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## Student succumbs after battling rare infection

**Infection transmitted by inhaling airborne spores from moist soil**

By Casey Krautkramer  
NEWS EDITOR

A UW-Stevens Point student recently died of blastomycosis, a rare infection.

Senior Casey Gazdik, Iron River, died at about 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29 at a Duluth, Minn., hospital after battling the infection – misdiagnosed by

physicians as pneumonia – for three weeks.

"Before opening deer-hunting weekend, he went to the doctor because he wasn't feeling good for a few days," said Phil Beese, roommate. "He was diagnosed with pneumonia and given antibiotics."

Gazdik, a health promotion and wellness major, was taken to the emergency room at a local hospital outside his hometown, Iron River, on the Friday after Thanksgiving, Beese said.



Gazdik

that he was taken to a hospital in Duluth, Minn., where he was diagnosed with blastomycosis. Gazdik stayed at the Duluth hos-

pital until his death on Thursday, Nov. 29. Physicians gave him a stronger dose of medication to treat pneumonia. The next day, Saturday, Nov. 24, he was in so much pain

that he was taken to a hospital in Duluth, Minn., where he was diagnosed with blastomycosis. Gazdik stayed at the Duluth hos-

pital until his death on Thursday, Nov. 29. Blastomycosis, a symptomatic infection, usually presents as a flu-like illness with fever, chills, productive cough, myalgia, arthralgia and pleuritic chest pain, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"He was always short of breath and complained about pain in his chest," said Beese, who knew Gazdik for 2.5 years

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A memorial session will be held for friends of Casey Gazdik at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, in Room 116 in the College of Professional Studies. A pastor will hold a prayer session with a slide show of Casey Gazdik to follow.

It will be a time for friends to say goodbye to Casey.

## Man seeks justice for alleged poisoning

**Wisconsin Rapids man hopeful outreach will help him find an affordable attorney and toxicologist**

By Casey Krautkramer  
NEWS EDITOR

Students might have noticed Rickey Townsend and his advocate, Crystal Gallego, in a booth in the University Center seeking justice for Townsend's alleged poisoning.

Townsend, now a resident of Wisconsin Rapids, alleges he was poisoned by the Federal Correctional Institute in Oxford, Wis., while working there as a senior corrections officer. He's trying to spread his message to the public and is seeking support in finding an affordable attorney to represent him in court and a toxicologist to rid him of the poison that physicians from

California and Florida stated he has still lingering in his body, Townsend said. His booth was sponsored by UWSP's Progressive Action Organization (PAO), which regularly has information at the booth about issues in prisons.

Chris Talbot, PAO member, believes the booth helped to get the word out about what happened to Townsend.

"I guess I know what it's like to have an issue and have no one care or listen," Talbot said. "He really needs some help. It's extremely serious and people need to start paying attention."

Townsend recently filed a civil complaint with a federal judge in Madison. On Oct. 11, 1995, he was discriminated against when he had been requested to work in the FCI Oxford's Waupaca Unit by Unit Manager Jim Wayman, according to the complaint. FCI Oxford staff conspired with the deliberate attempt to commit murder by poisoning through coffee, according to the complaint. Wayman was unavail-

able for comment this week.

"After my first cup, I started feeling a little weird," Townsend said. "I got a second cup and a couple sugar packets. After about a half a cup, I felt a burning sensation in my stomach and I couldn't breathe."

Townsend alleges he was poisoned because he was a witness to a crime in 1993 that occurred in Oxford's Dane Unit, the unit he oversaw. In Nov. 1992, Luis Perez was housed in the Waupaca Unit when he arrived to FCI Oxford, according to the complaint. Inmate Perez should have been moved to a low security facility. FCI Oxford is a medium-high security facility. Inmate Perez should not have been placed at FCI Oxford, especially when the Bureau of Prisons was aware that Perez and Calderon are co-defendants in the same case, according to the complaint. Perez assaulted Calderon by stabbing him with a knife, Townsend said.

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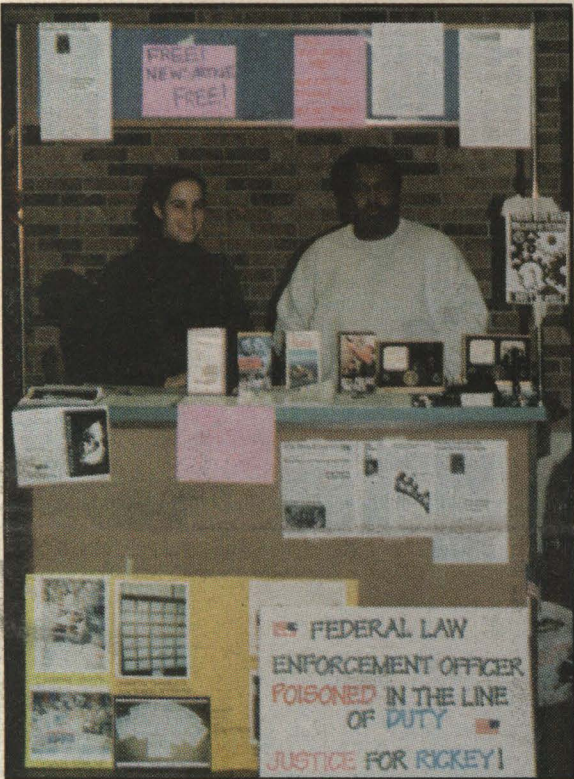


Photo by Lyndsay Rice

Crystal Gallego, left, and Rickey Townsend talked to students this week about Rickey's alleged poisoning. They set up the booth to spread the word about Rickey's plight for justice to be served.

## SGA passes green space legislation

By Amy Zepnick  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) passed an act to contest the elimination of green space from Lot Q and Lot T at last week's Senate meeting.

The statute, originally passed by University Affairs Committee, approved a proposal to add 183 parking spaces.

"I'm glad the proposal was sent back for further review,"

said Aaron Koepke, SGA president. "Because there's not a big time crunch, it gives the faculty and students time to work together to come up with an equitable solution to solving the parking dilemma."

Green space is important to the reputation of the university. Preserving the environmental atmosphere enhances the campus's status as being nature oriented.

The 20 students who attend-

ed the Senate meeting disputed the parking proposition. Senate later approved a plan to persuade University Affairs and parking officials to research and execute substitute solutions to the parking problems.

"There are a few solutions to the parking problems," Koepke said. "We can limit freshman parking or have parking lots off-campus. If we work with the city,

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## Vice chancellor announces retirement

By Amy Zepnick  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer announced his retirement from UW-Stevens Point earlier last week.

"I've been at UWSP for 34 years," Meyer said. "It's time for someone else to take over."

Meyer came to UWSP in 1968 after finishing his master's degree at Kent State University. With a background in communicative disorders, he worked for two years as a faculty member at the speech clinic in the School of Communicative Disorders. He returned to Kent State to earn his doctorate and came back to

UWSP in 1972 as a department chair. He became vice chancellor in April 1997 and will maintain the position until July 2002.

"I came to UWSP, first because I was obviously offered a job here," Meyer said. "There are two other things that I really

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Helping Hand



Photo by Barrett Steenrod

Student Pam Nikolai helped build the Habitat for Humanity house on Fourth Avenue. See article on Page 6.



## Rare death

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and was a roommate of his for 1.5 years.

The infection lives in moist soil enriched with decomposing organic debris, according to the Centers for Disease Control. It's endemic in parts of the south-central, south-eastern and mid-western United States. There are usually 1-2 cases per 100,000 people in endemic areas. The mortality rate is only about five percent.

The infection is transmitted by the administration of airborne spores after the disturbance of contaminated soil, according to

the Centers for Disease Control. Persons at risk for the infection are those who are exposed to wooded areas, such as farmers, forestry workers, hunters and campers.

Gazdik might have inhaled the airborne spores while bowhunting, grouse hunting or just walking through woods in central Wisconsin, Beese said.

A large following of students and professors from UWSP attended Gazdik's funeral on Sunday, Dec. 2, in Iron River. His burial was on Monday.

"It was awesome how many people showed up for the funeral," Beese said.

Beese said Gazdik valued his

friendships and was always straightforward and honest to everyone.

"He was just a great human being," Beese said. "He was just a very down-to-earth person."

Gazdik's hobbies were hunting, fishing, baseball, hockey and old cars. His four roommates, including Beese, living downstairs in the duplex and his three friends living upstairs have come together to provide support for one another since Gazdik's death.

"It's really good for us to have each other here, because we're all going through the same thing," Beese said. "We can all sit down and tell stories about Casey to help the healing process."

## Retirement

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liked about UWSP. First, the people here were wonderful. Second, the faculty works so well with each other. I wanted to be a part of that."

Meyer's accomplishments include establishing, enhancing and expanding the Collaborative Degree Program and establishing a campus-wide committee to clarify objectives of General

Degree Requirements. He developed a series of workshops for newer faculty and established an administrative internship in the Office of Academic Affairs. He supported hiring college technology support personnel and college-based development programs and invested in instructional software and technology training.

"After I retire, I want to play — just play," Meyer said. "I'm not absolutely sure what I'm going to do. I am looking forward

to having my time be my own. When you have a career, time isn't your own and you have to accept that. The time has come for me to have my own time."

He believes his employment at UWSP as been a wonderful experience.

"I'm going to miss the people, the campus, the students and staff," he said. "If you enjoy even half of your time here as I have, then you will view your careers on a very positive note. It's been a pleasure."

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Lot R

Thursday, Nov. 29 12:50 p.m.

A parking attendant reported a vehicle drove at him in the lot.

Steiner Hall

Friday, Nov. 30 8 a.m.

A student reported he had received a threatening phone call.

LRC

Sunday, Dec. 2 1:30 a.m.

Two officers noticed an individual crouched behind a van that was parked at the east underground loading dock.

Physical Education Building

Sunday, Dec. 2 2:29 a.m.

Two officers noticed a trash receptacle had been used to smash the door window on the south side of the building.

Neale Hall

Sunday, Dec. 2 11:42 a.m.

A woman reported a discharged fire extinguisher in the basement of the south hall. The extinguisher was removed and replaced with a spare from the Physical Plant.

Lot E

Monday, Dec. 3 11:10 a.m.

A man reported his vehicle had been damaged and the damage may have occurred while it was parked on campus. The man had last seen his vehicle intact at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2.

## Green space

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we could use parking lots in the community and set up shuttle buses to take students to campus."

Taking away green space would only add one-third of the parking stalls needed for the 600 plus people on the parking waiting list.

Contact SGA at 346-3722 to obtain information about University Affairs Committee meetings.

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## UWSP number one in biology doctorates

The UW-Stevens Point ranks number one in the UW System and second in the nation for the number of recent graduates who have earned Ph.D.s in the biological sciences.

Sixty-eight from a total of 267 UWSP alumni earned doctorates in the biological sciences between 1989 and 1998. The rankings are according to the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) conducted annually by the National Science Foundation, Department of Education, National Institutes of Health, Department of Agriculture and the Endowment for the Humanities. In the national ratings, UWSP was number two after Humboldt State University of Arcata, Calif.

Professor Robert Bell, chair of the UWSP biology department, says, "The high quality of the student experience in this department revolves around three areas: quality of classroom instruction, quality and quantity of learning outside the classroom and support of students.

"We received the (UW System) Board of Regents Outstanding Teaching Award in 1996, our students get a Ph.D. faculty member in every class and we have averaged more than \$150,000 per year in equipment

and lab modernizations over the last decade," Bell says. "Many of our students get outstanding experience in the lab, field, library and classroom as they work individually with faculty on research and discovery projects. Our department has a faculty adviser for each student, a dedicated advising coordinator, discipline-specific tutoring and a biology peer assistance center."

Also among the 267 degrees earned by UWSP graduates were 28 doctorates in psychology, 26 in agricultural sciences [which includes many of the emphases in UWSP's College of Natural Resources (CNR)] and 22 in chemistry.

About his preparation in the UWSP psychology department, Chad Keller, who is pursuing a doctorate in counseling at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, says, "Prior to transferring to UWSP, I never considered graduate school at the doctoral level, but the professors really encouraged me and helped me tap into my potential, both academically and personally. As for the curriculum, there are several upper level courses which really motivated me. These courses, which are not necessarily offered by other institutions have been valuable in helping me be a step

ahead of some of the other students in my program of study."

CNR Dean Victor Phillips says, "The hallmarks of the CNR learning experience at UWSP are an integrated or systems approach to natural resource management, and experiential or 'real-world' applications via internships, student chapter activities, international experiences, summer camp practical training and coursework involving enhanced technology, critical thinking and field/community interactions. CNR undergraduate and masters level students alike are challenged by global environmental change and embrace opportunities to develop creative solutions for a sustainable future. Many CNR alumni go on to complete Ph.D. degrees and become leaders in conservation and resource management in Wisconsin, the USA and beyond."

Over the longer period from 1966 to 1998, UWSP alumni earned 710 doctorates. Of these, 151 were degrees in the biological sciences, the highest ranking among UW System comprehensive institutions and 11th highest in the nation. Seventy-one UWSP graduates earned doctorates in agricultural sciences, fifth highest in the nation.

## Commencement slated

The UW-Stevens Point will confer approximately 570 bachelor's and master's degrees during the school's two winter commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

U.S. Congressman David Obey will be the speaker at both morning and afternoon programs.

The morning program will begin at 10 a.m. with students receiving associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees in the College of Letters and Science. Baccalaureate and master's degree candidates in the Colleges of Fine Arts and Communication, Natural Resources and Professional Studies will take part in the 1 p.m. ceremony.

