Student senators vote against new security proposal

By Kris Wagner
News Editor

After laying down all the benefits and drawbacks of having a police officer on campus, Student Government Association (SGA) voted to stand against the proposal of incorporating a law enforcement agency. In an 11-7 decision student senators felt that the current security system at UW-Stevens Point effectively dealt with the campus's security needs. The Academic Affairs Committee also decided to side against the proposal.

The proposal asks for one individual to become trained as a police officer, giving the officer the right to detain a person. Currently, campus security reports any major crimes to the Stevens Point Police Department. An officer status will also allow Protective Services the right to carry on their own investigations.

"The fact is that you have to look at the good and bad and which one weighs the heaviest," said SGA President Jessica Hussin. "Student Government as well as University Affairs have looked at both of those sides and believe it (law enforcement authority) is not necessary," she added.

The final proposal decision is up to Chancellor George. Last year Director of Protective Services Don Burling looked into the possibility of initiating a new security plan for the UW-SP campus. According to Burling universities nation-wide have gone to a law enforcement system.

"The role of campus security has changed as an agency," said Burling. "The climate is changing...we're dealing with all the woes of society."

Increased aid may ease financial burden
Clinton proposes tax credit to help student families

By Chris Keller
Assistant News Editor

During the fall campaign, President Bill Clinton made education his focal point for the next four years. In his 1997 inauguration speech, Clinton told the public he wants to see education become every citizen's prized possession and make "the doors of higher education open to all."

According to UW-Stevens Point Political Science Professor Richard Christofferson, Clinton has conceived a proposal that, in theory, would help make a student's education last at least two years past high school. His plan would allow parents to claim tax credits or "Hope Scholarships," and deductions for college costs.

The Hope Scholarship would provide a $1500 tax credit for a first-year student's tuition, and another $1500 for second-year students who earned a B average. Clinton also proposed a tax deduction for education and training expenses. This would allow a $10,000 deduction per family for college, graduate school, or community college tuition. To receive the deduction, tuition must be for an education or training program that's related to a worker's career.

The definition of this deduction is vague, said Tim Casper, President of United Council. "I haven't seen what the definition of related expenses is. It could mean only books, or it could mean anything from child care to gas used driving to school."

Eligible students in the first two years of schooling, or their families, would have to decide between either the Hope Scholarship or the tax deduction.
Penny wars raise money for First Home

By Krista Torgeson

Pray-Sims Hall was able to raise about $200 this past week to donate to the First Home in Stevens Point just through the change they had in their rooms.

Penny Wars, a game designed to show which floor could end the week with the highest positive amount in their jars, was a huge success for the Pray-Sims’ Headboard. The game was simple. Students put pennies in their own jars and silver in their opponents’. Silver coins subtracted the jars total value and pennies increased the value. The floor with the most positive points won.

The hall knew the winning floor would be able to present First Home with the gifts that the proceeds of the game purchased. The donations include a locking cabinet and any other baby accessories the remaining funds allow them to buy. These items will range anywhere from diapers to baby food.

Pray-Sims Headboard felt this was a worthy cause and felt proud to be able to give something back to the community.

Police

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According to Burling, as of last school year UW-SP and UW-River Falls were the only four-year UW-System universities without a law enforcement agency; seven of them have armed police officers. Some of the top questions on the senators’ list were: the restructuring of the current security system, finding money for the officer’s wage and benefit increases, training programs, and if the system would ask for the right to carry a gun. Burling at this time feels that guns are not needed on campus.

Tenured police officers in the current system would get cut on it.

By 

In the last five years crime has dropped on campus, but that doesn’t prevent any serious crimes from happening at UW-SP, commented Burling.

Protective Services’ Tip of the Week

Never fill a gas can in the bed of a truck with a bed liner in it. Place the container on the ground, away from vehicles and people, to fill it. Apparently, the plastic bed liner prevents the static charge generated by gasoline flowing into a metal container from grounding. As the charge builds, it can create a static spark between the container and the gas nozzle, igniting the gasoline and causing a fire or explosion.

This tip is contributed by the Crime Prevention Office.
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The wolf, bear, eagle, moose,
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Stevens Point's Menominee
Clans Project. The project
will be celebrated in conjunction
with the upcoming Thomas F.
George Inauguration.

The Menominee Clans
Project celebration will take
place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb.
16, in the Founders Room of
Old Main.

The project gives everyone
pause to reflect on the
Menominee culture while giv­
ing all of us a deeper apprecia­
tion and understanding of
Wisconsin’s diverse heritage, he
added.

Menominee white pine standing
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Happy capitalist relationship day!

