Semester's end brings few answers

District Attorney's office remains quiet regarding murder case

by Kelly Leeker
News Editor

Officials are offering few answers for friends and family members of UWSP student Vicki Schneider four months after her murder.

Portage County District Attorney Susan Lynch named a suspect in the case in November.

The 21-year-old junior from Stevens Point was found dead with what appeared to be a self-inflicted stab wound to the back of her neck, a gunshot wound to the head and signs of sexual assault.

As of today, Lynch refused to confirm if the suspect in the murder case is Donald T. Horvath, a native of Wisconsin Rapids.

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MOSCOW, Russia -- Voters in Moscow Tuesday voted whether to remove five school board members after a dispute over school integration.

The demand for a recall election came after the board voted to ban Asian-American and poor students into schools populated with white, middle-classed students.

Five of seven challengers in Tuesday's election said they would vote to reverse the integration in the schools.

WAUSAU -- Voters in Wausau Tuesday by the Finance Committee and will be presented for approval by the Common Council next week.

The expansion, which carries a projected cost of $420,000, topped the list of six recommendations on how to spend $750,000 in motel tax revenues.

Changes to the arena include a larger warming room and more bathrooms on the southwest part of the building.

Stevens Point residents living around Willett Arena had opposed the expansion, stating that it would add to the existing parking problem in the area.

The residents were disturbed about the large number of cars parking on the streets during games and the behavior of people walking to and from the cars.

In order to alleviate the problem, planners met with area residents and proposed designating a main entrance on the west side of the building, near a parking lot which can accommodate about 400 cars, according to John Jury, chair of the Hotel and Motel Committee.

This entrance would prevent both parking and noise problems, since visitors would have adequate space to park and could enter the building immediately.

"It worked out nice," said Jury.

"Everybody won a little bit," if Common Council passes the proposal, they must then decide whether to borrow money to begin construction—to be paid back with motel tax revenues—or if they will stall the project.

The city has, in the past, borrowed money against its reserves to finance projects.

This money is now depleted, meaning money would have to be borrowed from other sources, according to Jury.

About one-quarter of the expansion will be funded by other sources, including the Student Government, who granted the athletic department $45,000 for the project and approved a loan of $55,000 in case the department is unable to repay the loan.

Many members of the Common Council also belong to the Motel and Hotel, Parks or Finance Committees and have already studied and approved the proposal.

"So far there seems to be general enthusiasm for the package," said Jury.

Other projects in the package include providing funding to the Schmeekle Reserve Visitors Center, the Wisconsin Hall of Fame, Green Circle Trail System and giving financial assistance to the Portage County Youth Soccer Association for the development of a new soccer complex or for improvements to the existing area.

Acquiring land in order to preserve natural community belt lines and corridors and improving the bandshell area of Pfiffner Pioneer Park are the final projects in the proposal.

DETRIO -- Dr. Jack Kevorkian's lawyer argued Tuesday that his client should be freed since a Michigan judge had ruled the state's ban on assisted suicide unconstitutional.

A hearing was held to determine if Kevorkian should be dismissed because of a person's right to kill themselves.

Judge Kaufman of Wayne County is the second judge in Michigan to find the law unconstitutional. The law remains in effect, however, while the Court of Appeals reviews the ruling.

MOCK, Russia -- Russia held its first multi-party elections Sunday, and many are predicting Vladimir Zhirinovskv and his Liberal Democrats as the winners.

The group was reportedly leading in most regions Sunday with 22 percent of the vote.

Political leaders have cited divisions in Yeltsin's party as the reason for the high number of opposing votes.

Many cabinet members are running against each other in the elections, thus splitting the votes.

Stevens Point resident Collin Lueck tells Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas

San visits campus

As the semester flew by, several stories developed that affect students and faculty at UWSP.

Hall renovation

Most of the renovations to the residence halls are completed, and the kitchens should be ready for the students when they return next semester, according to Housing Director Randy Alexander.

"Some are mostly completed, but they are not installed," he said of the kitchens.

Problems with contract bids for the recycling chutes and kitchen cabinets stalled construction that was originally scheduled to be completed in September.

Now the main hold-up is the countertops, for which a bid was accepted over two weeks ago, according to Alexander. These should be arriving soon and will be installed by mid-January.

Semester news update

Drinking age

A bill that would change the drinking age in Wisconsin from 19 to 18 has been stalled in the Committee on Ethics and Fees of the State Assembly.