UWSP's ROTC Color Guard will present the flags at both ceremonies. Chancellor Thomas F. George will present diplomas and Brant Bergeron ('85), director of Alumni and University Relations, will give the Charge to Alumni. Music will be provided

by UWSP's Commencement Band under the direction of Scott Teeple. Vice Chancellor and Provost Bill Meyer will announce student awards and Professor William "Pete" Kelley will introduce each candidate for graduation.

Senior Jeremy Fritz from Berlin will sing the national anthem and UWSP's alma mater, "The Purple and the Gold." A graduate of Berlin Senior High School, Fritz will receive a bachelor's degree in vocal music during the afternoon ceremony.

Two student representatives will address the graduating class. The College of Letters and Science's Class of 2001 representative, Tanti Lina, Indonesia, will graduate with a degree in computer information systems. The College of Professional Studies' representative, Alicia Roth, Oshkosh, will graduate with a degree in elementary education.

## Alleged poison

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"I repeatedly told the administration that they needed to separate the inmates, but they ignored my authority," Townsend said. "When they conspired to have Calderon killed, and he didn't die, I became a witness."

Townsend alleges that after this incident, FCI Oxford's administration tried to kill him by poisoning his coffee. It took 20 minutes for him to receive help after complaining of having a heart attack to a secretary, he said. He was taken to an infirmary where he lay for about three hours before taken to a hospital for medical attention. Townsend alleges that the prison's administration didn't call an ambulance, but instead insisted that he drive himself to a local hospital. After he resisted, a prison official drove him to the

Hess Memorial Hospital - now the Mile Bluff Medical Center - in Mauston. The normal 45-minute drive took about 1.5 hours because the official got lost on back roads, Townsend said.

The hospital physician took a few tests and confirmed that Townsend suffered from caffeine overload, which doesn't make any sense to him because he only drank 1.5 cups of coffee, he said.

Townsend's workers compensation doesn't cover attorney expenses, which is why he is looking for help. He has seizures, has a difficult time walking and has continuous pain in his head and legs due to the alleged poison still in his body. He had a seizure Tuesday afternoon in the UC while manning his booth and had to be taken to the emergency room at St. Michael's Hospital.

"I want these people to be brought to justice," he said.

## Summitt brings state together

Over 15 UWSP students attended the Wisconsin Economic Summit II in Milwaukee, Nov. 26-27.

The UW System, various local and state government agencies and business leaders sponsored the two-day event. The Summit was hailed as the foundation of determining Wisconsin's economic growth and direction.

The Summit presenters talked about collaboration between different institutions. One such collaboration was between public universities and private business. Universities are continually producing business ties through research, business parks and corporate investments with such corporations as Philip-Morris and Exxon-Mobil.

## Classified staff contributes money

On behalf of all Classified Staff employees on campus, the Classified Staff Advisory Committee recently made a \$150 contribution to Operation Bootstrap, a local organization which helps needy families in the area year-round.

The Classified Staff Committee received \$150 in prize money after taking

first place in the UWSP Homecoming float competition and felt the money could best be used by those in need in our own community.

We encourage all campus organizations, faculty & staff to participate in the efforts of Operation Bootstrap during this holiday season. Happy holidays to all!

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## Grants paying dividends

Faculty and staff at the UW-Stevens Point garnered more than \$5.3 million in grants from outside sources during fiscal year 2000.

"This represents the fourth largest dollar amount received by UWSP in the last 10 years," stated David Staszak, associate vice chancellor for academic programs and grant support services. "But more important, these grants support valuable research that benefits not only central Wisconsin but other regions of the state as well."

Funding comes from local, state, federal and foundation sources including not only grants, but gifts, contracts and cooperative agreements as well. A total of \$5,304,909 was awarded last year to faculty and staff of all four colleges. Grant awards impacting Wisconsin include Elk research, Lake Trout recovery in Lake Superior, energy and environmental education in K-12 schools, potato research and efforts to increase Hmong professionals in our schools.

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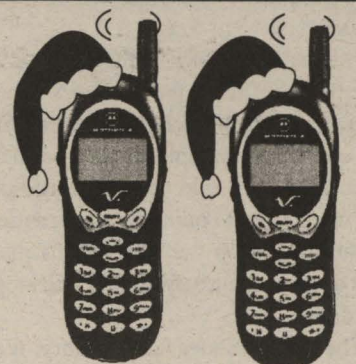
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# Words of Wisdom From the Editor

**Cloning is unethical and unnatural, but I'd be lying if I said that I didn't want one.**

By Josh Goller  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Human cloning has never been a more controversial subject. The once remote possibility of successfully cloning a human is now a reality with recent reports of a successfully cloned human embryo.

Religious groups claim that cloning is playing God, while some scientists fear that it may interfere with natural selection in the long run. However, advocates attest that cloning could result in new ways to create stem cells (cells that could be turned into any type of cell in the body).

Production of stem cells through cloning techniques could yield much needed organs to be used in organ transplants, thereby potentially saving countless lives.

The Massachusetts-based Advanced Cell Technology claims to have created a human embryo through two different techniques. One embryo was created by a cloning technique similar to that used to generate "Dolly," the first cloned sheep. The other technique, in essence, fooled a human egg into developing into an embryo without the introduction a sperm cell.

Though advocates stress that their intention is simply to produce stem cells and not clone a human being, cloning foes fear that the temptation to do so may lead to catastrophic consequences.

I've been back and forth on this issue since the start. Production of stem cells could become one of the most beneficial breakthroughs in medical science. However, the ramifications of instituting technology that can duplicate human beings remains frightening.

Until information on cloning becomes better defined, I'm going to remain teetering on the fence with this issue. But there's one thing I'm certain of: if they start producing human clones, I'll be first in line to get one of my own.

Of course, current technology can only clone

embryos by implanting DNA from an individual into a human egg. I wouldn't really have any use for an embryo or even a baby version of myself for that matter. What would really interest me is "ready-made" clones. An exact duplicate of myself may be nothing but science fiction, but it'd be damn cool.

I could explain why using examples from the Michael Keaton flop *Multiplicity* but I'd use my clones for more creative purposes than simply working for me and tending to my family. First of all, I'd room with my clones (I'd have at least 5 or 6) because I can't think of better roommates. They'd clean up after themselves, always want to watch the same TV programming as me and I'd always have someone with whom to engage in intelligent conversation. Granted, they'd always have girls over but, after all, they would be my clones.

I'd make one of my clones learn to play that dust-collecting electric guitar I have shoved in my closet somewhere (eventually to surpass Jimi Hendrix as the most influential guitarist ever), while another clone would evolve my culinary skills past the microwaving stage (soon to give Emeril a run for his money). One clone could finish all the short story ideas I've been tinkering with, making sure not to interrupt my clone who was pursuing spiritual enlightenment through countless hours of various meditation techniques.

I'd handle most of the partying and sleeping duties while making sure to reserve a bit of time to keep up with my studies (although most of that would be taken care of by my bookworm clone).

And it could become quite interesting to have a few clones of Amy (my girlfriend) for obvious reasons. In fact, I won't completely jump onto the cloning bandwagon until the day comes when I'm "hanging out" with my harem of Amy's while my studious clone is sitting here writing this silly column for me.

## Violence only leads to more violence

While one may think that protesting for peace is useless, another may think that solving conflict through bloodshed is rather useless, also. Amy Zepnick argues that history has shown conflict has been solved with military action. She states "war works." I would argue that direct action, activism, protests, whatever you want to call it, "works."

History has shown us that direct action has been a useful tool in transforming society. The Civil Rights Movement, suffrage, the Women's Liberation Movement, etc. have all been moved forward through direct action. This has been in the form of sit-ins, boycotts, protests and demonstrations. One does not think of these social movements without human icons such as Lucy Stone, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Gloria Steinman, who have all participated in forms of protest in attempt to change society.

I would like to point out that treaties have been signed "AFTER military action," but the treaties signed are usually to stop the war actions that were occurring. So if one thinks that starting military action in hopes of getting a treaty signed will stop that same military action in progress then some reevaluation needs to be done.

The United States has a history of engaging in war, especially when we see the potential to gain things such as resources. But that doesn't make it right. Nor does it make it right for the United States to "play the game the Taliban's way in order to get their point across" as Zepnick stated. This mentality is that of an adolescent. He hit me first... Violence is no way to solve violence. We teach this to our children but embrace this mentality in foreign relations.

While we have had a history of war, we have also had a history of those people protesting wars. In the past, students have organized through groups and actions against war. It is a right in the United States to have freedom of speech, as well as freedom of assembly. So I say "thank you" to those who are exercising these rights. And that significant change has only occurred through direct action and activists.

Sabrina L. Johnson  
History Minor



## A call for clearer vision

This is in response to the opinion article titled "Protests for peace unrealistic" (Nov. 29). There are many emotions regarding "war" that are worthy for discussion. What should never need discussion however is the tragedy of death to innocent life.

The previous article stated, "The United States needs to play the game the Taliban's way in order to get their point across." For the US to seek justice for the death of innocent lives, by degrading another group of humans and ending more innocent lives, is appalling. The US is not waging a war on terrorism, it is waging a war of terrorism. And as harsh as that statement is, how much more so is it that leaders and policies of this nation, or any nation, feel so little compassion towards human life, that innocent lives in another country, are somehow less human and therefore expendable?

"War works" in that it is self-perpetuating. War creates war, creates war, creates war. I agree with the statement "the United States' sloppiness costs a lot of innocent lives." What I fear most in that is the repercussions from such sloppiness and arrogance. The terrible events which occurred on Sept. 11 were not simply a jealousy against our freedom as was first put forth. It was a culmination of events relating to the United States' abuse of power in the Middle East. We extend that abuse with the war in Afghanistan.

The call for peace runs deeper than what the assistant news editor has argued. A call for peace responds not only to the unjust war in Afghanistan but also to the unnecessary causes of such a war. The peace movement does not call for the termination of all military faction--the instant removal of U.S. protection and safety. But we do not give it free reign to wreak a terrible and unlawful vengeance in the world. Such an act is not an extension of our safety--it is a threat to our safety. If we do not march, do not chant, do not chalk, do not sing and do not bring awareness, then we walk eyes-closed through the world ignoring injustice, ignoring our power and our responsibility to make this planet a better home.

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## London trip builds ties that bind

Last night I was lying in bed taking a nap before dinner when there was a knock at my door. I rose and opened the door to see my friend Jared Duffy standing with a meaningful look on his face. "Would you like to go down to Abbey Road? Nicole told me that there is going to be a vigil tonight for George Harrison." As a Beatle fan, this sounded like something I would very much like to be a part of. In order to enjoy the brisk London night air, we walked, Jared saying that he knew the way, but of course getting us lost for the obligatory five or ten minutes (Jared has gotten me lost in every city we've been to, as well as at least half a dozen times in London). There were over a hundred people on the front lawn of Abbey Road Studios when we arrived, singing old Beatle songs and passing around the guitar. We sang along for a while, noticing the flowers, candles, poems, and tributes that decked the fence. Then Jared took the guitar and we all sang a driving rendition of "Norwegian Wood." I felt sad as we walked back. Our time here in London is coming to an end.

Lord, all the things I will miss about this place! Dozens of theatres, all within a twenty-minute tube ride and offering such a selection of fare that any taste is sure to find something they love. The huge, sprawling parks, perfect for relaxation or a homesickness-curing picnic: Hampstead Heath and Regent's Park, I'll miss you especially. The art galleries combined, The National Gallery and both of the Tate's have everything, from medieval to modern, that could turn even the most disinterested tourist into a true art lover. And who could forget the pubs? Every variety of drinking establishment, from the old-world style to the ultra chic, is represented, and I'll miss all the good, old times that I've had in them with my friends.

But I guess it is my friends that it really all comes down to. Our group of 34 is now much more a family than a group of students and a professor. Anything can happen to any one of us, we all know that everyone else will be ready in a moment to offer all the support and help they can give. One of my friends was robbed way back in Paris, and we all put a few bucks in a hat so he wouldn't have to miss out on anything here, during what might be the best time of his life. I know for a fact that he appreciates it and loves them all more than he is able to say. That is the kind of love and caring that we have for each other. Maybe it is partially a closeness born of the events of Sept. 11, but I'm willing to bet that every study-abroad group grows into a tight-knit group much like we have. There are people here that I am sure that I will lose touch with over the years, but there are also many that I know that I will be friends with forever. It's the benefit from this semester in London that I never expected, but also the one for which I am most grateful for.

Matthew Bates  
Study Abroad - London

## School of Americas no longer exists

As an avid reader and advertising supporter of *The Pointer* newspaper, I assumed that you requested comment about the student arrest outside of Fort Benning, Georgia for last week's article because, as an instructor with the Department of Military Science, I have some military experience. I assumed that after I informed you that the School of Americas, the object of the student's protest, closed its doors almost a year ago that I would not read about such nonsense in the upcoming edition. Needless to say, I am disappointed, saddened and sick of assuming.

I am disappointed because I know that you and your staff are better journalists than to put a front page article on your paper without researching it any further than interviews with protestors and protestor literature that contains many untruths. I replied, "no comment," when you asked me, but at the time, I felt that I did not know enough about the protest or the School of Americas to make an informed comment, other than the fact that I knew the school was no longer in existence. The School of Americas was a relic of a past, violent era that was not conducive to today's attitudes and policies, and, as a result, the government terminated its existence. So, I still have trouble identifying exactly "what" the protestors were trying to protest upon their arrest.

Your article makes it appear

as if the United States not only harbors terrorists, but also trains them at a school that no longer exists. Have graduates of the School of Americas committed atrocities? You bet. That is undeniable. However, just because a soldier from another country receives education and training from our country does not make us responsible for his or her future atrocities. If you subscribe to that logic, then I believe that we should protest the gates of UWSP. I am sure that there are convicted felons who took/are taking classes here. Is their educational experience at UWSP to blame? Can you look into the future and tell me what you will do with your education someday? What if you (hopefully not) kill another human being someday? Will you blame the training you received at UWSP? At a time when this country needs to band together to fight evil, your article sheds light on a practice of the past, but makes it appear as if that practice were still in place today, thereby misleading your readers with an article that reflects badly on our Armed Forces of today. That is disappointing. You are much better than that.

