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## 90FM-STV at odds over trivia contest

By Dan Mirman Editor In Chief

Although 90FM and S-TV could not reach an agreement in time to televise trivia this year, both organizations are confident that the broadcasts will continue in the future.

"We have nothing against trivia or 90FM," said S-TV Station Manager Bret Lemoine. "90FM and S-TV have a rich history together, but at the same time we need to be compensated as well."

In the past, the compensation has come in the form of advertising for S-TV. However, according to S-TV faculty advisor Bill Deering, in 2002 the city ruled that S-TV shouldn't be running advertising. Despite the ruling, the city allowed S-TV to finish out their pre-existing advertising contracts.

S-TV could no longer run advertisements because they are considered a Public, Education, Government or PEG station. FCC regulations don't allow PEG channels to run advertising.

To make up for the lack of funding, S-TV brought a proposal to 90FM in October asking for \$2,000 to cover trivia.

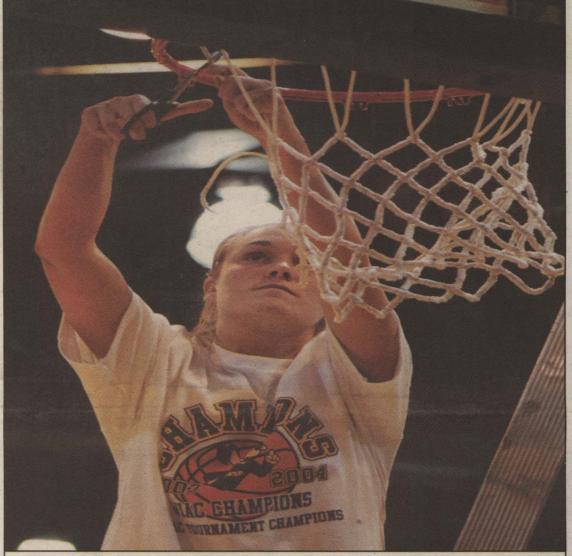
"We had an executive staff meeting and agreed on the proposal we gave to 90FM," said Lemoine. "The proposal asked for \$37 an hour for the entire contest as a fee for the service we would provide."

Upon receiving the proposal, 90FM faculty advisor Mark Tolstedt and Station Manager Courtney Sikorski attempted to come up with the money necessary to keep trivia on S-TV.

"Both Courtney and myself felt this would get done somehow," said Tolstedt. "Trivia has always been identified with 90FM, but the last decade S-TV has been an integral part of the contest."

According to Tolstedt, S-TV had already turned in the year's budget to the SGA last year and See Trivia contest, page 1

## Pointer athletes make history



Injured Pointer star Cassandra Heuer cuts down the net after her team's 72-67 win Photo by Patricia Larson over Hardin-Simmons on Saturday.

By Craig Mandli Sports Editor

As last Saturday drew to a close, UWSP sports fans gathered around radios throughout the city, listening in to the final seconds of a close overtime match-up between their Pointers and Lawrence University from Appleton, Wisconsin played nearly 2000 miles away in Puget Sound, Washington. Although the game was played in front of roughly 250 fans in Washington, far more listened intently back home in Wisconsin.

When Pointer center Eric Maus hit a mid-range jumper with five seconds left in overtime, putting the Pointers up by one, the fans cheered. The cheers quickly turned to silence, and white knuckles clenched anything within reach as Lawrence

sharpshooter Jason Hollinbeck's three-pointer harmlessly bounced off the top of the rim as time expired, giving the Pointer men's team their first trip to the Division III final four, and giving the school's athletic program arguably the most successful day in Division III athletic history.

Earlier Saturday, two standout women's programs simultaneously prolonged their seasons by qualifying for the final fours of their prospective sports. The women's basketball team led by senior guard Andrea Kraemer's career-high 26 points and senior forward Cassandra Heuer's dramatic return to the court, sneaked by a strong Hardin-Simmons Cowgirl team 72-67 to advance to their second final four in three years.

In a move straight out of a Hollywood movie script, Heuer,

three weeks removed from a severely torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee, made her return to active duty.

Sensing that her team needed an emotional lift after front-court stars Amanda Nechuta and Amy Scott fouled out, Heuer quickly pulled a neoprene sleeve over her bulky knee brace and after a quick conversation with Coach Shirley Egner, entered the game on defense with a little over a minute left and the score tied at 67.

While the Pointers were matched in their epic battle with Hardin-Simmons, the women's hockey team was locked in a battle of their own, in hostile territory at Gustavus Adolphus University in Minnesota.

While fans at the women's basketball game were See **Pointer athletes**, page 2 A look at the presidential candidates for the SGA election, page 2

# Sucess of web registration grows

By Adam Somers
Assistant News Editor

Registration for summer and fall 2004 courses is almost in full swing. Web registration was made available last semester for all continuing UWSP students to make the whole registration process easier. Right now there are no major changes in the system from last semester. With a quite large number of students registering online last semester, school officials expect the numbers to keep on growing.

According to registration statistics of last semester 5,759, or 79% of continuing students either fully registered or added at least one class online. Students who registered online were given the opportunity to answer a survey about their experience with web registration. Over 2,300 students responded and results were positive, with 96% of students giving the overall rating of web registration 'Good' or 'Excellent'.

Many students who responded to the survey also noted the ease of web registration with again 96% giving it a 'Good' or Excellent' rating. Sophomore Matt Simonson chose not to register online last semester. "The reason why I didn't use web registration, because in the past times I did it the old-fashioned way and was more comfortable with that," stated Simonson. When asked if he plans on registering online this semester Simonson said, "Yes, because other students have told See Web registration, page 2

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## Profile of the five SGA President/Vice Presidential candidates

James Duquette-President Katie Gillespie-Vice Pres.



Duquette is a junior, majoring n Political Science and Comnunication

Gillespie is a Resource Management-Environmental Education and Interpretation major

Duquette and Gillespie would make "connectedness" the cenerpoint of their administration by forging stronger connections between students, SGA, UWSP administrators, faculty and the local communnity

They would work with the new Student Life Issues Director to start a Safe-Ride program that would offer a late night bus service to students on weekends

Rachel Marlett-President Amy Clark-Vice Pres.



Marlett is a senior, majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Manag-

-Marlett also serves as a senator for the College of Natural

-Clark has served as a senator and caucus chair for the College of Letters and Sciences

-Both cite ability to form relationships with various on-campus organizations and ability to form one-on-one relationships with students as the basis of their ability to serve as an effective administration

Matt Stack-President AJ Wieseler-Vice Pres.



Stack and Wieseler cite involvement and leadership positions n other student organizations as proof of ability to serve as effec-

Wiesler currently serves as a senator for the College of Letters and Science and is the president of the College Republicans

Stack and Wieseler plan on creating an administration where no decision will be reached without careful analysis that consists of input from the entire student

Stack and Wieseler would like to govern based upon the principles of respect and diversity

Christopher Johll-President Melissa Chambers-Vice Pres. Noah Utecht-Vice Pres.



Johll is a junior, majoring in Comunication and Sociology

Johll and Chambers would, as part of their administration, attempt to attend the weekly meetings of the various student groups on campus

Both profess to be personable and outgoing people, and would channel that energy into creating welcoming environment for students to get involved in the governing process

Chambers serves as a senator for the College of Professional Matt Schuler-President



Schuler and Utecht cite a main goal of ensuring open lines of communicaion between stulents, faculty and the adminis-

A priority of their administraion would be to keep SGA running in an organized and eficient manner to allow the governing structure to best meet student

They would seek student input on all matters of concern to them, on topics ranging from parking, dining services and

#### Pointer athletes

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receiving updates on the score, the women's hockey team played the Gusties to a 2-2 tie after three periods. Jackie Schmitt finally broke the tie midway through the second overtime when she took a pinpoint pass from Ashley Howe and knocked home the winning goal, giving the women's team their first ever trip to the frozen

Additionally, Saturday was a big day for both the women's

track and field teams, with the men's taking sixth place and the women pulling in an impressive third place finish at the Division III championships.

