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Photo by Renee Eismueller
Charles "Carlos" Hoff runs in the 2000 Frostbite Run sponsored by the YMCA. See story on page 2.

Funding concerns remain an issue with Pointer pep band

Band receives praise from faculty but little monetary assistance from organizations on campus

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

The Pointer pep band, which can be heard at most men's hockey and basketball games, is struggling for funding.

"We are not funded and have no budget," said band member Jackie Klish.

The band, which is in its fifth year in its current form, receives faculty and space contribution from the Music Department but no significant financial commitment from any

organization on campus.

"We provide rehearsal space, some equipment, and the music," said Bob Kase, chair of the music department. "Also we provide an instructor to serve as the director."

As it does with athletes, the athletic department supplies the jerseys for the pep band and two tickets to each sporting event.

However, the band is in need of both new equipment and repairs.

"Much of the current equipment is failing," said Kase.

"The band is lacking in percussion equipment," said Paul Doeblner, director of the Pointer pep band. "We need drumsets, snare drums, tri-toms, cymbals and a bass drum."

According to Doeblner, there are currently 45 students in the

pep band.

Many of these students play in the band for an elective credit through the music department while others simply choose to play for the experience.

Many faculty members appreciate the importance of the pep band.

"The band is a wonderful outlet for students to perform to support the athletic teams," said Kase.

"I played for the Oklahoma (University) pep band," said Jerry Blanche, director of university relations. "Like so many other activities, it makes so many great memories and builds school spirit."

Kase hopes for more involvement in the pep band in

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Rally addresses human rights abuses

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UWSP's chapter of Amnesty International recently hosted a human rights rally to raise student awareness about human rights injustices around the world.

"The symbol of Amnesty International is a candle, and like a light shining in the darkness, we want to illuminate what's going on," said UWSP Amnesty International President Ryan O'Leary.

The rally, held Tuesday night in the Encore, was organized to

commemorate International Humans Rights Day, which will be held this Sunday, Dec. 10, and to recognize Dec. 5, which was the United Nations (UN) International volunteer day.

Amnesty International feels that along with the basic rights enjoyed by our society come duties.

"It is our duty as people who enjoy the basic rights that we have, to also work for ensuring those rights to other people," said O'Leary.

Participants at the rally could get information from a variety of different booths consisting of the

Progressive Action Organization, the Women's Resource Center, Students for a Free Tibet, U.S. Army School of the Americas and information about torture and the death penalty.

Samara Ray, from the U.S. Army School of the America's booth, said that the purpose of the U.S. Army School of the America's is to train Latin Americans to control their government and stop the violence going on in their countries.

She recently attended a non-violent protest to honor the Latin

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Photo by John Krejci

The Human Rights Rally featured music, philosophical readings along with informational booths on human rights injustices.



Submitted photo

The Economic Summit was protested by a number of demonstrators. Pictured above is a protestor dressed as a "corporate cookie monster."

UWSP students attend economic summit

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

UWSP students and administrators discussed a plan to transform Wisconsin from a cheese state to a highly technical economy during the Wisconsin Economic Summit in Milwaukee last week.

The conference, hosted by the UW System and Board of Regents was intended to be a statewide conversation between legislators, business representatives, labor organizations, educators and citizens. The focus of the summit was to incorporate these

sectors to create an economy in Wisconsin that can compete on the global market.

Chancellor Tom George presented a summary from the Central Wisconsin Task Force highlighting ways that Central Wisconsin can better participate in the state's economy.

The UW System and Chancellor George awarded nine UWSP students scholarships of \$225 to attend the summit.

"I felt it [the summit] was an interesting first try, but Tommy Thompson challenged us to come up with an agenda, and all that

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Frostbite run attracts students and faculty

By Seth Voeltner
NEWS REPORTER

The Stevens Point Area YMCA held the Frostbite 2000 Road Race and Winter Walk over the weekend. Several UWSP students braved the cold on Saturday to help support the YMCA and experience a unique off-season event.

"My hands got really cold. I think my roommate actually did get frostbite," said senior Adam Hill, who finished fifth in the 18-24-age division for the five-mile run. Hill and his roommate joined Frostbite for the first time last year when they noticed a parade of people running past their house.

Laura Gissibl, a UWSP senior, started running marathon type races only six months ago with some friends. When she heard about Frostbite 2000, she decided to add the ability to run in cold weather to her skill in the ten-mile run. According to

Gissibl, she finished without a chill.

"It was definitely colder than the other races I've run," said Gissibl, "but I thought the weather was perfect."

The annual event, now in its twenty-fifth year, offered participants a chance to either run or walk in the winter weather while benefiting the local YMCA at the same time. Four races were offered including the one-mile fun run/walk, the five-mile winter walk, the five-mile run and the ten-mile run. Awards were given for first, second, and third place in the two latter events. An award was also given to the runner with the best Christmas costume.

"I went as 'Blue and Red Dude'," said Hill, whose superhero costume included a combination of red and blue clothing. A pair of briefs worn outside his pants completed the outfit.

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Americans who have died. "It was a mock funeral procession," she said.

At one booth, students could make holiday action cards for people who have been imprisoned in their countries for speaking their beliefs. "We want these prisoners to know that the world still cares about them," said O' Leary.

The rally also included

videotape about Amnesty International, live music by two students, and readings from authors Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi.

O' Leary stressed the definition of human rights. "Human rights are those rights that all people require in order to reach their full potential as human beings."

Campus BEAT



Steiner Hall

Thursday, Nov. 30 11:22p.m.

A student sustained a head injury from falling down stairs. The individual was transported to St. Michael's Hospital for treatment.

Hansen Hall

Friday, Dec. 1 2:59 a.m.

A Debot custodian reported seeing a group of individuals outside Hansen. Occupants of a room were throwing things out of the window. When officers responded no one was found.

Smith Hall

Friday, Dec. 1 11:02 p.m.

The Stevens Point Police Department was called to the first floor bathroom where a suicidal male was found with knife in hand. The individual was removed from the premises and the blood found was cleaned up.

Pray Hall

Saturday, Dec. 2 12:28 a.m.

A community adviser reported possible use of marijuana on the second floor. Occupants of the room admitted to using the drug and the police were called.

Comm. Building

Monday, Dec. 4 2:08 p.m.

A student requested that the lock be cut from his bike because the key broke off in the lock.

Old Main

Monday, Dec. 4 6:05 p.m.

An official from the University of Madison locked her keys in her state vehicle. A locksmith was called but the keys were not found in the vehicle. Later a custodian found the keys in a garbage can in the University Center.

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the future.

"I want to encourage as many people to take part in it [pep band] as possible," he said. "It needs broader instrumentation."

However, this increased involvement may depend on the currently absent funding.

"We need a budget to purchase equipment for the pep band," said Klish. "Some students have no access to the instrument so they quit."

In addition to hockey and basketball games, the pep band played for the Spud Bowl and homecoming football games. According to Klish, the pep band will need to own more of its own equipment to be able play any more football games.

"It's difficult to play at football games because of the weather," she said. "Unlike other schools who play in the snow, our students own their own instruments and don't usually want to risk possibly ruining them. They can be really expensive."

But according to Doebler, there is no one solution to the

problem.

"There are efforts on several fronts to provide some financial assistance to the Pointer pep band," he said. "A coordinated effort will need to be undertaken."

The band members appreciate the support that they do receive.

"I'd like to thank the chancellor, the coaches and teams for their continued support," said Klish. "And we love the fans that come and listen and cheer for us."

However, Klish doesn't feel that the band receives the financial support it deserves as a major presence on campus and in the community.

"The pep band is one of the most visible aspects of the music department at the university as a whole," she said. "I don't know why it is so poorly funded and has such poor equipment."

Klish encourages students, staff and fans to email any ideas on how to receive funding for the band to Chancellor George.

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happened was lectures of what the economy should be. There was no chance for feedback or discussion," said Student Government Association Vice President Kaylyn Jennik.

Some students participated in protests at the summit with a large corporate cookie monster puppet. According to Dana Churness, a member of the Progressive Action Organization (PAO), the students were protesting because they did not feel that partnerships between universities and corporations would contribute to an open and unbiased education system.