I realize you have deadlines and college requirements, but what about a well researched, positive article about how activism and protest turned an outdated Army-ran, training school into a global, precedent-setting, Department of Defense-

led institute of learning where foreign soldiers and officers are required to partake in a human rights training program, the annually-held human rights conference and an annual roundtable media symposium on the issue of human rights. Rather, you chose to report that the school simply underwent "a name change."

Finally, I am saddened that the Just Cause Legal Collective financed the trip for the UWSP student to travel all the way to Georgia to protest a school that no longer exists. I am sure that that money could have been used to combat a more worthy cause. I am also saddened that the arrested freshman student was naive enough to believe the propaganda so whole-heartedly that it resulted in an arrest—an arrest that will stay with that individual for the remainder of their life and possibly influence their future education and employment prospects. I look forward to future articles in *The Pointer* about protestors being arrested for protesting slavery, prohibition and child labor because they, much like the School of Americas, no longer exist in the United States of America.

Cpt. Doug Ferrel  
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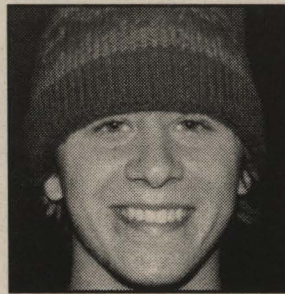
## POINTER POLL

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What's the best pick up line you've ever heard?



Angela Achtner, Sr. Graphic Design  
*Basically anything Bergy says is a turn on.*



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*You remind me of a 40 inch pike, I don't know whether to kiss you or mount you.*



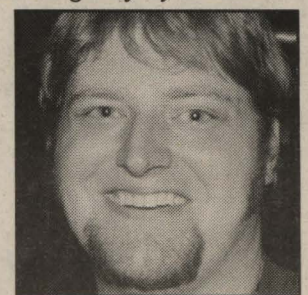
Katie Lueck, Jr. Communication  
*Can I borrow a quarter. I told my mom I'd call her when I met the girl of my dreams.*



Katie Brashear, Jr. Wildlife/Bio  
*"Do you want to go wolf tracking?" It worked.*



Joseph Plunkett, Sr. Math  
*Do you believe in love at first sight or do you want me to walk by again.*



"Ding" Sr. Environmental Ed.  
*You know those crop circles in England? That was me.*



## 'A Christmas Carol' opens this weekend

A holiday favorite, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," will be staged at UWSP on Dec. 7-9 and 12-15.

Under the direction of Gary Olsen, professor of theatre arts, the department of theatre and dance performance will feature UWSP students as well as seven students from the community.

This is the second time UWSP has staged the play in recent years. This time, additional background scenes are being added and scenery is being repolished, said Olsen. Of the seven UWSP actors that were in the past production, only one is portraying the same role.

The story relates the journey of Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Mike Holmes, as he discovers the joys of Christmas. He is visited by four spirits, the first being his late partner, Jacob Marley, played by John Blick. Scrooge revisits his life with the Ghost of Christmas Past, played by Courtney Jones. Then the Ghost of Christmas Present, played by Phyllis O'Hara, takes him unseen to the home of his nephew, Fred, portrayed by Benjamin Griesse.

The last spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Future, portrayed in a dual role by Blick, is the one Scrooge fears the most. Olsen hinted that this ghost would be portrayed differently than last time, and it would fit Dickens' original description of a creature that draws the happiness and life spirit out of humans.

Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's long suffering employee, will be played by Beau Banton. Mrs. Cratchit will be played by Samantha Cordio, and their sickly son, Tiny Tim, will be played by Spencer Tuskowski. Spencer also will portray Scrooge as a young boy.

The play will open at 8 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 7, with 7:30 p.m. performances on Dec. 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15 and 2 p.m. performances on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 8 and 9. Admission is \$14 for the public. Tickets are available at the Ticket Office in Quandt Fieldhouse or by calling 346-4100. Tickets also may be available at the door if performances are not sold out in advance.

## Student Organization Spotlight: Habitat for Humanity



By Barrett Steenrod.

Ryan Jingles, left, Lisa Interle, center, and Michelle Riehn work on the roof of the newest Habitat for Humanity house on Fourth Ave. this past Saturday.

By Barrett Steenrod

FEATURES EDITOR

For many students, this time of the semester can be a source of stress and frustration. Finals are just around the corner, gifts for the holidays are waiting to be bought, bills of one sort or another are piling up and, for pete's sake, it's well into December and it feels like September, without a hint of snow to tell otherwise.

Not releasing all this pent-up tension is likely to make just about anyone snap, and if that is how you feel, I have the perfect solution for you. POUND SOMETHING! Your best bet to do this without violating any laws is to head over to Fourth Ave. on any given Saturday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and pick up a hammer at the newest housing project for Habitat for Humanity International (Habitat).

Habitat is a Christian based non-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate poverty housing worldwide. Created in 1976, it now boasts over 2,000 affiliates in 70 countries. To date, Habitat has built or remodeled over 100,000 houses, providing good solid homes for over half a million people worldwide. In Stevens Point, there are two chapters for Habitat, the Central Wisconsin affiliate and the UWSP Student Chapter.

Presently, the house being constructed is the eleventh home to be put up with the help of UWSP students. On average, a house is constructed within one school year, so this house also marks the eleventh anniversary for the UWSP Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The organization is recognized by the Student Government Association (SGA) and therefore receives funding from the university.

"There are no regular meetings, we just try to get people to work on the house," UWSP resident Shannon Hext said.

And build they do. The famous line from Field of Dreams, "if you build it, they will come," definitely applies here; there is usually a large contingent of students out on the house hammering away each weekend.

"There are about 15-20 students out there helping build each week, but it does vary from week to week," said Hext.

Currently, there are over 200 people on the e-mail mailing list who have either helped out at some point or have at least expressed the interest in helping out. A student doesn't have to have prior construction experience or be affiliated with Habitat to help out, though. One such student, B.J. Hermesen, heard about Habitat via Student Message of the Day.

When asked about why he was volunteering, he said, "Just working. I come out and work with them."

Hermesen didn't have any particular experience before first volunteering, "just off and on helping out (kind of work)." He does think that based on what he has learned helping out with Habitat, that there is a possibility of maybe even making a career out of this line of work someday.

"I enjoy it a lot," Hermesen said.

Both Lisa Interle and Michelle Riehn were out working on the house recently.

"I don't really have a reason (for coming out to help), just to be nice I guess," Interle said, before adding, "I figured it would be a good experience because the only other volunteering I've done is in a day care."

Besides being the club's co-president, Riehn was out helping for an entirely recreational reason, "because it's fun"

She originally got involved when she went on the spring break trip last March to help build houses in Habitat's Collegiate Challenge.

"We built three houses with the Americorps team and it was a lot of fun. I like to volunteer and I like to help out a lot," Riehn said.

The spring break trip, which Riehn was speaking of, has become an annual offering within the last couple of years. This past spring, nearly 35 students packed into university vehicles and made a road trip down to Georgia to assist in putting some of the final touches on three new houses in Albany. Previous trips have seen UWSP students helping with projects in North Carolina and Texas. This year a trip is planned to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

One common misconception about Habitat is that the organization is simply giving houses away. Jackson Case, president of the Central Wisconsin Habitat affiliate, says otherwise.

"Habitat is one of the few entities around that gives people a hand-up instead of a hand-out. There is no gift going along with this house at all. Yes, they (the buyers) do end up purchasing the house much less expensively than going through standard financing, however, it is definitely not a gift. They do pay for it. There is a big misunderstanding with a lot of people about that fact. We don't give houses away, we help people get into decent housing," Case explained.

All new or remodeled homes are built by Habitat volunteers while materials are paid for by the purchasers with a Habitat interest-free loan.

If you feel the need to help others get into decent housing, stop by Fourth Ave. sometime during the year and lend a hand. If you need more information feel free to contact Shannon Hext at shext899@uwsp.edu. You can also visit the Habitat website at [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

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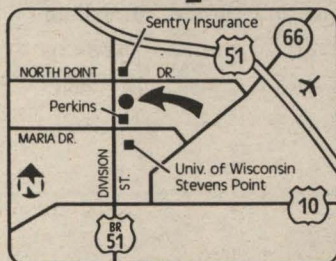
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## The future of Nelson Hall: a matter of debate

The Historic 86 year-old former residence hall sits amid a flurry of discussion as to whether or not it will face the wrecking ball.

By Jason Nemecek  
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

On Oct. 17, a Historic Preservation Committee (HPC), and grass roots subcommittee of the University Affairs Committee held a meeting to inform its members and the public of the current situation of Nelson Hall. Two keynote speakers were Mike Siever representing Nelson Hall and Carl Rasperson, director of Community Planning, on behalf of the State of Wisconsin. Rasperson was asked to relate why the state is currently opposed to preserving Nelson Hall.

Nelson Hall was built in 1915 and is one of the oldest buildings in the UW school system. Nelson Hall received its name from George B. Nelson, a Stevens Point attorney who served on the Wisconsin Supreme Court from 1930 to 1942. He was a regent of the State Normal School System and fought avidly with lawmakers who were

opposed to spending the \$100,000 to build the hall. Since Nelson Hall was built, it has served as a dormitory to house university woman and housed the Student Army Training Corps during WWI and WWII as well as the ROTC.

Nelson Hall is listed among the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation's ten most endangered historic properties and is named to the Wisconsin State Inventory of Historic Structures and the Stevens Point City List of Historic Buildings. Today the hall provides space for child care, the Foreign Students Office, Administrative

Computing, the Women's Resource Center, Environmental Education, a school of Education junior high tutoring program and many other auxiliary programs and services. Nelson Hall is running at full capacity and if demolished, the organizations currently using the building would have to be relocated at a cost of \$3.2 million, more than half of the \$5.2

electrical wiring needs to be updated from its current 400-amp service to a more modern supply capable of handling the demands of the Internet connected world. The floors can only hold 30 pounds per square foot; if converted to office space they would need to hold 120 pounds per square foot. Additionally, the upstairs rooms have low ceiling heights and the building is not wheelchair accessible.

Sieler, a keynote speaker at the meeting and one in favor of restoration said, "We want the university to be committed to restoring the building, we need the space." Sieler went on to list other historic buildings in Stevens Point that either were renovat-

ed or demolished. He listed such buildings as the Stevens Point Court House, the Masonic Building, Dunegon Bosworth, Carnegie Hall, the SPASH high school, UWSP Old Main building, Orthman Rural Demonstration, Third Ward Public School and John E. Simms Cottage. He went on to say how these buildings give Stevens Point its identity. By losing our historic buildings to demolition, we lose a piece of our history.

According to Rasperson, the state is looking at every alternative. The agencies reviewing for the state are the Division of Facilities Development and the University

of Wisconsin System Administration. Both agencies have indicated that the use of state tax money to renovate Nelson Hall will not be supported. The only planning principle the state is willing to accept is phasing the building out of use in order to be sold or demolished. Rasperson went on to list other possible options.

If the building is sold or renovated, the university would have to provide suitable space for its current occupants, sending them either to the Student Services Building, Delzell Hall or the University Center. Currently, the College of Natural Resources is looking for a site for the 100,000 square-foot Global Environment Management education center (GEM).

Another option would be to tear the building down and build a parking lot, alleviating the UWSP parking problem.

The fourth alternative would be to convert the building back to a dorm or an apartment-style complex, but this would be a burden to generate income. For the amount of renovation the building would cost, the university would have to increase the cost of all student housing by \$150 per semester, a 6% increase of what the residents are currently paying, or charge future residents some of the cost of restoration. The University could also do a tuition differential, by asking the Student Government Association to raise fees by \$50 per student. Stevens Point has never instituted a tuition differential in its history, but other UW universities have. If a tuition differential occurs, it may lead to more tuition differentials in the future.

Nelson Hall is in a precarious position. Will it remain as a foundation to this university's great heritage, or will it be swept by the wayside as another relic of the past done in by the progress of society? At this point, the fate of Nelson Hall is still up in the air. One of the questions that ultimately must be answered is whether a dollar amount can be placed on the intrinsic value of retaining a piece of history here on campus.

Once the ultimate worth of Nelson Hall is decided, only then will we know.

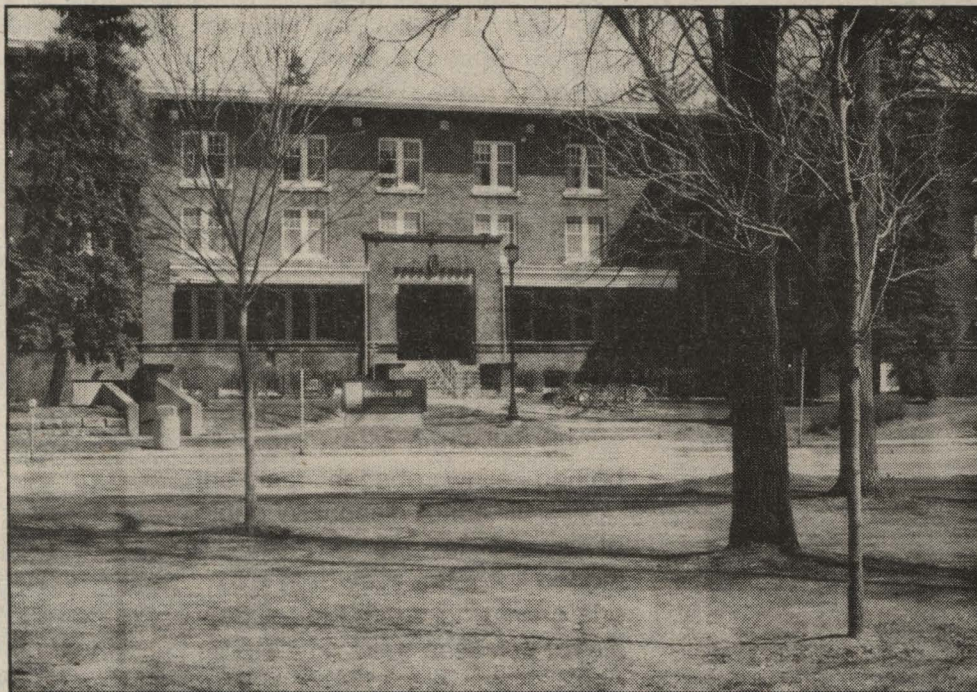


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To be or not to be, that is the question that is on the minds of many people these days regarding the future for this 86 year-old piece of UWSP history.

million needed for renovation.

