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State candidates debate issues at UC

By Amy Heart

The two candidates for State Superintendent met at the UW-Stevens Point Tuesday morning. Incumbent John Benson and challenger Linda Cross debated on three main elementary and secondary education issues: school choice, schooling for students with special needs, and educational standards.

Benson and Cross were polarized by the issue of school choice. Benson defended the current stance that state tax dollars should not be used to support private, religious school choice. "As long as the courts have ruled it unconstitutional," said Benson, "I will continue to be against it."

According to Cross, school choice can create a competitive setting, which could in turn create higher standards for students. "It empowers parents to make the best choice," said Cross. "Competition is good for the education of all of our kids." Cross also defended charter schools stating that they are another example of how parents can be empowered to make choices during their child's education.

According to Benson, he has asked the governor and the legislators to reimburse school districts for 90 percent of special education costs over $30,000. Benson added that his department has already begun a process to revise rules for funding of special education.

Cross expressed concern that placing students in special classes who do not belong there can drive up the costs. "I want to deal on a case-by-case basis with students to try to make sure that we have the most appropriate education for each one of our students."

Both Benson and Cross applauded the efforts to include students with special needs in a general education classroom. Benson also stated that he is working from the ground up with teachers, parents and business people to create new standards that can be merged with traditional ones. "These standards will be a framework or a set of guidelines for districts within which they will build their curriculum," stated Benson.

Cross said that she wants to restore confidence in the education system by establishing higher standards. Most attendees were pleased with the debate, but some weren't. According to Rich Kramer, a senior education major, "The two candidates were a little foggy on the special education topic and where they are headed with the issue."

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The Bureau urges students to beware of suspicious persons asking to have a package carried or a vehicle driven across the American border. The package or vehicle may contain drugs or weapons.

Once an American citizen has a package or anything in the car in their possession across the border, it becomes their responsibility. The person found in possession of it will be blamed for the crime and will do the jail time. Americans suspected of drug and alcohol violations can face tough penalties in addition to lengthy pretrial detentions and substantial prison conditions.

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If students do not go most companies will give them a refund. However, not all companies do this. Some require you to sign a waiver that states refunds are not given. The Take A Break company allows students to receive a refund only if the company is at fault.

Students who are going will be flying on alternate airlines like SunPacific, Transmeridian, Northwest and SunWorld.

The grounding of AV Atlantic has affected many companies besides the two mentioned. "Because the popularity of Student Express and Take A Break is so great you don’t hear about the other spring break companies," said the Take A Break employee.

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Responsibility leads to hefty fines

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday night I drove to the Penalty Box—a local watering hole. I had a rough week of middens (I have 19 credits), and wanted to relax a bit with my friends. I ended up having a few too many drinks to feel safe driving home, so, like a responsible adult, I chose not to drive and left my vehicle in the parking lot.

When I showed up the next day to pick up my vehicle, it had been towed. My total charge came to about $70, ($45 for the towing, $10 a day for storage, about $5 in tax and the police gave me a $10 parking ticket).

I was upset, naturally, and confronted the bar owner. He informed me that there were many others who did the same, and his comment was, "Turning the tables on stereotypes." I was upset, naturally, and left my name and number.

I will be the first to admit that I was not in the bar at the time my vehicle was parked there the next day. I also did not inform the bartender, and my vehicle was in the way of the tow truck. But, as a Public Relations major, I feel the Penalty Box handled this situation poorly.

I have worked in a bar as a summer job the last four years while I have been a college student. Rarely can I remember when there was not a few customer cars dotting the parking lot the next morning.

This is one problem a bar owner should expect to deal with while running his/her establishment.

I feel this should be a service to the customers. It shows you are promoting safety and care for the customers' and community's health and well being.

If I were a tavern owner, I would much rather deal with a few cars in the lot the next day than have the liability and responsibility hanging gloomily over my head knowing that my bartenders overshared a customer that ended up being involved in a drunk driving accident.