Students have expressed concerns about the corporatization throughout the year, most noticeably by displaying a large sign in the sundial depicting the university as a factory and students as products.

"Corporatization promotes a conservative agenda, a for-profit motive in a university set up which is a non-profit institution for public service," said Peter Barwis, a member of PAO.

Along with protesting the summit in general, some students walked out of the summit during Governor Tommy Thompson's speech.

"I was sickened by the short-sightedness of Mr. Thompson's vision," said Churness. "His sole interest was clearly not one of higher education, but rather furthering the corporate 'New Economy' and using students in the

University System as pawns to accomplish his selfish goals. We were literally referred to as human capital."

An issue that was discussed at the summit was how to solve the brain drain, or amount of UW System graduates who leave the state to seek employment.

"One of the focuses of the summit was how to change education to meet business needs instead of how to enhance businesses so students want to stay in the state," said Jennik. "After all, it's our minds, our money."

Students also expressed concerns about environmental issues at the summit, in particular the proposed power line, unsustainable energy practices and a general lack of environmental consideration at the conference.

"You can have a highly technological economy, but if you kill the environment while you're doing it, what's the point?" said Jennik.

Although some summit participants were not receptive to the students input, either by tiptoeing around their questions or not asking for their opinion, Chancellor George remained supportive.

"Because we were for the most part alienated by the majority of participants of the summit, it was great to know that our chancellor supported us, even if he didn't always agree with us," Churness said.

The United Council is the state student association that provides networking, information, and lobbying opportunities for students.

Committees will meet on Dec. 8 at 8 p.m.

Committees are:

- President's- Legacy Room (UC)
- Shared Governance- Founders Room (Old Main)
- Academic Affairs- 203 (Old Main)
- Legislative Affairs- Heritage Room (UC)
- Multicultural Affairs- 235 (UC)
- Women's Issues- 207 (UC)
- Executive - 241 (UC)
- LGBT Network- 239 (UC)

The general assembly meets on Saturday at 10 a.m. in 116 CPS and voting will take place.

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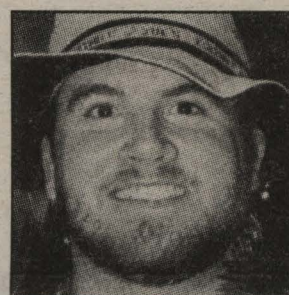


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Topic: Sportsmanship

I am a huge ice hockey fan. Except for when I was on semester abroad, I don't think I have missed more than half a dozen home games over the past 10 years. Over that time period the town attendees have stayed fairly constant, but the student crowd changes some every year. Likewise the jeers and chants used at the games have changed over the years.

Hockey crowds are boisterous and continually taunt the opposing goaltender, sometimes humorously, sometimes not, but that is all an accepted part of hockey. We even have a "rowdy crowd" tradition with its own chant. As part of that we currently have a small group of students who run a circuit around the rink with flags and a noisemaker after Point scores a goal. Also good fun and I think the crowd enjoys seeing them. However, last Saturday I believe they got out of hand.

We played Norwich U. and some of the Cadet parents and/or fans traveled a long way to be at the game. This group, after running around the rink from the student section, basically ran up into their seating area to shout derision and taunts. This was not cool and, in my opinion, shows poor sportsmanship. It makes all of us (UWSP) look bad. Luckily the off ice officials put a stop to that on later goals. The students should realize that getting "rowdy" and jeering or chanting at players is acceptable, assuming the language doesn't get out of hand, but that other fans deserve some respect for traveling to support their team and should not be subjected to abuse.

Tom Rowe

Registration creates problems

I doubt anyone will argue with me that the goal of a university system such as ours should be to give all students the opportunity to take the classes they need as soon as possible, with as little difficulty as possible, and efficiently as possible. At the heart of these goals is the process of registration, and our system just isn't working like it should.

I believe registration should be a time of excitement for students, with the anticipation of enrolling in courses that they are looking forward to, and courses that will fulfill degree requirements for them. Unfortunately, for many people, this is not the case. Registration usually turns out to be a period of time filled with anger, grief and frustration as many students are prevented from selecting their courses in an efficient manner and enrolling in courses they need.

Over the last few days I have

heard numerous sob stories, some first-hand and others second-hand, about problems created by our registration system. I know a business major who will be going into his fourth semester here and has yet to take any business courses due to the fact that they have all been full at the time of his registration. I have heard about a senior who should be graduating after next semester, but will have to stay for another one because she cannot get into one class that she needs. I have also heard about a so-called sophomore-level political science course that is continually filled by seniors, because all political science majors need it, and the seniors are the first ones to get it. The list goes on, and I'm sure anyone reading this knows someone with scheduling problems or has problems themselves.

Does anyone else see a problem here? This situation clearly

says to me that our system of registration should be replaced by a more effective one. Other campuses use telephone or internet registration rather than an appointment-based registration system. Why does our university continue to use this obviously problem-ridden system that results in constant frustration?

The frequent problems created by our registration system are an obvious indication that changes need to be made. I would gain quite a bit of faith in our administration were they to recognize this issue and deal with it in a helpful manner. If that does not happen soon, perhaps we, the students, should take it into our own hands, for I know I am certainly not the only one who has a problem with our system.

Aaron Marx

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The BS in scheduling

How many of you out there have ever gotten frustrated during registration because you can't always get the classes that you want, or need? Then, as you embark on your senior year (or what's supposed to be your senior year), you wonder why you still have a semester or two left before you graduate. Sure, it's partly your fault because you've changed your major 3 or 4 times, but in many cases, it's because you couldn't get the classes that you needed during your freshman, sophomore or even junior year.

My situation is a classic. Currently, I am a second semester freshman who took last year off in search of some divine inspiration. Unfortunately, I never really found any, but I still came back to school anyway. During first semester this year, I found my calling, Sociology. The funny thing is,

as I register, I see that every single sociology class has been filled. Now, this wouldn't be too bad if I still had a lot of GDR's to fill, but that's not the case. And what I do have left for GDR's, I can fill up by taking soc. classes. So now I'm left with very few options, except to complain to the public about the situation.

Perhaps in the future, as our school administrators are counting the money from our tuition checks, they could also take some time to think about changes in our scheduling system that would allow everyone to get the classes they need and graduate on time. After all, most of us don't want to be in college forever.

William Kline

United Council president urges students to vote "yes" on referendum

In the upcoming elections, UW-Stevens Point students have the opportunity to continue support for the nation's oldest, largest, and most effective state student association. The United Council of UW Students, founded in 1960 at UW-Stevens Point, is Wisconsin's only statewide student advocacy and research organization. United Council is funded by a student referendum with a mandatory refundable fee of \$1.35 per student per semester.

So, what does your \$1.35 actually get you? United Council employs eight full-time staff members who advocate for students at the UW System, state, and federal level. Through membership in United Council, UW-Stevens Point students are linked to other student leaders statewide, and receive informa-

tion, guidance, research, and service on student issues. All United Council policy is determined by student delegates from member campuses who meet regularly to take positions on issues and direct the work of the staff.

United Council is a national leader for its work on federal financial aid and voter registration. Working with student government associations from across Wisconsin and the nation, United Council used grassroots support from students and parents—in addition to direct lobbying—to help increase federal financial aid awards last year. And, because student participation in the electoral process is critical, United Council coordinated a statewide, non-partisan Students VOTE 2000 campaign to involve students through registration, educa-

tion, and get-out-the-vote efforts. This year, student turn-out at the polls increased dramatically because of the concentrated efforts and diligence of students engaging other students in the political process.

