

# THE POINTER

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## Successful soccer season comes to close



Photo by Nick Brilowski

Seniors Jenny Schmidt, Abby Rabinovitz, Marie Muhvic, and Margaret Domka accept their team trophy after NCAA National Semifinal loss to Tufts University. See story in sports on page 8.

## Smoking policy causes unrest among students

By Josh Goller

NEWS EDITOR

The smoking policy in the residence halls at UWSP has caused unrest among students.

Under this policy, which was enacted by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) several years ago, residents on non-smoking floors are not permitted to smoke anywhere on campus, whether they are in or out of the halls.

"If a resident of a non-smoking floor smokes anywhere on campus grounds they will be moved to a 'choice' floor," said Kate Reck, Residential Living.

This policy has come under fire from many students on campus lately.

"I don't smoke, but even as a non-smoker I think it is a bit

harsh to force a person to move for smoking on campus," said Rebecca Gunnink, "If the person is in an area that smoking is allowed...let them smoke."

Although every resident who lives on a non-smoking floor must sign a contract stating that they are aware of the policy, some residents claim that they didn't know exactly how the policy worked until move-in day.

"I didn't even know the rules when I applied here," said Mary Anderson. "When I first heard of the smoking policies here on campus, I was surprised."

Under the policy, residents can report others on their floor for smoking, a stipulation that some students see as unfair.

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## Jeans sale halted by sweat shop protest

Fundraiser meets with political opposition by students

By Andrea Wetzel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last week, the Women in Communication designer jeans sale was shut down after a student expressed concerns about sweatshop labor practices.

The organization was selling jeans with brands names such as Tommy and Abercrombie to raise money for fieldtrips and guest

speakers. The sale was set to run from Monday through Wednesday.

On Tuesday, John Baeten, a member of the Progressive Action Organization and the Campus Greens, posted a sign that read "Women in Communication support sweatshops" and alerted the organization, UWSP administration and the vendor of the jeans sale that the clothing was produced by

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## Vandalism floods the CNR

Thousands of dollars in damage caused by at-large vandal

By Casey Krautkramer

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Protective Services is offering an award for anyone who has any information about vandalism in the College of Natural Resources on Saturday, Nov. 18.

"At this time there are still no witnesses, clues or leads," said John Taylor, assistant director of protective services.

At 10:40 a.m., the fire alarm system indicated a fire alarm in the CNR. Student Cadet Stacey Janusz and the Stevens Point Fire Department arrived and went through each part of the building trying to determine where the water was running to or if there was a fire of undetermined origin, according to the UWSP Police report.

"We were puzzled because we couldn't find anything," said Janusz, who arrived first.

Janusz, fire department personnel and an electrician who

was called in to reset the alarm, returned to the northeast basement to find water flowing from a southeast door that led to the southeast stairwell. Fire department personnel proceeded up the stairs to find that a water pipe for "Fire emergency usage only" had been opened and turned on, according to the report.

"The water from the pipe was going down the stairwell and running into the second floor to a lab area and was preceding to drip through the ceiling into the

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## UWSP's international programs highly ranked nationally

UWSP ranked eleventh in the nation for sending students to study abroad.

By Josh Goller

NEWS EDITOR

UWSP's International Programs have been recognized by one of the leading sources on higher education. The Chronicle of Higher Education ranks UWSP eleventh in sending students to study abroad among master's institutions in the United States.

"It's the mission of this

office to export students," said Mark Koepke, associate director of International Programs. "We help students who've made the decision to get out of here [Wisconsin] at some point during their academic careers."

In the last year, 427 students have studied abroad through the university's International Programs. Because of their popularity, these study abroad programs fill up early.

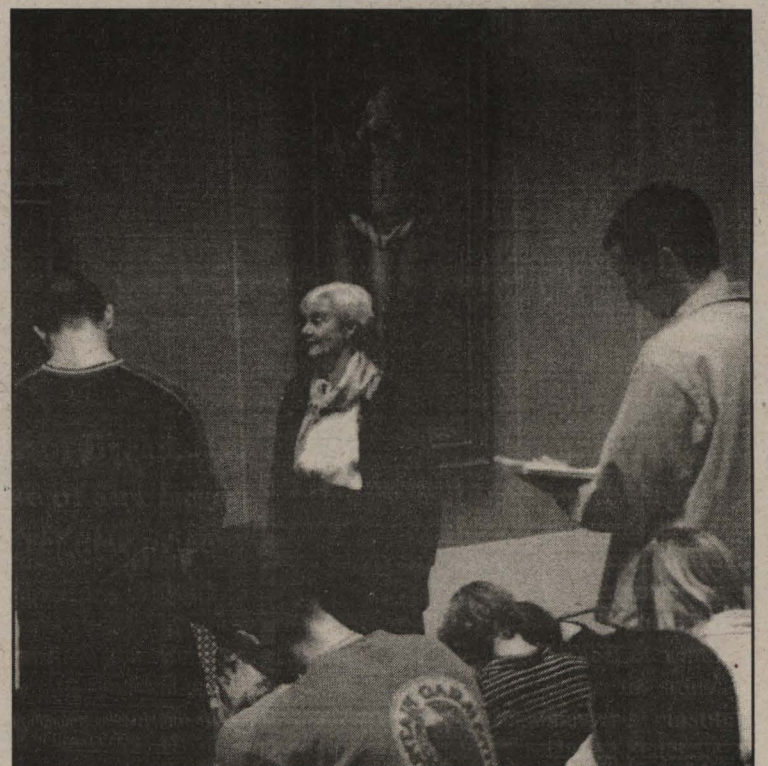
"While we are pleased with the numbers of students taking advantage of our overseas opportunities, we are literally bursting at the seams," said David Staszak, director of International

Programs. "Without more administrative support, personnel and space, we find it difficult to be able to meet either existing or growing demands for study abroad."

Through support from Governor Thompson and the state legislature, \$1 million will be reserved to send UW System students to study overseas. Financial aid also contributes to sending students to travel abroad.

"Students get at least as much financial aid as they would here," said Koepke, "And for the most part they get more."

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Submitted Photo



## UWSP students drawn to Fort Benning protest

### Students participate in military protest at Georgia training base

Several UWSP students engaged in an act of civil disobedience recently to protest injustices by a Georgia military school. One future, five current, and two former UWSP students attended the Memorial Service and Vigil for victims of assassins trained at the Fort Benning School of the Americas (SOA) on Nov. 18-19.

Duffy Casey, Jeff Decker, Deanna Erickson, Maggie Pozorski, Samara Ray, Katie Renier, Sabrina Johnson, and Bobbie Webster took part in honoring the thousands of people (including small children, priests and nuns) who have been kidnapped, tortured, and/or killed by graduates of the school.

Seven of the group engaged in non-violent protest by crossing over the white line onto the military base as part of a solemn funeral procession, carrying crosses and chanting "Prese'nte" after each name of victims was read. One member of the group

crossed over as a member of the press.

November marks the anniversary of the assassination of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her teenage daughter in El Salvador in 1989. Nineteen of the 26 Salvadoran army officers cited by a UN Truth Commission for this atrocity were trained at Fort Benning. SOA is operated by the US military and trains Central and South American armies on the subject of combat, counter-insurgency, and counter-narcotics. This includes learning about intimidation, torture and ultimately murder under the guise of upholding democracy in their home countries.

According to the protesters, graduates of SOA have been responsible for some of the worst human rights abuses in Latin America. The SOA receives specific funds to operate through the Department of Defense budget. In May, as part of the Defense Authorization Bill for 2001, the

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Koepke feels that many students don't realize the importance of spending a semester in another country.

"Because of some students background and isolation from the rest of the world, they don't realize that this is not just a luxury," he said. "This experience is truly to prepare them better for their studies, future jobs, the real world."

According to Koepke, studying abroad can improve a student's resume and appeal to potential employers.

"Whatever job you want later in life, it [a semester abroad] looks more attractive to those people," said Koepke. "Traveling abroad shows adventurousness - shows you get out there."

Though some trips center around enhancing a student's foreign language major, the trips to Australia, Britain, Germany, and Poland offer classes taught in English.

"Traveling abroad isn't just to improve foreign language majors," said Koepke. "Almost any major can be served."

Though semester trips are the primary focus of International Programs, winterim, spring break and other short trips are offered as well.

"We have a lot of opportunities for those who can't go for an entire semester," said Koepke.

Semester trip prices range from \$4,800 to \$7,900 and include tuition, airfare, lodging and food among other expenses.

UWSP's first program was established in 1969 and, according to Staszak, International Programs has sent over 9,000 students overseas since.

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## Campus BEAT



### Lot G

Wednesday, Nov. 15 2:30p.m.

A man reported the theft of a meter head, post and housing.

### Thomson Hall

Thursday, Nov. 16 4:49 p.m.

A university employee reported that a computer had been taken from the basement computer lab.

### Baldwin Hall

Friday, Nov. 17 12:55 a.m.

A student reported she had some money taken from her room.

### College of Natural Resources

Saturday, Nov. 18 10:40 a.m.

The fire alarm system indicated a fire alarm in the CNR building. Upon arrival, no smoke or fire was found but areas were found to be flooding.

### Burroughs Hall

Saturday, Nov. 18 5:07 p.m.

The fire alarm panel at the Protective Services office indicated a fire alarm on third floor. Upon arrival, cadets found one smoke detector tripped and the hallway smelled of cigarette smoke.

### Steiner Hall

Sunday, Nov. 19 3:36 a.m.

A community advisor reported that the southeast exterior door window had been broken.

### Lot P

Sunday, Nov. 19 2:05 p.m.

A student reported that he struck a truck as he was turning a corner in Lot P.

### Sims Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 22 12:04 a.m.

The hall director reported that someone had smashed the southwest entrance door to the hall.