With the showing this past weekend, UW-Stevens Point is assuredly a front runner for the Sears Cup, given annually to the Division III athletic program that shows the most success during the academic year.

"Saturday's results just speak volumes for what is being done down here," said Pointer men's basketball coach Jack Bennett.

#### Trivia contest

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was unable to find the necessary money to keep trivia on S-TV.

While both sides agreed that the trivia process came down to a business decision, there was

some animosity due to a missing thank you.

"We felt that last year we provided the best coverage ever," said Lemoine. "All but one question was on air and we also had great graphics as well as the trivia focus pieces. However, we were never mentioned or even thanked

the entire contest."

According to Sikorski, the reason that S-TV was never thanked on air had more to do with friends of 90FM, than 90FM

S-TV and 90Fm hope to reach an agreement for next year.

#### Web registration from page 1

me that it works out better and it is easier to use.'

For students who are still uncomfortable with using web registration, UWSP plans to always have the option of coming into the registration office and registering in person at the set time.

However, Associate Registrar Larry Sipiorski hopes that in the near future students will be able to just come into the office and do registration

office for help. "We will work toward it gradually," stated Sipiorski about the process of the expansion of web registra-

Even with the high percentage of students who were in favor of the ease of web registration, there was one reoccurring problem for many

According to Sipiorski, many students could not tell when they were completed with registration. However, as soon as those problems were noted, they were fixed on the spot.

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## LETTERS & OPINIO

## Musings from Mirman

#### Thank you Pointer basketball for another fine season

By Dan Mirman

EDITOR IN CHIEF

I'm spoiled.

In fact, anybody who follows UWSP basketball should consider themselves in the same boat. Actually, spoiled doesn't seem like a strong enough word. Let's look at the facts:

The Pointer men's team has laid claim to the WIAC regular season conference championship every year of my UWSP career. Actually, they finished second this year in the regular season, but it's safe to say that winning the conference tournament as well as advancing to the final four this year makes up for it.

Over my UWSP career, I've had the opportunity to cover this team for print, radio and television and I consider it my privilege to cover a team that plays at such a high level.

Before I gush too much about the men, I would like to shift my focus to the women's basketball team.

Upon my arrival at UWSP I laughed at the idea of watching women's basketball. I had the unfair stereotype in my head that women's basketball provided a similar experience to watching paint dry. Man, I was a stupid underclassman.

Watching the UWSP women's team has completely changed my view of women's basketball. It seems there is no end to their string of amazing players.

One of my favorite college weekends was when I traveled with the team to Terre Haute and had the opportunity to call their national championship game. When St. Lawrence missed the game-winning basket as time expired, I am fairly confident my heart stopped for a moment.



Saturday night when the women advanced to the final four, I again got to call the game and I nearly lost my voice after the first half. Just when I thought there was nothing they could do to top the championship two years ago, they did.

First it was Senior Andrea Kramer who put on one of the most clutch performances I have ever seen. She shot 11 of 13 from the field and scored a game-high 26 points. That's 84 percent. Most players pray for a free-throw percentage that

Later in the game Head Coach Shirley Egner made an absolutely brilliant coaching move. She substituted in Senior Cassandra Heuer with her team up two points and a minute to go.

A little backstory. Heuer was injured in the conference tournament and was not supposed to play at all this weekend.

However, there she appeared, dropping her warm-ups and checking into the game. The Quandt Fieldhouse absolutely exploded. I honestly got goosebumbs just sitting on the sidelines.

These two programs have directly given me a number of these special moments. I've witnessed Kari Groshek and Josh Iserloth set school records for point's in a game. I witnessed the women end the nations longest home and postseason win streaks when they defeated Washington University. I've also seen Jack Bennett's teams win conference crown after crown despite consistently losing a top player each year.

Sports offer the kind of emotional roller coaster that most aspects of life never deliver. A few inches can turn heartbreak into pure elation. Thank you Coach Egner and Coach Bennett for giving myself and all Pointer fans the chance to share in your elation.

#### Response of the Week: Should TV stations run anti-bush ads from moveon.org?

We deserve the right to criticize our government and provide alternatives that offer better governance. Can we trust the media to disseminate all information and remain unbiased? Clearly we cannot. The people must take a stand. The ads in question aren't anti-Bush, they're pro-truth. The Pointer should move on.

> Tim Collins UWSP student

## If you had to be 100% sober for spring break where would you go?



Audra Wahhab, Jr., Theatre Europe, so I could remember it all.



Jennie McMonagle, So., Biology The tropics, so I could get up and enjoy the day while not being sick.



Scott Sanden, Sr., Math Amsterdam- they aren't very big on alcohol.



Suzie Wolosek, So., Business Admin I'd go horseback riding and not break my neck.



Andy Hayes, Jr., Business Same place- I can't drink, I'm on medication.



Dan Pearson, Sr., Sociology

I'd go to Tulsa, Oklahoma... but I wouldn't be wearing any pants.

## Vagina Monologues response misunderstood

This is in response to the opinion letter from the March 11th issue of The Pointer, written by A.J. Wiesler.

It is unfortunate that Ms. Wiesler was unhappy and disgusted with "The Vagina Monologues." I was shocked to read about the ideas she drew out of the play, especially when she wrote that the Women's Resource Center told her that to "truly appreciate [her] womanhood," she "should embrace the homosexual lifestyle." Putting words in an organization's mouth is never a good idea. Please distinguish between what you feel and what is real.

"The Vagina Monologues" consists of over 200 interviews of women from many different parts of the world. These monologues were real situations that happened to real people. Its purpose is not to persuade, but to inform the audience that, yes, genital mutilation is real, not everyone is heterosexual and war victims are referred to as "collateral damage." While one may not agree with some of the issues presented in the monologues, their truths cannot be denied.

If anyone that saw "The Vagina Monologues" felt uncomfortable during the performance, they could have walked out and left. Furthermore, every last cent of the money made from these performances is being donated to three very worthy beneficiaries; Sexual Assault Victim Services, Take Back the Night and the disappearing women of Juarez.

I encourage anyone who would like to further explore the arguments brought by Ms. Wiesler against "The Vagina Monologues" to check out the book for themselves. It is available in the library on campus. Hopefully, it will be seen as an empowering work as well as giving a wider view of the world.

> Andrea Wevers **UWSP** Student

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## FEATURES

## Inside the life of a mysterious sub lady

#### What exactly goes on behind those infamous sneeze guards?

By Alli Himle

FEATURES EDITOR

Recently, I had the privilege of interviewing the very ladies that some of us have come to know on a day-to-day basis during our year(s) at Point. These women, who are always so quick to ask "What can I get for you?" are often seen as being a focal point of UWSP, and I say this as a definite understatement.

Yet it is these women that in truth, very little is actually known about. And so, it is time to understand what truly makes up the life of an infamous sub as sub ladies (eight years) with Shirley following closely behind with seven years. We generally have a fourth woman behind the counter with us as well; however the fourth sub lady position seems to be one that routinely changes hands.

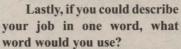
How well have you been able to get to know the students through what you do?

What students don't often realize is that we hear a great deal of conversations on a dayto-day basis by making subs all day. A lot of students tend to be consistent. For instance, we have the "Two for guy" who gets two of the same subs each day, and

- the students contribute a great deal to that happiness. How long do you plan on

continuing to stay the infamous sub ladies that you are?

