By Chris Keller
News Editor

As suddenly as it first appeared, a proposal that would eventually require all students to purchase a laptop computer has been withdrawn from consideration.

In a memo from Chancellor Thomas George and Vice-Chancellor/Provost Bill Meyer, the authors of the proposal, discussions across campus factored into the decision. Student and faculty concerns, such as the cost and the configuration of one laptop for everybody, weighed heavily in the decision.

"Both those opposed, and those in favor of the idea, everybody agreed that cost was a major issue," said Chancellor Thomas George. Two weeks ago, students and faculty took part in a forum to discuss the proposal and a strong showing was made by opponents of the proposal. However, all parties involved agreed to temporarily withdraw the proposal.

Bye-bye laptops
Authors withdraw proposal from consideration

By Kris Wagner
News Reporter

After only one day of voting, student government officials were forced to suspend the 1999 election process after a glitch was found on their on-line voting ballot.

At noon on Wednesday, Information Technology officially pulled the plug on the Student Government Association's on-line student elections after being informed of a few problems within the voting system.

On Monday, a reporter from The Pointer discovered the problems while attempting to vote on-line. After further investigation, he revealed the problems—one being security-related—to officials at SGA and IT.

"You've raised a serious issue," said Randy Peelen of UW-Stevens Point's IT office and co-designer of the program. It's very important to find this out. The way I look at it, there is no election.

SGA Vice-President Jeff Buhrandt's reaction to the glitch shadowed Peelen's. "We're going to call off on-line voting at this time," Buhrandt said. "I'm probably going to tell the senate to run another election.

SGA pulled all of its ballots, including their written versions on Wednesday afternoon. There were three problem areas within the on-line system. The first (see part A of diagram on page 2) involved the presidential race option. If any students opted not to vote for a presidential candidate, the system refused to cast their ballot.

Essentially then, every student was required to vote for presidential candidates Andrew Halverson and Ryann Nelson, who are running uncontested. The program restrained students from their constitutional right to a democratic vote.

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The next two problems were found in the URL, the web-page address of SGA's on-line voting website. When it came time for the reporter to vote for president and senators, he noticed that his login ID (see part A of diagram) was in the URL box. He then proceeded to erase his ID and replaced it with someone else's login ID (login IDs are published in the student directory). This means anyone could take login IDs and enter them into the program.

By replacing the ID, anyone could cast their ballot.

Bye-bye laptops
Computer glitch ends elections after one day, SGA plans to reschedule

By Kevin Fredrickson
News Reporter

Minority applicants increased 48 percent from the previous year at UW-Stevens Point, the result of a system-wide focus on minority recruitment.

The admissions office also reported a 32 percent increase of admitted minority freshmen from the previous year. "It's been a phenomenal year," said UW-SP Assistant Director of High School Relations Bill Jordan.

Jordan attributes the increase to small changes in recruiting tactics.

According to UW-SP Admissions Counselor Scott West, in addition to maintaining an infrastructure of recruiting minority student and extensive high school visits, the university has stepped up levels of personal contact with recruits, especially in urban areas such as Milwaukee, Chicago and Wausau.

Extra steps include personal visits to homes of recruits that involve family in decisions.

A small, work-study paid phone staff, together with a group of four to five student volunteers, maintains personal contact with Quianna Carter-Milton, a UW-SP diversity intern and phone volunteer, said most calls were frank and personal, placed mostly to pre-applicants. She noted that calls are not to sell UW-SP, but rather to provide a minority student perspective on the campus experience.

"Our minority students are outstanding people both academically and personally," Jordan said. "They are our greatest asset in minority recruitment."
SGA: How to beat the system, website ballot error explained

Using the web URL in the "Location" box, students could have voted for other students in the SGA election. After logging in with their own login name and password, students could have changed the login following "LoginName" (A) to another student's login and cast a vote in that person's name. Using the number following "CollegeID" on the URL (B), students could receive different ballots for senators. Each number between 2 and 5 corresponds to a different college (i.e. Letters and Science, Fine Arts). Another computer glitch wouldn't allow on-line voters to cast their ballots without choosing the "Andrew Halverson & Ryann Nelson" presidential ticket (C). The two are running uncontested.

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University Center’s Alumni Room receives makeover

By Christina Summers
News Editor

The Alumni Room underwent a total remodeling project. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

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“A decision was made to renovate the room, which had not been remodeled since its construction in 1965, by students, staff, campus administrators and the Alumni Board. The University Centers’ Advisory and Policy Board granted funding for the renovations in 1997. "The room needed to be updated to accommodate increased demands for technology by the campus,” said Susan Crotteau, assistant director of University Centers.

“It is also used by the Freshman Orientation program and is, literally, the first impression that students and their parents have of our University Center and possibly the campus.”

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Laptop: Proposal is withdrawn

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"The people who were against the increase last year, happen to have their medical care paid by the state," said Hettler. “If a single faculty member was 23-year old, the state would pay $2,068 towards health care. A 23-year old student would pay a fee of $169 towards university health care, and could buy a coverage policy for $400."

Hettler said as the cost for health care supplies continues to increase, the non-allocated fees are monies paid by students, but are not controlled by SGA. Health Center officials hope they will receive some sort of increase this year.

SGA currently is consolidating a committee to look over the budget, treatment of students and general workings of the Health Center. The subcommittee is expected to be comprised of faculty, staff and students, including a Student Chair. Currently, the Student Health Advisory Committee, consisting of about 25 members, helps to make the budget and conduct surveys of Health Center patients. "They do client satisfaction surveys and look at concerns of patients," Hettler said. “In some years, the committee has gone before SGA to present the annual budget."

The Health Center is hoping to return to SGA the first week of April to finalize next year's recommended budget.