### PROTECTIVE SERVICES' SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE WEEK

UW System Risk Management strongly recommends that holiday trees and wreaths not be placed in individual living quarters of any residence halls due to the severe safety hazard that these items present. Artificial trees of flame retardant material or natural trees may be used in office areas, lobbies, and reception areas only if precautions are taken.

The most important factor in reducing the flammability of holiday trees is maintaining adequate moisture content. Secondly, only indoor lights may be used on indoor trees. These lights must bear Underwriter's Laboratory approval. Lights should be inspected for shorts or weak or cracked spots before using. Never leave tree lights on when unattended.

For any suggestions or comments, please contact  
Joyce Blader, Crime Prevention Officer at x4044  
or e-mail me at [jblader@uwsp.edu](mailto:jblader@uwsp.edu)



### Candidates for December Graduation

Do you have questions about the 12/16/00 Commencement Program?

Have you visited the Commencement web page yet?

<http://www.uwsp.edu/special/commencement>

#### \*\*Reminders\*\*

~ Have you returned your RSVP card (electronically or by mail)?

~ Purchase caps, gowns and tassels, or rent hoods at the University Store Dec. 11-15, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or until 7:00 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. Order by mail Dec. 4-13 at 346-3431.

### Things to love about the dorms

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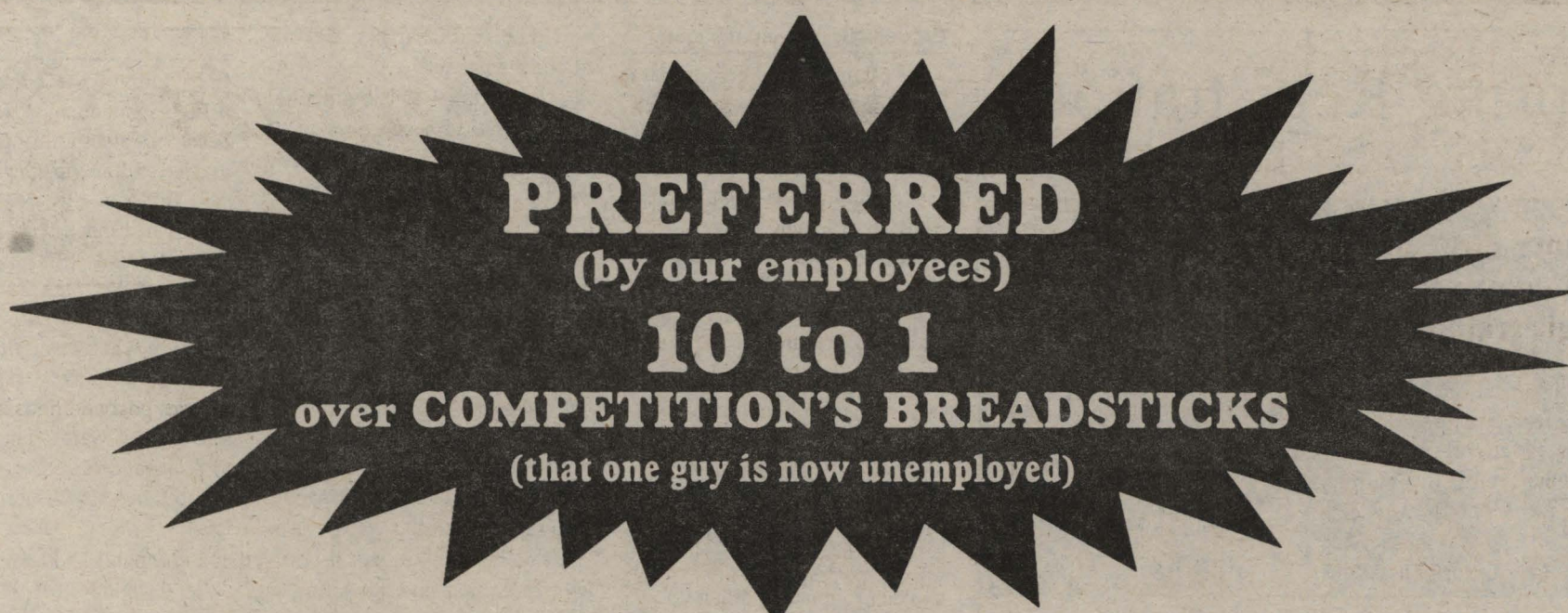
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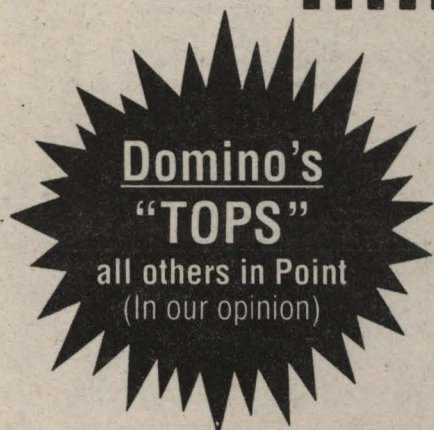
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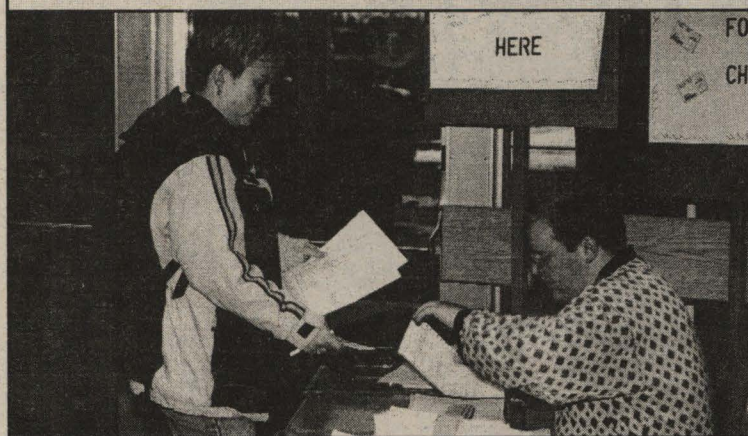


Photo by Renee Eismueller

Registration for the winter and spring semester began before Thanksgiving and continues until Dec. 6. A registration deposit has replaced CheckPoint in next semester's registration process.

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US House of Representatives voted by a narrow 214 to 204 margin to approve the Pentagon proposal to close down the SOA and immediately open a clone, to be called the "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation."

The annual vigil and action is organized by the SOA Watch (SOAW), founded by Father Roy Bourgeois in 1990, and is an opportunity for people who attend to act as a non-violent witness to each death and act of violence known to result from the SOA. This is the fifth year people have gathered at the gates of Fort Benning and each year the number of witnesses gathering to protest the SOA, call for its closure and remember innocent victims has grown.

The memorial is non-violent with help from volunteer peacekeepers, this year including Johnson and Webster. Several types of non-violence training for

participants are provided the day before the vigil.

Outside the gates, speakers and musicians took turns presenting moving music and words. Included were Martin Sheen and many speakers from countries whose militaries have had training at the school, including Colombia, which was focused on at this year's event because of the high level of conflict and tension there.

The Army estimated that 3500 people crossed the line this year. Some high-risk demonstrators were arrested when they came to the line of military police and staged a die-in as part of the SOAW plan. Most of the demonstrators who crossed the line were allowed to walk back out of the base or were bussed to a processing center where fingerprints and mug shots were taken, and possible ban and bar orders issued. No UWSP students were arrested.

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"I think it is ridiculous that if a non-smoker is only seen smoking, they will be forced to move," said Casey Davis. "That leaves the possibility of false accusations and leaves little defense against it."

However, Residential Living insists that the policy is protecting the rights of all students.

"The policy was developed in response to people who want to live in a totally smoke-free environment," said Bob Mosier, director of Residential Living. "Those who smoke outside bring the smell of smoke back into the hall environment and that doesn't make them smoke-free."

According to Mosier, some of the opposition to the policy may result from students being unaware of the university's definition of a smoker when they sign up for residence in the halls.

"It's a black or white definition. A smoker is someone who smokes at all, whether it's a pack a day or once a month," said Mosier.

Respect for residents' rights for clean air is the goal of the policy, according to Residential Living.

"Some students may have asthma and they deserve to live in a smoke-free environment just like anyone else who wants to," said Reck.

Despite some opposition, many residents support the policy as well.

"Everyone here signed a contract stating they are a non-smoker," said Allison Groshek. "If someone just signed their name without reading what it stated, well too bad. Ignorance is not an excuse."

Other students are divided on the issue.

"I see where the university is coming from," said Chris Hanks. "On the other hand if I smoked a cigar once, I think it

would be a little harsh to kick me out of the dorms."

According to Residential Living, five to seven percent of residents indicate that they smoke and some freshman requesting a non-smoking floor had to be turned down.

"Occasionally we have to assign a non-smoker onto a smoking floor," said Reck, "But we never place a smoker onto a non-smoking floor."

The smoking policy also states that residents on smoking floors may smoke in their rooms with the door closed. Some residents feel that this makes the policy hypocritical and in contradiction with the no candles or incense policy.

"It makes no sense at all that you can't have candles, but can still have a burning cigarette in your room," said Mary Anderson. "Both can easily cause fires in just the same way."

Other students feel that both cigarette smoke and incense smoke should be tolerated.

"Incense has about as much flame as a cigarette if not less," said Jennifer Kingsley, "If the smell is what bothers you then you should discuss air fresheners."

Residential Living insists that candles and incense pose a far more hazardous situation.

"Incense and open flames are more dangerous," said Mosier. "Investigations in the past have shown that burning candles and incense cause a greater potential for a fire than cigarettes."

Pressure to amend any residential hall policies can be brought up to RHA either through a hall's RHA representative or directly to the association itself.

"Policies are reviewed at anytime if anyone brings up the issue at RHA," said Mosier.

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first floor of the administrative offices and then down to the basement itself through various cracks and seams in the floor," said Taylor.