As long as we can handle it ,we will be on the opposite side of the counter. This is a much more rewarding job than it may appear to be. Like we said, the students make our day. We may be antiques but we are only grower finer through the interactions with the students. Most importantly, we have been told this is one of the most popular places on campus and we would like to keep it as such by staying on as long as we are able to.



Being a sub lady is fun and exciting. But above all else, what we do is rewarding - the students make what we do worth it dayto-day. So, I guess we would then have to say thank you to the many fans of our sub creations.

I would like to send a special thanks to the sub ladies for taking

Photo by Liz Bolton

Sue and Jeanette, the die-hards of the sub line, are busy at perfecting the next sub as studens anxiously wait in line.

time out of their hectic day to do this interview. It took interviewing them to realize exactly just how busy, yet exciting, their day is. So, the next time you find yourself waiting in the sub line for your regular pepper turkey on wheat, make sure to tell them how much you appreciate what they do. This could be as easy as asking them how they are doing or saying a simple thank you as they hand you your soon-to-be devoured sub.

Above all else, let them know that just as the students may help make their day a little brighter, they do the same for us.

I would like to give a special thank you to Andrea Pitts for her request to cover this article. Remember, this paper is for the students, so if you have any story requests of your own, email the Pointer at pointer@uwsp.edu.



Photo by Liz Bolton

Shirley's work seems to never end, yet it is a job she wouldn't trade.

lady. I would like to introduce you to Shirley, Sue and Jeanette UWSP's prized sub creators.

How would you describe a typical day?

For the two of us (Sue and Jeanette) our day begins at 6 a.m. and does not end until 2:30 v.m. Shirley works from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day goes quite fast, for there is always someone waiting to grab lunch at all hours of the day. Overall, we are very busy, and that is probably not emphasized enough. And ves, our job is stressful too. We can't always please everybody or remember exactly what was specifically asked for. By the end of the day, though, we find ourselves acting quite goofy because in a job like ours, you almost have to be.

#### How did you come to be known as "the sub ladies"?

Many jobs were being cut when we first began working in the Pointer Express. All of us took this job for we felt it would be a good change and a nice transition from working in DeBot. Sue and Jeanette have come to call themselves the "diehards" for they have been working the longest

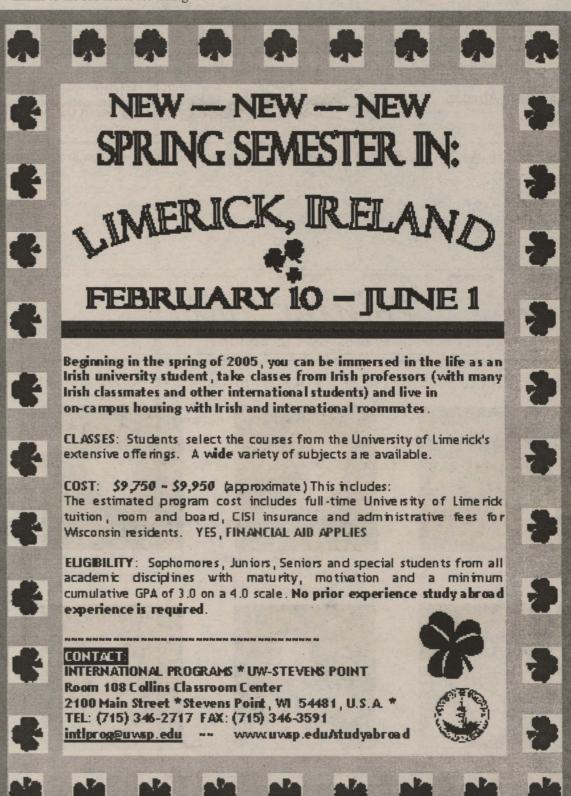
then we also have the "chicken salad girl" a sub that not many students seem to favor as much. Once in a while a student will try to pull our leg and break from their normal sub, but generally students like to stay with tradition it appears.

What would you say is the most rewarding part of your job?

We find the most rewarding thing is when we are out in public, away from our element, and students say "Hi sub lady." We also have a lot of graduates that come back because they are having "sub withdrawals" as they say. That is a very rewarding and happy moment, when you know you are the reason (or one of the essential reasons) for a student paying a return visit

Above all else, what would you like students to know about you?

We do have a bad day from time to time. Yes, it is hard to believe, but we are not always as happy as we may appear to be. We are entitled to have a grouchy moment or two. But generally, we are happy people



Have a Wonderful Spring Break!

## At last, spring break has finally arrived

Or, as I like to think of it, an attempt to regain my sanity

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSITANT FEATURES EDITOR

At last, it has arrived. We've been running on treadmills for nearly two months, swamped by schoolwork, overrun by extracurricular activities and trying to maintain some sense of order in our lives. Many of us, including your's truly, have found it difficult at times to maintain our sanity. But now, our respite from reality has arrived. Spring break is here!

I'm not exactly sure who thought up the idea for spring break. Perhaps an enlightened campus professor noticed that by late March his overworked students were on the verge of mutiny and possible homicidal tendencies if they didn't get a break. Or maybe some student took his chancellor hostage with a stapler and a ballpoint pen and demanded to be let off campus for a few days or else. It's interesting to

speculate about, but however it happened, it's here. I salute that student, though maybe if he had held out longer he would have gotten two weeks off instead of

It certainly took the holidays a bit longer than usual to get here. What is especially annoying is the fact that practically every other school in the state has had their break already or is currently enjoying them while we sweat out midterms. It is especially difficult to hold out for spring break with the knowledge that your sibling is currently relaxing while you're busting your brains out over an essay worth a third of your final grade. Thankfully, the wait is almost over and then the fun can

What you do with spring break, of course, is totally up to you. Some will take the opportunity to get out of Wisconsin and go down south as far as they can.

I say if you've got a chance, take it. If you must flee Wisconsin for a little while, do so now, at a time when its weather becomes increasingly schizophrenic and we are subjected to snowstorms,



ice storms and rainstorms, sometimes all in the same day. If you've got travel plans, don't get second thoughts. Get to someplace warm and enjoy it, at least for a little while.

Those who take the chance sons or by our own choice, won't

to go to Miami or Cancun or any other prime spring break spot should have fun, but be careful not to go too overboard. If you want to, you may drink until your blood alcohol level is higher than

> the entire Rat Pack on a Saturday night. You may party until the wee hours of the morning in every night spot you can visit in a 24 hour period.

You may engage in enough debauchery to fill an entire special of Girls Gone Wild. If you wish to do so, who am I to stop you?

Just make sure your spring break exploits don't get you a date with the police blotter (unless you want such a date, in which I give my hearty thumbs up).

Some of us, for various rea-

be going anywhere nice enough to get a tan over break. That's fine too. Some of us will simply take the chance to take it easy and relax, to take an all too short break from our hectic campus schedules.

Others will use the opportunity to get some things in order, or see family and friends back home or perhaps hunt for jobs for the summer or after graduation. Hey, you've got ten days of freedom. Don't waste them.

Just remember this: spring break is about having fun. If you have any opportunity to have fun, take it. After this, it's nothing but a break-neck spring to finals and the work is going pile up even higher. It's your big chance this semester to enjoy yourselves, so do so. And remember to smile for the cameras, folks. Grandma's sure to get quite a shock about your exploits down in Mexico.

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## Music of Pittsburgh Reed Trio to come to Point

A delightful performance of musical talent set to take place March 29 in Michelsen Hall

By Sarah Dennewitz

FEATURES REPORTER

Come listen to the Pittsburgh Reed Trio perform an ensemble of classical music on Monday, March 29 here on campus. After your action packed spring break, this is a great opportunity to find some peaceful relaxation.