According to Rasperson, the state architect and the engineers claim that the facility is not worth the state tax payer's dollars for renovation, despite the fact that most of the building is structurally sound. The wood framing in the building does present a fire hazard and there is the issue of cleaning out the asbestos and lead paint before any improvements are made. The windows are quite inefficient and need to be replaced in order to prevent drafts. In addition, the center stairway does not meet fire code, and the plumbing is non-usable due to its two-inch water line. The

## UWSP Climbing Club to host climbing competition

The second annual UWSP climbing competition is scheduled to take place Mon., Dec. 10 in the MAC from 6 p.m. till 11 p.m..

The competition will feature beginning, intermediate, and advanced divisions of both men's and women's brackets.

Climbers in each division will have one hour to successfully climb as many routes as possible. Points are awarded for successfully climbing a route, with more points awarded for successively difficult routes.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three men and women's finishers in each of the divisions. The top three finishers in the Advanced division will then go on to a special climb-off to determine best climber of the competition.

In the event that all routes are occupied for most of the hour, climbers not on a route will have the opportunity to compete in special low point value boulder routes until a vertical route opens.

Last year, nearly 40 people

competed in the inaugural competition. With the increase in popularity of climbing on campus, organizers are expecting more competition this year. Women are especially being encouraged to register, as the women's bracket is not as competitive as the men's, meaning the odds of placing are much better.

In addition to the competition, the Climbing Club will be selling used shoes and harnesses at 5:30 p.m. as well as drawing door prizes for all registered climbers throughout the evening.

The competition is being partially sponsored by DivePoint Scuba, Stevens Point and Dwellers, Wausau. Those businesses are also helping provide some of the high quality climbing gear up for grabs by the top climbers in each division.

Registration for the competition is at the MAC desk and is only \$15 up until Sunday evening. On Monday, the day of the competition, the cost of registration rises to \$20.

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# Gifts shops are plentiful in Point

By Kristin Sterner  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

As a hard-working, and poor, college student, I will be the first to admit that the holiday shopping frenzy that I once enjoyed has become an event that I look to with mixed feelings of loathing and dread. It's not that I don't want to buy my family presents; I love to give gifts. It's more the lack of time and financial resources that usually make me worry, not to mention trying to find a nice, personal gift in exponentially populated shopping centers. There is a way to get everything together in time, though, and in Stevens Point there are a variety of places to find what you need.

The most obvious place to do Christmas shopping in town would be the Centerpoint Mall. Centerpoint offers an extensive array of stores such as Bath and Body Works, Fred Meyer Jewelers, JCPenney and Maurices. Here, you are likely to find your usual sweaters, ties, perfume, candles and other things that you usually have to find at some point in your holiday shopping. Throughout the month of December, Centerpoint will also have community events and various sales including their "Last

Minute Christmas Sale" which will take place from Dec. 14 through Dec. 16, (Hmm...last minute huh, these people have not met me.). Stop in and pay Santa a visit sometime 'cause he will be there too.

Need something a little more unique for someone on your list? Located downtown, Vagabond Imports has moderately priced gifts from around the world that are sure to produce oohs and ahhs from all your loved ones. From tapestries to clothing to incense to decorative things,

Vagabond has it all. If you need some more coaxing, Vagabond also offers a 10% discount to UWSP students. How's that for holiday spirit!

If you'd like to get a bit more creative for Christmas, stop by the Blue Bead Trading Company and check out their supply of beads from around the globe. They are located across the street from Vagabond or in the UC! That's right, if you haven't already noticed, the Blue Bead has set up a holiday booth

right across from the Pointer Express. Talk about convenience! Besides, at the price of beads, how could you go wrong!

If you don't even have the cash for some beads and string, there is still a solution! During the last week of school, the University Store accepts food points as cash for anything in the store! Last year, I severely cut Christmas costs this way by buying one of those "UW-Stevens Point Mom" sweatshirts (retail value-- \$40). She was thrilled; it was the best Christmas present reaction I've gotten from her since I made her an ornament in my Brownie troop in the third grade.

Another place on campus to find great gifts is Outdoor Adventures. It is the perfect place to find things for the outdoors enthusiast. They will be running sales on assorted merchandise throughout the rest of the holiday season, and as an added bonus, you can use up the rest of your personal points there, too.

Even with what I've listed, I have not even come close to exhausting the possibilities of shopping around Stevens Point. There are many more fun little shops around town to check out, random booths selling gifts in the UC and sales to be found. Holiday shopping doesn't have to be a pain just try to go in the spirit of love and forget the other pressures you might be faced with. After all, Christmas is about giving.



## Commemoration of Pearl Harbor attack set for Dec. 6

A panel discussion to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be held at UWSP.

The panel, moderated by Neil Lewis, chair of the history department, will discuss Pearl Harbor and its aftermath.

Speakers include history faculty Susan Brewer, who will discuss propaganda and the war effort. Theresa Kaminski will discuss American civilians in the Pacific theater and Paul Mertz will speak on civil rights and civil liberties during WWII. William Skelton will discuss U.S. military actions early in the war and Hugh Walker will address Japan's decision to bomb Pearl Harbor.

The discussion will be held Thurs., Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Room. The event is sponsored by the UWSP history department and is open to the public at no charge.

For more information, contact the department of history, 346-2334.



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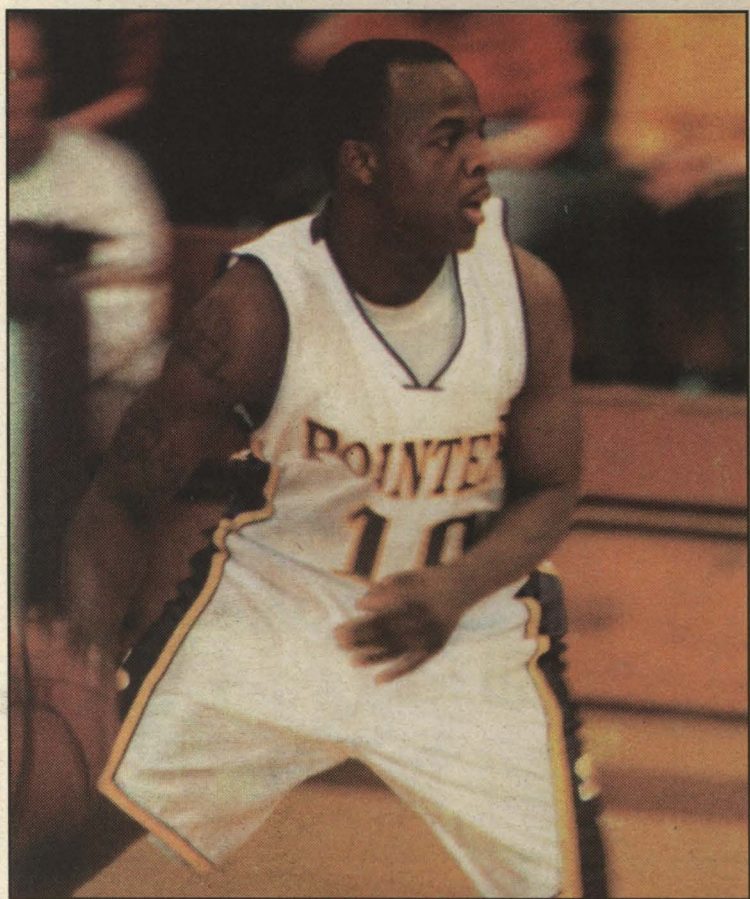
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Pointer guard Tararis Relerford handles the rock in the first half of Wednesday's game against Whitewater

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## Point cagers fall to Whitewater

**Team drops heart-breaker for first loss on year**

**By Dan Mirman**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a game that lived up to all the hype and expectations when last year's conference co-champions matched up at the Quandt field-house on Wednesday night.

Unfortunately, the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team (7-1, 0-1) came up just one point shy when UW-Whitewater was victorious 72-71.

Trailing by six points with under a minute left, Point made one last run, keyed by three pointers from Ron Nolting and Kalonji Kadima, the Pointers had the ball with six seconds left but an errant pass from Neal Krajnik was intercepted as

time expired to send Point to their first loss of the year.

"With that last play we just take our chances. Neal probably threw the pass a little premature, but that's not the portion that lost the game," said Coach Jack Bennett. "There was a stretch of 5, 7, 8 minutes on our heels, and we relaxed and gave them clear looks, and we can't do that."

Point was led in scoring for the evening by Josh Iselroth, who had 19 points, with 15 coming in the first half. Kadima and Jason Kalsow were the other Pointers to reach double figures, chipping 16 and 10 points respectively.

The Pointers led the game most of the way, with their largest lead being 13 points, but Whitewater erased the deficit with a 16-2 run midway through the second half. It was also a tough shooting night

from behind the arc as the Pointers could only manage 5 of 17 shot attempts.

"We would have loved to pull this one out, but I think that we learn the same from a loss as we do a win," said Bennett.

"But the thing is you feel a lot better when you win."

Point had one other game in the week, defeating the University of St. Francis (Joliet, Ill.) by a score of 77-61.

Kadima had a monster second half in the contest scoring all 21 of his points in the half, to go along with six rebounds. Iselroth was also solid tossing in 17 points and grabbing eight boards, Krajnik was the other Pointer in double figures with 12 points.

Point will continue conference play this weekend as they head to Menomonie to take on UW-Stout.

## Pointer women's b-ball improve to 8-0

**"Solid defense key to winning ways," says Egner**

**By Andy Bloeser**  
SPORTS REPORTER

After a strong start to the season, the UWSP women's basketball team has only continued to look stronger, improving to record of 8-0, behind a string of solid defensive performances.

"Our defense has been really solid this season and has been a big factor in our success," said Coach Shirley Egner of her team's performance thus far.

Evidence of those words could be found in the team's outing against Ripon College, a 71-42 blowout, that saw the Pointer women hold their opponents to just 15 points in the first half.

The team led the game from start to finish, receiving substantial offensive contributions from Kari Grosheck, who scored 15 points and Amanda Nechuta, who contributed 11.

Egner's team found similar success in their 83-55 victory

over Edgewood College. The team began the game on solid note with a 9-0 and at one point led by as many as 35 points in the second half.

Grosheck became the second player this season and the 11th player in school history to crack the 1,000 point mark, leading the team in scoring with 19 points for the game.

"Scoring a thousand was a goal of mine when I first started playing here, and it felt really good to achieve that goal," said Grosheck of her career achievement. "It's quite an accomplishment," said fellow senior Carry Boehing, who also notched 1,000 career points earlier in the season. "It was something that exceeds your expectations as a player," she added.

The team's crowning achievement to this point in the season came just a few days later against Marian college, as the Pointer women dominated their opponent on every facet, winning by a margin of 102-32, tying a school record for the largest margin of victory.

Grosheck again led the team in scoring with 18 points,

and was among five Pointer women to score in double digits. Also making a significant scoring contribution was freshman Leah Chekya, who scored 12 coming off the bench.

The Pointers continued their strong season on Wednesday with a sound defeat of UW-Whitewater, 90-70.

Whitewater was able to keep it tight at the beginning, tying it at 20-20 with 10:39 left in first half. The Pointers were then able to pull away with a 18-2 run over the next six minutes.

Amie Schultz knocked down 18 points to lead the team, while Boehing garnered 17 and Groshek 14 for the balanced Pointer offense.

The early season success of the team has earned sizable recognition for the women's basketball program, most notably from D3Hoops.com, who ranks the Pointers at the number four position.

Though the honor is significant, it is also an accomplishment the team holds in perspective. "It's a great recognition," said Egner, "but it doesn't mean a thing at this point and

## SENIOR ON THE SPOT AMIE SCHULTZ - BASKETBALL



Schultz

### UWSP Career Highlights

- Has started every game of her college career
- Has led team in minutes played in each of her three seasons with the Pointers
- Voted Co-Most Valuable Player for the 1999-2000 season

**Major** - Health Promotion

**Hometown** - Appleton, WI

**Most memorable moment** - All the time spent with my teammates was memorable.

**Who was your idol growing up?** - My dad. He was always really supportive and coached me from when I was little through high school.

**What are your plans after graduation?** - I want to work in the women's health field, helping them live a healthier lifestyle.

**Will you continue with basketball after graduation?** - Nope.

**What is your favorite aspect of basketball?** - The teamwork.

**Most embarrassing moment** - There are none I can remember.

**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?**

Michael Jordan, because he's my favorite player, and it would be fun to be that good.

**If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and could choose only three things to bring with you, what would you choose?**

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# Pointer swimming & diving drowns Gusties

**Erik Johnson claims three events as both men and women roll**

**By Craig Mandli**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP swimming and diving teams continued to steamroll through their regular season competition with a dramatic victory over MIAC 2000-2001 champion Gustavus Adolphus University on Saturday.

