Fire Prevention Week sparks activities in Point

By Casey Krouskramer

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Fire Prevention Week erupted into full gear as people across the nation and in the local area are being informed about the importance of fire safety.

This year's theme is: "Fire Drills: the Great Escape." The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is organizing the event and is currently working with fire departments across the country to get information on fire safety out to the public.

The Stevens Point Fire Department has many activities planned this week, including witnessing and timing fire drills at the local schools. "We keep using the theme because it's working; it's getting kids to go home and practice," said Stephen Koback, Stevens Point fire chief. According to Koback, this program gets parents involved; they simulate a fire in their home, pick out a meeting place and find alternate routes.

This past weekend the Town of Hull Volunteer Fire Department held a day of demonstrations at their department station to kick off Fire Prevention Week. The firefighters taught the public many important aspects of fire safety. Smokey The Bear was there to entertain the kids and many children's videos on fire safety were viewed.

The highlight of the demonstrations was the vehicle extrication, which was a rescue demonstration.

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The Hull Volunteer Fire Department held demonstrations of fire safety this past weekend. These demos included what citizens can do in case of a fire, how to use fire safety equipment and most notably a vehicle extrication (pictured above.)

Political ideologies flare at UWSP

Presidential debates kindle political zeal on campus

By Josh Goller

NEWS EDITOR

In the wake of the second presidential debate, political organizations on campus are stepping up their campaign efforts. A viewing of the debate, complete with free pizza, was sponsored in part by the College Democrats and College Republicans Wednesday night at the Encore.

Before the debate, executives from both organizations voiced their predictions for the candidates' performances. "I think Gore's going to soften his responses," said Democrat's Vice President Trina Bielkell-Gauthier.

"I expect Bush to be more relaxed," said Republican's President Jeremy Smith. "This format fits his style better. He's going to appear more personable.

Both parties also responded to the Texas governor's jump into the lead in the polls after the last debate. "A lot of people have seen Gore's exaggerations," said Smith. "I think most people can't see a leader being someone who they can't trust."

"I was surprised by how Bush came through," said Baltzell-Gauthier. "He sounded more knowledgeable than I expected."

However, the Democrats expressed that Wednesday's debate could change that. "If Gore succeeds in getting his message out, it will be interesting to see how polls after tonight."

With three to four justices expected to retire in the coming years, these opposing parties agree that Supreme Court issues could be drastically affected by this election.

See ELECTION on page 3

Clark Street Bridge opens with fanfare

By Jess Dinkla

NEWS REPORTER

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the city of Stevens Point will celebrate the completion of the Highway 10/Clark Street project, along with the Clark Street Bridge at 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 17.

The celebration will take place northeast of the Clark Street Bridge (behind Bank One) along the Wisconsin River.

Senator Kevin Shibilski (24th Senate District), Representative Julie Lassa (71st Assembly District), Mike Berg, WisDOT district 4 director and dignitaries from Portage and Wood counties will join Stevens Point Mayor Gary Wescott to dedicate the Clark Street project.

"The completion of the Clark Street project marks a statewide effort to facilitate safer, more efficient roadways while enhancing the economic progress of cities such as Stevens Point," said Shibilski.

See BRIDGE on page 2

Sculptures on campus remain in disrepair

By Kristin Gagnon

NEWS REPORTER

Several large pieces of outdoor artwork on campus are showing their age. Rust and decay are eating away at these sculptures but strides toward restoration seem unlikely.

Recently a grant application to restore some of these pieces was denied. The campus Exterior Arts Committee is attempting to determine how this problem should be handled.

Later this week, a test will be conducted searching for lead in the paint of "Rivercrossing," which is located on the east side of the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

"The piece is made of Corten steel and it is inappropriate to paint this type of steel in the first place, but that's what the artist chose to do," said Carl Rasmussen, facilities planning.

The original artist is through working with the piece and does not wish to have any ties to its restoration. The Exterior Arts Committee will decide if it should be repainted and, if so, in what color.

"Unfortunately, the state fails to give the campus control of the type of material which goes into a piece of art as it does with buildings," said Rasmussen.

"High maintenance art pieces can result.

Funding for two of these sculptures came from the same source of funds, the Wisconsin State Percent and Arts Program.

"On every construction project over $250,000 funded by the state, two-tenths of one percent goes to this program to purchase or commission public art," said Rasmussen.

Unfortunately, this money can't be used for restoration purposes.

