Prof faces 48 years in jail

By Mike Kemmeter
Editor-in-Chief

UW-Stevens Point mathematics professor Gordon L. Miller will stand trial for allegedly videotaping boys in the Stevens Point YMCA locker room.

The 60-year-old professor, who's taught at UW-SP since 1965, currently faces 24 felony charges after he was arrested Nov. 16 while leaving the YMCA.

Each of the two dozen counts of making a videotape depicting nudity without the person's consent carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and/or a $10,000 fine.

Miller waived his right to a preliminary hearing last Tuesday in Judge Thomas Flugur's Portage County Branch 3 Circuit Court and Flugur bound him over for trial.

His arraignment is set for Jan. 11, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. and he remains free on $20,000 bond. Miller, who was teaching Math 111 and 213 before his arrest, is on administrative leave with pay for the remainder of the semester.

Police are still investigating the incident and the district attorney's office has until Dec. 25 to amend the charges or file more, said Thomas Eagon, Portage County district attorney.

"I think it's going to be a long investigation because we want to be real thorough," Eagon said. "The police are identifying people who may be victims and we want to understand the scope of the defendant's activities."

Lot X making move to meters

By Mike Beacom
Managing Editor

Students who regularly park their vehicles in Lot X will soon be plugging meters instead of using a draw gate.

Because the current gate system needs to be replaced, UW-Stevens Point has opted for parking meters which will cost approximately half as much and could be in place by the beginning of March.

According to Anita Goden, director of Parking Services, installing meters was the logical solution from a financial standpoint.

"A new (gate) system would cost $250,000-300,000 because it's a very sophisticated system," said Goden. "We chose to go to the meter system because it's more economical."

Goden acknowledged new meters means the lot, located west of the Science Building, will have to be patrolled, but said that occupants will have the same advantages as before.

"These will be long-term meters," said Goden, comparing the new meters with 10-12 hour capacities to the four hour meters available in most lots.

"However, it will be a controlled lot and if meters aren't plugged, there will be citations issued."

Goden also said the university is looking into other options to make Lot X more convenient.

One option, that may be put into place by next summer, is software that would allow students to stick a debit card, into a meter. Students would put money onto the card, much like Personal Points, and the software would subtract correct funds from a student's parking credit.

The parking rates for Lot X will also be the same as the rates in every other university lot.

Largest non-permit lot switching in spring

Posts are installed in Lot X and meters will be ready by spring. The meters will have the current draw gate system. (Photo by Cody Strathe)

Prof evaluations available on Net

Students will have an easier time choosing courses and professors at UW-Stevens Point.

Beginning next semester, professor and course evaluation results will be posted in public folders on the Internet.

On November 19, Student Government Association passed a resolution to put evaluations on the Internet, giving students easy access to the results.

Although the results have been available to students in the past at Administrative Information System, few students knew about them, said Brett Hazard, SGA academic issues director.

"We want students to know how to access this information. Students don't know about the evaluation results," Hazard said.

"We are hoping to attach information (where to find the results) on students' degree progress reports," Hazard said.

"They will show each professor's results from past semesters, as well as the most current one."

The UW-SP web address for the evaluations will be available in spring.
THE POINTER POLL
Photos by Douglas Olson, Cody Strathe and Nathan T. Wallin

Did you do anything exciting over Thanksgiving weekend?

Matt Wagner
Sens. Environ. Ed.
"I sat around with my Grandma and watched pornos all day."

Jamie Daggett
Freeman, Elem. Ed.
"I took Thanksgiving with my family and friends."

Luke Witkowski
Jr., HPW
"I can't tell you, I'm running from the law."

Angie Konitzer
Freeman, Elem. Ed.
"Christmas shoppin' and turkey lovin'!"

Taking time to teach the community

By Jennifer Lueck
NEWS REPORTER

UW-Stevens Point students are volunteering their time to help others gain a better education.

The Homework Center, which is located just north of Stevens Point Area High School, has created a place where students of all ages can achieve their educational goals.

"We can provide more than just housing for the community," said Mary Campshoer of the Stevens Point Housing Department.

This idea has fueled collaboration between the Stevens Point Housing Department and UW-SP to establish the educational center to help the community.

The program, created by a UW-SP intern in 1992, grew out of a day care facility. The tutors are predominantly education majors from UW-SP who meet with students weekly to tutor them in subjects from elementary math and reading, to pre-calculus and up.

The tutors are selected each year by an application program. The ACT-Volunteer Program on campus opens up the opportunity in early fall to any student on campus who is interested.

Through a series of references, interview and educational background, the ACT then selects the tutors for that upcoming year. All of the tutors are unpaid.

Wescott seeks second term as mayor

By Mike Kemmeter
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stevens Point Mayor Gary Wescott wants to hold the post for another four years.

Wescott, who was elected to the office in 1995, announced his re-election Tuesday.

No one else has declared candidacy for the spring election race yet. Wescott claimed 73 percent of the vote in the 1995 three-person race.

The mayor looked back on his first term, which saw the city tax rate stay the same for the last three years.

"I took office in 1995 with the goal of leading the city in instituting long term strategic financial planning where we stabilize the tax rate, deliver quality city services to taxpayers, and still provide the necessary improvements to the infrastructure," Wescott said.

Wescott also cited the upgrading of the area's emergency medical services to paramedics as a major accomplishment of his first term.

"The people of our communities deserve the absolute best medical treatment during an emergency and I believe that required we move to paramedic care," Wescott said.

"I'm convinced lives will be saved because of paramedic training and advanced medical equipment."

The city has several large projects on the horizon, including the reconstruction of the Clark and Main Streets and the renegotiation of the city's cable franchise.

Campus Beat

Monday, Nov. 23

• An Ebright and Gerbert's car was parked on the sidewalk near Neale Hall.
• Someone was stuck in the College of Professional Studies elevator.
• A professor reported that a white, male student, approximately six feet tall with curly brown hair, was acting suspiciously near the Collins Classroom Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

• A bike was reported stolen near the Fine Arts building.
• A water fountain in Smith Hall was found overflowing.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

• A newspaper dispenser was reported in the road near the UC.

Thursday, Nov. 26

• The padlock to the entrance of the Allen Center tennis courts had gum in it.
• A car in Lot P with five or six juvenile males was reported because of suspicious activity.

NW-SP THE POINTER

Protective Services' Safety/Crime Prevention Tip of the Week

May we be facing snow and ice on the roadways soon. In addition to basic winter driving techniques, you must also remember to clean your windows and side mirrors. Don't be one of those people who look like they are driving a tank with peepholes. Also check to make sure your car battery is ready for winter, if not replace it now.