The Pittsburgh Reed Trio includes Scott Bell on the oboe, Ron Samuels on the clarinet and James Rodgers on the bassoon and contrabassoon. Their exceptional collaboration of instruments will definitely provide the audience with plenty of remarkable music.

Bell, on the oboe, joined the Trio in 1992 after previous years as a member of the Hartford Symphony, the New Orleans Symphony and the Orquesta Sinfonica de Veracruz, Mexico. Bell's experience and accomplishments are completely positive additions to the trio.

Samuels joined the Trio in 2001 as the second clarinetist. Before the Trio he was principal clarinetist of the Toledo Symphony

Orchestra for sixteen years, and also played with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Samuel's musical experience is extremely vast, and his talent is unquestionably irre-

Rogers, principal contrabassoonist, joined the Trio in 2001. His previous experiences include the Houston Symphony, Colorado Symphony, Florida Orchestra and Jacksonville Symphony. His addition completed the group, and together they form the extremely talented Pittsburgh Reed Trio.

The performance will be held in Michelsen Hall in the Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Admission for students is \$3, and tickets can be purchased at the University Box Office by calling (715) 346-4100, or online at https://tickets.uwsp.edu/Wt3/.

Be sure to come and experience the unique sounds of the Pittsburgh Reed Trio. There is no doubt that they will provide you with an excellent exhibition of musical tal-

## St. Patty's Facts at a Glance

It is not too late to celebrate the holiday honoring corned beef, cabbage and green beer



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patron saint who is believed to have died on March 17, 461.

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Traditionally, St. Patrick's Daywasaholidayofreligious observance, but the celebra-

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33.7 million U.S. with over 150,000 residents are of Irish ancestry. This number isalmostninetimesthe population of Ireland itself.

## **SPORTS**

## Men dance into the **Final Four**

Pointers advance farthest since Terry Porter era

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

Not since the mid-80s. when Terry Porter and Brad Soderberg graced the backcourt for the NAIA powerhouse UW-Stevens Point Pointers while Dick Bennett patrolled the sideline has the men's team made the final four. Now, on the strength of powerful frontcourt mates Nick Bennett and Jason Kalsow, and the coaching of Jack Bennett, the Pointers are poised for a Division III national championship.

#### men's Basketball

The Pointers advanced to the Division III final four on the strength of a 100-79 victory over sectional host Puget Sound on Friday, and then a nail-biting 82-81 overtime thriller over Lawrence on Saturday.

On Friday, the Pointers faced not only a very hostile crowd, but a Puget Sound team that had one of the most prolific offensive games in Division III basketball. Unfortunately for the Loggers, who averaged 103.4 points per game this season, they were matched up with one of the top defensive teams in Division III.

"They (Puget Sound) play 120 miles per hour," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "They get up and down the floor, and like to hoist up 30 to 40 three-pointers per game."

Puget Sound opened up an early lead, but the Pointers countered with an 11-1 run to take a 30-19 lead with 6:48 left in the half. The lead was 32-24 when the Pointers scored eight straight points and then UW-Stevens Point's Jon Krull made a halfcourt shot at the first half buzzer to push the lead to 20 points.



Bennett

The Pointers were able to withstand a run by the suddenly hot-shooting Loggers midthrough way second the half that trimmed the

lead to seven with 13 minutes to go, going on a run of their own led by junior Nick Bennett, who scored a career-high 37 points on 13 of 17 from the floor.

"Our team minimized their turnovers in the second half, and finished well around the basket," said Bennett. "Our entire team did a great job attacked their press.'

The win on Friday night set up a surreal matchup between the

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## Hard wins send women to Virginia Beach

Heuer's return sparks Pointers to victory over **Hardin-Simmons** By Craig Mandli

SPORTS EDITOR

Three exhausted veterans sat shoulder to shoulder Saturday night, fighting back both tears of joy and beads of sweat. But Tara Schmitt, Cassandra Heuer and Andrea Kraemer were all smiles knowing that they were going to be spending their spring break, or at least the first part of it, in Virginia Beach.

#### Women's Basketball

The Pointers, on the strength of an 83-76 win over Washington (Mo.) University and a 72-67 win over Hardin-Simmons (Tex.) this past weekend, advanced to the NCAA Division III final four.

On Friday, the Pointers faced a matchup with a Washington University team that they were familiar with, having eliminated the perennial Division III powerhouse two years ago on their way to the Division III championship.

first six points and held the lead for most of the first half before the Pointers closed the first half with a 13-3 run as the Bears missed their final eight shots before halftime.

UW-Stevens Point led 55-47 with 12:18 left and Washington went on a 7-1 run to cut the lead to 56-54. The Pointers pushed the lead back to 68-60 with 5:40 left when the Bears scored nine straight points capped by a rebound basket by Leslie Hawley to take their first lead of the half. Sophomore Cassandra Schultz then took the game into her own hands.

After Washington grabbed the lead, Schultz drove the side of the lane and banked in an off-balance lay-up to put the Pointers back ahead. Later, with the Pointers holding a 74-71 lead with one minute remaining, Schultz drained a fade away jumper with the shot clock running out.

"I like to take shots like that, not that I necessarily should," said Schultz. "On the first one, I saw an open lane and was able to get a lay-up. On the second one, there was five seconds left on the shot clock, so I put it up."

On Saturday, the Pointers faced a Hardin-Simmons team that set an NCAA tournament record with 14 successful three pointers in their win over Eastern Mennonite on Friday. However, the Cowgirls decided they were going to play UWSP's style of game on Saturday, a decision that may have hurt them in the long run.

The Pointers played a sluggish first half with 19 turnovers and trailed 34-29 at halftime as the Cowgirls closed the half with a 10-1 run. UW-Stevens Point battled back to take a 59-49 lead with 7:12 left before another Hardin-Simmons rally.

WIAC Player of the Year Amanda Nechuta fouled out with three minutes left and Amy Scott fouled out 13 seconds later, taking the Pointers' top two inside players out of the game, making things look bleak from Shirley Egner's standpoint. Then an unlikely hero came to the rescue.

"(Cassandra) Heuer put the sleeve on (her knee brace) and came up to me. I asked her if she wanted to go in, and she turned to me and said, 'Coach, I'm ready," Egner said. "It was her decision and it was a big lift for our team and got the crowd in a frenzy."

Heuer, who had missed the last four games after severely tearing her anterior cruciate ligament in the WIAC conference tournament, came in on defense for the tired Pointers, and led her team to a defensive

Andrea Kraemer drives the lane against a Hardin-Simmons defend-Washington scored the game's er on Saturday. Kraemer scored 26 points in the UWSP 72-67 win.

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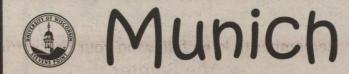
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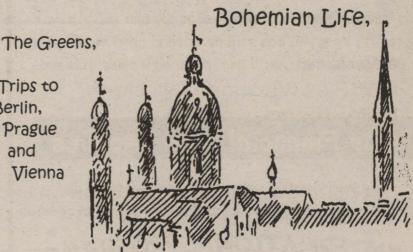


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## **SPORTS**

## "The Pointer" NCAA Tournament Preview

#### St. Louis Region

By Joshua Schmidt ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When you look at the St. Louis bracket two teams should stand out right away: Kentucky and Kansas. Kentucky because they are the first seed and Kansas because they've got a decided home-court advantage throughout the regional. But don't get too enamored with these teams. With the parity in college basketball this season.

Kentucky is the obvious favorite in this region, not only because of their first seed, but also because they're one of the hottest teams in basketball right now. They blew through the SEC tournament, have won their last nine games, and arguably have the best talent.