UW-SP Health Center Segregated Fee Allocations

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Diverse: Plan starts now for UW-Stevens Point

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Minority recruitment is a UW-System initiative which received about $700,000 in Governor Thompson’s latest budget. According to Jordan, the amount at this juncture isn’t important. The important fact is that money is being allocated for recruitment. "More is always better than less," Jordan said. "No matter what the amount, it will help."

“This is only a start. We want to increase campus diversity tenfold," he said. "The assistance may not be in the form of money. It may be in the form of another full-time position."

On March 5, the draft of Plan 2008 was released on campus. Drafted by members of the Multicultural Affairs office, SGA and administration, the plan includes the goals aiming towards a more diverse campus. One of the goals, or challenges as stated in the proposal, looks to make 70 percent of all classes contain diversity materials and information.

In the same category as including diversity in classes, is contacting other universities to explore the option of distance learning and faculty exchanges for multicultural education. For instance, a response is to try and offer five courses each semester using distance learning, having themes such as Native American language courses and African American History. These challenges are to be embarked upon in the very near future and plan to be completed by the year 2008.

Chronology of the Laptop Proposal

Late Dec, 1998 - Laptop proposal introduced by Chancellor Thomas George and Provost Vice-Chancellor Bill Meyer and sent to Faculty Senate and SGA.

Feb. 24, 1999 - Laptop forum provides students and faculty a chance to voice opinions that were, for the most part, against the plan as written.

March 3, 1999 - Citing "sufficient concerns over certain aspects of the proposal," Chancellor George and Vice-Chancellor Meyer decide to withdraw the proposal from consideration. A committee was formed to look at campus technology.

Have a great break," from The Pointer News Team
Dear Editor:
I am writing in response to the letter "Education department needs attitude change" that appeared in the Thursday, Feb. 18 issue of The Pointer.
I want to emphasize to this anonymous student that the School of Education is quite interested in their future role as educators.
I am proud of our programs and our graduates. We do have many excellent students seeking teacher certification. These are students who are academically quite capable, who understand young people and who can identify and apply effective teaching techniques.

Student wants ramp over more lots
Dear Editor:
I would like to briefly comment on one thing that struck me as ironic at UW-Stevens Point.
Isn't it strange that a university whose biggest claim to fame exists in the Sudan. This has been highlighted as a group of Colorado school children have raised money to build a little more room in or down yet another house in order to spread a little more comfort.
I haven't measured lately, but I'd say the parking lots take up more square feet of green space than the university buildings do. And I may not be an engineer, but wouldn't it be long-term benefit of a parking ramp outweigh the cost? And wouldn't it look nicer? And wouldn't you be able to fit more vehicles in it? And wouldn't it be convenient? And wouldn't it just make sense?
I'll be the first to admit I really like to park on campus. I've got a stack of little yellow envelopes to prove it. But, enough is enough. The parking lots are spreading like a disease. Let's just build a ramp already. I bet if we charged each student $350 bucks a year extra on his/her tuition bill, he/she would have a very useful spot to put his/her car in...unless he or she has a parking spot already. But that's another argument.

News that's not covered by the media
Dear Editor:
It seems everybody likes the sound of the term "tax cuts." But when we read of Governor Tommy's proposal for cutting corporate income tax we should remember that actions can foreshadow dire consequences. We do have many excellent students seeking employment regularly that assist us in knowing "how the economy is doing." We have ongoing 'User Surveys' to our undergraduate Advising Office, our Graduate Advising Office, our Professional Writing Competency Program and the Office of Field Experience. We conduct surveys of our recent graduates every semester, inviting feedback on how we are doing.
And most importantly, we attend to the feedback we have received from these various surveys, making changes and modifications as we continue to work toward improvement. Thank you.

 Leslie McClain-Ruelle
Associate Dean and Head, School of Education

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The Mysterious Worldwide Decline in Amphibian Populations

By Joe Shedd
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

A UW-Stevens Point graduate student spoke about troubled amphibian populations at the weekly herpetology meeting Monday.

Tanya Hawley delivered her speech entitled, "The Mysterious Worldwide Decline in Amphibian Populations." Hawley gave evidence of the decline of amphibian populations, discussed possible causes of this decline and spoke of her upcoming trip to Belize to study amphibians.

There are roughly 3,900 different species of amphibians worldwide, many of which are in trouble. Many species are going extinct. The Gastric Broding Frog was discovered in Australia in 1971, but by 1981, it had disappeared. Likewise, the Golden Toad of Costa Rica was discovered in 1983 but had disappeared in 1986.

This problem hits close to home, too. People are finding an increasing number of mutated amphibians. These mutated amphibians are usually missing eyes or have extra limbs. "In Wisconsin" there's been over 150 sightings just in 1996 in seven different species," Hawley said.

The problem of amphibian population decline has been around for some time, but for the last century and a quarter, it seems to have accelerated. Various factors such as: acid precipitation, toxins, weather patterns, ultraviolet radiation, pathogens, introduced species and habitat loss have all contributed to amphibian population decline.

This problem affects us all. We need healthy amphibian populations to maintain healthy lakes such as Lake Winnebago, which is the source of drinking water for much of the state. Sturgeon, which are highly prized for their delicacy. Female sturgeon don't reach maturity until they are 20-25 years old and only spawn once every three to five years after maturing. Males mature at age 10-15 and spawn every other year. Since these prehistoric fish spawn so infrequently and since it takes so long for them to reach maturity, their population is very sensitive to harvesting, whether it be legally or illegally.

Sturgeon are highly prized for both their meat and their eggs which are a delicacy. Females reach maturity at age 10-15 and spawn every other year. Since these prehistoric fish spawn so infrequently and since it takes so long for them to reach maturity, their population is very sensitive to harvesting, whether it be legally or illegally.

