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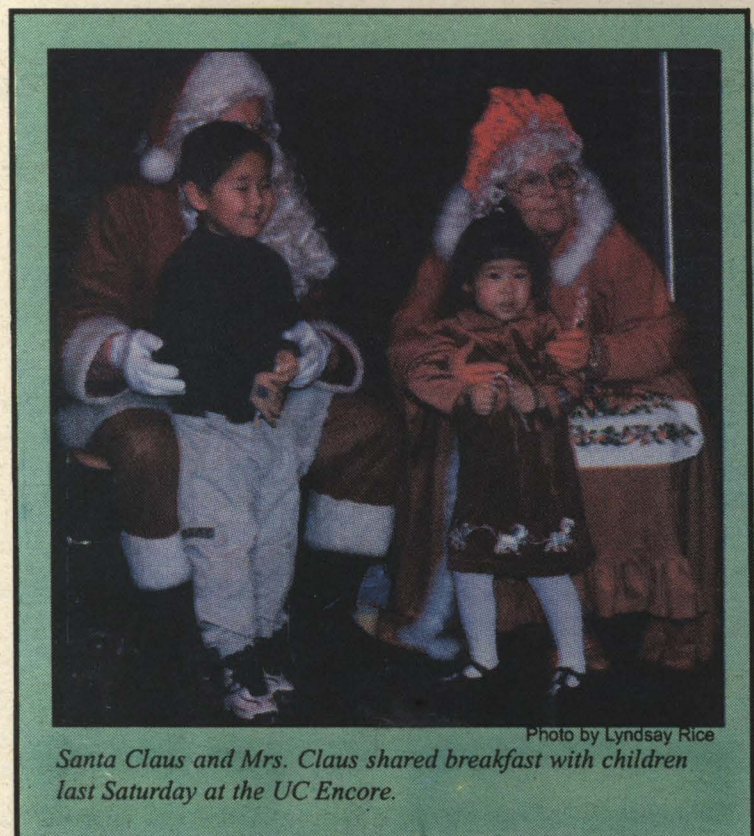


Photo by Lyndsay Rice
Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus shared breakfast with children last Saturday at the UC Encore.

Networking key to landing job

Some graduates struggling to find employment during current recession

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point's 583 December graduates will have to work a little harder to find a job during the current recession; however, there are jobs available, according to one career services counselor.

"The job market is definitely off from last year; we have taken a step back, but it's a step back toward a normal market," said Mike Pagel, associate director of UWSP career services and a counselor for natural resource and science majors. "We've had

seven to eight years in a row of outstanding years."

Pagel said the current recession doesn't even compare to past recessions. This is good news for students graduating with degrees in education and forestry.

"The leading edge of baby boomers are starting to retire, and it's putting a twist on this recession," Pagel said. "I've heard that a lot of teachers will be retiring in the next few years. I heard the median age of people working in the forest service is 51, so it will be looking to hire 20 to 25 foresters a year for the next three years."

Pagel believes that December graduates will have to become more aggressive in their job hunt than past graduates have

had to be the last couple of years.

"The ice is thin now; you can't step in cracks like you could before and get away with it," he said. "Networking is more important than ever. The majority of jobs in the country are filled by word of mouth."

The graduates who've gained practical experience in their majors will be better off than those who don't when looking for jobs, Pagel said. He advises students to work in an internship in their major before graduating.

"There seems to be a direct connection between the experience someone has and how they do in their job search after graduation," he said. "For continuing students, the importance of sum-

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Senior eyes early exit from UWSP

By Amy Zepnick
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Although the average college experience lasts four years, UW-Stevens Point student Jeremy Smith will be graduating in three. Through the advanced placement (AP) program at his high school, Smith earned 27 transferable credits, which is equivalent to one year of college. He passed placement exams for American and European history, English, chemistry and calculus.



Smith

"Having the 27 credits before I was a freshman helped," he said. "Then I just have been taking 17 credits a semester without needing any summer classes."

Smith double majors in political science and public administration and policy analysis. He is also very involved on campus. During all three years, he served as speaker of the senate for the Student Government Association (SGA). He participated in the SGA Finance Committee, Faculty Affairs Committee and Parking Appeals Committee. He also is a chairman for the College Republicans and a member of the political honor society, Phi Sigma Alpha.

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Protestors disgusted over war efforts

Demonstrators say war on terrorism violates basic rights

By Casey Krautkramer
NEWS EDITOR

A handful of UW-Stevens Point students and one retired professor convened outside the University Center on Monday, Dec. 10, holding signs and handing out literature on human rights and opposition to the war in Afghanistan.

The quiet protest was held to signify United Nations

Human Rights Day on Monday. The Progressive Action Organization, and Peace and Unity Coalition sponsored the protest.

"This day serves to bring people together from around the world to take a look at human rights," said student protestor Jessica Krueger. "Because the UN sponsored this day, I think it's important to look at the current situation in Afghanistan and other countries and bring to light the destruction, poverty and death in these countries."

Student Erick McGinley

hoped the protest would bring awareness to campus on broader issues.

"I'm personally protesting the human rights violations going on recently in Afghanistan," he said. "I'm concerned about the threat to our civil liberties."

Retired English professor Jim Missey said the goal of the protest was twofold: take a stand and speak out, and also try to communicate with others about human rights issues.

"It's very important that we take a stand and speak out,"

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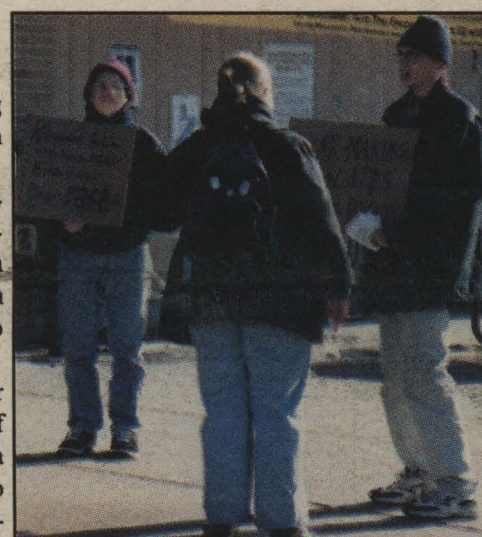


Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Retired English professor Jim Missey and student Erick McGinley protested for human rights Monday afternoon.

Campus remembers Pearl Harbor attack

By Erika Dallmann
NEWS REPORTER

Just as the sun was rising on Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese launched the first wave of attacks on Pearl Harbor. This day lives on in infamy as a valuable piece of American history.

Members of the UW-Stevens Point history department gathered on Thursday, Dec. 6, to honor those who lost their lives in the battle 60 years ago. They addressed different aspects of Pearl Harbor including events leading up the attack. According to history professor Hugh Walker, "the actions of other countries forced Japan to make some tough choices that they just weren't prepared to make."

Probably one of the most surprising statements of the night came from history professor Bill Skelton.

"Pearl Harbor is often depicted as a complete surprise attack - that is not true," Skelton said. "The U.S. Navy had been preparing long before Dec. 7. The plan was called 'War Plan Orange.'"

Why does the attack seem like a surprise to most people?

"U.S. commanders were taken off guard because the idea of an attack on Pearl Harbor seemed impossible," Skelton said.

Like today's war propaganda, "unity, participation, urgency and patriotism were the themes of World War II," said history professor Susan Brewer.

Relocation of Japanese in the US was an issue that drew controversy.

"It was a case of racism,"



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

(L to R) Raman Seylon, Theresa Kaminski, Susan Brewer, Hugh Walker, Bill Skelton, Paul Mertz and Neil Lewis.

said history club member Erica Barnett. "Americans were afraid and relocating Japanese gave them the illusion of control."

Paul Mertz commented on the inefficiency of the relocation program. "Interestingly enough, one third of Hawaii's population was Japanese, but no relocation took place there," Mertz said. In 1988, Congress apologized to Japanese survivors and paid them

reparations.

Students felt the connection between Pearl Harbor and today's battle with terrorism.

"There is a definite suspension of civil liberties in both cases," said Ian Benton, history club member.

The battle of Pearl Harbor lasted less than two hours, yet it will remain forever in the hearts and minds of Americans.

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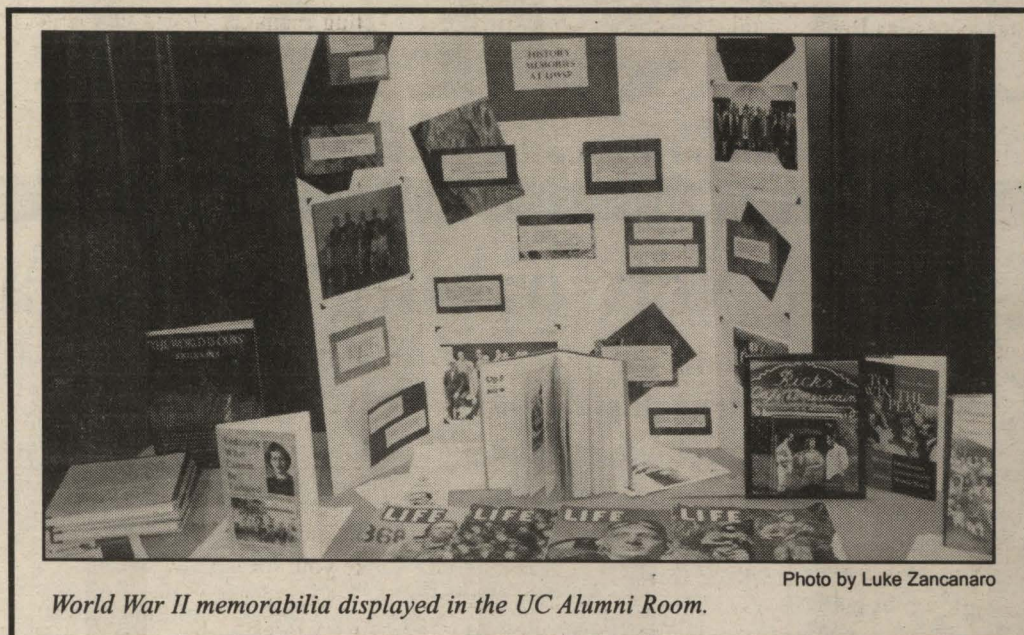
so that we don't become accomplices in this war against Afghanistan," Missey said. "My idea is that killing someone is the most extreme form of human rights."