"I had our dispatcher call in the custodians right away," said Janusz. "We then notified the people in the administrative office of what was going on."

Approximately a dozen custodians were called in to help remove the water. The clean up took around four hours, according to Larry Beck, facilities services.

Bonnie Clark, CNR financial specialist, was one of the office personnel called to come into the administrative offices to save valuable documents and belongings.

"There was one to one and half inches of water on the floor in certain areas and the ceiling tiles were falling. I ran from office to office trying to save what I could but fortunately everything valuable was untouched."

Many office workers were praising the maintenance staff for the quick and thorough clean-up job. "The university maintenance staff deserves a medal," Clark said. "They did such a good job."

The total damage is estimated at several thousand dollars, stemming from the replacement of ceiling tiles, wallpaper and the number of hours put in by laborers cleaning up the mess.

According to Protective Services Chief Don Burling, his department has contacted the Portage County Sheriff's Department requesting a re-make of the crime to air on their Crime Stoppers television and radio programs.

Anyone with information on this crime may contact either Jim West at 346-3605 or Don Burling at 346-3972.

**It's Advent. Join us,  
and we'll help you prepare the way of the Lord.**

**NEWMAN**

The Roman Catholic Parish at UWSP

Mass Times: **Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 10:15 AM and 6 PM**  
at St. Joseph Convent Chapel, 1300 Maria Drive, just west of K mart

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Late-Night Mass - Wednesday 9 PM, Newman Center Chapel, 2108 Fourth Avenue, next to Pray-Sims Hall  
Advent Prayer - 7 PM Monday, Newman Center | Prayer for Peace - Noon Tuesday, Newman Center

**Vigil for Peace**

**Friday, Dec. 8  
9 PM-Midnight  
Newman Center  
Chapel**

next to Pray-Sims Hall

*This will be a time to pray for  
peace in our world,  
our nation, our families,  
our hearts.*

*The Vigil begins with mass.  
Everyone is invited to join in  
this prayer. Come and go  
throughout the time of vigil.*



## World AIDS Day: a time for education and tolerance

World AIDS Day will be observed this Friday, Dec. 1. Its purpose is to promote social tolerance and to increase the exchange of information on HIV/AIDS. HIV is spreading faster than any of us realize.

According to the American Association for World Health, an estimated 15,000 new HIV infections occur globally every day. In the US, one in three of those infected with HIV do not know they are infected.

We need to educate ourselves because knowledge is the key to protection. AIDS does not discriminate; anyone who is engaging in risky behaviors, regardless of age, race, gender, or sexual preference can become infected with HIV.

This Friday, I urge you to make an effort to become informed about HIV/AIDS and inform someone else as well. You can contact the CDC National Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS or the Wisconsin Hotline at 1-800-334-AIDS for more information. World AIDS Day is just one day, but AIDS is for a lifetime.

World AIDS Day also gives us the opportunity to remember those who have died of AIDS, and so I invite you to the Memorial Service at 7:30 on Friday, December 1 at the Newman Center located at 2108 Fourth Avenue.

Heidi Bemowski

## Pointer Poll

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How are you dealing with mid-semester stress?



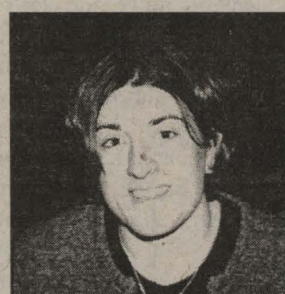
Lisa Wimmer, Jr. Psychology  
*Lots of procrastinating*



Liz Hays, Fr. CNR  
*Getting out and enjoying life to get my mind off school*



Deanna Erickson, Sr. CNR  
*Coffee and lots of hugs*



Christy Donaldson, Sr. COMM  
*Keeping God as my priority keeps everything in line*



Stephen Schlachtenhaufen, Sr. COMM  
*ZZZZZZZZZZs*



Mark Miller, Sr. Urban Forestry  
*I'm drinking a beer and playing pool*

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## Proposed Power Line is No Good

I am opposed to the proposed power line that will run from near Duluth, MN to near Wausau, WI carrying 345-kilovolts (kV) of electricity. This line is estimated to run 240-miles from point to point. A shorter, 42-mile leg is also slated to run from near Tripoli, WI to near Rhinelander, WI.

Habitat fragmentation that will result from cutting a 150-foot right-of-way along the length of its course is my greatest concern. This will create patchy forest habitat that could lead to a decrease in populations of regionally nesting migratory birds that are already over-preserved by human development. Another possible negative impact could be a greater numbers of edge species, including white-tailed deer, which have been known to cause environmental and crop damage when they become overpopulated. Minnesota Power has said that they will try to build the new power line on existing rights-of-way, however that would amount to only 120-miles in Wisconsin.

That still leaves a chunk of forest and farmland the length and width of the southbound lane of I-39 from Merrill to Portage cut out of the landscape.

In order to exercise the power of eminent domain, the Wisconsin Public Services Corporation (WPSC) is required to show that there is a need for this electricity. To date, they have not shown the need. I am concerned that this project is not for the greater good of the people, but more of a business decision that will create benefits for relatively few folks, namely Minnesota Power, its parent company Allete, and their associates. It looks more like Allete is anticipating the deregulation of the power producing industry, opening up markets to all current power producers. Deregulation will likely leave Allete out-competed by Excell (a conglomeration including locally known Northern States Power and other, generally western energy providers) in electricity markets in Milwaukee, Chicago, and even as far away as St. Louis, where

cheaply produced electricity (1¢ per kilowatt hour) could easily be sold in for 10¢ per kilowatt hour.

Once again, it looks like the environment versus economics, and the folks wielding the money typically win. In order to halt this power line, citizens of Wisconsin need to demonstrate that they do not want this project to go forward. In order to do this, people will need to show up en masse at public hearings scheduled throughout the region of the proposed power line. Locally, there will be public hearings in Wausau this Friday, Dec. 1, at 9 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center, 201 N. 17th Ave. You are encouraged to attend and voice your opinions. Additionally, citizens can reduce their energy consumption and pursue alternative sources of energy, such as solar power and wind energy. Please consider whether you believe this project is necessary and let the WPSC know how you feel.

Bill Barthen

## The Pointer is hiring !

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# CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

*Just and fair or just unfair?*

By Josh Goller  
NEWS EDITOR

First, I'd like to say how happy I am to get a chance to voice my opinion about a certain issue. We news editors have it rough being so objective about everything. It's such a treat to get to rant and rave. And a topic as controversial as the death penalty...I'm salivating!

I firmly support the death penalty in the United States. It seems to me that many anti-execution activists are far more concerned with the murderers rights than justice for the victim. I don't feel that all murder convictions should result in a sentence of death. However, I feel that the only true justice for the most heinous murders is a life for a life.

There are many arguments against the death penalty these days that have reduced it from hangings, firing squads, beheadings, stake burnings and guillotines to its current method of lethal injection that is used in only certain states. One is that it isn't a deterrent to crime. This statement is as silly as saying that people don't fear death. Obviously, it's not going to stop every murder but it will save innocent lives.

To counter that statement, I have to point out that there are 13,200 murders and 12,900 rapes every year by paroled criminals. That doesn't even take into account those criminals who escape. Execution of the most horrible murderers will eliminate some of these crimes and give the victims' families the comfort that their loved one's killer is no longer a threat to society.

For those who feel that lives aren't saved by the death penalty, here's a story I found on [www.prodeathpenalty.com](http://www.prodeathpenalty.com): On December 7, 1984 Benny Lee Chaffin kidnapped, raped and murdered a nine-year-old Springfield, Oregon girl. He had been convicted of murder once before in Texas, but not executed. Incredibly, the same jury that convicted him for killing the young girl refused to sentence him to death because two of the 12 jurors said they could not determine whether or not he would be a future threat to society!

I feel that an innocent nine-year-old-girl has more of a right to live than the ex-con who kidnapped, raped and killed her. But then again, in today's society, maybe murderers deserve more respect. I think not.

Again, an argument against the death penalty is that it is cruel and unusual punishment. This is the argument that really gets me. My opinion? That murder, rape, mutilation or cannibalism is beyond cruel and unusual punishment for innocent people with the only purpose of fulfilling the selfish and brutal desires of a cruel and unusual threat to society. Even if the death penalty is cruel and unusual, in these situations it is obviously just.

But then again, with the sophisticated methods of execution in this era, the death penalty is no more cruel than euthanizing a rabid dog, and since it has been an institution in society as far back as history can record, how can it be deemed unusual? But that's a different story all together. And with that, I confidently rest my case.

Got something for us to debate?  
E-mail [khart755@uwsp.edu](mailto:khart755@uwsp.edu).

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR

I have no sympathy for the murderers, rapists, or serial killers of the world. That is precisely why I am against capital punishment. I think that killing criminal offenders offers them an easy way out.

There are a few other issues regarding the death penalty that I cannot get past.

One problem I see with capital punishment is that it is hypocritical. We have laws that state people are not to kill other people. So what do we do in return? To teach people that it is wrong to kill, we kill them.

And we don't kill humanely. How many executions have been botched by human error? Some electrocutions have taken over 25 minutes to kill the condemned. Some sentenced to die by lethal injection have had to lay in wait of their deathbeds for almost an hour while the executioner searched for a suitable vein. Some even suggested veins to the executioner. Even asphyxiation, considered the most humane practice, can put the accused through 20 minutes of suffering.

The inconsistency of capital punishment is another problem. I could kill someone right here in Stevens Point and maybe go to jail for a few decades and think about what I've done. But if I drive over to Chicago for the weekend and kill someone there, Illinois law states that I must be put to death.