The bill may be voted out of committee soon but won't be considered by the Assembly until they reconvene Jan. 25.

State representatives visited UWSP in November and heard views on the issue from students, city officials and tavern owners.

Student Illness

Six students became ill after eating at the Debat Center, and tests are still out that may determine the cause of the illness.

Four tests showed the presence of a virus called Staphylococcus Aureus.

"A certain percent of the general population carries it as a normal body flora," said Jury.

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Children's toys bring lots of joy, but what message do they send?

By Lisa Herman

Features Editor

Come with me now to the land of misfit toys. Location—any toy store in America. I think Santa's elves have been snuffing too much paint thinner.

"No, it's a baby Charlie in the box," screams a deserted toy on the Island of Misfits...as seen in the Christmas special, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Not so fast, Charlie—after looking at some of the toys in area stores, I think kids would be better off and learn more with a lump of coal from Santa this holiday season.

Take the new game, "Eat at Ralph's," for instance. It reads on the box, "Ralph is hungry, give him a snack, but don't overfeed, he'll give it right back!" That's right, you stick food in this guy's face until he throws up. Hey kids, bulimia is fun!

The newest doll on the market doesn't just talk, eat, burp and relieve itself, "Mommy-To-Be" needs a cesarean section? Children who fit into the category of young children must range from newborns to three and 364 day olds. Now I'm beginning to understand...NOT!

What's the deal with the wardrobe of some of these dolls, anyway? Is there a money-saving scheme going on by putting less and less clothes on Barbie? I've never seen so many leather bikinis. One doll, "Lil' Miss Candi Stripes," is barely dressed in a bikini top and mini-skirt.

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One toy, "Ralph's," for instance. It reads, "for ages eight and up." That's right, you stick food in this guy's face until he throws up. Hey kids, bulimia is fun! A simple rag doll doesn't seem to exist, nor the simple toy gun. Kids aren't wearing pistol holsters and yelling, "Bang you're dead!"

What's the difference? It's an electronic cap gun that produces sounds. The "F/X Devastator" is a toy weapon for "ages eight and up." Is there a money-saving scheme going on by putting less and less clothes on Barbie? I've never seen so many leather bikinis. One doll, "Lil' Miss Candi Stripes," is barely dressed in a bikini top and mini-skirt.

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And how can the "Naturally Pretty Make-Up Set" make a five year old girl look natural? I hated to take a bath and comb my hair when I was five. Are children really that concerned with their appearance?

Christmas is a time to value the innocence and naivete of children. Too bad the toy industry doesn't. Happy Holidays!

Remembering the meaning of X-Mas

By Pamela Kersten

Editor in Chief

I had the wonderful opportunity to sit on Santa's lap the other day, and believe me I had been a long time since previous chats with St. Nick.

I got me thinking about being a kid again and leading that carefree, innocent life where my world wasn't filled with tests and deadlines. I tried to remember what Christmas was like way back then for me.

Visions of filled stockings I found at sunrise when I snuck out of bed trying so carefully not to wake my parents filled my head as well as songs of "chestnuts roasting on an open fire," (which now is fed by flames of old class notes!)

Something surprising came to mind as well. I pictured my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins all at my house on Christmas Day running around discussing who had to sit at the "kiddie" table. That, and seeing the Christmas Carol at Sentry Theater on Tuesday, really made me think hard about the true spirit of Christmas.

It's a time where people should rejoice and be thankful for their blessings instead. Having people who love you and who you love around you is what really makes the tree shine. People need to stop shopping and count their blessings instead.

Yes, I look forward to going home and relaxing on Christmas Day with my family. It's a time where people should rejoice and be thankful for their family and friends. How many presents you receive and which house has the most lights just doesn't matter.

Rumor has it they're even going to let me sit at the "adult" table. I only wish everyone I care for could be there to see it!
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Statistics on sexual assault informative

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Lisa Herman on her wonderful article entitled "Students speak out against Violence" in the Dec. 9, 1993, issue of The Pointer.

I believe the information she reported is very important to university students.

In her article, she quoted several statistics about the phenomenal numbers of sexual assaults that happen to college students, and that the majority of sexual assault victims know their attackers.

One important fact that was left out of her article, however, is that 75% of college men involved in sexual assaults were drinking or using drugs BEFORE the attack.