United Council regularly lobbies the state legislature, the Governor's office, and the Board of Regents in a consistent effort to control tuition increases and bolster financial aid programs. In the 1999-2001 Biennial Budget, United Council successfully won a tuition freeze for resident undergraduate students in the 2000-2001 academic year, with an additional \$28 million in state support to offset the tuition freeze and ensure the quality of a UW education. United Council

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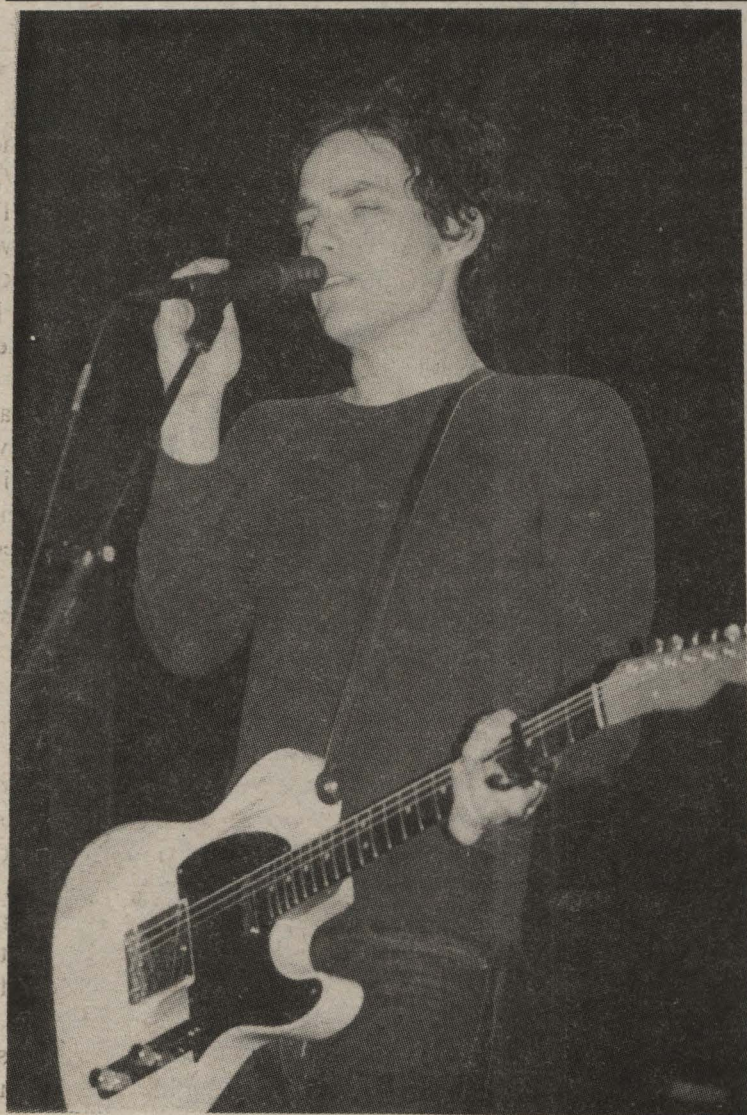


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The Wallflowers performed at UWSP on Saturday in Quandt Gym.

Wallflowers return to UWSP

By Amy Zepnick

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

There was nothing "breach" about the Wallflowers' performance on Dec. 2 in Quandt Gym.

"I'm so sorry I made you listen to me," said John Doe, the opening act. "You put up with songs you don't even know. I know you are here to see the Wallflowers." Then the stagehands smoked the gym for the Wallflowers grand entrance.

"I could hardly see the band members through the smoky air," said Jennifer Bray, avid Wallflowers fan. "Their opening song was the new single 'Sleepwalker.' I could barely hear the music through everyone's screaming and cheering."

For 90 minutes, the Wallflowers exploded their ceiling-tall speakers, giving everyone a 6th Avenue Heartache. The easy listening, mellow songs from their new album "Breach," coaxed people closer to the stage.

After the concert, the band members stood outside their trailers questions and autograph requests. After about 20 autographs and a few pictures, they said good bye to Stevens Point.

This was the Wallflowers' second appearance at UWSP. Their next stop is the East Coast.



The Santa Clause:

Should parents deceive their children?

By Amy Zepnick

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The fat, red-clad, jolly man ... every child learns about this fictitious character through a lie society and, more importantly, parents tell.

Why? What is the benefit of telling children a big man and eight reindeer scurry down everyone's chimney on Christmas Eve or telling them if they aren't on Santa's good list, they will get a lump of coal?

How about the one where all of Santa's elves make the plastic Fisher Price toys in the North Pole or how Santa watches you all the time, like some invisible god, and will remember what you want, along with three million other children?

Do parents gets a control kick out of tricking their children into believing the untrue? Similar to warning children that if they keep making faces, their faces will stay like that.

Children believe their parents. I don't think lying to children is a smart move by parents. Parents deliberately set their children up for disappointment and resentment.

As soon as Santa isn't real, neither is the Tooth Fairy, Easter Bunny, God, Uncle Bert who lives in Delaware who sends birthday cards with \$10 in the fold ... all those characters parents say exist. If Santa isn't real, what is? Children begin to doubt.

I remember finding out there was no Santa. Lucky me, I kind of had my suspicions. But I, honestly, remember thinking, "What is the point of Santa? Why did my parents lie to me?"

I just don't understand why this tradition of setting kids up, lying to them, allowing them to believe in something so far-fetched remains. Children are naive by nature. Why do we mislead them?

By Katie Harding

FEATURES EDITOR

I believed in Santa Claus for years. My parents didn't have to tell me he wasn't real; when I was old enough to reason and think logically, I put two and two together.

Was I terribly upset? Was I reduced to tears? No. Because I still got presents. Except now that I knew it was my parents buying them, I could tell them exactly what I wanted. There was no excuse for a "mistake" on Santa's part.

I think people continue the tradition of Santa Claus to help reduce the commerciality of the season. Somehow, there is something more magical about a big, fat guy shimmying down your chimney to grace you with presents versus your parents buying you the newest toy fad and wrapping it up at midnight on Christmas Eve. Which is more fun for children?

Plus, it teaches children to work for their rewards. Presents aren't just given to every Dick and Jane; they're given to children that behave themselves.

If this story about Santa Claus helped curb the amount of chaos my parents encountered from their four children all under the age of six, I don't begrudge them a little deserved peace around Christmas-time.

Also, maybe the story has remained in our culture to teach children a lesson.

Maybe it teaches children that they can't believe everything they hear. Maybe it teaches them to use logic and figure things out for themselves as they grow up.

As they grow up, children will learn that fun things often fade with age. Why deprive them of an enjoyable tale that has been in our society for years?

Want us to debate something?
E-mail khard755@uwsp.edu.

Arms and the Man to Audition

By Amy Shaw

FEATURES REPORTER

George Bernard Shaw's satire about love and war is set to audition actors Dec. 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. in the Sentry Theatre.

Arms and the Man is one of Shaw's earliest and most beloved plays that successfully mixes light comedy with realistic drama.

The setting is war-torn Bulgaria before the start of the Great War, with the main plot line focusing on the unlikely coupling of two young lovers during a time of seige.

The production is being directed by former chair of the Theatre and Dance department, Alice Faust, and has a run set for Feb. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 4 p.m.

The cast is comprised of four men and three women raging in age from early 20's and up. Students are encouraged to come prepared to cold read from the script and interact with groups of other actors. Call backs will be announced at auditions.

Spotlight



Trivia

1. What was the name of the airplane that Buddy Holly died in?

- a. Blue Moon
- b. American Pie
- c. Sky Scraper
- d. Cloud Nine

2. Film director, Alfred Hitchcock had a phobia of

- a. spiders
- b. birds
- c. eggs
- d. hangnails

3. What was Kramer's first name on *Seinfeld*?

- a. Newman
- b. Cosmo
- c. Richard
- d. Kramer

4. Where is this from: "I carried a watermelon."?

- a. *Dirty Dancing*
- b. *Pretty in Pink*
- c. *The Breakfast Club*
- d. *Sixteen Candles*

5. Where is this from? "I do have a test today. That wasn't bullsh*t. It's European Socialism. I mean what's the point? I'm not European. I don't plan on being European. So who gives a crap if they're socialists? They could be fascist anarchists. It still wouldn't change the fact that I don't own a car."