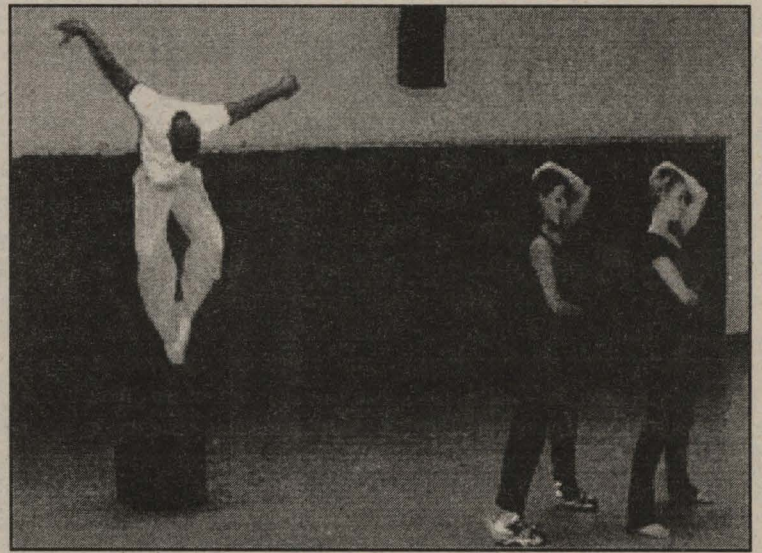
Another factor is deterrence. To you and I, it may be common sense to know not to kill a person, especially if we will die as our penance. Not all criminals can come to this conclusion. The majority of states that use capital punishment have higher murder rates than non-death penalty states. Texas, despite having the highest amount of executions, still has the highest murder rate. What purpose is the death penalty serving if it isn't deterring capital crime?

Condemning a criminal to death isn't an easy solution. It costs about four times more to kill a person than it does to let him rot in a cell for the rest of his life. Is this capital offender really worth that much of our time, energy and money?

The unfairness used by our judicial system is yet another problem. Racial minorities (unless you're O.J. Simpson) are being prosecuted under federal death penalty law far beyond their proportion in the general population or the population of criminal offenders. If a white man kills a black man, he may get a jail sentence. If a black man kills a white man, chances are almost 100% that he'll be put to death.

Money causes the same effect. If a person has the financial means necessary to argue his case well, he will probably get a lighter sentence. If a poor man cannot pay for a decent defense, he will probably be sentenced to die. Either way you look at it, capital punishment is not practiced fairly.

My final argument is this: People have been wrongly executed. Innocent people have sat on death row for years and gone to the electric chair. I don't care if it was only X amount of people. The fact that one person out there was wrongly accused and murdered for some crime that he/she did not commit is enough to turn me against the punishment. Granted, innocent people are murdered everyday, but not by a law made by our own government.



submitted photo

Garrett Jones, Elizabeth Sturgis and Hilliary Murphy rehearse for "I Didn't Want It to Stop," a work choreographed by Sturgis.

## AfterImages 2000 begins next week

By Elizabeth Siefert  
FEATURES REPORTER

Since 1984, UWSP has been graced with exciting and original student choreography in the annual AfterImages dance concert. The show will be presented next week, Dec. 7-9, in Jenkins Theatre, Fine Arts Center.

AfterImages 2000, directed by senior Amanda Queen and sophomore Molly Holm, will feature 13 new dance works including ballet, modern, jazz and tap. The dance faculty and one student adjudicator selected these pieces out of 23 that auditioned in October. The faculty will choose three pieces from the concert to be performed at the 2001 American College Dance Festival.

Whether it's modern or tap, ballet or jazz you wish to see, AfterImages will fulfill its promise. The upcoming shows will not only be exciting for the performers, it will be a great experience to observe and celebrate these accomplishments in dance.

Performances are Thursday, Dec. 7, Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jenkins Theatre of the Fine Arts Center. Admission to the production is \$5 for the general public and \$4 for UWSP students with ID and youths under 18. Tickets are available at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office in the Quandt Gym or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or at the door.



## Taste of the Town

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR



### Isamu Sushi

1312 Church St.  
(downtown Stevens Point, left off of  
Main St. right before Shopko)

My roommate and I wanted to try something new, and someone recommended Isamu Sushi to me a few weeks ago. So, we both rushed over between our afternoon and night classes.

The setting was very interesting. I am not quite aware of Japanese decor, but everything looked really authentic, and we both found it to be a pleasant atmosphere. We were both surprised when a man asked if we wanted to sit upstairs or downstairs. Of course we went upstairs because most restaurants don't have a second floor. The atmosphere was quite nice up here as well. There weren't many diners in while we ate, so it was quiet.

Our waitress was extremely friendly. Neither of us had tried anything like this before, and she was never condescending or rude to either of us.

I ordered vegetable tempura, and my roommate ate vegetable and noodle hibachi. We both drank iced teas, and soup and salad came along with our meals. We're not quite sure what was on the salad or what tempura or hibachi is, but the food was quite good. Our bill was \$25.21, a fairly reasonable price for the amount of food we received.

This was a really neat place, and I would recommend it for a date or something new to try.

OVERALL RATING: \*\*\* 1/2

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# How to help a friend with a drinking problem

By Tracy Nolan  
FEATURES REPORTER

"Helping a friend with a drinking problem" was sponsored by the Counseling Center on Friday.

Each of the 12 million problem drinkers in this country affects four other people including friends, family members and co-workers. So when exactly does it become a problem?

There are several obvious signs that you can watch out for: drinking to get drunk or until passing out, drinking before class or before driving, missing class or not studying because of drinking, experiencing blackouts or memory losses, having health problems, bruises and cuts, often sick or experiencing changes in personality.

If a friend has exhibited any of these symptoms, it is important to note that you can help. First, decide to do something. Don't keep it a secret.

Try to ask non-threatening questions and don't attack or get revenge for all of the pain you might be feeling. Know your limits and don't approach your friend when she/he is drunk. Attempt to make your friend see what you see. Be specific and let them know what effects their drinking has had.

You will also need to be prepared for a number of responses. Your friend may become very upset and defensive or might think that you are overreacting. Do everything to remain calm and objective, and do not take any comments made to you personally.

Finally, be ready to make a commitment. If they respond positively, don't let them do it alone. You could start by referring them to the Counseling Center found on the third floor of Delzell Hall for an alcohol screening. It is confidential and free of charge.

If they respond negatively, make the commitment to try again another time. Don't become a caretaker; just try to be a supportive friend.

Take care of yourself, too. All the worrying, concern, frustration and stress that you may feel can affect you in a negative way. Don't go through it alone.



## spotlight trivia

Like movies and entertainment? Give our spotlight trivia a try.

1. Which film did not win an Oscar for Best Picture?  
a. Kramer vs. Kramer  
b. On the Waterfront  
c. Apollo 13  
d. The English Patient
2. Who was Al Gore's roommate in college?  
a. Jerry Seinfeld  
b. Tommy Lee Jones  
c. Harrison Ford  
d. Bill Clinton
3. Six degrees of separation: Connect these entertainers-- Billy Bob Thornton and Kate Winslet.  
a. Jerry Seinfeld  
b. Tommy Lee Jones  
c. Harrison Ford  
d. Bill Clinton
4. Who played Cyrus 'The Virus' Grissom in 1997's Con Air?  
a. Nicholas Cage  
b. John Cusack  
c. Albert Finney  
d. John Malkovich

# I Stand Before You Naked to premier at UWSP

By Amy Zepnick  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Bare, exposed, vulnerable.... *I Stand Before You Naked* by Joyce Carol Oates strips down the lives of ten women suffering through extreme crises. Oates's collage play will come to life Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in the Studio Theatre of the Fine Arts Building.

Directed by Phyllis O'Hara with Samuel French Inc., *I Stand Before You Naked* is a ten-monologue play telling stories of life in extreme circumstances.

"There's an anorexic girl," Lindsay Verstegen, participating actress, said. "There's a girl who's pregnant and not married. One is insane. They are basically putting their lives out there in hopes that someone in the audience will identify."

The event is sponsored by the Players Organization, which puts on four shows a year. O'Hara's piece was chosen after submitting the idea to the executive board last spring.

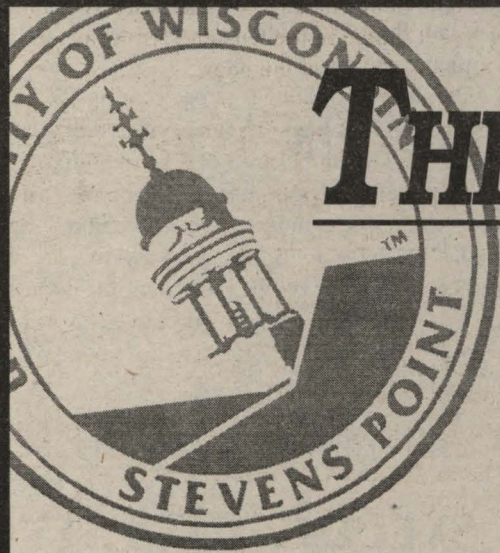
"I chose this play because this isn't just about women," O'Hara said. "It's about people. It is heavy at times, but there are parts when it is light and funny. If you go in with an open mind of enjoying stories, it's a very accessible piece."

Because of the open auditions, the play allowed for aspiring actors and actresses throughout campus to test their talent.

"This play gives me good experience," Verstegen said. "Classical musicals are light and this is very dark and serious. It's the first dark role I've ever played."

*I Stand Before You Naked* takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for non-students, \$3 with student ID.

"The whole thing has been rewarding," O'Hara said. "I want the audience to connect. I hope it is a very positive experience for those who come."