In addition, 55% of college women were drinking or using drugs BEFORE they were sexually assaulted (stats. taken from research done at Brown University and University of California--Berkeley).

I think it is extremely important for college students to realize the relationship between alcohol and sexual assault.

If students become aware of the dangers of mixing alcohol and sex, I believe much of the violence and sexual assaults would decrease.

Once again, thanks to Lisa Herman for an article well-written!

Julie E. Wiebusch
Coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Education

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**Board discusses by-laws**

by Bill Downs

The University Center Policy Board held another meeting Tuesday in the Turner room of the UC to tackle the subject that has handcuffed the board for more than a year.

The results of the survey taken at Checkpoint were presented to the board at the last meeting. The results indicated that most students want to change the subject that the board was exploring, but they favored a ban on allowing the board to take any action.

Many of the members were reluctant or unable to answer the question of the purpose of the board. After a brief discussion, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Heather Enneper asked the members for input on who would be available to meet during the Christmas break.

Enneper said she would schedule a meeting based on the number of members interested and available.

**Board sells dog tags**

The first UWSP Student Foundation Board will kick off their fundraising efforts with the sale of Pointer Dog Tags next semester.

The board is comprised of selected students from different colleges on campus whose goal is to raise funds that will be used to benefit the university and its students.

The first fundraising event will be the Pointer dog tag sale. These tags, similar to the military dog tags, will be sold in sets of two either on a chain or a key.

Matching grants will also be offered that year.

The profits from the sale of the dog tag logo, your key tag, will be reinstanted and you will be eligible for the discounts offered that year.

"This is an excellent opportunity for students to show their enthusiasm for the University," stated David Kunze, Student Government president and one of the initiators of the project. "They also will be a good mementos of the different years each student has spent here," he continued.

All the profits from the sale of these tags will be used to better the campus programs and environment.

Granting matches will also be sought from area and national foundations to benefit UWSP.

Two students from each college on campus were selected by their deans to serve a one year term on the board.

All funds raised will be allocated strictly by the Student Foundation Board to assist in the development and strengthening of the university and its programs.

**Parking**

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A questionnaire distributed at the last meeting gave little indication as to whether the board should take any action.

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Another issue that has been drawing attention at the board is whether to downsize the board and to consider what, if anything, should be done to rewrite the board's by-laws and constitution.

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Kunze agreed that the general parking is not the students' problem.

"I think the city is holding us hostage," said Kunze. "I understand they are concerned about us buying homes and tearing them down, but that needs to be addressed in a different way.

If there is a parking problem on campus, then creating another parking lot isn't necessarily the answer. Filling our lots should be the first priority.

Other students agree action should be taken to get more students to park in the lots that the campus does have.

"When I see the parking lots on campus filled, I'll believe that we have a parking problem," said Speaker of the Student Senate Dan LeBeau.

"Right now we need more grass."

**Debton**

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natural part of their body, so we can't say yet if that's what caused the food-poisoning illness," said Kirsten Hall from the Portage County Health Department.

The specimens were sent to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, and results are expected soon.

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A yeast bread with half salami, cheese, and half chicken.
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6. The Girl

A yeast bread with half chicken, ground beef, salami, and tomatoes in the foreground.
7. The Normore

Turkey, ham, and cheese covered with chicken, beef, and tomatoes in the background.
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This January, eagle enthusiasts will have two opportunities to join in weekend events centered around observing bald eagles and celebrating their presence in Wisconsin. Eagle Watching Days on the Wisconsin River at Sauk City and Prairie du Sac in Sauk County are scheduled for the weekend of January 8 and 9. Bald Eagle Days are scheduled for the weekend of January 29 and 30 in Cassville, on the Mississippi River in Grant County. Once tetering on the verge of extinction, the bald eagle has been recovering. It is now a fairly stable member of Wisconsin's wildlife community.

The eagle is a major success story in state and national efforts to protect and store endangered species. "We're fortunate in Wisconsin to have one of the healthiest populations of bald eagles found in the continental United States," says Randy Jurewicz, chief of endangered and non-game species for the Department of Natural Resources. Bald eagle surveys conducted by DNR biologists this summer found 464 occupied active nest territories where biologists observed eggs or young eagles. The number of active nesting areas has been increasing since they reached a low of only 82 active territories in 1970, Jurewicz says.

Winter is one of the best times of the year for people to observe bald eagles in Wisconsin, Jurewicz says, because the raptors congregate near open water on rivers in the southern part of the state.