"By state law, maintenance becomes a campus responsibility just like maintaining a building," said Rasmussen.

More on funding for state art can be found on the Internet at http://www.arts.state.wi.us/percent.htm.
Libertarian visits UWSP
By Andrea Wetzel
Editor in Chief

Last Friday, Libertarian Senate Candidate Tim Peterson campaigned at UWSP. Peterson pitched his three main campaign issues of education privatization, personal privacy and the right to keep and bear arms to Professor Jim Canfield’s Political Science 101 class.

“I feel third parties should be a part of the system,” said Beau Morley, a sophomore from the class. “It allows Americans to see all sides of the system, not just two.”

Peterson proposed privatizing elementary education to improve schools and to lower the cost of education. He also explained that parents who choose to send their children to private schools pay twice, through taxes and tuition.

“I hope you’re not buying Herb Kohl’s television ads,” said Peterson. “Do you really think that we’re going to get better education by sending more money and control to Washington D.C.?”

Peterson added, “I think that you as parents can do a far better job than the federal government to make sure that your dollars are efficiently spent on reading, writing, arithmetic, and history—with a focus on American history, not the UN global history that they’re teaching in K-12 these days.”

To illustrate his personal privacy platform, Peterson handed out “Social Insecurity” cards. He said that the United States should privatize social security by giving each American a separate bank account, as Chile has done in their country. He also wants to get rid of the National ID system of social security.

See PETERSON on page 3.

Campus Beat

Smith Hall
Thursday, Oct. 5 2:03 a.m.

The hall director called requesting an officer because someone had urinated in the hallway and written vulgar remarks on a notebook located a resident’s door.

Neale Hall
Thursday, Oct. 5 4:45 p.m.

A student reported that someone had stolen his bicycle from the bike rack located at the southwest entrance.

Health Enhancement Center
Thursday, Oct. 5 8:40 p.m.

A student reported that his wallet was taken from an unsecured locker in the men’s locker room of the pool.

College of Professional Studies
Thursday, Oct. 5 8:52 p.m.

A student reported that someone stole her Palmeron mountain bike.

Lot Q
Friday, Oct. 6 3:22 p.m.

A student reported that the rear fender of his vehicle had been damaged.

College of Professional Studies
Sunday, Oct. 9 3:43 a.m.

An officer noticed that the ashtray was tipped over and broken by the northeast entrance.

Lot P
Sunday, Oct. 9 6:12 p.m.

A student reported that her vehicle had been vandalized.

University Center
Monday, Oct. 10 9:49 a.m.

A student reported the theft of numerous items from his booth “Students for the Republican Party” located in the concourse area.

University Center
Monday, Oct. 10 11:06 p.m.

An officer reported someone was spraying graffiti on the south wall.

Old Main
Monday, Oct. 10 12:35 p.m.

A woman reported finding approximately 20 marbles in the area of Lot A. She also noticed a hole in a window just above the west set of doors on the building.

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Data source: 2000 Core Alcohol and Drug Use Survey taken by UWSP students

Any Regrets ???
Proponents of the National Rifle Association have advocated limiting the use of guns in America. I don't think that's the way to make America safer. Fire Prevention Week has been a success. The NFPA has documented that 56 lives have been saved as a direct result of families' participation in this program.

According to Peterson, the Libertarian party is relatively pure. "I believe that gun control is counter productive. We already have 20,000 laws on the books restricting the use of guns in America. I don't think it's working," he said. "You can not take guns out of people's hands."

Peterson referred to the founding fathers Jefferson, Adams and Franklin, as Libertarians who believed in personal freedom over any other country, said Peterson. According to Peterson, the Libertarian party is more liberal than Democrats on social issues such as drug laws and gambling.

"We don't think you can legislate your way to greater morality," he said. "We think that's called prohibition and censorship."

However, Libertarians are conservative on other issues such as cutting taxes and removing restrictions from trade.

"Maybe I don't have a chance, Maybe I'm not going to win," said Peterson. "But what I'm banking on is that more and more people are going to realize that John Gillespie, the republican, Herb Kohl, the democrat, don't matter. Taxes are going to go up, regulations are going to go up and they're going to forget about the constitution."

In order to be on the ballot for the Wisconsin gubernatorial race this November, Peterson had to collect 25,000 signatures from around the state. His budget of $50,000 (most of his own money) is too limiting to have an extensive advertising campaign, so Peterson plans to campaign person to person. He is a private pilot so he plans to travel to each of the 72 counties in the state.

