Obey calls budget proposals insane
By Gregory Vandenberg

Congressman David Obey, frustrated with a Republican controlled Congress, spoke to UWSP students Wednesday morning on issues ranging from the budget and national debt to education and campaign funding.

The Wisconsin native challenged students to “not believe anyone that says they’ll balance the budget in seven years or whatever.”

According to Obey, “No politician is in control of if that budget is balanced or not.”

Despite numerous attempts to pass a viable budget, Congress has been mired in a bipartisan fued that has ultimately led to the veto of budget proposals by President Clinton.

“Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results,” said Obey. “These multiyear budgets have been tried before and never end up producing.”

The Democrat has served as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the House since I’ve been in Congress.

Throughout his career, Obey has shown himself to be a voice for the people in this region and has fought for education and the health and welfare of Wisconsin citizens.

Congressman David Obey speaks to political science students Wednesday morning in the CCC.

Telecommunications bill causes blackout
By Phred Grabara

Contributor

After receiving near unanimous support in both the House and the Senate, the long awaited Telecommunications Reform Act (S.652) became law as of 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, 1996.


Now, anything that is posted on the Internet that has been ruled obscene, offensive, or indecent is punishable under this act.

The Justice Department has agreed to suspend any prosecution under the CDA until the courts settle the challenge. However, any material that violates the CDA at this time may be punishable later.

The court battles rage on, people, groups and organizations have shown their displeasure of the new provision by blacking out their web pages.

The blackout occurred for the first 48 hours after the bill was signed. According to a statement by the EFF, “This latest version of the CDA was originally proposed by Sen. James Exon (D-NB), contains a deadly combination of a vague and overly broad definition of what speech is unacceptable on-line, criminal prosecution, and large monetary fines, which will set off a tidal wave of censorship to avoid real and perceived liability.”

The EFF also organized The Blue Ribbon Campaign. This is similar to the Web Page Blackout.

Get the Net, media falls hook, line and sinker
By Gregory Vandenberg

This is the first time you’ll see an editorial column on the front page since I’ve been in Congress. But I thought such publicity was necessary for the travesty that has just occurred in Washington.

To put it plain and simple: The government has once again squeezed itself into another portion of our lives where it doesn’t belong.

Earlier this week a telecommunication bill was passed that bans “indecent material” from the Internet.

And yet an issue as controversial and personal as this has received only spoted coverage from the national media. I have no idea why but I figured I’d do my best to show citizens of this nation that censorship infringes on our first amendment rights.

The Internet is one of the greatest innovations of the 20th century. Never before has there been volume of information and communication been as accessible to the human race.

It allows us to talk and write to one another nearly instantaneously, and at a relatively low cost. It allows the exchange of information, ideas and education. Year by year this planet will become a global community in which millions of people from different continents will interact daily.

Newspapers, which already have a strong foothold in the internet, will be updated regularly and may eventually eliminate the need for actual newspapers.

This is what baffles me. The press does not see that this new bill will severely limit their “freedom of speech” that they are so often quick to defend.

If you’re looking for answers, I don’t have them. I can’t understand how at a time when the media could have a field day and have Congress hanging from the gallows’ pole for this blatant restriction on the first amendment, they’ve fallen painfully short.

I have taken a theological approach to journalism that sees reporters as the “watchdogs of society.” I honestly feel that the media can truly keep an eye on things and expose those injustices that occur, especially in our government.

But my idealistic approach has received a slap in the face after this weeks events. All I can ask is that all of us join together and protect this new legislation.

I ask each and everyone of you to go to the P.A.C. rally that will be held in front of this UC Monday, Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m. and let our representatives know that they don’t belong in every aspect of our lives.

Congressmen are not experts. They’re men and women just like you and I. And the danger that is occurring is that we are allowing them to think they know what is best for each and every one of us.
Student apathy worries SGA

By Gregory Vandenberg

Student government hopes to raise dismal voting numbers

Although more and more people are attending universities throughout the nation, the amount of students voting in elections each year continues to decline. Student government is trying to reverse that number through a campaign known as S.A.V.E. (Students Are Voting Everywhere).

"The lack of voting is a symptom of an overall apathy that we're seeing," said Ann Finan, SGA legislative issues director. "And that is a real concern of ours." The campaign begins the final week of Feb. and includes booths throughout the campus that will allow students an opportunity to register for the Wis. Presidential primary March 19. "I'm hoping we get 250 to 500 registering to vote," said Finan. "We're hoping to encourage students to get out and vote either here or at home." Booths will be open for registering Monday, Feb. 26 at Debot during dinner hours and also in the concourse of the University Center (UC) Tuesday, Feb. 27 through Friday, March 1.