By Chris Keller
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

St. Valentine’s Day is once again upon us. I have found there are two types of Valentine’s Day people. There are those who find a way to get excited and those who learn to despise the day. No matter what type of person you are, one thing is for certain. Valentine’s Day has become one of the biggest commercial holidays in the United States.

According to Cindy Wiedmeyer’s article this week, Valentine’s Day was created as a feast day to honor at least three men named Valentine: a Roman priest, a bishop, and an unidentified leader. That week, Valentine’s Day was created as a feast day to honor at least three men named Valentine: a Roman priest, a bishop, and an unidentified leader. According to Cindy Wiedmeyer’s article this week, Valentine’s Day was created as a feast day to honor at least three men named Valentine: a Roman priest, a bishop, and an unidentified leader.

Unfortunately, corporate America has turned the celebration of Valentine’s Day into one that preys on our urge to feel wanted. I have heard many of my friends say this week, “What should I get my girlfriend, or boyfriend, for Valentine’s Day?”

When I was younger, I was taught a valuable lesson about love. It has nothing to do with outside appearance or personal possessions. Love comes from the heart, plain and simple. Then why has a holiday known for Cupid’s little arrows injecting love into people’s hearts become a merchant’s paradise?

While browsing the internet, I found hundreds of websites devoted to this holiday. There were occasional sites giving a Valentine’s Day history. And on-line valentines offered by a slew of companies. Again, it is flowers and candy for all.

In the so-called “Information Age,” we now have many different ways to tell our friend or lover how much we care for them. There are on-line flowers and on-line valentines offered by a slew of companies.

Instead of spending a fortune on gifts that may someday be meaningless, why not create a memory that will last a lifetime. It may sound like this holiday has made me bitter and but it has not. Just makes me wonder why a special day, essentially devoted to capitalism, needs to be set aside to show that person in your life they’re needed.

Current ratings serve no purpose

Television needs descriptive warnings, not numbers

By Mike Beacom
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The television ratings system has been in place for more than a month now and it has become apparent that the system is an inadequate device for regulating TV shows.

The ratings range from TV-G to TV-Mature, depending on the level and amount of violence, sex, and other adult content. The system was added due to the increasing amounts of material appearing on television which some parents or guardians found inappropriate for their children to watch.

The problem with the new ratings is that the grading is only a suggested age level or category. Ratings do not inform parents what kind of subject matter is contained in the program which might be unsuitable for certain ages.

A TV-14 rating does not tell a parent if the program contains a murder scene, suggested sexual content or questionable language. A TV-14 rating only gives the adult viewer a number to guess off of, regarding whether it is something a younger viewer should be watching.

A more logical system would be one similar to those used by premium channels (Home Box Office, etc.). If there was a listing of the type of questionable content or especially the degree of it, parents would have more information to base their decision on.

Individual warnings of mild violence and heavy language for example, should be given along side a TV-14 rating. This would be far more effective. It makes no sense to have a television rating system, if it is not as complete and helpful as it can possibly be. This system needs to be improved.

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A UWSP CENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS AND EVENT RESOURCES PRODUCTION
Migration begins for sky-dancers

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Somewhere over Louisiana, Wisconsin's most romantic game bird has taken wing to a month-long journey. When the comic-looking woodcock arrives here in mid March, the crusty snow should be nothing more than a looking woodcock arrives here in mid March, the crusty snow

Enchanted females watching from the ground are often impressed enough to allow the dance to father a brood. But even after a successful performance the dance continues for the polygamous males, who may breed with several females in one night. The females build shallow nests on the ground in brushy thickets preferably near the singing grounds and a good supply of their favorite food, earthworms. She incubates an average of four buff-colored, speckled eggs per day for 21 days before the fully feathered chicks emerge. After another month, the young are excellent fliers. They join other woodcocks in early autumn for the winter migration. As Valentine's Day rolls around the next year, they begin the migration north and participate in the first sky dance of their lives.

Did you get her this year?

The University Store will give you new ideas for Valentine gifts this year.

We have a wide variety of original gift and novelty items for you to choose from. So you won't look like the guy standing next to you with the box of chocolates!

Or did you just forget?

Valentine's Day
Friday, February 14, 1997
(That's next week)

Treehaven offers training

During March, Treehaven Field Station will offer two courses in leadership development for resource managers and environmental educators. As part of a series, the study courses are designed to enhance skills and attributes, preparing today's leaders for increasing challenges.

The first course, "Strategic Planning for Natural Resource Organizations," is scheduled for March 7 through 9.

The course will study strategic planning as a process by which organizations examine the present and set directions for the future.

Strategic planning models will be analyzed through case study, simulation, and small group activity while learning key elements of successful planning efforts.