Today there are 166 Libertarian office holders across the nation. This is twice as many as all other third parties combined.
Intolerance remains a problem

Picture it. America 1950. Two water fountains stand side by side. One labeled “whites” and the other labeled “colored.” All at once, two separate worlds are created. The thirsty users of these two water fountains are immediately forbidden to mingle. Social manipulation in the form of bills before Congress have declared this section of society unfit for the classroom, the battlefield and the public eye; they belong back in the closet. Young lives have been destroyed to protect the purity of society. Lack of information and the refusal for understanding have ostra­ized a societal group. Whole lives have been left to chance, relying on whether or not those dear little hearts will accept their identities. They have been turned from their teeth, stripped of fits of disgust and anger. A whole generation has been orphaned, by death, but by the dark sword of intolerance.

I encourage all of you reading these words to analyze your actions and attitudes toward this tossed aside portion of humanity. Do you react with disgust at the mere mention of homosexuality? Do you quickly raise the white banner of Christianity to shield yourself? I will remind you: God does not advocate hatred, murder or terror­ism. What would Jesus do? He would befriend and defend the outcasts of society unnecessarily.

I beg you to find a place in your heart to accept the outcasts, to respect them for their struggle. Welcome them into the culture with open arms, and you will see what a contribution they can make.

I urge you to start on this road again. Take the real moral high ground.

Michelle Fitch, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance

Nader the republican and his “Green” party

Although Ralph Nader believes he is giving the people a choice with the third party, a much more liberal opportunity of democracy, he is doing more bad than good. All Nader sup­porters should ask themselves if they would really want to take the step backwards and have Bush running our country.

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If the Greens were politically conscious, they would have realized that this election term is more important than merely putting a President into office. The next President will have the opportunity to appoint three jus­tices to the Supreme Court. With Bush’s track record of bi­monthly executions in his gubernatorial reign over Texas. This is scary for a Western civiliza­tion helping lead the world in moral considerations of geno­cide and public executions; it is a ticket back to the times of Hitler and Stalin.

For a democracy where we demand our rights as people and wish to choose our own paths in life, we cannot let women’s rights be denied further by tak­ing away their bodily rights. And with so many major corpo­rations coming to court for pollu­tion, this could not be a time to have the judges wave their responsibilities in cleaning up our environ­ment and set a precedent in our environmentally-aware com­munity for the large companies to not be accountable.

If these policies are enacted, this country will be undesirable for any Green or Democrat. So why would the Green Party put up such a strong candidate in such an important election? Why would they risk drawing support from Democratic candidates Al Gore? Poor politi­cal reasoning. It is as if Nader and the Greens are in league with the republicans, for they are going to hand the election over to the republicans by drawing support from Gore.

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Aaron J. Daane

The Pointer

College Republicans: victims of theft

Today is a sad day in the history of UWSP. On Monday night Your local College Republicans booth in the UC was vandal­ized. All of the yard signs were stolen, all of Bush/Cheney bumper stickers were stolen and a lot of other literature was taken also. Attached to the booth was a sign stating some­thing to the effect that our can­didates are ignorant. When I found out about this my heart dropped. I thought that the students at our campus were more respectful than this. Democracy thrives only when all the voices are heard. We, the College Republicans, were simply pro­viding the students information about the candidates. Not only did we provide a community service by register­ing people to vote.

To those students who stole the material, I wonder how you can look in the mirror and see what you’ve done has helped America or its citizens. The answer is, it hasn’t. In all likeli­hood you have turned more people away from politics because they have seen another example of corruption. I find it funny that often times those who claim to tolerate the most are often the most intolerent when it comes to ideas that don’t follow their agenda.

The College Republicans will continue on regardless of the adversity we face on cam­pus by the students who don’t seem to understand freedom of expres­sion. I thank all of the 40 plus members of our group who have helped so far this year, and I applaud those students who have registered to vote. Ignorance, I’m sad to say, exists on our campus, but it’s not with groups like ours, rather its with individuals who resort to crime in attempt to silence opposition.

Jeremy J. Smith, chairman College Republicans

The Pointer

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Are You Healthy?

By Elisabeth Herben
Lifestyle Assistant

Now that the first month of school has flown by, take a minute to think about how you've adjusted to life at UWSP. Hopefully you all have your schedules down, but have you taken the time to think about your health habits?