SGA hopes students see how voting can influence legislation passed by the Federal government and that they can break this "Generation X" image of indifference. "If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem," said Finan. "If you want to change something, voting is the first step.”

Coordinators are in need of students to manage the registration booths and will hold a sign-up session Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the Campus Activity Complex in the UC. "Anyone is welcome to attend," said Finan. "And we're looking for all the volunteers we can get."
Shibilski and Murat blast state's priorities

By Kris Wagner
Proto Exors

Legislative revenue distribution was in question when state Congressmen Kevin Shibilski and William Murat spoke to members of the UWSP community Monday night in the Laird Room of the University Center.

The two-hour discussion examined issues such as education cuts, hemp production, the environment and social problems that currently face the community.

Shibilski and Murat blast state's priorities

The legislators stressed that the state's priorities are in the wrong areas and must be changed in order to restore the value of Wis. One of those last priorities is the importance of secondary education.

"We're creating an opportunity gap," said Shibilski, who represents the 24th Senate District of Portage, Wood, Adams and Waushara counties.

"Education enhances the quality of life," he said. "The greatest tax base is the working families in Wisconsin and whose children will need the UW-System. This is their children's only chance."

"We can turn around the issue and preserve the university," assured Murat.

On the environmental side, Murat noted that "we have to stop bad things from happening. The public interest must be restored."

"There are more creative ways of burdening prison populations," said Shibilski.

The democratic Congressmen plan on fighting for change in the state's list of priorities and fighting Thompson's plans for a Supermax prison and a new baseball park in Milwaukee.

"There are more creative ways of burdening prison populations," said Shibilski.
Students rally in Madison

By David C. Stacy
President United Council of UW Student Government

Over the last 20 years, UW-System students have seen their tuition increase by almost 400%, far above the rate of inflation. During that time, students' share of the cost of instruction increased from 25% to 33%.

Since 1975, tuition has increased by 472% at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee, and 390% at the other four-year campuses. Clearly, a significant portion of this increase was due to increased educational costs, which is consistent with national trends.

However, these substantial increases in tuition were not simply due to increased costs of providing educational programs-students and their parents have been paying a greater percentage of their instructional costs.

Currently, there is a bill in the State Assembly which would cap undergraduate tuition in the UW-System at 33% of the cost of instruction for in-state students and at 120% for out-of-state students.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the Assembly Colleges & Universities Committee held a hearing on the Tuition Cap Bill (AB 33). Students from around the state were there to testify in favor of the bill, which passed the Assembly last session on a bipartisan vote of 58 to 41.

Tuition cap legislation is the first step in getting tuition increases under control in WIs. A cost control on the percentage of instructional costs that tuition must cover would limit tuition hikes to increases in actual costs.

Under a tuition cap, the UW-System would be forced to control spending, since it could no longer increase expenditures simply by transferring a greater share of costs to students. Further spending increases would have to be offset by increased efficiencies and/or revenues from other areas in proportion to tuition.

Last year, the state actually cut the UW-System budget by $52 million in general tax support, as it focused on providing property tax relief. But where was tuition relief for the students who saw a 5.5% to 6.5% tuition hike this year?

Over the past ten years, tuition increases have significantly exceeded the increase in property tax rates as well as property taxes collected. Meanwhile, the ability of families to pay for these increases has eroded—both median family income and Wisconsin's per capita income have failed to keep pace with tuition. A tuition cap would provide additional incentive for the legislature to provide adequate funding to the university.

Passage of this bill will send an unmistakable message: The legislature believes that tuition must remain affordable. It will make sure that if UW can't increase, it can no longer do so by transferring the burden onto students and their parents.

Passage of the Tuition Cap Bill would be a pledge to Wisconsin's families for an affordable UW education.

United Council will continue to press the legislature to put that pledge into law. United Council is the nation's oldest and strongest student association, representing over 140,000 students on 24 UW-System campuses.

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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I was rather appalled at the editor's sarcasm in response to Mr. Draeger's letter concerning the article "Jurisdiction in question of campus security." I was one of the two victims that were sent to the Emergency Room on Nov. 18, 1995. (Did The Pointer also forget to mention that the intoxicated individual had already assaulted two people minutes prior to the Protective Services involvement?)