# THE WEEK IN POINT!

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

CP!-Center Stage Presents: "AFTER IMAGES' SNEAK PREVIEW, 12:00 Noon, The Encore, UC  
Basketball, Lawrence University, 7:00 PM (Appleton)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

CP!-Special Events Presents: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOW w/DAVE RUDOLF, 7:00 PM, The Encore, UC  
CP! Cinema: Rules of Engagement, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM, 073, DeBot Center

Swimming, Wheaton Invitational (Wheaton, IL)  
Wom. VB, NCAA Semifinals

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Wom. Basketball, Marian College, 6:30PM (Fond du Lac)  
CP! Concerts Presents: THE WALLFLOWERS, 7:30 PM, Quandt Fieldhouse  
Swimming, UW-Oshkosh Inv. (Diving) at Oshkosh  
Swimming, Wheaton Invitational (Wheaton, IL)  
Wom. VB, NCAA Finals

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Basketball, Mt. Senario College, 7:00 PM (H)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

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



## Women's soccer falls in national semifinal

Overtime goal pushes Tufts past Point, 1-0

By Mike Peck  
SPORTS EDITOR

"One moment cannot define a season."

These were the words stated by the UW-Stevens Point Assistant Women's Soccer Coach Larry Leton, after the Pointer's season came to an abrupt end in the national semifinals.

The ladies' dream season ended in overtime at the hands of Tufts University, 1-0.

"It was special, and having this team get to the next level was great for the program," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "It takes a lot of special players and a great assistant coach to get them to this level."

The Pointers and Jumbos played even soccer for the 90-minute regulation playing into a scoreless tie, sending the game into overtime.

UWSP fended off a pair of Tufts scoring chances in the second half as the women were stuck playing into the wind.

The Pointers then lost the coin toss before the overtime period and had to play into the wind for the 15-minute overtime period.

"You can't ever blame a single on an outcome of the game," said senior Marie Muhvic. "It was difficult to play but you can't blame wind on the outcome."

The Pointers were just 3:30 away from sending the game into a second overtime when the Jumbos got a break.

But a questionable call gave Tufts a free kick from the corner of the goalie box and a golden opportunity to seal the victory.

Becky Mann's free kick

appeared to sail into the arms of UWSP goaltender Abby Rabinovitz. But Rabinovitz, who was unable to control the initial kick was abruptly tossed aside and Lynn Cooper was on the doorstep to knock home the game winner and a ticket to the National Championship.

Tufts would fall to the College of New Jersey the following day in the National Championship game 2-1.

Although the loss was disappointing for the Pointers, the team was satisfied with the outcome.

"You couldn't ask for a better year as a senior," said Muhvic. "I think it was great for us because we were so unsure at the start of the season. We had to work together and we kept getting better as the season progressed."

"I think that it was a surprise to most people," commented Miech. "Sometimes when you have nine seniors you wouldn't expect to do as well as the previous year. It was an incredible ride."

With a season filled with so many accomplishments and memories it will be hard for the Pointers to duplicate the success that they displayed this season.

"It will be a challenge to the players next year to get the level where we were at this year," said Miech. "It is extremely difficult to get to the top, but staying there is even tougher."

The Pointers will lose four accomplished seniors in Muhvic, Rabinovitz, Jenny Schmidt and Margaret Domka, but will return a team that now has valuable post season experience.

"We were so close this year and those last couple road trips

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## Basketball teams stay undefeated

Pointer men too much for Marian and Edgewood

By Nick Brilowski  
SPORTS EDITOR

Not all precincts may be reporting, but early results indicate that the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team is picking up right where it left off.

Fresh off the heels of a 25-5 season and a WIAC championship, the Pointers find themselves with an unblemished 5-0 record following wins over Marian College and Edgewood College over the weekend.

One year after being upset by Edgewood on their home court, the Pointers made sure there would be no such repeat Sunday afternoon, disposing of the Eagles, 82-64.

UWSP, and namely Joe Zuiker, closed out a tight first half with a 7-0 run over the final two minutes to take a 37-28 lead into the lockerroom. Zuiker scored all seven of the points during the run and 13 of his team-high 17 in the opening half.

Edgewood, however, was able to hang with Point until 11 minutes remained, when UWSP used a 12-1 run to break the game open.

The hosts enjoyed a dominating 50-25 advantage in rebounds, including 11 by Rich Steif, but the Pointers also turned the ball over 21 times, compared to just 10 for the Eagles.

On Saturday evening, UWSP played host to a fellow undefeated team in Marian, but again used a second half surge to wear down the Sabres, 71-57.

"Probably both games this weekend we didn't come out as surely and strongly, but we finished up strong," said Head Coach Jack Bennet.

The Pointers came out flat and saw Marion race out to a 27-17 lead with four minutes remaining in the first half. However, UWSP closed the half on a 11-2 run to trim the Sabres' lead to 29-28 at the intermission.

Marian trailed by just two, 49-47, with 10 minutes to go in the game, but strong free throw shoot-

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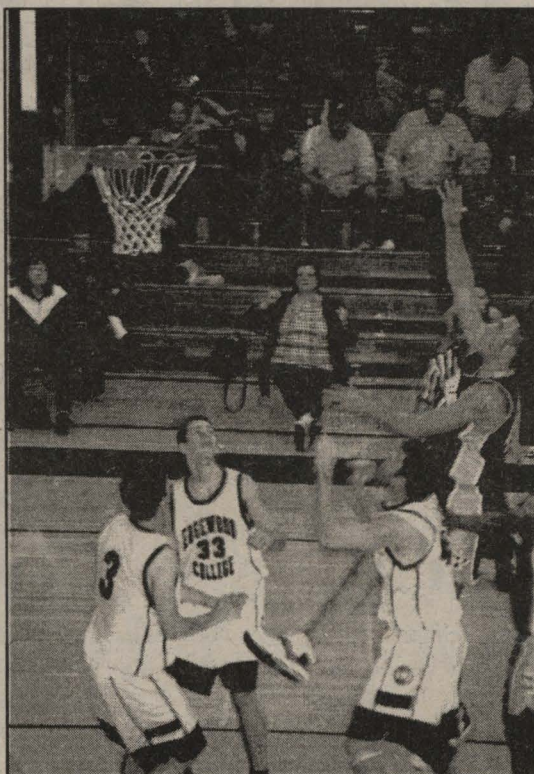


Photo by Renee Eismueller

UWSP forward Rich Steif shoots over a pair Edgewood defenders on Sunday.

Women move to 5-0 with 72-59 win over Ripon

By Michelle Tesmer  
SPORTS REPORTER

Off to a 5-0 start, the women's basketball team at UW-Stevens Point is trying to defy the odds that are usually associated with a ranking of 6th in the conference. The Pointers have stifled teams with tough defense and an offense that is coming together at the start of the young season.

UWSP used a strong effort to close out the opening half Wednesday night as they cruised to a 72-59 victory over Ripon College.

The Pointers used a 21-9 run to end the first half behind five three-

point baskets, including three by Nikki Seaman.

Kari Groshek led UWSP with 16 points and the Pointers forced 28 Ripon turnovers.

Coach Shirley Egner is optimistic when it comes to looking ahead, and these first few games have only encouraged that.

"Our team goal is to challenge for a championship, and I really think that is a realistic goal," said Egner. "Our depth is a crucial factor. We don't have that drop off in talent."

The Pointers looked to avenge a loss from last season when they battled Wisconsin Lutheran, an NCAA tournament qualifier last year. The defense stole the show, limiting the hosts to 27 percent shooting in the 54-38 victory.

Groshek had a huge game, scoring 27 points and hauling in seven rebounds after not playing most of last season because of a knee injury.

"Our defense is by far ahead of our offense where we are a couple of weeks behind," Egner stated. "We have to figure out how to play with Groshek in the lineup again and look for her offensively. Our perimeter players have to refocus, because (Jessica) Ott's not on the floor. We are gelling, but we still have work to do."

Point will travel to Marion College Saturday before hosting UW-Whitewater on Wednesday.

## Men's hockey win streak hits five

UWSP wins a pair in NY over the weekend

By Mike Peck  
SPORTS EDITOR

An argument often made in Division III hockey is that the East coast schools have been given the upper edge over the Midwest schools when the NCAA tournament time roles around.

Well the UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team are trying to put those rumors to sleep as they swept away a pair of easterners over the weekend and face off with two national powers at home this weekend.

The men traveled to Elmira, New York to face Elmira College and Williams College (MA) in a holiday tournament.

"There weren't any distrac-

tions for us," said head coach Joe Baldarotta. "We went out there for one reason and one reason only and that was to win two hockey games."

The Pointers mission started off on the right foot Saturday against Elmira, as the Pointers took home the opener 6-4.

"Elmira was the best team that we have faced so far this season," commented Baldarotta. "Our offense has been on track all season and you have to do all the little things to win and we're doing that right now."

Ryan Maxson and Zenon Kochan put the Pointers on the board in the first period as the teams headed into the lockerroom tied 2-2.

The teams were still tied up once again as they took the ice in the third period 4-4 before

Mikhail Salienko beat goaltender Rob Ligas for the eventual game winner just 2:26 into the third frame.

"We gave up four goals and we still ended up winning," said Baldarotta. "But our defense stepped up when they needed to. We played good hockey."

"I'm not putting any emphasis on scoring goals, but just playing good hockey."

The Pointers (6-2 overall) then had to square off against Williams College on Sunday before the return ride home.

Maxson and Kochan continued their scoring barrage as Maxson lit the lamps twice as he has scored in five straight games and already has 10 on the season.

Kochan meanwhile has seven goals on the season but has

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## The Week Ahead...

**Men's Basketball:** At Lawrence University, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Mount Senario College, Monday, 7 p.m.; At UW-Whitewater, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Women's Basketball:** At Marian College, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; UW-Whitewater, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Men's Hockey:** Middlebury College (Vt.), Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Norwich College (Vt.), Saturday, 8 p.m.