Once the population is damaged, recovery becomes very difficult. "It's not like dealing with other fish. There's no quick turn-around. We're trying to create a bunch of old ladies," Bruch said, referring to the need for older, mature females which traditionally have made up the bulk of the sturgeon spawning harvest.

Participants in Sturgeon Patrol work with conservation wardens to prevent any illegal activity. In the process, they are treated with meals and lodging which is paid for by local chapters of Sturgeon For Tomorrow, the world's only sturgeon citizen society.

"If you work closely with the people, it's unbelievable what you can do," Bruch said.

Though the lodging, food and free Sturgeon Patrol hats are nice benefits of Sturgeon Patrol, the real treat is the experience of seeing these enormous fish up close. Interested Sturgeon Patrol participants can contact Carolyn at (920) 424-4040 for more information.

Gills nets were the main gear used to sample walleye populations and assess the success of stocking. The walleyes were implanted with either physical or chemical tags as fingerings which aided in their identification in the analysis.

Similar investigations have never been performed previously due to the extensive efforts and high expenses needed to accomplish such a project.

The 200 lakes in the study were divided into two categories. The first group contained lakes with a high probability of successful walleye reproduction and were classified "enhanced walleye lakes." The second group contained lakes with a low probability of successful walleye reproduction and were classified "sustained walleye lakes." The populations of walleyes present within the two categories of lakes in question were studied, examining how anglers caught and average fish weight were influenced by single and multiple annual stocking events. This analysis concluded that lakes where natural walleye reproduction occurred successfully, neither single nor multiple stocking events significantly affected the amount of fish an angler caught per hour up to five years after the stocking event.

Also, there was no significant relationship between the average weight of walleye caught and the single or multiple stocking events on these lakes. This analysis concluded that in lakes where there was a low probability of successful walleye reproduction, single stocking events significantly increased the amount of fish an angler caught and increased that year class strength of walleyes. However, multiple annual stocking events did not seem to further increase the amount of fish an angler caught per hour.

The average weight of fish caught in lakes where low probability of successful walleye reproduction occurred was slightly lower when either single or multiple annual stocking events occurred, opposed to the weight of the fish in the lake in which no stocking occurred. This was significantly lower simply because anglers were catching the large group of small walleyes that were recently stocked and not the few old fish that were present from previous stockings. A decreased average weight might also result from competition among the stock that a fish is left to for forage.

So overall this study concluded that stocking increased walleye abundance and decreased the average weight of walleyes caught in lakes where natural reproduction is limited, however in lakes where walleye reproduction is successful, stocking has no significant affect on the abundance or average weight of walleyes caught in those lakes.

Now the question is, how should these results affect our current stocking strategies? My conclusions after evaluating this subject is simply to cease stocking in those lakes where there is a high probability of successful walleye reproduction occurring.

Sturgeon biologist informs students

By Ron Bruch
STOCKAGE EDITOR

Ron Bruch, a sturgeon biologist with the DNR, spoke about Sturgeon Patrol in CNR room 170 Wednesday.

Sturgeon Patrol is a program in which volunteers monitor sturgeon spawning sites along the Wolf and Fox Rivers from April 15 to May 5. Volunteers take 12 hour shifts, making sure that no one attempts to harm the sturgeon as they spawn at the approxi-
Land preservation to be discussed

By Ryan Gilligan
OUTDOORS REPORTER

It is the unfortunate truth that all across the country we are losing the natural heritage of the land. From the slow destruction of native plants and animals to the outright development of open lands, nature is undergoing constant loss and degradation. Unfortunately, this destruction often goes unnoticed and uncontented. Living in Wisconsin, we are lucky enough to be surrounded by many natural and rural areas, but even here, the problem of environmental degradation still rears its ugly head. Fortunately, there are organizations such as Greenspace, a group dedicated to preserving natural areas in the face of development. Its primary function is to serve as a solemn-heard voice for the environment during civic meetings and discussions regarding development.

This week the group will hold a meeting featuring speaker Dr. Robert Freckman. His topic will be "Vegetation of Portage County: Past, Present, and Future." The talk will consist of an overview of the regional vegetation’s past, from the settlement era of the 1840s through the changes of the past 20 years. The discussion will also focus on the problems facing Portage County’s natural areas today and in the days to come. Though many of the unique natural areas of the county are already preserved from direct development because of their location on state lands, Freckman feels that more needs to be done. "There are still 15 to 20 areas in the county that do not lie on state land; these areas include a variety of important habitats," states Freckman. Since these places are not state-owned, the land and vegetation stand vulnerable to development.

Such a loss would impact more than merely that immediate area, but also surrounding plant and animal communities. Threats to Portage County’s future may also take the form of issues not as apparent as the building of roads and subdivision of land. "Future threats to preservation include weedy species that have been introduced and are continuing to be introduced to the area, and in the deer population and its effect on the vegetation," states Freckman.

If you are interested in attending and learning more about these and other issues facing Portage County vegetation, the meeting will be held Thursday March 11, at 7 p.m. in Conference Room one at the Stevens Point Courthouse, 1462 Strongs Avenue.

Horton Marsh Bird Festival 1999

In celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, the Horton Marsh will celebrate its bird festival May 7-9. This year’s theme will be neotropical migration.

Located in east-central Wisconsin, Horton Marsh is home to 268 species of birds. It was originally established as habitat for ducks, but Canada geese are now major users of the marsh.

Today, Horton Marsh is a state wildlife area and a national wildlife refuge. It has received the prestigious honors of being dubbed a Wetland of International Importance and a Globally Important Bird Area by different organizations.

This year, the marsh will offer several different programs for both experienced and aspiring birders.