Obviously, Protective Services was doing their job in order to prevent any other possible assaults.

If Protective Services wouldn't have used physical force to restrain the intoxicated individual, he would have gotten away with the crime of battery. I wouldn't have used physical force to restrain the intoxicated individual, he would have gotten away with the crime of battery. I would like to advise the editor to have some respect for the professional answer and not rely on cynical remarks.

I would like to advise the editor to have some respect for the students by knowing what situations are prevalent for sarcasm and what situations are not.

Kristin Moore
This Weekend

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WEDNESDAY MOVIES
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HARMONIOUS JAM MARCH 9 / MAY’S LAMPOON’S VACATION MARCH 13 / BATTLION 96 4/15-24
The controversy surrounding the Crandon Mine has recently grown to new levels with the ac­cu­sa­tions of secret meetings.

According to statements re­leased by the Forest County Clerk, the Mining and Finance Committee of the Forest County Board have met in closed sessions on Dec. 18 and 28 of 1995, and Feb. 3 and 7 of this year.

Deliberations in the meetings regarding strategy to be adopted in negotiating a local agreement with the Crandon Mining Company (CMC) and also direct negotiations with the CMC.

The open meeting laws of Wisconsin lay out specifically when a company can go to closed session, one of the reasons being, in Sec. 19.85(1)(e) WI Statutes, negotiating the purchase of public property.

"There’s any doubt about closed sessions, especially with this controversial project, the CMC and Forest County should be negotiating in the open," said Dave Blouin, the coordinator of the Mining Impact Coalition of Wisconsin, "they should never be doing this behind closed doors."

According to Peter Theo, Direc­tor of Government Relations for the Crandon Mining Company, "right now there is no agreement. If there was I would be delighted, but the fact is, there isn’t."

As Theo stated, under state law, the CMC cannot get a permit until they have come to agreement with six units of government.

These six units are Forest and Oneida Counties, the towns of Lincoln, Nashville and Crescent, and the city of Crandon.

The Forest County Board maintains that what they did was legal, but even if it was legal, says Kathy Falk, Assistant Attorney General of Wisconsin, they should not have gone into closed session to debate something that would have such an enormous effect on people’s lives.

"As to whether or not what they did was legal, it’s fifty-fifty," said Falk. "So then you have to decide if maybe they did was morally wrong."

The decision to meet behind closed doors was made despite protest from the local citizens said Tom Ward, the President of the Wisconsin Resources and Protection Council.

"We consider it bordering on insanity to sign the local agreement before the studies and impact analysis have been accomplished," said Blouin.

According to Alice McCombs, a 27-year environ­mental activist and member of the Mining Impact Coalition of Wisconsin, "the mine is a toxic waste dump."

"What Exxon is proposing is not scientifically valid and they can’t prove that it will be done safely."

At an open forum-discussion panel on the UWSP campus on Monday, State Senator Kevin Shibliaski called the Crandon mine a bad idea.

After describing the fact that northern Wisconsin has some great getaways and beautiful landscapes, he stated "why would we even think of risking that for short term economic benefit?"

Next week: environmental impacts of the proposed mine.

Candlelight skiing events rescheduled

Due to the recent cold weather, state parks officials have had to rescheduled a number of candlelight ski events.

Seven parks had planned on holding candlelight skis on Sat., February 3, but with temperatures dropping to minus 20 degrees throughout much of the state, most park officials decided to re­schedule or cancel the events.

While some skiers probably would be willing to endure the cold, the sub-zero tempera­tures would have made it diffi­cult to set up the hundreds of candles that are used to light the trails, said Julie Fox-Martin, a Department of Natural Resources naturalist at Interstate Park near St. Croix Falls.

"I’m sure we would have had people show up if we held our candlelight ski, but we rely on volunteers to set up the candles and it was just too cold to ask them to go ahead with it," said Fox-Martin.

Because of Wisconsin’s no­toriously fickle weather, the state parks staff urge people to call ahead to confirm if the event will be held.

Published lists of candlelight events include phone numbers people can call to check on conditions. Most parks have tape recorded messages that give con­ditions when park offices are not open.

Wisconsin State Park stickers are required for access to the parks for most candlelight ski.