Also, the owner told me that at noon the next day he had 40 customers with no parking space. Let's, for the sake of argument, play a numbers game. An average customer, at lunch time, probably at the most, spends $10 on a meal. That comes out to about $400. Last Thursday, the Penalty Box was packed with a low estimate of 200 people. Each averaging again on the low end of $10 giving you a total of $2,000. I feel, while every customer is important, the owner needs to keep good relations with the publics that serve him/her the best.

Also, he said that he was worried about his noon customers. My ticket from the police station was written at 10:16 a.m. This shows he already called the police before he had the "parking lot problem" which he gave as a reason for having the vehicles towed.

Finally, while the owner had a good idea about letting the bartender know I was leaving my vehicle overnight, I did not see a sign or rule stating I needed to. I feel that the city and the tavern owners need to come up with a better way to work with the students and other tavern customers so that they be allowed to continue to make adult-like decisions and not be punished for doing so.

Bryan Thompson

The Oscars; who will and should win

By Mike Beacon

Editor-in-Chief

Critics and movie buffs are filling out ballots with their selections for this year's best picture, actor, actress and supporting performances at this year's Academy Awards show on Monday (see page 11).

Here's the nominee I think the Academy will pick (in bold) and who I think should win (underlined):

Best Picture—The English Patient. This film will win through the process of elimination. The Academy still does not know how to appreciate Coo brothe r movies like Fargo, which possess some of the only originality in films today. Shine will be taken care of by rewarding Geoffrey Rush. Nobody saw Secrets & Lies and Jerry Maguire was only nominated because it was the best entertaining movie that a lot of people saw. The English Patient also had three performances the Academy felt deserved nominations.

Best Actor—Geoffrey Rush (Shine). I feel Woody Harrelson deserves the award, but his role as Larry Flynn does not help his chances. Geoffrey Rush, who won the Golden Globe for the role will only be contested by Ralph Fiennes (The English Patient).

Best Actress—Kristen Scott Thomas (The English Patient). I would like to say Frances McDormand from Fargo, who gave a fine performance for her husband/director Joel Coen. But I have to think if the Academy does not give The English Patient an acting award for Fiennes' work, Thomas will get the nod.

Best Supporting Actor—Edward Norton (Primal Fear) and James Woods (Ghosts of Mississippi). There have been ties before; the last coming almost thirty years ago. I feel Norton had two noteworthy performances this year (the other being in The People vs. Larry Flynn) and Woods is well due over it.

Best Supporting Actress—Lauren Bacall (The Mirror Has Two Faces). It's Academy policy to give acting awards to an Oscar at the end of their career (John Wayne, Jessica Tandy). Bacall has had some memorable roles in her career, but she will win for this one. I did not give my selection because I did not see the performances.

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Turkey techniques II: calling in toms

By Byron Thompson

In last week's article, I told you about the various calling devices on the market. But what does the bird make that you need to imitate? And more importantly, what do they mean? According to Lovett E. Williams, Jr., the country's leading turkey biologist, "The species (wild turkey) has at least 30 distinct calls." Thankfully, the hunter only needs to know a fraction of these in order to be successful.

With that in mind, let's talk about the different vocalizations the turkey uses to communicate. The most important sound to a turkey is the yelp.

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Man, woman, six or sixty, loving or hating, we are all equal in the eyes of Mother Nature. This is the secret of "good" living. It's not whether you carry a North Face or an American Camper pack. It's about your attitude.

Remember that this is your column, too! Outdoor Journal is intended to highlight your outdoor experience, be it sailing, climbing, hunting or horseback riding. Submissions are accepted and appreciated, always. Send your submission to nkatz250@uwup.edu or drop it off in the Comm building at Rm 104, The Pointer office.