Here are some simple tips to help you stay healthy during the semester here:

- Walk or bike to class if possible, and take the stairs when you can.
- Enjoy the beautiful fall weather while it lasts, and then break out your snowshoes.
- Go to group fitness classes for the next issue of The Pointer. See Katie in the Pointer office for more information.
- Drink plenty of water. It helps fight off colds.

Halloween costume sale this weekend

By Amy Shaw
Features Reporter

UWSP's Department of Theatre and Dance has set its annual Halloween costume sale for this weekend.

A way to make room for new costumes in the theatre and dance costume shop and a way to provide reasonably priced, handmade costumes to students for Halloween, the costume sale is a highly anticipated event.

'Selling everything from delicate beaded gowns, to beggar's clothes and beyond, the annual sale provides many exciting options for the student who wants to look original this Halloween. The costume sale is put on as a fundraising event for the student theatre organization, Players. Proceeds go towards sets and props for student productions, social activities for the club and theatre-related field trips.

The sale begins Saturday, Oct. 14 and runs until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15 in the courtyard of the Fine Arts Building.

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**HIGH FIDELITY**

By Katie Hardin

John Cusack’s character opens the movie by asking, “What came first: the music or the misery? Did I listen to pop music because I was miserable, or was I miserable because I listened to pop music?”

When his longtime girlfriend jilts him, he looks to his past romantic failures for guidance. Cusack, playing an owner of a vinyl record store, talks to the camera repeatedly, which I assumed had to get annoying sometime. But, being a sucker for Cusack, his mannerisms and puppy-dog eyes grow on me.

**Overall rating:** ****

- Mature plot and superb acting by entire cast.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

- Late Bloomer Literary Art Series Poetry Reading featuring Eliie Schoenfeld and Lew Orsini 7 p.m. Mission Coffee House Downtown Stevens Point

**Friday, Oct. 13**

- Movie: The Skulls 7 and 9:30 p.m. 073 Debo Free with student ID

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

- “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” 8 p.m. The Encore Chance to win a DVD player Free with student ID *Sponsored by Club Variety/Centertainment
- “Classics from the Crypt” Symphony orchestra 7:30 p.m. Grand Theater, Wausau 401 4th St. 842-0988 $10/adults, $8/senior citizens
- Rusty’s “Falldown” Live bands, food and beverages 12:30-8:30 p.m. Rusty’s Backwater Saloon $5 cover charge Must be 21

**Monday, Oct. 16**

- Cup of Verse Poetry Reading featuring Kim Blaser 7 p.m. MacMillan Library Wisconsin Rapids
- Jazz Ensemble performance 7:30 p.m. Micelson Hall, Fine Arts Building Free with student ID
**SPORTS**

**Spikers earn pair of victories**

Michelle Tesmer  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

The UW-Stevens Point volleyball team scored an impressive non-conference victory over Viterbo College Tuesday night.

The Pointers dominated action, earning the three-game sweep, 15-3, 15-6, 15-10. Point trailed 10-7 in the third game but scored eight straight to close out the match. Carry Boening paced UWSP with 11 kills while Lucy Fisher added 29 assists.

The victory raised Point's record to 6-17 on the season.

The Pointers also split a pair of WIAC matches last weekend.

UW-Superior forced the Pointers into four games, but still couldn't pull off the win. The Pointers balanced attack saw four players with double digits in kills and five double up in digs. Raina Gagnow led with 17 kills, while Fisher had 55 assists and 23 digs.

The win may prove costly, though, as Emily Morgan left toward the end of game four with a first-degree ankle sprain.

Coach Kelly Geiger commented on several aspects of the night. "We got a conference win and our middles had a good night, and we really connected well."

"When Emily Morgan went down, Mindy Rockwood came in and did a great job on the last six points. We were down and they really stuck together." The Pointers won the match 15-10, 12-15, 1-16 and 16-14.

**Golfers settle for fourth at WIACs**

Carlson earns all-conference honors

Mike Peck  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

The UW-Stevens Point women's golf team completed its season over the weekend as it competed in the WIAC conference meet in Janesville.

The ladies came in a disappointing fourth place in the meet, but Kathryn Carlson did receive all-conference honors.

Carlson placed seventh in the meet earning first-team honors after shooting a two-day total of 175.

Oshkosh won their first conference title knocking off conference favorite Eau Claire, with a total team score of 684.