Kansas is the other team to keep an eye on; after appearances in the last two Final Fours, the '04 version of the Jayhawks seems to have taken a small step back this year. They do, however, enjoy a decided advantage over the rest of the pack, having only to travel 30 miles to Kansas City for the first two rounds, and then all the way to St. Louis for the regionals.

Other teams that could shake up the region include Georgia Tech and Gonzaga. The Zags seem ready to play with the big boys after making several nice runs as an underdog in the past. Unfortunately for the Zags, no one will over look them this year. Georgia Tech is the team I expect to do some real damage. GT is one of the hotter teams coming out of the tough ACC. They've improved dramatically as the season wore on and are peaking at the right time which is bad news for the rest of the field.

Who will win the St. Louis regional? I'm never one to pick the favorite, so I'm going with Georgia Tech.

#### Phoenix Region

By Steve Seamandel

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

At first glance, it's difficult to look past the likes of Stanford and UConn in the Phoenix region - but let's not look past the cinderellas

They may not make it much past the Sweet 16, but teams like 11 seed Western Michigan an 13-seed UTEP have serious chances to make some waves and send some teams home early.

Western Michigan plays sixth seed Vanderbilt on Friday and UTEP will take on ACC Conference Tournament victors Maryland, who sneaked into the fourth seed with a lessthan-impressive 19-11 record. Maryland gave it their all against Duke in Greensboro last week, but unfortunately won't have enough gas to make it past Syracuse in the second round, if they can oust UTEP on Thursday.

Both Stanford and UConn should have an easy route to the Sweet 16, as UConn draws Vermont in the first round and the winner of the "who-cares-game" of the region, DePaul and Dayton. Stanford first plays Texas-San Antonio, with the winner playing the winner of Alabama and Southern Illinois (neither of whom are capable of ousting a 1-seed).

The sleeper from this region may very well be NC State; with a modest 20-9 record and a first round cupcake-walk match-up against UL-Lafayette, they'll take on the winner of Vanderbilt and Western Michigan to get to the Sweet 16. While Western Michigan goes far in my brackets, NC State could definitely have one of the smoothest paths to the second weekend of the tournament, on paper at least.

I hate to pick the first and second seeds as the finals from this bracket, but I simply can't resist. Look for a UConn/Stanford matchup, with Stanford reigning supreme.

### Atlanta Region

**By Dan Mirman** 

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The southern bracket features a lot of up and down teams as well as the weakest one and two seeds in the field.

While everyone is crying over St. Joseph's getting a first seed, no one seems to mind that Duke limped into the tournament with a 6-4 record in their last ten games. Don't forget the Bluedevils gave up a 12 point lead in the final three and a half minutes to lose the ACC championship game against Maryland.

Furthermore, Duke boasts the most overrated player in the NCAA tournament in Chris Duhon. Let's face it, if Dickie V had not talked this guy up his entire career there's no way anyone would have considered him anything other than a role player.

Look for the Dukies to to make it to the round of 16 but no farther. They will struggle with a very physical fourth seed Cincinatti team and bow out of the tournament after the first two rounds.

The lower half of the south provides many intriguing match-ups. Three teams look poised to make a run. Look for sixth seed North Carolina to knock off 11 seed Air Force and third seed Texas to get to the sweet sixteen. I expect them to but heads with tenth seed Louisville, who will upset second seed Mississippi State. The other intriguing team is seventh seed Xavier. If they can get past Louisville in the first round, look for them pull off the upset of MSU and get to the second weekend.

When the dust settles, Cincinatti will be the surprise final four team after they down the Tarheels to advance to San Antonio.

### East Rutherford Region

By Craig Mandli

SPORTS EDITOR

This year, the East Rutherford region (the East region, to all you oldies out there) features a few of the most overlooked teams in this

For starters, St. Joe's, the first seed, has been getting bashed all year. There is a reason that they were one of the top ranked teams all year. This is a team that was 27-1 this season, with their one defeat coming in the last week of the season. However, they won't come out of this bracket.

The second seed is Oklahoma State. Now, this is an exciting team. Ok State gets up and down the floor with the best of them, and can score at will. They are led by veteran floor leader John Lucas Jr., who starred at Baylor last year and transferred to Ok St. after the Dennehy/Dotson fiasco last year, never looking back. While they score a lot, the Cowboys also give up a ton of points. This will haunt them. For this reason, they won't win the region.

The third seed, Pittsburgh, was robbed by the tourney brass. The Panthers had an unbelievable 29-4 record, have been a standout all season, and get rewarded by probably having to play Wisconsin in the second round, in Milwaukee no less. The Badgers will have a home crowd behind them, and have proved to be one of the toughest teams in college basketball with the Cheeseheads cheering them on.

So, to my pick. Normally, I pick Wake Forest to go far every year, but ever since Tim Duncan left, they have disappointed. This season, Pitt would be the favorite, but with having to probably go against Wisconsin in Milwaukee, which will be next to impossible.

I'm not usually a homer, but the Badgers

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#### Frozen four for U Overtime win The rest of the third period

sends hockey team to first finals By Steve Roeland

PORTS REPORTER

UWSP's women's hockey eam likes to keep it close. Really close. The Pointers have been involved in five consecutive onegoal games, coming out victorious in four of them.

#### women's hockey

Last week's first round game of the Division III NCAA Tournament was one of those nail-biting wins, as UWSP topped Gustavus Adolphus 3-2

in double overtime.

The game's first score was notched by UWSP's Liz Goergen at the 11:03 mark in the first period and was assisted by Kim Lunneborg and Ann Ninnemann. The Pointers held the lead until freshman Andrea Peterson of the Gusties scored an unassisted goal 2:11 into the second

back in favor of the Pointers when Jennifer Dorff broke the tie at the 12:47 mark. Gustavus Adolphus evened the score as Peterson scored her second goal of the game halfway into the

third period.

and the complete overtime resulted in no scoring with each team shooting even numbers of shotson-goal, six shots in the third and eight in the first OT.

The teams had even shot totals in the second OT, two apiece, when Pointers reccurring heroine Jackie Schmitt scored the game winning goal, her ninth of the season, at 5:58 in the second extra session.

The win moves UWSP into the Frozen Four for the first time in the program's four year existence. Exceptional play by goaltender Amy Statz also helped

> the Pointers to victory. She made 27 saves for UWSP on 29 Gustie opportunities.

> The win puts the Pointers against the top seeded team in the tourney, Manhattanville (N.Y.), on and the winner of the semifinal contest

will face either tournament host Middlebury, Vt. or Plattsburgh

The Pointers have never The see-saw match-up went played against Manhattanville, they have faced off against Plattsburgh State and Middlebury earlier this season, tying Middlebury and losing a onegoal game to Plattsburgh State,



State (N.Y.).

## **OUTDOORS**

## Steelhead over spring break Hike the Porcupine Mts.

**By Marty Seeger** 

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

While some students are fortunate enough to go someplace warm for break, some of us are forced to spend break within the borders of Wisconsin's winter wonderland. For those of you in search of something to do, you might want to plan a road trip to the northeast of Wisconsin.

The spring steelhead run is starting to pick up in some areas of the northeast region. Although the best times to catch steelhead generally occur in April and early May, you can still hit a good run in the month of March. Fishing pressure is generally slow this time of year since most anglers are awaiting the peak in April.

You will find even less fishing pressure during the middle of the week, and times when the weather conditions are poor.

Stream and river flows are usually high in the month of March, and the water clarity is generally low. This can be an advantage to the angler because the fish are less likely to spook. When the water clarity is high, and the weather conditions are sunny it can become more difficult to get the fish to bite.

According to Steve Hogler, Door County fisheries biologist, the northern portions of Door County along Lake Michigan are still covered with snow. "You can still find opportunities south of Door County and into areas of Kewaunee County," said Hogler. "The Peshtigo River and Stony Creek areas would be the best places to start."