If temperatures get too warm for skiing, some parks may hold candlelight hikes. Anyone inter­ested in attending a scheduled event should call the park or forest office on the day of the event to confirm if it will be held.

Seven parks have rescheduled candlelight ski for Saturday, February 17.
Conference focuses on environment

By Scott Van Natta

The Wisconsin Environmental Leadership Directive (WELD) conference was held last Saturday afternoon at the College of Natural Resources building.

The conference dealt with two current issues, which were the Great Lakes Initiative (GLI) and the Endangered Species Act.

The Wisconsin Environmental Leadership Directive (GLI) and the Endangered Species Act.

The Great Lakes Initiative is a law that is part of the Clean Water Act that creates uniform water quality standards throughout the great lakes, said Agnew.

The GLI also targets 29 of the most toxic chemicals being released into the great lakes.

"The reason why they are the most toxic and dangerous to you is because they bioaccumulate in your body," stated Agnew.

Sections 118 of the Clean Water Act, said Agnew, directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to write the GLI.

The federal government draws up a new set of water quality standards.

"If the state says yes, the state can go ahead and enforce the GLI. If they say no, and the deadline has passed, the EPA would go ahead and enforce the GLI." said Agnew.

Right now in Congress, the ESA is facing a legislative attack. The ESA bill, which comes up for reauthorization every five years, was up for reauthorization in 1992.

"Basically, it has just been strung along," said Yee.

The strongest attack against the ESA is bill H.R. 2275, also called the Young-Pombo bill.

The bill was passed by the House Resources Committee of which, Rich Young is the chairman. "Young is in a very powerful position to gut the ESA," stated Yee.

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Everyone is always up for a party, especially this time of year when winter seems like it will never end. A Mardi Gras celebration could be just what we all need. Fortunately, the next best thing will be this Saturday evening as the University Center hosts a Mardi Gras celebration, UWSP-style.

UWSP's Mardi Gras will showcase thirteen instrumental groups along with several student vocal soloists. Anyone that likes big band, light rock, or classical music will find something that appeals to them at this event.

David Hastings, chair of the music department, said that the event was created through a collaboration between Don Greene, the former department chair, and a group of Stevens Point residents.

Programs provide relationship tips
By Brittany Safarnek

Love, understanding, and communication. They all seem like they should go hand in hand when it comes to relationships, but anyone who's had a relationship knows they don't go together that easily.

UWSP has named February 12-16 Relationship Week. During this week a variety of programs will be offered to students to help them improve their relationships with friends, family and significant others.

The programs offered range from finding the ideal mate to getting to know your roommate better. Some programs were held in the U.C. while some were located in the residence halls.

One program that was offered Tuesday night at Pray-Sims hall was "When Worlds Collide: Communication between the Sexes."

Soul Man

John Holmes, of the Multicultural Affairs Office, attended the Soul Food Dinner at the Wooden Spoon last Sunday.

Photo by Brad Riggs

Marie and Troy Lindloff, two UWSP juniors who belong to Student Impact, a Christian organization for university students, taught students about the differences in communication and how this can sometimes cause conflicts.

Since Marie and Troy recently got married, they were able to share with students the communication problems they encountered between each other and how they solved them.

"We have experience about communication through our relationship," said Troy. "Marriage is in the future of many students. They must be aware of the differences in communication so that messages between each other can be received. Not only is communication important in marriage, but it is also used in jobs and getting through life."

"This program allows students a chance to share opinions and offer a few suggestions and ideas about how they can improve communication between each other," said Marie.

Students were divided up into groups and given sheets with topics such as can which they had to discuss.

"I learned that I definitely have a lot of techniques I can work on," said Christie Skime, a freshman who participated in the program. "I learned that for any relationship it takes communication." You have to take both the sights and sounds and that the Mardi Gras has to offer.

"The versatility of the event is its strength. It was designed to provide a little bit of something for everyone," said Hastings.

The doors to Mardi Gras open at 8 p.m. and the evening will end around midnight. The ticket price for admission is $10 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door if the event is not sold out.

Encore Events

Who: Citizen King
What: Band
When: Thursday-8 p.m.
Cost: $2 with ID

One of UWSP's favorites, bands will be back rocking the Encore. Centertainment Productions' Alternative Sounds band will be presenting Citizen King Thursday Feb. 15.

"Citizen King has a real strong following throughout Wisconsin," said Jeff Perttiborn, Promotion Coordinator for Centertainment Productions. "I'd like to have everyone at UWSP who go to the semester, this would be it."