**Women's Hockey:** St. Mary's (Minn.), Friday, 5 p.m.; At St. Mary's (Minn.), Saturday, 2 p.m.

**Swimming:** At Wheaton Invitational, Friday and Saturday.

**Diving:** At UW-Oshkosh, Saturday.

**Wrestling:** At UW-Parkside Open, Saturday, 9 a.m.

*All Home Games in Bold*

## Women harriers 9th at Nationals

### Drake leads Point men with 3rd place finish

By Mike Peck  
SPORTS EDITOR

During Rick Witt's stint as head coach for the UW-Stevens Point cross-country team, he has had the privilege of coaching some of the best Division III runners ever to lace up racing spikes.

Another ran his final race at the national meet on November 18, while possibilities of a new era might have been born.

Jesse Drake placed third for the Pointers at the national meet in time of 25:01 after losing contact with eventual national champ Tim McCoskey (24:47) of North Central College.

"The only reason that he finished third is because he ran to win and not to finish second," said Witt. "He accomplished his goal for where he wanted to place."

Drake and McCoskey had pulled away from the field with about a mile to go when Drake tried to break McCoskey.

"I went for the win so I guess I'm satisfied," said Drake. "Obviously it would have been nice to win but considering what happened third in the nation is alright."

"A couple of years ago, I wouldn't have thought that I would be up this far so it was a good way to go out."

But McCoskey, who finished second in last year's meet, was able to fend off Drake and take home the victory after Drake slipped and fell at the start of the race.

Most of the golf course in Spokane, Washington, was covered in snow, and as the gun went off, Drake went down.

"I thought just get up right away and don't panic," replied Drake. "I knew that I had to get out and weave through the people to get into position."

"You have to consider that (Arnie Shroeder) won nationals, (Tom Morris) got second, now we've had a couple get third," replied Witt. "Plus there isn't any more then five guys that have

ever won two conference titles, so he's put himself into an elite class."

A flash of the future was also on display for the only other representative for the men's squad as freshman Curt Johnson competed at nationals.

"Our goal for him was to be one of the top freshmen and finish in the top 50," said Witt.

Johnson accomplished the top freshman honors and placed 59th in a time of 26:03 and gained valuable experience for a very young Pointer team.

"I'm excited for what we have next year," said Witt. "I think we got a lot of experience this year and that is what hurt us this year."

The UWSP women's cross country team was making their second straight trip to the NCAA's and were looking to put the finishing touches on an already very exciting season.

The ladies placed ninth overall and came away with a pair of All-Americans in Becky Lebak and Leah Juno.

"We were ranked 10th and initially we were disappointed," said Head Coach Len Hill. "I'd say the team ran well and Becky ran about as good a race as she could have at this point of her career."

Lebak finished in eighth place in a time of 18:19 to lead the ladies. Juno picked up her second straight All-American award as she crossed the line in 18:26 placing her 16th overall.

One of the most critical aspects of a national meet is getting out hard ahead of the pack and Hill recognized this during the men's race.

"A big fear was having someone fall at the start of the race as Jesse did in the other race," replied Hill. "My biggest concern going into the race was getting into position at the start."

"Everybody was where I wanted them to be and it was just a matter of holding onto those positions."

Unfortunately for the ladies those positions weren't held and the second pack faded into the middle of the competition.

Marcie Fischer, April Halkowski and Erin Dowgwillo rounded out the top five for the Pointers, as they will hope to regroup for another run at nationals next season.

"It will be nice having Becky back plus we have three others with national meet experience," said Hill. "So I am excited about next year."

The women will return four out, of their top seven for next years squad.

### Block #2

#### Intramural Rankings

Through 11/28/00

##### Men's Basketball

1. Bigger is Better
2. X
3. OffXVI
4. Dom's Dudes
5. A Full Case

##### Coed Indoor Volleyball

1. Delaney's
2. The Swirlies
3. Hanson Hell Raisers
4. Champagne Sepernova
5. Alabama Slammers

##### Coed Indoor Soccer

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

##### Women's Basketball

1. Returners
2. T-bone Playas
3. All Stars

##### Women's Indoor Volleyball

1. Ferocious Frolickers
2. Alabama Slammers
3. Six Pack

##### Trench "Dodge Ball"

1. Mad Bombers
2. Wolf Pack
3. Shockers

##### Street Hockey

1. Rockstars
2. The Sea Donkeys
3. Pantee Snappers

##### Ultimate Frisbee

1. Gravitrans
2. HO2O
3. Not All There

##### Badminton

1. Indianesia
2. Bye-Bye
3. Russia with Love

#### Bored Over Winter Break?

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## Soccer

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pulled together even more," said Muhvic. "We have a lot of underclassmen who work so hard and know their roles."

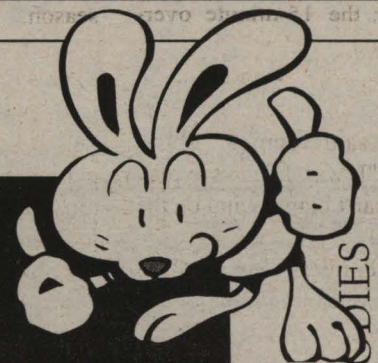
Some of the accomplishments for the women this season include their ninth straight WIAC title, first ever trip to the national semifinals, seven all-conference players, Miech named coach of the year, Muhvic breaking the UWSP all-time scoring record and Molly Cady setting an NCAA tournament single game record with five assist just to name a few.

It is obvious that just one moment won't define the 2000 Pointer women soccer season.

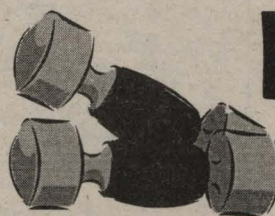
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# Anybody seen any open water?

By Ryan Naidl

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I must admit that I am a die hard of sorts when it comes to open water fishing. With the temperatures dipping again below that magical 32 degree mark, I find myself cringing as I think of my favorite lakes and rivers becoming covered with that dreaded substance we call ice. I'd rather be forced to watch continuous reruns of Golden Girls for weeks straight than have to put my open water fishing gear in hibernation for the winter. It is a sad reality that comes all too quickly each year.

There have been times I have tried to dodge the bullet, so to say, when it comes to extending my open water fishing season.

A dam on one of the rivers I fish near Manitowoc keeps a small stretch of water opened all winter. Last year, this spot became my oasis in a desert of ice-covered lakes and rivers, and I fished it throughout winter

break. There were a few lake-run brown trout biting near the dam, but, looking back on it, the attempt does seem a bit outrageous.

I probably should have given up after I had to use a rock to crack the lid off of my jar of spawn sacks because the lid had frozen on to the jar. Never really remember that happening on any of my warmer weather fishing outings.



But the fact still remains: ice fishing is not open water fishing. These are two completely different sports with completely different styles, techniques and rituals. A game of snow football, for example, is not a common occurrence for the average open water angler, while many ice fishermen swear by this tradition. Still, while ice fishing maybe a replacement for some, for me it merely numbs the pain.

Usually around mid December each year, however, I remember the words of King Solomon and later, the hit musical group of the 70's, The Birds who said, "To everything there is a

*Learn to embrace the change of seasons and ice fishing could take on a whole new meaning for you this year*

Don't get me wrong, it's not that I having anything against the wintertime replacement for fishing, that of ice fishing. I have grown to possess a deep respect for this sport and I do regularly participate in this activity throughout the winter season.

over my post open water fishing depression comes only when I realize that I must embrace change instead of fighting it while trying to crack the lid off a jar of spawn sacks.

Learn to understand that winter was most likely designed so that we wouldn't take open water fishing for granted. Also, if there were no winters, anglers everywhere would have no reason to take that last trip up to the cabin or bring their boat out one last time. We would become too lethargic without the never-ending threat of the impending winter looming over us.

So this year, if you find yourself sitting over a hole in the ice longing for the days of summer, be thankful for the valuable lessons winter has taught you.

## Ancient Redwood "Luna" illegally cut and in danger

The small hamlet of Stafford, Calif., is the site of a landslide that originated on PL/Maxxam land that destroyed seven family homes.

Stafford is also home to the Stafford Giant, an ancient redwood tree now known to the world as Luna. The tree was named Luna by forest activists who used the light of the full moon to rig a treesitting platform 180 feet high in the redwood in October 1997.

On Dec. 10, 1997, Julia Butterfly Hill climbed into the tree to protect the magnificent redwood and to help make the world aware of the plight of the ancient forests. From her perch she performed a tremendous outreach to politicians, religious leaders, school children and citizens worldwide.

After two years of risking her life, Hill, with the help of members of the US Steelworkers of America and other forest activists, successfully negotiated the permanent protection of Luna and a nearly three-acre buffer zone. The tree was protected by a Deed of Covenant, similar to a conservation easement that is held by the land trust Sanctuary Forest.

The Luna Preservation Agreement, signed by Hill and PL/Maxxam Corp., was designed to protect Luna permanently so the tree could live for another millennium. On Thanksgiving weekend it was discovered that a critical cut had been made into Luna by a large chainsaw.

The perpetrator made one deep and precise cut that went through a significant portion of the tree. While the tree is still alive and standing, Luna is extremely vulnerable to a windstorm. Judging from the precision of the cut and the fresh sawdust, the criminal action appears to have been committed by an experienced treefaller within the last few days.

Hill was devastated to learn of the injury to Luna, "Luna is the greatest teacher and best

friend I have ever had. I gave two years of my life to ensure that she could live and die naturally. But two years is nothing compared to the thousand years she has lived, providing shelter, moisture and oxygen to forest inhabitants. It kills me that the last three percent of the ancient



Photo by Earth Films 2000

*The base of the giant old-growth Redwood "Luna" and her newly acquired wound.*

redwoods are being desecrated. I feel this vicious attack on Luna as surely as if the chainsaw was going through me. Words cannot express the deep sorrow that I am experiencing but I am as committed as ever to do everything in my power to protect Luna and the remaining ancient forests."

Circle of Life Foundation and Sanctuary Forest are researching what can be done to stabilize the critically-injured tree.

There is a criminal investigation at the crime site for clues as to harmed this permanently protected tree. The forests surrounding Luna are sacrifice zones that were not protected under the Headwaters Forest Agreement.