"Team Development in Natural Resources" will be offered March 24 and 25. The course concerns development of concept of building, nurturing and maintaining teams.

Series coordinator and primary instructor is Corky McReynolds, associate professor of resource management and Treehaven director. Both one-credit classes are subtitled of Natural Resources 703.

For full-time UW-SP students, course fees are $50 for registration and an additional $60 for room and board.

For more information or registration, contact Treehaven by calling (715) 453-4106.

Outdoors

The recent flooding and destruction of Yosemite National Park in California has shut the park down and locked out the nearly 4 million tourists that pass through in the average year. That's a lot. One can imagine what these people leave behind and what the effect of 1.5 million cars has on the park's environment.

The Forest Service and the management of Yosemite are talking about how the flood may actually help them implement changes that were drafted in a 1980 proposal that reduce the number of people allowed in the park.

One group has to be very pleased with what has recently affected their home - the animals. I recently had the chance to talk to some of the animals and I found out some interesting things.

I first interviewed a grizzly bear, who has been a resident of Yosemite for 12 years (where exactly he got the phone is questionable):

"What do you think about the flood?"

"I think that it was a blessing in disguise. Sure, I was forced out of my home, but at least those SUVs & tourists are gone."

"Tell me about the tourists."

"All I can say is that I was getting toward the end of my rope with them. I actually caught myself thinking about mauling someone, not that I ever have, it was just getting to that point."

"Uh-huh. One more question. Where'd you get the phone?"

"What do you mean?! How dare you, ARRGHH! CRACK! CRUNCH!"

"That was apparently the end of the conversation (I think he ate the phone.)."

But what the bear said is clear. So many people have been and are pouring into the national parks that they're squeezing the animals out.

Yosemite isn't the only place being overrun, however. Another example is Yellowstone National Park in northwest Wyoming. A few years ago, Yellowstone was hit with massive fires that closed the park. However, I talked to an elk who claims that he and some of his friends started those fires.

"What else could we do? Attack a car, or people on a hike? They'd simply run away and get a ranger, who would then come back and shoot us."

"Are you sure?"

"Look, we tried it and it didn't work. See this scar right here..."

"Okay.

"So we started some fires, which of course were automatically blamed on some humans." (Chuckling)

"Isn't that kind of risky, though? I mean, starting a fire in the place you live?"

"Well, we knew that it would eventually be contained, but while it was burning, we visited some friends in Colorado."

"Oh."

The elk's motive here is clear: force the humans out.

It's not hard to imagine what the animals think about humans. We are crowding their habitat down into tiny parcels of land and then making it an attraction. It would appear that Yosemite and Yellowstone may need to put quotas on tourists or face the wrath of animals who are becoming less tolerant of humans with every dropped soda can and candy wrapper.

Because I like big numbers, you should know that:

Americans drive nearly 4 billion miles a day, using 200 million gallons of gas. In the U.S., we use 400 billion gallons of water every day. That's a lot.
Nineteen mounted animals donated to museum collection

Mike Okray of Stevens Point will be recognized for his trophy wildlife donation to UW-Stevens Point's Museum of Natural History.

The open house and recognition will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, at the museum.

The public is welcome to attend as this is one of the activities planned in conjunction with the Thomas F. George Inauguration as 12th chancellor of UW-SP.

Nineteen life-size, custom-mounted animals have been donated to the museum collection.

The specimens include pronghorn antelope, southern impala, Nile crocodile, mountain goat, barren ground caribou, musk ox, cape buffalo, mountain lion and a red kangaroo.

Fifteen of the 19 specimens were professionally appraised at nearly $100,000.

The museum is in the process of renovating exhibits and will feature donated specimens in their natural habitat settings.

The exhibits should be completed sometime in 1999. Ecosystem-based exhibits will enhance the growing educational role of the museum.

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Turkey permits for spring hunt sets record

More than 100,000 hunters applied for the record 92,215 wild turkey permits available for the 1997 Wisconsin spring turkey hunting season.

According to Tom Howard, Department of Natural Resources turkey specialist in Dodgeville, the DNR mailed permits last week.

Fortunate applicants should have already received their permits or should receive them by the end of this week.

Wisconsin's wild turkey population has continued to grow, allowing the DNR to increase available permits for the spring turkey season nearly every year, said Howard.

There were 75,597 permits available for the 1996 spring season and 68,353 permits available for the 1995 spring season.

Hunters harvested a record 19,000 turkeys during the 1996 spring season, the 13th consecutive harvest record since the season began.

The spring turkey season is conducted in 6, 5-day periods beginning April 16. Each period runs Wednesday through Sunday, ending on May 25.

The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per permit.

"Despite the severity of the winter last year, turkey survival was very good, which shows us these are very resilient birds," he said.