Missey is concerned about the footage that the United States now has of Osama bin Laden planning the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The United States now says that the tape provides justification for going to war," he said. "You would think that justification would come first, then we would launch war. That really embitters me."

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World War II memorabilia displayed in the UC Alumni Room.

Photo by Luke Zancanaro

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He also works with his residence hall government and Circle K.

"Jeremy has a lot to offer," said Dennis Riley, professor of political science. "He is a well-organized, enthusiastic, interested person. He's always excited about things around him. He's the kind of student every professor wants to order up if they could."

Smith stresses the need for organizational participation.

"It's important to get involved," Smith said. "Although

academics are important because you need to learn, your grade point average doesn't mean a hill of beans in the real world. But the friends and contacts you make will get you far."

Smith grew up in Menasha, Wis. in a household that did not stress grades. Instead, doing the best and getting an education was emphasized.

"There was no pressure in having to get an A," he said. "However, it was pretty much expected that I would attend college. I chose Stevens Point for a few reasons. I was going to be a

CNR major originally. Also, I loved the atmosphere, location and my relative recommended it."

His greatest accomplishment at UWSP is yet to come. According to Smith, a student memorial plans to settle in Schmeckle Reserve next spring. This memorial pays tribute to those students who died while attending UWSP.

"This project has been talked about since 1994," he said. "I was involved with this idea since I came to Point. I think it's a great way for friends and family to remember those who passed

away."

Smith's plans for the future include graduate school, possibly at Kansas University or UW-Milwaukee. Continuing his studies in Public Administration, he's planning a career in city management.

"He has all the necessary qualities to be a success," Riley said. "He has good leadership skills and pulls his own weight. He doesn't rub people the wrong way and doesn't pick on anyone. It's been a joy to have him around. He'll make a great city manager."

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Godfrey gives to childcare

Retired staff member donates \$50,000 to restore Delzell Hall's lower level infant and toddler daycare center

Helen Godfrey, retired assistant chancellor for student affairs at UW-Stevens Point, has again stepped forward in support of the University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC).

Godfrey has donated \$50,000 toward the refurbishing of the lower level of Delzell Hall, now the home of UCLCC's infant and toddler program. Next year the entire program will be under one roof in Delzell.

"This is a chance to help modernize the home of a model childcare program," said Godfrey. "This facility supports not only excellent programming for young children but also provides excellent hands-on experience for university students who will become teachers."

In September the newly created infant/toddler program opened in Delzell Hall. With the help of Godfrey's financial gift, the rest of UCLCC's participants (ages two through six) will leave Nelson Hall and move into Delzell Hall in January once the renovation is completed. A grant from the U.S. Department of Education also is helping to cover the costs.

In 1972, UWSP's Student Government Association (SGA) proposed starting a high quality

childcare center on campus. Godfrey, then associate dean of students, prepared a formal proposal with the financial backing of SGA and the Administration's support. In January 1973, the UCLCC opened its doors in the Peace Lutheran Campus Center with enrollment of only 15-17 children and staff sharing one room. Today there are 225 spaces used annually for children of students, faculty, staff and alumni. About 80 students are employed through work study or as regular student employees. In addition, 130 student teachers, practicum students or observers with class assignments receive academic credit.

Susie Sprouse has been the director since 1978. Joining Sprouse on the UCLCC staff are four lead teachers and three assistant teachers. Together, the staff has more than 100 years of teaching experience in the field of early childhood education.

"The center is truly a special place with a dedicated staff fulfilling a much needed role for the campus and community," said Bob Tomlinson, assistant chancellor for student affairs. "Helen Godfrey has been a staunch Center supporter since day one and now continues to give her time, expertise and financial support as a benefactor and board member. She continues to be not only an asset to the UCLCC but to all of Central Wisconsin."

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mer jobs related to their major becomes even more important in 2002."

Randy Boelk, a senior graduating in business and economics, knows how important internships are. He believes the internship he had at Merrill Lynch in Wausau last summer helped him find success in the job market. State Farm Insurance in Marshfield hired Boelk on Tuesday to work in its marketing department. It was the only job he applied for.

"I got really lucky," Boelk said. "My internship gave me a lot of experience for this type of position. I don't think that I would have gotten this job without it."

For the graduates who aren't

having as much success as Boelk in their job hunts, Pagel recommends they get registered at career services and start figuring out exactly what they're looking for in a job. Recent research shows that many graduates will find that their first job isn't their dream job.

"Graduates need to know what they want to accomplish," Pagel said. "A lot haven't thought about how to organize their search."

Carren Koebke, a senior graduating in communication with an emphasis in public relations and advertising, is having difficulty finding a job in public relations.

"I'm actually really frustrated because now I've been in school for five and a half years and they're calling it the worst job market in 20 years," Koebke

said. "I hope the job market gets better. The number one question I have been asked is, 'you are graduating, where are you going to work, do you have a job yet?' and I say no."

She has applied at five different employers scattered across the United States, but hasn't received any responses. Koebke would like to get a job working as a public relations director or an assistant. She believes that her current internship at McDonald's on Highway 10 East will help her land a full-time position somewhere. Koebke works as the mar-

keting manager and is in charge of organizing The All-American Reading Challenge, McDonald's birthday parties, creating adver-

tising displays inside the store and employee relations.

"It has been helpful learning things first-hand and

having a boss put deadlines on you and who also doesn't always like your ideas," she said.

Craig Fandel, a senior majoring in forestry, has mainly been concentrating on finishing college. He's thinking about pursuing a different avenue of work for now, until he finds a position in forestry.

"My plan is to get into the Americore," Fandel said. "It seems like a cool program. I want to do something working with the trails crew in Yosemite National Park."

The Americore gives people ages 18-24 \$4,700 per year of service, Fandel said. People who aren't in college can use the money to pay for college when they register, and people who graduated from college are allowed to use the money to pay off college loans. Fandel plans to use the money earned to pay off his loans.

Pagel advises graduates not to get discouraged.

"The bottom line is the jobs are down, but not to where it's hopeless," he said. "It's just going to take 20 percent more sweat."

Professor appointed to advisory council

Cray only rep chosen from four-year school

Professor of economics Randy Cray of UW-Stevens Point has been appointed to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's (DOR) Forecast Advisory Council.

He was selected by Richard Chandler, secretary of the DOR, responding to a request from Gov. Scott McCallum to form a committee to enhance the state's economic forecasting ability.

The 12-member council will meet prior to the announcements of the fall and spring Wisconsin Economic Outlook when the DOR is most likely to issue revised revenue estimates.

The group will review regional state and national fore-

casts and may advise that forecasts should be modified. The advisers must have interest and experience in national economic forecasting, regional economic analysis and economic forecasting for businesses.

Members include representatives from Kohler Company, Wisconsin Energy, M&I Bank, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Greater Milwaukee Committee, Fox Valley Chamber of Commerce, Robert W. Baird and State of Wisconsin Investment Board. Also represented will be UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee.

Cray is the only representative chosen from the four-year UW System campuses.

He has been director of the Central Wisconsin Economic Research Bureau at UWSP for

the past 15 years. He writes, publishes and presents the Quarterly Economic Indicator Reports for Central Wisconsin and has been interviewed extensively on area radio and television.

A member of the UWSP faculty since 1986, Cray served as chair of the Division of Business and Economics for six years and is a former member of the Federal Reserve Bank's Midwest Economic Roundtable.

Cray received the UWSP's Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 1991. In addition, Cray has been recognized for excellence in research, service and teaching at UWSP and has published and presented papers at the state, regional and national levels.

ROTC places first at meet

The UW-Stevens Point's ROTC teams earned four first place designations at this fall's annual Ranger Challenge at Fort McCoy in Sparta. A nine-student male and female team and a five-student freshmen male and female team representing UWSP were among 17 teams competing from universities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Illinois. The 24-hour challenge tests cadets' mental and physical limits as well as teamwork and leadership.

The challenge included the Army physical fitness test, written test, map reading and orientation, hand grenade toss, M16 weapons qualification, rope bridge, 10k road march and weapons disassemble.

