqis, but that's the way I've been trained: to see Iraqis only as a target and I can't see them as human. Yeah, it's pretty sad and crazy, but that's the life of a combat infantry soldier. You do whatever it takes to come back home to your family and friends. If you haven't figured it out by now, we've been kind of brainwashed into this "kill" mentality.

Yeah, it sometimes makes me wonder why we are really in Iraq. I really do want to help the Iraqis, but not when you are constantly hearing about the Iraqis shooting us up. I'm just hoping that this Operation Iraqi Freedom that we are helping to support, doesn't turn out to be another Vietnam in which the U.S. ends up pulling out and we didn't do a whole lot to make that country a better place. I also hope that Kerry wins, but it doesn't matter what the election results are because our active duty service will still be until December of 2005. I don't know about you, but that's a pretty long time from now. My birthday is Dec. 12, so I'm hoping that it'll only be

this year that I will celebrate my birthday overseas. I think I'll celebrate it in Kuwait. An army birthday is nothing like a civilian birthday. Plus, I'll be overseas in the middle of a desert. These are just not real "happy" conditions for a birthday. Oh well, I just hope that I won't have to celebrate my birthday next year overseas again, that I'll be back home or real close to being home. That will be a good day, the only day that I will be looking forward to next year.

I really do miss Point. I miss the life of a student. It just seems not all that bad. It sucks because every semester that I now miss, will be a semester that I will have to make up in the future. It seems like graduating from Point is taking a lifetime. I mean, yeah as a student you get to stress about school, but hey at least at the end of the day you can do whatever you want. For us, our life is 24-7 controlled. They tell us when to wake up, when to sleep, when to eat, when to go here and there, how to do this and that. We are just like a bunch of robots that are constantly fed 'orders' and told how and when to execute them. You really don't think for yourself too much. In fact, they tell us that the moment we start thinking for ourselves, that's the moment when "we are wrong." Yeah, so this isn't much fun, but you just learn to live with it and continue on with it. When I think of college it makes me wish I was still a student, but for now I'm "property of the U.S. Government." Life goes on.

Yauo Yang
UW-SP Student

Abstinence is rad

According to a 1995 study by the Center for Disease Control, 55.4 percent of college students are sexually active. With the risk of STDs high, and most college students not wanting to become pregnant, the condom might seem like an excellent idea. However, the condom is far from perfect.

Many studies have found that the failure rates of condoms are higher than is commonly believed. Data from *Contraceptive Technology* indicates that the rate of either slippage or breakage occurring was 9.13 percent. Studies by the W.H.O. found that the male condom has a rate of failure resulting in pregnancy as high as 15 percent. Even in studies of perfect condom use, there was still a 3-percent chance of pregnancy. The condom has an even worse record when it comes to STD prevention. The HIV virus has a size of about 0.1 microns, but condoms have tiny holes in them of about 5 microns. Condoms also do not prevent against crabs and many other diseases that can be spread by genital contact.

There is a better way to avoid pregnancy and STDs. *The Food and Drug Administration Consumer Magazine* stated in Sept. 1990 that "The only sure way to avoid sexual transmission of diseases is not to have sex at all or to limit sex to one uninfected partner who is also monogamous." So remember, abstinence is the only 100-percent effective way to prevent pregnancy and STDs.

Joe Pehoski, Sarah Roe,
Christine Hoffman and Kevin
Grimstad
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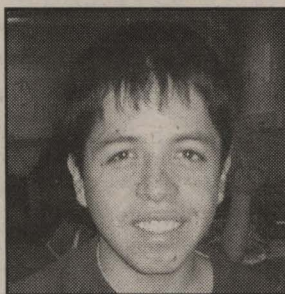
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Pointer Poll

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What is your most memorable moment from this semester?



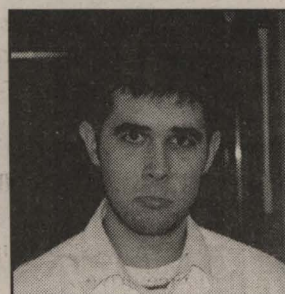
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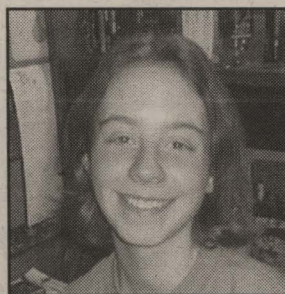
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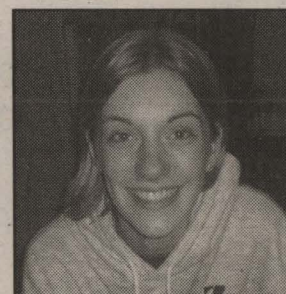
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Seeing "The Eye."



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Nicole Tempel, Fr. English.

Playing Jenga in the elevator.



Chee Xing, Soph. Undecided.

Getting yelled at for being late for a big event.

Your College Survival Guide: A Christmas Miracle

By Pat "Ho" Rothfuss

I'LL POKE YOUR EYE OUT.

WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

Dear Pat,

A few weeks ago my lovely bike went missing while I was in class. I can only assume one of my fellow students, in a drunken fit of brilliance, decided to pilfer my beloved banana bike. Worst of all, the bike had real sentimental value, as it was the very bike I learned how to ride when I was but a wee lad.

Pat can you tell all the people who read your column not to steal bikes anymore, and to give mine back? It would make an awesome x-mas gift.

The bike is yellow, with a brown banana seat and chrome butterfly handlebars. It's old and small and I hope whoever took it isn't extremely large for I fear it wouldn't survive.

Justin Timmers

Honestly Justin, I've never liked bikes. In fact, I didn't even learn how to ride one until high school, and never got the hang of it. I tend to wobble and tip over a lot.

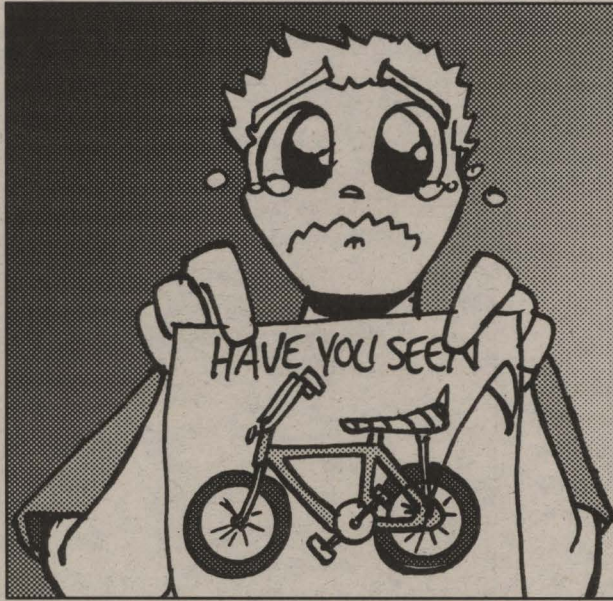
In fact, I don't think I've ridden a bike since my sophomore year here at UW-SP (my *second* sophomore year, specifically.) I'd agreed to ride my girlfriend's bike to her new apartment while she drove her car. Halfway there, on the corner of Michigan and Jefferson, I stopped at a red light and saw a convertible with four hot, *hot* girls in it.

I smiled and tried to look like one of those cool bike-riding people. Then the light turned green, I started to pedal, wobbled, and tipped over into a big hedge. The girls sat there, laughing and pointing, while I flailed around all tangled up with the bike and the shrubbery. They thought that was the funniest thing they'd ever seen.

God, I'd forgotten all about that. I haven't been that embarrassed since that time in the second grade when I shit my pants at the zoo.

So anyway, yeah. Thanks for bringing back all those painful memories, Justin. Good luck getting your bike back. You suave, bike-riding cock.

Wait... sorry, you don't deserve that, Justin. It's just the end of semester stress and eggnog talking. Sweet, sweet, eggnog.



Lucky for you, Justin, I'm in desperate need of something to get me on Santa's Nice list. Also, I think if I help you get your bike back, I can count this column toward my community service. Let's go.

First off, you're right. Don't steal bikes folks. It's a shitty thing to do. We're talking Very Naughty list here, boys and girls. That means when Santa shows up at your house Christmas Eve, he sneaks into your bedroom and jams so much coal up your ass that you cough up diamonds. Then Santa takes those diamonds, sells them, and uses the money to buy candy canes, ponies, and ipods for people on the Nice list.