Billy Goats Bait and Tackle, located in Algoma, said that many fish have been caught in the Kewaunee River on rainbow eggs (spawn sacs), which are clumped together in mesh netting. They are simply placed onto a small hook and can be used in coordination with a slip bobber, or

by using a heavy split shot about a foot from the hook. Generally this method is best used in the deeper pools of the river and near dams where fish are most likely to be congregated. Some anglers choose to use fly rods and others use light spinning tackle. Those who use fly rods have been successful using wooly buggers or small nymphs, but even fly fisherman use spawn sacs early in the season.

Traveling south into Manitowoc County you will find reports on the steelhead run even better. Louie's Sporting Goods in the city of Manitowoc reported that many people have been pulling in steelhead in the surrounding area. Louie's also mentions that the rainy weather, along with melting snow,

will greatly increase the chances of hooking into a good steelhead.

Steelhead average 20 to 30 inches long and put up an outstanding fight. Choose your gear carefully before making the trip. If you have the means, bring some waders along for the trip. A fly rod as well as some light spinning tackle is also a big plus. There is also a possibility for brown trout as well. Some anglers in the area have been reporting taking a few browns in all the areas mentioned above.

Since the steelhead run fluctuates considerably during the month of March, be sure to contact some of the local bait shops to see where the fish are biting. Louie's Sporting Goods suggests stopping in so that they can point you in the right direction. They will also draw you maps and set you up with necessary bait.

For more information on where to go, contact Billy Goats Bait and Tackle in Algoma at (920) 487-9710. Or you can reach Louie's Sporting Goods Inc at (920) 684-4501.



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## Mr. Winters' two cents Look out, folks, them Badgers are kickin' it into high gear Devin Harris is

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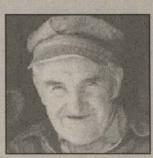
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Look out, folks, them Badgers are kickin' it into high gear. Devin Harris is really stepping it up. How about that last alley-hoop in the Big Ten tourney... Holy Mackerel!!! Boy, I had to break out a few extra cough-drops and my Bohemian tobacco in celebration.

Well, the other day I had to drive the old '71 Buick down to Chicago. Last time I was in the windy city, Harry Truman had

just been elected to his first full term. Now that was a wild time!

Anyhoo, the wife's sister was sick at the sanitarium, pretty bad, so we had to go and visit. I'll tell you what, she better be dead next time I have to drive through that asphalt hell.

First we passed through two cities that should be moved directly to Illinois: Janesville and Beloit. Then the damn toll-roads started. I was on a toll road once as a child, but that one was made out of logs. From there we eventually came upon Chicago itself. I've never seen so many motor cars or crazy women drivers in my whole life. You know, back in the day, they didn't even let women drive the horse and buggy. Now that's something to consider, Doyle. Well, we reached our destination and paid the parking lot \$23 before entering the streets of Chicago. I never knew I was claustrophobic until that moment.

All the eyes could see were tall buildings made of space-metals. Damn NASA. I couldn't even see the horizon... scared me half to death

I made myself a resolution on the way home: Never again go where I can't walk ten yards to take a piss. That's where I want to remain- in outdoors pissin' territory. Finally, I better send a "Good Luck" to the Pointer b-ball team out in Confederate Virginia. My suggestion: step on the feet of the guy you're boxing out- it works great. Take home the top-prize and then "Go on and Geeeet!!!"

-Mr. Winters

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## New planetoid discovered

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR

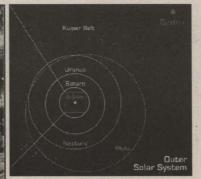
My very educated mother served us nine pizzas. While the previous sentence may read like gibberish, it is in fact a mnemonic device, often taught in grade schools as a method for learning the planet's names. Your mother may soon start serving nine pizzas suddenly, swiftly or speedily, because there is a new planetoid in our solar system.

Late last year, a team of amateur astronomers identified what could be the tenth planet in our solar system. Sedna, named for the Inuit goddess of the sea, was officially announced on March 15. Astronomers from Caltech, Gemini Observatory and Yale University announced the discovery of the coldest, most distant object known to orbit the sun. Sedna was found at a distance 90 times greater than that from the sun to the earth — about 3 times further than Pluto, the most distant known planet. From the surface of Sedna, our sun could be blocked out with a pinhead held at arms' length.

The new discovery is not the first large object found in the solar system in recent times. The Kuiper belt is an icy asteroid field just beyond Neptune. It contains the "planet" Pluto, and the asteroid-like object Quaoar. Beyond the Kuiper belt is the Oort cloud. Sedna's orbit extends to the inner regions of this cloud, which is why it takes nearly 10,500 years to circle the sun. While Sedna is the largest known object in the Oort cloud, it is likely that many more will be discovered over time; therefore, it will not be classified as a planet, but rather, a planetoid. Astronomers may some day reclassify Pluto as a planetoid, because it lacks mass. A planet, by definition, needs to have a greater mass than all the other objects sharing a similar orbit. Because Sedna does not compromise a majority of the massive Oort cloud in its orbit, it cannot be called a planet.

In March 2004, the location of Sedna is easily found in the evening sky to the southwest just after sunset. It is almost directly below Mars, and forms a triangle with the very bright Venus.





To the left, a size comparison of the new planetoid, and above, a look at the outer solar system.

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## ARTS & REVIEW

## Gaelic Storm shakes packed | Centertainment brings Laird Room into frenzy

By Steve Seamandel ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

I wasn't prepared to turn the corner and run into a wall of people in the Laird Room last Wednesday night; I hadn't seen a crowd of people like that since The Big Wu circus rolled into town last fall.

The reason for this particular gathering was Gaelic Storm, a six-piece Celtic band formed in Santa Monica, California.

According to their website, Gaelic Storm's musical playing style is "a lively collection of traditional Irish sing-a-longs, Celtic dance music and festive, rollicking pub songs." They did exactly that last Wednesday to a standing-room only crowd.

Of course, when listening to Celtic dance music, seats become less of a hot commodity as the show progresses. The combination of chairs and a dance floor gave adequate areas for chair dancers and real dancers alike.

Surprisingly, yet fittingly, Gaelic Storm divided their material into two sets. This gave dancers a chance to relax and catch their breaths, and gave drinkers a chance to replenish their dwindling beer supply.

As if Gaelic Storm's music wasn't entertaining enough, their ongoing stage banter with the audience passed the time well between their short energetic tunes. "This is our sixth time here in Stevens Point," said animated lead singer Patrick Murphy. "And it's never, ever been warm here. Not even in March." The band, obviously having as much fun as the crowd, also spent time bartering beer with the audience, exchanging their preferred Guinness brews for a more local dialect: Point Special.

Most of Gaelic Storm's songs involve Irish heritage and culture and/or drinking in one way or another. "Swimmin' in the Sea," which contained an accor-



Photo by Liz Bolton

Patrick Murphy of Gaelic Storm croons the crowd at the Laird Room last Wednesday. . The band's next Wisconsin appearance will be at IrishFest in Milwaukee in August.

dion snippet that sounded vaguely reminiscent of Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire," and "I Miss My Home" touched on the former, while "Drink the Night Away" and "Johnny Tarr" helped fulfill the drinking song quota.

"I Miss My Home" was one of the highlights of the evening and consisted of the musical elements that make Gaelic Storm so appealing: a faster Celtic tune with just a hint of traditional acoustic bluegrass and a catchyas-all-hell fiddle line looped over the whole thing. "The Leaving of Liverpool" also possessed similar traits, with fiddler Ellery Klein providing the infectious fills once again. Percussionist Steve Wehmeyer brought a plethora of instruments to the mix, including a didgeridoo (unfortunately only for two songs) and a hand-drum called a bodhran, in addition to Tom Brown's bagpipes and man-

"I lost 623 pounds on the Gaelic Storm diet," joked Murphy. "Good thing there's only seven grams of fat in a beer." Whether that's actually

true remains to be solved; everyone was too consumed by Gaelic Storm to bother looking at the label on their bottle.

