Legislators propose big changes

Lincoln Brunner
Contributor

A UWSP Faculty Senate meeting was held Wednesday night to evaluate and discuss a report by Governor Tommy Thompson's Commission on University of Wisconsin System Compensation.

Speakers for the first hour of the meeting were state representative Stan Gryszinski (D-Stevens Point) and state senator David Helbach (D-Stevens Point).

The commission, explained Gryszinski, was made up of various members of the state legislature as well as employees of the governor's office.

Its purpose was to alleviate some of the pressure brought on by a decrease in state funding for the UW system and from those people affected by the cuts.

A member of the commission and Chairman of the Wisconsin House Colleges and Universities Committee, Gryszinski admitted that he has "not been particularly impressed" with how the Thompson administration or the state legislature has handled the financial woes of Wisconsin higher education.

He went on to brief a full house of faculty that the commission's main proposals to the governor were for a unified budget and a "de-coupling" of the salary base for UW faculty from the rest of the state's employees.

Also, the commission suggested that more control be given to the UW Board of Regents rather than the state legislature in regard to fiscal matters in the UW system.

Under the present plan, the state legislature decides how much money goes to each area within each university in the system.

Even though Gryszinski and Helbach expressed displeasure with the present Board of Regents, they both believe that the majority of control over the UW system's funds should not lie with the state legislature, but within the system itself.

"There ought to be more separation between institutions of higher learning and the political world," said Gryszinski.

"The way we're going presently is not to the advantage of... the people of Wisconsin."

Helbach explained after the budget discussion that the "de-coupling" of state-employee budget discussion that the "de-coupling" of state-employee funds simply means that UW faculty, who make up half of the state's employees, would be given separate consideration when salaries are changed.

He said that because different markets exist for different jobs, different considerations need to be made for the UW faculty.

Although Gryszinski was not optimistic about the board's recommendations being passed into law, he and Helbach both believe that these measures need to be taken.

The commission, although not in total agreement on any measure, made their proposals to offset the problems of decreasing state support.

"As college students we represent the future. By starting now we can set a positive example for all UWSP students to follow in the years to come," Jennifer Holehouse, the group's chief officer explained.

Students search for recycling awareness

Charles A. Utnehmer
Contributor

A group of UWSP students has recently joined with the Campus Recycling Center as part of a Public Relations project to help create greater awareness and understanding in the student community.

Their main campaign is focused on making this campus more responsible in the way they handle their recyclables.

The group does not want its efforts to be perceived as negative towards those who already recycle.

In fact, the group is very proud to report that UWSP is one of the top recycling schools in the nation.

According to the Recycling Center's end of the year figures, UWSP recycled 40% of the solid waste that was generated on campus.

"We just feel we could do better," Jim Marohn, a member of the group stated optimistically.

"After all, 40% is far from a passing grade!"

In an effort to find out what materials make up the missing 60% of solid waste the group conducted focus group interviews, analyzed discarded materials in a dumpster on campus and set up an informational booth in the University Center.

As a result of the "dumpster dive," the group concluded that the campus is doing a good job on recycling aluminum but is lacking in glass, cardboard and plastic retention.

"The amount of recyclable material we found was astounding considering the dumpster was only half full," stated Mike Jacobson, another member of the group.

The results of the focus group interviews backed the dumpster findings.

According to students, the biggest problem is the lack of efficient and easily accessible recycling bins for glass, plastic, and especially cardboard.

"In order to recycle a pizza box you've got to walk all the way downstairs," complained one student. "I want to recycle but it's a real pain sometimes," she went on further.

The group is going to present a petition to the vice chancellor and lobby to get funding for recycling promotions and more efficient bins.

But they insist that everyone has to do their part.

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Jim Marohn, Tim Hibbard, Mike Jacobson, and Charles Utnehmer pose after their "dumpster dive."
Point may score touchdown with NFL team

Officials at UWSP are awaiting a decision by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers whether to establish a summer training camp on the campus.

Paul Royak, manager of operations for the Buccaneers, was at UWSP November 18 as part of a tour of three campuses being considered for the camp.