Nature News and Notes

Looking for a summer internship? The Northwoods Wildlife Center in Minoqua is looking for qualified applicants for their summer internship program. Interns will be involved in wildlife rehabilitation and public education. The deadline for application is March 31, so get ready now. Interviews are on April 4 for interview candidates. Send applications and resumes to Bart Kotarba, Northwoods Wildlife Center, 8683 Blumslein Rd., Minoqua, WI, 54458.

If money is tight (and for whom isn't?), there is a CNR scholarship available. The CNR offers scholarships to applicants to be from the Hayward Lakes area and majoring in fisheries and environmental science. Applications are available in CNR 100, and are due May 1.

The Wisconsin Legislature this week approved increases in Wisconsin hunting and fishing licenses that will go into effect April 1. Governor Tommy G. Thompson is expected to sign the bill this week. Most license fees were increased by $2 with some more and a few seeing no increase. These increases prevent any cuts in the DNR budget.

Remember that mass advising is approaching soon! Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors that need to be pre-advised -- there are only three weeks before mass advising so sign up today.
Spring break - Bighorn fishing with Eric Elzen

By Eric Elzen
Advertising Assistant

Driving back from Rusty's bar, you roll your window down for air when suddenly a high- pitched ringing sound smacks against your eardrums. You roll the window back up for air when suddenly a high- pitched ringing sound smacks against your eardrums.

You often hear a different calling; it's a great time to get out west and partake in some fly-fishing for monster trout.

Before we knew it, the fifteen hour drive was over and we reached the Yellowtail Dam, from which the Bighorn River flows out of. As trout fever set in we quickly got our fishing gear ready and got out on the river, despite our lack of sleep.

Most of the days on the Bighorn ranged between twenty-five and fifty degrees, so it was by no means warm, especially when your wading in forty degree water. It wasn't long before I had hooked into my first fish, a nice seventeen inch brown trout that proved to be a challenging fight for my four weight fly rod.

The dry fly hatches are also very abundant, especially in the summer or early spring when the weather warms. I've been on the Bighorn in August during the caddis hatch and it looks like a black cloud over the water. The caddis numbers are unbelievable! The Trico hatch is also very fun to fish and usually comes off the water in the early mornings of late summer.

It's not unusual to hook fish over twenty inches long on flies tied on hooks from # 1 8-24, which are shorter than the width of a dime.

Banding the Saw Whet

By Charlie Sensenbrenner
Outdoors Editor

Driving back from Rusty's bar, you roll your window down for air when suddenly a high-pitched ringing sound smacks against your eardrums. You roll the window back up as fast as you can, worried you had more beer than you should have.

To your relief, the weird noise disappears with the rolled-up window. However, sitting on the trees blurring by, migrating Saw Whet Owls bear a different message from the same sound. Instead of wanting to avoid it, they find themselves irresistibly drawn to it's source.

When social-minded birds finally reach what they're looking for, they receive an unexpected surprise and find themselves tangled in a fine "mist net."

Though reputed as vicious hunters capable of snaring chipmunks and rats twice their size, the seven-inch owls, tipping the scales at three ounces, are extremely well mannered and calmly wait in the net.

Within an hour either Gene Jacobs, director of the Linswood Springs Research Center, or one of four UW-Stevens Point volunteers comes along to remove the owl from the net, and place it in a cardboard tube which makes handling easier for both sides.

But even with human contact, the little bird remains collected. "They are relatively tame towards people," said Jacobs. "If you ever came across one, you could walk within five feet of it and it wouldn't even flinch."

The bird is then taken inside and watches with enormous orange eyes as the person records its size and weight, fits an aluminum band loosely around its ankle, and marks the inner wing feathers with blue spots. Occasionally it snaps its tiny beak, hoping to intimidate the handler, but generally remains unfazed.

Then depending on the owl's health, it is either released or placed into a holding pen. Underweight owls are fed mice, which along with insects, make up the bulk of the opportunistic hunter's prey base.