Coming soon!
The Pointer on the World Wide Web
http://www.uwsp.edu
(look under Student organizations)
Students can beat stress during finals

By Amy Kimmes
News Reporter

High levels of stress predominate as students turn the bend to the final weeks of the semester. Visions of finals dance in their heads. Completion of lab work takes high priority. And thoughts of wrapping up excruciatingly lengthy papers persistently tax their brains. All of that culminates into one whopping level of anxiety. "Fortunately, there is a great deal that you can do to keep the anxiety from interfering with your performance," according to the UW-Stevens Point Counseling Center. Dr. Sharon Gahzn, Director of the Center, suggests "alleviating your stress with relaxation, deep breathing, laughter, and exercise." Student's sleeping patterns tend to add to the stress according to Gahzn. 

Sleeping to the last minute and rushing off to take an exam exacerbates the problem. Instead, plan ahead, get up 15 minutes earlier, and relax. Dr. Gregory P. Bauer, a psychologist at the Center, recommends a time schedule to spell out exactly what needs to be accomplished. "Make your schedule realistic and attainable, and build in a recovery system," Bauer takes sleeping patterns one step further and suggests students "schedule a regular bedtime and stop studying 30 minutes beforehand to relax," he said. 

On Thursday, Dec. 3, students can learn to "Conquer Worry.

Miller: Investigation continues in alleged tapings

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During a search of Miller's home after his arrest, police found equipment for transferring video images into a computer and equipment that copies discs, Eagon said at Miller's bond hearing. 

Miller admitted to police that he was videotaping inside the locker room Nov. 16 and said he had taped this fall, the criminal complaint said. Miller "made a reference as to how people act in private and in a public setting of a locker room," the complaint said. 

Miller told police he would go home and review the tapes on his television after he finished video taping, the complaint said. 

Police came to the YMCA Nov. 16 after receiving complaints of suspicious activity in the locker room. A YMCA service desk attendant said he saw what looked like a video camera pointing out of the side of Miller's duffel bag, the complaint said. The attendant told police Miller had been in the locker room almost every Monday and Wednesday evening since swimming lessons started in September, the complaint said. 

Two new conditions were added to Miller's bond at his initial appearance last Tuesday. Flugaur barred him from all UW-SP buildings except the Science Building, where his office is located. Miller also can't travel outside of Wisconsin and Minnesota, where he owns a house. Under his original bond conditions, Miller cannot have any contact with children under 18 or with the YMCA; he cannot enter any elementary, junior high or high schools; he cannot possess any pornographic materials, any cameras or dangerous weapons; and he cannot share photos of children or adults that were taken without consent.

Grade: SGA approves student assistant program

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"This program frees up professors' time and enables them to do other things, such as advising students, assisting them with essay material and giving advice on test taking procedures," said Brett Hazard, SGA academic issues director. The tasks involved for grading assistants may include leading discussion sections, heading up a study program and assisting in the grading of papers. Part of the student's grading will include essay exams, which gives professors and students an alternative to the standardized Scantron exams. "I feel that this is beneficial to students in lower level classes because they will learn how to write a college-level essay. This will better prepare them for the rest of their college career," said Hazard.

"If (professors) can have someone help them with their work, their free time will be a great asset to students," said Eric Scharenbroch, SGA senator.
"...And find a place where we can go, and wash away the sins; just sit and watch the clouds roll by, and tall grass wave in the wind; just lay your head back on the ground, watch hair fall all around me; offer up your best defense, this is the end...this is the end of the innocence." - Don Henley; "The End of the Innocence"

I’ve stared into the breeding ground for the stereotypes and broad generalizations that we carry through life. I was shocked beyond belief; has it always been this clear? I see seventh graders on the basketball court preparing for life. Witness the young superstar. See how confident they move about the court, receiving a high five here, taking the crucial shot there, have the drive to succeed at such a young age.

In the classroom, they ARE "the popular crowd," that wanders mythically through the halls of junior high. Always with their supporting cast, they’ve become the standard barriers or the measuring stick for the years to come. Unfortunately, they never know it.

These are the kids most likely to associate with upperclassmen when the high school days begin. Ahead of the pack. They are the legend. What if there’s been this clear? The kids most likely to associate with upperclassmen when the high school days begin. Ahead of the pack. They are the legend. What if there’s been this clear? The kids most likely to associate with upperclassmen when the high school days begin. Ahead of the pack.

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The bench jockey, the oft cli­ched figure in sport and life. They try, they really do, but the work doesn’t pay off in the end. They sit on the sidelines, waiting for their chance to play, but nobody realizes they really can play; they’re never given a chance. What game would be complete without the authority figure to control the happenings? While they’d deny to death, the refs are always a little biased to the home squad. The art of the subtle gift is the main weapon in their arsenal. They claim to call what they see, but no one can see what’s inside. Likewise, the principal needs to tell the visiting kids, up in the stand, to keep it down. We have a serious athletic contest going on.

We can’t have cheering at your players’ good fortune and you can’t be booing our refs’ bad calls. That’s not how it’s going to be Mister! To keep up team morale, we have the cheerleaders to ready our young troop for battle with their bitter rivals. Already engulfed in their own group, they just may enjoy top of the heap status.

And how about those girls who are placed throughout the stands, waiting to catch a glimpse of their player? Some actually are in the good graces of the superstar, and the occasional grinder. Some are left to admire from afar, in fear of the sure rejection that would come if a certain disclosure were made.

These are the principal characters in the game of life; there are certainly more, but nearly everybody falls into one kettle or another.

Are you the superstar or do you choose to ride the bench? Do you cheer everyone along, hoping they make it someday, never living your own life, because you’re wrapped up in the lives of others. What would you be, if you could do it all over again? Unfortunately, we can’t.

Luckily for each of us, there is a place known as college, where these storylines and stereotypes can be lost if we so choose. I do!

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Dear Editor,

Last issue of The Pointer you ran an article entitled "Computer Labs are for Work Not Play." In it you author expressed some frustration about a situation where he sat down next to a person who was playing a game. He stated that there were plenty of computers open, but still this irked him that this person was using the computer lab for his game.

I feel quite differently about games in general. I strongly dislike the policy this university has toward games in the computer labs. The current policy is that no games are allowed on any computer at any time.

I am a very active person, I love to run, lift weights, swim, etc. but there are days that there really is nothing to do. Playing a game is something that fills time quite well. I think that if there is no one who needs to use the computer, people should be allowed to play games.

If the computer lab were to fill up and someone needed to use the computer for academic purposes they can force you off of it. If they choose not to, it's their problem because the current computer lab policy states that it is their right to force someone off the computer if they need it for something school related.

Many people relate computer games as unproductive and a sheer waste of time, but I argue that video game can serve many purposes and should be allowed. College is a very stressful place, and playing a video game is something that can take your mind off of things.

There have been times where I have been so stressed out that I found it difficult to think, but playing a video game is a great stress reliever, and after a quick game I can size up what needs to be done and take care of it.