Citizen King's music runs the gamut of musical styles and cannot be categorized. The band hails from the Milwaukee area, and their music is as diverse as the city they are from.

The band plays a mixture of musical styles ranging from urban hip-hop to blues and jazz. Citizen King is truly a band for anyone who enjoys good music.

Billboard Magazine classifies their music as, "jazzy rhythms from an upright bass converging with gritty country blues guitar picking and squealing turdbutles."
WHAT'S HAPPENING

CINEMA

The Right Thing shows first at 7:30 p.m. with Jungle Fever at 9:30 p.m. The movies flip on Feb. 28.

Do the Right Thing is a poignant film, that combines humor, drama and music in a technique that Lee uses in many of his other movies. The entire film takes place in a single day, which happens to be the hottest day of the year, on one block of the Brooklyn neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

The day will change the lives of the residents forever.

Jungle Fever, stars Wesley Snipes and Annabella Sciorra. Snipes, a successful black architect has a affair with his secretary, Sciorra. The couple finds that they are forced to confront hard truths about their families and their love.

The cost is $1 with UWSP student ID and $2 without.

MINI-COURSE
A self-defense mini-course sponsored by Centertainment Productions Issues and Ideas, will be offered every Thursday starting Feb. 20 and ending March 5.

The course will be taught by Noah Zimmerman, and Greg Dorn, who are both instructors at the Stephens Tai Kwan Do Academy. Each session of the course will be different. It is recommended that people sign up with a partner because the sessions are taught in a partner setting. Participants are also asked to wear exercise apparel for the seminar.

The cost is $4 with UWSP ID and $5 without. Those who are interested can sign up at the Campus Activities Window in the lower level of the UC. Space may be limited.

Speech
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If the band Arrested Development rings a bell, then you're familiar with this artist. Speech, a Milwaukee native, released his first solo album holding true to his hip-hop and funk roots. Any fans of Arrested Development will enjoy the sampling, textured songs and Speech's performance as a rapper. A great crossover album that will appeal to many musical tastes. Very Good.

THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Counseling Center Prog.: How to Be a More Effective Student. 4-5PM (TB-A-CGCS3)
Centertainment Productions Travel & Leisure RIB MT: SKIING (Sign-up at Rec. Serv.)—$15 w/Hotel Equip.; $10 w/o, 4-11PM (Rib Mt.)
Relationships Week. "What I've Learned from My Thursday Night Friends." 6:30 PM (Spitzer Hall Lobby)
Central Illinois Honor Orchestra Concert (Scholarship Series)—$1.50 w/ID, $3.50 w/o, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)
Centertainment Prog.: Alt. Sounds Presents. CITIZEN KING w/ Opening Band, 8-10 PM (Encore-UC)
TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM-12AM (AC)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Hockey, NCHA Playoffs (TBA)
UC Marketing & Promotions "Quit-N-Time" Series: BOB KASE JAZZ QUARTET, FREE, 3-5PM (Encore-UC)
Black History Month-B.S.U. Presentation Night: African Dancing, Poetry, Singing, Drama—$2 w/ID, $3 w/o, 7PM (MH-FAB)
Area Community Theater: LOST IN YONKERS, 7:30 PM (Sentry)
Through the 16th, 4PM on the 16th
Centertainment Prog. Center Stage Presents: DAVID DUNN/JAZZ TRIO, 8PM (Encore-UC)
TREMORS Dance Club, "Beach Party," 9PM-1AM (AC)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Black History Month GOSPEL CHOIR FEST, 6:30PM—FREE (Donations Welcomed) (MH-FAB)
Hockey, NCHA Playoffs (TBA)
WR, WSUC Champ., 9AM (Platteville)
Wom. Basketball, Lakeland College, 3PM (H)
Suzuki Recitals, 2&3:30PM (MH-FAB)
TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM-1AM (AC)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Suzuki Recitals, 2:30-3PM (MH-FAB)
Planetarium Series: THROUGH THE EYES OF HUBBLE—FREE, 2PM (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Centertainment Productions Issues & Ideas SELF-DEFENSE MINI-COURSE—$4 w/ID, $6 w/o, 7PM (HIPERA Wrestling Rm.)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Basketball, UW-LaCrosse, 7PM (H)
Centertainment Prog.-Centers Cinema: DO THE RIGHT THING (7PM), JUNGLE FEVER (8:30PM) (Planetarium-Sci. Bldg.)
Counseling Center Prog.: Body image, Breaking Free of Obsessions w/Appearance, Food & Weight, 11AM-12PM (Dellzelz)
Centertainment Prog.: Issues & Ideas SELF-DEFENSE MINI-COURSE—$4 w/ID, $6 w/o, 7PM (HIPERA Wrestling Rm.)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Suzuki Recitals, 2:30-3PM (MH-FAB)
Rec. Prog./Rec. Serv. WINTER SPORTS NIGHT, 6:30-8:30PM—$6 w/Equip., $1 w/o (Sign Up at Rec. Serv.)—(Isonor Park)
Wom. Basketball, UW-LaCrosse, 7PM (T)
Facade Recital: STEVEN JUELA, Flute, 7-30 PM (MH-FAB)
Studio Theatre Musical Prod.: SIX WOMEN WITH BRAIN DEATH, 7:30 PM (Studio Theatre-FAE)
For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343.
Hoops On SVO