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Point's glass slipper shatters in final seconds

By Joshua Morby

The UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team's hopes for a trip to the Final Four and a chance for a national title were shattered Saturday as they lost a heartbreaker to Nebraska Wesleyan, 69-66. Head coach Jack Bennett, whose team finished with a 22-7 record. "This place tonight was about as hostile an environment as I think you will find," added Bennett.

The crowd noise crescendoed with one minute left following a(Pointer timeout. With 56 ticks left, UW-SP senior Jim Danielson showed his experience when he sank a triple bringing the Pointers within two, 66-64. After Mosser's shot drew iron, the Plainsmen lost control of the ball and mugged Mike Paynter. Paynter sank both free throws, knotting the score at 66-66 with 7.2 seconds left.

Nebraska called a time out as head coach Todd Koridian plotted the course to victory. After Mosser's three, the Pointers quickly called a time out leading 58-57. Following a Pointer timeout, Mt. Union's Scott Endsley sank a three pointer that pulled the Purple Raiders up by two.

Derek Westrum stepped up big with 9.1 seconds left in overtime. "We didn't lose this game, they won it," said Bennett.

The game also marked the end of the conference careers of Point seniors Paynter and Danielson.

"We're really going to miss Paynter. Mike really picked up his game this year and played with a lot of enthusiasm. "We'll also miss Jim who is as good a sixth man as there was in the conference. I think Jim saved the best ball of his career for the last game. Both these guys really went out in a blaze of glory," said Bennett.

Austin's clutch three pointer puts UW-SP in Elite Eight

By Joshua Morby

The Pointer men's basketball team advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament with a thrilling overtime victory over Mt. Union College Friday, 68-67.

Russ Austin was the hero for UW-Stevens Point, nailing down the game-winning three pointer with 9.1 seconds left in overtime to culminate a six point rally in the extra session.

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Softball looks to continue magic of last year

By Nick Brilowski
CONTRIBUTOR

It will be anything but easy for the Pointer softball team to match their accomplishments of last season.

UW-Stevens Point’s 1996 outfit finished with a 33-12 record and made the school’s first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III World Series. Fourth-year head coach Dean Shuda has lost two All-Conference performers from last year’s team, pitcher Amy Prochaska and second baseman Erin Buemi, but returns a solid nucleus in the hopes of repeating last year’s success.

Heading the list of returnees is infielder/outfielder Kari Rowekamp. The junior led the team last season in hits, RBIs, triples, home runs, and total bases while batting .457.

Emily Keup returns at third base after earning All-Conference honors as a sophomore while pacing the team in doubles and assists.

Thomas shows his stuff at pro combine

By Mike Kemmeter
SPORTS EDITOR

Every season, thousands of seniors in small college football programs aren’t given a chance to show they can play professional football.

UW-Stevens Point’s Jeason Thomas, a four-year letter-winner, said defensive back, had that shot last Saturday when he was invited to the Regional Football Combine in Chicago, Ill.

Thomas was among 300 participants in the combine that was attended by scouts from the National Football League, Canadian Football League, and Arena Football League.

About 2,000 football players applied to the combine, in which each professional hopeful participated in five drills to test their gridiron skills.

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Pointer baseball’s new faces hope to bring success

By Ryan Lins
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the addition of a new head coach, an ex-major leaguer as an assistant and three新鲜 pitchers, the Pointer baseball team turns their eyes toward the future. That future is now. A 16-20 record from last year haunts the team, including a seven game losing streak to end the season, and a dismal 3-9 finish in the WSCU.

One thing the team is abundant in this season is leadership as former UW-Stevens Point catcher Scott Pritchard begins his first season with the Pointers as head coach.

Former Cincinnati Reds pitcher Steve Foster brings a plethora of experience from the “Big Show,” along with an excellent repertoire of pitching knowledge.

As far as the infield leader, former letter-winnners Ryan James (3-1, 7.02 ERA), and Chris Simonson (1-5, 3.88 ERA) return to the mound.