Before coming here, Royak and several state officials were at UW-Platteville, and after leaving, they spent the afternoon at UW-Eau Claire.

He said he would give a final answer on a choice near the end of the year.

The three campuses have been under consideration by Tampa Bay for some time.

However, a story earlier this week in Florida Today puts a new slant on the situation.

The writer noted, "The Bucs, who were looking for the possibility of joining four other NFL teams at training camps in Wisconsin, are close to working out a new contract with the University of Tampa."

The article continued: "The decision to stay in Florida became clearer in recent weeks as the Bucs worked on a deal to play the Buffalo Bills in a 1992 preseason 'road' game at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando. That means the Bucs will play three of their four preseason games in Florida."

On the other hand, Royak's comments about UWSP, after completing his tour, gave local boosters of the summer camp proposal reason for optimism.

Royak said the Pointers' facilities met or exceeded the "establishment standards" and that Stevens Point is "definitely a leading contender for the camp."

Chancellor Keith Sanders, who established a committee two years ago to promote UWSP as a National Football League training site, said he believes the quality of facilities on his campus bodes well for its chances of being chosen for the training site.

Much is at stake, according to the chancellor, because of the estimate that having a team establish a camp in Wisconsin community is worth at least $1 million to the local economy each year.

Royak was joined here by Scott Promender, special assistant to Gov. Thompson, Joe Sweeney, president of the Wisconsin Sports Authority, and Steve Ziekles, assistant chancellor for business affairs at UW-Platteville and consultant on recruitment of NFL teams.

Sanders, Mayor Scott Zielke, and Dennis Timmey, university administrator who chairs the local NFL recruitment committee, were joined by several university staffers and members of the business community in a noon luncheon at the University Center.

During the meal, Royak received a call from Gov. Tommy Thompson, who put in a pitch to have the summer camp established at one of the three campuses.

Later, the visitors toured the Health Enhancement Center, outdoor playing fields, Goerke Park, a communication film and editing studio, and residence halls and food service facilities.

In July, when it was reported in The Sporting News that UWSP would be a likely choice for the next NFL training site, Chancellor Sanders said the university staff would use the summer to "turn our only weakness into a strength."

Referring to the condition of practice fields, Sanders directed that major improvements be done to improve them. Fills have been added and new crowns have been created.

Sanders explained that "even if we do not attract an NFL team, the improved fields will be highly useful to our own students."

He applauded the city for assisting UWSP in bearing the cost of making the field improvements and said, "We would not even be in the running for an NFL camp without strong support from the mayor and the city."

The recent active lobbying for the summer camp was done last March, when Sanders and business leader Leonard DeBaker of Stevens Point attended a meeting of NFL owners in Phoenix.

In the meantime, Timmey has been working actively behind the scenes as chairman of the local committee for the NFL team recruitment.

A "Cheese League" has emerged in the state as the result of several NFL teams signing contracts to use public and private campuses for summer training.

The Kansas City Chiefs are in Platteville, Chicago Bears in La Crosse, Chicago Bears in Platteville, and Green Bay Packers at St. Robert's College in West De Pere.

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"Students need to take what semester to take them, and an approximate graduation date."

"Students need to take into consideration that things do change (i.e. majors/minors), but we can help students take the most practical route," he continued.

A committee was formed last year by the vice chancellor and the faculty senate to make recommendations on how to improve advising.

Timcak feels that "anytime University policy is changed, students need to be involved." He hopes to create a survey to get students involved, and hopes that some students will take the initiative to involve themselves in other ways.

Some of the efforts (at UWSP) have been positive thus far," he stated. "But the biggest problem is that some students need to be high priority for faculty as well as students."
NLF points profits in our direction

by Kevin A. Thays
Editor-in-Chief

UWSP finally has a chance to be part of the big "Cheese League"—a league utilizing National Football League (NFL) summer training camps. And in this case "chance" means more than possibility, it means opportunity!

The opportunity exists with the fact that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are considering our campus as a location for their summer training camps. In contrast to rumors that you may be hearing, there are many benefits and few, if any, downsfalls with hosting an NFL team at UWSP.