By Mike Beacom
SPORTS EDITOR

I was saddened to see professional boxer and heavyweight title contender, Tommy "The Duke" Morrison test positive for the HIV virus earlier this week.

Morrison joined a short list of professional athletes to have openly acknowledged contracting the virus.

On top of that list is one of course National Basketball Association great, Earvin 'Magic' Johnson, who has recently made a return to the game of basketball.

For fans of any sport, to see an idol like Magic or Tommy Morrison contract HIV is heartbreaking.

You see someone you put on a pedestal got knocked off that pedestal.

But as far as giving these two sports giants anymore sympathy than any other HIV or AIDS patient just isn't right.

Instead, it should make sports fans realize that these men and women that we look up to so much, are only as human as the average fan.

Charles Barkley was right when he said, "sports players are not role models." They're not something that a child or even an adult should attempt to pattern their life after.

Athletes in many cases lead care-free lives, such as the case for Morrison, who's lifestyle was labeled by his own promoter Tony Holden as promiscuous.

The misconception is that these athletes are really heroes, rather than role models.

A hero can be anybody that someone admires to a large degree.

A role model instills values and beliefs, and that can't be accomplished on a basketball court or in a boxing ring.

How Magic and Morrison can become role models, though, is by educating those kids who look up to them about the harms of unprotected sex and IV drug use.

Kids are more likely to listen to a well recognized athlete or entertainer than a high school guidance counselor.

Johnson has already begun educating others and once Morrison has time to accept his difficult news, he may too begin to affect the beliefs of others.

To some it may appear that Morrison has suffered the greatest knock-out of his shortened career.

But "The Duke" now has a chance to become a greater champion as a role model than he could have ever become as a boxing hero.

Pointer skaters end nine game struggle

By Joshua Morby
CONTRIBUTOR

The UWSP hockey team lost Friday night in Lake Forest 4-2, but ended their nine game losing skid with a 5-4 win on Saturday.

On Friday, after a scoreless first period, Lake Forest scored three times in the second. Ryan Aikia scored the only goal for Point in the period, while Mike Zambon added one for the Pointers in the third.

Point's chances where snuffed when Lake Forest's Todd McCasin scored with 19:28 to go in the third period.

But Willy Freiricks had a pair of goals while Kevin Plager, Zambon, and Joe Vancik each added one.

Senior goaltender David Fletcher stopped all 25 shots to set a school record for the most career shutouts at five.

Lake Forest center Brian Byrne said after the game, "It's a tough loss for the seniors since it's the last game. We really thought we had them especially after Friday.

Point's next scheduled opponent is UW-Superior on Friday and Saturday, February 16-17 at 7 p.m. in Superior.

"We have to win in Superior and go on to Bemidji or our 1995-96 season is likely over," said Point's Willy Freiricks.

The Yellowjackets have won the last five meetings between the teams, including clipping UWSP from last season's NCAA Division III Playoffs.

Pointers stomp Yellowjackets

By Krista Torgeson
CONTRIBUTOR

The UWSP men's basketball team split a pair of conference contests this past week.

In their contest with UW-Eau Claire on February 7, an eight point deficit team split a pair of conference games with a three point lead to one with a three pointer from freshman Graham Vcmcik in the 200 meter hurdles in a time of :25.53.

The only UWSP player in the top three," said Parker.