UWSP's nine-member team was coached and advised by Eric

Endries, U.S. Army Captain and assistant professor of military science. The five-member team was coached and advised by Robert Stasik, U.S. Army Master Sergeant and senior instructor in military science. Members of the 9 member team included: Mary Almquist, Auburndale; Mike Wasmundt, Deerbrook; Mark Kenton, Edgar; Aaron Cherney, Junction City; Eden Olsen, Marathon; Matthew Wagner, Marshfield; Joseph Rasmussen, Medford; Josh Christensen, Nekoosa and Brady Clark, Stevens Point. Members of the five-member freshman team include: David Olson, Cazenovia; Dustin Bowden, Eau Claire; Matt Van Zeeland, Kaukauna; Alyssis Rodgers, Neenah and Tonia Hanutke, Pittsville.



Hyer Hall

Saturday, Dec. 8 4:05 a.m.

Residents reported explosions located between Hyer and Roach Hall. They heard explosions and saw smoke thinking that it might be fireworks.

Sims Hall

Sunday, Dec. 9 3:26 a.m.

A Community Adviser reports that a resident entered her room and found an unidentified male individual in her room.

Smith Hall

Sunday, Dec. 9 2:20 p.m.

Clothes were reported stolen out of the dryer in the basement laundry room.

Debot Center

Tuesday, Dec. 11 10:35 p.m.

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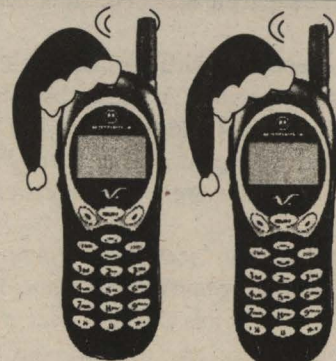
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Words of Wisdom From the Editor

The most positive, upbeat column I've ever written.

By Josh Goller

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Some may think I come across as rather crass and cynical. I can't completely deny that I do tend to have a sarcastic outlook on life, or at least I portray a sarcastic sense of humor in my column.

In any event, I was challenged this week to try to write a completely positive editorial about something. True to my competitive nature, I accepted this challenge but when I sat down to right the darn thing I discovered that it might not be as easy as I'd thought.

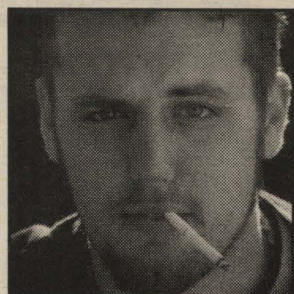
After long hours of pondering and soul searching, I've reached deep down inside myself and came up with a respectable list of things I like here at UWSP and in Wisconsin in general. So make sure you're sitting down, because here comes the much anticipated, most positive, upbeat column I've ever written.

First and foremost, I liked my stay in the residence halls because of the privacy it allowed me along with fun and entertaining (and never corny) hall programs and a flexible living policy.

I like Student Impact for never making anyone feel pressured and for never focusing on recruitment over helping those in need.

Along these same lines, I always treasured Debot and the delectable entrees they continually provide. I'm equally thankful for UWSP's two year on-campus living policy so I could experience all the joys of dorm life.

Though they've received some criticism, I appreciate Centertainment Productions for bringing



in such notable acts as Vertical Horizon, The Wallflowers, Semisonic and The Goo Goo Dolls. Nothing brings a tear to my eye like "Iris" or a smile to my face like "Everything you Want."

I like the Stevens Point Police Department for their strides to protect and serve instead of merely busting parties and pursuing perpetrators of victimless crimes.

I'm a loyal supporter of our wonderful governor, Scott McCallum and agree completely with his fund-prisons-before-universities policy. The extra cash I had to scrape up to accommodate the tuition hike really taught me the value of a dollar and furthered my desire to achieve the American dream.

I value the bustling metropolis of Stevens Point and all the entertainment opportunities it provides me and all the important stuff that happens here.

At the same time, I cherish the open-minded and tolerant majority of citizens in our state.

To sum up, I like road construction, the 21 year-old legal drinking age, telemarketers, paying rent, tree-huggers, rugburn, the registration deposit, the odor of mothballs, long lines, pop music, losing my wallet, debt, reality TV shows, Brendan Frasier, the "song that never ends," yellow jelly beans, bike thieves, Gilbert Godfried, pop quizzes, waking up in a pool of my own vomit, Subway commercials, Oompah Lompahs, Student Message of the Day, *Steel Magnolias*, eight o'clock classes, slivers, turning my head and coughing, musicals and pubic hair.

But the parking here really sucks (and I was so close to a completely positive article).

School of Americas name change changes nothing

This letter is in response to Captain Doug Ferrel's "School of Americas no longer exists." After reading this article, I was very disappointed in the lack of research on Ferrel's part. Yes, the School of the Americas changed its name early in 2001 to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC). Nothing else was changed. The school has the same purpose, a cosmetically altered mission statement, and no change in curriculum. According to WHISC's website, the course names and descriptions are the same. Former SOA instructor Major Joe Blair stated that the two schools are "the same-identical". The name change was purely an attempt to re-characterize the school as an institute that focuses on human rights and democratic values, but it remains a military combat school that specializes in terrorism.

Ferrel was also misinformed of the finances that allowed this "naïve freshman" and thirteen more of us to travel to Georgia for the protest. We were funded by UWSP's United Campus Ministry, not the Just Cause Legal Collective. The latter organization dealt purely with our legal matters and had nothing to do with our trip.

Lastly, Captain Doug Ferrel stated that "slavery, prohibition, and child labor... no longer exist in the United States of America." I would like to remind him of the over ten thousand sweatshops within our borders today and of the multitude of sweatshops our country has created around the world. The fact that the US supports slavery and child labor does not make us a great nation in any way. Before insulting the intelligence of protesters and the newspaper staff, I think it would be wise to look a little deeper into the subject matter.

Katie Renier
UWSP Student

New name won't stop fight against School of Americas

A letter in last week's *Pointer* was critical of a recent front page story reporting on students who attended a march protesting the U.S. Army's infamous School of the Americas. The letter writer suggested that the protest itself, and thus the newspaper's coverage, was unwarranted because the School of the Americas no longer exists.

Indeed, the school at Fort Benning, Ga., is now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Simply changing the institution's name is a perfect example of Defense Department avoidance and the name itself is a perfect example of Defense Department obfuscation. The name has changed, but the mission, course offerings and strategies remain, according to most independent analysts, remarkably similar to what existed in the School of the Americas. Even a U.S. Senate supporter characterized the changes as "cosmetic."

In essence, not much has changed at the school other than the name and the addition of a fence to impede the access of marchers. It cannot be claimed that Latin American soliders studying there now will carry on the bloody and brutal legacy of past SOA graduates, but the legacy of human rights violations and atrocity attributed to those graduates in recent decades is rather clear and unseemly.

While few of us were able to participate in the November march, we can support the cause of those who did.

First, we can seek to become informed. For the official line, the Army has a web site: www.benning.army.mil/WHISC/main. For a more critical perspective, a site operated by School of the Americas Watch offers excellent background and current information: www.soaw.org.

Second, we can urge members of Congress to support legislation that would close the school or, at least, mandate substantial reforms in the school's mission and strategy. According to the latest count, several Wisconsin members of Congress are co-sponsors of legislation to close the institution: Reps. Tammy Baldwin, Madison; Tom Barrett, Milwaukee; Ron Kind, La Crosse and Gerald Kleczka, Milwaukee. We can encourage these representatives to continue their support and urge other representatives to join them.

The SOAW web site describes the situation well: "The new military training school is the continuation of the SOA under a new name. It is a new name, but the same shame."

Father Tom Lindner
Newman University Catholic Parish

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Corporate money flow into universities dangerous

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. Thank you to the Chancellor's office and Student Government Association for the funds to attend. UWSP students attempted to voice student's issues and concerns and make their presence known.

In the Summit brochure the event was described as a "statewide conversation." However, poor people, the working class, students and people of color were few if any in attendance, possibly since the Summit cost \$129 and was held during the school and work week. There was no conversation, there were lectures given by those who have power and money. Hardly any time was given to real "conversation". People who also should have a say in Wisconsin's economic future were poorly represented. This "shared vision," as keynote speaker Daniel Burrus alluded to was nowhere to be found. Although some improvement, was made since last year's Summit, overall the Summit discriminated in access to attendance and treatment of any dissent at the Summit.

The Summit presenters talked a lot 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 corporation as Philip-Morris and Exxon-Mobil. As state funding for education continues to dwindle, corporate money flows into Universities but not without a dangerous price. The non-profit mission of the University is in direct opposition to the for-profit mission of the corporations we are partnering with. Will these increasing partnerships jeopardize liberal arts, critical thinking citizen based public education? Many UWSP students attending the Summit took that question straight to the UW Board of Regents and UW System President Kathy Lyle. Some people were responsive, but some were not, as one student was told, "stop complaining." The lack of respect and consideration towards students was shameful. Students instead encouraged responsible, socially just partnerships with any corporate sponsor or partner, to help to ensure the continuation of the mission and values of public education.

UW students must stand up and require their fair and equal decision power at their universities! We are not products of this university to be placed into workforce cog. Institutionalized oppression found within education must be examined and confronted so we all can grow as active citizens.

Jessica Krueger
UWSP student

Stand up for justice, Christians

In regards to Christianity, I see three main possibilities.

One possibility is the bible is wrong, then of course we shouldn't follow it.