But you have the chance to redeem yourself. If anyone out there has Justin's bike, or has seen where it's been ditched, drop me an e-mail at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. I'll get it back to him and won't narc you out. Hell, I'll even sweeten the deal. If you include a Christmas

card with a nice apology inside, and promise never to steal another bike, I'll give you a gift certificate for free stuff at Games People Play.

So: Forgiveness and free things, or Santa stuffs your stocking. The choice should be clear....

With Christmas fast approaching, I'd like to give a final shout out to my sponsor, Games People Play. I know I make fun of them for being a geek game store, but really, they're more than that. They've got something for everyone.

Remember when you used to play Candyland or Monopoly around the kitchen table? Well Games People Play has games like that, except they don't suck like Candyland and Monopoly. Nowadays there are cool family games like Catan, Pirates of the Spanish Main, and Apples to Apples. Games you'd never find anywhere else. Games you can learn to play in five minutes. Games that cost less than 10 bucks.

They've got great non-family games too. I like to use them as icebreakers at parties. Seriously, why play quarters? Beer Money and Lunch Money are way better drinking games. (Not that I condone that sort of behavior, of course.) There's Kill Doctor Lucky, which is like clue in reverse, or Zombies where you get to...wait for it... kill zombies. Other games like Unexploded Cow, Trailer Park Gods, and Killer Bunnies can't really be explained. But trust me, you'll laugh your ass off.

Still not convinced? How about this. The first time I played Apples to Apples at a party, by the end of the night half-naked women were dancing on tables and everyone ended up kissing each other. I swear.

Then, a few weeks later, I had an OFW (Obligatory Family Weekend.) I brought Apples to Apples and played it with my parents, sister, grampa, and 16-year-old cousin. Everyone loved it.

That's the sort of game you'll find at Games People Play. One last time now. They're next to the campus Family Video. The sign outside says "Jadeco Stamp and Hobby." It's a great place to do some holiday shopping. Try it.

Email Pat Rothfuss at proth@uwsunix.wsu.edu

Damnation

By John T. Larson and A.M. Mella



SGA corner

With the semester soon ending, thousands of students are heading home and many will be sharing rides. A great resource for students is a carpooling system called the "Ride Board." By filling out a simple slip, students and staff can share gas and vehicles when they leave or return to town. One ride board is in the basement of Debot and one is in the hallway that's just east of the info desk in the University Center.

Student Government Association is committed to increasing usage of this wonderful system, and thereby reducing gasoline consumption and facilitating new friendships. If someone is traveling to Milwaukee for break, for example, other students going to the same place could fill those seats. Slips are available to ask for rides and to offer them. The use of this resource has been consistent, but has not been as high as it ought to be. It's a terrific way to travel for commuters, too.

Another way to share resources is through SGA's "Book Swap," which uses public folders as a sort of eBay to buy and sell textbooks. You'll find the best deals around on the textbooks you need by surfing through myuwsu.edu, clicking on Academics and finding "Book Swap" under the Textbooks/Course Materials listing. It's good stuff.

Still more resources at your disposal from SGA are found at findaplacetolive.com, where students can search for off-campus housing by a long list of criteria, from lease type to room number. Landlords can post photos of their property on this site, which should be the well-rounded housing solution SGA has long sought.

Thursday's meeting will have 12 items under old business, including consideration

of a new Gender Issues Director position, and recommending restrictions on mopeds on campus. One bill seeks to limit military recruiter access to campus and another would name the lounge in the student involvement center for former University Centers Director John Jury. None of these have passed yet.

Last week SGA approved the Resolution to Commend Dr. Bryan Brophy-Baermann, which recognized that many students were upset with the procedure that denied him tenure and thanked him for his many years of service as he leaves the university after this semester. Consideration of adding a judicial branch to SGA was delayed until January.

It's a growing institution, with a new senator up for approval this week from the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Our arms are open for new senators from every college except Letters and Science, which has a full delegation. One needn't be a senator to be involved with the many things we do, and our strength only grows with the more ideas and energy we have. Being a senator, though, empowers you as a representative of thousands of students. When you speak on an issue, those who you speak with know that the student body is standing alongside you. The diverse viewpoints held by senators makes for a balanced voice and a shared direction for the future.

Don't forget that the "SGA Weekly Update" airs on 90 F.M. each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., which is a perfect way for students to hear what the latest happenings are within SGA.

It's our pleasure to serve you,

Jeffrey Decker
Speaker of the Senate
Student Government Association

Sometimes the best things are nothing fancy

Especially with good home cooking!

By Adam Rodewald
FEATURES EDITOR

Have you ever wanted a cookbook with affordable recipes that anyone, regardless of their skills in the kitchen, could whip together in a short amount of time?

Kristen Clemens, a junior here at UW-SP, may have the book you've been waiting for. Titled *Nothin' Fancy, Just Home Cookin'*, Clemens' new cookbook features over 300 of her family's very own home recipes including a variety of breads, muffins, meats, pastas, sandwiches, desserts, candies, soups and oh so much more.

The creation of this cookbook was a collaborative effort by Clemens' entire family. "It started as an anniversary gift for my parents," she said, but the book quickly turned into a family project. Clemens needed the help of her mom, who had the majority of the recipes memorized, and

she required her dad's expertise with computers.

The tasks of making the book were divided up among the four members of her family. Clemens was responsible for compiling all the recipes, her mom edited them to perfection, her dad formatted the layout on the computer, and her sister designed the cover page. The total process took the family one-and-a-half years to complete.

The path to cookbook publication was no easy task, Clemens explained. One of the biggest challenges was communicating with her family. All of the recipes were stored on her computer here in Stevens Point, and it was difficult to try to get the book done while being 90 miles away from one another, she said.

Keeping the cost of the book down was also an issue, and to do that she needed to sacrifice color printing. "That was something we fumbled with for awhile," Clemens said. "It came down to



Photo submitted by Janice Clemens

'what can we sacrifice to bring the cost down?'...because I wanted to keep the cost at \$10."

Clemens believes she has made a unique and useful book

for all people. Every meal in the book is made from common ingredients found at any grocery store, and the book also provides suggestions for alternative ingredients. All items are quick and easy to make. "Many of these can be made in a dorm room," she

said. "All of them are tried and true and cheap. That would get me to buy one!"

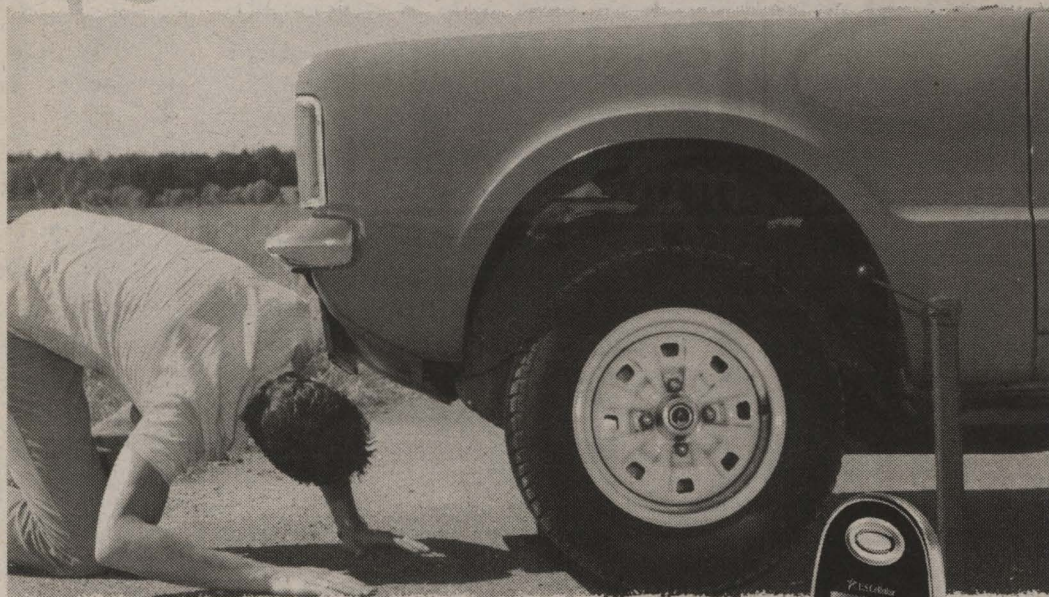
The cookbook also provides a picture for every item. "I don't believe I've ever seen a cookbook where every item has a picture. At least in fundraiser books," Clemens said. These pictures accompany detailed step-by-step instructions so that even the most inexperienced person can make them.