"But we have our Triple Jump (11.08m) and Zak in the 3000m (10:09.35) and more balanced conference that I have ever been a part of," said Parker.

"My expectations are to win the match for the Pointers on Saturday, February 24 for the Pointer Invite.

Platteville and we would be in the top two," said Parker.

Parker also commented on how proud he is of the attitudes of his players. "They are able to bounce back from anything, and they have never given up."

The team welcomed Oshkosh (18-3) on Wednesday and will be on the road again in Superior next time the two teams will compete will be on February 24 and then will travel to UW-River Falls that following Saturday to close out the regular season.

NCHA Final Regular Season Standings

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Platteville and we would be in the top two," said Parker.

"My expectations are to win the match for the Pointers on Saturday, February 24 for the Pointer Invite.

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By Mike Kemmeter

The Pointer women's basketball team was faced with a formidable opponent at home last Wednesday, UW-Eau Claire (16-3, 9-2 WWIAC).

However, a late rally by UWSP was not enough to top the Blugolds, as they went on to win 67-57.

On Saturday, Point exploded in the second half, outscoring UW-Superior 41-22 in the second half to win 70-52.

The Pointers were able to start off quickly against the nationally ranked Blugolds, jumping out to a 6-0 lead.

Eau Claire stormed back to tie the game at 13-13 on Tonya DeBrox three pointer. A Terri Crum jumper stretched the Point lead to four, but Eau Claire answered and tied the game again at 17-17, UWSP would never see the lead again.

The Blugolds extended their 38-29 halftime lead to as large as sixteen points in the second half. However, the Pointers didn’t quit.

After a Savezteer Wake lay in and two Marvin Boarst free throws, UWSP found themselves down nine with 1:13 to go. Boarst then hit a huge three with 44 seconds left on the clock to pull Point within six.

Following a time-out, Daniel Swob fouled UWEC’s Tanya Bauer. Bauer came up big in the clutch, sinking both free throws to pull the game away.

Both teams were ice cold from the floor, shooting 32%. Christina Bergman recorded a double-double for Stevens Point, with 14 points and 11 boards.

Boarst and Walker added 12 apiece in the losing effort.

On Saturday in Superior, UWSP found themselves down by as many as nine points in the middle of the first half, but were able to rally, beating the Yellowjackets 70-52.

A 9-2 run ending at the 7:06 mark of the first brought Point within one, 21-20. Superior extended the lead back to five with just over a minute left, but two Terri Crum jumpers pulled the Pointers within one at the buzzer, 30-29.

Stevens Point exploded in the second half with two big runs to blow out Superior. A Bergman layin just seconds into the half put Point up by one, a lead they would not relinquish.

The Yellowjackets stayed within three until the Pointers erupted, going on a 12-2 run to take an eleven point advantage with ten minutes to go.

Superior whittled the lead back down to four, 56-52, with 4:37 left, but Point held off the charge and went on another run. The Yellowjackets missed their last eight shots of game, and Point outscored them 14-6 in the final minutes to get the eighteen point victory.

Bergman had another huge game, scoring 17 points on a scouring 7 of 9 shooting.

She also added 17 rebounds, four of them coming on the offensive end.

Daniel Swob also was on fire, connecting on 7 of her nine attempts to score 16 points.

Swob also had six boards, two assists, and four steals. Sarah McClughlin added 10 points, as well as grabbing seven rebounds.

Summer Lamontagne led Superior with 12 points. The whole Yellowjacket team shot poorly, connecting on just a dismal 29% from the floor.

The Pointers face another very tough test on Wednesday at UW-Oshkosh.

The Titans are undefeated on the season, 22-0 overall and 13-0 in the WWIAC.

Stevens Point returns home for the conference game Saturday afternoon against Lakeland College.

Kickers to start indoor season

By Joshua Morby

The UWSP men’s soccer team will host an indoor soccer tournament at Quandt Fieldhouse on March 9 and 10. The event kicks off the indoor season. The Pointers finished their outdoor season just one goal short of making it to nationals.

Senior defensemen Craig Zipper says, “I’m really looking forward to this tournament, our success depends on our goalkeeping.”

Brian Dredrekeo, the senior goal keeper is coming off a strong outdoor season and shows promise.

Junior striker Dave Fischer explains, “This year we are only playing two indoor tournaments, we should do well, we’re looking forward to next fall.”

Quote of the Week

“All he does is give you a better pyramid in the team photo.”