"There are areas of deep snow in several northern turkey zones again this year, but in general, this winter's weather has not been as severe." DNR officials expect another excellent spring hunt in 1997.

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• Variety of styles & sayings from "I'm sorry" to "Happy Birthday"

We can help. Or at least try.

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In the dog house lately?

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He said, she said: the great Valentine's Day debate

By Kevin Lahner
Contributor

Valentine's Day is upon us. Some of you out there have been counting down the days on the calendar and have Feb. 14 marked with a big red heart.

Some others are going to be in shock, drop this paper, run to the nearest flower shop, candy store, or jewelry store and frantically pick out a gift for that special someone. The rest of you will just sigh and shake your head. Be that as it may, somewhere along the line somebody decided that Feb. 14 is a day that significant others are supposed to get together, give gifts and let that special someone know they are loved.

...Some of you out there have been counting down the days on the nearest flower shop, candy store, or jewelry store and frantically pick out a gift for that special someone.

Whatever you think about Valentine's Day, it is here, and we are going to have to deal with it. For those of you out there that think Valentine's Day is a wonderful holiday, that's great, go out and have a joyous day with your loved one.

Personally I think that Valentine's Day is just kind of silly. I mean, do you really need a special day to tell that significant other that you really, truly love them? I think that in a healthy relationship, you don't need that extra motivation, such as Valentine's Day, to let someone know they are loved.

Now, this attitude could be due to the fact that I don't have a girlfriend right now. So all of these couples getting psyched about Valentine's Day is making me sick. Maybe I'm just tired of seeing little Cupids and red hearts everywhere. I don't know.

All I know is that when I am in a wonderful healthy relationship, every day is Valentine's Day.

O.K. so I lied, but isn't that the way everyone would like to envision their relationships. I mean, who wouldn't?

To get to the point, I think that if you like Valentine's Day that's great, but just don't forget about those other 364 days in the year. Maybe try to do something special for that loved one on say...March 19!

By Beth Markley
Contributor

St. Valentine's Day: red roses, candy hearts, and. sweet crushed Magazines are full of pink and red clad supermodels and tips to make you "extra luscious" for your man.

All of this for Feb. 14, the one day of the year set aside to glorify romance.

My most defining Valentine's Day memory was in high school. A girl had her head at the bottom of her locker and was whining and dismaying by the bouquet of flowers she had just discovered. Her poor clueless boyfriend looked on wondering why the 30 bucks he just dropped bought him to this point and not just closer to being lucky.

Yellow roses mean friendship, while red roses mean love.

This useless information is a fact of life for many 16 year-old girls.

The boyfriend becomes a victim of an insensitive florist who didn't bother to clue him in on this crucial point.

Valentine's Day is one of those times in life when the differences between men and women become apparent, maybe even painfully obvious for those who don't like to accept it.

I don't believe that people can turn magically romantic when the clock strikes midnight on Feb. 13. Valentine's Day seems more about expectation than love and romance. If you are in love, you should be celebrating it everyday.

I would much rather receive flowers on some random Tuesday afternoon just because I'm cool, rather than on the one day of the year my boyfriend thinks I am expecting it.

I am boyfriend-free this Valentine's Day, and that is fine with me.

I am not going to be any more worried that cupid's arrow is perpetually missing me tomorrow than on any other day.

Frankly, I am relieved. I can be confident that any acts of romance toward me this year will be spontaneous and true.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

Q&A with Chancellor Tom

Last Sunday at the Soul Food Dinner you really tickled the ivories. What is your musical background? What music do you prefer? Jason Brunner, Junior

Negro National Anthem
I am every voice and ring,
'Till earth and heaven ring.
With the harmonies of liberty,
Let cavalry ride.

Ring as high as the rolling sea.
Sing as long full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begins.
Let us march on till victory is won.

For centuries, church services have been a celebration of culture. African American culture is no exception. "People can educate themselves. Once you understand where someone's coming from, you can understand them as a person and have a better relationship," said Nikki Evans of the UW-SP Multi-Cultural Resource Center.

Leftovers from the soul food dinner were brought to the Red Cross Hope Center.

"The Soul Food dinner is important because it brings culture together."

Make V-Day fun for everyone!

1. Make your roommate's favorite dinner!
2. Help your mail carrier have fun, and give him or her a valentine. Except for Christmas, Valentine's Day is the biggest mail day of the year!
3. Carry a bag of chocolate kisses with you wherever you go and ask people if they want a kiss!
4. Don't forget your loving parents on this holiday. Send them a card or flowers to show you care.
5. Give friends and lovers candy hearts. Pick out the heart with the perfect message and make it personal!
6. Slip a valentine in someone's backpack or briefcase for a nice surprise during their day!
7. Make Rice-Krispie bars in the shape of hearts and give them out to your friends!
Word of Mouth

WORKSHOP
The UW-Stevens Point Affirmative Action Office is sponsoring workshops entitled “Addressing Sexual Harassment on Campus.” Patricia Brady, UW-System Senior Legal counsel, will be assisting during the training sessions.