Close victories in the 400m freestyle relays capped the pair of victories for the Pointers. The UWSP men won the final event in 3:11.58 as sophomore anchor Erik Johnson pulled away in the final leg to give the Pointer's a three second win. Junior Eric Sands, senior captain Anthony Harris and new freshman Aaron Marshall joined Johnson in the winning relay.

Johnson continued his torrid pace with a win in the 200m freestyle in 1:43.97 and the 100m freestyle in 47.32 seconds. Sands also won the 50m freestyle in 21.90 seconds and Harris claimed the 200m butterfly in 2:01.01. Other individual winners for the Pointer men include Andy

Kanetzke in the 200m backstroke with a 2:04.50 timing and Andy Janicki in the 200m breaststroke with a time of 2:19.27. The Pointer men ended the dual with a 134-108 over the Gusties.

The Pointer women won their 400m freestyle relay in 3:41.22 as freshman Jean Hughes eked out her anchor leg to win by half a second and capture the dual meet victory by a score of 126-115.

Hughes and sophomore diver Patricia Larson paced the women as Hughes took the 200m freestyle in 2:00.95 and the 100m freestyle in 55.61 seconds, while Larson beat out all comers in both the one-meter and three-meter boards. The Superior, WI native was particularly dominating on the one-meter, posting her top individual score on that board in nearly two years.



Sammons

The Pointer women won the 400m medley relay in 4:05.29. Senior Christine Sammons swam on the relay and won the 200 breaststroke in 2:27.03. Senior Mary Thone was also part of the winning relay and won the 200 butterfly in 2:16.80. Junior Jen Randall swam on both winning relays.

The UWSP swim teams travel to Wheaton, IL. to compete in the Wheaton Invitational this weekend.

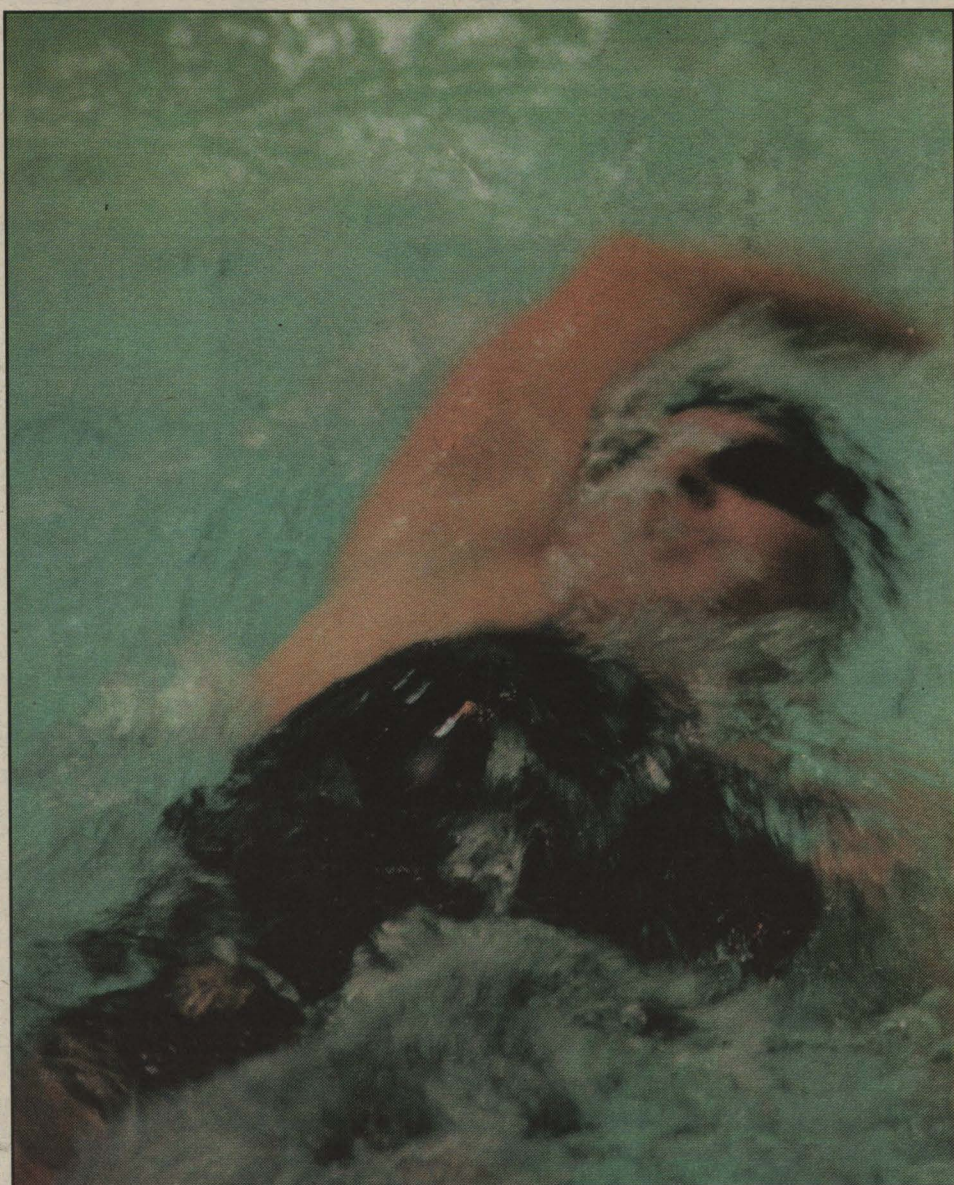


Photo by Patricia Larson

Pointer freshman Shannon Farley swims her heat of the 200m backstroke this past weekend against Gusatvus Adolphus in Stevens Point.

## Women skaters keep record intact

**Team downs Hamline 4-2 to put record at 8-0**

**By Dan Mirman**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Nearly three weeks off did nothing to slow down the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team as they downed Hamline College to keep their record perfect at 8-0.

Point got off to a solid start scoring two goals in the first period to open up an early lead. Nicole Sankey scored the second goal of the period, but it was a first for Point as Sankey became the first non-freshman to score a goal this season. It was also a nice wedding present for Sankey, who tied the knot earlier in the weekend.

"I thought this was another game where we played down to the level of our opposition. We haven't done a good job and we didn't play hard for three periods," said Coach Brian Idalski. "As far as the break goes, I would prefer that we played games every week so I'm glad its over."

Point added to their lead with one goal in each of the last two periods by Jackie Schmitt and Ann Ninnemann to take a commanding 4-0 lead. But Hamline did not quit as they rallied back scoring two late goals, but they could not catch UWSP as the Pointers won 4-2.

Freshman Shannon Kasperek stopped nine shots in 30 minutes of action and did not allow a goal to improve her record to 4-0 for the season.

Point returns to conference play this weekend where they hold a 2-0 mark this season. They will be heading to Illinois to take on Lake Forest College.

"Every game is a big game when your looking at the big picture," said Idalski. "But it is definitely more of a rivalry when you get into the conference schedule."



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Pointer freshman Hillary Wolski brings up the puck against Eau Claire in a game earlier this season.

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## Dogs have huge day destroying St. Scholastica in blowout

### Zenon Kochan records hat trick in victory

By Lucas Meyer  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer men unloaded their guns this past Friday in a 10-0 shutout victory over St. Scholastica, the first of its kind since blowing out Bemidji State in a semifinal playoff game in 1989. Point then jumped back over the border and dropped a tough loss to UW-Superior, 7-0.

UWSP improved their record to 3-2 in the NCHA against St. Scholastica. Zenon Kochan recorded his first career hat trick, scoring three goals.

Point dominated throughout the night out, out shooting the Saints 52-27.

The game was close in the first period with Zenon Kochan scoring the lone goal for UWSP. However, the Pointers came back strong, blasting the Saints with five goals in the

second period. Fricke, Glander, Brolsma, Leahy and Strassman helped build Point's lead 6-0.

Point kept digging the hole for the Saints, tallying four more goals in the third period and ending the contest at 10-0. Bob Gould accomplished his fourth career shutout, saving 27

though a team needs to put forth the most effort and skill they can, and when a team doesn't do this, they will not win."

Point, out shot for just the second time this season, fell behind 3-0 after the first period. Yann Poirier and Josh Liebnof of Superior were the backbones of the team, each scoring two goals.

The Pointer's couldn't overcome the 11 penalties they received in the third period. Superior tacked on three more goals, ending any Dawg

"What I've learned over my coaching career was when our team plays it's absolute finest, we win. In Superior, we were out-hustled, out-muscled, out-coached, out-played and we lost."

shots.

Saturday, the Pointer's arrived at Wessman Arena hoping to up their NCHA record to 4-2 against a strong UW-Superior team (3-1-1 NCHA). Despite Bob Gould's 41-save performance, UWSP fell to the Yellowjackets 7-0.

"The loss was quite disappointing," Coach Joe Baldoratta said. "It is impossible for any team to play 110%,

rally.

"What I've learned over my coaching career was when our team plays it's absolute finest, we win," said Baldoratta. "In Superior, we were out-hustled, out-muscled, out-coached, out-played and we lost."

UWSP hosts St. Olaf College (MN) Friday night 7:30 p.m. and Gustavus Adolphus College (MN) Saturday night 7:30 p.m..

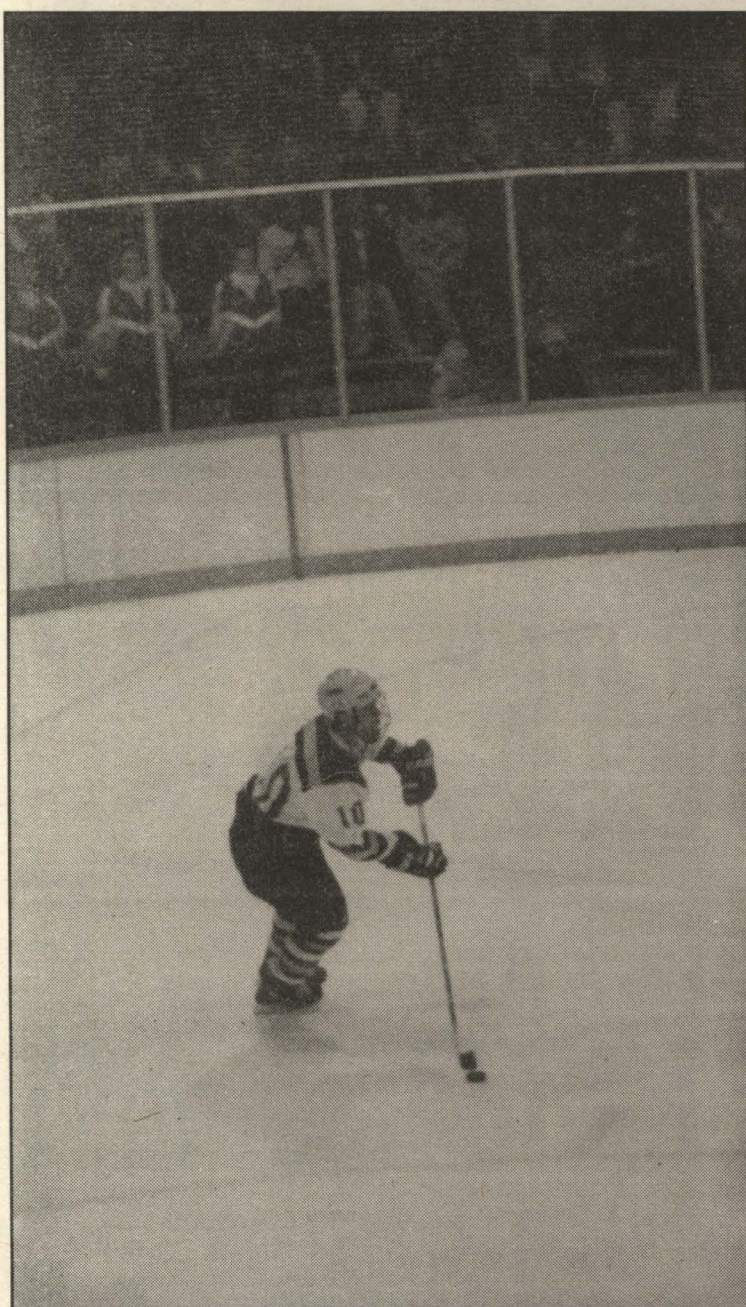


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Junior Josh Strassman brings up the puck against Lake Forest earlier this year.

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## Schmitt named to AFCA's 2001 Aztec Bowl squad

By Jim Strick  
UWSP SPORTS INFORMATION  
DIRECTOR

For the third time in four years, a member of the UWSP football team has been selected to participate in the Aztec Bowl in Saltillo, Mexico.

Paul Schmitt, a senior defensive lineman from Stratford, Wis., joins former Pointers Clint Kriewaldt and Mark Fetzer as individuals who have been named to the team. The roster is comprised of NCAA Division III players as selected by the American Football Coaches Association.

Kriewaldt was selected in the fifth round of the NFL draft by the Detroit Lions in 1999, and is currently in his third season with the team.

Schmitt, who was named co-Player of the Year in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC), recorded a school-record 11 sacks to go along with 18 tackles

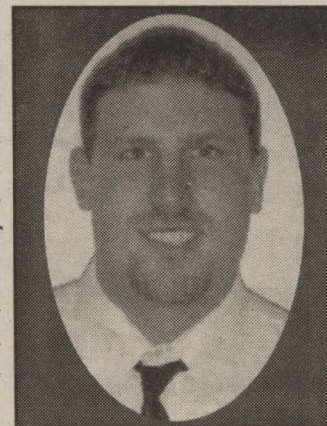
for loss this season for the Pointers.