An unidentified coach of the New Jersey Nets commenting on the Nets decision to acquire 7’6” center Shawn Bradley earlier in the year.

-Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Wrestlers dominate St. Thomas

Pointers head to Platteville for conference tourney

By Joe Trawitzki

Last Friday, the UWSP wrestling squad ventured to Augsburg University, attempting to prove themselves to be the top team in the nation.

When they left for the dual meet, the Pointers had been wrestling like champions.

However, Augsburg displayed what it takes to be the best. The defending national champions, who are currently ranked second in the nation, beat the Pointers 25-9.

The Pointers managed to win only three of the ten matches. Shawn Riege (142) won by a 10-3 decision while Jamie Hildebranrd (167), and Perry Miller (HWT) squeaked out one point victories. Hildebranrd’s opponent Cliff Castell is ranked as one of the top eight wrestlers in Division III.

The Pointers could have looked at the loss to the Auggies as a major setback, but instead they rebounded.

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For a first issue, this book takes a surprising number of twists and turns, including the main character having a heart condition. The only fault in this book is that once you’ve turned the last page, you’ll be anxious for the next installment. As always, Frank Miller’s use of shadows and black tones is incredible. His style is being imitated more and more by new artists, which only goes to show—Frank Miller is God.

SIN CITY: THAT YELLOW BASTARD is a must buy for anyone interested in comics.

—Jason Breunig

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Four Shojo Stories
*ARTISTS:* Keiko Nishi, Moto Hagio, Shio Sato
*PUBLISHER:* Viz Communications

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"They Were Elephants," by Moto Hagio, is about ten Galactic University students stranded on a derelict spaceship for a final exam...but when they arrive, there are eleven of them—one is an impostor. My personal fave.

"The Changing," by Shio Sato is about a woman who finds a utopian society whose inhabitants have found a disturbing way to keep the peace. Disturbing.

All these stories have a depth you won't find in many comic books. Amazing stuff.

—BJ Hiorns

NightScarf and Scab
*by Mike Fidler*
CIA agent Garret stepped out of his government issued jeep and crossed the street. Two more agents were walking up the sidewalk. They stopped in front of 2454 Cambridge Street. Agent Garret had already crossed in front of them and was moving up the front walk.

They spread out and crossed the yard behind Garret, reaching the porch just after him. There was an agent on each side of the house and two more in the backyard. Across the street, at 2451, an agent sat in the upstairs window, a rifle trained on the front door.

Agent Garret knocked on the front door, an agent standing on either side of him. There was no reply.

"Go on three, two, one..." whispered Garret into a tiny microphone that curved down from his right ear.

A moment later, Garret slipped a gun from his pocket and gave the door a swift kick. It swung open, and he dashed inside, moving to the left, gun extended.

The agent that had been standing on his left, followed him through the door, moving to the right, and was immediately followed by the last man. At the back of the house, the two agents kicked through the door and burst into the kitchen.

The men standing on each side of the house were there to make sure no one got out. But there was no need.

"The house is unoccupied, sir."

"All right, check each room. Look for anything suspicious."

Garret walked into the kitchen. He started leafing through some papers on the table, but stopped when he found a string of small photographs.

"Looks like our man was making a fake ID," Garret commented to another agent.

"Fax these pictures to Washington. And Moscow."

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Tips
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people’s feelings into consideration.
"I think the discussions were very helpful. I liked hearing from the guys in my group and their perspectives."

Bobbi Jo Watkins, a Pray-Sims CA who was in charge of advertising and getting speakers for the program topic, also participated in the group discussion.
"I think this is really important," said Watkins. "Communication problems are the biggest things that separate many people."
"I think men and women are always going to be different, but we can still be equal as human beings."
"Relationship Week is a time when you focus on the people you care about, and if you care about them, you should make an effort to understand them," said Watkins.

Net blackout
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out, in that people with web pages are encouraged to display a blue ribbon on their pages to signify their displeasure with this new legislation.

According to a statement by the EFF, "The blue ribbon will be a way to raise awareness of these issues, from locally to globally, and for the quiet voice of reason to be heard."

Obey
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He feels that the only way citizens can eliminate the threat of lobbying groups and PAC organizations is to fund the campaign through tax revenue or other public means.

As for education, Obey is concerned about a trend that continues to take large bites out of educational funding.
"One of the goals of government is to try and create the conditions to provide opportunities for people who want to get off their duff," said Obey.

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