- a. *Trains, Planes and Automobiles*
- b. *St. Elmo's Fire*
- c. *The Big Chill*
- d. *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

6. Who wrote "All Along the Watchtower"?

- a. Jimi Hendrix
- b. Dave Matthews
- c. Bob Dylan
- d. Jim Morrison

7. Which *Friends* actress won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a comedy series in 1998?

- a. Courteney Cox
- b. Lisa Kudrow
- c. Jennifer Aniston
- d. None of them won an Emmy

8. Who played the not-so-bright daughter on *Married With Children*?

- a. Molly Ringwald
- b. Jennie Garth
- c. Tori Spelling
- d. Christina Applegate

Answers:
1. B - American Pie; 2. C - eggs; 3. B - Cosmo; 4. A - *Dirty Dancing*; 5. D - *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*; 6. C - Bob Dylan; 7. B - Lisa Kudrow; 8. D - Christina Applegate

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Students participate in overseas tour

By Steven Schoemer
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT



UWSP students recently conquered a portion of Europe in a three-week bus tour, emphasizing the visual art of the region.

The nine-city tour began in Munich, Germany. While there were many interesting and historic museums and cathedrals visited, one site that seemed a group favorite was the English Garden, Munich's largest park.

It contained much to do, including wooded areas for walking, open fields for sport and a beer garden. If you preferred, you would even be free to frolic through the park naked.

"I love the naked policy; its great," said Michael Salchert, a UWSP senior and group intern. "I wish I would have had more time because I myself would have had the honor of getting naked."

After three days in Munich, the group moved on to Salzburg, Austria, where they were able to see a string quintet perform in a medieval fortress atop a small mountain.

The troop then marched on for a 12-day stint through Italy, hitting the cities of Padua, Venice, Florence, Rome and Como. Some of the world's most treasured art is located in these cities including the Uffizi Gallery-built by Medici, the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City and Michelangelo's David.

After Italy the group forged on to Luzern, Switzerland for an overnight, then pressed on to Paris.

Paris offered an abundance of sites to visit as well. There were guided tours of the Palace of Versailles and the Louvre. Other popular locations included the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the Cathedral of Notre-Dame.

"Our tour through Europe was phenomenal," said Loren Laufer, UWSP junior and group intern. "International Programs did a superb job planning our trip and working out the details. We had the opportunity to see so much of every city and still had free time for ourselves."

This semester, Gary Hagen, emeritus professor of art and design, leads the trip. "The tour is very beneficial because its a real whirlwind tour of the continent that allows us to see so much," said Hagen.

World AIDS day recognized at UWSP

By Cheryl Tepsa
COPY EDITOR

AIDS has had a sobering and humbling impact on UWSP students. A generation of recklessly invincible teens now have to face the fragility of their humanity.

Last week's honoring of World AIDS Day on Dec. 2 brought out campus-wide participation and a variety of intense emotions surrounding this issue, ranging from sympathy to fear.

Many campus organizations came out in full force to participate in this annual day of remembrance and education. Groups like the Residence Hall Association, the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Promoting Awareness with Students and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) filled the UC Concourse with week-long booths providing information about AIDS and safe sex issues.

Wednesday night featured a question and answer session with Steven Korzinek of the ARCW. More than thirty people from the community and from the campus came to participate.

The meeting opened a dialogue about safe sex issues. Many people weren't aware of how AIDS is transmitted and

the cost of drugs used to manage the disease.

One purpose of the meeting was to dispell fear that people may have about AIDS. Although AIDS has no cure, drugs are available to help manage the disease.

Organizers for the meeting were pleased with the turnout for the event. "The meeting was a success. We were pleasantly surprised with the turnout," said Nick Barnes, public relations co-coordinator for the ARCW.

Testing for AIDS and the HIV virus was also encouraged. "Nowadays, test results can be safely known in as little as a few days," said Korzinek.

To a small group of eleven at Thursday night's candlelight vigil in the Sundial, AIDS has changed their lives. Just the presence of AIDS has caused many people to take stock of their lives and their behavior.

"In a place like Stevens Point, the majority of students have not been personally affected by AIDS, but we still want to be aware of the impact AIDS has had on society," said Michelle Fitch, president of GSA.

Many topics were discussed within this small, intimate

group. One question that had profound effect was, "What would our lives be like if AIDS disappeared tomorrow?" Another thought-provoking topic was the role AIDS has played in this young generation.

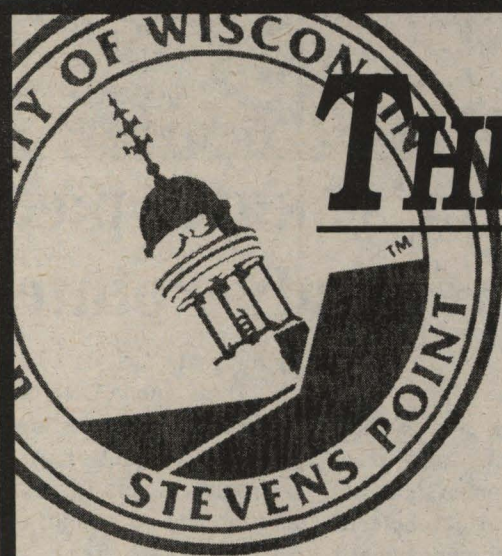
"One good thing that came out of the AIDS epidemic was the way so many communities banded together to banish stereotypes in order to educate," said Fitch.

On Friday, the Newma Parish opened its doors to the community for a small memorial service. One woman gave testimonial of what it's like to live with AIDS in a rural community like Stevens Point.

To those who participated in the week's events, the discussion of AIDS and AIDS-related issues was an invaluable tool for an issue that is all too often swept under the carpet.

"We made some waves," said Fitch. "We had a profound impact on the university, but there's still so much more to do."

AIDS tests are available through the campus health service for about \$15.



THE WEEK IN POINT!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

CP! Alternative Sounds Presents: BATTLE OF THE BANDS, 7:00 PM, The Encore, UC

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: AFTER IMAGES (Student Choreographed Dance Concert), 7:30 PM, Jenkins Theatre, FAB

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

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Mainstage Theatre Prod.: AFTER IMAGES (Student Choreographed Dance Concert), 7:30 PM, Jenkins Theatre, FAB

CP! Club Variety: Improv Comedy w/Pirate Factory, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM, The Encore, UC

CP! Cinema: The Goonies, 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM, 073, DeBot Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

CP! Travel and Leisure: Mall of America/Minneapolis Trip, Departure at 8:30 AM, in front of the University Center
Basketball, UW-Stout, 7:00 PM (H)

Swimming, UW-Oshkosh, 1PM (H)

Schmeeckle Reserve Presents: Mountains of Ice, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Visitor Center

Wom. Basketball, UW-Stout, 3:00 PM (Menomonie)

Schmeeckle Reserve Presents: What's in a Name???, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Visitor Center

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: AFTER IMAGES (Student Choreographed Dance Concert), 7:30 PM, Jenkins Theatre, FAB

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

CP! Travel and Leisure: Mall of America/Minneapolis Trip, Returning at 6:00 PM in front of the University Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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Basketball, UW-LaCrosse, 7:00 PM (T)

Wom. Basketball, UW-LaCrosse, 7:00 PM (H)

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Women's hoops bullies Warhawks

Point stays unbeaten after Whitewater win

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team continued its hot start to the season, cruising past UW-Whitewater Wednesday night, 79-56.

The Pointers used an early 17-2 run to break open a 6-6 tie, and never looked back.

A ferocious UWSP defense forced 28 Warhawk turnover and converted a number of them into easy baskets.

Kari Groshek led the Pointer charge with 18 points while Tara Schmitt added 14.

Point led 40-30 at halftime and used a 15-3 run early in the second half to put the game out of reach.

The host hauled in 19 offensive rebounds, which led to numerous second-chance baskets.

The Pointers also thumped Marion College on Saturday, 99-59.

Not surprisingly, Coach Shirley Egner is pleased with the start the team is off to, but knows that the work is just beginning.

"Going into conference play, the record doesn't mean anything," she said. "Now the games get harder and the WIAC is the toughest Division III conference in the country."

Amie Schultz led the Pointers in scoring with 22 points, 19 of which came in the first half. Carry Boehning was the only other Pointer to score in double digits with 10.

Megan Hodgson pulled in six rebounds and Cassandra Heuer added five.

The 99 points were the third highest total in school history and the most since 1991.