He had eight sacks and 12 tackles for loss over the Pointers' final four games of the regular season as UW-Stevens Point won the WIAC title and qualified for the Division III playoffs. Schmitt had two sacks and three tackles for loss in each of the team's playoff games against Bethel and St. John's.

He is one of 40 Division III seniors from around the country that will represent the United States against the Mexican National Team on Dec. 15. The only other WIAC player participating in the

game will be UW-Eau Claire defensive back Jay Hoyord.

Former Central (Iowa) College Head Coach Ron Schipper will coach the team for the fifth consecutive year. The United States squad has won each of the previous four meetings.



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## The Sports Guy's Opinion: Get out and see some games!

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

Hurry up, you better get there before the word gets out. Better get to the Quandt, or the Berg, or the K.B Willett Arena for that matter because we've got something good brewing in Pointer athletics.

It is kind of a little secret we got going around here, go find another college in any division that has their men and women's basketball teams ranked in the top ten, only that's just the beginning. The women's hockey team is in the top five and this is just their second season. Last year the men and women's swimming and diving teams were both conference champions. Oh yeah, and the wrestling team, they're ranked 17th in the country just in case you were wondering.

So what if its only Division III, we've got athletes here that can rival just about anyone for entertainment value. We have Josh Iselroth who

goes inside to post-up, then backs up to knock down a triple. Kari Groshek who is absolute money in the post, hitting off balance lay ups all day. We also got Kim Chenery, Liz Goergen and Ann Ninnemann, all have recorded hat tricks and all are only freshman.

Get down to the Berg Gymnasium every chance you get, because there is a lot of talent. The women's squad tossed up 102 points this past Saturday, a school record, and won by 70 points, a school record. Never mind that they returned all five starters and super-subs Tara Schmitt and Cassandra Heuer, but they also added Division I prospect Amanda Nechuta. This is one of those teams that just has that chemistry and play basketball the way it was meant to be played.

The Quandt Fieldhouse is also starting to get that special feel. This is a team that, with just one senior, was ranked number five in the



nation, and they are only going to get better. Not only are they good, but they're fun to watch, just a week ago they sank a team record 15 three pointers. They combine fast-break basketball, with solid fundamentals and unselfish play, try finding that in

the NBA.  
So let's go students! Fill up those bleacher seats. You've got a chance to see excellence in many different forms, besides its free to get in when you bring your student ID.

### The Week Ahead...

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** at UW-Stout, Sat. 7 p.m.; **UW-LaCrosse**, Wed. 7 p.m.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** UW-Stout, Sat., 3 p.m.; at UW-LaCrosse, Wed. 7 p.m.

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** at Lake Forest, Sat. 2 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.

**MEN'S HOCKEY:** at St. John's, Fri. 7 p.m.; at Concordia-Moorhead, Sat. 7 p.m.; at Minnesota-Crookston, Sun. 7:30 p.m.

**WRESTLING:** at UW-Platteville, Thurs. 7 p.m.

**SWIMMING & DIVING:** at Wheaton Invitational - Sat.-Sun. 9:00 a.m.

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#### Intramural Rankings (As of Dec. 6)

##### Men's Basketball D I

1. RPB
2. Hung Like Mule Deer
3. Haus' Homies
4. Carolina Blue
5. All Maden

##### Women's Basketball

1. The Sec
2. All Stars
3. Point Ten
4. T-Bone Players
5. The Players

##### Badminton

1. Kodiak Crunch
2. Ermine
3. Fong and Robin

##### Floor Hockey

1. Hanson Brothers
2. Fried Squash

##### Tennis Doubles

1. P & R
2. Baby Sandals

##### Co-Ed Indoor Volleyball D I

1. Carptown Crushers
2. The Sickness
3. Volleyball Chumps
4. Juggernauts
5. Swat Team

##### Women's Indoor Volleyball

1. Magnificent Six
2. Hoppin Hooters
3. T-Bone Players
4. Alabama Slammers
5. Rockstarz

##### Men's Basketball D II

1. Just Beer Me
2. 3 - Point Shooters
3. CMH
4. Tuna Cans
5. Florence Flash

##### Tennis Singles

1. Wettstein
2. Nuey

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##### Co-Ed Indoor Soccer

1. Stampede
2. Cash Money
3. Soto's
4. Real Futbol
5. The Wall

##### Trench "Dodge Ball"

1. You Throw Like a Girl
2. Rockstars
3. Beaver Swamp Rats
4. PE Ballers
5. Shot to the Ball....

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## Pointer wrestlers rock Wisconsin opponents

Joe Bavlnka places second at 184 pounds

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

The young UWSP wrestling team continued its promising season over the weekend with a strong finish in the Wisconsin Open, garnering three runner-up finishes at the meet that took place at UW-Parkside.

Senior Joe Bavlnka was second at 184 pounds and was the top collegiate finisher at the weight class.

Bavlnka defeated highly rated Rob Rodriguez of UW-La Crosse in a semifinal match, but

then lost to an unattached wrestler in the championship match to place second overall.

In other finishes, sophomore Yan White was second at 197 pounds and freshman Cody Koenig was second at 165 pounds.

The Pointers also had a strong performance at the 165 pound class with two other wrestlers in the top six, as freshman Logan McLennan was fifth and sophomore Jamie Schultz was sixth.

UW-Stevens Point has its first dual meet of the season this week with a WIAC contest at UW-Platteville on Thursday.

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# Access those hard to reach areas with snowshoeing

By Steve Seamandel

OUTDOORS EDITOR

Even though winter hasn't been all that nice to us in Stevens Point, the trails will soon be covered and it'll be time to pull out the snowshoes.

What? You've never been snowshoeing? You thought that snowshoeing was for the Eskimos? If that's the case, then you've really been missing out.

Snowshoeing has been gaining popularity lately. More and more outdoors stores are starting to carry snowshoes and even stores like Target have lower-end models available.

Two of the best brands (and surprise, the most expensive) out there are Atlas and Sherpa. Both brands feature different models of snowshoeing; some for walking, some for running and some for racing.

Traditionally, everyone thinks of snowshoeing as having bulky snowshoes on their feet, looking similar to giant tennis rackets. The times have changed

though. Newer snowshoes look a lot more fashionable; most of them have aluminum frames with a harder plastic inner lining and foothold.

The die-hard traditionalists may still opt for the large wood-framed snowshoes, but they are much more fragile and harder to

storage. I think the only advantage that wooden snowshoes have over newer aluminum snowshoes is that you can make your own wooden snowshoes. There are always plenty of workshops to make your own wooden snowshoes and although I've never done it, it's got to be very

snowshoes, I'd probably put them on my wall as decorations before I took them out in the wild.

As mentioned before, there are a few different types of snowshoes. The most notable difference from shoe to shoe is the length. The shorter the snowshoe is, the faster you'll be able to walk, run or race. Obviously, the huge wooden snowshoes are meant more for stability than speed. Conversely, it will be much harder for a beginner to learn with short racing shoes.

Besides length, another feature that determines speed on snowshoes is the toe of the shoe. If the toe of the snowshoe is relatively flat or totally flat, then it's meant to be a slower shoe. If it's bent up at the toe, which is common in shorter snowshoes, then it's meant to be a faster snowshoe. The bend at the toe of the snowshoe promotes a more natural step, whereas a straight toe makes people lift the foot to walk instead of pushing off the ground with the toes.

All in all, if you're a beginner, play it safe and get some less expensive walking snowshoes. If you really take a liking to snowshoeing, you can always ditch the older shoes for some nicer ones. In general, standard snowshoes will run about \$60 per pair, and the nicer shoes will cost anywhere from \$80 to \$200.

Snowshoes can really give people another reason to enjoy winter. They give you easy access to snowed-in trails, allow you to walk easier through the woods while hunting (if there's snow, that is) and they're probably the only reason why I go ice-fishing on some of those colder-than-cold days.

There's nothing like being deep in the woods with some snowshoes. Not only do they make maneuvering in the snow much easier, but they allow you to go places where you usually can't go after it snows. If you've never treated yourself to a snowshoeing expedition, do yourself a favor and go!

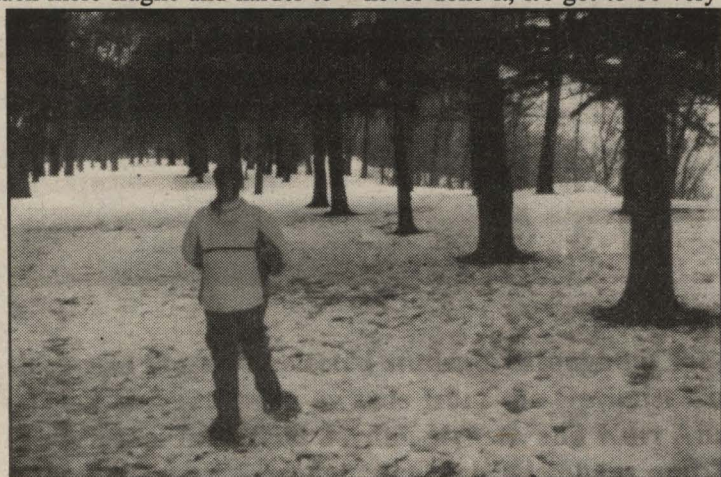


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*Whether you're on ice, thick snow or even mud, snowshoeing will always get you where you want to go.*

navigate with. Furthermore, when not using them, they take up more room in the car and in

self-satisfying to use something that you constructed on your own. However, if I made my own

## Senate shoots down oil-drilling legislation

By Joe Shead

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Senate shot down legislation to allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska Monday by a 94-1 vote. The legislation came in the form of a rider tacked onto a widely supported unrelated bill that would allow railroad employees to invest their pension funds in the stock market and government bonds.

Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska), ranking Republican on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, was responsible for adding the legislation to the railroad retirement bill. This legislation had passed in the Republican-controlled House in August but met strong opposition in the Senate, which is controlled by Democrats.

President George W. Bush and Republicans have pushed energy as a top national concern in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Meanwhile, Democrats have put conservation

before energy, urging increased energy efficiency, rather than exploiting more oil reserves.

Angie Harper, a UWSP student who leads the campus Sears Student Coalition, a student-run arm of the Sierra Club, has lobbied at least seven Wisconsin representatives at length against oil drilling in the ANWR.

"I've been working on this issue since I was a junior in high school, (six years) so it's kind of been a part of my life," Harper said.

Harper has tired of Republican efforts to pass this legislation.

"That's not the first time they've (Republicans) done this since Sept. 11," she said. "That's what's disgusting. They're using the war on terrorism to push through their own agendas."

People who back oil drilling in the ANWR see this site as a domestic energy source, which would limit dependence on foreign oil imports. Environmentalists, however, contend that this habitat is too

fragile to allow oil drilling, which they say would forever destroy critical caribou habitat and migratory bird breeding grounds. Environmentalists also say that there is only a slight chance that the refuge contains enough oil to run the country for six months. Pro-drilling activists believe the oil supply is much larger than what environmentalists claim.

Both sides are in agreement on one thing, however: this issue is far from over. Republicans plan to reintroduce this issue soon, as early as this month. For people like Harper, the thought of this legislation passing is outrageous.

"When you look at Gwich'in natives (who have subsisted off native caribou herds in the area for 20,000-30,000 years) and they're begging you to save their lands, it becomes more than a political issue, it becomes a personal issue," Harper said.

CNR Senator Dana Churness agrees. "It's an example of environmental racism all over again," she said.



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## Why all the fightin'?

By Steve Seamandel  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

What an appropriate time to write about something that's been stirring in my head for too long. The Pack take on the Bears in T-minus three days, deer hunting season has just finished and it's the time of the year when we separate the true cold-blooded Wisconsinites from the not-so-cold-blooded. I speak of the interstate rivalry between Wisconsin and Illinois.

I guess I was warped as a youngster. My less-than-great father always planted ideas in my head on the weekends when I'd visit him (since my parents were divorced, I rarely saw him). He'd take me "up north" with my uncles and cousins, and every time we'd see a car from Illinois, he'd bad-mouth them until the next car came along.

"They steal our land."

"They catch our fish."

"They drive too fast."

"They trash up our state."

He used any excuse that he could think of. I never really knew why he hated people from Illinois. Sometimes I secretly think my dad really is from Illinois. Once he told me that my aunt (my mom's side of course) was born in Illinois. Now that I've put two and two together, I think it was just another ploy of his to get me to hate my mom and her side of the family.

But back to the point. Sure, people drive way too fast in Chicago. I've seen more accidents on I-94 in downtown Chicago than I've seen anywhere, but that doesn't mean that Wisconsin doesn't have fast and reckless drivers.

However, there are a few categories in which I think our southern neighbors are inferior. First off, Illinois isn't exactly the prettiest state around either. I'm sure a little bit of bias comes into play, but there's nothing that can compare to our lush forests and wildlife of northern Wisconsin. Maybe that's why there are just as many of those ugly Illinois license plates (you know, the ugly white ones with the blue stripes across the top) as Wisconsin plates at the bars during deer season.

To me, the rivalry has always been about land, hunting and territory. Being territorial is a human instinct, but it carries a lot of jealousy with it. If you've got a nice secluded cabin in the middle of nowhere and several families from Illinois surround your cabin with homes of their own, you'll most likely develop a disliking for them. Toss in a heated football rivalry and guns during hunting season and then you're talking about some real problems.

I'm still not exactly sure how big the rivalry is between Wisconsin and Illinois. I've never actually witnessed violence when I've been in Illinois, so right now I'm assuming that it's more of a recreational thing to do up here in Wisconsin than it is "down there." I guess I'll never really know until I have my own house, complete with a neighbor from Illinois.