So you ask, "how is this going to help us?" It's simple (well maybe not literally), the skies are the limits for student opportunity with involvement (If you don't know how I feel about extra-curricular involvement by now, search the bottom of your bird cage and refer to my first editorial of this year). Internships and independent studies can be created for students to work with media, financial professionals, etc. which the NFL draws into town during the summer. Some of the best also bring drugs and violence. If people would stop to realize, they'd realize that a 30-day training camp consists of a little more than a few daily laps around the track. A player who has a half million dollars on the line and a chance of being cut from the team may have an added incentive to use his "meager" free-time in a safe manner.

The NFL would also provide for additional security at their expense. The campus and the local motels for civic improvements, to fund for expenses

Some of the best career chances to learn from top notch people could be waiting at our feet. As students here at UWSP we receive the situations he or she is aware of what the stress response is, it goes something like this: your pupils dilate, your heart rate increases, your muscles become tense, your perspiration rate increases, your blood pressure rises, and some of your hormones (which cause you to do strange things) pour into your blood stream at faster than normal rates.

So, let's take a walk out of our ivory towers and see the light. The stress response can also take the form of health complications such as migraine headaches, coronary artery disease, bronchial asthma, hyperthyroidism, and impotence, to name a few.

All of this because of a test? Come on fellow students, relax! Stress is merely how one perceives the situations he or she is faced with.

As students, in order to survive, we must learn to take the time to relax.

Learning to manage time is one way to help alleviate stress during finals. Setting goals and priorities and making "to do" lists are three ways to help you keep organized.

Focus on the most important

Final time to relax

by Rick Thole
Contributor

As students here at UWSP we are all aware of what time of year it is. MERRY CHRISTMAS, it's time to take finals! Every year as this time approaches, many students, including myself, exhibit a certain type of behavior known as the "stress response."

Now, for those students who are unaware of what the stress response is, it goes something like this: your pupils dilate, your heart rate increases, your muscles become tense, your perspiration rate increases, your blood pressure rises, and some of your hormones (which cause you to do strange things) pour into your blood stream at faster than normal rates.

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Indians not honored by mascot changes

Dear Editor,

This letter pertains to the article entitled "Indians Honored By Mascot Changes" in the November 12th Pointer.

The writer of this article feels that it takes a huge effort for a school to change its mascot from an Indian to something less discriminating, like a worm for example (although I really had a hard time understanding her worm analogy).

Well, that may be true, but the writer also thought that I, and other Indian people were honored by this change. I'm sorry, but this article did not make me feel honored in any way.

The author should have taken the time to talk with tribal members to get their opinion on the issue. She then would understand that few, if any Indians can extract honor from the concepts set forth in her article.

Dignity and respect are two values important to members of my tribe. Apparently, the author is familiar with these only as words and not as a way of life.

It seems a shame that in 1992 people still fail to examine Indians in a well-thought-out manner.

Tony Waupochick
UWSP Student
Menominee tribal member

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 activities that need to get done, and complete them before starting something new.

During finals, when tension is usually at its highest, try incorporating some form of relaxation into your schedules.

Visualization, progressive relaxation, deep breathing, and meditation are all useful techniques that can help combat the anxiety due to stress.

To learn more about these techniques and stress management in general, many informational books are on hand at the University Bookstore.

Two such books include Hans Selye's, "Stress Without Distress," and "The Relaxation & Stress Reduction Workbook."

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Consolidated creates wetlands

Walt Vering, a graduate student at UWSP, has spent the last two years researching two newly created wetlands near Wisconsin Rapids.

Vering and his graduate committee are working together with the project's funding source, Consolidated Papers, Inc. of Wisconsin Rapids.

The researcher has found much evidence of success. Within a year of completion, the areas were being utilized by more than 50 species of song birds.

Ducks and geese successfully raised young, and more than 100 species of wetland related plants have been identified.

In addition, the little things have been looked at as well. Vering has identified eight orders of aquatic insects, not bad considering there are only 13 orders total found in North America.

"At one time, Wisconsin's 11,000 rivers and streams and its 15,000 lakes had an associated 10 million acres of wetlands. Those millions of acres have dwindled to less than one fourth of what they used to be," said Vering.