Another possibility is that there is some good and some bad in the Bible. If such is the case, we should be take some and leave some. In fact, many Christians do exactly this. Christianity to many is a cafeteria-style religion. Many Christians justify their actions based on convenience. Convenience is not a noble motivation. Virtuous people are not motivated first and foremost by pragmatics and expediency. Virtuous people are motivated first and foremost by righteousness. I remember learning that "the Lord would spite out of his mouth the lukewarm." That would seem to be a condemnation of convenient cafeteria-style Christianity.

A third possibility is that the Bible is completely true, right and wise. Then Christians should be following the Bible. From my Christian upbringing I remember learning Bible teachings like "Do not fight evil with evil." This would seem to not justify bombing Afghanistan. By bombing Afghanistan, we have in a *Pointer* editorial writer's terms "been playing the Taliban's game" We should show our love and civilization and use a different tactic. An old saying comes to mind "Don't fight fire with fire, fight fire with water and chemicals." Of course there is also "Turn the other cheek." America and many Christians are bent on revenge. Another bible verse is "Love your enemies." Christian America led by God loving George W. Bush hate bin Laden, the Taliban, some even hating Muslims in general and, worse yet, some hating Afghan people or Middle Eastern people in general. The quintessential teaching of Christianity is supposedly "Do unto others as you would have them do

unto you." Would we like our nation to be bombed? There are just a few of the many teachings in the Bible which one who think would inspire Christians to oppose this unjust war.

The most salient appeal is not a Bible verse, but a Christian, especially a contemporary Christian outlook. A peace and justice loving friend of mine asked his Christian parents "What would Jesus do?" I think that question should be reflected on by Christians. Would Jesus bomb Afghanistan? Would Jesus invade Iraq? Would Jesus impose sanctions on Iraq? Would Jesus support a draconian war on terrorism?

Christians, now is the time to stand up for justice. I am inspired by religious people whose faith motivates them to fight for justice and peace. Quakers and other peace-loving Christians are helping make this world a better place. Christians should be at the anti war demonstrations. But most Christians are not. Christians, you could be a great force in the anti-war movement. We need you to show the love you profess to uphold. We need you to oppose this war. Christians, if indeed, there is noble love in your religion, this time of trial is the time to show it. You can make a great difference. Christians, you have the choice to either let injustice occur or stand up and refuse evil. Innocent people all around the word depend on you to stand up for the love and righteousness your religion professes to uphold.

Long live justice. Long live peace.

Andrew Bushard
UWSP Student

School of Americas does exist

The School of Americas still exists under the new name: Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. The change is merely one of a name since the school still teaches the same curriculum of guerilla and insurgent warfare as well as "democracy" building classes. After hearing about the School of Americas, I began researching it and came across an article saying that it had been shut down (the article was written on the School of Americas Web site, so of course it would) and became very confused. Instead of misjudging the many protestors who were still in the process of planning this large scale act as naive, I decided to research it further, and found that it was in fact just a name change.

As Captain Doug Ferrel stated, the graduates of the school have performed atrocities. They still might be. Considering the lessons are the same, I'm sure that some of the graduates are planning things as I write. Any school, government funded or would otherwise, should be held responsible for atrocities if it teaches terrorist tactics (this would not include UWSP since it is not part of the curriculum). It should be held responsible for teaching students to commit terrorist acts that the US government deems atrocities and also for acts the US deems "necessary." It is important to realize that one person's freedom fighter is another person's terrorist. When graduates use their lessons to "promote diversity" through the use of violence, this too is terrorism.

I am not against solidiers. I was in a Navy program for four years and like Captain Ferrel, have some experience. This experience may have helped to fuel my fire since the program sang all the praises of the military but turned a blind eye to its wrong doings. It also discouraged questioning, which is essential to learning.

To clear up one of Captain Ferrel's misinformed statements, the Just Cause Legal Team did not fund the trip. The fourteen Stevens Pointers who attended the protest did so with the help of UWSP United Campus Ministry. The two of us who were arrested paid our own way back. The Legal Team goes to protests at which they think people will be arrested and helps them receive a fair trial because they want to (and it's their job).

I appreciate Captain Ferrel's concern about my "future education and employment prospects" and his concern about me getting in over my head after hearing "propaganda." However, that "propaganda" was acknowledged to be true by the mayor, city police, military police and Judge Haywood Turner of Columbus, Georgia as well as by congressmen Tom Barret and Mark Green at the Wisconsin Economic Summit. I went on my own accord with the knowledge of what would happen and what it would mean for my future (which would be nothing in lieu of the Georgia First Offender Act, which would take the charges off my record, and the fact that I will be working for social justice: a non-violent civil disobedience charge will not negatively affect that). I decided this after extensive meeting and preparation time and personal questioning of my values. I did not rush into it uneducated.

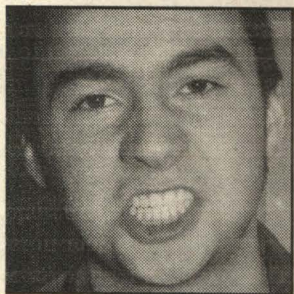
I would agree with Captain Ferrel that I am naive. I am naive because I do not know all the activities my tax money pays for. I am still in the process of learning all the atrocities happening as a result of the secrecy of our "pluralistic" government. However, I am educating myself and will continue to protest injustices whether or not people are willing to believe they exist.

Chris Talbot
UWSP Student

Pointer Poll

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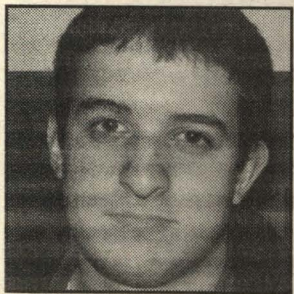
What's your New Year's resolution?



Javier Alaniz, Jr. Philosophy
I make no resolutions. I'm fine just the way I am.



Kathy Huntington, Jr. English
To only buy hardcover book and keep up on my laundry.



Jason Hernandez, Fr. Theater
Responsibly go to all my classes.



Genorie Church, Fr. Theater
To get sleep.

The Health and Wellness Spot

Dear Health Advocate,

I am heading home for winter break and I am concerned about staying active. Any suggestions?

Sincerely,
Winter Blues

Dear Winter Blues,

Keeping on track during winter break is difficult when you get out of your routine, but here are some hints to help you out.

• Drink water— it helps you stay hydrated (Remember you're supposed to have eight 8oz. glasses a day.)

• Get outside and enjoy the weather— go cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding or take a walk outside.

• Maintain your regular level of exercise as much as you can — if you normally walk to class every day, make an effort to walk while you're at home, too (Simple idea: park further away from buildings so you have that extra little bit to walk).

• Don't have access to free weights at home? Use your body as resistance by doing push-ups, lunges and sit-ups.

Stay active, eat healthy and enjoy your winter break!



If you would like more information on this or any other health or wellness related subject, contact the Health Advocate at kbuch680@uwsp.edu.

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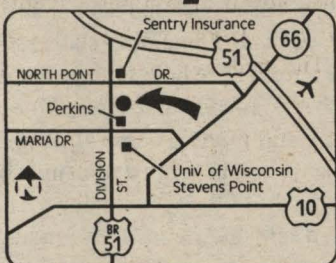
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Be mindful of Polar Bird Day this holiday season

By Barrett Steenrod

FEATURES EDITOR

After Thanksgiving rolls around each year, everyone starts thinking about the holiday season and what they have to do to get ready for them. This can be an especially stressful time if you happen to be one of those people who is a Muslim college student with Christian parents from Africa and your significant other happens to be Jewish. Right there, you've got more stress than the human body was designed to handle during the month of December. You not only have to worry about fasting for Ramadan, but final exams are coming up, and you still have to be available to help celebrate Hanukkah with your girlfriend, not to mention having to think about the Christmas lists your parents gave you. Add the feasting that goes along with Kwanzaa and something is bound to give.

Well, I have more bad news for you. In your effort to try and be politically correct, you have missed several other important holidays since Thanksgiving, and if you don't get your act together, you might be destined to miss every other holiday between now and New Year's Day.

Shall we count the ways? We could, but to be realistic, we don't really have the time or the space to go through them all, so I'll just bring up the holidays that you probably will miss during finals week. We'll use Saturday, Dec. 15 as the "first" day of finals since class is technically over by then and the following Saturday as the "last" day of finals since all exams should be over with by this time.

Saturday, December 15

Hanukkah, the celebration

of the Menorah by followers of Judaism, is in its sixth day and will continue on with the lighting of the remaining two candles and gift giving until Monday, Dec. 17. Other holidays slated for this day include **Constitution Day** in Nepal and **Kingdom Day** on the Dutch side of St. Martin's Island.

Sunday, December 16

The beginning of this week is chock full of things to get up and celebrate. Several countries' birthdays are celebrated on this day. Bahrain celebrates **National Day**, Bangladesh is geared up for **Victory Day** and Kazakhstan declared their **Independence (Day)** on this date. Down on the other side of the world, New Zealand celebrates the **Canterbury Anniversary**, while South Africa, in an effort to heal the wounds of apartheid, will be mindful of **Reconciliation Day**. **Hanukkah** is in its seventh day.

Monday, December 17

Bhutan celebrates **National Day** and **Hanukkah** wraps up.

Tuesday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 19

Niger celebrates **Republic Day** on Tuesday while the nation of Anguilla is using Wednesday to celebrate **Separation Day**.