Another great purpose of computer games that people often overlook is an interpersonal one. My brother and I play games together over the Internet often. It brings me and my brother together when we both work together in a video game. It is a lot cheaper than a phone call, and it's much more interactive. I often play games with my friends back at home as well as with my friends in college far away.

To me a game every now and again is a healthy thing. People will argue that it is a waste of hard drive space to install a game. I have yet to fill up a hard drive with games. Usually I have to reinstall the same game each time I play it, simply because the university takes great care in cleaning it's computers often. I have never damaged a computer or inconvenienced anyone by installing a game.

It is true that by playing a game over the Internet you can slow down the Internet for other people, but the only time the Internet is really painfully slow is when the labs are full. If the computer lab is full, odds are pretty good that you won't be playing a game very long as someone will probably kick you off a computer.

In conclusion, I think that the university should revise its policy on computer gaming because of all the benefits of computer games.

--Christopher M. Raye
UW-SP student

Games in labs let students unwind

It's that time of year again, although you can't tell by the uncommonly warm weather we're having at the beginning of December.

Students are back from their well deserved four day Thanksgiving break and are ready for the final three week grind before getting a month off for winter break.

While those three weeks may look like a window between the two breaks, that's definitely not the case. The 24-day period between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations can be extremely stressful for many of the 8,500 UW-Stevens Point students as they finish the fall semester and take their finals.

In the last minutes of class people are saying "I can't believe we're having at the beginning of December."

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Talking (or speaking) over everything that they have to do before going home for the holidays?

Obviously grades are important to almost everyone and finals week can be pretty stressful. However, I think a lot of that can be alleviated by knowing what you have to do and just getting it done.

This will be my seventh time going through the end of the semester thing and I've made it through OK each time. And if that doesn't work, there's plenty of people to help you get through it over at the counseling center at DeZell Hall.

There's no reason to freak out with everything you have to get done in the next few weeks -- just know what you have to do and get it done, and everything will be all right.

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Wolves & Humans: Where do we go from here?

By Chad Janowski

Just as the wolf's howls echo once again in Wisconsin, wolf speaking is heard throughout the halls of the University Center this week. Wolf Week '98 has ascended on the UW-Stevens Point campus, bringing with it a week full of speakers, discussions and workshops for local elementary and secondary students.

This week’s activities got underway Monday evening with a presentation from the author of the book _The Timber Wolf of Wisconsin- The Death and Life of a Majestic Predator_, Richard Thiel. Thiel was hired on as the state’s first wolf biologist when the endangered eastern timber wolf was discovered to have re-colonized the state. Yes, that’s right, they came back on their own, contrary to the popular belief that they have been reintroduced by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The return of the wolf to the Northwoods, and now the Central Forest region of Wisconsin has taken only a little over 23 years. Last winter in the state, biologists predicted that approximately 180 wolves roamed the state.

In central Wisconsin alone there may be as many as 30 to 38 wolves in seven different breeding areas. Modeling done with a Geographic Information System (GIS) has indicated that Wisconsin can support between 300 to 500 wolves. However, Thiel indicated that figure may be closer to 300 when the human tolerance of wolves is included in the calculation.

Significant changes have taken place in the attitudes humans have towards wolves over the years. Jodi Wolff from the International Wolf Center in Ely, Minnesota indicated in her talk on wolf ecology, Tuesday night, that our feelings of hatred have come from our ancestors who brought their ideals with them from Europe.

However, over the years the feelings of hatred began to fade and some acceptance of the wolf developed. In the early 1990s it seemed as if a culture of wolf enthusiasm became obsessed with of losing their dogs when they train or hunt in wolf country. Try explaining to a man in tears who lost his $1000 hunting companion, that the wolf should be accepted back into the state.

Wolves are extremely territorial and will often kill other canines in their territory. The WDNR currently compensates confirmed losses of livestock and dogs. Yet, when the wolf is delisted and federal funding is cut, it will probably be more difficult for the state to pick up the tab when fido gets chewed up.

Wolves are extremely territorial and will often kill other canines in their territory. The WDNR currently compensates confirmed losses of livestock and dogs. There is still an obvious need for continued education about wolves. Some generations today have seen the wolf eliminated by the government, promoted by the government, and possibly someday, controlled by the government. Convincing some to accept the wolf has proven to be a challenge. Convincing the wolf enthusiasts that wolves will have to be controlled in some areas, is again proving to be another challenge.

Tuesday night Wolff, told us about all of the opportunities that the International Wolf Center offers for education. Many other organizations like the Timber Wolf Information Network and The Timber Wolf Alliance provide other educational opportunities. However, are these programs reaching the right audience?

Last night students met to discuss some of the controversial issues surrounding wolf recovery and management. It is clear that there is no easy answer. Awareness of issues surrounding the wolf is essential if the wolf is to survive in this human dominated landscape. Ultimately the human population has decided what our tolerance of the wolf has been, is now, and will be in the future.

Tomorrow, the Wildlife Society will be holding workshops for local students to expose them to accurate information about wolves so that, when the time comes for them to make decisions, they will be guided by fact rather than misconception.

These issues are not only limited to Wisconsin and the Great Lakes region. Wolves have existed and are currently found in all corners of the earth. Being educated on the issues prior to decision making has never hurt anyone. Ignorance tells us no truth and leads us nowhere.

Thursday’s presentation at 7 p.m. in the Green Circle room will further discuss the need for wolf education.

By Lisa Rothe

It’s time to plan a trip to Isle Royale National Park

Camping and hiking in Michigans remote, island National Park is only hours away.

Conservation columnist, Albert Stoll Jr. began a 20-year campaign in 1921 that led to the creation of a park commission in 1931 and the final acquisition in 1941 for Isle Royale.

One-point-two billion years ago, the Superior Basin, responsible for major geological events within the region, with its shifting g- and craggy terrain, formed the bed beneath Isle Royale. After the last glacier; the Wisconsin, forged its way through a few thousand years ago, it left behind deposits of copper which the Ojibway Indians mined.

Rich in history, the light houses and fish camps remain as remembrances of the past. In particular the Rock of Ages light house built in 1907, made of sand, mortar and steel is still used to day. However, not for its original purpose, the foghorn is still used while the light is completely solar powered.

Doug Matson, the park interpreter lives with his wife in the fish camp from April to October. Lake Superior is known for its excellent fishing, but it grants tough love to those persons who fish it. Fishing began before 1800 to feed the fur traders. Around 1840 fishing on Lake Superior became an industry in high demand and lake trout, whitefish and herring became the most popular fish of choice.

The Edisen Fishery and the interpretive programs conducted by Matson are responsible for preservation of the fish camp.

Forty-five miles long and nine miles wide at it’s widest point, Isle Royale has 165 miles of hiking trails that bring you into sync with the animals and plant life. Leading hikers through various terrains, blueberry patches and the occasional forget me not.