"Eagle watching is best during the morning when the birds are the most active feeding and most frequently seen perching in the trees along the river," Jurewicz advises. "I also recommend bringing binoculars and very warm clothes for the best viewing experience."

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"Bald eagles gather there because the strong current keeps the river from freezing, allowing them access to their favorite food, fish." As a result, eagles return to the spot each winter, proving a perfect opportunity to observe these large raptors.

Binoculars and spotting scopes will be set up at key points along the river during Eagle Watching Days. Events sponsored in conjunction with eagle watching are intended to help eagle watchers learn something about their history and biology, he says.

During Bald Eagle Days, viewing sites with spotting scopes will be located at both Nelson Dewey State Park and Riverside Park.

A deer hunter is being blamed for a 275-gallon fuel oil spill at the UWSP wetland laboratory near the Little Plover River in the town of Plover. Cleanup crews have been at work since a hunter presumably shot a hole in a fuel oil tank on November 20, according to Larry Beck, director of the university's physical plant.

Two connected 275-gallon tanks were empty to the middle section, where a bullet hole was found.

Initial readings with an Organic Vapor Monitor exceeded the instrument's calibration range, indicating the soil was highly contaminated. Testing in the hole that was created where most of the liquid spilled showed that fuel can only be detected in less than 10 parts per million.

An area 20 feet by 10 feet was excavated to a maximum depth of five feet.

Approximately 60 cubic yards of contaminated soil was placed on plastic and taken by dump trucks to Marshfield, where the fuel was removed in a soil roast machine. The soil was used for landfill cover.

Twelve gallons of oil, which hadn't leaked from the tanks, was recovered, along with one length of absorbent boom and oil dry used by the DNR to contain the release.

An anonymous caller reported the spill to Roy Kubisnacki, DNR warden, in the late afternoon of November 20. Kubisnacki immediately began arranging for crews to begin cleanup. Costs have exceeded $20,000.

Though nearly all the contaminants are thought to be removed, some seeped under a building and cannot be reached, and the area remains in need of cleanup. "This experience includes work on projects to preserve and improve Wisconsin's outdoor environment. It offers interested youth a four-week summer residential camp "work to learn" experience, says Peg Rasch, YCC coordinator for the DNR. Counselors are responsible for leading 8-10 person work crews. Crews focus their efforts on projects ranging from trout stream rehabilitation and trail maintenance, to forestry work and wildlife habitat improvement.

In addition to doing conservation work, leaders deal with everything fromYCC page 10.

A YCC Fish Crew removes the rock lining the Woodruff Hatchery. (Photo by Jennifer Paust)
The Great Lakes Challenge Series (GLCS) has announced its 1994 cross country skiing event schedule. Consisting of eight separate ski races, events are located across Wisconsin. GLCS races are open to all skiers, competitive and recreational.

The series offers freestyle and classical, or diagonal stride, races. Age classes are in five year increments.

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The last race of the year will be on February 19 in Suamico. The Stump Farm Classic is a 20 km freestyle event.

This highly technical event is designed to provide a safe challenge for even the best skiers. The Great Lakes Challenge Series has a toll-free number providing race entrants with information on snow conditions: call 1-800-236-GLCS.

Ski conditions for each race will be related and updated until one day prior to a race.

### "First-ice" freezes fishing success

by Justin Sipiorski

Strange weather patterns bringing winds from the south and east, accompanied by unusually high temperatures, have suppressed and shattered traditionally good "first-ice" fishing. The six to eight inches of ice on the backwaters of the Wisconsin River have been relatively void of anglers this December.

Usual hotspots include Second Lake, Pipeline, Red Bridge and Zeblewski Bay.

Despite the lack of anglers, northern fishing at Second Lake and near Lakeside Bar in Zeblewski Bay has been normal.

A 29-inch northern was caught and released at Lakeside Bar last weekend.

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Events begin January 2, 1994 in Crivitz with 10 km freestyle and classical races at the Crivitz Contemporary. The intermediate course is located mostly in woods. Race starts begin in waves. The Thunder Mountain Run, also in Crivitz, will be held January 8. It includes 20 km and 10 km races.

Races wind through scenic wilderness terrain with gradual sloped and steep hills, maneuverable corners and strategically located straight stretches.