Thursday, December 20

Today marks a sacred day of celebration by the Penguinie people of Antarctica. This day marks **Polar Bird Day**, the day when everyone, absent of clothing, jumps into the frigid Antarctic water and goes fishing. This holiday should not be confused with **Avoid Becoming Food for a Killer Whale Day**, which is also celebrated at the same time as Polar Bird Day.

Editor's note: There are actually no holidays anywhere in the world scheduled for December 20, so in honor of the

Penguins who are stuck living in the coldest place on Earth, I have, by the power vested in me by The Pointer, officially declared and dedicated these two holidays for them on account of all that they have done for us.

Friday, December 21

Today, people in every nation around the world (except the United States) are celebrating **B-rod Day**. This is the day in which people all over the world take the day off work to socialize (over fine wine and tasty entrees) about how swell of fellow I, Barrett Steenrod, am.

Editor's note: if only!

Saturday, December 22

On this day, the nation of Macau celebrates the **Winter Solstice**. That is odd, no one else must care about such a noteworthy day. From this date onward, the days start to get longer, which means that summer is on the way. In Vietnam, this date marks **Army Day**, which is curiously scheduled on the calendar to coincide with **Unity Day** in Zimbabwe.

If you are curious as to what other holidays exist among the people of the world, get yourself to a computer lab and point your Internet browser to www.holidayfestival.com.

If you know of other holidays that are taking place during this time that were not mentioned, you can submit them to the website for posting. Regardless of what festival or holiday you plan on celebrating over the break, have fun and be responsible because each of these holidays come around only once a year.

Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are expressly the satirical opinions of the editor.

Your Music Alternative

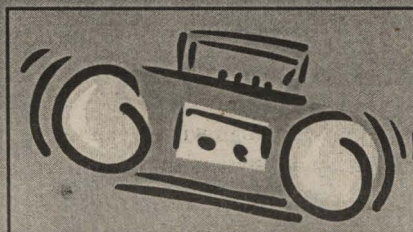
By Rachel Hildebrandt

90FM PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR

If you like the bands Slayer, Destruction and Iced Earth, 90FM WWSP has the perfect show for you. Tune in every Sunday from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. and listen to the specialty show "Metal Thunder."

Todd Jaymz, the fast-talking host of the show, has been the DJ for Metal Thunder for 11 of the 15 years that it has been on the air. He plays about 30-40 songs during his show and prides himself on only playing up to three songs from the show the week before. He

wants to make his program "an entirely different program each week."



Jaymz also wants to create a "place on the radio to hear stuff you can't hear anywhere else in Central Wisconsin." The types of metal music that he plays ranges from power metal, thrash metal like Overkill and

Testament, progressive metal with synthesizers and keyboards, metal from bands like Metallica and underground metal music from Ozzy and Iron Maiden.

Jaymz gives away four to seven CDs each week of either current or new release metal music to lucky callers.

If you want to contact Todd Jaymz, you can email him at toddjaymz@webtv.net or call him during his show at 346-2696. Soon, he is hoping to have his show digitally recorded and put on his website.

Simplify your finals life with these great study tips

Preparing for final exams is all a matter of preparation

By Kristin Sterner

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

It is the end of a semester once again, and everyone is worried about the big "F" word. Spending hours in the computer lab or meeting up with classmates to look over the 90 pages of notes you've taken over the course of the semester can be enough to make your hair stand on end. Finals, however, can be conquered with less stress if you carefully plan out your approach, so I've comprised a list of helpful hints to help you through.

Make a Plan

When faced with a huge load of work and all the pressure that comes along with it, it is important to develop some sort of method to your madness. Personally, this step is invaluable to me (I describe myself as the embodiment of organized chaos). The key for me is writing out lists. If you can put onto paper all of the responsibilities swirling around in your head each day, you can ensure that they won't slip away from you. You'll just need to follow the list. That in itself takes a lot of extra pressure off. If you are not a list maker, try it anyway. Even if you lose your list, writing it down will help to cement all of the things you have to remember into your brain.

Avoid distractions

If you have a big exam or assignment that you have to work on, don't fool yourself into believing that you can sit in a room full of friends and work on it. Sequestering yourself from distraction will always help you to concentrate more fully on the task at hand. You will work more efficiently and most likely remember more, too. When you are alone and there is nothing around to disrupt you, it is easier to study. You won't have as many

moments where you think to yourself "I am never going to understand this" or "this is so stupid, I will never apply this information anywhere outside of this class." Isolation will also motivate you to get everything done more quickly, so you can go back and relax with friends again.

Give yourself a break!

If you have been putting off a paper or studying, and in doing so have committed yourself to cramming or pulling an all-nighter, remember to take some breaks. It is a proven fact that the brain is able to retain more information if it is learned in small chunks, and if it is allowed time to rest between intense study sessions. If you have been studying for more than 30 minutes at a crack, your brain has passed the peak of its highest attention and will work more efficiently after a short break. I understand that taking a break every half hour if your cramming is not possible, but keep in mind that you won't be learning as much if you study continuously with no breaks. Besides, a chance to stop for a bit and chat with friends or listen to some tunes will refresh you for when you return to the grindstone.

Take it one day at a time

If you have endless amounts of work due in an impossible time frame, try not to get too far ahead of yourself. Work on your most important projects first and when they are through, start the next. It is as simple as that. If you further confuse your mind with a million other details that won't even matter for a few more days, you'll be doing a disservice to the task you are trying to accomplish. Just get one thing done at a time.

Reward yourself

When you've finished a big task, take

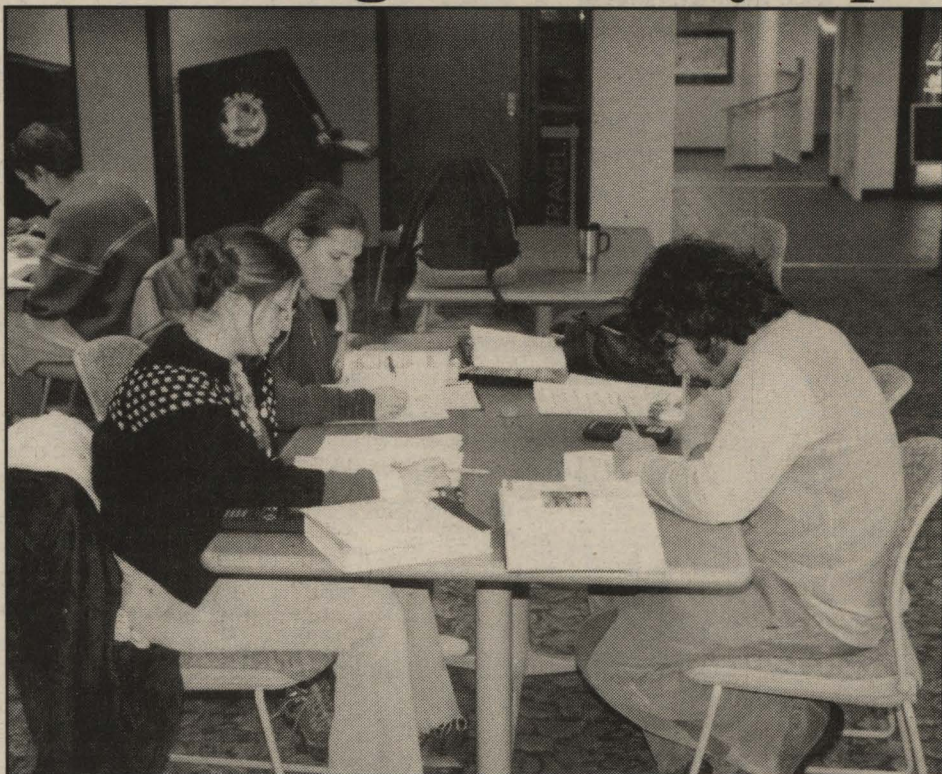


Photo by Luke Zancanaro

These students are already getting a leg up on their final exams. This scene will be repeated thousands of times all over campus over the coming week.

a little time to pat yourself on the back. After all the hard work and effort you have done, how can you expect professors to be impressed and proud of your achievement if you don't even take the time to recognize it yourself? School is hard work, and when you do something good you deserve some credit. Don't slight yourself!

Accept your results and be content with your efforts

When all is said and done and you've received the results of a big assignment, don't get too discouraged if the grade is not as high as you had hoped. If you put genuine effort into your work, you've done all you can do. The grade is a part of

the past, and unless you can talk to your professor and work something out, there is nothing you can do to change it. If you are unsatisfied with a grade, turn your frustration into determination to learn from the experience. Use the opportunity of disappointment to motivate yourself in the future.

Remember, finals come but twice a year, and even though it seems like it will never end, it will. Once it is all over you will feel a sense of accomplishment and relief, and you'll have a month to rest your brain from any organic chemistry or old English poetry that has been plaguing you this semester.

UWSP students to deliver donations to Mexican village

Three students will travel to an isolated village in Mexico this month to deliver donations of money and goods raised at UWSP. Stephanie Perry, a senior sociology major, Sarah Bristol, a junior sociology major and Olivia Carbajal, a freshman business administration major, will visit the residents of Boquillas, Mexico, a small town across the Rio Grande from Big Bend National Park. They will take computers, educational supplies and warm clothing for the children of Boquillas who live in concrete brick homes without electricity. All of the donations must be hand carried to the village by volunteers.