At home in Green Bay, Clemens' family is known as "the cookie baking family." She said, "I love to cook. It's hard to do during school, so I do it mostly on the weekends."

Here at UW-SP she is majoring in health promotion and wellness with a minor in nutrition. After graduation she plans to move on to culinary arts school and eventually open her own restaurant that will serve healthier food choices than most. "I definitely want to be a cook. It's definitely a passion," she said.

For those who want to purchase Clemens' book, *Nothin' Fancy, Just Home Cookin'*, send an e-mail stating your request to justhomecookin@yahoo.com

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Student club offers experiences in PR

By Adam Mella
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Since the days of Phineas Taylor Barnum, public relations have been an integral part of business. It has expanded since, and such is the case with UW-SP's own Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

This student-run organization attempts to cultivate a favorable and mutually advantageous relationship between students and professional public relations practitioners, as well as enhancing each member's knowledge of public relations.

PRSSA is an off-shoot of the national organization, PRSA, and has over 8,000 members in 248 chapters on college campuses across America. The UW-SP chapter has a current membership of 21 students.

"The main reason most people join up is for the experience, internships and networking opportunities," said chapter co-president Sarah Ceranski. "The students control the direction of the group, from participation to campaigns and field trips. The participation has been very good this year." Ceranski plans to join PRSA after graduation.

The main activities of the group are hands-on experience through campaigns and networking through field trips.

Senior Dereck Tessmer is the chapter's communications director. "Being in the group is an excellent resume builder, but the potential to network and make business connections on the field trips is amazing," said Tessmer.

PRSSA recently visited several businesses in Green Bay to gain new perspectives on regional businesses – The Grand Theatre, Packers and Wisconsin Public Service.

Their major campaign projects for the semester included getting the word out on the U-Pass bussing system and also, Stevens Point Brewery promotions during the Halloween season, which utilized a Harry Potter theme.

The group also provides great opportunities for landing internships in the field.

"You don't have to be a communications major to join, either," said Ceranski. "We have members that are poli-sci, business and natural resource majors."

Those interested in joining can contact Sarah or visit the group's web site for more information. There are yearly dues of \$52, to help cover the cost of field trips and guest speakers.

"The experience has been nothing but good," concluded Tessmer. "It has helped me see all the aspects of PR, and I got plenty of hands-on experience in the process."

Christmas and tradition

Why exactly do we decorate trees and wait for Santa Claus?

By Alli Himle
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The basis of Christmas traditions take root in a variety of cultures and time periods. In the midst of shopping for the perfect gift and decorating the tree, I find myself wondering why exactly we celebrate the things that we do during this holiday. And so, in my quest to understand the basis of some of these traditions, I hope to pass my newfound knowledge on to all of you as well.

What exactly is Christmas?

The word Christmas originates from the words Cristes maesse, or "Christ's Mass." Traditionally, Christmas is regarded as the celebration of the birth of Jesus for members of the Christian religion.

The date of Dec. 25 was selected by Bishop Liberius of Rome in 354 A.D. The date roughly coincides with the winter solstice.

Christmas is both a holiday and a holy day. In the United States, Christmas is one of the largest celebrated holidays in the year, especially for children.

Why do we decorate an evergreen tree in our living room?

The Christmas tree originated in Germany in the 16th century. It was common for the Germanic people to decorate trees with roses, apples and colored paper. It is believed that Martin Luther, the Protestant

The origin of the word Christmas is from the words Cristes maesse, or "Christ's Mass."

reformer, was the first to light a Christmas tree with candles. Eventually, the tradition of the Christmas tree spread to England and then to America through Pennsylvanian German immigrants.

Why do we hang mistletoe over the door and insist on kissing beneath it?

Hanging mistletoe beneath the door is a Scandinavian tradition in which Frigga, the goddess of love, is strongly associated with this parasitic plant. This connection to romance is believed to have contributed to the tradition of kissing beneath the mistletoe.

One French tradition states that the reason mistletoe is poisonous is because it was growing on a tree that was used in the making of the cross that Jesus

was crucified on. Because of this, it was cursed and denied a place to live and grow on earth, forever to be a parasite.

Why do we hang stockings on our mantel?

A very old tradition holds that the original St. Nicholas left his very first gifts of gold coins in the stockings of three poor girls who desperately needed the money for their wedding dowries. The girls had their stockings by the fireplace to dry.

Prior traditions held that it was customary to receive small gifts such as fruit, nuts and candy in stockings; however, this tradition was replaced in the last half-century by more lavish gifts.

Who is this Santa Claus person and why does he ride in a sleigh with eight tiny reindeer?

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, Santa Claus started

with a real person, St. Nicholas, a minor saint in the fourth century. Nicholas' reputation for generosity and kindness spurred the creation of legends and miracles that he performed for the poor and unhappy.

In Holland, his legend persisted as Sinterklaas (a Dutch variant of the name St. Nicholas). Dutch colonists took the tradition with them to New Amsterdam (presently New York City) in the American colonies in the 17th century. Sinterklaas was later adopted as Santa Claus, and has traditionally been a kind and jolly old man who punishes naughty children and rewards the good ones with presents.

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Fight away stress with more exercise

By Dawn VerHaagh
FEATURES REPORTER

Loss of ambition often plagues students this time of the year. Days become shorter, temperatures begin to fall and the comfort of a warm blanket and a remote control replaces physical activity as a way to pass the time and alleviate stress.

As an alternative to this lethargy, the Cardio Center on the UW-SP campus offers all students and faculty the option for consultations and sessions with their many staffed personal trainers.

No matter your level of experience, walking into a gym or workout facility can be intimidating. When machines, weights and contraptions combine with the commotion of music and metallic clanks, you may find yourself always coming back to the same

familiar equipment that appears the easiest to operate.

Whether you already have an avid workout schedule or are looking to change your routine by looking into a healthy lifestyle of daily exercise, personal trainers are available to consult and create a program that will cater to your schedule, your capabilities and your needs.

Don't let cold weather or intimidation get you stuck in a rut. Exercise is the way to get your mind and body in shape, and is proven by many as a cure for stress. The results and accomplishments will make you feel great.

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This trip has been well worth every penny and every minute of preparation. Thank you so much for all your help. Experience, Justin Kohlenstein

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Bakken, Adamczak Lead Four Pointers on All-Region Football Squad

Senior defensive lineman Clint Bakken and senior tight end Ross Adamczak both earned first-team honors to lead four UW-Stevens Point selections to the Football Gazette All-West Region squad.

Earning second-team honors was senior offensive lineman Cliff Ruland, while senior wide receiver Tony Romano was a third-team selection. UW-Stevens Point finished 6-4 overall and 4-3 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, rallying with four straight conference wins after an 0-2 start before falling to UW-River Falls in the season finale.

Bakken, a Boulder Junction native who attended Lakeland High School, racked up 49 tackles, including five tackles for loss. Bakken, who will play in the Aztec Bowl Division III all-star game on Saturday, was a dominating presence on the defensive line, especially late in the season when he totaled 12 tackles against UW-River Falls and nine against UW-Stout.

Adamczak, a Stevens Point native, was the region's top pass-catching tight end with 39 catches for 644 yards and five touchdowns. Adamczak had 20 of his catches in third down situations and ranked fourth in the WIAC

in receiving yards per game.

Ruland, a Wonewoc native, helped lead the way for an offense that averaged 440.2 yards per game. He was also a second-team All-Region selection last season and started all 10 games at right tackle for the second straight year.

Romano, a Waunakee native, became the first Pointer receiver since Barry Rose in 1991 to lead the WIAC in receiving yards with 58 catches for 965 yards and nine touchdowns. He ranked 32nd in Division III in receiving at the end of the regular season.

A LOOK AHEAD AT POINTER ATHLETICS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - VS. UW-STOUT - DEC. 11, 3 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - VS. UW-STOUT - DEC. 11, 5:30 P.M.