Race starts and finishes are visible from a heated lodge. January 9 brings about the Bay Area Winter Open. The 10 km freestyle race is held in Suamico, at the Reforestation camp. Iola will be home to the Iola Norseman Challenge on January 15. It consists of 15 km and 10 km races. The well-marked course winds through glacial hills.

The 15 km Northern Kettle Moraine Challenge will be held on January 30 in Greenbush. Racers will experience the enchanted forest of snow dreams as they ski on a single lap course.

February 12 brings the Series back to Crivitz for the 14 km Sandstone Ski Chase.

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### "First-ice" freezes fishing success

by Justin Sipiorski

Strange weather patterns bringing winds from the south and east, accompanied by unusually high temperatures, have suppressed and shattered traditionally good "first-ice" fishing. The six to eight inches of ice on the backwaters of the Wisconsin River have been relatively void of anglers this December.

Usual hotspots include Second Lake, Pipeline, Red Bridge and Zeblewski Bay.

Despite the lack of anglers, northern fishing at Second Lake and near Lakeside Bar in Zeblewski Bay has been normal.

A 29-inch northern was caught and released at Lakeside Bar last weekend.

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Racers start the 1993 Thunder Mountain Run en masse. The race is one of eight events included in the Great Lakes Challenge Series. (Photo by Jennifer Paust)
X-mas worldwide

Around the world, Christians will celebrate this season of Christ's birth in different ways. We all believe in different things and we all have reason to celebrate. I took a look at Christmas worldwide and we all have reason to celebrate this season of holiday celebrations around the world.

In Indonesia, Christians are in the minority, according to Rudy Tirok. He says that the Christians celebrate Christmas in the traditional fashion and they invite family and friends over to share a meal.

Tirok noted that the Christians live in harmony with the Muslim neighbors to give the neighbors a portion of their Christmas meal.

The Muslims will do the same for the Christians when the time comes for their big celebrations, said Tirok.

In most homes in Germany, along with the traditional Christmas items, there is a Adventskranz, according to Constanza. In the Adventskranz, there are four candles for the four Sundays before Christmas and a wreath of Christmas pine.

Ramesh Kutty, who is a Hindu from India, said that though they are not Christian, the Hindus do celebrate Christmas. However, he noted that to them it has no religious significance.

He said that some Hindus like to get in the Christmas spirit so they put up trees and give gifts and cards.

Hiroaki Ozuru said that while Christmas is celebrated in Japan, it is not as big as it is in America.

Hiroaki, whose family is Buddhist, said that the family will have a nice meal together. He said that when he was young they used to have a Christmas tree and presents, but now they don't much to observe Christmas in his home.

He said that the Chinese New Year is the big celebration in Singapore.

Adiluddin Taha, who is a Muslim from Saudi Arabia, noted that in his country they do not celebrate Christmas or the New Year.

He said that the biggest celebrations in Saudi Arabia are both associated with Islam.

One of the celebrations is the pilgrimage to Mecca and the other is Ramadan (the time of fasting).

In the Bahamas, where I am from, Christmas is a big time of celebration.

Junkanoo is the biggest part of the celebration. It occurs on Boxing Day (the day after Christmas) and New Year's Day.

In the Bahamas, one usually finds oneself in church on December 24th.

One thanks God for the blessings of the old year and looks forward to more blessings in the new year. Those who died during the year are remembered.

At 3 a.m. on January 1 and December 26 is Junkanoo.

Pulsating goa kinase drum rhythms fill the night, glorious splashes of bright color makes the costumes fabulous to behold.

The music penetrates you and urges you to move. There is uninhibited soulful dancing.

Thousands join in this purely Bahamian celebration.

Not every culture puts as much emphasis on Christmas as Americans do, but many cultures enjoy spending time celebrating with family and friends and every culture shares the hope of a successful, happy new year.

From coffee to yoga to stress balls, most students search frantically each time for something to relieve the stress brought on by finals and the busy Christmas season.

Most experts suggest planning your time efficiently and working at an even pace all year to avoid stress.

Before you pull your hair out, David G. Danskin and Karen L. Sotber from Kansas State University suggest mastering the body's reaction to stress through relaxation exercises they call Quickie-miennes.

After practicing these exercises a few times a day, the body will automatically use the relaxation techniques to combat stress.

Tense-Release. Tense yourself all over, a part at a time. Pull your toes up as if to touch your shins and hold it. Take a deep breath and hold it. Clench your jaws and close your eyelids tight. Hold you're tense all over for four or five seconds. Then let go all at once. Don't ease off, let go, and feel the tension leave your body.