According to Vering, wetlands are currently protected under the Clean Air Act. Under this act, discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, is prohibited without a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers (COE). The COE has a list of criteria it looks at before granting a permit.

One of the consequences for wetland destruction is "mitigation." This is required when wetland loss is unavoidable, as is often the case in today's expanding society.

Mitigation requires creation of wetland areas equal to or greater in size to compensate for the area lost.

To fulfill mitigation requirements for a dredge-and-fill permit from the COE, Consolidated Papers created two wetland areas. They are 36 and 23 acres in size, and were created for the loss of 5.3 and 11 acres of wetlands, respectively.

"Since wetlands are in a transitional stage in the ecological succession of an area, they are extremely interesting to work on because they are ever-changing," stated Vering.

"This project has been an excellent learning experience because it has allowed me to look at many different biological and chemical aspects of newly created wetlands here in Wisconsin," added Vering.

Mitigation projects, like the ones Vering is studying, as well as increased protection of naturally occurring wetlands, and the reestablishment of former wetland areas, is saving vital habitat.

"It is good to see more legislation that positively affects wetlands as well as private industry becoming involved in the protection of wetlands. Consolidated Papers has been very cooperative and genuinely interested in making this project a success," commented Vering.

One of the things that needs to be done is to make the public more aware of how beneficial natural and created wetlands are.

Vering intends to do just that by presenting the preliminary results of his project at the 54th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Toronto later this month.

Carolyn Hinz and Andrea Seeley age this deer at the Mead Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, November 21, the opening day of the gun deer season. (photo by Karen Mattoon)

Programs held in Schmeekle Reserve

UWSP's Schmeekle Reserve offers a wide variety of nature related programs throughout each semester. Those programs cover various topics and are usually held during the evening or on weekend afternoons.

The following schedule shows the remaining programs scheduled for this semester.

"Hoo's There?" - Thursday, December 3 at 7 p.m. Explore the night world of owls.

"Nature's Christmas Crafts" - Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Learn the history of holiday decorations.

This stuffed beaver was the subject of a recent program in Schmeekle. (photo by Karen Mattoon)

and why wild creatures make poor pets.

"Bobcats in Wisconsin" - Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m. Find out about where bobcats live, what they eat, and how we affect them.
Gun deer season totals fall short

Michelle Neinast
Outdoors Editor

The 1992 gun deer season was more than a little disappointing for many hunters. Total numbers of deer registered were low throughout most of Wisconsin, with few exceptions, especially up north.

DNR officials believe that they may have underestimated the number of deer that died of starvation in the northern districts last winter, therefore placing this year's population estimates too high. Other factors such as the wet, rainy weather opening weekend and the amount of standing corn left also had an effect on the results of this fall's kill.

Standing corn was extremely abundant in southern Wisconsin. Many UWSP students come from Illinois and make their way home for gun season, the first half of which coincides with Wisconsin's opening week-end. Standing corn and inclement weather hampered hunter success there also.

Officials from the North Central District think that a large number of hunters from this area headed north due to the abundance of bonus tags issued in northern Wisconsin this year. This could have been a factor in the lower-than-normal numbers of deer registered here.

Portage County reported 2,026 bucks compared to 1,996 last year and 2,866 does compared to 2,099 in 1991. The number of bucks registered in most areas was especially low. It seems that many hunters shot at almost anything they could, resulting in a large number of very small does.

The Northeast District showed the greatest decrease. They reported 51,456 deer registered this fall, compared to 86,525 last year.

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This 10-point buck was safe from hunters once again during this fall's gun deer season. He is a resident of Jordan Park. (photo by Kevin Shook)

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Additional reconnaissances will be conducted to locate other unrecorded sites in neighboring counties as part of the Wisconsin Regional Archaeology Program's mission.

Three credits may be earned through participation. Students are asked to have completed an introductory anthropology course and a course in laboratory techniques.

Cost will include tuition for three undergraduate credits and a $75 transportation fee. Students will be responsible for their own room, board and mid-day meals.

Further information is available through John Moore, director of the regional center, 346-4888.