The Pointers finished the two-day tournament with a team score of 727.

Other top finishers for UWSP included Andrea Miller, just barely missing the top 10, finishing 11th with a score of 180.

Close behind Miller was teammate Rachel Sime, who finished her season with a 184, good enough for 16th place in the tournament.

Although the Pointers finished at the bottom of the conference this year, the future appears very bright.

Carlson is the only senior on the squad of 10 golfers, which has shown improvement all season.

Not only has the team as a whole improved, but so has the conference.

"The conference has improved a lot more then I thought it would this year," said Head Coach Mike Okray.

"We started off against Eau Claire with a goal into the wind," said Miech. "Plus having to play there and knowing they had more returners then we did, we had to play good soccer."

Eau Claire did manage to tie the game going into halftime. As the season has progressed the Pointers have begun to develop more depth, and Saturday it paid off.

After the all-time leading goal scorer found the back of the net for the first goal, another Pointer put one across for her first career goal.

A women's transfer Melissa Meadows took a pass from a patient Muhvic at the top of the goal box and put the Pointers on top for 2-1.

The ladies won the match 2-1, 10-7, 9-10, 15-16.

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Cross country nears finish line

Mike Peck
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams both competed in high key meets over the weekend as the conference meet approaches.

The men traveled to South Bend, Ind., to compete in the Notre Dame Invitational against some of the top Division III teams in the country.

The Pointers placed fourth in the 18-team field that included top-ranked Calvin (Mich.), Oshkosh and Heidelberg.

"We ran ok, not great," said Head Coach Rick Witt. "There was no lack of effort, but we did make some tactical mistakes.

"That's why we go there, to learn from our mistakes."

The men's mistakes were overshadowed by a runner who has been virtually mistake-free this season, Jesse Drake.

Drake won his fourth consecutive meet and ran 25:07 to win the Gold race that included Division I schools.

The victory, Drake's most impressive of the season, came in front of the top Division I schools which ran in the Blue race and against some of the other D-III title contenders.

"With the exception of Drake, no one had run in the big race there," said Witt. "I think that it was just reaffirming what we thought before and that is he can run as well as anyone in D-III. He won it in the last mile and showed that he is ready to go."

Casey Cook finished a strong 18th in a time of 25:58, Mark Lalende was 30th in 26:17 while Eric Fischer (36th in 26:36) and Adam Freihofe (39th in 26:28) were not far behind to round out the top five.

The women traveled to Colfax, Wis., to take part in the pre-regional meet hosted by Stout.

The ladies were unable to take advantage of the strong one-two punch of Leah Juno and Becky Lebak, placing sixth.

"We may be trying to achieve things that we may not be capable of achieving quite yet," said Head Coach Len Hill. "We worked right through our training and our training is going well."

Juno (18:15) and Lebak (18:16) finished right with each other once again placing fourth and fifth, respectively, to lead the Pointers in the 5,000-meter race.

"But after that, the gap between the second and third runner opened up and the ladies weren't able to recover."

Freshman Isabelle Dellarnay stepped up for the Pointers placing 50th followed by Erin Dogwill who was 51st.

Marcie Fischer (56th) and Sarah Ninnemann (69th) rounded out the lineup for UWSP, as her the peak of their training.

"This week will be easier in terms of work were doing and look to run better this weekend," Head Coach Len Hill.

See Cross Country on Page 9

Senior Spotlight
Courtney Herreman - Volleyball

Hometown: Portage, Wis.
Major: Biology
Most memorable moment: Beating Eau Claire my sophomore year.
Who was your idol growing up?: My mom. She did everything for me and supported me.
What are your plans after graduation?: I would like to be a zoo keeper some day at a big zoo or some place like Sea World.
Favorite aspect of volleyball: I had to say the competitiveness and just the way that six people can work together on the court.
Biggest achievement in volleyball: The tournament I had at Warburg (Iowa) last year.
Most embarrassing moment: Ripping a hole in my spandex at Wartburg (Iowa) last year.
What will you remember most about playing volleyball at UWSP?: My best friends are on the team and my roommates.

UWSP Career Highlights
- Posted career-high 20 kills against Grand View at Warburg Invite last season
- Ranked fourth on team in kills and digs last season

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Injury depleted football team bows to River Falls

41 unanswered points lead Falcons to win
Nick Brilowski
Sports Editor

There are very few more disheartening situations for a coach than to have to field a team that has been ravaged by injuries.