MEN'S HOCKEY - VS. UW-EAU CLAIRE - DEC. 10, 7:30 P.M.;

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LA CROSSE (AT ROCHESTER, MN) - DEC. 12, 12 P.M.



Swimmers earn As and Bs in the swim team's early exam

By Matthew Inda
SPORTS REPORTER

The swim team got off to an early start with exams last weekend. No essays and multiple choice questions just yet, instead they headed to Illinois, to participate in relays, backstrokes and freestyle sprints at their swim season mid-term at the Wheaton Invitational.

SWIM AND DIVE

The UW-SP 2004 swim and dive team calendarseason closed with a total of nine different schools going head to head in their wet battleground at Wheaton.

The Pointers emerged with a third place finish for the men as the women took fourth place.

Head Coach Al Boelk said that they could have won this meet if they had set up a strategy with the lineups.

"Instead of worrying about that (the lineups), we just let

people swim what they wanted to," Boelk said.

He explained that there were many times he had to limit the individual races of the fastest swimmers. This was done to rest them for relays and the possibility of making cuts.

"We put these kids in their main events, we rest and shave them, and go for best times (as well as) NCAA cuts," Boelk said. "That is why we went to this meet."

This worked as the Pointers had many swimmers finish this test with 'A' and 'B' results, good enough to make the NCAA cuts.

The women's 200-yard relay medley made the "A" (automatic qualifying) cut with the time of 1:47.45. The team consisted of Liz Herder, Jennie Roskopf, Lindsey Correll and Kelly Crunstedt. Alex Anderson also qualified with an "A" cut in 100-yard breaststroke as he outperformed everyone else in this category.

Matt Grunwald, Ben Gensler, Liz Herder, Kelsey Crunstedt, Jennie Roskopf all had individual "B" cuts (consideration cuts).

The women's 400-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle relay, and the 400-yard freestyle relay also all earned a "B." All of the men's relay teams finished well enough to score within the consideration cut as well.

"Let it be said that getting a "B" cut is really good, you might get invited to the meet (NCAA III Championships) depending on how the rest of the nation does. And an "A" cut can put you in the top eight in the nation, but only about six to seven people per year, per event make an "A" cut," Boelk said. "It is very confusing in our sport, but "A" cuts are very, very good and very hard to get."

The swim and dive team are now on break until UW-SP hosts the Get to the Point Invitational on Jan. 21-22.

Pointers get roughed up in Eau Claire

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS REPORTER

It was just one of those nights for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team, who were dismantled by the Blugolds of UW-Eau Claire 74-45 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference action last Saturday night.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pointers came into the contest ranked ninth in the D3Hoops.com poll, while the Blugolds were not too far off at the 20th spot. The loss was UW-SP's first conference loss of the year, something that the Pointers didn't encounter until Jan. 6 in the 2003-2004 season.

The game started out quickly for UW-EC, as they opened up a 17-8 lead early in the first half. The Pointers were able to close the lead down, pulling to within one at 19-18, but fell into an insurmountable deficit as the Blugolds finished the first half with a 20-5 run to put them ahead 39-23.

After UW-EC opened the second half with four consecutive points, the Pointers connected on two straight three-pointers. The lead for the Blugolds was then 43-29, and UW-SP would never get closer to the red-hot squad

from UW-EC. At one point in the second half, the Blugolds were able to open up a 33-point advantage (68-35).

The Pointers failed to jumpstart their usually potent offense, as only one Pointer scored in double figures. Amanda Nechuta led the Pointers with 16 points. The next highest scorer was Laura Nuendorf with six, and no other UW-SP player scored more than four points in the game.

The Blugolds were led by Michelle Burns's 15 points. Becca Carstensen and Joanna Leafblad also ended in double figures for UW-EC.

After the loss at Eau Claire, the Pointers' record fell to 5-2 overall, 1-1 in the WIAC. UW-SP and UW-EC traded spots

on this week's D3Hoops.com Top 25 poll, with the Pointers ranked 20th and the Blugolds ranked ninth.

The fall is expected to continue after Wednesday's loss to UW-River Falls 50-65. The box score was unavailable prior to press time.

The Pointers' final game before Christmas will be another WIAC contest, as UW-SP will take on the UW-Stout Blue Devils on Dec. 11.



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POINTER ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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TAMARIS RELEFORD - BASKETBALL

The senior point guard turned helped the Pointers wins in their first two WIAC games. He made 3 three pointers and helped hold UW-Platteville standout Brad Reitzner to a two-for-11 shooting night. For the week, Releford shot 60 percent from the three-point line, scored 18 points, had five steals, four rebounds and four assists.

AMANDA NECHUTA - BASKETBALL

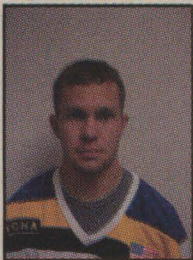
The senior forward led the Pointers last week as she recorded her 15th career double-double (19 points, 11 rebounds) in a victory over Carroll College. She added 14 points against UW-Platteville and scored 16 points against UW-Eau Claire. For the week, Nechuta shot 56.8 percent from the field, grabbed 19 rebounds, had nine steals and four assists.



Nechuta

MIKE BROLSMA - HOCKEY

The senior forward became the fourth Pointer in history to record five assists in a game when he helped on each of the Pointers' first five goals in a 7-4 victory over fifth-ranked UW-River Falls. He also became the 20th player in school history to score 100 points in his career. On Friday night, Brolsma scored a short-handed goal and picked up another assist in the Pointers' 5-5 tie with UW-Stout.



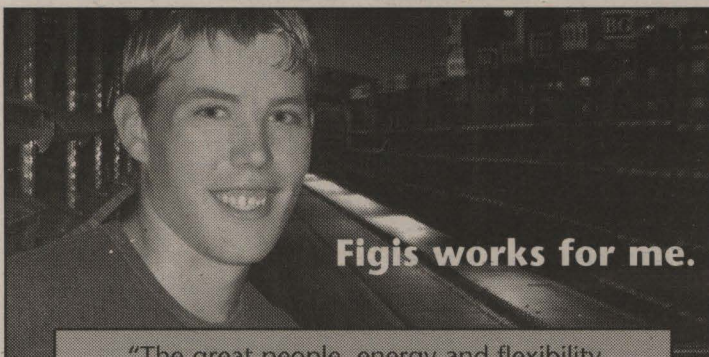
Brolsma

ASHLEY HOWE - HOCKEY

The senior forward scored three goals, both game-winners, and tallied three assists in a weekend sweep of Finlandia (Mich.). Howe scored the Pointers' first two goals and assisted on the last in a 5-0 shutout of the Lions. The following day, Howe found the back of the net to give the Pointers a two-goal cushion in an eventual 4-3 victory.



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Winning streak increases to 16 as team improves to 7-0 overall

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

Behind a lead that ballooned to as much as 26 points, the Pointer men's basketball team continued its dominance in the WIAC as they went on the road to defeat UW-River Falls 65-50.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The win, UW-SP's 16th in a row which dates back to last season, ties the school record for the second longest winning streak ever behind the 22-game winning streak from 1991-92.

The Pointers coasted to a 26-point second half lead with help from senior forwards Nick Bennett (5-11 FG's for 14 points) and Jason Kalsow (6-10 FG's for 17 points, 9 rebounds, and 5 assists).

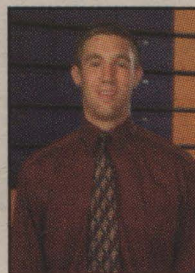
After keeping the game relatively close at 13-9 early on, Kalsow scored eight of

his points in the final 10 minutes of the first half as the Pointers closed out on a 16-5 run.

The Pointers continued their dominance over UW-RF for most of the second half.

As the lead hung around 20 points for most of the second half, Head Coach Jack Bennett took out his starters as he saw this as some valuable playing time for the underclassmen on the team.

UW-SP continued to see flashes from gifted freshman forward Gbenga Awe as he contributed six points and four



Kalsow

rebounds in 16 minutes of playing time, the most for him on the season.

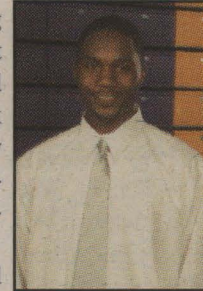
After falling behind by 26 points, and noticing the younger players in for Stevens Point, UW-RF began to make a run toward the end of the game.