He will discuss how bats live, eat and survive, and how they help humans.

The program is sponsored by the Student Chapter of Izaak Walton League. Members will sell bat houses after the program.
AIDS Awareness Week challenges student apathy

by Kelly Leeker

Experts in the medical field predict that everyone will be af­
fected, directly or indirectly, by the AIDS virus during his or her lifetime. Students on campus are trying to prove those experts wrong by letting people know that through their actions, they can help eliminate the AIDS epidemic.

This was the theory behind AIDS Awareness Week, a series of programs held throughout this week in order to alert stu­
dents to the dangers of AIDS and what they can do to solve this problem.

"We were going to present something for the Day Without Art," said Dawn Omernik, creator of AIDS Awareness Week, "so we decided to tie it in with a day to reflect on the AIDS problem. It just expanded from there."

As part of AIDS Awareness Week, students were invited to attend a Candlelight Vigil Tuesday to show support for people affected by AIDS.

The vigil started in the Fine Arts Courtyard, with speeches from people whose lives were touched in one form or another by the AIDS virus. "This vigil is a testament to all the people who have fallen vic­
tims to AIDS," said one speaker whose sister died of AIDS last August.

"My family believes she got AIDS because she was a nurse, but to tell you the truth it really doesn't matter," the speaker explained. "She died the same way a drug user with AIDS would die."

Vigil participants marched from the Fine Arts Building to the University Center for a dis­
cussion and a video.

Although there were plenty of events scheduled for AIDS Awareness Week, Omernik stated that she was disappointed with the apathy of the univer­
sity. "We did receive help and sup­
port from eight or nine student organizations," said Omernik. "But we were also met with a lot of bad feelings.

Omernik explained that many people did not look favorably upon programs that deal with the problem of AIDS. Many areas of the university provided "lip support, but no action."

"People think we're weird be­
cause we're doing something that deals with AIDS."

Attendance at many of the programs held throughout this week in order to alert stu­
dents to the AIDS problem was lower than what was expected by the Week's coordinators.

The Surgeon General predicts that by the year 2000, 30 to 40 million people will be infected with the AIDS virus.

Other events presented as a part of AIDS Awareness Week were an information booth in the University Center November 30, and a speech dealing with women and AIDS on December 2.

Greetings from abroad

Students enjoy Australian summer

The time we spent in Fiji provided us with new

knowledge, friends, and a more positive outlook on life.

While in the village we spent many a night consuming the Fijian ceremonial drink Kok (a mild narcotic) and dancing with the villagers.

On one occasion, after a long grog session, the normally reserved village chief led us in the "Train. Our stay in the vil­
lage was so enlightening in our minds, that Fijians are the nicest people on earth.

In Fiji, we have seen that people who have so little could give so much and be so happy.

Australia has been composed of one good time after another.

British exchange group tours Europe

This semester's British group saw some great sights on our European continent tour. Our first three weeks away from the States took us through six differ­
cent countries—Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and Germany.

We saw castles, museums, mountains, churches, and castles. It was to be the most popular sites. Some places were more memorable than others.

One afternoon I am sure none of us will ever forget, our coach bus backed down the side of a mountain in Switzerland. We were going to see the world's highest dam, which was at the top of a mountain. We were halfway down the road when we realized we could go no further. Our coach didn't have enough clearance to make it through the tunnel ahead.

We backed down the narrow, winding road for about 200 feet, but it seemed to take forever. We turned around at a small lookout area, and headed back down the mountain, forwards.

Our stay in Florence, Italy gave us the chance to see some great works of art. Michelangelo's "David" in the Academy is, perhaps, the best known sculpture in the world, and the Uffizi offered an exten­
sive collection of Renaissance paintings such as Botticelli's "Birth of Venus."

Italy was also memorable for all the leather goods in the market places and the fantastic homemade ice creames.

In Germany, we made a very somber visit to the concentra­
camp in Dachau, a disturb­

ing place that made some of the horrors of World War II seem more real to a few students from the United States. Everyone has to see the Eiffel Tower if they go to Paris, and we were no exception. Our first glimpse came at night. What a thrilling picture!