Heavy Feet. Just imagine that your feet and legs are getting heavier and heavier with each breath out. It's almost as if you're wearing lead boots. Just imagine this for a few seconds. Or perhaps some other part of the body works better for you.

Hands warm. Visualize your hands as warm, relaxed and warm. You might imagine them in a bucket of warm water, near a fire or in warm, wooly gloves. Perhaps you can begin to feel the blood flowing down your arms into your hands.

Equalized breathing. Take 4 seconds to breathe in and 4 seconds to breathe out. That is, as you inhale and exhale, count slowly to four each time. Do this four or five times.

Ideal relaxation. With your eyes closed, take a moment to create, in your mind's eye, an ideal spot for relaxation. You can make it any place, real or imagined. Perhaps it is a favorite room, a beautiful meadow, an ocean bench, or a floating cloud. See yourself in comfortable clothes.

Now once you have created it, go back there for 15 seconds or so whenever you feel the need to relax.

45 -. The ultimate mini-quikie. First, smile and make your eyes sparkle. Then take a deep breath. As you let it out, your jaw hang slack, shoulders sag, and forehead smooth out.

45 -. Smile, slack, sag, smooth.

Compiled by Kelly Lecker, News Editor

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St. Nick speaks

Santa said everything is going very smoothly back at the Pole.

"The weather's nice, the reindeer are all healthy and the elves are all working hard," he said.

"The beard needs a little trimming though," he said, sputtering through a mouthful of snowy white whiskers.

His favorite part of the job, he said, was being able to give so much to so many.

Also the fringe benefits of all the cookies left for him on Christmas Eve wasn't bad either.

This year he's gotten some rather strange gift requests from college students.

"Of course, people are asking to pass all their finals and for better meals at DeBot, and, oddly enough, for short light 60 See Santa, page 10"
When did you stop believing in Santa?

"My family would go out and look at Christmas lights on Christmas Eve and when we returned the presents would be under the tree when we got back. One year when my family was waiting for my dad to get in the car to go look at x-mas lights I ran up to the house looked in the window and saw my dad eating cookies and distributing presents. Then I knew the truth."

Tony Dobbs
Forestry

"About two minutes ago! Thanks for the reality break. I now have absolutely nothing to look forward to anymore. Does that mean the fat drunk guy on X-mas eve was my dad?"

Rico
Communication

"When I was about 10 yrs old. Probably because I got a lump of coal in my stocking that year. (As a joke from my parents!)"

Melissa Sette
Wildlife and Biology

"Probably about 10 years ago when he was killed by the Easter Bunny in a fit of holiday envy."

Matthew Bates
Psychology

"Today, because my boyfriend told me, out of anger, when I was asked to do the Pointer Poll and he was not. Thanks Erik for ruining my Christmas."

Stacy VanSickle
Comm.

Tree gods are true rulers of the holidays

by Collin McDonald
Contributor

Feliz navidad! Christmas is coming.

That wonderful time of year is again upon us when we as a society honor the birth of Christ by blowing lots of coin on such spiritually meaningful gadgets as "Salad shooters" and "Chia Pets."

Many people have expressed fear that we're losing grasp of the true meaning of the holiday in the modern mass-market interpretation of Christmas, in which the consumer is worshiped in place of what we really should be worshipping.

We really have forgotten what the season is all about. We have forgotten that we really should be paying our respects to the tree gods. Tree gods?

That's right. The word Christmas really means "glorification of conifers" in ancient Uzbeczechopolian, the civilization which gave us both the Christmas celebration and light beer.

In the past 2 weeks, everyone has put up their private altars to the tree gods, adorned them with baubles and lights, and placed their offerings beneath them.

The offerings are wrapped in paper (which is made of dead trees), and are offered to the tree gods as a sort of bribe to make the spiritual afterlife easier.

Let me explain. When we die, we are laid in the ground where the roots of trees wrap around us.

The tree's roots keep our spirits from escaping the ground and climbing to the treetops, where they sit for eternity and enjoy the view.

This journey is shown by the lights that wrap around our private altars and eventually reach the top, where there is a bright shining star.

This star represents our spirits sitting in the treetops. By offering to and worshipping the tree gods, we have a chance of making our spirits' journey easier.

So don't delay! If you haven't yet done it, set up your altar now. Be sure to dance naked around it while singing Volare. If you don't, you will be visited on Arbor Day eve by a horde of angry demons in the form of Beavers.