Three events have fees and require preregistration. The Bird Wisconsin Bus Tour is a two day field trip on which participants will view birds outside of Horton Marsh. The First Light Bus Tour is for intermediate to advanced birders. This trip will seek to identify the greatest number of birds possible. The Blue Heron Strictly Birding tour is a pontoon boat tour through the marsh on which birders will see a heron and egret rookery. A large number of other events will be offered including bird banding, a bird-a-thon, trumpeter swan update, junior duck stamp reception and a whooping crane lecture among others. Birders are also invited to tour the marsh on their own.

For more information, contact the Friends of the Horton Marsh International Education Center, N7725 Hwy. 28, Horton, WI 53032.

Will the water in Pool 8 be lowered?

A task force is contemplating reduction of water levels in Upper Mississippi River Pool 8 (La Crosse) to mimic more natural summer river conditions. The reduction would promote aquatic vegetation and dry sediments along the river's edge.

Composed of state and federal fish and wildlife managers and scientists, recreational boaters and commercial navigation interests, the force has assessed the feasibility of conducting a water level reduction during the summer of 2000.

One major component of the study is to determine what the maximum level of water reduction should be and how to manage the reduction based on the concerns that have been raised. Considering information gathered from public meetings, commercial and recreational surveys, biological and weather information, the task force recommends using two control points to manage a water level reduction on Pool 8.

First, the water level reduction will be minimized in the upper portion of Pool 8 so water levels at the La Crosse weather service stage gauge would not fall below a certain level. The area near La Crosse would receive a maximum reduction of six inches.

The second control point for the demonstration would be Lock and Dam 8 (Genoa, WI) where the Corps of Engineers would manage for a maximum reduction of 18 inches.

Taking both of these control points into account means water levels would be reduced during summer months by a maximum of six inches at La Crosse, WI and 18 inches at Lock and Dam 8.

According to Dick Otto of the Corps of Engineers, "We will implement whatever measures necessary to maintain the maximum gauge reading at La Crosse. Even though this may require a more intensive monitoring effort, we feel the potential benefits of the drawdown are well worth the extra effort."

According to Gretchen Benjamin, DNR task force leader, "This proposal represents a compromise on everyone’s part."

Since most of the commercial recreational facilities are located in the upper portion of Pool 8, using the La Crosse gauge as a control point means that a reduction of only six inches will occur in that area. A drawdown of 18 inches at the dam will provide a reasonable reduction in the lower portion of the pool where anticipated habitat benefits can be evaluated.

Understanding the negative effects of dams on wildlife populations is quickly becoming a hot topic. (Submitted photo)
Volunteers to protect spring steelhead

In coming weeks, scores of quicksilver steelhead will journey from Lake Michigan to their home tributaries to spawn, luring anglers from all over the country who hope to catch a fish renowned as much for its fight as for making a tasty meal. All those anglers are attracting volunteers who will patrol streams in an effort to combat increased poaching of these popular fish.

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The spring migration, or spawning “run,” is beginning to attract an increasing number of poachers. They take more fish than the legal daily limit of five, fail to buy the proper licenses and trout stamps and illegally snag the fish instead of catching them with a hook and line.

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One effort is the River Patrol, a cooperative volunteer program among local wardens and local sports groups that started last year and now has more than 200 members enrolled. Under the program, members are issued “River Patrol” hats and a guideline card that describes what poachers should do if they witness a fishing violation.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear their hats, and when they see a violation, document it and call it in to the DNR’s violation hotline, 1-800-TIP-WDNR. The volunteers have no enforcement power, Mickelberg said. The idea is to do what the wardens cannot.

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Hawley will travel to Belize this summer as part of the Peace Corps. As a special project, Hawley will study amphibians there. Belize is home to three different types of habitat including tropical evergreen, tropical rainforests and Mountain forests which are home to many types of amphibians. Hawley feels it’s important to study these areas which contain 80 percent of the world’s amphibians.

“There’s a special need for research in tropical areas. There are few studies in tropical areas and many of the species are not well-known,” Hawley said.

One good thing for both amphibians and Hawley is that much of the land in Belize is protected. “It’s fortunate to have this much land preserved. Over 36 percent of the land has some sort of official protection,” Hawley said.

Upon completion of her study, Hawley hopes to have a better understanding of the problems amphibians face and a better idea of how to overcome them.

Stock
When looking to improve these lakes I believe education, stricter regulations and habitat improvements should be implemented instead of stocking.

In regards to lakes with a low probability of natural walleye reproduction, fisheries managers must decide if it is in the public’s and the fisheries’ best interests to continue providing anglers with the opportunity of catching walleyes.

More than likely, these are fisheries where other preferable gamefish species dominate, and shouldn’t be allowed to remain that way. Hopefully, this provided you with some basic insights regarding the walleye stocking issues confronting Wisconsin on an annual basis.

Steel
The patrol is not to write more citations but to deter illegal activity in the first place.

“We already know that it’s working,” Mickelberg said. “One River Patroller told me he was on the Root River when he came upon a man trying to snag fish. Once the man identified that a River Patroller was standing next to him, the man ran across the river and hid in the woods.”

“The rules and limits we’ve got now were set to protect the resource and to protect fair opportunities for all anglers,” Jerich said. “The steelhead run draws people from all over—I’ve probably checked people from just about every state in the country. This is an incredible fishery and we want to keep it that way.”
Wome's tend to be our favorite wrestlers. We always made my sister be Hulk Hogan, because we needed someone to body slam and we never missed the impressive season with a second place finish in Midwest tourney.

By Jessica Burda

I must admit that when I was a kid my big brother taught me all about "professional" wrestling. We would watch WWF and pretend to be our favorite wrestlers. Of course, my brother was George "The Animal" Steele (with a food coloring green tongue) and I liked Rowdy Roddy Piper (mom's secret favorite). We always made my sister be Hulk Hogan, because we needed someone to body slam and we never missed the WWF cartoon. But like everyone else, we grew up wrestling and seemed to disappear.