All lit up, the Tower looked more like a made of glass than iron.

We also took in the Louvre art museum, which has "the Venus de Milo," and "the Venus Di Milo," and the Notre Dame cathedral.

It all seems like a whirlwind... look back on those three weeks.

Our youth hostel stays could make up a story all their own. We were sometimes in single rooms, but it was all part of our European tour.

PointSki brings cheer to Christmas vacation

Back by popular demand, PointSki '93 is scheduled for January 10-13th.

Campus Activities and HPERA are once again sponsor­
ing this thirteenth annual downhill ski trip to Indianhead Mountain in Michigan.

"Because of its continued suc­
cess and the interest of the stu­
dents in downhill skiing, the trip has grown and is extremely popular," said Greg Diekroeger, assistant director of Campus Activities.

A past student PointSki­
ner summed up the trip by saying, "The whole experience was great—it was the most fun I've had in three days in a long time!"

As one of the midwest's finest ski facilities, Indianhead Moun­
tain has been popular with stu­
dents because its hills match all skill ability levels.

Other features of the resort which students will be able to take advantage of include a hot tub, fitness center, indoor pool, and nightclub.

This year, a number of different homes—well designed and fully furnished—will be available for new skiers to develop poten­
tially lifelong skills, and for veteran skiers to perfect their downhill techniques. "The trip package includes lodging in fully-equipped chalets, transportation in motor coaches, Lift tickets, ski rental, and professional instructions for $142.

PointSki is the "Learn to Luge" option. For an additional cost, a limited number of students will be able to spend one night at Marquette, Michigan where they'll learn the fine art of luging.

Students can sign-up at the Campus Activities Office, Lower Level U.C. or call 346- 4343 for more information. Registration deadline is Friday, December 18th.

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Holiday season brings box office boom

Holiday season reaps profits despite poor quality films

by Dan Seeger

The holiday movie season is one of the most profitable for Hollywood, second only to the blockbuster-packed summer months.

This year's holiday movie season is already off to a staggering start as far as box office figures (a record $133 million during the five day Thanksgiving weekend), but some of this season's biggest guns are sorely lacking in quality.

HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK--With an astonishing $70 million earned in its first two weeks, "Home Alone 2" is solidly on its way to becoming the highest grossing movie of the year.

Writer-producer John Hughes and director Chris Columbus have brought most of the original film's cast back for the sequel. On the downside, they've relied almost exclusively on the same ideas as well.

The second helping of Macaulay Culkin's adventures when separated from his family is practically a carbon copy of the first. Culkin has an argument with his mother, the family waking up late for their family vacation, and then it's on to variations of the first film.

Instead of being left behind, Culkin gets on the wrong plane winding up in New York, while his family's in Florida.

Instead of becoming friends with an older neighbor who's scary at first, but eventually lonely and sad, Culkin becomes friends with an older street person (Academy Award winner Brenda Fricker) who's scary at first, but eventually lonely and sad.

Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern even re-emerge as the inept burglars who Culkin drags through a horror house of staple guns, blow torches, bricks, and swinging metal objects.

That's where the film's most prominent, and most disturbing, difference comes in. The first film's scenes involving the burglars run-ins with Culkin are fitfully funny, but "Home Alone 2" sports stunts and booby traps so viciously mean spirited I found myself wincing more often than laughing.

"Home Alone 2" dishes up more of the same to the audience, and tries to convince them it's different by making it nastier.

THE BODYGUARD--The thought of Whitney Houston's acting debut may not give you confidence about the quality of this film. Actually, she's fine; it's the script that shoots "The Bodyguard" down.

Written by Lawrence Kasdan ("Grand Canyon", "The Big Chill") and trapped in development for about fifteen years, the story revolves around a stub born pop diva (Houston) who has been receiving threatening letters and the professional bodyguard (Kevin Costner) she hires to protect her.

Both stars are likable, but the on-screen romantic tension the script calls for is nowhere to be seen. The supposed thrills of the film are absent as well; perhaps a victim of the film's 2-hour-10-minute length and corresponding sluggish pacing by director Mick Jackson.