Said Egner, "I was happy for the kids. They were very enthusiastic and supportive of their teammates. It was nice to see that reaction."



Photo by John Krejci

Carry Boehning (left) and Kari Groshek battle for a loose ball during UWSP's win Wednesday.

"We had the chance to break the century mark, but what's important to us is to win games and keep getting better."

The Pointers continue their conference play by traveling to UW-Stout Saturday before hosting La Crosse on Wednesday.

Men's cagers drop conference opener

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

After cruising unblemished through the non-conference portion of its season, the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team finally ventured into WIAC play Wednesday night.

However, UW-Whitewater proved to be a less than friendly host, shocking the previously undefeated Pointers, 73-71.

Andre Hicks' shot with 3.6 seconds remaining, was the game-winner as the Warhawks withheld a late UWSP comeback.

The Pointers trailed by five with 35 seconds remaining and eventually tied the game on Ron Nolting's three-pointer with 12 seconds to go.

"It hurts right now because we didn't play well early," Head Coach Jack Bennett said. "The last four, five, six minutes we had to play hard to get back in it."

Josh Iserloth led UWSP with 14 points.

The loss drops the Pointers to 7-1 overall and 0-1 in the WIAC.

Monday night Bennett donned a red sweater vest in honor of his brother Dick's recent retirement from the University of Wisconsin program.

The Pointers responded by holding Mount Senario to a very Badger-like 28 percent shooting for the game in a 87-55 romp.

UWSP jumped out to a 19-4 lead and never looked back.

Iserloth led a very balanced scoring effort with 13 points, as seven Pointers scored between 13 and eight points.

"Any time you have great balance like we have, I think you're a difficult team to defend," Bennett said.

The Saints were as close as 55-42 with 11:47 remaining when the Pointers were able to put the game away with a 17-0 run.

"Defensively, we've done a good job," Bennett added. "In the college game, if you can hold teams in the 30's [percent shooting], that's pretty good."

UWSP made 43 trips to the free throw line, compared to 22 for Mount Senario. However, the Pointers were only able to hit 27 of the free throws for 63 percent.

"We can do better than that," Bennett stated. "Our starters for the most part shot the free throws well. It shows we're being aggressive."

Thursday the Pointers trekked to Appleton and were able to come away with a 83-70 victory as Nick DeVos stole the show with 17 points in just 14 minutes of play.

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St. Mary's skates past improved lady Pointers

By Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

After a quick start to their inaugural season the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team has run into a couple of experienced teams and a harsh reality that they have a little ways to go before they become a conference power.

The foundation, however, has been laid, and for the second consecutive series, the women hung with a top ranked team for the first game of the series.

UWSP took on the sixth-ranked St. Mary's Cardinals in a home-and-home series.

In Friday's home game, UWSP was able to come from a 2-0 deficit only to fall in overtime, 3-2.

With Point trailing midway through the second period, Holly Burns scored her first goal of the year to give the team some momentum after being shutout during the first half of the game.

Then just 1:45 into the third period Alison St. Peter's slap shot off the faceoff lit the lamp to

tie the game, 2-2

The Pointers rode the solid goaltending of Diane Sawyer all game but ran out of gas in the overtime as Laura Wyness ended any thought of a Point upset at 3:02 of the extra frame.

The two teams then hopped the border for a rematch Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's.

Sawyer turned away 50 Cardinal shots on the afternoon, but the Pointers (3-4-1) couldn't generate enough scoring to hold off St. Mary's, 5-1.

St. Mary's scored three goals in the first period to take Point out of the game early and to extend UWSP's losing streak to four games.

Mandy Rhyner was able to prevent the Pointers from getting shut out for the first time ever as she scored with 2:45 remaining in the game.

Jason Lesteborg's squad will have its second weekend off in three weeks before they return home to take on Eau Claire for a weekend series on Dec. 15 and 16.

The Week Ahead...

Men's Basketball: UW-Stout, Saturday, 7 p.m.; At UW-La Crosse, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: At UW-Stout, Saturday, 3 p.m.; UW-La Crosse, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Men's Hockey: At Augsburg College, Friday, 7 p.m.; At Bethel College, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Swimming and Diving: UW-Oshkosh, Saturday, 1 p.m.

Wrestling: UW-Platteville, Thursday, 7 p.m.; At UW-La Crosse, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

All Home Games in Bold

Skaters split with Vermont clubs

UWSP rebounds to knock off D-3 champs

By Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

There were two different directions in which the UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team could go after the humiliating 7-1 loss, at the hands of Middlebury (Vt.) College on Friday.

The Pointers could either bounce back Saturday against the defending National Champions from Norwich (Vt.) University, or they could dwell on the defeat.

The number one ranked Panthers skated all over UWSP Friday night during their seven-goal barrage on the Pointers.

"On Friday we were in shock," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta. "Some things that normally don't happen to us, happened."

"I thought we got out worked, out coached, out played and I thought that they even had a better bus driver than us."

Middlebury started early getting a power-play goal from Scott Goldman just 3:29 into the game.

After bringing a two-goal advantage into the intermission, the Panthers carried the momentum over to the second period. Scott Curtin beat Bob Gould with 53 seconds gone by in the period.



Photo by Renee Eismueller

Pierre Nicolet fires home his first goal of the season Friday night against Middlebury.

With Middlebury leading 4-0, Pierre Nicolet scored his first goal of the year to cut the lead to three goals. The goal was the first allowed by the Panthers all season.

Point, however, was unable to capitalize on any power-plays and couldn't generate any offense against the top-ranked team.

"Middlebury is a great team," replied Baldarotta. "We played a horrible game and they played a good game. We watched the tape and we weren't very good and probably would have gotten beat by anybody."

On Saturday, UWSP looked as if it was going to dwell on Friday's setback as Norwich jumped on top of the Pointers 1-0 in the first period.

But with just three seconds to play in the first period, the Pointers received the break they needed as David Boehm skated in on a breakaway to score his first goal of the season to tie up the game.

With solid goaltending from Dave Cinelli, the two teams went scoreless in the second period before Point's offense was sparked by Mikhail Salienko.

Salienko scored two goals in less than two minutes to put the Pointers on top 3-1.

Boehm then knocked home his second tally of the game for an extra insurance goal, as the Cadets couldn't contain the quick striking Pointers.

"We are the only team in the West to win three of four versus the East teams," said Baldarotta. "Norwich's only loss to us in the West and will only be a better team as the season goes on."

"I would have loved to have played Middlebury again on Saturday."

UWSP will travel to Minnesota this weekend to take on a pair of MIAC schools.

On Friday the Pointers will take on Augsburg College and Saturday will play at Bethel College.

"They are good and we have to win those games," commented Baldarotta. "At the end of the year we won't be compared to Middlebury, but to St. Thomas, Augsburg and Bethel."

Point will have the next four weeks off before returning to action after the new year.

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Men's Basketball

1. X
2. A Full Case
3. OffXVI
4. Swank's Return
5. Five Guys a Girl and a Pizza

Coed Indoor Volleyball

1. Delaney's
2. The Swirlies
3. Hanson Hell Raisers
4. Champagne Sepemova
5. Game Cocks

Coed Indoor Soccer

1. Yankees Suck
2. GBP
3. Real Futbol
4. Dirty Dozen
5. Soto

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1. Returners
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1. Ferocious Frolickers
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1. Mad Bombers
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Pointer swim teams place third at Wheaton

By Nick Brilowski
SPORTS EDITOR

While many of the winter sports teams are hitting their stride, the UW-Stevens Point men's and women's swimming and diving teams are preparing to hit the peak of their training.

With one dual meet remaining before semester break, the Pointers are set for four weeks of their hardest preparation.

"This is the time of the year where we really focus on training," Pointer Head Coach Al Boelk said. Two weeks of the four-week training will include the annual trip to Hawaii.

Both teams were able to come away with third place finishes at the Wheaton College Invitational over the weekend.

Boelk said that individuals were able to select which events they wanted to participate in, meaning there was less of an emphasis on the overall team finish.

"We swam against some Division I schools and some of the best Division III schools in the country," Boelk stated. "Our focus going in had nothing to do with placing."