At the turn of the century caribou and lynx lived on the island, but today moose, fox, wolves and bears are just a few among countless other species that call this archipelago their home.

"Isle Royale has been designated an international biosphere reserve under the Man and Biosphere program. Ninety-nine percent of the park’s land area is legally designated as wilderness," writes GORP.

The 850 square miles of Isle Royale are accessible only by floatplanes or boat. Trips should be planned in advance.

Close your eyes. Imagine birch trees, fens and a moose at the edge of the lake solemnly sipping in the liquid cool. A gentle breeze blows carrying the scent of wild berries and giving lift to the bald eagle soaring on the current.
Preparing for the onset of ice fishing

By Ryan Gilligan  OUTDOORS REPORTER

Remember winter? I don't mean the wimpy pseudo-winters of recent years. I mean the real Wisconsin blizzard is October, bone-chilling January, frozen until May brand of winter that we all know and love.

Apparently El Niño, La Niña, and any of the other Spanish-speaking weather phenomenon have helped us forget. Some thin-skinned types around campus have been talking about how wonderful this 60-degree December is, hoping it never ends. I, however, am not one of them.

Call me and those like me gluttons for punishment, but I would rather spend the upcoming winter break huddled over an eight inch hole in the ice with a jig-pole, or charging across a frozen lake to grab a tip-up, instead of catching some rays of the Indian summer sun.

How I would love to be reaching barhanded into a freezing minnow bucket right now or setting the hook on a fooled northern rather than wearing t-shirts in December. I wish I could fill a five-gallon bucket with slab bluegills or play cards by lantern in an old ice shanty. Unfortunately, it looks as though Mother Nature is not in the cooperative mood.

I miss the unique sense of accomplishment that comes only with ice fishing. The feeling when you return home after an arduous day on the lake with a bucket full of fish. The successful ice fisherman may be frozen stiff, reeking of fish slime, and aching from a few tumbles on the ice when running to tip-ups, but in his or her heart, all is right with the world.

At the moment the prospects for ice fishing, especially over the fast-approaching winter break, may look bleak, but there is hope in sight. As hard as it is to believe now, amidst the frisbee players and joggers, winter is on its way.

According to the National Weather Service, this winter has the potential to be colder and snowier than normal as a result of La Niña, an unusually cold water mass in the Pacific Ocean. La Niña may also mean intensely cold temperatures broken up by warmer ones for Wisconsin.

So if you are cursing the warm weather and aching for the chance to wet a line (and then freeze to 40), just hang in there. There will be plenty of time to get hypothermia and call it "fishing" later this winter. To all those students who revel in the downwound tropical warmth of late, get ready to freeze!

Monsters of the Wisconsin contest ends

Knutzen Hall director Joe Totman takes first place in the Monsters of the Wisconsin Walleye Tournament.

Top 25 Final Results

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2. Brian Kitzerow ......................................... 101.50
3. Ben Due .................................................... 80.75
4. Rob Golla ................................................. 76.75
5. Dan Klopfer ............................................. 72.62
6. Mark Willis ............................................. 62.75
7. Kurt Seefeldt .......................................... 58.50
8. Mike Wiza ............................................... 54.75
10. Steve Todd ........................................... 53.50
11. Craig Anderson ..................................... 53.25
12. Michael Zsido ....................................... 52.25
13. Gavin Scott .......................................... 52.00
14. Gunnar Bruning .................................... 51.75
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16. Larry Kopchinski ................................... 50.50
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21. Dylon Bell ............................................. 45.00
22. Chad Ziegler ......................................... 43.50
23. Jeremy Chiamulera ................................ 40.63
24. Jason Corrao ......................................... 40.62
25. Dale Rozell .......................................... 38.50

Thoughts of nature

By Lisa Rothe  OUTDOORS REPORTER

My mind empties as Poseidon’s watery fingers slide onto shore searching for the secrets etched beneath the stones.

Waves unravel, whispering promises to the unyielding shore.

The seagulls are seemingly oblivious to the mighty god’s desperation.

But the weathered birch, greeting the edge of the shoreline knowingly allows its limbs to swing.

For its roots reach underneath, bearing into the earth, reading the words yet to be found.

Monsters of the Wisconsin contest ends

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Wisconsin deer-gun totals determined

By Joe Shead
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Another deer season has come to a close in Wisconsin. Roughly 650,000 hunters took to the woods in search of deer and returned with varying degrees of success, whether it be shooting a nice buck, or enjoying the unseasonable weather.

Preliminary results of the hunt indicated a 16 percent increase in the buck harvest and a 26 percent increase in the doe harvest, according to the mild weather and fact that the rut was a little late as Mytton said, "It's just like fishing." Mytton commented about the harvest being as high as it was. Hunters and other citizens can help wardens catch poachers by calling the DNR's violation hotline, 1-800-TIPWDNR (1-800-847-9367).

Trophy bucks like this are what whitetail enthusiasts are in pursuit of each fall. (Submitted photo)

Hunters fined in cabin shooting incident

Three Kenosha men have been fined a total of $3,264 and have had all hunting, fishing and trapping licenses revoked for a total of 10 years in connection with an incident in which they set out bait and shot arrows from inside a nearby cabin at deer feeding from the bait pile.

On August 5, Brent W. Rich­ter, 25, pled no contest in Vilas County Circuit Court to one count of shining wild animals while possessing a bow and arrow. Judge Robert Kinney fined Richter $2,066 and revoked all his hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for three years.

The plea hearing and sentenc­ing closed a case that earlier this summer saw Richter's two companions plead no contest in Vilas County Circuit Court in connection with the incident.

"We call them 'cabin shooters' - they set up a bait pile near a cabin, shine a bright light on it that blinds the deer, and then sit in comfort and shoot away," said Bruce Nimz, the Vilas County conservation warden who investigated the case. "It's definitely an increasing problem, judging from the number of complaints we get."

Nimz credited information from citizens for helping solve this particular case. According to the charges filed with the court, Nimz, acting upon a citizen's tip, placed a cabin in Conover Township in Vilas County under surveil­lance on November 8, 1997, for possible illegal deer hunting activities.

He watched as a doe and a fawn, fol­lowed a few minutes later by a buck, walked to and started eating from a bait pile that was about 20 yards from the cabin and illuminated by a flood light away from the cabin.

At 10:35 p.m., an arrow was shot from the cabin, and it appeared to hit the buck, which ran off into the woods. Twenty minutes later, Nimz saw three people leave the house with flashlights and walk into the woods.

Nimz arrested Richter and his companions, Matthew J. Gerber and Scott M. Christenson, also of Kenosha. Gerber, 23, pled no contest on June 8 to shining wild animals while possessing a bow and arrow, a civil count, and was fined $2,066 and had all licenses revoked for three years.