They will slap you in the stomach with their powerful tails and make your skin hurt. They might also eat your furniture if you've been really bad.

So, Merry Christmas! And the next time you're in the woods, look up your dead relatives. If you need directions, ask a squirrel. The squirrel will know. Now where the heck did I set my eggnog...?
YCC
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vironmental education. This important aspect in the YCC program is a highlight of the camper’s experience. Campers work 32 hours a week and are paid $4.25 an hour. A fee of $40 for room and board is deducted from the campers’ paychecks. Additional information and application forms can be obtained after January 17, 1994 at Job Service, DNR offices or by writing: YCC Program, Wisconsin DNR, PO Box 7921, Madison WI 53707.

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Santa
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Santa also has many faces and many names.
In this case, the face behind the board was Roll Egstad from the TKE fraternity who was volunteering his time to help his Greek sisters raise money for a worthy cause.
Egstad and other Greek fraternity members donate time throughout the week, taking turns strapping on the sweltering Santa suit for one-hour stints as Father Christmas.

The Week in Point

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1993

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
Lessons & Carols, 7:30PM (St. Stephens Church)
Dance Performance: AFTER IMAGES, 8PM (JT-FAB)
UAB Concerts Presents: PASCALS NEIGHBOR, 8PM (Encore-UC)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
LAST DAY OF CLASSES
Senior Recital: COLLEEN TIMLER, Jazz Vocal/Piano, 8PM (MH-FAB)
Dance Performance: AFTER IMAGES, 8PM (JT-FAB)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
FINAL EXAMS
Wom. Basketball, Surf-n-Slam (San Diego, CA)
Suzuki Marathon, 9AM-12N (MH-FAB)
Who’s Who & Chancellor’s Leadership Awards Ceremony, 7PM (Frank Lloyd Wright Lounge-UC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
READING DAY
COMMENCEMENT
Wom. Basketball, Surf-n-Slam (San Diego, CA)
Planetarium Series: A CHRISTMAS PRESENT, 1&2:30PM & SEASON OF LIGHT, 4PM (Sci. Bldg.)
Suzuki Solo Recitals, 2&3:30PM (MH-FAB)
Monteverdi Master Chorale, 2:30PM (St. Stephens Church)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
FINAL EXAMS
Wom. Basketball, Surf-n-Slam (San Diego, CA)
Basketball, Bemidji State Univ., 7:30PM (H)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
FINAL EXAMS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
FINAL EXAMS

For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343!!!
Hockey grabs (another) split with Bemidji St.

\[\text{Rip} 8-3,\text{ chokes in 5-1 loss}\]

\[\text{by Britt Christopherson of the Pointer}\]

The UWSP hockey team endured another split in last weekend's battle against National Collegiate Hockey Association rival Bemidji State.

"The good teams become great when they play defending champions," said assistant coach Mike Stahley. Friday night's game started out quickly in favor of Bemidji with Bernie Adlys scoring for the Beavers only 55 seconds into the game.

That didn't deter the Pointers, though, as they went on to score four straight goals to close the first period.

Mike Toth, assisted by Derek Marchand and Mike Zambon, knocked one in at 2:26 and Gord Abric swept another in at 10:01. Abric was assisted by Frank Cirone and Chad Zowia. The next two shots came from Cirone (assists Zambon and Vob) on the powerplay to make the score 4-1 after the first period.

The Beavers pulled to within one in the middle of the second period, but the next string of goals were all Point's.

Kevin Plager stuck 2 goals on the powerplay, and Abric and Cirone slid in two short-handed goals in the third period to clinch Friday's game 8-3.

"The team showed a lot of courage coming off of the two losses at UW-Superior last weekend," said Stahley. "Friday night's game was positively our best performance of the season."

On Saturday, however, the situation was completely different.

"You have to be ready to play the entire 60 minutes of the game," Stahley said.

"Some of our guys just weren't up to it," he continued. "We needed to be against a defending champion team."

Cirone scored the first 5 goals of the game, while the Pointers struggled to avoid a shut out.

The game ended on a lay-up by Julie Triemstra and a 95-34 victory.

The UWSP hockey team enters this coming weekend 4-11 overall and 2-4-1 in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. The Pointers take a couple of non-conference games to end the season at UW--Superior and Stevens Point.