Other sacrifice zones include the old-growth Douglas fir forests on Rainbow Ridge in the Mattole River watershed. Police convoys are actively trying to stop forest activists from defending these forested steep slopes that are slated to be clearcut during this rainy season.

The group's website can be viewed at: <http://www.earth-films.org/luna.html>. Look for a follow up to this story in next week's edition of *The Pointer*.

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Have any great ideas for the Outdoors section? E-mail them to Steve at [sseam113@uwsp.edu](mailto:sseam113@uwsp.edu) or Ryan at [rnaid163@uwsp.edu](mailto:rnaid163@uwsp.edu). We always accept contributions-articles or photos!



## 2000 brings record deer hunting results

A preliminary call-in tally of registration stations across the state shows hunters taking a record 437,737 deer during the recently completed nine-day gun deer hunt.

"This is an extraordinary season. All in all it was a great hunt, some of the best conditions I've seen in Wisconsin," said Bill Mytton, chief deer and bear ecologist for the Department of Natural Resources.

"The huge herd, the extended gun seasons, the free antlerless tags and a Zone T hunt that included three-quarters of the state: all are either new or tremendous expansions of previous seasons."

With many hunters saying conditions on opening weekend were the best they'd seen in years, harvest numbers were up right from the start. The preliminary call-in count from opening weekend totaled 200,206, up over eight percent from the previous record opener and added to the over 67,000 deer registered in the October Zone T hunt. A total of 389,904 deer were harvested during the 1999 gun deer season, which was the previous record.

Even with the record nine-day harvest, future seasons will probably see a high number of deer management units with early Zone T hunts, according to Mytton, since this continues to be one of the most effective tools wildlife managers have in con-

trolling deer populations.

"The season's not over yet," Mytton said, "but we have seen the biggest part of it."

The muzzleloader season that runs through Dec. 3 could add another 3,000 or so animals to the count, and then a late antlerless Zone T gun hunt from Dec. 7 to 10 will increase the total also.

The 2000 season also saw an increase in disease sampling at registration stations by the DNR Wildlife Health Team and volunteers who were stationed at nine registration stations opening weekend screening for three persistent or potentially devastating diseases in deer—bovine tuberculosis, chronic wasting disease and brain abscesses.

"I think there's greater hunter awareness of diseases in deer than in the past," said DNR Veterinarian Julie Langenberg, VMD. "We're getting more questions in general regarding specific diseases and symptoms hunters may have observed. The good news is we didn't see evidence or hear comments from hunters or wildlife managers that would cause us to believe that either bovine tuberculosis or chronic wasting disease are in our wild herds in Wisconsin."

"Most of our sampling stations reported cases, and we received phone calls from hunters and biologists, of deer with a gooey discharge around

the eyes—potentially one of the symptoms of brain abscesses," said Barb Walser, DNR wildlife health technician. "But, these animals didn't have any of the other common symptoms such as discharge at the base of the antlers or erratic behavior associated with this disease, so we are not sure yet what percentage of deer with eye discharge really have the brain abscess disease. Most of the hunters are asking whether it is safe to eat the meat from these deer. Cooking kills the bacteria that causes brain abscesses, so the meat from even the deer truly affected with brain abscesses is safe to eat if it is thoroughly cooked."

A number of deer were observed with hair loss and small scabby skin lesions that were probably due to external parasites like ticks or mites. The occurrence of these problems could possibly be due to the extended warm fall, according to Langenberg. In the past, deer were sampled for deer ticks but not this year.

"And I want to thank the folks from the USDA-Veterinary Services, the UW-Stevens Point wildlife management program, the UW-Madison veterinary and wildlife management programs, the USGS-National Wildlife Health Laboratory and field and central office DNR wildlife bureau staff for helping with the sampling," said Langenberg.

## TOP 10 SIGHTS AND SOUNDS FROM THE 2000 DEER HUNTING SEASON

- 1) "The only deer I saw all weekend long was the one standing on the side of the road while I was driving back to my house."
- 2) "What did YOU shoot last weekend?"
- 3) A dead buck on the back of a BMW from Illinois.
- 4) "Hey, ya shot my cow!"
- 5) Seeing two bucks on a trailer at a gas station, staring me in the eye with their big tongue sticking out at me.
- 6) "How many times have YOU heard 'Terdy Point Buck' this weekend?" I've only heard it like three times."
- 7) A continuation of number six: hearing ANY line from the deer hunter's national anthem, "Terdy Point Buck" by Bananas at Large. (Runner's up goes to "Second Week of Deer Camp" by Da Yoopers.)
- 8) "This weekend I'm gonna shoot some deers and drink some beers."
- 9) A nice dead buck on top of a mini-van, stiff as can be, placed with it's legs up in the air just like a dog sprawled out on it's back. Funny stuff, maybe you just had to be there.
- 10) "They should just cancel Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday classes for all CNR students since nobody is here anyways. That way all the hunters would have ALL of deer season off."

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Hockey

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scored a point in every game this season.

Ernie Thorpe and Nick Glander also found the back of the net as the Pointers won convincingly 5-1 over Williams.

Dave Cinelli also stopped 40 shots on the night for the Pointers.

The Pointers will now bring a five game win streak into a week-end series that will feature 10 out of the last 12 national champions.

"These games are no more important then games that we have played or will play after this weekend," replied Baldarotta.

On Friday, Middlebury College (Vt.), which coming into last season was five-time defending national champs, will bring an undefeated record to the K.B. Willet Arena.

"Middlebury is very fast and can beat you to lose pucks," said Baldarotta. "But we knew this last year when we went out there and we beat them."

Middlebury knocked off then number one ranked Plattsburgh and has yet to give up a goal this season.

Then on Saturday Norwich University (Vt.), the defending national champions from a year ago, will make the trip to Point.

The Pointers will drop the puck at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, following the women's matchup against St. Mary's, and 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Basketball

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ing down the stretch buoyed the Pointers.

UWSP hit on all 19 of their attempts from the charity stripe in the second half to defeat the defending Lake Michigan Conference champions.

Josh Iserloth led Point in scoring with 20, while frontline mate Zuiker chipped in with 15 as the two big men are looking to fill the void left by All-American Brant Bailey

"If [Zuiker] plays like that and Josh lets the game come to him and Rich keeps playing like he has, then we will be solid," said Bennett.

The Pointers return to action Thursday night when they travel to Lawrence University.

Sweatshops

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manufactures that practice sweatshop labor.

"The University Center was going against the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) in supporting sweatshops by allowing this to happen," said Baeten.

UWSP signed onto the WRC last April. The WRC is a watchdog organization that supports compliance with licensed production codes of conduct that ensure the basic rights of workers. Currently, 66 colleges are members of the WRC.

By becoming a member of the WRC, the university has agreed to sell licensed apparel only from companies that practice fair labor standards. So far the university bookstore has received responses from 17 vendors that are in compliance with the WRC

human rights abuses when found or known."

However, when members of Women in Communication were planning the sale they were unaware of the code of conduct.

"We went through the whole process of Conference and Reservation and through the Student Involvement Office, and we thought we had everything cleared," said Eva McGillivray, president of Women in Communication. "We were never told anything about the WRC."

Although the jeans sale did not reflect UWSP's code of conduct, university administrators feel that because the apparel did not have any licensed UWSP logos, the jeans sale did not violate the WRC.

"Our responsibility at the university is to educate students so that they can make informed decisions," said Assistant Chancellor Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson.

Tomlinson said that he did not feel that the university could strictly enforce the code of conduct without infringing on the rights of student organizations.

"I think that all groups need to take the step to inform themselves of what is going on in campus and what their vendors are doing outside of campus," said Professor Bryan Brophy-Baermann, co-chair of a committee that monitors WRC and other labor and human rights issues on campus.

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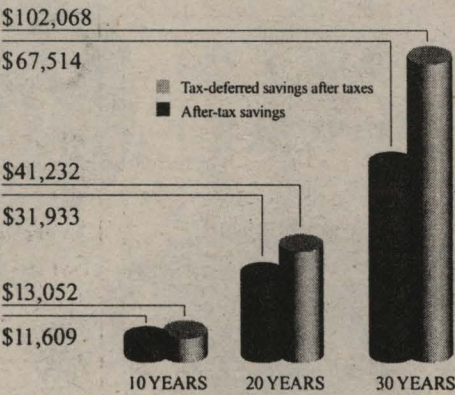
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## Letters From the Edge of the World

### The Practice of the Prank

By Pat "Ego" Rothfuss

*It grows when you stroke it*

Dear Pat:

I was deeply saddened this fall when the thought hit me--no more College Survival Guide. Imagine my excitement when, out of sheer habit, I turned to the back of The Pointer and found Pat's words of wisdom. I was quick to point your articles out to all. Being a CA, I figured what better way to introduce my freshmen residents to some truly thought provoking college insight.

Anyway, the thought hit me--fill your bulletin board with all of last year's Survival Guides. One trip to archives and my days of dealing with others problems and concerns are over. A student with scheduling concerns, go read "How to build a better schedule" or guys and girls not understanding each other, check out "Relationships: You can't always get what you want." Others were fascinated with your insight into JoBeth. The list goes on... See, no more work for me and all thanks to you Pat.

A request of my residents is for an article on Pat's tips to residence hall pranking. Mainly they are looking for ideas and/or do's and don'ts.

Thanks again for lessening my workload and for continuing to shape young minds...

-John Amdahl

Well, I love having my ego stroked as much as the next guy. Ah hell, who am I kidding? I love it. That's why I still write this column: the adoration of the masses.

But damn John. I mean, you have to be careful. You could sprain yourself kissing that much Rothfuss ass. I mean, if I've really done so much to ease your CA burden, just cut me in for a percentage of whatever you earn. No need to get all sycophantic.