Session A will be Monday, Feb. 17 from 9-10 a.m.; Session B will be Monday, Feb. 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Session C starts Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 9-11 p.m. There will be a session for administrative staff on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

VOCAL COMEDY
Tonic Sol-Fa, the singing five man show is coming to the Encore, Thursday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. Tonic Sol-Fa, the singing five man show is coming to the Encore, Thursday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.

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Friday, Feb. 14 from 9-11 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9-11 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 16 in the Recreation Center.

The show features a variety of favorites such as billiards, cricket, darts, foosball, and ping pong. Admission is $2 with a UW-SP ID and $3.50 without one. Students may get more information and register at Recreational Services.

BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT
A nine-ball billiards tournament breaks into action Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at Recreational Services. The tournament series runs for weeks, featuring indoor games such as billiards, cricket darts, foosball, and ping pong.

First, second, and third place winners will receive cash prizes. The entry fee for the tournament is $5 for students and $6 for non-students. Students may get more information and register at Recreational Services.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13: RELATIONSHIPS WEEK
CPI-Center Stage: UWM Jazz Quartet, 8PM (Laird Rm.-UC)
WOMEN'S CENTER: Law of Attraction, 8PM (HJ)
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CPI-Center Stage: BG & SOUL FORCE, President's/Advisor's Breakfast Meeting, 8:30-10:30AM (Heritage Rm.-UC)
CPI-Center Stage: Spotlight Light Series: THE BOYS, 12-1PM (Encore-UC)
Rec. Serv. Billiards League, 6PM (Rec. Serv.-UC)
HOT SHOTS Prog: "Talk Dirty to Me", 7PM (Knautz Hall Lobby) Orchestra Festival (All Day-FAB) w-Concert, 7:30 PM (MH-FAB)
"When Worlds Collide: Men and Women in Relationships", 8PM (Barrows Hall Lobby)
CPI-Concerts: TONIC SOL-FA--$2 w/ID, $3.50 w/o, 8PM (Encore-UC)
TREMORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14: RELATIONSHIPS WEEK
Hockey, Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, IL)
Counseling Center Presents: "How to Make Your Intimate Relationships Flourish", 12-1PM (3rd Floor-Delzell)
Wrestling, Augsburg College, 7PM (HC)
Inaugural Convocation & Installation Ceremony of DR. THOMAS F. GEORGE, 2:30 PM (BO) w-Reception Following (FA Courtyard)
INAUGURAL BALL, 7:30 PM (UC)
TREMORS Dance Club--TOGA PARTY, 9PM (AC)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Hockey, Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, IL)
Men's VB, Indiana Inv., 8AM (Bloomington, IN)
TR, UW-Platteville Invite, 11AM (T)
Wrestling, Univ. of St. Thomas (HI)

Student Stained Glass Dedication & Art Show (Encore Room & LaPalatte Lounge-UC), 11AM
UWSP Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon, 11:30AM (Alumni Rm.-UC)
Museum of Natural History OPEN HOUSE & Recognition of the Mike Okray Collection (LRC), 2PM
UWSP Student Ice Sculpture Carnival (Speech Forum), 3-6PM
Wom. BB, Superior (HI), 4:30PM
BB, Superior (HI), 7PM
CPI-Center Stage: GMQ Jazz Quartet, 8PM (Laird Rm.-UC)
TRE MORS Dance Club, 9PM (AC)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Planetarium Series: COMETS ARE COMING, 2PM (Sci. Bldg.)
Faculty Recital: Uwharrie Clarinet-Percussion Duo, 7:30PM (MH-FAB)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Centerentertainment Prod.-Centers Cinema Presents: WAR OF THE WORLDS/INDEPENDENCE DAY, 7:30PM-10:30PM w/ID, $2 w/o (Encore-UC)
Rec. Serv. Nine-Ball Billiards Tour., 6PM (Rec. Serv.-UC)
BB, Oshkosh (HI), 7PM
Wom. BB, Oshkosh (HI), 7PM

For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343.

Who was St. Valentine anyway?

By Cindy Wiedmeyer
Corv Exress

Everyone knows that Valentine's Day is the day of the year when lovers and friends show their love through gifts, flowers (particularly red roses), candy, cards, lingerie, and whatever else gets one's attention.

But no one is quite certain who St. Valentine was.