So it is easy to feel for UW-Stevens Point football coach John Miech.

The Pointer squad has been decimated by the injury bug and never was it more apparent than on Saturday as UWSP saw its record fall to 0-5 on the season (0-3 WIAC) with a 49-20 beating at River Falls.

The injury list reads like a toll last week because we only had three days to put guys in who haven’t played before,” Miech said.

“I’m not going to make excuses, but some of those injuries are hard to overcome,”

Miech did say that he feels his team will be more prepared to play this weekend against Whitewater after having two weeks to play together.

As for the River Falls game, the Pointers were able to jump on the Falcons right off the bat, as Lance Gast broke free for a 76-yard touchdown run on the third play of the game.

However, River Falls answered right back, needing just five plays to answer the Pointers and tie the game, 7-7.

A pair of miscues by UWSP punter Jason Bieche resulted excellent field position that led to a Falcon touchdown and a safety to jump-start River Falls and turn the direction of the game around, giving them a 16-7 lead.

That opened the flood gates as the Falcons raced out to a 27-7 halftime lead and 41 unanswered points overall.

Even when the Pointers were finally able to find the end zone again, things still went against them.

Following a four-yard touchdown run by Schmitt, River Falls blocked Jason Steuck’s extra point attempt and Luke Miska returned it for a two-point conversion to make the score 43-13.

On the next play from scrimmage, Falcon quarterback Cory Mueller raced 88 yards for a touchdown, before Ian Zetzler closed out the scoring with a four-yard run for the Pointers.

In all, River Falls’ rushing attack amassed 411 yards rushing on 61 attempts, compared to 172 yards on 49 attempts for UWSP.

“What really hurt us last week,” Miech stated, “is River Falls is a team that we had to pass against. They put eight guys near the line of scrimmage. Now we’re going against teams we can run and pass against. We’re going up against more conventional attitudes.”

The road won’t get much easier for the Pointers as they travel to Whitewater on Saturday, 1 p.m.

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“Eau Claire is just strong all the way through,” Page said.

“They’re the perennial conference champs.”

Friday afternoon, UWSP fought a tooth-and-nail battle with Ripon, but came up just short as the match was decided in a tiebreaker at No. 4 singles.

Jen Derse of the Pointers and Elta Hilligross of Ripon split the opening two sets of their match, but due to time constraints, the pair battled out a tiebreaker instead of playing a third set.

Hilligross eventually ended outlasting Derse, 12-10.

Winners for UWSP included Alison Mills (No. 5) and Gretchen Weddige (No. 6) in singles play and the doubles teams of Hildebrand-Janssen (No. 2) and Derse-Rachel Ferge (No. 3).

“Ripon plays the kind of game that requires a lot of patience to play against and we didn’t have the patience,” Page stated.

Cross country: Drake is victorious

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said Hill. “Maybe the next thing we can work on is moving up and keeping the pack longer.”

As for this weekend, both teams travel to La Crosse to compete in a meet that usually serves as a preview for the conference meet, although some of the runners may rest if they are not completely healthy.

The gun will fire for the men at 11 a.m., while the women get things under way at 12 p.m.
By Renee Eismueller
PHOTOGRAPHER

This last Friday I had the opportunity to go to the Linwood Springs Research Station located in central Wisconsin. Each fall, migrant saw-whet owls are captured and banded in effort to gain information about their migration routes, molting patterns, mortality rates and winter and summer ranges. Upon arriving at the station, which doubles as the home of Director Eugene A. Jacobs, a small group of people from the community were treated to a brief description of what goes on at the station. We were shown statistics from the station, how to identify and age the birds and other important research information including how the studies are carried out.

The backyard was set up with nets strung between trees which were specially designed to capture the birds. There were also two large speakers playing one of the common saw-whet owl calls to draw them into the nets as they migrate through Wisconsin at night. These migration patterns vary based on a number of conditions, one being the current weather pattern. Every hour the nets are checked for birds, so we bundled up and went out to check the nets. Two birds were found and carefully taken out of the nets and then put into small juice cans to be transported back to the house.

Inside, the director and a university volunteer tagged the birds, recorded information and then gave the visitors a chance to handle and see the birds up close. Demonstrations like these are a great way to spark interest and generate funds to continue their research.

Volunteer opportunities like these for university students are great ways to get experience if they are interested in a career in wildlife or a related field.