## **ROCK to Point**

By Adam Rodewald ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

On Friday, April 2, UWSP will brace itself for one of the biggest local rock shows it has ever seen. Nick Korst, Alternative Sounds Coordinator, titled the concert "ROCK" because it is no less than just that. "ROCK" will feature four rock bands: Thrust, Wheeliebar, Tree of Woe and SoulKeep.

Thrust is storming into Wisconsin from their hometown of Kansas City. The band has been signed to the independent label BomB Records and has since released two CDs: Songs in the Eye of F.U. and Parade of Idiots. Formed in 1995, Thrust has also shared the stage with popular bands such as Static X, Sevendust and Staind.

Wisconsin-based Wheeliebar is a rapidly growing band with an alternative metal sound. Derek Sivers of CDBaby.com has quoted on the bands website that their CD has "huge guitars and perfect vocals... totally pro and ready for prime time." The band will be coming to Stevens Point with their debut album High Volume Therapeutic.

Tree of Woe, an all-original band that describes their music as melodic rock, is the only band to have previously played at UWSP. They drew over 100 fans to their show in The Encore this past October. They recently recorded their first album Withered Oak, and have since found airtime on local stations such as 90FM, and Z104.

The fourth band, SoulKeep, is a classic metal band out of Madison. The four members of this band have released a five song demo of some very classic metal inspired tunes. Their sound has been described as similar to Nevermore or Megadeth.

The event's coordinator was thrilled to have four bands of such quality. He has been aiming to build the image of The Encore as a well established venue and hopes the popularity of some of these groups will accomplish this task.

Be sure not to miss one of the biggest events after spring break!



## movie

By Geoff Fyfe ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

One of Stephen King's favorite topics is writers and their sometimes dangerous profession, whether it's dealing with a psychotic fan (Misery) or facing a murderous pseudonym come to life (The Dark Half). Secret Window, based on King's novella from his Four Past Midnight collection, occupies the middle ground between those two stories. Adapted by writer/director David Koepp,

Secret Window is no King classic like The Shawshank Redemption, but its far better than most King adaptations and benefits greatly from the ever-watchable presence of Johnny Depp.

Depp's Mort Rainey is a best-selling author in the midst of a messy divorce from his wife Amy (Maria Bello), who he caught in bed with her lover Ted (Timothy Hutton). Now he's holed up at his isolated lakeside cabin, depressed and with a major case of writer's block. To his door comes John Shooter (John Turturro), a menacing Mississippi farmer and novice writer who claims Mort stole his short story and wants retribution.

Mort tries to ignore Shooter, but things quickly turn violent as Shooter demands Mort make amends for his sin or else. Mort is stuck in a race against time to prove his authorship of the story amidst realizations that Shooter may not be just a nut, but something far more disturbing.

King adaptations typically rise and fall on the strength of the adapter, which explains why so many have stunk. Koepp is one of Hollywood's hottest screenwriters; his credits include Jurassic Park, Spiderman and Panic Room, and he wrote and directed the underrated ghost story Stir of Echoes, so he knows how to create suspense and generate shocks. The story does suffer from

## Secret Window



numerous logical gaps and a climactic twist that most can see from a mile away, but Koepp makes sure they don't damage the film. The film boasts a palpably suspenseful atmosphere, aided by Phillip Glass's Hitchcockian score. And Koepp deserves credit for giving the film one dark ending, considerably more disturbing than the one King thought

Without Depp, the film would not have been half as enjoyable. The role of Mort is another in a line of eccentric roles for Depp and he plays it to

the hilt, making Mort instantly likeable while giving him all sorts of little quirks and tics; he seems to live on nothing but Doritos and Jack Daniels and he wears a ratty bathrobe like a second skin. Turturro, meanwhile, is creepy and menacing as Shooter, sporting a wide black hat that makes him look like When Amish Attack. His evil aura is so convincing that he's able to make corny lines like "she's purty" believable. The film is mainly a two-character plot, which means Bello, Hutton and Charles S. Dutton (as a private investigator hired by Mort to keep him safe from Shooter) are reduced to supporting roles,

though all are fine. (Ironically, Hutton starred in the adaptation of The Dark Half as another King writer menaced by the supernatural.)

In the annals of King adaptations, Secret Window is no Shawshank, but it rises far above the dregs like Pet Semetary II. Flaws aside, it is still a suspenseful and often creepy thriller. And as a showcase for Johnny Depp, it's more proof that Hollywood's most unconventional actor is also one of its greatest. Hopefully, this will not be the last time King and Depp join forces on screen.

(Secret Window is rated PG-13 and is playing at Rogers Cinema in Stevens Point this weekend at 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20 and 9:20.)

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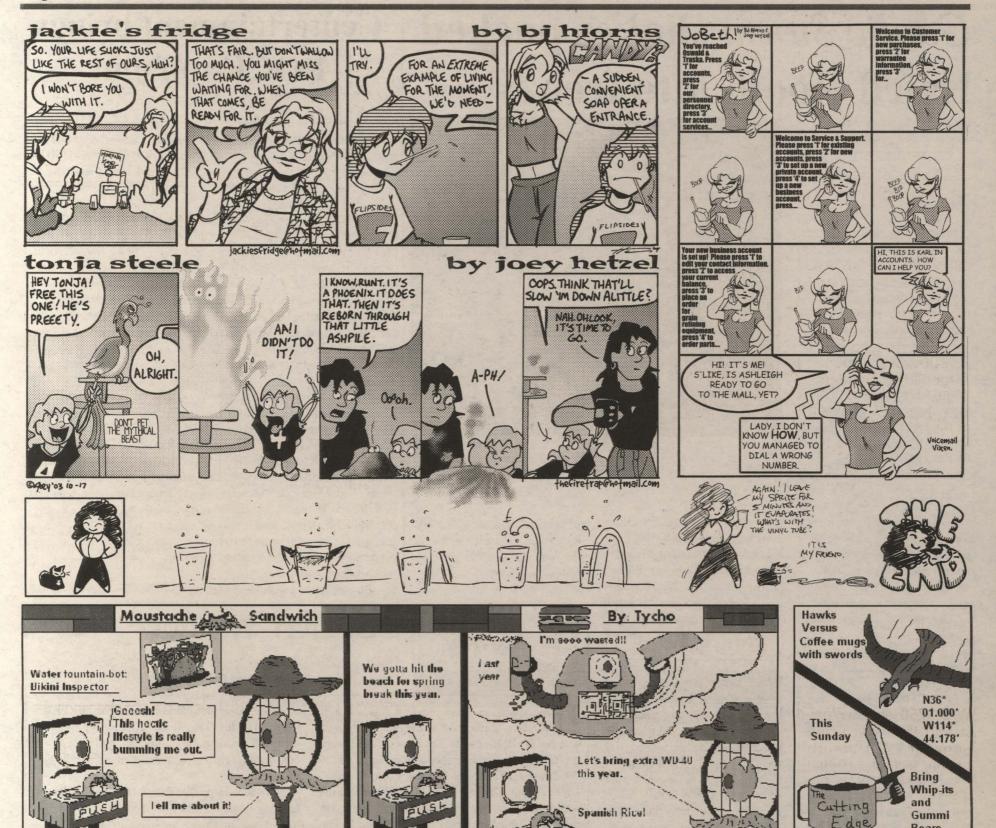
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## Yourcollegesurvivalguide: YouCan'tDressYourself.