Juan Olivas Ramirez, a dedicated teacher, instructs nearly 30 students in a one-room schoolhouse in Boquillas. Once students complete sixth grade, they have to leave home and travel more than

200 miles if they are to attend high school.

Members of the Sociology Club and the Stevens Point Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement (SALSA) are working with Dorothy DeBoer of the UWSP sociology faculty and Stu Whipple, a retired UWSP faculty member, to raise money and supplies. A raffle, drives in local schools, donation boxes in residence halls and solicitations of local businesses are being held.

The three volunteers say they plan to host a program and reception when they return to show photos, talk about their experiences and explore future opportunities for students and faculty.

Anyone interested in donating may contact the UWSP Sociology Club, 450 CCC or contact DeBoer at 346-3069.

Wolf study program offered at Treehaven

Wolves and their ecology will be the topic of winter seminars at UWSP's Treehaven field station in Tomahawk.

Treehaven, an education and conference center of UWSP's College of Natural Resources, will host "Introduction to Wolves" for a half day on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, and for a full day on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002. The seminar will allow wildlife enthusiasts to get a basic understanding of wolf society.

The introductory class is groundwork for "Study of Wolves," a weekend workshop that will be held on Jan. 25-27, Feb. 22-24 and March 15-17, 2002. Students will participate in an in-depth and comprehensive study of wolves, multimedia classroom study,

exposure to wolf management field equipment, plaster cast techniques and a field trip into wolf territory. University credit is available for an additional cost.

"Introduction to Wolves" costs \$25 for the half day and \$40 for the full day. "Study of Wolves" costs \$105 for commuters and \$155, including room and board.

Treehaven is located between Tomahawk and Rhinelander off County A. The facilities include conference rooms and classrooms, living centers for overnight lodging, a dining hall, library, nature store and trails for hiking or winter sports. For more information, contact Treehaven at (715) 453-4106 or jeversson@uwsp.edu.

THANK YOU!



If you see one of these students, please tell them THANKS! These Phonathon Callers raised over \$130,000 during 10 weeks of calling this fall in support of UWSP's 2001 Annual Fund Campaign! Gifts to the Annual Fund support important initiatives on campus, improving the quality of teaching and learning for all students.

Callers from front left: Nicole Calmes, Jacki Ruth, Heather Vosters. Second Row: Emily Millard, Melinda Northouse, Tami Kroening, Michelle Busch. Third Row: Sarah Otto (student manager), Sarah Johnston, Teri Fiegel, Katie Pouliot, Angela Plamann, Jennifer Garvey. Back Row: Erin Chapman, Amy Kammeyer (student manager), Erica Ganther, April Bachorz, Matthew Morrison. Callers not pictured included: Amanda Bauch, Amanda Wians, Amanda Preder, Andrea Schroeter, Emily Lancour, Julie Rucinski, Keith Trudell, Kendra Arendt, Laura Fischer, Megan Ramstack, Meredith Meier, Mira Christiansen, and Rebecca Teska.

The "Twelve Days of Christmas" deciphered

By Barrett Steenrod

FEATURES EDITOR

The "Twelve days of Christmas" is one of those famous holiday songs that can be heard from time to time during the holiday season. It is sung in school holiday pageants, it can be heard coming over the radio the closer to Dec. 25th we get and is a popular number with carolers.

But what does it mean? I have tossed around that thought every year about this time and have never been able to find an answer, let alone come to any sort of conclusion about when the twelve days of Christmas are.

For the curious, the questioning or for those Trivia buffs out there in this splendid winter wonderland of Stevens Point, look no further, for the meaning behind the Twelve Days of Christmas is as follows:

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

A partridge in a pear tree.

The partridge is Jesus Christ and the pear tree is representative of the kingdom of God.

Two turtledoves.

The two turtledoves represent the Old and New Testament in the Bible.

Three French hens.

The three French hens stand for the theological virtues of faith, love and hope.

Four calling birds.

These four calling birds signify the four gospels of the New Testament; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Five golden rings.

The golden rings in this verse of the song refer to the first five books of the Old Testament known as the Torah. These are the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Six geese a-laying.

The six creation days of the Old Testament are referred to in this half way point of the song.

Seven swans a-swimming.

These swimming swans are synonymous with the spiritual gifts of prophesy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading and compassion.

Eight maids a-milking.

The eight milking maids are representative of the eight declarations made from the Sermon on the Mount, otherwise known as Beatitudes. Those declarations are that the blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

Nine ladies dancing.

For every lady dancing, there is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Those fruits are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Ten lords a-leaping.

The Ten Commandments are the ten leaping lords. Can you name them all? (See end of article for answers.)

Eleven pipers piping.

There were twelve original disciples, however, only eleven remained faithful and did not disown Jesus. Can you name all eleven faithful disciples?

(See end of article for answers.)

Twelve drummers drumming.

The last verse of the song refers to the Apostle's Creed, which is essentially the twelve statements of belief within the Christian faith.

(See end of article for answers.)

The reason for all the hidden meaning in this holiday song was to help those learn the basic foundations of the Christian faith during the last days of the Roman Empire when the early church was



under considerable persecution.

The twelve days of Christmas start with Dec. 25 and continue on to Jan. 6, the day called Epiphany, which is widely regarded as the day the three wise men arrived to present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus.

From being a teaching tool of the early church, the song has stayed with us until the present day where it is sung out of custom more than meaning. Now the next time you hear the song, you'll know the history and meaning behind the lyrics.

Answers to the 10th day of Christmas: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet.

Answers to the 11th day of Christmas: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James.

Answers to the 12th day of Christmas: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body 12) and life everlasting.

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Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Pointer sophomore Yan White locks up with the Eagles' Matt Morris during their 197 lb. match on Tuesday. White took the match 3-1.

Wrestlers get clothes-lined by La Crosse

White, Koenig only stand-outs in blowout loss to Eagles

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pointers' young grapplers are starting to wear into their season, and the new wrestlers are starting to get their legs under them.

The UWSP wrestling team was back at it Tuesday evening when they took on the highly-ranked La Crosse Eagles in UWSP's Berg Gymnasium. Unfortunately the inexperienced Pointers were forced to go up against many veteran Eagle wrestlers, resulting in a lopsided 30-6 defeat.

The Pointers and La Crosse were the top two teams in the WIAC last season and the Eagles entered Tuesday's match ranked third in the NCAA Division III. The Pointers were ranked 17th in the country.

Two bright spots that stood out for the Pointers were sophomore 197-

pounder Yan White, who took Eagles' junior Matt Morris the distance before vanquishing him 3-1, and promising 165-pound freshman Cody Koenig, who defeated 2000-2001 WIAC champion Nick Patenaude in a very close 3-2 decision.

Other solid performances for the Pointers included senior Joe Bavlnka, who dropped his 184-pound match in a 5-2 decision to highly-rated Eagles' senior Rob Rodriguez, and freshman Joel Burdick, who fell by the score of 4-3 to senior Eagles' captain Brady Cudd, an All-American performer a year ago. Rodriguez avenged an earlier defeat by Bavlnka at the Wisconsin Open.

With the loss, the Pointers dropped six spots to 23rd in the polls, while La Crosse stayed at third. The Pointers are now off until Friday, Jan. 4, when they will take on second-ranked Wartburg (IA) College in the Berg Gymnasium. The meet kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

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SENIOR ON THE SPOT CASEY KRAUTKRAMER - NEWS EDITOR



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UWSP Career Highlights

- Served as news editor at *The Pointer* during the fall 2001 semester, and as assistant news editor during the 2000 school year
- Interned at the *Stevens Point Journal*
- Has contributed quality articles for three years

Major - Communications with a journalism emphasis
Hometown - Marathon, WI

Most memorable moment - Definitely the first night this semester, when I was here (at *The Pointer*) till 7:30 in the morning and I had class at 8.

Nickname - "Clark Kent"

Who was your idol growing up? - My dad. He was a very hard worker, and he instilled that in me.

What are your plans after graduation? - I hope to work as a news reporter at a daily newspaper, and hopefully work my way up to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* or *The Associated Press*.

What is your favorite aspect of journalism? - Covering breaking news. I love breaking news.

Most embarrassing moment - When my peers on *The Pointer* staff corrupted me at a newspaper convention in Minneapolis last year.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? Superman. He's just unstoppable.

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?

1. A good-looking woman
2. Many alcoholic beverages
3. Sun tan lotion

If you could have one final thing to say to your readers here at UWSP, what would it be? - I gave my all to ensure that the students attending UWSP were made aware of important campus issues.

What will you remember most about writing for *The Pointer* at UWSP? - Spending the wee hours of Thursday morning in the layout room with Josh Goller.

Mens ballers take an extra quarter to end 2 game skid

Basketball team defeats La Crosse in overtime for their first conference win

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Big time players step up in big games. Josh Iselroth scored a career high 30 points and a team high seven rebounds, to lead the UW-Stevens Point mens basketball team to an 86-75 overtime victory over UW-La Crosse on Wednesday night.

Iselroth scored seven of his 30 points in overtime as UWSP buried La Crosse in the extra period outscoring them by a 17-6 margin for the quarter. UWSP is now 1-2 in conference and 8-2 overall.

"The challenge now for Josh is to piece a couple of these games together," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "I am just extremely proud of his (Iselroth) and the whole team's comeback."