We can listen, we can learn. It is time for us to learn.
New group fights Alaskan destruction

By Angela Harper
OUTDOORS REPORTER

A new group, called Alaska Wilderness League, has recently been formed here at UW-Stevens Point. They are a group of environmentally conscious students here on campus who are working to promote awareness of a crucial wildland area.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a 19,000,000-acre refuge located on the northern coastal plain of Alaska. This beautiful coastal region is home to many different species of wildlife such as wolves, grizzly bears, foxes, eagles, many small mammals and most importantly the Porcupine River caribou herd.

Each year the caribou embark on a 400-mile migration route to reach the coastal plains of this refuge as their breeding grounds. For well over 20,000 years, this route has been migrated by the caribou and has been depended upon by the Gwich’in Indians who have used the caribou for food, medicine, clothing and religious purposes.

The 740 square mile region within the porcupine caribou’s breeding territory. The drilling will require 280 miles of roads, hundreds of miles of pipelines and 50 million cubic yards of gravel taken from nearby ponds and rivers. Studies done in peer-reviewed scientific literature indicate that the drilling will destroy the land, air, wildlife, plants and cause major irreversible changes of the caribou herd and the native cultures of the area.

What can YOU do to help stop these drilling companies from destroying this area for not even six months worth of oil? The Alaska Wilderness League is the leading organization to prevent the drilling and protect this area. Luckily there is a group devoted to fighting against this careless drilling being formed here on campus. If you are interested in working with us working with the Alaska Wilderness League stop by the table set up in the UC next week to get more information. If you are unable to contact us in person, e-mail either Aaron Bestor at abest033@uwsp.edu or Angela Harper at sharpb84@uwsp.edu.

Besides joining the Alaska Wilderness League, another way to get involved is to contact representatives. Our representative David Obey can be contacted at the US House of Representatives, Washington D.C., 20515 and ask the senators to sponsor S967, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Act.

Prudhoe Bay, an oil development on the northern coast of Alaska, is one of the largest industrial areas in the world. It pours 43,000 tons of nitrogen oxide into the air and dumps tons of thousands of crude oil every year. This establishment invaded the central Arctic caribou herds' breeding grounds and by doing so drastically declined their population.

Similarly, an idea has been proposed to begin oil drilling in the 740 square mile region within the porcupine caribou's breeding territory. The drilling will require 280 miles of roads, hundreds of miles of pipelines and 50 million cubic yards of gravel taken from nearby ponds and rivers. Studies done in peer-reviewed scientific literature indicate that the drilling will destroy the land, air, wildlife, plants and cause major irreversible changes of the caribou herd and the native cultures of the area.

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My question is this: How conscientious are students and professors of their paper use? I have not bought computer paper from a store for over a year, almost two years now. I worked at an office for the last two summers and I scrounged around and got paper from there. And no, I wasn’t walking out with sealed packages of computer paper. I would go to the fax room and pull all of the “End Transmission” fax sheets with only a small amount of useless print on them. I convinced a co-worker to pick them up for me. I now have a good two foot tall pile of paper that is used for scrap paper around the office. (And of course whenever I go back I always scoop a good portion of it for printer paper.)

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This year's Make A Difference Day is on October 28th. A local leaf-raking project for those who can not do it themselves is being coordinated by the United Way Volunteer Center and SPASH. If you have your own rake and are willing to help, please fill out the following form. Any questions please call Stacy or Barb 341-6740.

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Letters from the edge of the world

The truth about professors

By Pat "pleonasmy" Rothfuss
Prophet, Poet, Pedagogue

It's come to my attention that you guys might need some help writing your papers. How do I know this? Well, it would have been convenient if someone had written in a letter asking for help. Yes sir, that would have been real tidy and convenient. But since nobody wrote in, I'm forced to assume that you need help with your papers. This is a fairly safe guess, because I just don't see grading a big stack of freshman papers out here in Washington. Hoo-boy.

Oh sure, I was excited at first. After all, I want to be a professor some day, and to be a professor you have to do three things: use words nobody else knows, smoke a pipe and grade papers. What's more, I figured that grading papers was going to be... well, sexy. You see, I always had a certain image of how professors graded papers. I pictured them sitting at a cluttered desk late at night in a dark room with a desk lamp. The professor wears a tweed jacket and patches on the elbows. Maybe they'd even be smoking a pipe. Close at hand, the All-Powerful Red Pen of Grammatical Correctness is behind a sheet of glass, like a fire extinguisher. Stencilled onto the glass are the words: "Break in case of improper syntax."