Now you can't go anywhere without seeing NWO and WCW logos on all sorts of merchandise. And remember who the current governor of Minnesota is? So why has pro-wrestling come back and maybe an even better question should be "Do some people really believe they are actually wrestling?"

I'm not answering the question, but please ponder with me on the first. What is up with the grand comeback?

By my Best-Ever-For-Spring Break? Tune in to 10 PM all next week to catch Pointer baseball and softball action live from Ft. Myers, Florida with Andy Ligman.

Women's club hockey finishes second in Midwest tourney

In what may be one of their last years as a club sport, the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team wrapped up its competitive season with a second place finish at the Midwest Collegiate Women's Hockey Association Tournament last weekend.

Entering the tourney seeded fifth in Midwest rankings, Point defeated fourth seed St. Olaf 8-1 in Friday's opening round. Moving into Saturday's semifinals, UW-SP matched up against first place UW-River Falls and defeated the Falcons in a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

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With two solid wins, UW-SP moved into the championship game but dropped an overtime 4-3 loss to U-O-M-Twin Cities. But open rounding action Friday quickly put an end to Point's optimism after each one of the fourours found themselves battling in the consolation bracket. Buehinger was Point's lone All-American at nationals. The 149 pounder from Kaukauna left New Jersey with a 2-1 decision over UW-Oshkosh's Joel Drzetic and a seventh place finish. Hegland, who finished fifth as a sophomore and sixth as a junior, lost both his matches 3-2. Jaime had been ranked number two most of the season but was a given a national seed at nationals to work from.

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March Madness is here: NCAA Division I Men's Tournament Preview

By John Kemmeter
Sports Reporter

This year's South Regional is arguably the most wide-open of the four. A handful of teams have a realistic shot at reaching the Final Four. Among teams that are no clear-cut favorite.

John's, Ohio St., and possibly Murray St., the number one seed, there is no clear-cut favorite.

That leads to a battle in the Elite Eight between St. John's and Ohio St. Both teams have outstanding perimeter games, which is essential for going deep in the tournament.

Penn and its tournament savvy will lead Ohio St. over St. John's in this matchup and reach the Final Four. Penn and Redd form the best backcourt in the nation and both are bona fide go-to guys in the clutch. Although it is a bit unconventional, Ohio St. will represent the South Region in St. Petersburg.

By Nick Brilowski
Sports Editor

The West Region Features

Bailey, Ott earn first team Westrum named scholar-athlete

A trio of UW-Stevens Point basketball players have received postseason honors for the recently completed season.

Brant Bailey of the men's team and Jessica Ott of the women's team each were named to the all-WIAC first team. Derek Westrum of the men's team was also named the Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete as well as earning honorable mention all-WIAC.

Bailey, a junior from Wisconsin Dells, averaged 17.8 points (sixth in the WIAC) and 5.3 rebounds per game as well as shooting 82.8 percent from the free throw line (second in WIAC) and 55.3 percent from the floor (seventh in WIAC). He had a season high 28 points at Winona State.

"I though Brant was deserving of this honor," Pointer men's coach Jack Bennett said. "I felt he made his greatest strides when he became a better passer and more oriented offensively. He's the most agile and quickest post player in the conference."

Ott, a junior from New Glarus, averaged 16.4 points (fourth in WIAC) and 3.4 rebounds per game as well as shooting 42.8 percent from the free throw line (second in WIAC). She moved into fourth place on the UW-SP career scoring list this season, while twice posting 30 points in a game.

Westrum, a senior from River Falls, is a business major with a 3.8 G.P.A. He averaged 8.7 points and 8.5 rebounds (third in WIAC) per game this season.

Bennett was excited his recognition as the scholar-athlete. "I am most pleased with that award," he said. "He is a true student-athlete. Derek was truly deserving of this award. It's very hard to combine the effort he gave and the smartness he played with."

Freshman Carry Boehning of the women's team was also named to the all-defensive team.
The Pointer Scorecard

The Week Ahead...

UW-Stevens Point Point Athletics


Men’s Swimming and Diving: NCAA III Championships (Minneapolis, MN), March 18-20.

Baseball: Gene Cusic Classic (Fort Myers, FL), March 12-21.

Softball: St. Thomas University Tournament, March 12-13; Gene Cusic Classic (Fort Myers, FL), March 14-21.

Track and Field

WIAC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stevens Point, WI

February 5-6, 1999

Team Results

Men (8 teams total)

1. UW-Oshkosh 189
2. UW-La Crosse 173
3. UW-SP 112
4. UW-River Falls 86
5. UW-Whitewater 82
6. UW-La Crosse 76
7. UW-Whitewater 84
8. UW-River Falls 80
9. UW-SP 68

Women (9 teams total)

1. UW-Oshkosh 236.5
2. UW-La Crosse 216
3. UW-Whitewater 84
4. UW-River Falls 80
5. UW-SP 68

UW-SP Place Winners

Men:
Firsts:
55m Hurdles - Shawn Moretti (7.65), 600m Run - Matt Hayes (1:20.47), 3,000m Run - Jesse Lalonde (8:37.66)

Second:
Woman's Mile - Jessica Zdanzewicz (SP) (4:51.16), Triple Jump - Alan Tepp (44'07.5), 1,500 Meter Run - Hayes (4:01.63)

Fifths:
1,500m Run - Lisa Pisca (18:29.08)

Sixths:
Two-mile Run - Zdanzewicz (SP)

Women:
Firsts:
Pole Vault - Kate Eiring (10'06.25)

Second:
1,000m Run - Leah Juno (3:00.28)

Thirds:
Distance Medley -(12:47.66)