People make hypothetical guesses like Jessica Fusek who thinks, "He was probably a saint that enticed women." Or Sarah Jacoby who assumes that, "It was a specific day that he [St. Valentine] chose to show how much he cared about others by giving them messages of love [Valentines]."

Early church martyrs lists reveal at least three St. Valentines who have their feast day on Feb. 14.

One is known by a group of his followers. The other two were priests, one of Rome and the other a Bishop of Interamna. Both were beaten and beheaded by the Emperor Claudius II in 269 A.D.

Many legends lead us to believe that St. Valentine's Day is connected with St. Valentine.

It has been said that while imprisoned he cured the jailer's daughter. The night before he was beheaded, he wrote her a letter and signed it "From your Valentine."

The three Valentine's eventually evolved into one.

There has been no real explanation for the connection between St. Valentine and people in love.

But ultimately, he is the patron saint of engaged couples and anyone wishing to marry.

Other legends associated with Valentine's Day exist in Europe during the Middle Ages.

There was a belief that birds chose their mates on Feb. 14.

This led to the idea that boys and girls would do the same. To Christianize the act of picking names for sweethearts, the Roman festival, Lupercalia, replaced the girls' names with the names of saints.

The young people were to imitation the saints for the following year.

This custom is still practiced today in some religions.

Before the eighteen century, colonists exchanged simple valentine cards. But after 1723, the custom began to grow due to importation of valentine "writers" from England.

These writer booklets contained verses and messages that could be copied onto decorative paper.

Not only verse accompanied the beautiful sheets, but also emblemsof love such as bleeding hearts, lovers knots, cupid with bow and arrow, and turtledoves.

Today valentines are made to be sent to nearly everyone— friends, relatives, and lovers.

St. Valentine's Day is second only to Christmas in the number of greeting cards sent in the United States.

No one will ever know the truth about St. Valentine. Like other hoax figures, St. Valentine is as real as Santa or the Easter bunny.

Legends and stories have dominated culture from day one. Whether or not St. Valentine created the holiday is pure speculation.

Hard facts are meaningless after events are celebrated for generations. We believe what we are taught. St. Valentine is the reason for the loving season.

The Week In Point!
Strong shooting puts Points past Bluegolds

By Joshua Wescott

The UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team won its second in a row last night, as the Pointers buried UW-Eau Claire 64-48 in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

With the win, the Dogs improved to 15-6 overall, and 7-5 in the WSC. The Bluegolds slipped to 11-9 overall, 4-7 in the conference.

The Pointers came out of the gates blazing from the field, hitting 13 of their first 20 shots, good for 65 percent, while holding the Bluegolds to only 32 percent in the first half.

"For a while in the first half, we played beautiful ball," said UW-SP men's basketball coach Jack Bennett.

Point finished the game shooting nearly 58 percent, while the Bluegolds could only muster 34 percent.

Eau Claire got back into the game early in the second half, until a Jim Danielson baseline jumper while the shot clock expired gave the momentum back to the Pointers.

"That's ideal when that happens. That's a dagger to the heart, and we did that three or four times," said Bennett.

The Pointers' balanced offensive attack was again led by senior center Mike Pasytnik, who scored 14 points on six of eight shots in the first half for a mere 65 percent, while the Bluegolds were led by 6-8 senior center Cory Kulig, who scored 25 points while coralling 13 boards.

The Pointers next play host to lowly UW-Superior on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Quandt Fieldhouse.


Hockey sweeps Eau Claire

By Nick Brilowski

The UW-Stevens Point hockey team kept pace in the race for second place in the NCHA and a first round bye in the playoffs with a series sweep on the road at UW-Eau Claire last weekend.

The duo of Forrest Gore and Matt Interbartolo keyed the Pointers in the series, with Gore scoring five goals and Interbartolo adding six assists in the two game set.

"Frosty's playing well, but his whole line (with Interbartolo and Brian Hill) is playing well, and that's the thing," said UW-SP hockey coach Joe Baldarotta.

On Friday night, Gore started Point out with a 1-0 lead on the power play, putting the puck between the pipes 11:04 into the game.

The Bluegolds answered back at the start of the second period, when Perry Burrowes beat Pointer goalie Bobby Gorman to tie the game at 1-1.

UW-SP's Matt Carey and UW-EC's Ryan Thomas traded goals before Gore struck again.

Gore put the Pointers up 3-2, scoring his second goal of the night, with Interbartolo assisting on the unassisted goal.

Point put the game away 13:50 into the third period, as Gore completed the hat trick, giving UW-SP a 4-2 lead.