Unfortunately, this picture couldn't be farther from the truth. I ended up grading this big stack of fifty papers while lying naked in bed, eating a bag of Funyons™ and while this is still terribly sexy, it's just not how I expected things to be.

The moral of the story is this. It's important to remember that your professors are people too. When they go home at night they take off their shoes, eat some cold pizza and shout obscenities at their pets just like the rest of us.

So, keeping in mind the fact that teachers are really nothing more than old students that get paid for going to class, here's two easy-to-follow tips that can't help but set you on the path to a better paper.

Be considerate

Your teacher has anywhere from 20-80 papers to grade. That means by the time they finally get to yours, they're going to be weary, maybe even a little numb. So make your paper easy to read. If your paper is easy to read, your professor will be happy. If your professor is happy, you get a better grade. Yes, it really is that simple.

How do you make a paper easier to read? Use clear sentences. Use 12 point font. Read your paper out loud to see if it really makes sense. Use a thesis sentence. Follow the assignment closely. If you spill beer, nacho cheese or blood on the title page, print out a new copy before turning it in.

Most importantly, proofread your paper before you turn it in. A paper full of stupid mistakes is a pain in the ass to read. Plus it screams: I don't care about this assignment. Once you send that message to a professor, you've just bought an express ticket to a sucky grade.

Don't try to fool your Prof.

Your professor has gone to school for at least 20 years. Consequently, they know more cheap paper-ovation tricks than you can possibly imagine. When I see a triple-spaced paper with a 15 point font, I think two things: 1) This student is lazy. 2) This student thinks I'm a gullible retard.

You need serious help. Pat Rothfuss needs ideas for next week's column. Send a letter detailing your particular dilemma (to proth@wstunix.wsu.edu) and get an "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt.

Why Vinyl?

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor

I was sitting around the house the other day contemplating just what to do this week's article on, when one of my roommates suggested that I write on the many advantages of vinyl. Now I'm not talking about the fabric which seemed to be a popular choice to fashion jackets, tight pants and seductive underwear sets out of a few years ago. I speak of the circular jewels of yester-year, that stack of aged, dust ridden albums. The musty odor lingering in the air is a delightful aroma for the young and free. There is something to be said for records. Vinyl sounds cooler than compact discs.

Radiohead has long been a band cherished by many die hard fans. Kid A, their newest and by far most musically advanced CD, is a sure hit for any fan. While it may take a few spins to fully grasp the musicians central ideas, the disc is worth checking out. Meandering from ambient to electronics, Kid A is a delightful mix of horns, keyboards, guitars and words.

Thom Yorke, the lead singer brings it all together with his deliciously melodic, whispering voice. Yorke uses his vocal gifts to guide us through the free-form stylings of Radiohead. For a truly mind-bending experience, tune into 90FM and give Kid A a listen. You can also give us a call at 346-2696 to request any of your alternative favorites heard only on 90FM, home of jazzfest!

Tasteless humor

Three days passed and again the young man was in the Doctor's office stating that the laxatives had failed, and it had now been eight days since he had passed a movement. The Doctor, a little baffled, next gave his patient a home enema to try, saying that it would surely do the trick.

Again, not more than two days had gone by when the young man was seated across from the Doctor, worry written all over his face. "Doctor," he said, "it has now been ten days and I have yet to be relieved. Please help me to remedy my situation."

The Doctor looked the man straight in the face and said, "You're a musician aren't you?"

"Yes," said the young man. "Look," said the Dr. "Here's ten bucks, go and get yourself something to eat!"

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I've said it before and I'll say it again: Tuesday nights! WITZ END! Be there or be square! The open mic, which only takes place on Tuesday nights, starts at 10 PM with Moon, the killer house band. After the boys in Moon are done, you or any musician that you know, can get up on stage and play. Also the Octoberfest is this Saturday, Oct. 14 from noon until 7 p.m. Come to the Village of Plover parking lot on Roosevelt Drive, next to the Sky Club and join in on the food, fun and fall weather!
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By **Mel Rosenberg**

Spark it....

George W. Bush.... what a creep!!

**Tobeth**

Disconnected.

Hi, Trina. I just wanted to call and tell you I moved, okay?

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I just don't want you calling my old house!

**By Shawn Williams**

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