Fourth:
600m Run - Missy Kraemer (1:40.15)

Fifths:
55m Hurdles - Jen Hau (8.81)

Sixths:
600m Run - Missy Kraemer (1:40.15), 1,000m Run - Leah Juno (2:15.78), 4x400 (4:02.80)

Fifths:
55m Hurdles - Jen Hau (8.81)

Sixths:
55m Hurdles - Jen Hau (8.81)

Eight: 4x400 - (3:32.22), High Jump - Jon Phillips (6'05.00)

Fifths:
1,000m Run - Jesse Lalonde (2:33.90), 400m Dash - Katie Eiring (50.85)

Sixths:
1,000m Run - Erin Dowgwillo (3:08.21), Weight Throw - Rachel Carlson (45'05.25)

Eight:
3,000m Run - Jesse Drake (8:33.03)

UW-SP Place Winners

Wrestling

NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ewing, NJ

March 5-6, 1999

By Andy Ligman

SPORTS REPORTER

The Midwest Bracket of the NCAA has the old reliables of the tourney. It consists of championship game participants Utah and defending National Champion Kentucky, plus 1999 champion Arizona and the always tournament-bound Kansas Jayhawks. You must be thinking one of those teams is the number one seed. Well none of them are – it’s the Michigan State Spartans.

The Midwest looks to be one of the more competitive brackets. Big Ten tourney champ Michigan State is riding a 19-game winning streak led by Mateen Cleaves. State’s road will be paved to the Elite Eight but there could be problems due to the toughness of the lower part of the bracket.

That’s because the bottom half of the Midwest contains number two seed Utah, three seed Kentucky and sixth seed Kansas. Utah is led by guard Andre Miller and was one of the hottest teams at the end of the season. A team that plays good defense with Final Four experience, the Utes could run into championship game foe Kentucky in the Sweet Sixteen.

Kentucky will pull it out again. Never doubt a defending champ, especially with talent like Wayne Turner and Scott Padgett.

Kansas has lost a lot of talent and underachieved in past tournaments. Maybe it’s a year to overachieve.

An interesting game will take place in Milwaukee where Arizona and Oklahoma will matchup. Arizona could be the darkhorse of the Midwest, but they have the size of Arizona State former head coach Bob. Jason Terry has been one of the top players in the nation this season. Don’t look past the Sooners, though.

Look for the Heels and the Huskies in a rematch of the regional final from last year with Connecticut getting revenge for last year’s loss.

By Jesse Osborne

SPORTS REPORTER

At first glance, the East Regional looks like it’s Duke and then everyone else. The Blue Devils come into the tournament the heaviest favorite since UNLV in 1991.

They enter with just one regular season loss, at the hands of Cincinnati. Their record. Duke takes on Florida A&M in the first round.

University of Miami is the second seed. The upset Hurricanes are led by Tim James and are a quick, athletic team that could possibly pose a threat to Duke should they meet them in the Elite Eight.

Cincinnati enters as the third seed and opens up with George Mason. The hightlying Bearcats feature Melvin Levett and Pete Mickeal, as well as some stifling defense as they hope to advance to the Final Four.

The Wisconsin Badgers open tournament play as the fifth seed, their highest seed in the second round. A team that plays good defense with Final Four experience, the Utes could run into championship game foe Kentucky in the Sweet Sixteen.

The Badgers will play their patented tough defense and rely on the outside shooting of Sean Mason. The only team that could present a real challenge would be Cincinnati, who needed a near miracle to win the first meeting.

Preview

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But, anything can happen in the tournament and that is the beauty of the event.

By Nick Brilowski

SPORTS EDITOR

Pointers students, faculty get the Birkebeiner experience

Year in and year out, thousands of cross-country skiing enthusiasts make their way to Hayward, Wis., to take part in the largest race of its kind in North America, the Birkebeiner. This year among the 4,537 finishers in the race were a number of UW-Stevens Point students and faculty members.

The 51 kilometer (31 mile) race is one of many in the Midwest every year, but none of them can be more competitive than the 76-kilometer race through the beautiful Northwoods of northern Wisconsin. Students and faculty members from the UW-Stevens Point campus came together to enjoy this great tradition.

By Jennifer Masters

SPORTS REPORTER

Any student of wrestling at UW-Stevens Point would be hard-pressed to choose the most memorable experience of their career. At least, that was the case for three students this winter.

For Bryan Heeneman, Jeremy Pyatskowit and DJ Ensign, the most memorable experience of their careers was walking across the stage at the NCAA wrestling tournament next month in St. Louis.

"It's been a year to overachieve," Heeneman said. "It's a year to overachieve. You learn to fight and how to handle yourself and that's the most important thing in wrestling."..."
Who is the best bartender in Stevens Point?

Nominate a bartender you know who displays the ten criteria below:

1. Quick service/promptness.
2. Knowledge of drinks --not having to look up drinks all the time.
3. Cleanliness of bar.
4. Years of experience.
5. Quality of drinks.
7. Aura going above and beyond the duties of bartending.
8. Conversational skills.
9. Responsibility—carding customers whose age is questionable.
10. Other attributes you feel should be considered.

Have questions? Call 346-2249 and ask for Mike Beacom or e-mail mbeac796@uwsp.edu.

Call Chris or Christina at 346-2249, if you see news happening, or if you are interested in writing for The Pointer.

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From the Lifestyle Assistants
Compiled from Lifestyle Assistant Program Resources

Developing Personal Power

Personal power...no, it is not how much weight you can lift or how much power you have over others, it is a feeling of confidence, the “make it happen attitude.” People with personal power know what they want, believe in their vision and take action to make their vision become a reality. People with poor sense of personal power believe that they have no choice in what happens and feels powerless in directing their life.