Interbartolo and Gore teamed up again, as Interbartolo found an empty UW-EC net with one second left in the game off a pass from Gore. Gemein was again stellar in net for the Pointers, making 21 saves in the 5-2 win.

On Saturday night, Eau Claire jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first period before the Pointers scored two goals, by Ben Goresich and Eric Brown. This gave the Pointers a 2-1 advantage heading into the first intermission.

In the second period, the Bluegolds and Pointers traded a pair of goals, sending UW-SP into the third period with a 4-3 lead.

Willy Frericks and Gore both found the net for Point, with Frericks' goal coming on the power play.

See Hockey on Page 14

Stout slips past Pointers down the stretch

Offense shut down after Boario fouls out late in game

By Nick Brilowski

A poor shooting performance and a failure to convert down the stretch cost the UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team a chance at knocking off conference leader UW-Stout in Menomonie Saturday.

The Blue Devils scored the final six points of the game and held the Pointers scoreless over the last 3:17 to escape with a 73-68 victory.

"I think we just thought we couldn't beat them, especially on their home floor," said UW-SP women's basketball coach Shirley Egner.

"We just didn't fight enough to get the 'W','" added Egner.

Stout improved its record to 14-6 overall and 10-1 in the WWIAC while Stevens Point dropped to 14-4 and 7-4 respectively.

UW-SP raced out to a 18-10 lead midway through the first half only to see Stout counter.

The Blue Devils, behind a 26-6 run, took their biggest lead of the game (twelve points) at 36-24.

UW-Stout took a 68-60 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Pointers shot themselves in the foot by only hitting 6 of 27 shots in the first half for a mere 22 percent.

An 18 for 24 performance at the free throw line in the first 20 minutes kept Point in the game.

In the second half, the Pointers battled all the way back and

knotted the game at 50-50 with 14:02 remaining.

The two teams battled it out like prize fighters as they continued to match each other the rest of the way.

The biggest lead over the next eleven minutes belonged to the Pointers, 64-60 with 6:40 left.

A free throw and a layup by Stort's Gretchen Peterson gave the home team a one point lead, freshman Jessica Ott of the Pointers hit a jumper with 3:17 left, giving Point the lead at 68-70.

Unfortunately for UW-SP, these were their final points scored.

A free throw and a layup by Staci Rademacher and a three-pointer by Jenny Kent accounted for the final margin.

The turning point of the game came when the Pointers' guard Mame Boario fouled out with 1:53 remaining.

Boario's our leader, and when she fouled out with a couple minutes to go, that was it," said Egner.

"We couldn't get a shot off, and that basically was the difference in the game," added Egner.

On lead the way with 20 points for the Pointers. She shot only 34 percent for the game.

Cavanaugh Walker added 16 while Christina Bergman notched 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Point shot an impressive 29 for 37 from the line for 78.4 percent, including 12 for 12 by Marne Boario.

Kened paced Stout with 19 points.

"We just didn't play mentally composed for 40 minutes, and we have to," said Egner.

After traveling to Eau Claire Wednesday, the Pointers host UW-Superior at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Berg Gym.

Quote of the Week

"Don't worry. No one wants to talk to you anyway.

-NBA operations chief Rod Thorn, talking to Chicago Bulls guard Steve Kerr. Kerr's plane was delayed and he wasn't sure if he would make it to a media session. Kerr went on to win the Three-Point contest Saturday.

-Chicago Tribune
Men's track wins Eastbay/Pointer Invite

By Mike Kemmeter

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams hosted the Eastbay/Pointer Invite Saturday, and both teams rose up to the tough competition.

Bryant has a lot of growing up to do, and a few years of college wouldn't have hurt. So far this season, Bryant has averaged 7.0 points in 14.5 minutes. And if the Lakers want to contend, they'll need Bryant to average more than 19.5 points a game, which is the average of 1996's Michael Jordan.

The men's team captured top honors, scoring 162 points to outdistance UW-Oshkosh's 125.5. Division II Lewis College finished a close third with 121 points, while WSU's rival UW-Stout finished fourth with 101.5.

The men's winning performance was highlighted by four first place finishes.

Ben Douglas won the high jump, clearing 2.05 meters for UW-SP's only individual title in the field events.

On the track, Matt Hayes set both meet and track records while winning the 1000 meters in 2:30.25.

Brett Witt in the 800 meters (1:53), and Chad Johnson in the 4x400 meter relay.

Third place honors for UW-SP were John Auel in the 1500 meters, Shawn Moretti in the 55 and 200 meter hurdles, Craig Ragan in the 100 meters, and Mike Hamilton in the long jump.

"We were very, very happy. This is one of the meets that we kind of shoot for. When you host your own invitational, you would like to try to win that particular meet," said UW-SP men's track coach Rick Witt.