First baseman Gary Kostuchowski (.328, 5 HR) and outfielder Brian Nelson (.310, 23 RBIs) assume their leadership roles at the plate.

“We need these guys to help carve the team,” stated coach Pritchard.

As far as overall team weakness, it may be found on the little mound of dirt in the middle of the infield.
Features

A walk through time
Tunnel captures 100 years of student life in Point

By Kris Wagner
News Editor

Hidden underground between the University Center and the Student Services Building resides a tunnel of time. A worn path of dips and bumps in the tunnel’s concrete floor illustrates years of footwear scrambling off to the next class.

A closer look at the warped, crooked tunnel walls reveals 11 decades of higher learning encounters.

In about 30 walking strides, a portrayal of the university’s history hangs in designated areas, each with their own stories to tell and memories to reminisce.

Fifteen students from UW-Stevens Point History Club hand-picked every picture and piece of written history by thumbing through pages of yearbooks and Pointer newspapers. The final project portrays a diverse history of the Stevens Point campus.

“We wanted to try to get the pictures that best suited students’ life,” History Club President Michael Runge said.

He estimates that at least 500 hours spread out over a year and a half were put into the time tunnel project, which was finished last semester.

“There were quite a few images to work with and they (History Club) starting combing through them,” History Club advisor and History Professor Eric Yonke said.

The club retrieved most of its material through the university archives.

Since the university’s opening day in 1894, in which 250 professional students enrolled, students have wrestled with some of the exact same issues that currently top the list of concerns.

A piece of paper found from the 1910’s exhibits interest in allocation of the school’s money. A sentence from the 1890’s cites that “the U.S. is the only country in the world that spends more on education than on war equipment.”

“The overall attitude of school and events were similar,” Runge said.

Early scholars at Stevens Point didn’t like attending classes at times other. Individuals even used a little wit when filling out absentee slips. One excuse card from the 1900’s states “I was absent because I was not here.”

Sporting events and achievements dot throughout the time tunnel. According to Rung, sports played “a much more important role in the past than they do now.”

He pointed out one of the great sport triumphs. In the 1930’s the Pointer basketball team beat the Wisconsin Badgers 28-24.

Many pictures on the walls of the tunnel reflect other key sports of the past, including a women’s hockey team of the 1920’s and a boxing team of the 30’s. Also pictured is the basketball team that dissolved due to World War II.

Many images and students’ opinions prove that America’s involvement in war influenced the university.

Some of the posted material on war in the tunnel include: a student’s opinion on the Spanish-American War, pictures of people protesting the Vietnam War, and individuals’ support of the Persian Gulf War.

The best way to understand some facets of students’ life is to take a stroll through the tunnel that has captured time.

Feature Organization : UCAN
University Cannabis Action Network

By Cindy Wiedmeyer
Assistant Features Editor

The controversial issue of marijuana is hotly debated across America. Misconceptions lead many to believe that cannabis is used mainly in an illegal fashion. While it is unlawful to grow marijuana in the US, many people make use of the leaves and stems in the form of hemp. Hemp can be used to make jewelry, paper, boat sails, rope, and other personal products.

University Cannabis Action Network (UCAN), an active UW-Stevens Point organization, works to educate the UW-SP campus and the surrounding community about the beneficial uses of hemp. Through education and communication they are working to make cannabis legally available for industrial, medicinal, and personal use.

Despite low membership, UCAN members strongly voice their concerns over important issues such as the bill to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes. Members have set up booths encouraging students to write in or sign pre-written letters to legislators.

UCAN is involved with the campus and community. Each year UCAN is a part of the Involvement Fair. Last year they worked with the co-op in town promoting hemp products in their store.

Throughout the semester UCAN sets up booths in the UC. They give away informational handouts and sell hemp products such as: lip balm, jewelry, patches, hats, shirts, hanky packs, wallets, hemp seeds for cooking, and watch bands. These promotions allow others to view the multiple purposes of hemp.