The third member of the party, Scott M. Christenson, 25, pled no contest on June 8 to one count of shining wild animals while in possession of a bow and arrow, for which he was fined $2,066 and had all licenses revoked for one year.

Christenson also pled no contest to one count of hunting deer with the aid of an artificial light, for which he was fined $2,066 and had all licenses revoked for three years, to run concurrently with the one-year revocation. He also had his compound bow con­fiscated.

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**Thoughts from the Dawg House...**

**Refereeing needs serious attention**

By Nick Brilowski

Everyone has seen those commercials for Snickers candy bars that ask the question, “Gonna be there a while?” Well there is one currently running that features a referee taking an eye exam and fails miserable.

It seems that nothing could be more suitable, the way professional referees have been coming under fire in the past few months. Now more than ever, referees are taking heat for the below average jobs that they are doing. Nothing has brought this more to the public’s attention than the botched coin flip that occurred Thanksgiving Day during the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Detroit Lions.

How anyone can screw up a coin flip is beyond me. The NFL has been forced to change their procedures for flips now, with the team calling the coin doing so before it is tossed. Also, two other referees have been forced to miss their assignments because of this incident.

Perhaps Snickers should make a commercial with a ref taking a beating.

A pair of other games recently have been marred by ridiculous officiating calls. New England was able to pull off a victory over Buffalo when Patriots receiver Shawn Jefferson was incorrectly ruled in bounds on a fourth down play. This allowed his team to later get a gift pass interference call on the final play of the game as the Pats won with no time on the clock.

Arizona receiver Rob Moore had a touchdown taken away from him against Washington when it was ruled he wasn’t pushed out of bounds on a catch in the end zone, even though he ended up getting both feet in anyway.

In both cases, the referee nearest the play made the correct call only to have it overruled by another one 20 yards away.

At least twice this season, by the Saints against the Vikings and by the Bears against the Jaguars, touchdowns have been allowed on kickoff returns when the returner was clearly down.

“Many of these mistakes must be done to help solve the problem. First and foremost, bring back instant replay. It is true that humans make mistakes, but things have gotten ridiculous. Secondly, the NFL must hire full-time referees. The NFL is the only major professional league in which their officials aren’t full-time.”

Hopefully then, sanity can return to the league.

**Men's soccer ends record season at Nationals**

By Krista Torgeson

The UW-Stevens Point men's soccer team represented the University in record-breaking form at nationals. Pointers scored three goals in what should have been a titanic battle between the nation's two best teams.

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“Every one of our games this season was a battle,” said Jack Bennett, men's soccer coach. “We've had some mistakes come back to haunt us, but we've also shown our intensity on the field this season.”

Pointers shine in WIAC

Women's Golf

Women's Cross Country

Men's Cross Country

By Michelle Tesmer

Head coach of the UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team, Shirley Egner, had high hopes of getting off to a great start this season. With eight freshmen on the team, the confidence level would have to be monitored.

After breaking Carroll College last Tuesday, the Pointers have dropped their following three. Saturday, the Pointers traveled to Milwaukee to take on Wisconsin Lutheran College and dropped a 59-57 decision.

Trailing by six with 28 seconds to go, Jessica Ott made two free throws to cut it to 59-55. UW-SP had their chances to cut into the lead when Wisconsin Lutheran missed the front of the bonus, but Lutheran ended up getting the ball back.

With 9.7 seconds left, Egner expects to win those games at the end of the season, but says that age wasn't a big factor.

“Our experience was not a big factor. Our emotion was a big factor. We played our basketball for seven minutes. If we had five more seconds, we would have won it. We didn’t play intense from the beginning of the tip.”

Men's basketball falls to Whitewater

By Michelle Tesmer

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“Pointers shine in WIAC Women's Golf

Lea Haas

Leah Juno

Heather Janssen

Sarah Kuhl

**Pointers women drop three in a row**

By Michelle Tesmer

Pointers drop conference opener to Whitewater

By Nick Brilowski

Ott led the Pointers with 17. The Pointers had two days to recover, and then it was time to battle St. Norbert College. With early foul trouble and shots not falling, Point found themselves down early. That didn’t change throughout the game, as the Pointers fell 61-49.

“The fools played their rolls,” Egner said. “We have to be aggressive and go to the hole.”

“We’re not moving the ball. Our offense is bogged down. Jes­si­ca Ott and Carry Boehning took their shots. The ball just didn’t go in.”

UW-SP shot just 28 percent from the field in the first half and fell behind 33-16 at halftime.

“We’re 2-3 non-conference. We’ve got to scratch them for right now. We have learned and matured, and hopefully, we will know what to do in the conference games. The kids’ confidence is shaken, but believe in them,” said an optimistic Egner.

Wednesday night, the Pointers opened WIAC play at the Berg

Kari Groshak (33) tries to get a shot off in between St. Norbert’s Army Aunt and Nadia Czajkowski. (Photo by Nathan T. Wullim)

**Pointers sports wrap up Saturday**

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By Michelle Tesmer

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“Pointers shine in WIAC Men’s basketball falls to Whitewater

By Nick Brilowski

Trailing by three late in the game, Point once again had a chance to tie the game, but Jay Bennett missed a pair of three-pointers.

Brant Bailey, playing on a slightly sprained ankle, led the Pointers with 16 points. UW-SP outshot the Warhawks 50 to 42 percent, but the hosts attempted 18 more shots from the field.

“They wore us down on the boards a little, but more over, we turned the ball over too much,” Coach Bennett said. “I can think of about six turnovers wherever if we had those turnovers back we could have taken over the game.”

Point.match took a 52-50 halftime lead on a heave from beyond midcourt by Nate Vosters.

The two teams remained tight throughout the second half with the Pointers taking their lead only at 57-56.

UW-SP gained possession with just over six seconds remain­ning after forcing a jump ball but Jay Bennett’s three from the corner was off the mark. The Pointers, 3-1 overall and 0-1 in the WIAC, host arch rival UW-Eau Claire Saturday night at 7 p.m.
Teammates for life. This happens everyday. For two UW-Stevens Point hockey players however, "teammates for life" is the perfect way to describe their athletic careers.

D.J. Drayna and Bob Gould, a daring duo hailing from Eagle River, Wisconsin, have known each other since grade school. Throughout high school, Gould and Drayna played hockey, football and baseball together, as well as heading outdoors to hunt and fish. "Growing up, we did everything together," said Gould. "We were always working out, playing, working hard. so we could go somewhere."

Leading their Northland Pines high school hockey team to state their senior year, both Drayna and Gould remember striving for excellence together. "Both of us were leaders," said Drayna, "an integral part of the team. So it was special to make it (to state) together."

"The best 30 seconds of my life was in the game to go to the state tournament," said Gould. "I had a save and passed it to D.J."