Using a full-court press to pressure the ball handlers from

UW-SP, River Falls trimmed the deficit to 12 points at 57-45, but junior forwards Brian Bauer and Mike Prey hit clutch shots down the stretch to maintain the lead and finish the game out for the Pointers.

UW-SP plays a home game this Saturday against UW-Stout at 3 p.m. before taking nearly three weeks off for Christmas. The team then returns as they host the Sentry Classic against Viterbo University and Wisconsin Lutheran on Dec. 29-30

Game Notes: SP led 13-9 with 10:41 left in first half and held RF without a point over the next 7:26 during a 12-0 run...SP used a 13-3 run in second half to build a 52-26 lead with seven minutes left...SP held RF without a field goal for a six-minute span in the second half...SP's 16th straight victory.



Awe

Have a great Christmas break Pointers!
We'll see you next semester!

SENIOR ON THE SPOT CODY KOENIG - WRESTLING



Koenig

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2003 NCAA Division III champion at 174 pounds
- 2003 WIAC Wrestler of the Year
- First wrestler in UW-SP History to finish with an undefeated season

Major - Wildlife Ecology

Hometown - Underwood, Iowa

Do you have any Nicknames? - None

What are your plans after graduation? - None really. Probably settle down, have to work construction and have to get married. Then have at least five kids.

What has helped you become such an accomplished wrestler?

- The fact that I have been wrestling since the day that I was born. Plus, I have always had the pleasure of having great coaches.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Wrestling in the national finals with Brad Marten and Yan White. I also enjoy the everyday interaction with the coaches and wrestlers over the last four years.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - There are too many to remember, but there was one incident in Olivet I would rather not talk about.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Bob Seger

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Either *Starsky and Hutch* or *Super Troopers*.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Probably not much, especially the spring semesters. But I will remember all the friends I have made on my journey here.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My family, my girlfriend, and especially you, Yan.

Wrestlers Route Titans in Opening WIAC Match

By Brady Holtz
SPORTS REPORTER

Thursday evening the UW-Stevens Point Wrestling team began its conference wrestling schedule with a victory over UW-Oshkosh.

WRESTLING

The evening got started at the 165 lb. weight class. Ed Wymimko got the Dawgs on the board with an impressive 10-2 decision.

Cody Koenig, ranked No. 2 in Division III at 174 lbs, claimed victory with a pin in 1:20.

The Pointers kept the match rolling by winning the next two matches.

Tyler Wozniak recorded a 13-4 major decision and Mitch Szwet got a 5-0 decision. David Davila, 125 lbs., recorded a 15-5 major decision and Joel Burdick, 141 lbs, claimed a 5-3 decision.

The Pointers rounded out the scoring by claiming a forfeit at 149 lbs.

The Pointers won the Meet 30-9, claiming 7 of 10 matches.

The Pointers hit the mats again Thursday night at home against UW-Platteville followed by a match on Sunday afternoon against UW-LaCrosse at the Civic Center in Rochester, MN.

OUR VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

The sports year that was – a look back at the top three stories of 2004

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

While the calendar year has a few weeks left before it's officially over, the first semester in the school year is rapidly coming to a close. Therefore, this issue of *The Pointer* will be the last in 2004.

At the end of the year, many people take time to reflect on the events that made news in the 365 days that constituted the previous year. This, my final view from the cheap seats for 2004, is my retrospective look back at the year that was.

The 2004 Olympics in Athens – Despite the fact that the Olympic Games were headed back to the place where they were born, controversy ran amuck in the 17 days in August in which the games took place.

Dubbed the "Drugs Games" by some,

24 doping violations were handed out during the span of the games; the previous record for most violations in one Olympiad was 12.

Other controversies to surface in Athens were the awarding of a gold medal to American gymnast and Wisconsin native Paul Hamm, the provocative dancers who performed during breaks in volleyball matches and the lunatic who grabbed a Brazilian marathoner out of a race, costing him a gold medal. Add to that a poor showing by U.S.A.'s supposed basketball "Dream Team," and you have the memorable moments of the 2004 Olympic Games.

The Red Sox break the Curse – After 86 long years, the Boston Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals in the 2004 World Series to claim their first World Championship since 1918.

The drama started when the Red Sox took down the powerhouse New York Yankee club, who held a three-games-to-zero lead in the American League Championship Series.

The Red Sox fought back and became the first team in history to overcome a 3-0 deficit in a seven game series.

Tough performances from David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez, Curt Schilling and Johnny Damon spearheaded the Red Sox run at a title and crushed the "Curse of the Bambino" once and for all.

Super Bowl XXXVIII – The halftime festivities may be the most talked-about events that occurred in the 38th Super Bowl that took place in Houston, Texas on Feb. 1, but the game itself was quite an interesting thing to watch as well.

The game featured the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers. The

Patriots were looking for their second championship in three years, and the Panthers were at their franchise's first Super Bowl.

A slow start to the game led to an offensive barrage in the second half.

The two teams see-sawed their way to a 29-29 tie late in the game, we're New England's reliable kicker Adam Vinatieri drilled his second game-winning kick in a Super Bowl to solidify the Patriots as World Champions and a modern-day dynasty with a 32-29 win.

Many of the events that occurred in 2004 will continue to impact the world of sports in the year to come. Now it's time to enjoy the holidays and to get some time away from UW-SP. See you all in 2005.

I got the juice to cause a black eye: The Giambi/Bonds effect

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

It's official. Thank god, we can all go to sleep.

Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, and at least a dozen or so other baseball players have or will soon be brought out into the light over their apparent steroid use.

Some, like Giambi, admitted to using them to a jury while others, like Bonds, say how they really didn't know they were using an illegal substance.

In an article published by ESPN.com news services, "Bonds told a U.S. grand jury that he used undetectable steroids known as 'the cream' and 'the clear,' which he received from personal

trainer Greg Anderson during the 2003 season. According to Bonds, the trainer told him the substances were the nutritional supplement flaxseed oil and a pain-relieving balm for the player's arthritis."

I'm really not sure what my reaction is to this.

While we do have a way to go before all the facts are on the table and people can start forming their opinions on the long-term effects of this ongoing saga, it will probably only get worse from here.

America's favorite pastime has turned its attention from ball-parks, rally caps and hot dogs to needles,

liquids and creams that are all deemed illegal in the professional sports arena, but have been barely regulated in the sport for quite some time now.

Things get worse for Giambi.

Now the Yankees are expected to try to void Giambi's contract, along with all \$82 million left on it. While it could be a little tricky, I wouldn't be surprised if this happens. It's amazing how far and how fast Giambi has fallen in his career.

After winning the MVP in 2001 for Oakland and having two impressive seasons in New York, Giambi battled an intestinal bacteria problem last season after coming into training camp extremely thin compared to his previous power seasons.

Meanwhile, Bonds has an extreme case of denial.

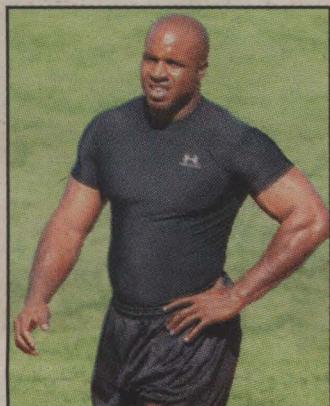
While he does have more at stake in this case – he is, after all, chasing after Hank Aaron's home run record – the lon-

ger he lies about his knowledge of the 'roids, the more he tarnishes the lasting image of his career.

Arizona Senator, John McCain, is threatening legislation on the use of steroids in baseball if Commissioner Bud Selig doesn't agree to act on it.

While it seems that recent reports point towards an agreement on the restriction of steroid use should be in place by next season, don't hold your breath waiting for it to happen. If tougher steroid testing does not take place within the near future, power hitters will always be second guessed in the MLB.

What will happen to people such as Giambi and Bonds remains to be seen, but in the end, after all is said and done, baseball will survive and continue to be America's traditional sport.



A recent picture of Bonds during pre-game warm-ups.