UCAN also sponsored a concert at the Mission Coffee House last semester. Thaddue Brown, The Maddamades, and Aqueous Groove rocked the Mission while UCAN sold hemp products at the door. Proceeds go toward UCAN’s mini library located in the lower UC. The library consists of the yearly published book The Emperor Wears No Clothes by Jack Herer, Medicinal Marijuana, the video Hemp For Victory, ironically put out by the Dept. of Agriculture during WW2, and a subscription to High Times.

UCAN recently began sponsoring a Drum Circle in the Encore. This event will take place every other Monday at 7 p.m.

“Everyone is welcome to come and play or just listen,” said Trevor Evans, UCAN vice-president.

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Student pilots take flight

By Michelle Ristau

Imagine sunset over Lake Michigan, or viewing the curvature of the earth at sunset in Australia. These are the experiences of two student pilots, Sally Roberts and Mike Case.

Both Roberts and Case are students at UW-Stevens Point, training to get their private pilot’s license while receiving credit through the university. Roberts is a Communication Disorder and Spanish major who hopes to get her license to fulfill a childhood dream. Though the dream hasn’t been easy to come by financially, she perseveres. “I decided I had to just go for it. If I waited until I had enough money or time, I would never get around to it,” she said.

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And the Oscar goes to...

Critics make their picks for Oscar night

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Depp, Pacino shine in Donnie Brasco

By Mike Beacom

The lifestyle and dangers of being an undercover agent are exposed in Mike Newell's latest film, "Donnie Brasco."

Johnny Depp plays Joe Pistone, an FBI agent who becomes Johnny Brasco in order to get in with members of New York mob in the late 1970s.

Depp is accepted by Lefty, a wise guy played by Al Pacino who shows his new found friend the organized crime and is constantly passed over when a job at the top of the mob opens up.

"Donnie Brasco," based on a true story, is a fresh look at the corrupt, action-packed world of upper-echelon college football. Not exactly packed with stars, this movie's crown jewels are Johnny Depp and Al Pacino. The two develop a tight bond and Depp is accepted by Lefty, a family man and Depp's mentor. Lefty has given his life to the mob and Depp, a former football player, begins to understand the lifestyle and dangers of such an organization.

The Program is one of those "bad" movies that actually manages to evoke some genuine emotion. The Program is a story about a football team and the difficulties they face in trying to win the big game.

U2 pops back onto the concert scene

By Patrick McGwire

Is rock dead? Today's volatile rock-n-roll music industry is a conglomerate of styles and sounds - from the raw edge of hard core and pop-punk to the moody soundscapes of trip-hop and electronica. U2 is practically a household name these days. They have been a football player in high school, and can live vicariously through these people. An excellent choice for a boring night when you need some adrenaline.

Supporting Cast: Craig Sheffer, Kristy Swanson.

"Pop" combines their well known use of retro grooves and hip new sounds, complete with a lyrical message that pierces deep into the thoughtful mind. This has been called a make-it-or-break it album for U2. In the face of R.E.M.'s recent failure to maintain the favor of the masses, and in the wake of many disappointed consumers that were stuck with "Zooropa" purchases, U2 is giving the system another shot.

Their new tour features $60 ticket prices, the controversial opening act of "Rage Against the Machine," and plenty of the expected media-hype and sought-after publicity. Quite simply, you will either love their new album, or you will hate it.
past summer to learn more about being a mascot. He placed sixth out of 35 mascots, including many from the Big Ten.

Earlier this school year, Lietz brought a four minute skit to UW-SP's own cheer and dance competition and took second place. "Bucky Badger gave me some suggestions on my routine," said Lietz. "I worked on the things that he talked to me about and I ended up taking first place at AmeriCup."

There will be tryouts later this spring for all the UW-SP mascots.

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