"We had a lot of national cuts and a lot of personal bests."

Randy Boelk was able to automatically qualify for the National meet in three events, the 100 and 200 backstroke and the 200 individual medley. He was also part of the winning 200 freestyle relay.

On the women's side, Christine Sammons was second in the 100 breaststroke and was a member of the second place 200 and 400 medley relay teams.

Boelk added that the team trained hard for the Wheaton Invite and that this Saturday's dual with UW-Oshkosh will allow individuals to try different events.

"We're going to experiment with some events. We'll go into this meet tired because we trained really hard this week," he said.

Only one more Mike Peck Pointer issue left.

Grapplers get set to kick off dual season

The UW-Stevens Point wrestling team has put the open season behind them and now has their sights set on the dual meet season where the team can finally come together as a unit.

The 14th-ranked Pointers closed out the opening portion of the season last weekend by competing at the UW-Parkside Open.

Though no team scores were kept, UWSP was able to come home with a pair of second place finishes. Wes Kapping continued his strong start to the season by earning runner-up honors at 174 pounds, while Mitch Gehring also took second at heavyweight.

The Pointers also got solid fourth place finishes out of Chet Zdanczewicz (141), Ben Kureck (184) and Yan White (197). Brady Holtz and Jared Esala tied for fifth at 133 pounds, while Nathan Preslaski (157) and Joe Bavlnka (165) took sixth.

"I think the guys are wrestling well," Head Coach Johnny Johnson said. "I think we achieved what we needed to during the open season. The guys figured out where we needed to work and where we needed to improve."

Johnson hopes the momentum from the end of last season will carry into the opening dual against UW-Platteville on Thursday.

"I think we have a very strong lineup," he said. "Part of what evolved into last year has carried into this year. They realized how good they can possibly be."

The Pointers host the Pioneers at 7 p.m. in Quandt Fieldhouse.



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UWSP grad ventures to the other great white north

By Ryan Naidl

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Whether we are ready or not, there will come a day for all of us who work diligently at UWSP to graduate. While graduation could be looked on as a time of uncertainty and anxiety, this time could also be one of the most exciting and adventuresome periods in our life. For former UWSP student John Meyer, that has been just the case.

John pursued a fisheries degree at UWSP and graduated this past spring in that major. While all sorts of options were placed before him, John's heart was calling him back to the place he had spent the summer before, the rivers of Alaska.

In the summer of '99, John decided that the first step in his professional life would be with the US Fish and Wildlife Service working with the amazing fish species of the Great North. While John found himself surrounded by trout, salmon and grayling, he had the experiences of a lifetime for any avid fishermen.

This summer and last summer were very similar for John aside from the fact that last summer John was a volunteer and this

summer he received "tech" status. The US Fish and Wildlife Service requires that for this type of project, their summer help first contributes a summer of volunteer work and then they can be taken on in a paid position. In

fish in an effort to maintain the populations in the area. The two main activities John was involved with were the hook and line crew and the weir crew.

The hook and line crew could be described as an angler's

ing for a job could be stressful at times. "It's your job to fish," he said, "So when you hook a fish, you have to get it in."

The hook and line crew gave John the opportunity to fish in the Great North, however, it was

make strong runs annually to spawn and then die. Setting up a weir is the most effective way to gather spawning salmon for survey.

The work done at the weir was a bit inconsistent as there were times when the fish would run heavily and times when there were few fish allowing for the crew to have more free time. When the fish did run heavy, things could get a little crazy. John recalls counting 10,000 sockeye salmon swimming through the weir in four hours. "[Working at] the weir was nice cause it gave you a lot of free time," Meyer mentioned, "unless there were 10,000 sockeye salmon running through."

When asked about his favorite experience in Alaska, John thought awhile and then proceeded to tell me about "lobbin' chunks of salmon eggs the size of baseballs to pods of fresh king and chum salmon and watching 'em fight over it." Many of the fish species in Alaska feed heavily on salmon eggs and seeing these big, aggressive fish go after your bait can be an exciting thrill.

While John had some amazing adventures in the Great North, he also had some time for deep introspection. By the end of the project this summer he knew it was time to go home. "I realized I didn't want to fish my life away because when my life is done here, it makes no difference how many fish I've caught." His next move will be to the much warmer climate of Brazil to do missionary work.

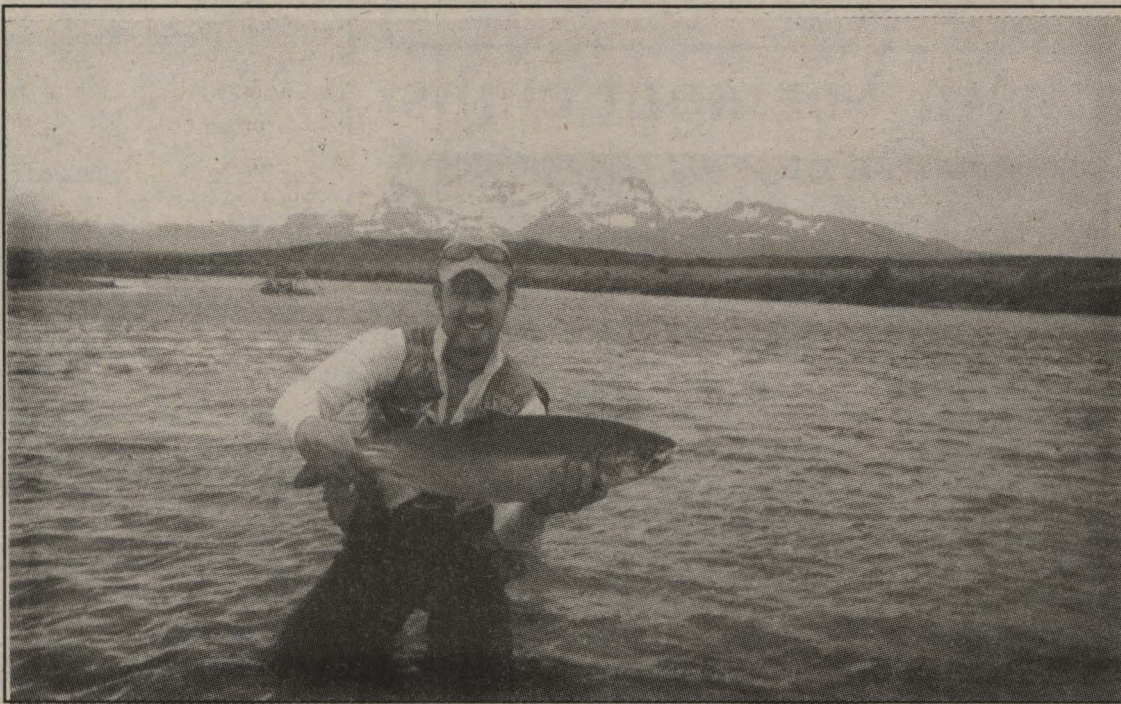


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While in Alaska, John Meyer had many opportunities to fish in beautiful areas and catch gargantuan silver salmon.

both instances, the program provided food and lodging throughout the summer.

John's duties on the job included a variety of fish related activities. While the procedures varied a great deal, all of the activities were aimed at surveying the populations of

dream. Imagine the opportunity of fishing in some of the most virgin, abundant areas in the world and getting paid to do it. This is what the hook and line crew is all about.

The goal of the hook and line crew is to use traditional angling techniques to tag and survey rainbow trout, grayling, and dolly varden in Alaskan rivers. In some situations the crew would be flown 60 miles up river and use rafts to fish their way back down stream. John mentioned that fish-

probably on the weir crew where John most vividly saw the wonders of this unique environment. On the weir crew, John and the rest of his team were responsible for surveying the king, silver, chum and sockeye salmon, and dolly varden, as well as maintaining the weir that had been setup to allow the fish to be counted.

A weir can be described as a pseudo dam that allows water to run through, but will not allow fish to pass. In Alaska, like in the Great Lakes, the salmon run

Adams County rejects bottling company

The Adams County Board of Supervisors passed a county resolution opposing any large scale extraction for bottling or bulk sale of spring waters from Adams County.