BY: THE PAT ROTHFUSS CONSORTIUM WTIH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE

Don't forget to send in your entry to the "Eye of the Beholder" contest. Send in your brief description of what you think Pat Rothfuss looks like to proth@wsunix.wsu. edu. The best entries will win fabulous prizes. Honest.

#### Dear Pat,

Ok, you were right in your column a while back. I'm a guy and I have problems that I can't possibly cope with on my own. Recently, one of my female friends said, "you'd look pretty good if you didn't dress like such a gimp." This is news to me, I thought I dressed pretty well.

How do I dress less like a gimp? Please don't use my real name. I get mocked enough.

For simplicity's sake, Mr. "Don't use my real name" will be hereafter be referred to as "Susan."

Well Susan, my best advice is to get over caring about what people think of you right now. Trust me. It will make your whole life simpler. Just do whatever the hell makes you happy and you can rest assured that even if some people think you're a gimp, at least you're a free-willed, happy gimp instead of an anxious, sheeplike, constantlyworried-about-being-mocked gimp.

But I'm guessing you'd much rather spend endless hours, time, and energy desperately running on the hamster-wheel of fashion. Fine, go ahead. Here's what a guy needs to know to survive in that world.

Don't believe me? Go watch a movie from 1988. Laugh at everyone's clothes and hair. Now, realize that these people were cutting age fashionable back then.

Everyone must bow to fashion eventually.

Even I, who couldn't possibly care any less what other people think of my appearance, occasionally make a nod to fashion. Weddings, job interviews, parole hearings, Star-Trek conventions... no, wait, I mean orgies. Yeah.

YOU ARE TOO STUPID TO UNDERSTAND FASHION.

You, Susan, are a man. You cannot understand fashion any more than a monkey can build a jet engine. Accept this and move on.

#### THE SALESPERSON IS NOT YOUR FRIEND.

If you ever forget this fact for asecond, you will pay for it. Remember it's the salesperson's job to sell you clothes, but it's their hobby to dress you like a witless

The life of a retail clerk in a clothing store is a nightmare. It's a thin, brittle mask of forced cheerfulness stretched over a howling abyss of self-loathing and rage. Most people assume that this is because retail is hard, thankless work. But the truth is that dark lord Abraxis has absolute dominion over the souls of anyone who works for more than a 15% commission.

#### IN CONCLUSION:

You need to take a woman shopping with you, Susan. If you want women to like how you look. Get a woman

I should explain something here. I only own one pair of pants. More than that unnecessarily complicates my life. I find one pair I that's comfortable, and I wear it every day (every day I put on pants, that is) until they are no longer able to adequately conceal my naughty bits. Quite frequently, after 13-14 months of continuous wear the pants simply explode off of my body, no longer able to restrain the vast and terrible energies emanating from my manhood.

Just a few weeks ago my pants exploded at the deli in Copps, and after carrying home my groceries and putting on a robe, I decided I wouldn't wait for my girlfriend. "I can pick out my own pants." I thought, "I'm an adult, I can handle it."

But I was wrong. The demon Bephagor (in charge of all denim clothing) has inspired her minions to produce so many different styles of jeans that even this oncesimple item of clothing is now some strange foreign land you cannot navigate without outside help. Only an infernal creature would create "loose fit," "relaxed fit," and "baggy" as three distinct styles of jeans. Carpenter, straight leg, classic, twill? Sweet baby Jesus, what's a twill? Eventually I just went home and spent several days with a towel wrapped around my waist.

So go get someone who knows what they're doing, Susan. Go get a girl.

This Friday at the mission there's Folk Rock from Adam Brodsky, Maggie & the Molecules, and Jeff LeMarche. Saturday there's some melodic rock from Silik w/Sauder and a Lesser Existence. Both shows are all-ages and only \$5 at the door.

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#### Women's Basketball from page 6

stand when the Cowgirls, eschewing going back to tried to dump the ball inside only to miss the short jumper. Forced to foul Tara Schmitt, the Cowgirls could only watch as the exhausted senior guard, who played 74 of a possible 80 minutes in the two games, iced it from the charity stripe.

"I can't say enough about the effort of these

kids tonight," said Pointers' coach Shirley Egner, who won her 250th career game. "Obviously, there was a big piece of our puzzle missing out there at the end...but those other kids stepped it up. This was a team effort."

With the wins, the Pointers advanced to meet Bowdoin (Maine) in Virginia Beach, Va. on Friday. Rochester (N.Y.) and Wilmington (Ohio) will meet in the other semifinal, with the two winners meeting for the national championship on Saturday.

#### Men's Basketball from page 6

Pointers and Lawrence University on Saturday. Lawrence, who, being from Appleton, are only an hour drive from UWSP, earned the right to face the Pointers 2000 miles away from home with a win over Sul Ross State 86-79 on Friday.

"It was like the Twilight

Zone," said Bennett.

Playing in front of a small crowd estimated at about 250, the Pointers and Vikings engaged in a classic battle of back and forth basketball. Every time the hotshooting Vikings took a small lead, the resilient Pointers battled

Nick Bennett was again a hero, draining a long three-pointer with nine seconds left in regu-

lation to tie the game at 72-72 after Lawrence's Dan Evans had hit a fallaway jumper with the shot clock running out for a threepoint lead with 17 seconds left.

The teams traded baskets throughout overtime, leading up to the most unlikely hero, Eric Maus, hitting a mid-range jump shot with five seconds left to put the Pointers up by one. The Vikings, with no timeouts left,

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raced up the court and sharpshooter Jason Hollinbeck's open three-pointer bounced off as the Pointers hung on for the dramatic

"Eric has made steady progress since joining the program," said Bennett. "But that was easily the biggest shot he has ever taken."

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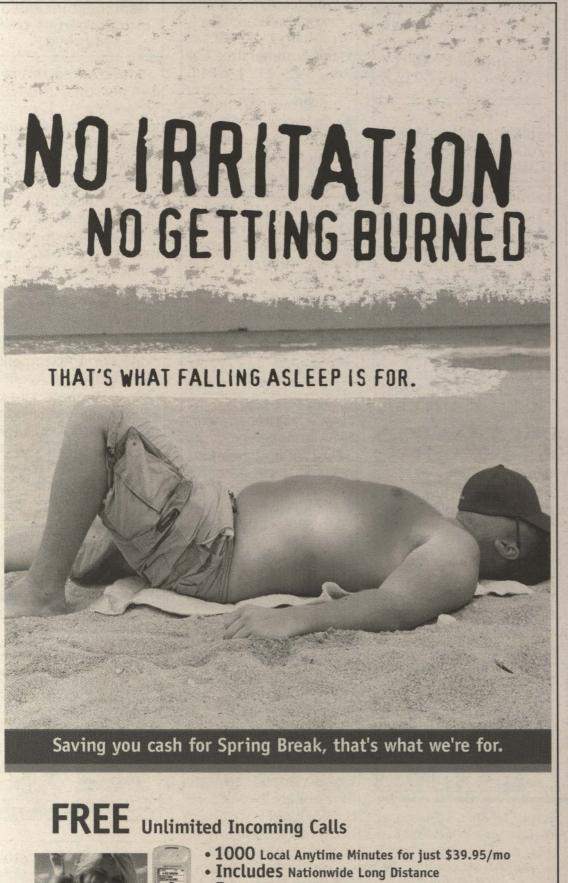
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Carroll (Ohio) in the semifinals on Friday at 7 p.m. central time. New England Small College Athletic Conference rivals Williams (Mass.) and Amherst (Mass.) meet in the other semifinal at 5 p.m., with the winners of the two matchups set to play on Saturday for the Division III

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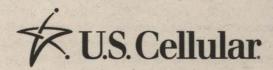




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