The Pointer women's team had a strong showing as well, finishing third with 92 points.

Defending national champion UW-Oshkosh won the meet with 177.5 points, while Lewis placed second with 153.

For the women, Sara Drake captured Point's only individual first place finish in winning the 4x400 meter relay.

Jessie Bushman and Katie Eiring earned second place finishes for UW-SP in the 800 meters and pole vault, respectively.

"We made a big step up from the week before. If we can keep stepping it up like this, we'll be in real good shape come conference time," said UW-SP women's track coach Len Hill.

Both teams return to action Saturday at the UW-Oshkosh Invite.
To all friends, contributors, and readers of The Pointer:

This rosebud's for you!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Tight Corner

By Grundy and Willett

I DREAMED THAT I GOT A LONG FAX FROM MANDY!

IT WAS WRITTEN IN A MATHEMATICAL LANGUAGE THAT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT I KNEW IT WAS A LOVE LETTER.

I ALMOST UNDERSTOOD. IT WAS BRILLIANT AND I HOPED SOMEONE COULD EXPLAIN IT TO ME.

FURTHER PAGES SEEMED TO HAVE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS ON THEM.

http://www.mood.com/tonja/index.html

I DON'T THINK I'M OLD ENOUGH TO READ THAT HEART.

IT'S OK, MANDY. GO AND CALL THE GAG BAG PATROL...

TONJA STEELE

I ALWAYS CRY ON VALENTINE'S DAY. I'M ALLERGIC TO SASS, I GUESS.

By Joey Hetzel
Peak explodes a little short

By Nick Katzmarek
Film Critic

So far this year, there have been a glut of extremely poor movies reviewed in this column. The future does not look so bright, although this week's movie didn't actually make me sick the whole time. Just in parts.

The latest in a series of Mother-Nature-gone-amok films, Dante's Peak, like most, forgoes plot for special effects. And when I say it forgoes plot, believe me, there is no plot.

The plot consists of a United States Geological Survey scientist going to a town to check out a volcano. The Mayor is, conveniently, sans husband, and the scientist happens to be Pierce Brosnan—easy, ladies. Harry (Pierce Brosnan) puts the moves on, and Rachel (Linda Hamilton) goes for it. Harry notices that the volcano might explode, but no one believes him. The big boss comes in and disputes Harry, and of course Harry is right.

Director Roger Donaldson does a fairly good job of building up an event that would seem, to the layman, to be fairly random and too climactic. Then the volcano finally erupts, and a bad movie actually saves itself. It's not too often that special effects are enough to save a movie, but it actually happens here.

The characterization is pathetic, the acting is second rate, and the plot is nonexistent. But if you're not looking to expand your sensitivities, change your views, or expect Oscar nominations, go ahead and check this one out while it's still on the big screen.

Rating (four possible):

Rentals

The Deer Hunter (1978; 183 min.)

In one of the most controversial movies made about Vietnam, three steel workers from Pennsylvania head out to take part in the war and are captured by some North Vietnamese soldiers. Michael (Robert De Niro) and his two hometown pals are forced to play Russian roulette as a form of entertainment for their captors. The three manage to escape the odds of roulette and the horrors of both prison and Vietnam, but are forced to cope with life after war.

"The Deer Hunter," 1978's Academy Award winner for best picture, is a gripping film that deals with relationship struggles and conflicts caused by war.

Supporting Cast: Christopher Walken, Meryl Streep, John Savage, John Cazale.

-Ixnay on the cliche

90 FM's Pick of the Week

By Patrick McGrane
Music Critic

The Offspring are currently one of rock's biggest 3-chord bands. They released a self titled debut in 1989, but are best known for their 1994 hit single, "Self Esteem." These guys play 3-chord rock with gusto.

Their latest offering, "Ixnay On The Hombre," embodies this style - my only complaints are unintelligent lyrics and lack of creativity.

They've been doing this for eight years, and their message is the same: authority sucks, nobody understands you, get angry about it... This is "rebel rock" in its finest - aimed with spectacular propaganda at the disenchanted youth of America.

I respect musicians to mature like the rest of us, to grow with their sound and be real. I think there is a real contradiction in this band's message. They're showing us this liberal-anarchist facade: telling us to mistrust authority, be ourselves and speak up for what we believe in. And I don't buy it - if they really felt this way they would make their message more accessible to the youth they want to reach.

But they're not concerned; they're in it for the money. They are signed to a major label (Columbia Records), manufacture slick videos (four thus far), create a rebellious-looking web page, and plan an incredible 48-stop world tour.

This is about as much propaganda as a band is capable of putting out, and it's just plain insulting!
**Soul**

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**Hockey**

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