It was a back-and-forth contest that saw no team get a lead greater than eight points during regulation play. UWSP had a

slim lead of two points 38-36 at the half and managed to push it to eight midway through the second half. Then the triples started to fall. La Crosse made seven of their next eight three-point shots to grab a three-point lead with a minute left. But a Jason Kalsow lay-up and an Iselroth free throw tied up the game, and Casey Tagatz missed a jumper as time expired to force overtime.

Tamaris Relerford, who played most of the second half in a double point guard line-up, had a career high 16 points, including four of five shooting from behind the arc. Kalsow was the only other Pointer reaching double figures, scoring 14 points on an economical five of seven shooting.

"We lost our leader in Kalonji (out 2-3 weeks with knee injury) and that hurts the psyche," said Bennett. "We just had to lay it on the line, this is one of the biggest gut check games that I have ever had as a coach and we came through."

Eddie Hebert led La Crosse on the evening, scoring 19 points. His first two points marked his 1,000th career point, marking

just the 11th time in La Crosse history that a player has reached that mark.

UWSP had one other game for the week and it was a 72-61 loss to UW-Stout on Saturday. UWSP trailed by as many as 13 points in the second half, but they trimmed the lead to a single point with two minutes remaining in the contest. Unfortunately, UWSP could come no closer as a three-point play, and a steal sealed the game.

Freshman Nick Bennett had his best day as a Pointer, scoring a career high 20 points on a 9 for 13 shooting performance. Kalsow continued his solid year tossing in 16 points without missing a shot from the field as he went eight for eight.

"Our young guys have really been growing up all season, you couldn't ask for much more from the freshmen, both true and red shirted," said Bennett. "It was just nice to get off the snide and win a tough WIAC game where we kept our poise."

UWSP has very little time to enjoy the victory, as they will be hosting Mount Senario Thursday night at 7 p.m.



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Josh Iselroth squeezes off a shot between two La Crosse defenders.

Women's hoops put hurtin' on UW-La Crosse

By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointers rebounded from their first loss of the season last Saturday to UW-Stout, as they beat UW-La Crosse by a score of 77-59 on Wednesday night.

UWSP downed La Crosse with a balanced scoring attack that saw five Pointers reach double figures. Amie Schultz led all scorers with 15 points for the evening; she was followed closely by Tara Schmitt who had 14. Kari Groshek tossed in 13, Amanda Nechuta contributed 12 and Carry Boehning continued her solid season with 10 points and three boards.

After exploding to an 8-0 start, the Pointer women suffered their first loss of the season, in a heartbreaking one-point loss to Stout this past Saturday.

Stout, who tied for first place in the WIAC standings last season, controlled the pace of the game, virtually from start to finish, out-rebounding the UWSP women by a margin of 49 to 45 and forcing 24 turnovers throughout the game. The issue

of turnovers, although plaguing the Pointers throughout the game, was never more apparent than in the game's final minute.

The team committed two crucial turnovers in the final sixty seconds of play and also failed to capitalize on two scoring opportunities while trailing by only one point to Stout.

"The things that happen at the end of a game always stick in your mind the most," said Coach Egner of her team's performance, "but there were moments throughout the game where we could have played better. We just got outworked."

Foul trouble also contributed to the team's problems, as senior Kari Groshek found herself in foul trouble early in the game and saw only 16 minutes of playing time, limiting her scoring contribution to eight points. The team's sixth player, Cassandra Heuer, also fell victim to foul trouble, and played just nine minutes.

The Pointers did receive big performances from senior Carry Boehning and freshman Amanda Nechuta, who led the team in scoring with 13 points, and from senior Amie Schultz, who scored



Photo by Lyndsay Rice

Amanda Nechuta scores two of her team high 13 points in Saturday's match-up against UW-Stout.

12 points as well.

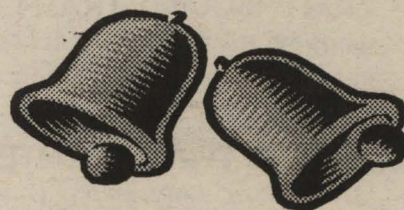
Though limited in this game, Egner views the contributions of the team's bench as being especially critical if the Pointers are to contend for the WIAC title. The contributions of Nechuta and Huer could be especially critical, as both players will continue to see heavy minutes.

"The key to our success will be the impact that Nechuta and Huer will have coming off the bench," said Egner.

Egner also stresses that a loss to one of the top teams in the WIAC has been a crucial learning experience for her team.

"We know we got outworked, and that's something that shouldn't happen. We got beat by a good team, but now we need to refocus and come out ready to play."

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Defense prevails in back-to-back Pointer wins

Skaters gain momentum before winter break

By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team obtained the winning recipe for success this past weekend when the dawgs beat St. Olaf and Gustavus Adolphus 2-1 and 1-0, respectively. Ryan Scott and Bob Gould put on two impressive shows saving a total of 37 opposing shots.

"Our goalies put on strong performances. It's really great to see that," said Coach Joe Baldarotta. "When the rest of the team helps them out, it makes their job that much easier."

With the wins, Point gained momentum going into the break. "These two wins are big," said Baldarotta. "They brought us over the .500 mark before the Christmas break."

St. Olaf came to K.B. Willett Arena on Friday night in hopes of stealing a win from the Pointers. UWSP didn't let that happen. In a rather uneventful first period,

not one shot made it to the back of the net.

St. Olaf turned things around about halfway through the second period after Dana Quinn scored on a power play with help from two teammates.

The Pointers scoring machines started their engines in the start of the third period. Joel Marshall kick-started the scoring attack, netting his second goal of the season and evening things up at one apiece.

The puck didn't stop there. About half way through the last period, Randy Enders took advantage of the situation at hand when St. Olaf committed a holding penalty. On the power play, Enders set up Ryan Kirchhoff for the game topping 2-1 victory.

UWSP's defensive strike didn't end Friday night. UWSP stabbed Gustavus Adolphus with a 1-0 shutout, the first since 1997. Pointer goalie Bob Gould stopped all 21 shots the Gusties provided him.

The Pointers worked extra hard in practice prior to the two contests. "We made sure we could compete in the two games by

working on defensive drills early in the week."

The notion of practice makes perfect holds true. The Pointers kept the Golden Gusties out of the net in all three periods Saturday night. Gustavus' goalie Dan Melde was the only bright side for their team, grabbing all seven of UWSP's shots in the first period, keeping the score 0-0.

With 4:12 left in the second period, Nick Glander somehow squeezed the puck through goalie Melde. Things looked promising for the Dawgs going into the third period up 1-0.

Gustavus Adolphus had but one chance left in the last period when the clock stood at two seconds. In a face-off, they shot a bullet at Gould, but he seized the puck out of the air, concluding the game.

The Pointers (7-6) get a much-needed break with the rest of the month off. "This break is a perfect time for us to regroup and come back fresh and focused," said Baldarotta. UWSP returns to action Jan. 4 when they travel to St. Mary's (MN).

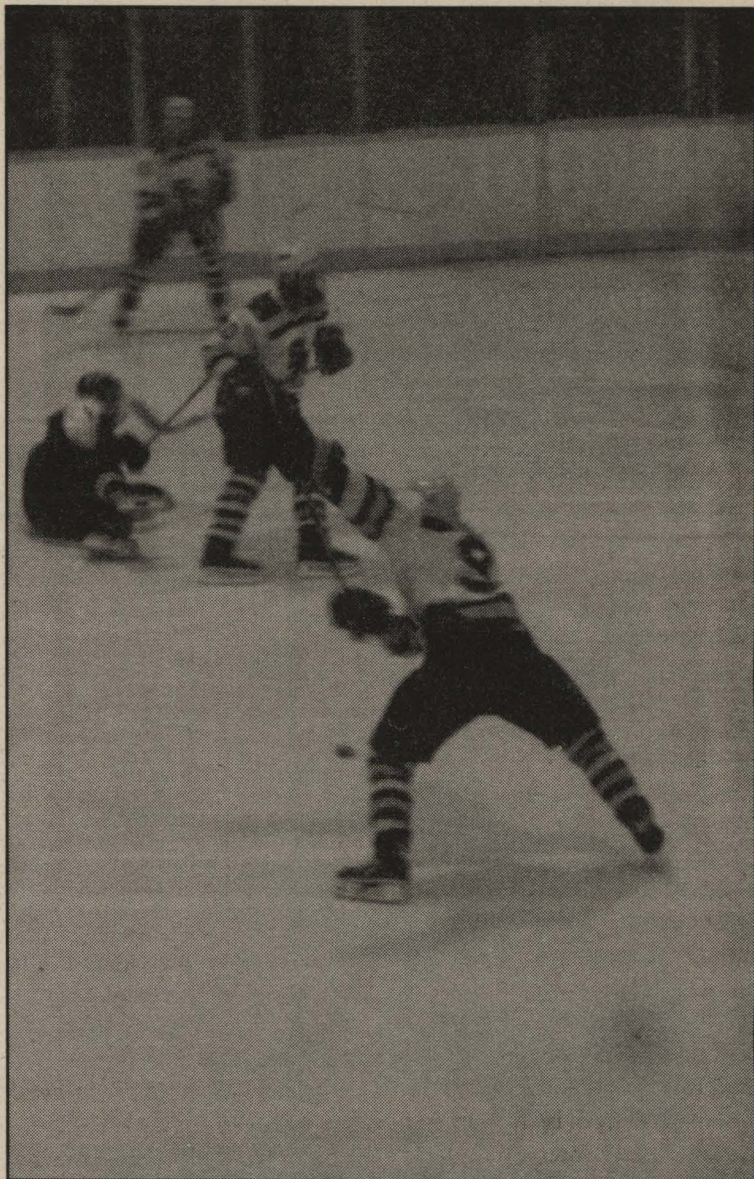


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Pointer freshman Mike Brolsma fires a shot during the Pointers' game versus Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday.