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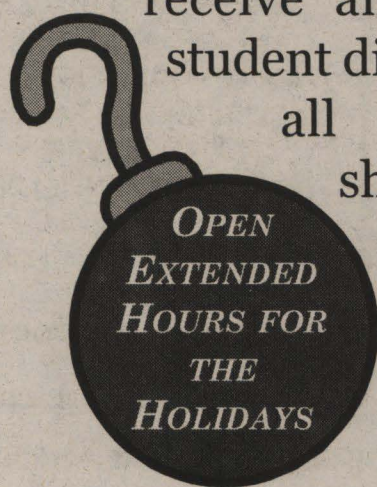


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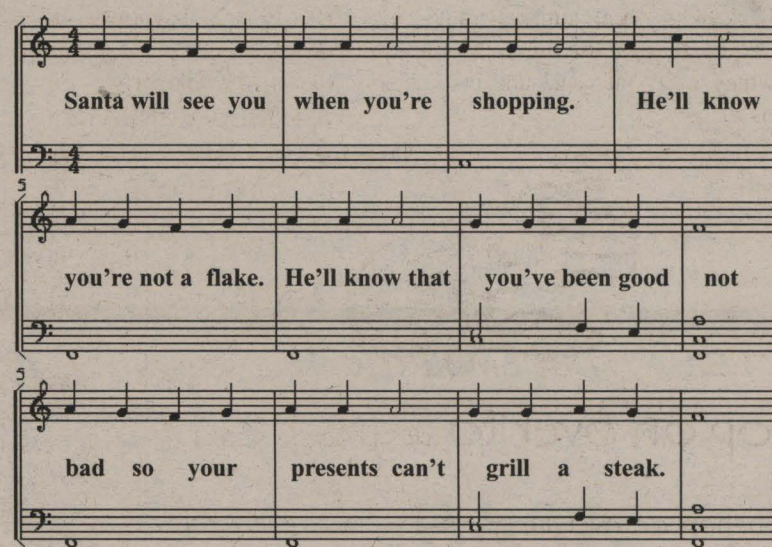
He made his list and checked it twice, but it looks like you ended up in the wrong column. Don't worry, the CenterPoint MarketPlace's student discount program means that you can buy *yourself* something nice this Christmas.

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Get smart!

Early ice can offer the best fishing, but also the most dangerous conditions

By Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

There is, without a doubt, no feeling like seeing that first tip-up flag of the season, waving in all its red-orange glory, with an endlessly spinning spool of line just beneath it. The allure of the creature that may be pulling the line off the spool is what makes ice fishing such an attractive venture for ice-anglers across the state. Setting the hook and having an opportunity to land a trophy pike, walleye or bass is what makes parking our butts on a frozen chunk of water worth while.

On the flip side, there is also no feeling like 30-something degree water overtaking your body — sucking the air from your lungs in an instant. There is no feeling like the splitting pain that comes with the freezing temperatures after you get out of the water. There is no feeling like hearing the news that the first angler of the year lost his or her life because they never made it out of the water. Inevitably, however, it happens every year. Someone will wander out onto thin, unsafe ice and won't come back — at least not under his or her own power.

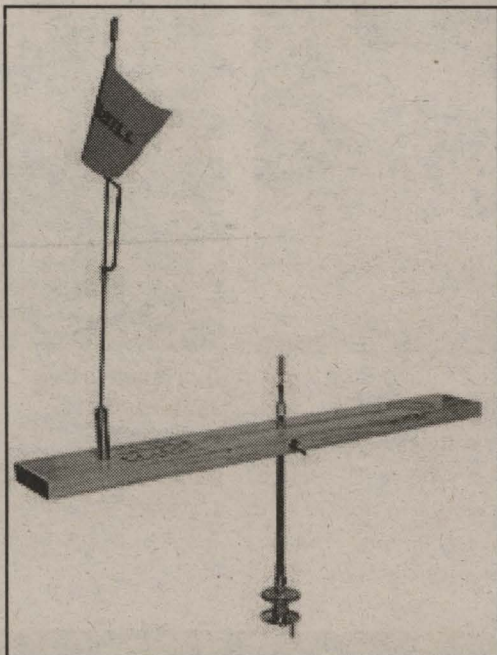
This is why state recreational safety specialists seek to caution this year's anglers that the first ice can be the most treacherous.

"Be aware that the ice can vary greatly at this time of year in thickness and safety," said Bill Engfer. "If you can't wait any longer to start your ice fishing season, use extreme caution and be prepared."

Many state conservation wardens are reporting that most southern Wisconsin waters are open and that ice conditions in northern and central Wisconsin are highly variable. While many smaller, shallower bodies of water are ice-covered and supporting anglers, there are many larger bodies of water that are still open or are covered by unsafe amounts of ice.

The recent snow and slushy mix of precipitation, accompanied by warmer temperatures, has made much of the ice in the area unsafe or non-existent. Until the area receives a string of sub-freezing days and nights, the current ice conditions won't change a great deal.

"Anglers choosing to venture out on early ice need to be extremely cautious," said Engfer. Furthermore, Engfer suggested that anglers should check with local authorities or bait shops on ice conditions, use an ice bar to test the ice as they walk out on it, and take other precautions including:



The allure of the first tip-up of the season can be enough to lead many people out onto unsafe ice.

- Do not go out alone, let people know where you are going, and carry a cell phone.

- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a float coat or a life jacket under your coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss; take extra mittens or gloves so you always have a dry pair.

-Wear creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on clear ice.

-Carry a couple of spikes and a length of light rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself — or others — out of the ice.

-Know if the lake has springs, inlets, outlets or narrows that have current that can thin the ice.

-Look for clear ice. Clear ice is generally stronger than ice with air bubbles in it or with snow on it.

By following the aforementioned tips and using a little common sense, anglers will be doing themselves and the people around them a great favor. Typically, a person who goes through the ice affects and risks more than his or her own life. One stupid mistake can suddenly put rescue workers and bystanders in difficult and hazardous situations. By avoiding unsafe and unadvised situations this winter, all anglers will be able to enjoy a more successful season.

It's all downhill from here

By Hilary Bulger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

With the snow flurries earlier in the week, it's impossible to deny that winter is finally here! And with this wonderful time of year comes a multitude of outdoor activities that are not possible in warmer weather, in particular, skiing and snowboarding. My snowboard is getting pretty antsy and I am more than ready to satisfy its urges for snow and speed. Then again, maybe it's me that's getting antsy... Although we don't live in a prime alpine location such as Colorado, Utah, or Montana (think Christmas vacation), it could be worse. We could live in Kansas, which sadly is one of twelve states without a ski resort.

The closest resort to campus is Granite Peak at Rib Mountain in Wausau, which, fortunately for snow lovers, is the state's highest skiable hill. Granite Peak boasts the second highest vertical in the Midwest at 700 feet (again, not Idaho, not the Rockies, but better than Arkansas). With 72 runs and five chair lifts, as well as its proximity to campus, Granite Peak is not to be missed. Early season specials run until December 15, and there are midweek evening specials all year. On Mondays and Wednesdays you get one free rental with purchase of a lift ticket and on Tuesdays and Thursdays you get one free lift ticket with purchase of a lift ticket. To get to Granite Peak, take U.S. Highway 51/39 north to Exit 90 and drive west one mile on County Highway NN.

If you've got a whole weekend to play in the snow, head up to the UP. Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a great place to downhill. The Bessemer area is a perfect weekend getaway with five ski resorts. Big Powderhorn, Blackjack, Indianhead, and Mt. Zion are within twelve miles of each other and Porcupine is only a little farther north. The ski hills in the UP are cheaper than those closer to home, making them all the more worth the drive. To get to Bessemer take U.S. Highway 51/39 north and head east U.S. Highway 2.

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So what's your excuse? Not enough time? Catch Granite Peak for the afternoon. Never skied or boarded before? Most hills offer lessons, which are highly recommended to get the basic idea before heading off on your own. Swallow your pride, take a lesson, and possibly avoid injury, or worse, severe embarrassment. Not enough money? Get a job, ya bum! Whatever you do, get outside and get downhill!



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Get Outside and enjoy the winter weather!

The Pointer - Best deer of 2004

These deer, and the stories that came with them, were all so good that we couldn't pick a lone winner.



Kate Plucinski
Senior
Communication

Patience paid off when this doe, Kate's first ever-deer, strolled past her stand at around 11 a.m. on opening day.



Kurt Freund
Junior
Natural Science

This buck, which eluded Kurt several times during bow season, finally offered a shot on the second day of the rifle season.