## Application deadline approaching quickly for 2002 turkey hunters

Turkey hunters have until Dec. 10 to apply for a permit for the 2002 Wisconsin spring turkey hunting season. Preliminary permit levels for the spring season are 156,240 permits available in the 43 turkey management zones, and 261 permits available for the state parks that are open for spring turkey hunting, for a total of 156,501 permits available for the 2002 spring season. That is an increase from 150,403 total permits issued for the 2001 spring season. Also, there will be two new zones open for turkey hunting in 2002.

Turkey productivity has been down the past two years due to cold and wet weather during the nesting season, according to Nancy Frost, assistant upland wildlife ecologist with the state Department of Natural Resources.

"This year's brood surveys show preliminary number of poults per hen as 2.76, down from 2.97 poults per hen in 2000. The percent of jakes in the spring harvest has also gone down the past two years. This is probably due to the productivity the past two springs and selectivity for toms by hunters," Frost said. "Hunters should not be alarmed by these numbers. We are still expecting a good hunting season, just not as great as the

past couple of years. The population is still expanding its range and we expect good hunting success."

Winter weather can also affect the turkey population, Frost said. Deep, powdery snow is more of a problem than extremely cold weather because it limits the ability of turkeys to forage on the ground. "But,



Photo submitted by Joe Shead

Hunters will need to have their applications postmarked by Dec. 10 to be able to participate in next spring's hunt.

Wisconsin's turkeys are tough birds," she added. "They can remain in roosting areas for up to two weeks during especially severe weather."

Wisconsin's turkey range has many south-facing slopes or wind-swept fields that lose snow quickly and are available as foraging areas for turkeys. Frost said many people ask if they should feed the wild turkeys on their property during the winter.

"We recommend against artificial feeding. There are several risks involved with artificial feeding: turkeys can become tame and dependent on the food; artificial feeding concentrates turkeys and makes them vulnerable to predation; and artificial feeding sites increase the chances of potential disease transmission. Mold, which grows on wet or damp grain can cause respiratory diseases in birds which can spread easily when birds are concentrated in one area. To keep Wisconsin's turkey population healthy, habitat management is the key, not artificial feeding."

The 2002 spring turkey season starts on April 10 and consists of six, five-day time periods that end on May 19. Any

applications postmarked after the Dec. 10 application deadline or filled out incorrectly will not be considered for the drawing. Applications and the required \$3 permit application sticker may be purchased at all Wisconsin DNR service centers, ALIS vendors or by calling toll free 1-877-945-4236 (applicants must use VISA or Mastercard and there is a \$3 handling fee).

*Do you have any ideas, suggestions  
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# Letters From the Edge of the World

An unfailing cure for Senioritis

By Pat Rothfuss

MR. HAPPY THOUGHT

*I thoroughly enjoy reading your column in The Pointer. Your wit, intelligence and obvious compassion for the average college student is admirable. I envy you. I want to be you. I only wish that I could meet you one day to give you the credit that you deserve. Really, I can't think of another that can make me read an entire Pointer article without making me really angry.*

*Ok, now that I'm done stroking your ego, let's get to the real issue. I will be graduating in May of next year. I have only one more semester left of school and I don't even feel like going to class next week, much less all next semester. I have joined every organization on campus that I am interested in and even some that I wasn't. So, my ultimate question is what can I do to make my last semester memorable (or at least tolerable)? Please help .... please.*

*Desperately seeking solution,*

Stephanie Mach

Thanks Stephanie. I must say, that's the highest quality suck-up I've seen in a long time. I'm blushing. Usually people say things more along the lines of, "I only wish that I could meet you one day so that I can give you a good, hard kick in the nuts." Of course, maybe that's what you mean by "the credit

you deserve."

*Senioritis Lethargica* is the medical term for your condition, and it's pretty common. I can say this with some surety, as right now I've got senioritis so bad that I get a nosebleed if I touch a No. 2 pencil. If I see a textbook, I scream and begin to throw up bile. If any of my teachers makes eye contact with me, I instantly shit out all my guts and die.

I know this kind of goes against the Pat Rothfuss image. I've been going to school for eleven years now. I'm like Peter Pan and college is my Neverland, right?

Well, that used to be the case. But lately the closest thing I've seen to Tinkerbell is the cute girl that works the coffee cart where I buy overpriced sleep substitute. Captain Hook is the chair of my thesis committee. And my most recent happy thought: "If I fall down this flight of stairs and fake a head injury, they can't make me finish my paper on T. S. Eliot's use of the word 'sheepshanker.'"

But you don't want to hear about my sad life. You want advice.

So here's what works for me. It might sound a little weird, but you have to trust me. Try it and you'll feel better.

First, invite three or four of your female friends over. (Young friends are better for

this, as they are far removed from experiencing senioritis themselves. Shoot for 16 to 19.) Light some candles and hang around your living room, drink a couple bottles of wine and tell stories of crazy things you've done over the years. Next, move the party into the bathroom, strip down and hop into the shower together. Really lather each other up, use lots of soap. Lastly, and this is the key bit that you mustn't forget, you have to take a picture, make that several pictures, and send them to 1580 NE Merman Dr. Apt. 327, Pullman, WA 99163.

If that doesn't work, I don't know what would. Probably the only thing you could try is to drink a little more wine, do each other's hair up in pigtails and have a pillow fight while dressed up like Japanese schoolgirls. (The pictures should go to the same address).

But seriously ....

No, f\*\*\* seriously. Here's the truth. Senioritis comes to bite you in the ass when you've been too serious for too long.

I'm not talking about having fun. When we find ourselves deeply unhappy, (senioritis is just a specific case of this) we often spend endless hours trying to fix our situation by having fun.

But there's the trap. Sometimes we take our fun so seriously that it no longer relax-

es us. We forget how to be silly. We lose our sense of the ridiculous. We grow proud, and stiff. We forget those sleepovers in the third grade when we lay in the dark and giggled our stomachs sore. What were we laughing at? Nothing important. Nothing in the least bit important.

For example, out here in Washington, I'm up to my eyes in serious. I've got fifty students, papers to grade, peers to impress and decorum to maintain. This silly column is how I unwind. I know you won't take me too seriously when I make inappropriate jokes. Jesus, if the people out here read this, they'd chisel a hole in my head to let the demons out.

So that's my real advice to you. Don't worry about giving yourself time to have fun, give yourself the room to have fun. Relax. Do something stupid. Be irreverent. Be outrageous. Allow yourself foolish delight in small things. Be the way you were before you learned to be a senior.

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*Rush Hour 2*  
*The Score*  
*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*  
*Jurassic Park Trilogy*  
*Rush Hour 1 & 2*  
*The Party*  
*Robotech—Legacy Collection 5*  
*Witness for the Prosecution*  
*36 Fillette*  
*Arlington Road*  
*Baise Moi*  
*The Basket*  
*Bram Stoker's Dracula*  
*Call Me Claus*  
*Casualties of War*  
*The Circle*  
*The Convent*  
*Cruel Intentions*  
*Das Boot—The Director's Cut*  
*The Defiant Ones*  
*Desert Heat*  
*Desperate Measures*  
*Dodsworth*  
*Donnie Brasco*  
*Druids*  
*The Elephant Man*

*What were your favorite albums of 2001? Next week, I will take a retrospective look at the music of 2001. Please e-mail responses to ccour390@uwsp.edu. All genres and suggestions are welcome. Submissions to the Arts & Review Section, along with complaints and praise of The Pointer staff can be sent to zhold695@uwsp.edu.*

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## CD Review

John Hiatt

*The Tiki Bar is Open*

By Colleen Courtney  
WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

John Hiatt has been labeled in the past as a swinger between folk and country music, but his latest album, *The Tiki Bar is Open*, has elements of blues, acoustic rock, soul and even ska music. Quite possibly the most underrated singer/songwriter in the business, Hiatt has worked with the likes of Iggy Pop, Bonnie Raitt, Bob Dylan and the Neville Brothers. With the help of pianist David Bianco, backup singer Julie Miller and the New Reflections Men's Choir, *Tiki Bar* is an album close to perfection.

Hiatt began his musical career tinkering with several R & B bands in the 1960's. After a move to Nashville, he signed with Epic Records in 1970. Over 30 years and several label switches later, Hiatt has managed to release new material every one to two years. Throughout the years, Hiatt has created his own comfortable genre of music: wholesome folk rock as American as apple pie.

*Tiki Bar*, Hiatt's second release on the Vanguard label, features the multi-talented Hiatt on electric guitar, acoustic guitar, piano, harmonica and even mandolin. On "Hangin' Round Here," Hiatt incorporates the slow, steady harmonica Bob Dylan made famous. Blues influences are strong and soft in the simple beat. Vocals are nowhere near as gritty as Dylan's but instead pleasant, gentle and reminiscent: "If I could go back to love's first blush/ Oh my lordy, it would be a big rush/ But I know you can't go back/ You gotta keep moving, that's a natural fact." "My Old Friend" also gels with steady drums and a peaceful harmonica.

My addictive personal favorite, "All the Lilacs in Ohio," takes you into Hiatt's memories through a kick-start of fast drums and tambourines. The instrumentals are unmistakably ska. Lyrics radiate positivity and are even comical: "You met her there on a New York City stair/ You were throwing up on your shoe." The girl ultimately smells of "spring-time when you were just a boy" and is compared to lilacs in Ohio. Perhaps it is the only rapid ode to a woman that includes vomiting, but it is creative and contagious.

*Tiki Bar* cools a little with three ballads in the middle of the album. "I'll Never Get Over You" is set apart from the rest with light, uptempo lyrics and instrumentals. "Something Broken" and "Come Home to You" fall flat. While it is hard to dismiss any song on this album, the more upbeat tunes are the best developed.

*Tiki Bar* is arguably one of 2001's best feel-good records. Hiatt has never received the recognition he deserves, but he has stood the test of time as an original artist. Hiatt is always pulling together new material and has also released an anthology of work this year. As a new Hiatt fan, I am convinced that *Tiki Bar* is what music was meant to sound like.



Upcoming film releases

Friday, Dec. 7

The Business of Strangers  
All American Cowboy

Ocean's Eleven

Sunday, Dec. 9

Breaking Up Really Sucks

Monday, Dec. 10

Switch

Snowbound

Tuesday, Dec. 11

The Last Breath

Wednesday, Dec. 12

No2

Behind The Sun

Friday, Dec. 14

Vanilla Sky

Lantana

Not Another Teen Movie

The Royal Tennenbaums

Saturday, Dec. 15

Xtracurricular

Greasewood Flat

Wednesday, Dec. 19

The Fellowship of the Ring

Billboard Top 10 Albums

- 1. Creed-Weathered
- 2. Various Artists-Now 8
- 3. Britney Spears-Britney
- 4. Garth Brooks-Scarecrow
- 5. Various Artists-Now That's What I Call Christmas!
- 6. Enya-A Day Without Rain
- 7. Kid Rock-Cocky
- 8. Pink-M!zzundazstood
- 9. Enrique Iglesias-Escape
- 10. Linkin Park-Hybrid Theory

Billboard Top 10 Albums from 10 years ago

- 1. U2-Achtung Baby
- 2. Garth Brooks-Ropin' The Wind
- 3. M.C. Hammer-Too Legit To Quit
- 4. Nirvana-Nevermind
- 5. Michael Bolton-Time, Love and Tenderness
- 6. Guns 'N' Roses-Use Your Illusion II
- 7. Metallica-Metallica
- 8. Genesis-We Can't Dance
- 9. Ice Cube-Death Certificate
- 10. Mariah Carey-Emotions

U.S. box office summary from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2

- 1. Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone- 23.6 million
- 2. Behind Enemy Lines- 18.7 million
- 3. Spy Game- 11.0 million
- 4. Monsters, Inc.- 9.1 million
- 5. Black Knight- 5.5 million
- 6. Shallow Hal- 4.5 million
- 7. Out Cold- 2.7 million
- 8. Domestic Disturbance- 1.9 million
- 9. Amelie- 1.3 million
- 10. Heist- 1.1 million

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Bad only in the eye of the beholder

By Zack Holder

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

The other day while mindlessly surfing the technological wonder known as the Internet, I came upon a section of the Internet Movie Database (imdb.com) which ranks the worst movies of all time and then subranks them by genre. So I thought to myself, this could make a damn interesting column, and instead of the readers flipping by to check out Mel Rosenberg's comic, maybe they'd actually look at my section. You see, the way my twisted, warped little mind sees it, there are redeeming qualitties in even the worst movies. I mean, there's gotta be something in them, or nobody would've watched them in the first place. I decided to focus on the Western genre, as it is one of my favorite types of movies. Here you go ladies and germs the 10 worst Western movies of all time, according to the faithful viewers at imdb.com and why they may not be the worst movies of all time.

10. Texas-Doc Snyder halt die Welt in Atem-Ok, like most of the movies on this list, I haven't seen it. Not to mention that it's in German, and I couldn't even tell you what the title means. This 1993 release actually drew roughly 1,143,000 people to the theaters in Germany, nearly more than twice the number of people who went to go see the soon-to-be defunct Montreal Expos this past year. Any movie that can outdraw a major league franchise deserves to at least be given a chance.

9. Silent Tongue-This movie stars Richard Harris. Richard Harris is a great actor and was in two west-erns much better than this one, I'm sure, Unforgiven and A Man Called Horse.

8. Wagons East-Comic genius John Candy's last film, he died while it was being filmed. Does anyone need an excuse more than that?

7. Lucky Luke-This film was made in Italy. There's a ton of great

Italian-made Westerns, most notably the one starring Clint Eastwood. No Eastwood here, but the same country he helped make American movie goers fall in love with. Give it a shot.

6. Hard Bounty-Remember Weird Science? Remember the chick in it, Kelly LeBrock? She's in this.

5. South of Heaven, West of Hell-Directed by just about the only country artist worth a damn who put out his first record less than 20 years ago, Dwight Yoakam. Hey, it also stars that overrated hick Billy Bob Thornton

4. Gunslinger-This came out in 1956 and was directed by Roger Corman. Anyone who knows bad films knows that Corman directed, wrote or produced some of the best of them.