The resolution passed by a vote of 14-3 against any large scale extraction of spring water at or near Big Springs, or from any other body of water, stream, or aquifer that originates in or enters Adams County, Wisconsin.

The resolution supports strict requirements for large scale commercial or industrial extraction of spring waters for both bottling or bulk sale and to maintain current zoning of sites proposed for the installation of high-capacity commercial or industrial water wells.

Despite strong opposition from local residents and others, Great Springs Water of America, Inc., a subsidiary of the Perrier Group, has proposed to extract 500 gallons of water per minute, 720,000 gallons a day, 365 days a year, from the spring water aquifer of Big Springs, Town of New Haven, Adams County, WI.

Perrier was granted a conditional permit by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in September, stating Perrier had to conduct further testing and monitoring before a final permit would be issued.

Perrier ran limited tests in the spring of 2000 and only

recently began additional tests.

"Waterkeepers of Wisconsin and Concerned Citizens of Newport applaud the Adams County Board for adopting this resolution and backing the Town of New Haven," said Steve Argo, Wisconsin Dells, co-chairman of Waterkeepers of Wisconsin. (WOW)

"We are hoping this sends a final message to Perrier," said Rosemary Carlson of New Haven and a member of WOW. "Our precious water resources are simply not for sale. The residents of Wisconsin have continuously shown opposition to this proposal. First, in the Mecan Springs area in Waushara County, in resolutions in the towns of both New Haven and Newport and the Conservation Congress hearings."

"Surely, this corporation has much to gain by pursuing this project and we have equally as much to lose," said Carl Zimmermann, co-chairman of WOW. "Spring water is not ours to even consider giving away. It is a sacred trust we hold for future generations. Spring water can never, ever be taken for granted."

At this time, neither the Perrier Group of America, nor the landowners where the current well sites are located, have requested a zoning change.

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Into the movies; your escape from a cold and snowy place (for two hours)

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

This week's feature flick is the 80's outdoor classic "The Great Outdoors". The stars crawled out of the woodwork for this one as two class-act comedians go head to head in this movie, John Candy and Dan Aykroyd.

The movie takes place in a northern setting (they never do specify if it is Wisconsin, but I'd guess it's either northern Wisconsin or Upper Michigan) and features nonstop jokes about fishing, outdoors, and the general quaintness of the northwoods. John Candy takes his family on a northwoods escape vacation. Unbeknownst to Candy and his family, rich brother-in-law Dan Aykroyd and crew surprises the vacants and continues to antagonize and modify Candy's vacation.

There are so many memorable scenes from this movie, I don't even know where to begin. Perhaps the part that is most memorable is the raccoons. As a bit of an inter-scene breakup, raccoons are continually shown trying to break into the cabin's garbage cans. Throughout the movie, the garbage cans get progressively harder to break into, but the raccoons devise a way in every time. A few obstacles that they must face include rocks on top of the garbage cans and even breaking into the cabin to get to garbage that was transported inside. As if that weren't enough, the raccoons are given a chatty dialogue to explain their thought process, which adds such a unique dimension to this film.

Another memorable scene is the famous bat debacle. One night, a bat somehow manages to invade the cabin and everyone elects Candy and Aykroyd to dispose of the "radar guided vermin". The two prepare to battle the bat with brooms and tennis rackets while decked out with trash cans on their head and fully covered with jackets and hoods. The bat takes an early lead in the battle but eventually peace is restored in the cabin and the bat is taken care of with a fly swatter.

I first saw this movie when I was about eight or nine, and it has been a staple in the movie rotation ever since. So many aspects of this film bring back golden memories of camping, fishing, and just being "up north," where ever that may have been. I urge you to break this flick out in those cold winter months to cure that cabin fever.



Sickness, bitter cold and making a fashion statement; a crash course



By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

What are people thinking? We are in Wisconsin, and pretty far north at that. Last Tuesday offered the coldest weather of the year. At noon, the temperature outside was about three balmy degrees, about 20 degrees below with the wind-chill figured in. The windows in my room are ice-covered and I couldn't see outside if I wanted to. It's so cold that when I walk through the HEC, I take off my gloves to break out the Safelok then as opposed to right outside my door: no way am I taking off my gloves outside to get anything. It's COLD. We all know it, winter is here, and it's time to dress like it.

I see so many people walking (and running) outside with only a sweatshirt on, or maybe a heavy sweater. Of course, the people who are running realize that they were foolish for only wearing a sweater and are running for cover. The people who walk, though, I just can't figure them out. Here I am with a sweatshirt, jacket, gloves, hat, warm socks and then some, and

I'm still cold. How is it that some people can only wear a sweatshirt and look warm? Beats the heck out of me.

Wisconsin winters are no fashion parade, so it's time to stop worrying if you still look hip or not. Warmth is the important factor here. Save your fashion worries for the summer when it's above freezing. Plus, your mom will finally get off your back about getting some gloves or a warm winter coat.

While speaking of worrying mothers, how many times have we all heard, "Put on a hat and gloves, you'll get sick without them?" Too many, that's for sure. Well, the truth is, Mom wasn't that far off when she was telling you this.

The truth is that cold dry weather expands the survival time of some cold viruses, which obviously increases the chance of it spreading. The odds of you getting sick are increased because the cold weather dries out the lining of your nasal passages, thus making you more susceptible to the intake of a virus. So when you're sitting next to that person in class who carries two boxes of Kleenex

around with them, you might want to think about finding a new spot to sit. Scientists say that the best way to avoid sickness at times like this is to eat healthy, take vitamins, exercise, reduce stress and dress appropriately.

Of course, going outside while not dressed for cold weather isn't a surefire way to get sick, but it will definitely increase your chances of getting frostbite.

Now, I only bring all this up as a reminder to students. It's not warm anymore, and it won't be for a long time. You might as well drop the buck now and invest in a pair of gloves and a stylish hat. Outdoorspeople especially should consider this with icefishing on the way, in addition to another T-Zone hunt looming on the horizon. This winter is predicted to be harsh; cold and snowy. Investing in warm clothes now will definitely keep you warm later when sitting on the lake, wishing you had bought those gloves that were on sale at Fleet Farm way back in early December.

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Basketball

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Iserloth led UWSP with 24 points as the Pointers hit on 60 percent of their shots from the floor.

UWSP led 42-36 at halftime and was able to withstand a number of Lawrence rallies. Defense was the key down the stretch, as Point held Lawrence to one field goal in the final 4:45 of the game.

Despite playing some opportunistic teams in the pre-season, Bennett knows that the conference race is a totally different matter.

"We beat some quality opponents, but it's just a different animal in the WIAC," he said.

The Pointers return to play Saturday night when they host UW-Stout at 7 p.m. at Quandt Fieldhouse.

United

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also successfully fought for state funding for UW System's Plan 2008: Quality Through Diversity, academic and career advising, libraries, and increased state grant aid.

United Council has always stressed the importance of shared governance in the UW System. United Council has worked to maintain and strengthen student fee autonomy, and has been a clearinghouse of information and research on student safety issues, including e-mail privacy and the use of social security numbers as student identification numbers. Credit transfers, a recurring headache for many students in Wisconsin, have been made easier through United Council's work with UW System and the state legislature.

United Council continually

opposes legislation which would discriminate against student renters. Additionally, United Council played an instrumental role in defeating the Extra Credit Tax, which would have increased tuition for many students at UW-Stevens Point and across the UW System.

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Jorna E. Taylor,
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I VOTED FOR KODOS!

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor



Over the weekend, I had the opportunity to see I Voted for Kodos at The Mission Coffee House. The band was celebrating the release of their new album, *Close Enough for Ska*. I entered the show with a less than enthusiastic attitude, due to the fact that I was only there because one of my friends was underage. My attitude didn't improve after entering and hearing the music coming off of the stage, but I was quickly informed that the band had not yet arrived and to just sit tight.

When the seven guys had arrived and were crammed onto a stage that I have felt crowded playing on with only two, the music began and from their first note, I realized that the three dollars I had somewhat reluctantly forked over at the door had been well spent.

Apparently the bands name, I Voted for Kodos, was inspired by an episode of The Simpsons in which the Clinton election was taking place and one of the candidates on the ballot was Kodos. (Too bad that wasn't an option in this election.)