Matt Boos
Senior
Waste and Soil Management

Matt missed this buck just one week earlier, but was able to seal the deal the second time around on an early November bow hunt.



Dan Riske
Junior
Business

It took several shots from his 12-gauge for Dan to drop this dandy opening day 9-pointer.



Lee Schroedl
Junior
Business

Team work and persistence paid off when Lee and his father drove out this beautiful 12-pointer!



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Keep an eye on the sky Dec. 13th

Any interested star-gazers should be sure to keep an eye toward the heavens next Monday, Dec. 13 to catch a glimpse of the best meteor shower of the year - the Geminids.

Weather permitting, a few hours of sky-gazing will allow for dozens to hundreds of these "shooting stars" to be seen.

The source of the shower is asteroid 3200 Phaethon. Every year, in mid-December, Earth travels through the dust trail of this asteroid. Bits of dust traveling at roughly 80,000 m.p.h. hit our atmosphere and turn into glowing meteors.

The best bet for seeing the showers is to take a late-night trip to an out-of-town destination, in order to avoid city lighting.

- J.B.

Weekend Weather Outlook:

Friday: Possible rain and snow showers mixed.

High: 38

Low: 27



Saturday: Morning clouds, turning sunny in the afternoon.

High: 38

Low: 25



Sunday: Clouds and wind. A 30 percent chance of snow showers.

High: 35

Low: 18



Dance India brings UW-SP a little culture

By **Brittaney Vollmer**

CONTRIBUTOR

This Friday, 30 dancers will come together to end the semester with a performance you will not want to miss. The dancers are students from UW-SP who want to share Indian culture by presenting "Dance India," a sequence of about eight Indian dances.

Tanti Lina, a former UW-SP student and Centertainment Productions coordinator, came up with the idea for the event. "From working at Centertainment, I got the idea of Dance India and decided to ask if they would schedule us as an event for the student body because I saw how willing they were to help students," said Lina. She encourages students, foreign and non-foreign, to experience the fun and the education she encountered.

Dance India started in the fall of last year because the Festival of India director refused to accept student-choreographed pieces. "I believe you don't have to be an Indian to be able to do Indian dances and organize an Indian dance show," said Lina.

This event includes people of different ethnicities, including Caucasian, Hmong, Japanese and Chinese. "It is great to see so many different faces and ethnic back-

grounds come together to put a performance together like this one, especially when they are not Indians. It just shows how much they respect and honor the Indian culture," said Linda Moua, a dancer and co-director of Dance India. "There are no auditions for this event so we encourage students to get involved."

This year's dances are mostly from Bollywood movies. Bollywood is India's version of Hollywood. Their movie industry is well-respected in India and Asia in general. Every Bollywood movie is designed similar to a Broadway musical, no matter what the genre.

"Indian dances, classical and modern, are very expressive. The students are trying to provide a combination of classical and Bollywood moves so the performance will give the dancers and the audience a broader range of experiences," said Lina.

Once the dancing, staging, and performance aspect begin to fall into place, costumes are next on the agenda. To make it as realistic to the Indian culture as possible, three types of Indian costumes are used: Saree (their national costume), salwar kameez, (a long top with long

pants), and lehengas (a type of flare skirt).

"The styles come from different areas in India. This year is particularly productive and creative because Hiromi and Kaori - two of the dancers in the show - designed and made the costumes themselves," said Lina.

The group is hoping for a nice turnout on Friday similar to the one they had last year, which over 100 people attended. "Last year's turnout was higher than expected. I was truly amazed. It brought tears to my eyes that so many would come to support this program on Indian culture," said Lina.

Taniya Fatticci, a UW-SP student attendee of last year's show said, "I felt that the energy the dancers displayed was not only amazing, but beautiful. You could see the energy in their eyes and feel how powerful the music was. It was simply an astounding performance."

This is one of Centertainment Production's last events of the semester. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of their events yet, attend the performance this Friday in the Laird Room at 8 p.m. It is free to everyone and will be appreciated by many.

Point Star idols

By **Brittaney Vollmer**

CONTRIBUTOR

The competition started out with 18 contestants, with eliminations occurring after every round. The second round was narrowed to 10 contestants and the last round was eliminated to five. Contestants were to pick a different song from the list every week to sing and then perform in front of three judges. Performers were judged on a scale of 50 points based on tone, ability to sing in tune, stage presence, difficulty of song, voice projection and lyrical accuracy.

During the final round, a twist was added. In addition to picking their own song, contestants had to roll dice and whichever number they got matched up to a particular song that was decided by the judges. Whether the contestant knew the rolled choice or not, they were to perform it to the best of their ability.

There were three winners at the end of the competition. First place received \$200, second received \$150 and third prize received \$100.

Katelyn Fleischer, a freshman at UW-SP, first place by aweing the judges with some jazz and country, such as Norah Jones and LeAnn Rimes songs. Mark Belt took the second place spot by rocking out to old school classics such as "Rocket Man"; Jolee Kadima stole the third place slot by showing off her amazing vocals to slow originals by Mariah Carey, in addition to starting off the competition by belting out the National Anthem.

Next semester Centertainment Productions will be continuing with the tradition of Point Star, so watch for signup info if you are up to the challenge. The Point Star dates for next semester are Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20 and Thursday, April 28.

Green Tea review

By **Rebecca Conn**

CONTRIBUTOR

On Friday, Dec 3 at Clark Place, Green Tea performed their annual Winter Fest concert to a full house. The band, which member and UW-SP professor John Coletta describes as purveying "a kind of fusion music-Celtic, jazz, world beat," played a highly representative show that showcased their most popular songs to an appreciative audience.

As always, it was a pleasure to watch Green Tea; every member looks to be at home on the stage, with one another, and with their instruments. It's clear that they have all studied Irish and world music closely, and their own songs merge beautifully with far older melodies. They played melancholy tunes along with care-free fare that could have pulled James Joyce himself out of his grave for one more reel and a drink, though the more sedentary Clark Place crowd seemed to be shyer about dancing. The relative smallness of the space cleared for dancing may have had something to do with that, though, and, after some coaxing from the band, some bold listeners did get on their feet.

Despite some concern about the acoustics, Coletta seemed pleased with the show. He explained that people often think that Green Tea is a traditional Irish band, or that it's necessary to have Irish ancestry to appreciate their music, and that they're usually pleasantly surprised with their diverse musical palate. "We're not about identity, we're about affinity," he said of the band, and urges anyone, Irish or not, to come out, listen and dance.

Student art exhibits

By **Tristan Guger**

CONTRIBUTOR

On Nov 8 Susan Morrison's Art 103 students from sections two and four began a group project. This project was planned to be an interlocking collage of hand-drawn or painted boards using only black and white, and all having a common theme. There were many theme choices, but the one voted to be hung in the Fine Arts courtyard was "office supplies" and according to one of the student artists, Hanna Bruer, "office supplies can be really fun." With visions of a hectic workplace, plenty of thumbtacks and various means of communication, the students went to work.

The students in section two are Hanna Bruer, Jessica Brys, Anne Elder, Crystal Hansen, Jennifer Harter, Karen Naugle, Nicholas Roth, Elizabeth Smith, Afra Sumeir, Cody Weimer, and Wa Chang Xiong. The section four students are Shannon Blattler, Kaitlyn Cooper, Megan Coutts, Christina Draize, Tristan Guger, Scott Hautala, Melissa Heppe, Sara Kleinschmidt, Brad Konyn, Margo Miller, Curtis Rossing, Sonja Smith, Christine Stimac, Brittney Stoecker and Chris Talbot.

These students were separated into groups within their sections. The groups would have their boards positioned next to

each other and they would relate to each other. The groups positioned related boards next to each other, however, the groups of boards did not relate to other groups just the general theme. Afra Sumeir, another art student, said that she felt that "the piece is unique to every individual because while it fits as a whole, it also unifies each of the artist's differences." Two other students, Nick Roth and Christina Draze explained that "although each artist had a different process and skill level which sometimes caused conflicts, the end result was very rewarding."

The boards were hung on Nov. 22 and the homage to office life was there for all to see. Susan Morrison, the professor in charge of this project, said she was really impressed with the "quality, communication, interaction between students, and their willingness to try new things." As she explained to her students that this project would be a first experience for her as well, she was proud to take a step toward taking risks and following through until the end. This is a limited exhibit, so don't expect to see it up after break. See it while you can!