Drayna and Gould stick together

By Jessica Burda
SPORTS EDITOR

"He made it all the way to the other end and scored the winning goal." Tying their lives together, moments like these endured beyond high school. Both teammates went on to play in the junior "A" leagues. Gould headed out to Wyoming to tend goal for three years with long-time friend. "If I don't, oh well.

As we completed the race last Saturday, the results were announced we were initially disappointed that we had not finished in the top four teams, thus earning a trophy for our university," UW-SP men's cross country coach Rick Witt said. "At the beginning of the season, we would have been very happy with a top 10 finish, but as we began to improve as the season moved along, our goals began to change."

"Our top four men are equal to the top four of any team in the country," Witt said. "All of the four teams that beat us had more national meet experience and made fewer tactical racing errors. We ran well but they just ran better."

"In the process of breaking the top five, UW-SP also closed this season's chapter on its storied ri-

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-- Terrell Davis, Denver Broncos running back on approaching O.J. Simpson's single-season rushing record.

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By Mike Kemmeter
Eau-Cover

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The Pointer Scorecard

Women's Basketball

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The Week Ahead...

UW-Stevens Point Athletics

Men's Basketball: UW-Eau Claire, Saturday 7 p.m.; At Mt. Senario, Monday 7 p.m.; UW-Superior, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: AT UW-Eau Claire, Saturday 7 p.m.; AT UW-Superior, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Swimming and Diving: At Wheaton Invite, Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Wrestling: At UW-Parkside, Saturday 9 a.m.; UW-Platteville, Wednesday 9 p.m.

The Pointer Scorecard

Senior Spotlight

RICH SCHNEIDER - FOOTBALL

Schneider

Hometown: Waupun, Wisconsin

Major: Urban Forestry

Most Memorable Moment: The first game I walked in Stout, the first game I played in. Also, beating La Crosse this year.

Who was your idol growing up?: My parents. They showed what path to follow, how to live, and to work hard.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?: I want to work in a tree nursery.

Biggest achievement in sports: Getting All-Conference honors; making it five years playing football.

Most Embarrassing Moment: Against Eau Claire; I forgot the snap count. Everyone went off sides and I was still sitting there with the ball.

Favorite aspect of football: The friends you make. Everyone's like a family on the team.

What will you remember most about playing football at UW-SP?: Right before a game; the feeling you get right before you walk out there. All the friends I made.
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val with UW-La Crosse. The Eagles were sixth with 221 points, 60 behind the Pointers.

"The two point loss to La Crosse at the conference meet was something that the guys wanted to avenge and we did. They were an excellent team and we had to run well to beat them," Witt said.

Witt and the Pointers are already focusing on next season, in hopes of making a run for the National Title.

"They are happy with what they accomplished (this year) and are already looking forward to improving on our fifth place (finish) next year," Witt said. "It's exciting to have three returning All-Americans in Jesse Drake, Dan Schwamberger and Ryan Wenos."

Soccer
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coaches, referees and the commissioner awarded Point's Derek Bell a First Team All-Tournament position. This award distinguishes Bell as one of the eleven best players in the nation.

Reaching the end of a long but successful career are seniors Wes Dutton, Brad Nycz, Shawn Schultz and Ryan Watson who are all graduating.

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School “Pointers”
From the Lifestyle Assistants

By Laura Reismann and Shana Pegel
LIFESTYLE ASSISTANTS

The Truth about Alcohol

As the semester draws to a close it is important to keep in mind the facts about alcohol. The added stress in people’s lives increases the likelihood of alcohol use as a stress relieving activity. More than likely, it will add to your stress levels. Drinking is often glamorized by culture and viewed as a necessity to college life.

Many students are doing something other than drinking, but there are still students that are participating in harmful drinking activities.

A serious issue that pertains to alcohol is binge drinking. A drink is considered a 12-oz beer, 10 oz. wine cooler, four oz. glass of wine or 1 oz shot. Take these measurements into consideration when examining your drinking patterns.

For men, consuming five or more drinks in a row, one or more times in a two week period is binge drinking.

For females it is consuming four or more drinks each time you engage in drinking activities. Variables such as body weight, food intake and the time of day that alcohol is consumed can affect these numbers.

To avoid problems with binge drinking avoid drinking games. This can result in getting drunk too fast. Space your drinks out and alternate every other one with a glass of water. Alcohol is a diuretic and causes water loss.

Muscles contain water and need it to function. Alcohol consumption can cause muscle fatigue and soreness. It is important to replenish your body with water. In addition, remember to eat before you drink so more of the alcohol will be absorbed and not as much will go into your bloodstream.

Remember that alcohol contains seven calories per gram. Since alcohol is foreign to the body, it is processed like fat. Light beer contains about 100 calories/12 oz and regular beer contains 200-212 oz. So use your math skills and you can see that a night of binge drinking can pack on the calories.

Alcohol is not a bad thing; however, it is important to consider the effects of alcohol. See the truth in your choices and think about the risks especially now at the end of a stressful semester.

Don’t let your choices pertaining to alcohol affect your academics. Make sure that drinking is the right decision for you and if you choose to drink, be responsible.

Goo Goo Dolls deal with fame and fans

By Tracey Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

If you don’t reside under a rock, you have probably been exposed to the song “Iris,” the Goo Goo Dolls hit off the City of Angels soundtrack.

A lyrical line from that tune is, “You’re the closest to heaven that I’ve ever been and I don’t want to go home right now.”

Heaven is fame similar to this “heaven” sung about in “Iris.”

“No, it’s a big pain in the ass,” said Johnny Rzeznik, lead vocalist/lead guitar for the Goo Goo Dolls.

“But I asked for it. I asked to be successful. I wanted to make records. Now I’m doing that and [fame] is part of the stuff that goes along with it.”

All “heaven” is not lost however.

“It is cool for that hour and a half you’re on stage,” said bass guitarist Robby Takac, while sitting in the Oshkosh boy’s locker room – the band’s makeshift dressing room.

So far, the Goo Goo Dolls most recent album, Dizzy Up the Girl, has spawned hit singles such as “Slide” and the soon-to-be-released “Dizzy.”

Though the Dolls have been playing for some twelve years, it was their 1995 release, A Boy Named Goo, that gave them fame by opening America’s ears with “Name.”

A few years, hit-singles and haircutts later, they finally got what Rzeznik longs for from fans.

“I just want people to know our music. I don’t care if they know my face,” he said.

Well, to some fans, or should I say fanatics, Johnny’s face is their “heaven.”

“I got, like, 60 letters from this one woman,” said Rzeznik.

That display of affection goes far beyond the usual throwing of underwear on stage (which happened at the Oshkosh show). Takac’s admirers look out for his needs. “I get stuff like 13-year-olds telling me that everybody else wants me for their Christmas list.”