A way to enhance personal power is to challenge yourself to try new things. Taking risks and learning from them will help you grow and develop. The opportunity to be responsible for will enhance self expression, self care, self confidence and self concept. Here are some tips on how to gain personal power:

SELF EXPRESSION
• Give yourself positive messages.
• Freely express creativity and sensuality.

SELF CARE
• Exercise.
• Rest, relax and take time for yourself.

SELF CONFIDENCE
• Resist negative images and thoughts.
• Learn self-defense.

SELF CONCEPT
• Value and accept yourself.
• Be aware and recognize your talents and skills.

Developing personal power takes courage, motivation and a positive attitude. Remember, once you develop personal power no one can take it away from you! Believe in yourself and be the best at something that is important to you! Your personal power will be evident and you will achieve the goals that you set for yourself.

Neale brought his love for art to the then-Stevens Point Normal School in 1915 and he started an art appreciation course for future teachers. As a professor at UW-SP for 29 years, Neale was known to visit nearly every teacher who graduated under him during the former student’s first year on the job.

"I couldn’t do a good job training teachers unless I saw them at work," Neale said.

Besides all of his work at the university, Neale was very involved in the community. He served on Stevens Point’s Police and Fire Commission for 20 years and was the second ward’s alderman on the common council for two terms. He also was a member of the Portage County home board and the president of the Rotary Club.

Along with those civic duties, the devout Baptist taught Sunday school for 67 years. That tenure is among the longest in the country.

After his retirement in 1944 as the director of state graded division, Neale returned to politics and ran for the state senate. He served two terms in office as republican lawmaker.

One of 19 people in his family, Neale was born in Birmingham, Ohio. He married Cora Combs in North Platte, Neb., where the two were teachers and neighbors to "Buffalo Bill" Cody. He died in 1957 at St. Michael’s Hospital at 83 years old.

Chess tournament
UW-SP’s chess club will be hosting the 1st Annual Community Open Tournament on Saturday, March 27 in Room 125/125A of the University Center.

Entry fee is $5 (50 percent going to the prize fund). Five rounds will be paired with Swiss Pairings; time allotment will be 30 minutes per side. Registration starts at 9:30. Rounds begin at 10 AM.

Please contact the Chess Club at chews@uwsp.edu or call 346-5840 for more information. Preregistration is suggested.

Cooking Corner
Vegetarian Tacos

There are a few meat alternatives for use in tacos and burritos on the market today, mostly bean-based. They make a taco more palatable to the meat lover, and make your meal a little more satisfying. They are usually spiced in the traditional manner.

A Nick Katzmark

• Prepare meat alternative as directed.
• Chop lettuce, onions, tomatoes, any sort of vegetables you can possibly imagine.
• Toast (in toaster oven), or microwave, shells so they are warm.
• Layer ingredients in proportions that you think will taste good.
• Dig in!

Prize Money:
First: 40%
Second: 30%
Third: 20%

Tables of the Towne
Michelle’s

By Ethan Meyer

When you are looking for a meal to put the polish on that special evening, there are a few places in the area which must be taken into consideration. Michelle’s is one such place.

Across the street from Cooper Motors on Division St., the establishment is easy to reach and close to campus.

We arrived at the height of the dinner hour on Monday evening. I was surprised to see the restaurant and bar both doing fairly brisk business on what is normally a dead night. We were seated immediately and had only moments to wait until our waitress appeared.

I was worried that because it was Monday, I was going to miss the superior nightly special selection that is usually found on weekends. However, my fears were completely unfounded. After delivering my drink order, our waitress proceeded to list the five specials that were available that evening. I checked the date on my watch to make sure I had the right day.

After affirming that it was indeed Monday, I ordered the Blackened Marlin with three mustard dijon sauce. My fellow diner also took interest in the special selection and chose the Pork Steak in Rue Bourbon sauce.

We were given the choice of soup or salad to precede our meals. We opted for salad, my companion choosing tossed and myself preferring spinach. Bread was delivered as the meal progressed toward the salad course.

Our entrees arrived not a moment too soon. I avoided eating a lot of bread to preserve my appetite for the main course, and was now happy that I had. My first bite of the tender and juicy fish filet told me that I was in for a very enjoyable meal. My companion also expressed enthusiasm for his own meal.

Michelle’s employees Christy and John present a plate of food and a tray of their famous bread. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)
UW-SP students relate experiences from Spain, South Pacific

By Mandi Sersch
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Fifteen of the 26 students studying in Spain with UW-Stevens Point's International Programs took advantage of a long weekend in February to travel to the Canary Islands, a territory of Spain just west of Africa.

Classes were cancelled February 15 and 16 due to Carnaval, a celebration similar to Mardi Gras. Carnaval is celebrated as the last chance people have to enjoy themselves and lose their inhibitions before the more serious Christian season of Lent sets in.

With parades featuring women in elaborate, detailed costumes as wide as the street and an abundance of bands playing outside, Carnaval is characterized by people of all ages dressing up in costumes and celebrating in the streets until the early hours of the morning.

Attracting tourists from all over the world, the Canary Islands are famous for having some of the best Carnaval celebrations in all of Spain.

"My trip to Tenerife was jam-packed with good times."
-Dave McGowan, UW-SP student

Grand Canary to celebrate Carnaval in the United States.
"Carnaval in Grand Canary is comparable to Halloween and the State Fair, only 100 times crazier," Pawlik said.

"There was an abundance of Spanish food, music and alcohol, not to mention all the drag queens!"
-Dave McGowan

Besides Carnaval celebrations, students were also able to visit other island attractions including beaches with black sand, an inactive volcano and pools in the ocean formed by hardened lava.

"My goals and expectations have been exceeded, as International Programs has done a fantastic job organizing our trip, providing us with a variety of activities," Tanya Potocki said.