As if to compensate, the film is cluttered with several supporting characters. Unfortunately most of them are one-dimensional bores that only slow the proceedings further.

Whether you examine it as a romantic comedy, action film or a mystery thriller, "The Bodyguard" is dead on arrival.

Macaulay Culkin is surprised once again by the appearance of burglars Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern in the film, "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

Peeved Pointers speak their minds

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Women’s Basketball plays tough in pre-season

by Bob Weigel
Contributor

The Stevens Point Women’s basketball team has been shooting their way to an incredible 4-1 record in the pre-conference season. Against the odds they defeated one of the nation’s top competitors in the National Championship, Luther College, November 20.

This past weekend the ladies of purple and gold found themselves caught up in the Saint Mary’s College Classic. From the very beginning the Pointers found out how good a team Saint Mary’s really had. The war was to be waged against a freshman and four seniors.

Building up a 13-point lead midway through the first half, the Pointers looked to be pulling out an early victory. "We looked good," commented Head Coach Egner.

With Lisa Grudzinski ablaze, Winona State decided on switching to a zone defense. This, in turn, iced all Pointers efforts.

In the locker room, coach Egner changed some of the facets of their game to get Grudzinski back on a tear. Proving changes work for the better, Grudzinski came out firing, scoring the first seven points for the Pointers, in the second half. She was selected as WWIAC basketball player of the week.

Down to the final two minutes, Point chose a delayed spread offense catching Winona State off guard. Frantically, Winona began fouling.

Luckily for the Pointers, both Schindler and Stephen hit key free throws, executing in the face of pressure.

At the buzzer, the Pointers were on top 60-57, with a viable bid for a tournament championship. "I think that was the key, that we held our composure the last two minutes of the game," stated Egner.

The Championship game brought on a whole new challenge for the lady Pointers. Saint Mary’s, the host of the tournament, held the notion of winning their own Championship.

"We got off to a slow start," Egner stated as the Pointers would go scoreless for the first three minutes.

Only the second game of St. Mary’s season, they were not able to capitalize on the less-than-par performance of the Pointers.

Cashing steals and turnovers, culminated by a slew of layups, the Pointers played a full 20 minutes of solid defense, turning the game in their favor. With five minutes left, ahead by 23, the bench was cleared to give more playing time to younger players. The Pointers took control of the situation, as they coasted to a 72-59 victory.

In earlier women’s competition, the Pointers defeated Luther 64-62 on November 20th. On November 21st they were then defeated by St. Thomas 82-51 and on November 24th the Pointers defeated Marian 72-60. Beginning Saturday night the fight for Conference superiority begins, as the Lady Pointers travel to Oshkosh.

Oshkosh is sure to be in contention for another Conference Championship. At the helm, Kathi Bennett, daughter of UWGB coach Dick Bennett, is looking forward to a brand new season.

The ongoing rivalry between these two teams has been etched in history. "We must be patient against Oshkosh," promises Egner, "making each possession count.

"It’s going to be pressure before we even step out on the court."
Basketball takes Porter Classic

by Bob Weigel

Anticipation seeps from beneath the floor, the pre-season has been completed, and the cheerleaders and basketball fans everywhere fill crowded gymnasiums. It could only be the beginning of the 1992-93 college basketball season. Friday night, November 27th, the men’s basketball team moved forward in their quest for the National Championship. The ninth annual Terry Porter Classic, one of the great tournaments of the Midwest, included Division II member Northern Michigan.

The opening game pitted the Pointers against Carroll College, a team possessing both speed and accuracy. Wild fury raged within the crowd as the Pointers continued to play their offensive game. As the half drew on, the Pointers would prove to be on their way to victory.

At halftime, down by five points, the Pointers looked as though as only an act of God could swing them a victory against a team that was shooting as hot as Northern Michigan. "I can’t imagine another team coming in here and shooting the way they did,” commented Bob Parker.

Without a solid defense, the Pointers continued to play their shooting game. The Pointers would go on to win the championship. The Pointers managed to take control. They set the pace and looked toward the future. The Pointers would go on to win the championship once again.