Ready to swing with the Mighty Kings?

By Nick Katzmarek
FEATURES EDITOR

If you subscribe to the new swing wave that is currently sweeping the nation, then it would be wise to check out a band that is swinging into UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, Dec. 12.

The Mighty Blue Kings are riding high on the Chicago wave of swing sound, and they are bringing their sound here to be enjoyed by the students of UW-SP.

The Kings will be fresh from their Dec. 11 show in Chicago, and then have a rest before they swing into the Milwaukee Rave on Dec. 26 at 9:30.

They got their start at Chicago’s Buddy Guy’s dressing room - the band’s makeshift studio. Though the Dolls have been a successful band for some time, the “heaven” that gave them fame is foreign to the body, it is processed like fat. Light beer contains about 100 calories/12 oz and regular beer contains 200-212 oz. So use your math skills and you can see that a night of binge drinking can pack on the calories.

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Nick’s Veggie Stir Fry

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  - Cayenne Pepper
  - Ground Black Pepper
  - Cilantro

• Optional Ingredients
  - Any sort of other veggie
  - Any other spices

• Add rest of veggies, leaving out tomato, eggplant and zucchini.

• Add moist veggies and some water, maybe some animal and miso.

• Turn heat way down.

• Cook some noodles (any).

• Prepare a of sauce like Chinese Peanut Sauce or any kind of rich flavorful dressing.

• Heat oil in frying pan or wok.

• Noodles, Veggies, Sauce, Enjoy!

Tune in next time for “The Great Christmas Cookie” recipe in the next Cooking Corner. And as always, you can email me (or snail mail to 104 CAC) recipes and ideas to nktz350@uwsp.edu.

Goo Goo Dolls deal with fame and fans

By Tracey Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

If you don’t reside under a rock, you have probably been exposed to the song “Iris,” the Goo Goo Dolls hit off the City of Angels soundtrack.

A lyrical line from that tune is, “You’re the closest to heaven that I’ve ever been and I don’t want to go home right now.”

Heaven is fame similar to this “heaven” sung about in “Iris.”

“No, it’s a big pain in the ass,” said Johnny Rzeznik, lead vocalist/lead guitar for the Goo Goo Dolls.

“But I asked for it. I asked to be successful. I wanted to make records. Now I’m doing that and [fame] is part of the stuff that goes along with it.”

All “heaven” is not lost however.

“It is cool for that hour and a half you’re on stage,” said bass guitarist Robby Takac, while sitting in the Oshkosh boy’s locker room – the band’s makeshift dressing room.

So far, the Goo Goo Dolls most recent album, Dizzy Up the Girl, has spawned hit singles such as “Slide” and the soon-to-be-released “Dizzy.”

Though the Dolls have been playing for some twelve years, it was their 1995 release, A Boy Named Goo, that gave them fame by opening America’s ears with “Name.”

A few years, hit-singles and haircuts later, they finally got what Rzeznik longs for from fans.

“I just want people to know our music. I don’t care if they know my face,” he said.

Well, to some fans, or should I say fanatics, Johnny’s face is their “heaven.”

“I got, like, 60 letters from this one woman,” said Rzeznik.

That display of affection goes far beyond the usual throwing of underwear on stage (which happened at the Oshkosh show). Takac’s admirers look out for his needs. “I get stuff like 13-year-olds telling me that everybody else wants me for their Christmas list.”

Lead singer Rzeznik and bassist Takac jam on the Oshkosh stage during their Nov. 18 show. (Photo by Tim J. Barnes)
You're wrong!

Do certain types of music cause violent behavior?

By Nick Katzmarek

Violence in society is one of the most heinous problems fac­ ing us right now. The answer, however, does not lie in music lyrics.

I can't understand why people think that music would cause people to be violent. Look at me, for example. I am fairly toler­ ant when it comes to music, being that I'll listen to all types, at least for a while. I will be the first to admit that I'll turn off certain things, but once I learn to like it, I'll put it on myself (sometimes even Aun). But I don't go out and kill people when I listen to gangsta rap or death metal or anything else that glorifies actions or attributes contrary to society's established values. If we put the kabosh on music that isn't liked by conservative listeners, then we would lose valuable cultural contributions that have defined sections of our society.

Anti-DiFranco, Ice T, Slayer — these are just a few musicians that have offended people in the past. And I think that the offense people take is why they are not resistant to gangsta rap or death metal or anything else that glorifies actions or attributes contrary to society's established values. If we put the kabosh on music that isn't liked by conservative listeners, then we would lose valuable cultural contributions that have defined sections of our society.

So are you.

By Tracy Marhali

I agree that expression is the beauty of music, but the exception is when violent musical expressions cause listeners to express anger in a similar way.

If music doesn't control emotions, then why do romantic Pointers play soft jazz or sexy Janet Jackson, and you're angry. So you decide to play some Gwar to get you in the mean mental state necessary for delivering a whoopin'. Now you're pumped, and you go kick boot. Okay, now say you're in that same mood, but you decide to play some Dave Matthews — so you're in an upbeat mood during the whoopin'. But wait! After the Dave has been on for a few minutes, you don't want to kick but anymore! You just want to dance and hear "Say Goodbye" again. Whatever, you get the point.

People play chill music when they want to be calm and crazy music when they want to get crazy.

How can that not apply to violent music?

Tastes of the Town

The Sky Club

By Ethan Meyer

Beyond the southern edge of downtown Stevens Point, the Sky Club offers another taste of the fine dining in the immediate area.

I had been anticipating my visit to this restaurant for some time because of the many good things I have heard about the food. In that respect, I was not disap­ pointed.

My companion and I both or­ dered the Surf and Turf. Who could resist six juicy ounces of tenderloin accompanied by three delectable baby lobster tails? White Zinfandel, being a blush (pink; somewhere in between red and white) was the proper choice of wine considering the makeup of our meal.

I was quite impressed with the food. My steak was done per­ fectly, and my lobster was cooked to perfection.

I was also able to sample the tenderloin sandwich at a later date. Although I found it to be a bit plain in that it consisted of a good-sized slab of tenderloin and a bun. The taste however was not plain. I spread a bit of barbecue sauce on it and ripped into it with­ out further hesitation.

Now, let's talk about the ser­ vice. I don't like to rip on a busi­ ness if it isn't necessary, but in this case it is.

We were seated fairly quickly because we arrived early enough to avoid the Friday rush.

After we ordered our food, I requested a wine list. What I was given was a very poor represen­ tation of the actual wine list (which I saw sitting near the host­ ess station, as I walked to the bar). I am not sure if my server had some preconceived notions about my age or what, but I have never been treated with that type of in­ competence at a restaurant that boasts such high quality food and service.

For the most part, I liked the Sky Club. The food was enough to entice me to return, but I am certainly going to be biased in the future.