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Men’s basketball burns Parkside 71-64, swats Yellowjackets 95-53 in road games

by Lincoln Brunner
Sports Editor

"...I think we can ascend to being an outstanding team."—Men’s basketball coach Bob Parker

Without a doubt, the UWSP men’s basketball team is in the thick of the Wisconsin State University Conference race. The question is, how long they can stay there. The Pointers (2-0 in the WSUC, 6-1 overall) took another couple steps toward championship with a 71-64 win over UW-Parkside on Thursday and a 98-53 romp in Superior on Tuesday.

The Pointers 95 Yellowjackets 53
Tom Sennett scored 14 and Andy Boario netted 17 as the Pointers dragged UW-Superior through the mud to stay undefeated in conference play. Point jumped out to an early 13-6 lead behind three Sennett lay-ups before going on a 15-4 run late in the half to extend their lead to 39-20. As has been the case since the exit of twin towers Jack Lockman and Justin Freier, the Pointer back court continues to carry the scoring load.

"We feel the backcourt combo of Sennett and Boario is the best in the league," said Pointer head coach Bob Parker. "When you throw Donna Edwards in there, who’s the best assist man in the league, our perimeter is pretty awesome." Optimistic words from a man who had to re-focus his offense from the paint to the high post. It certainly didn’t hurt the Pointers on Tuesday.

The Dogs went into halftime with a 51-27 lead and all the worries of a toy store in December. Parker’s squad shot a lightning 53.4 percent from the floor (17 for 32) and 2 of 7 three pointers. Rather than slow down, the Pointers charged out of the gate after the half with a 19-2 run that left the Yellowjackets in the dust.

The Pointers finished up 55 percent from the field (37 for 67) and 62.5 percent from the foul line (20 for 32) as big men Mike Paynter and Brian Schwefel each finished with 7 points for the night.

Pointers 71 Rangers 64
The Pointers had a hard time taking down the host Rangers in the first half as the visitors shot an abysmal 28.2 percent from the field with only two free throws to add. The Pointer low post-game provided a rare flame as Schwefel scored 13 points and grabbed seven boards. Sennett scored 18 with an 8 for 14 shooting effort while Boario sunk two three’s and added 17 for Point. Despite the Point numbers, the Rangers gave the Pointers a healthy scare by taking a 29-27 lead into halftime.

Someone (probably Parker) fortunately reminded the Pointers of the importance of defense in the locker room. "The thing we have to improve on is our interior defense," said Parker on Wednesday. "We’ve got to keep the ball out of the posts. If we solve that problem, I think we can ascend to being an outstanding team."

The Pointers cracked out 44 second half points and "held" the Rangers to 14 of 25 from the floor. Despite the predominance of his shorter players, Parker feels secure with his entire lineup. "I think in offense, we’ll be ok," said Parker. "Brian Schwefel is going to score and Mike Paynter is gonna get a few baskets down low." With an outstanding back court, I’m not sure it’s going to have to be our number-one priority to score points down low.

The Pointers face Division II Bemidji State in Quandt Fieldhouse on Monday.

Former UWSP wrestler eyes Olympics
Ramsey overcomes past to become contender

by Dan Trombley
Contributor

A child on the streets of Milwaukee; the only place to go for guidance, acceptance and acceptance. This leads him to drugs and crime. The chances for survival look bleak. Joe Ramsey happened to be that child with nowhere to go. He ended up in Lincoln Hill—an institution for youths in trouble with the law. Once released, Joe went to live with Jim and Denise Severt in Merrill, Wisconsin.

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Ramsey’s first big step to the US team began with placing third in the Sunkist Open in Phoenix, Arizona. His performance turned the head of a US wrestling coach at-goods champion, the #1 man in the country. This coach was so impressed with Joe’s skill and potential that he wants Joe to start training in Colorado Springs, Colorado in January. Next, Ramsey has the difficult task of raising funds needed for a trip to Japan. Once there, he will go through an extensive training program.

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The American dream is still alive with stories like Joe Ramsey. If you would be interested in helping Joe reach his goal for the gold, please send any contributions to:

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NEWSFLASH!!!

POINTER HOCKEY LIVE!!!

90FM has announced that the station will continue to provide listeners with live coverage of all Pointer Hockey games. Rack age excitement continues over Christmas break and the games and the coverage continue. The pregame show begins 15 minutes before each faceoff and hockey fans are strongly encouraged not to miss a single minute of the action!!

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