By Patrick Dayton
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

G'day mates! This is your fellow Pointers checking in from a semester abroad in the South Pacific.

Our trip has been very diverse and has strayed from our preconceptions of Australia and its inhabitants.

"The movies have led us to believe that Australians all live in the outback while, in reality, most of them live in urban areas and in many ways are like Americans," Carrie Lukens said.

Included in the semester program has been a trip to the Blue Mountains for a weekend hike, an excursion to the capital city of Canberra to visit their parliament and ample opportunities for independent travel throughout the country on our own time.

Many of us have seen plays at the Opera House or watched the Grand Prix in Melbourne. All of us have taken advantage of the ocean and the beautiful scenery in the surrounding area.

"Considering we hang out at the beach quite a bit, the weather here has been great."
-Aaron Szczytko

Overall, we have been very pleased with our adventures in Fiji and Australia and are looking forward to visiting New Zealand in April.

"We've gained knowledge and experience. Whether it was in the form of watching the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade, or simply by having a conversation with an Aborigine, we all have expanded our horizons a little."

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Tight Corner
By Grundy & Willett

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Jackie's Arfage

By BJ Hiorns

You mean you still like my picture even if you can't see it?

Of course I do.

I haven't always been blind.

I still remember what things look like. Mostly.

And I like to think that since I can't see, I'm much better at hearing, smelling, and touching. All sorts of things.

Wow! I wanna be blind too.

Um, no, you don't get it...

Pac Man. Devilishly clever.

By Joey Hetzel

Well, like, if you're coming there tomorrow, don't forget to take your car.

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Intentions

another Cruel teen movie

Van is 'Back On Top'

By Mike Beacom
MANAGING EDITOR

Teenage television stars seem to sell enough tickets at the box office to make their films profitable, but I have yet to see one worth more than a rating of two out of four.

In the same flavor of Scoop: I Know What You Did Last Summer and Can't Hardly Wait, this week's film, Intentions (based on the novel "Dangerous Liaisons") lacked both entertainment and artistic value.

The film centers around step-siblings Sarah Michelle Gellar (of TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer) and Ryan Phillippe. The two play rich and selfish high schoolers who toy with members of the opposite sex.

When Gellar's boyfriend dumps her for another girl, Gellar uses Phillippe to ruin the new high schooler's chances at the prom. Phillippe, however, is after a much better prize than Gellar's boyfriend: the prom queen, with whom he has already set up a date. Intentions is a story of revenge and punishment, but revenge and punishment are nothing new to Gellar's character. She has already been dumped by Phillippe (played by Ryan Phillippe) for another girl, Gellar uses Phillippe to ruin the new high schooler's chances at the prom. Phillippe, however, is after a much better prize than Gellar's boyfriend: the prom queen, with whom he has already set up a date. Intentions is a story of revenge and punishment, but revenge and punishment are nothing new to Gellar's character. She has already been dumped by Phillippe for another girl, Gellar uses Phillippe to ruin the new high schooler's chances at the prom. Phillippe, however, is after a much better prize than Gellar's boyfriend: the prom queen, with whom he has already set up a date. Intentions is a story of revenge and punishment, but revenge and punishment are nothing new to Gellar's character. She has already been dumped by Phillippe.

By Steven Schoemer
Music Critic

Every once in a while, I get the opportunity to critique the work of a musician that has been around the block more than a few times. Van Morrison's new album, "Back On Top," is one of those. This disc is a healthy mix of old and new styles.

Personal, when I think of Van Morrison, I think of those songs that are slow and light, and packed with meaning. Songs that really hit home and leave you reeling from the lines at the theater, or belt hearty punched out... can't wait to go out and buy it. I am very pleased that Morrison wrote all of the songs on the album and aside from lead vocals plays acoustic guitar and harmonica on various tracks. Although it would take too long to name all of the musicians that contributed on this album, you will find a variety of instruments from sax to trumpet to string arrangements which produce a very full sound.

Overall, I was pleasantly surprised by this album. As soon as I heard Van Morrison had a new release out, I went into it with a preconceived notion that it would be a feeble attempt at a revival of "Brown Eyed Girl" or something to that effect. I thought for sure within a few days I would hear a song that was so slow and light, and packed with meaning. Songs that really hit home and leave you reeling from the lines at the theater, or belt hearty punched out... can't wait to go out and buy it. I am very pleased that Morrison wrote all of the songs on the album and aside from lead vocals plays acoustic guitar and harmonica on various tracks. Although it would take too long to name all of the musicians that contributed on this album, you will find a variety of instruments from sax to trumpet to string arrangements which produce a very full sound.

For answers, see Classifieds.

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Our service was exemplary throughout the meal. And needless to say, we were happy with the quality of the food.

Michelle's menu offers both traditional items and those that represent the taste of the restaurant. There are also many imported and microbrewed beers, aged bourbon and scotch and a wine list with 30 bottles of champagne and wine represented.

This restaurant is definitely one of the elite in the Stevens Point area and is worthy of any connoisseur of fine dining.

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In last year's election only 6 percent of the student body voted, which is down from about 9 percent in 1997. Granted, 1,241 students (approximately 14 percent) voted for the fall activity fee referendum, but that's still a bad turnover considering how many people the $20 increase will affect next fall - everybody.

And when SGA election time rolls around every year, more money is on the line than a meager $20. Each person elected, president or senator, has a say in how $800,000 of the students' money is spent.

With that kind of money being spent by elected student officials, who can blame SGA for trying to get more people involved in the process?

Yes, SGA will have to start all over again in less than two weeks, conducting the election again. Information Technology apparently will solve the security issues with the on-line voting for the new election, so students will still be able to vote from their computers.

And hey, maybe with the added publicity, more students than ever will cast their votes in the "1999 SGA Elections: Take Two."

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