The performance the group gave was phenomenal. The tightness of the horn section, the energy of vocalist, Rick Bisenius, and the on-stage chemistry, made for one hell of a show. What I found especially impressive was how Bisenius would go from laying down an all out trombone solo, to grabbing the mic and in a split second would be on top of the vocals again.

As impressed as I was, I just had to have the boy's album, and after getting it home and having a listen, I was still blown away. My favorite song is "Shallow Grave," which is essentially an eerie musical visual of the events leading up to a murder/suicide. The haunting mood of the song, along with the psycho-esque lyrics, puts this one above the rest in my opinion.

The album was released under ***Close to nothing records, and if you want more info on the band, concert dates or just to feast your eyes on a few more pics, look them up on the web.

Movie Review: *Unbreakable*

By Josh Goller
News Editor

Yeah, the *Sixth Sense* was a good movie. I don't know if it was Oscar nominee material last year but, it was a pretty decent film. I just didn't get as obsessed about it as some people. O.k., it had one great surprise ending but other than that it just didn't do much for me. The whole "I see dead people," thing just got old after a while. Since it had both the same writer/director as the *Sixth Sense* and the same star, I walked into the lovely Campus Cinema to see *Unbreakable* last week intent on watching a decent film with my awesome girl and little else. I mean after seeing Lucky Numbers a few weeks before, I needed a quality movie. I got much more than I expected.

M. Night Shyamalan again hits it big with a thought provoking script and "Hitchcock-esque" directing. It was evident from the get go that this movie would have many similarities with the *Sixth Sense*. Plenty of dark scenes set the mood as they did in Shyamalan's prior triumph. In *Unbreakable*, David Dunn (Bruce Willis) plays a college football security guard who is the sole survivor of a devastating train derailment and is immaculately unharmed. His life is in shambles, his pro football future was ruined in a car accident years earlier and his marriage is falling apart. Every day he admittedly wakes up with a burden of sadness. His amazing survival from the train derailment catches the attention of Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson), an injury prone, comic book obsessed, art gallery owner who proposes a "rather unbelievable possibility" to David. Though Dunn initially discards this vision of grandeur that he is invincible, both he and his young son wrestle with the possibility that he

may be more than a lucky survivor. Price's continuous theorizing about Dunn's superhero potential reinforces this struggle.

This may not seem like much of a plot outline, but then again, neither was "I see dead people," when you really get down to it, and both critics and movie goers gave that film rave reviews. The camera work in *Unbreakable* was similar but also superior to that of the *Sixth Sense*. The atmosphere of confusion was depicted through viewing scenes from between passenger seats on a train, in the reflection of a television, and through curtains blowing in the wind. The lighting in this film also set the mood. The darkness of the scenes reflected Dunn's dark struggle for the truth. Superb acting allowed me to really attach to each character as they developed and it was nice to get a break from that Haley Joel Osment twerp.

All in all this film showed me what a thriller/drama could be. It had the big surprise ending but did a better job of building up to it. The development of the story and being able to see Dunn's struggle was extremely well done. And the film didn't drag on for two and a half hours like many movies in its genre tend to do. It even threw in just a little bit of romance that had to make me give my girlfriend a good squeeze. What can I say, I can even appreciate the sappy moments of a thriller.

Bottom line: see this film. I'd go as far as to give it a nod for an Oscar nomination if I had the power. In the wake of last year's triumph *American Beauty*, and with 2000 producing little more than *Gladiator*, I could see this thought provoking film making it to the Oscars and having a fighting chance. But that's just me.

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Letters from the edge of the world



For Whom The Bell Tolls

By Pat "Ask Not" Rothfuss
It tolls for you.

Well. I see in the Pointer that if we have something to piss and moan about, we are supposed to let you know. So here we go.

The other day I was walking past the UC. I was cold, but I knew I had to get to the next building for my next class. I was tired, but I knew I had to keep going and make it through the day. I was hungry, but I knew I would have to wait until I got home because I had no money.

While I was approaching the UC building (dreaming about what kind of food I wish I could go and buy) I hear a bell ringing and thought to myself, "No, way, they don't have a Salvation Army guy here at the college." But sure enough, I got a little closer and I saw that friendly old guy waving his bell in front of his cute little collection pole.

I am sorry, but, I couldn't help but glare at him in the way that said "I hate you" and I did, at that moment, hate that man, whoever he was. I glared at him the whole time until I was passed him. I made damn sure he saw me glaring too, I don't care what he thought.

I am broke. Isn't everyone here at the college????

I am a full time college student

(who happens to live alone) and I work close to 40 hours per week at some cheesy restaurant trying to pay my bills as well as get an education. Rent, car payment, bills, you know what I mean and the insanity of it, is that no matter what, I never can get ahead enough to even feel like I can treat myself to a nice hot meal.

All the money we students are spending here at college, not to mention the (expensive) parking meters, and yet the college has enough balls to set up a collection for more money- Give money to the people who need it. Well, dammit, I need it-I am the one who's poor. I don't even have enough money to support myself and yet you stand here wanting us to help out the less fortunate when we are the less fortunate. We have nothing.

Well. If ya like my piss and moan story-that's great. I feel confident that you as well as others know what I mean here and I hope you help in writing something up on this in your paper, maybe the bell guy would then go away.

Thank you for listening if nothing else.

-- Marie Strelow

Well Marie, I had a strong response to your letter. Actually, I had two responses, each of them

utterly irreconcilable with the other. Luckily, due to an end-of-the-semester psychotic break, I have two fully formed personalities willing to give their opinions on the matter.

Nice Pat's Response

I know for a fact that the Salvation Army guy isn't a new thing. I used to see him there in front of the UC every year, and I'll admit my reaction was somewhat similar to yours. I felt put-upon. As my dad always said, you can't get blood from a stone, or pity from a freshman during finals week. Why were they trying to milk me when I was already dry?

Truth is, even well-intentioned college students are usually strapped for cash, especially at the end of the semester. Because of that I always felt the bell ringer could have been put to better use somewhere else. In the mall. Outside Wal-Mart. On the square at bar-time. Onstage, next to that big pole at the New Yorker...

Evil Pat's Response

It's not that you're poor, it's just that you've been trained to drool when the bell rings. What do I mean by that? I mean this: You've bought into the system, and the system has made you its bitch. Sure I feel sorry for you, but the fact remains that it's your own damn fault.

I understand that you work 40 hours a week in addition to school. Fine, but don't expect pity from me just because you follow some outmoded protestant work ethic.

"But I need the money!" I hear you cry.

Bullshit. You think you need the money. The truth is you spend your money on non-essential items. Just like everyone else who's been inculcated into the three-step easy-bake American dream.

- 1) Work hard to get money.
- 2) Use money to buy things.
- 3) Use things to achieve happiness.

"But I don't have things! I'm barely making it from bill to bill!"

Bullshit. I know that you're living in some manner of extravagance because as an undergrad I made on average of 6000 dollars a year. And with that colossal sum I paid my tuition, had my share of hot meals, bought presents for my girlfriend, and still had enough to drop a couple of bucks in the bellringer's bucket come Christmas time.

How did I achieve this miracle? Well, I never had a car for one thing. I survived nearly a decade in Point without one, walking to my various jobs and carrying my groceries home.

I never had the luxury of living alone either. Well....that's not really true. For a year I lived in a one-room apartment with a bathroom down the hallway. It cost me \$140 per month, everything included, and my friends called it 'The Pit.' I stayed there because it was cheap, and that freed up my money for other things, like nude magazines, leather pants, and grain alcohol.

Here is the unvarnished truth. If you're poor and in college, you're not really poor. You're just indulging in certain luxuries beyond your means. However, there are people in the country that are genuinely poor. People who don't have cars, or even nasty little one-room 'pit' apartments.

Most importantly, those people don't have a support network of friends and family who are willing to help them out if something bad happens. What those people do have is The Salvation Army. They buy toys for poor-kids and shut-ins for chrissake. You can't find any fault with an organization like that.

So pony up, pig-licker, and give some jingle to the bucket-man.

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