3. Breaker, Breaker-Chuck Norris as a karate-kicking truck driver, how can you go wrong?

2. The Terror of Tiny Town-Everyone loves midgets, even

you politically correct people out there. This film stars all midgets, including 10 who went on to play Munchkins in my favorite movie of all time, The Wizard of Oz. Charles Becker, who plays Otto the cook, played the Mayor of Munchkin City. Billy Curtis, who plays the hero of the film was not only a Munchkin, but also played Mordecai in the clas-sic Eastwood Western High Plains Drifter.

1. Billy The Kid vs. Dracula-Are you kidding me, two near God-like silver screen charac-ters fighting it out! Why wouldn't you rent this, hell, buy it even.

So there you go. This only goes to show you that even the worst films of all time have redeeming qualities. So find these movies, watch them again and again and annoy the shit out of the family at Christmas by repeatedly quoting them. It beats having to listen to your Aunt Gladys tell you how much you've grown.



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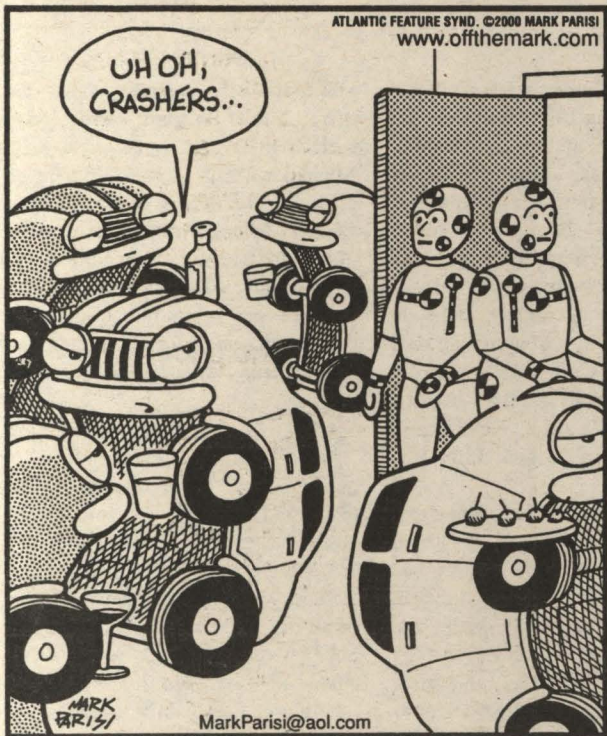


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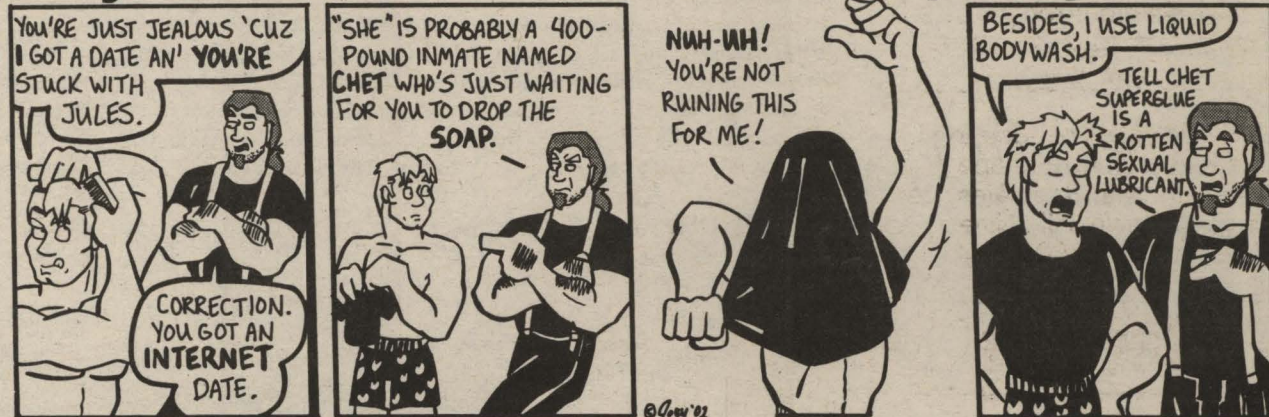


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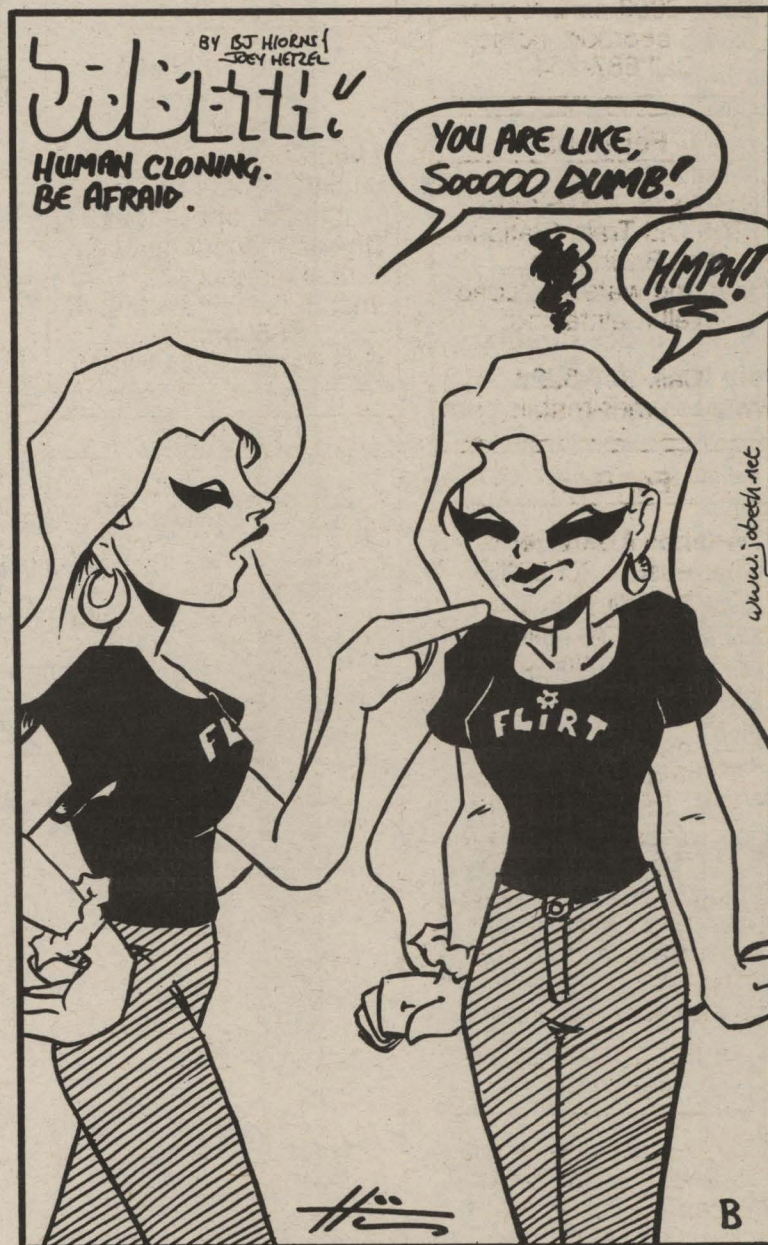
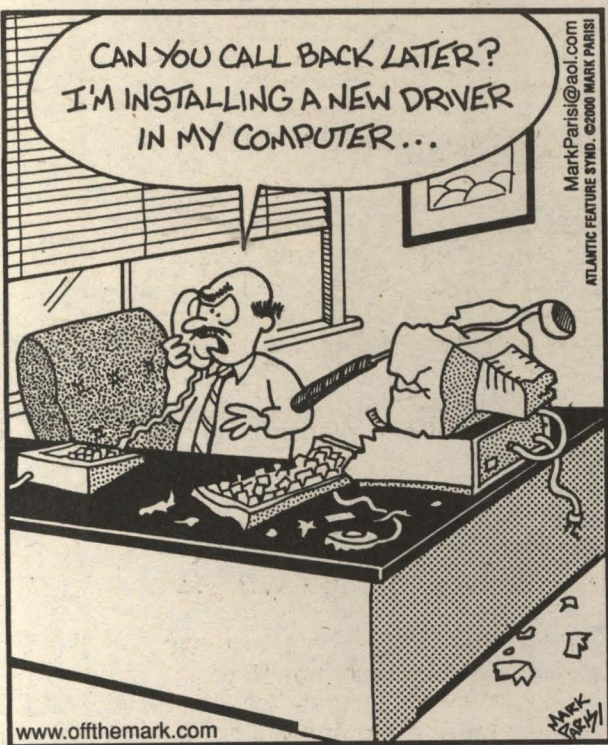
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Immediate part-time position offering vocational, educational and leisure time activity services to adults diagnosed with varying forms of mental illness. preferred applicants will be highly self-motivated, creative, personable and professional. Wages are negotiable and all inquiries and applications will be help confidential. To apply, send interest and resume to Michael Malone, Executive Director, Crossroads Mental Health Services, Inc., 526 McClellan Street, Wausau, WI 54403. EOE

### Help Wanted

#### CROSSROADS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. MENTAL HEALTH SHIFT WORKER(S)

Flexible part-time 2nd, 3rd and alternate weekend shift openings within our community based residential facility serving adults with mental illness. College Psych. and Soc. students encouraged to apply. Prior experience in a health care setting is helpful but not necessary. For application materials, call Amber at 344-4030, M-F between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. **Equal Opportunity Employer**

# T H E K E G

### DEC. 4 (Tuesday)

- MIKE JOYCE ~ 9:30  
COVER (ACOUSTIC GUITARIST)

\$1.00 PINTS

### DEC. 5 (Wednesday)

- THE STRANGER PROJECT ~ 9:00

ROCK

\$1.00 MICRO TAPS 10 p.m. - 11 p.m.

### DEC. 7 (Friday)

- THE DANGER PROJECT ~ 9:30

ROCK

\$1.00 MICRO TAPS 10 p.m. - 11 p.m.

### DEC. 8 (Saturday)

- SAMONI ~ 9:30

ROCK

\$1.00 MICRO TAPS 10 p.m. - 11 p.m.

### DEC. 9 (Sunday)

- KEGOKEE (KARAOKE)

THE RICK & CHRIS SHOW ~ 8:00

\$2.00 MIXED DRINKS

### DEC. 10 (Monday)

- SAMONI ~ 9:00

ROCK

\$10.00 All the micro beer you can drink

\$1.00 Rails

### DEC. 12

- THE STRANGER PROJECT ~ 9:00

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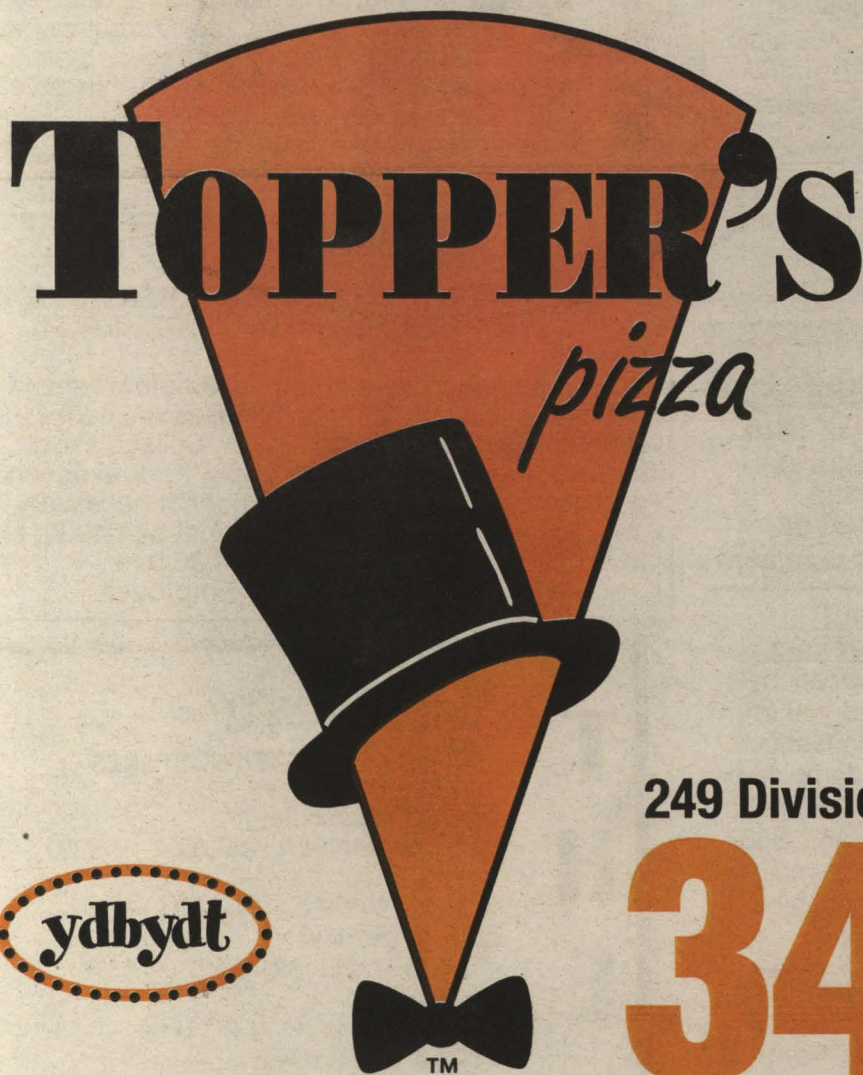
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