The highlight for the women was the 4 x 200 relay. The women won the 3 x 100 meter relay by more than 15 seconds.

The women won three other events including the 4 x 100 butterfly relay, 4 x 100 butterfly relay, and 4 x 200 relay.

The Pointers take Thanksgiving weekend off, and return to the pool on December 4th and 5th at the Wheaton (IL) invite. Top Division 1 men’s and women’s teams such as the University of Illinois-Chicago and Western Illinois University will compete in the meet as well as the University of Loyola-Chicago on the men’s side.

The Pointers seek their next competition in Dekalb, Illinois against Northern Illinois University on December 3rd.

Wrestlers compete intensely at Northern and Augsburg matches

by Scott Zueckle

UWSP’s wrestling team traveled to Madison on November 28th to compete in the Northern Open. "It was an open so no team scores were given," said Marty Loy. "We beat a good Division II team that was shooting as hot as Northern Michigan.

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Third place finishes were turned in by Rick DeMario at 142, Mark Poiter at 150, Jamie Hildebrandt at 158, Shane Holm at 190 and Dennis Aupperle in the Heavyweight class.

Despite all the great finishes by his team, Loy spoke most highly of Dom Belforti who finished fifth in the 142 division. The Pointers seek their next competition in Dekalb, Illinois against Northern Illinois University on December 3rd.

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UWSP Swimmers and Divers splash their relay competition

by Mark Gillette

The UWSP swimming and diving team came out of this year’s WSUC/WWIAC relays convincingly winning the WSUC relays, and the men were within striking distance of taking the WWIAC. The Pointers captured 10 of 13 relay events for a total of 22 points in the meet. UW-Eau Claire came in second with 176 points, and UW-La Crosse placed third with 134 points.

The Pointer men captured 10 of the 1992-93 college basketball men’s meet were won by Northern Michigan also traveled to Madison on November 28th to compete in the Northern Open. "After this meet we’ll have a good idea as to where we are," said Loy. "We’ll try to swim fast and hold on to that for our next meet against UW-Milwaukee,” Blair said.

The younger women’s team continued to take four of the 13 events as they fell to Eau Claire 210 to 182. La Crosse was close behind the Pointers with 172 points.

The highlight for the women in the relays was when Julie Fausch, Jamie McMillan, and Nan Werdin broke the WWIAC relay record in the 3 x 100 backstroke relay with a time of 3:14.21.

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- **Schmeeckle Reserve Program: Hoo's There?** 7-7:45PM (Visitor Center)
- **Wrestling, Northern Illinois, 7:30PM** (DeKalb, ILL)
- **UAB Special Prog. Presents: DELICIOUS AMBIGUITY COMEDY TROUPE, 8PM** (Encore-UC)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

- **Swimming/Diving, Wheaton Invitational, All Day** (Wheaton, ILL)
- **Hockey, Bemidji State University, 7:30PM** (Hi)
- **Players Prod.: SEASCAPE WITH SHARKS & DANCERS, 8PM (005 LRC)**
- **Senior Recital: LONETTE ANDERSON, Clarinet, 8PM (MH-FAB)**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

- **Swimming/Diving, Wheaton Invitational, All Day** (Wheaton, ILL)
- **High School Horn Festival, All Day** (FAB)
- **Wrestling, State Collegiate Open, 9AM (Kenosha)**
- **YMCA Frostbite Run, 5K and 1 OK** (Beginning at 12N at YMCA)
- **Schmeeckle Reserve Program: Nature's Christmas, 1-3PM** (Visitor Center)

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- **Basketball, UW-Oshkosh, 7:30PM (HI)**
- **Players Prod.: SEASCAPE WITH SHARKS & DANCERS, 8PM (005 LRC)**
- **Central Wis. Symphony Orchestra w/MONTEVERDI & WAUSAU LUTHERAN, 8PM (Sentry)**
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- **Mostly Percussion Ensemble Recital, 8PM (MH-FAB)**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- **Schmeeckle Reserve Program: Bobcats in Wisconsin, 7-7:30PM** (Visitor Center)
- **UWSP Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble Concert, 8PM (MH-FAB)**

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