A talented Justin Roth

By **Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings**

ARTS AND REVIEW CO-EDITORS

While deciding what to do on a Saturday night in Stevens Point, we remembered that our good friend and events coordinator Brittaney Vollmer had told us about an amazing act she had lined up for a Saturday evening of fun and entertainment. Interested in the description Brittaney gave about the musically talented Justin Roth, we were settled on making it to the big event. Defined by Brittaney, this performance would bring "a night of acoustic coffeehouse music, from gut-busting humorous songs to heartfelt ballads to intricate guitar instrumentals. His style falls somewhere in between John Mayer and James Taylor - a good balance between a bit of edge and a bit of sensitivity. Naturally, we felt it would be impossible to miss out on such an experience.

As promised, this show was an interesting blend between John Mayer and James Taylor. The acoustically talented, singer-songwriter and multi-talented instrumental artist Justin Roth gave an amazing performance that I am sure all attendees enjoyed. Setting the mood for a night of relaxation and musical enjoyment, the Encore provided an excellent atmosphere.

Encouraging his audience to get more involved in his performance, Roth set up a storyline about a man who had sore legs from dancing too much in his own funky way. So he ate peas in hope of curing his now, Gumby-like legs but instead went blind. Don't worry, though, while he danced anyway the crowd listened to their very own one-hit wonder.

Another exciting treat adding to the excellent music from Justin Roth was a guest star appearance from Roth's friend, L.J. Booth. It was through their duet performance that the audience heard the interesting blend of Roth's 'John Mayerness' and Booth's Taylor-like vocals. If that wasn't enough, Roth took time out for some performer-audience conversations between each of his songs as a way to connect and interact with the crowd.

Before ending the show, there was an opportunity for everyone to purchase some cds or simply chat it up with this amazing performer. If there is ever another opportunity to see Justin Roth, we highly suggest that you attend a show. You will be blown away by this acoustically talented musician and we promise that it will be a night well spent. Way to be talented Justin!!!

The Causeway Authority

By A.M. Mella



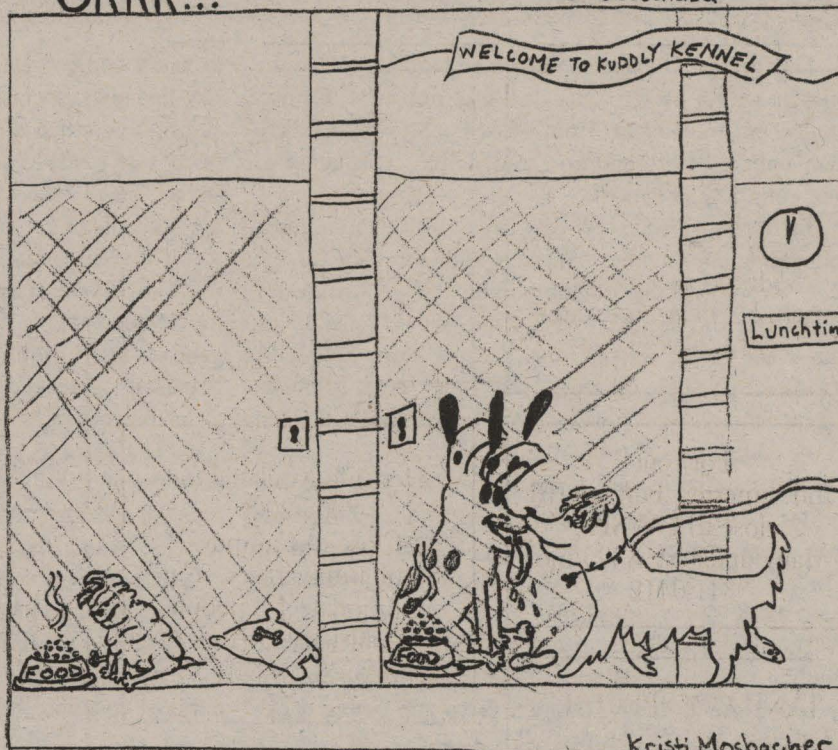
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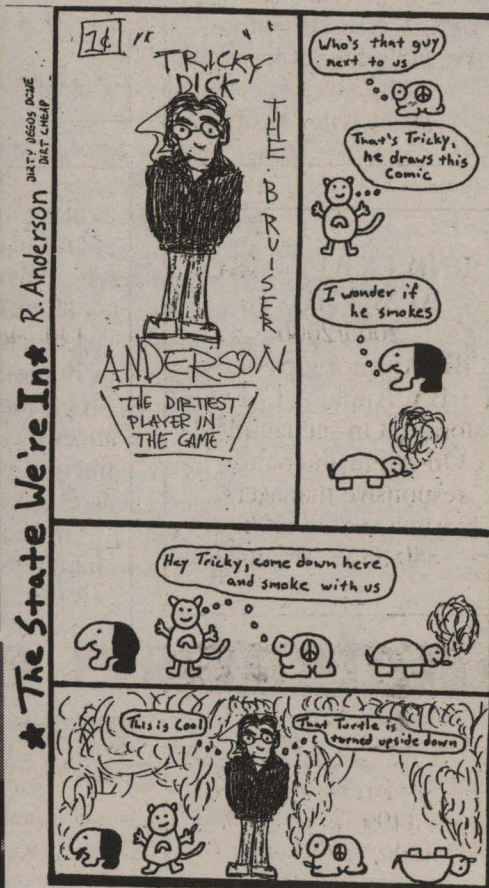
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Kristi Mosbacher

Biscutt: "I've tried Jenny Craig, Weight-watchers, South Beach, and Atkins. Nothing works for me, Ralf."
Ralf: "Mmm... Mmm... Mmm... Feast your eyes on this, Biscutt!!"
Biscutt: "Oh. I really shouldn't indulge too much."

Burn the Yule-Log! Sweet sweet yule-log. Happy Holidays from Adam n' Squiddy. See you all next year.



The State We're In R. Anderson

Resident's Evil

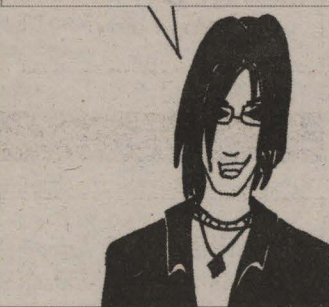
by Joy



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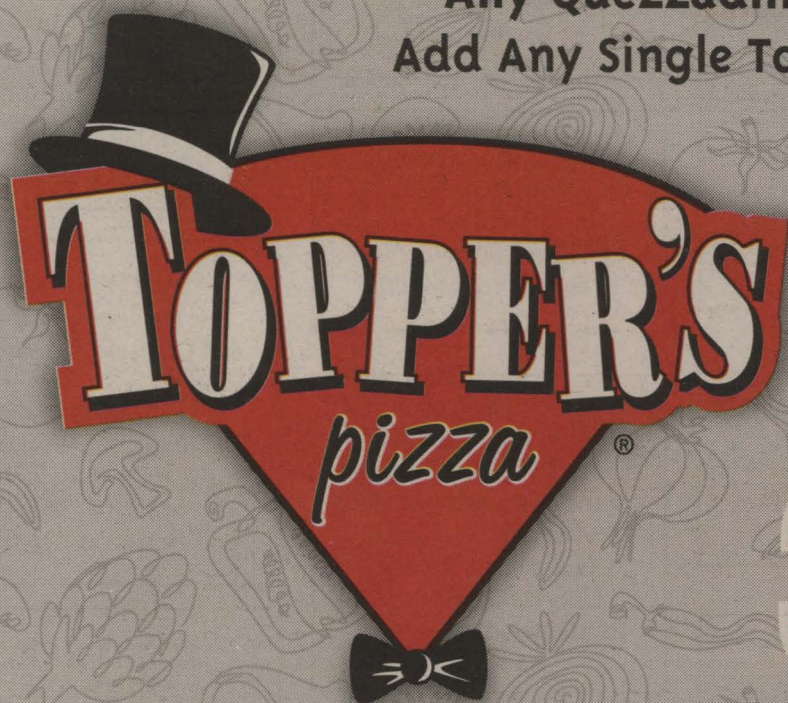
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