But, since you asked so nicely, here's your prank column:

My taste in pranks runs to the eccentric. In my opinion, why bother with a prank if it isn't going to be grandiose and wonderful.

For instance, some people would consider drawing on a drunk friend with a marker a 'prank.' It's not. Neither is catching one of your friends while he's asleep, tying him up, stripping him naked and leaving him in the Pray-Sims front lobby. This is just mindless cruelty disguised as a prank.

Why? Well, those sort of pranks are only "fun" for the pranksters. I put fun in quotes because in my opinion, if you get some sort of joy from other people's unhappiness then you've got a real abhorrent personality trait and I hesitate to classify your perverted pleasure alongside the good-natured, bizarre "fun" that a well-planned prank can provide.

I've always had three rules when it comes to practical jokes.

#### 1) No Permanent Damage.

While this is a good rule to live your life by, it's doubly true of pranks. Now, permanent damage can occur in many ways. Physical injury is the most obvious. Don't do pranks that hurt people or that might lead to being hurt. This seems like common sense, but it's easy to get caught up in a cool idea and decide to climb onto a roof or pour a bucket of goat blood off an overpass or point your pellet gun at a cop.

However, other types of damage are equally important. Psychological damage counts, and in those cases where you're not sure if you might cause permanent damage it's always important to err on the side of caution. What you consider a funny prank might prove to be someone else's terrifying psychotic episode. If you aren't sure what category your idea falls under, make sure you get a second, (and maybe a third or fourth) opinion.

Lastly comes property damage. It's one thing to tempera paint a large piece of public statuary. It's another thing entirely to spray paint it. Not only is permanent property damage terribly impolite, it puts you on better legal footing so that...

#### 2) No one Goes to Jail.

Good pranks usually don't involve any serious lawbreaking beyond a little clandestine trespassing. Ideally, you want to brag about your prank. But after word goes around, you don't want the police knocking on your door, asking about a wheelbarrow of human feces that ended up in the municipal pool.

Additionally, if the cops happen to catch you while you're in the middle of something, you don't want to get hauled away. The cleverness of your prank can help you out in this situation. If they catch you rearranging your neighbor's lawn ornaments so the ceramic reindeer appear to be carnally engaged with the pottery gnomes, the cops are generally going to be much less likely to arrest you than if they catch you breaking windshields with a hammer.

#### 3) The prank must be brilliant and eccentric.

My rule of thumb to determine if my prank fits this rule is to ask myself the following question. "Would a group of drunk frat boys do this?" If the answer is yes, then my prank is obviously not up to snuff.

It is important to consider what you want your audience's reaction to be. Surprise isn't high on the list, you can surprise people by jumping out from behind a door. There's no style to that, no class.

You want people to see what you've done and say, "Wow." Better yet, you want them to be confused, amused and amazed all at the same time.

Here are a couple examples of pranks I've never managed to pull off:

I always wanted to rent a zamboni and

use it to polish up the sundial in the middle of the night during the winter. So when everyone went to class the next day it would be a huge, flat sheet of ice. (Note: one of the reasons I never pursued this one too far was the potential injury of falling students.)

I always wanted to put a big pair of pants on the Da vinci man on the CNR mural (with care not to damage the mural, of course.)

I always wanted to find out the schedule of the parking services guy, and precede him/her through their route, putting nickels in all the expired meters. Preferably I'd do this dressed as a mime.

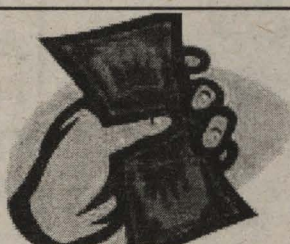
I always wanted to put a bunch of arrows all over the sidewalks on campus. They would wend several separate circuitous routes through Stevens Point, eventually converging in some fairly remote location. Then I'd rent one of those port-a-toilets, put it there, and sit in it all day waiting for people to stop by and open the door. I don't know what I'd do when they opened the door. But you have to admit, no matter what I did it couldn't help but be funny.

I always wanted to paint that big black statue in front of the library some bright color (tempera paint, of course.) Maybe a nice sky-blue. Then I'd cover it in glitter. Wouldn't that be a sight to see....

*Something going on that pisses you off? Do you lack the words to describe the far-flung boundaries of your bitter rage? Drop me an E-mail (proth@wsunix.wsu.edu) If your topic pisses me off too, I'll give the powers that be such a vigorous tongue-lashing that they'll cry like kittens in a tilt-a-whirl. Remember, sometimes if you bitch loudly enough, things get fixed.*



## Ways I would have spent \$100



By Sasha Bartick  
Arts and Review Editor

I would imagine that the general feeling of the student body regarding the debut of our friendly registration deposit (meant of course, to better we, the students in every possible aspect) is similar to mine, when I say that its arrival had particularly unpleasant timing.

Right now I, and quite possibly many others are wishing that the \$100 was in our pocket books, not inside a cash register in the Student "Services" building.

I know that if that cash were returned to me tomorrow, I would be going grocery shopping, because right now my cupboards are empty but for the jar of dried beans and dwindling stack of ramen noodles. Soon, the all time low is bound to hit and I will be forced to eat ice cubes because that's all I will have left. Bon Appetite...

I would be able to go Christmas shopping. As it stands, I will have to buy a family pack of Twizlers

and give each of my friends and family members one piece, along with the humble apology, "I had some money a couple of weeks ago, but I used it to buy the Bursars Office the satisfaction of taking my last cent." Merry Christmas...

I would have my water turned back on. When given the option of losing water or gas, I chose water because at least when it snows I am able to melt the snow on my stove in order to drink and bathe. I've never prayed so much for snow...

I would put gas in my car. Right now, it sits immobile in my driveway, the gas tank likely frozen solid. By the time I have the money to fill the tank, chances are it will require a new battery, and \$100 in winter damages. Bon Voyage...

So to all of the angst filled individuals who feel my pain, just know that I feel yours as well. We are the ones who are doing all of this to better our selves for the future. And just think, when our tuition bills roll around, they will be \$100 less than they should be. Isn't that splendid!

## CD REVIEWS

By Shannon Marsh  
Computer Director-90FM

**Everclear**  
*Songs From an American Movie*  
*Volume Two: Good Time For a Bad Attitude*

*Songs From an American Movie Volume One* was full of great hits, and continues to impress me every time I hear it. Now, *Volume Two* has been released and is ready to kick some ass, too. Don't expect much pop and sugar coated melodies, though.

This time around, lead singer and songwriter is pissed off and ready to tell the world about it. Alexakis wails about not wanting to be a loser anymore, "Rock Star" being lost in the dark, "Out of my Depth," and being all f\*cked up, "All F\*\*\*ed Up."

The album is definitely more guitar driven and heavy, but it's still got the Everclear seasoning, which guarantees a great album.

**Me, Myself & Irene Soundtrack**

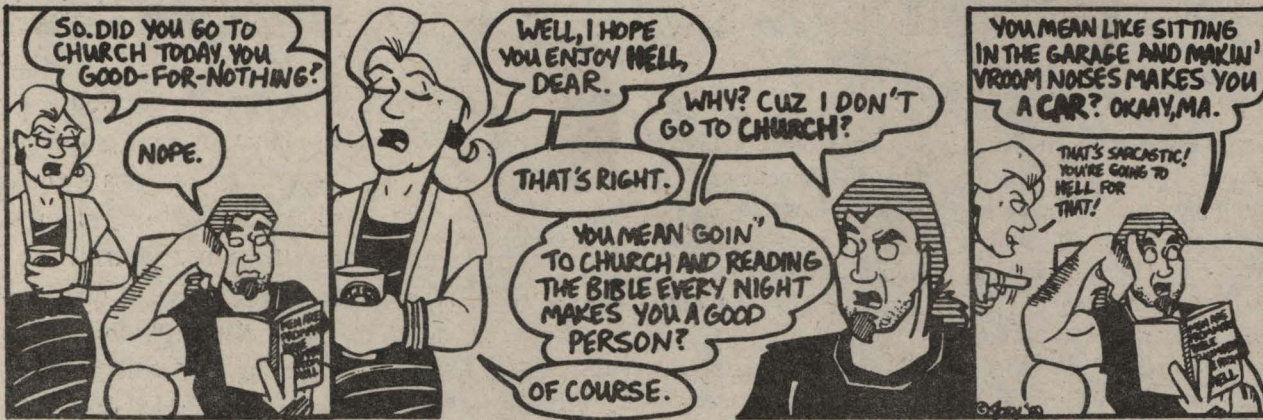
Another box-office hit for Jim Carrey, and another great soundtrack to add to the 90FM stacks. The soundtrack to the movie *Me, Myself and Irene* contains mostly covers of Steely Dan songs, but that doesn't mean it's not great.

Bands like Smashmouth, Brian Setzer Orchestra, and Ben Folds Five cover songs such as "Do It Again," "Bodhisattva," and "Barrytown." Third Eye Blind, The Offspring, Foo Fighters and Hootie and the Blowfish also make appearances on the album with hits of their own. Definitely a must hear album.



## Tonja Steele

by Joey Hetzel



## Jackie's Fridge

by BJ Hiorns



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by Shawn Williams



## STICKWORLD



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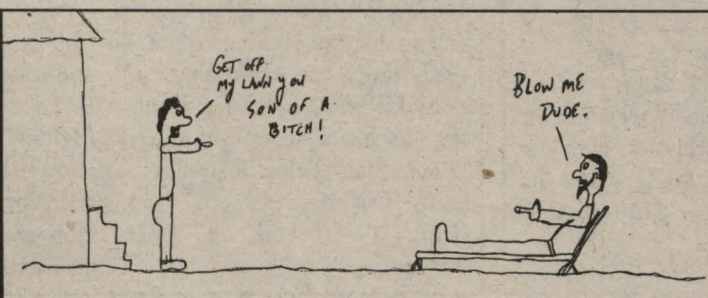


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