The Sky Club, on Post Rd. Plover, provides fine dining. They may not provide the finest service. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Word of Mouth

Blues Guitartist

Jimmy Johnson will be performing in the Encore this Thursday, Dec. 3. His bluesy guitar riffs are guaranteed to pull any music lover from their seat to jive. This is Johnson's second appearance in Point this year. Johnson and his band also perform at jazz festi­ vals around the world. He has performed with Magic Sam, Freddie King and Otis Rush.

Tickets are $3 with student ID, and $5 without.

Monday Night Football

Centerentertainment Productions will host a Monday Night Football Packer party on Dec. 7 in the Encore. The party will begin at game time and will include free food and beverages. During halftime, an award presentation for the Monsters of Wisconsin Walleys Tourna­ ment will be held.

For more information about the Packer party call x3000.

Theatre in London

Theatre aficionados will have the opportunity next summer to participate in the "Theatre in London" program sponsored by the UW-Stevens Point International Programs.

The program runs from June 17 to July 8, 1999. Three under­ graduate or graduate credits in theatre or English or on a noncredit basis for those who love drama.

The program will be led by Professor Stephen Sherwin and Isabelle Stelmahoske, emeritus professor of English.

The cost for the three week program is $2,985. To secure a spot, mail a nonrefundable $150 deposit to UW-SP International Pro­ grams or call x2717.

Community Sing-Along

The UW-Stevens Point music department will hold a community sing-along on Sunday, Dec. 13. The sing-along was created to draw community members, UW-SP faculty and students together for an annual evening of singing and refreshments.

The doors will open at 4 p.m. at Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church in downtown Stevens Point, with singing to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Art Exhibit

Art students from three continents will exhibit work in the Carsten Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Center at UW-Stevens Point. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Bass Recital

Catalin Rotaru, assistant professor of string bass and jazz studies at UW-SP, will perform on the string bass in Madison. The concert will be broadcast live on Wisconsin Public Radio (90.9 FM) from the Elvehjem Museum in Madison. She will be accompanied by Charles Goan and Lawrence Leviton, fellow faculty members.

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YOU'VE BROUGHT THE RECIPE AND YOU FORGOT TO TAKE OFF YOUR APRON.

GAH!
Smith’s State an Enemy of action genre

By Mike Beacom

Film Critic

By now, most moviegoers know who producer Jerry Bruckheimer is. If they do not know of him by name, they most likely know of his work. Bruckheimer has pounded out several action films which have made a killing at box office ticket windows.

Some of Bruckheimer’s films, like Top Gun, lived up to the pre­release hoopla, while others like Enemy of the State, didn’t carry the baggage necessary to warrant acclaim from credible critics.

His most current release, Enemy of the State, is headlined by Will Smith who has trans­formed into the same type of guaranteed movie bankroll actor that Tom Cruise and Mel Gibson are. Smith plays a lawyer whose life changes when an estranged friend drops off a package in his shop­ping bag.

From there on, Smith is hunted by government officials trying to pry the package from his hands at any cost.

The only chance Smith has to survive is through the help of an ex-intelligence agent played by Gene Hackman.

With Hackman’s ability to keep him out of the government spotlight, Smith has an opportunity to find out who’s tracking him and for what reason.

Enemy of the State could have developed into a fine action thriller. But instead, the film turned out to be the same explosions and failed one-liners we’ve all seen and heard before.

Rating:

-Smith is Jewel of an album

By Steven Schoenmer

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ACROSS

1. Volume
10. Gave out cards
13. Fixed relationship
16. Lone
17. Strict boss
19. Fly high
22. Chimps and oranges
24. Distills
25. More quixotic
29. Thrust
34. Lupino of old times
36. Seductive woman
37. Singles
39. Shack tree
40. Loned for
41. Titled up
43. Grating
44. Snoprep
46. Ancient country
47. Bizarre thing
48. Musical piece
49. Yoko
50. Come off in sheets
51. Usually
52. To shelter
53. Employ again
54. African river
55. Cattle group
56. Eaters
57. Travel expense
58. Nuisance
59. Kind of exam
60. Ledger items
61. Travel expense

DOWN

1. Loyal
2. Algerian port
3. Tall spar
4. Lodge brother
5. British dealer in cloth
6. Elevated
7. Lawyers’ abbrev.
8. Palter
9. Downturn
10. Ladder lams
11. Lodger’s lams
12. When I was 13
13. Trawl word
14. Men
15. Put away
16. Nuisance
17. Men
18. Learn
19. Sheets
20. To shelter
21. UTI
22. Nuisance
23. Write wrong
24. Dizzy
25. Daz
26. Four order
27. “…-of Two Cites”
28. Sell arbitrarily
29. Sharpened
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31. Cube
32. Paths
33. Winery’s envi­rons
34. Kind of exam
35. Nuisance
36. Swindle
37. Worked hard
38. Remove, in cleaning
39. Holds up
40. Brightly-colored fish
41. Alyosha
42. Tired
43. Nuisance
44. Daze
45. Silly person
46. Brightly-colored fish
47. Remove, in cleaning
48. Daze
49. Akron’s state
50. Actress Carter
51. City of the Okanogan
52. Hawaiian gar­den
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Clue:

1. Lawyers: abbr.
2. So long
3. Alleviated
4. Vol­ume
5. Give out cards
6. Lodge brother
7. Strict boss
8. Tall spar
9. Lodge brother
10. Lodge brother
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Rental

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(1992, 193 min)

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**Shots**

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Reynolds emphasizes that his is a bar centered around the students. This makes for a different atmosphere because most of the ideas for the bar came from the student body. “I try to include everybody for suggestions,” Reynolds said. “College kids have first priority because I listen and act on that request.”

In fact, Mug Shots is celebrating its grand opening this Dec. 3 and 4. By student request, the first 20 people after 10 p.m. will receive free drinks.

**Dolls**

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money. Just wait till her parents cut her allowance off—the’ll want me for my money too.”

If the Goo Goo Dolls had never formed, would there be a “heaven” on earth for those dedicated fans? Exactly how different would this world be if Johnny Rzeznik had stayed a plumber and Robby Takac a DJ?

“My toilet would get fixed cheaper,” said Takac.

Rzeznik says the world would be exactly the same. His world, on the other hand, would be a great deal different.

“Would I have a little more stability, a little less neurotic energy. I’d probably have a bunch of kids.”

A “heaven” of sorts away from fame. But without that fame, Rzeznik couldn’t shoot pool with Keith Richards, as he plans to do during the Dolls’ upcoming tour with the Rolling Stones.

Fame may be “a big pain in the ass” at times, like when you want to go see the Jerry Springer movie (as the band plans to do), but it seems the Goo Goo Dolls don’t want to “come home” from this (sometimes) “heavenly” fame, quite yet.

**Letter**

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—Andrew Bushard

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