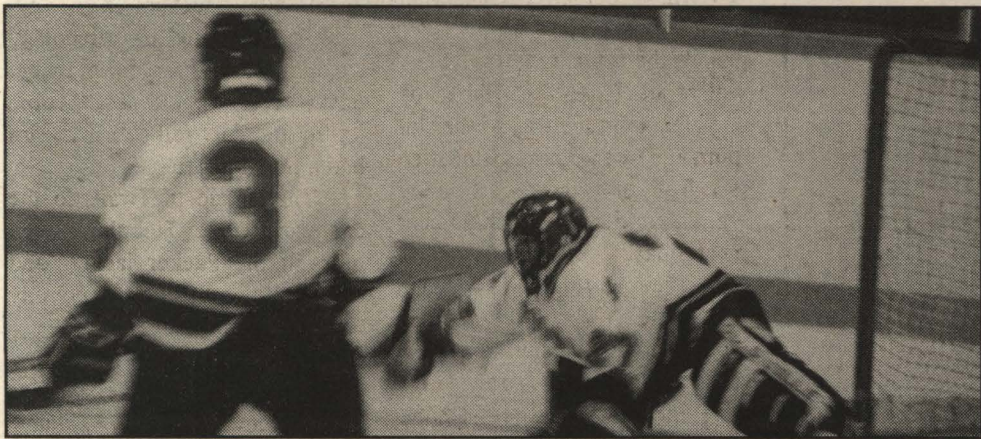


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Pointer goalie Shannon Kasperek dives for a save while Becky Humphreys looks on.

Pointer women keep unblemished record intact

Sankey continues scoring attack for hot Pointers

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

When a team plays only freshman and sophomores, that means it supposed to be a rebuilding year. Somebody forgot to tell that to the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team as weekend victories over Lake Forest College improved their record to a spotless 10-0, 4-0 in conference.

What is even scarier is that UWSP has not even been playing their best hockey on their way to an undefeated mark. Head Coach Brian Idalski felt his team was playing down to the opponents level heading into the weekend. But Point pulled out a close one on Saturday (3-1), and then pulled everything together to blow out Lake Forest on Sunday by a score of 7-2.

"We hadn't started well, nor have we put together three solid periods in a while," said Idalski. "So I thought it was definitely good to see our team do that on Saturday."

UWSP wasted no time in putting the Foresters away Saturday. Nicole Sankey lead a four goal first period as she notched two-thirds of her hat-trick in the period. The Pointers then traded goals in the second period to take a commanding 5-1 lead into the final period. After an early Lake Forest goal to put the game away, Liz Gorgen tied a team record in the game with

four assists as well.

The Pointers outshot Lake Forest 23-1 in the first period in a domination effort, Diane Sawyer stopped 10 of 12 shots as she improved her record to 5-0 for the year.

"That game helped us because of the way we won, its nice to know that things are clicking," said Sawyer. "It's reassuring in goal to know that more than half your team is capable of scoring at any time."



Friday's contest was a much tougher game for UWSP as they won by only a 3-1 margin. Sankey, once again started the scoring for UWSP, scoring halfway through the first period for the only goal before the intermission. UWSP opened up the game a little adding two more goals, one by Jackie Schmitt and one by Gorgen. Point then held Lake Forest to one goal in the fourth for the conference victory.

Shannon Kasperek marked the victory in goal, stopping 20 shots for her fifth victory of the year.

"In the first game we just didn't capitalize on our opportunities," said Idalski. "Now were looking forward to a challenge with Superior and it will be good to gauge where we're at."

UWSP will be hosting a showdown for first place this Friday and Saturday as they host UW-Superior, who also has a perfect conference

uled for 5:35 p.m. and Saturday's contest will be at 2:35 p.m.






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THE BACK PAGE

Pointers stand out at Wheaton Invite

Sammons qualifies for Division III nationals in two events

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

In a final tune up before hopping a jet to Hawaii for their annual two-week training camp, the UWSP swimming team caught a bus to Wheaton, Ill. for the Wheaton Invitational. Pitted against such Division II powers as Wheaton and UW-Milwaukee, the Pointers swam hard to garner a third-place finish on the women's side, with the men pulling in an impressive fourth place finish.

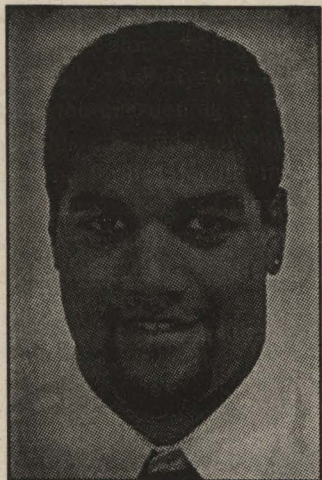
On the women's side, standout senior Christine Sammons automatically qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in two events to pace the Pointers. Sammons qualified in the 100m breast-

stroke in the preliminary round on Friday night with a time of 1:05.83 and then qualified in the 200m breaststroke in the final round on Saturday with a time of 2:23.31. Although Sammons ended up finishing second in both events, she did set a meet record with her performance in the 100m event.

Also on the women's side, the 200m medley relay team of sophomore Alissa Bartz, sophomore Erica Janssen, senior Amy Rockwell and junior Jen Randall earned a first place finish in 1:38.55.

Meanwhile, the Pointer men were led by a pair of first place finishes by senior

Anthony "Tiny" Harris. The captain from St. Paul, Minn. captured the 200m butterfly title on Friday in 1:57.33 and followed that up with a victory in the 100m butterfly in 50.47 on Saturday. Harris was also part of the victorious 800m freestyle relay squad, teaming with sophomore Erik Johnson, freshman Aaron Marshall and junior Thad Gunther to win in 7:01.73.



Harris

The Pointer swimming and diving teams are now off until Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, when they will compete in the Rainbow Classic Invitational on the campus of Hawaii University.

The Sports Guy's Opinion: I now have a newfound respect for Packer fans

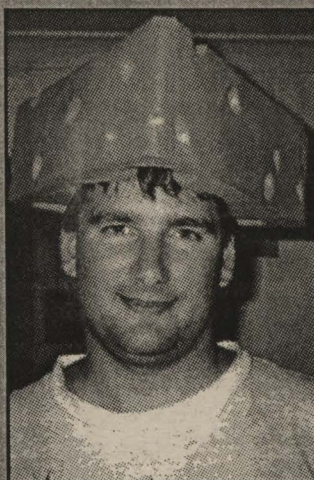
By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

in Brian Urlacher.

Finally though, luck was in sight. There were some late arriving Bear fans, obviously from Chicago, wearing more jewelry than P Diddy. They even told people to "Sit Down!" on one of rare good plays for Chicago. But they didn't get in any skirmishes either. Instead, by the end of the game, the mullet man was giving them directions home so they wouldn't see as many cops.

I am a Chicago Bears fan. I have been for as long as I can remember, and I had tickets to the Packer-Bear game last Sunday. After throwing on my Bears jacket and hat, I drove down to the game with my Dad (who likes the Packers).

Now I hate cheesehead Packer fans, the ones who have no clue about football except that they have blind faith in their Pack. I expected to see the stadium full of these northern red-necks, and I expected them to be yelling at me on the way to the game, in the stadium, and on the walk back to the car.



Only some-thing strange happened, they didn't yell at all. I only got ribbed by one person on the way to the stadium and that was in lighthearted jest. The guy was even smiling when he told me, "I'm eating bear meat today."

I thought that this was a fluke and that the real dicks would show up inside the stadium after they drink some choice beverages. Instead I got nothing, no bitterness from the man behind me who was extremely intoxicated.

No cat calls from the man with the baby mullet who was sitting to my lower right, and the guy next to me even said that Chicago had "some linebacker"

The cheesehead is terrible, but most Packer fans aren't one in earshot to rip on me. However all I got were pats on the back and people telling me they felt bad my team had a horrible offense.

That made the walk to the car even worse, I couldn't even hate all the Packer jackets and coats walking by because nobody was rude or stupid.

I still cheer for the Bears. Which means I still hate the Packers, especially LeRoy Butler who makes one play a game and then does 18 different dances when he makes it. But that's not important. What is important is that the fans of the Pack showed a lot of class on Sunday, and they deserve to be applauded.

The Week Ahead...

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Four wolves killed during gun deer season

State and federal officials are investigating the illegal shooting of four wolves in Douglas, Price, Clark and Juneau counties during the 2001 deer hunting season. In Wisconsin wolves are on the state threatened species list and on the federal endangered species list.

One shooter has been arrested in connection with the shooting of the wolf in Price County.

In the other cases, \$4,000 rewards have been posted for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for killing the wolves. The funds have been contributed by the Defenders of Wildlife Imperiled Predator Reward Fund, Timber Wolf Alliance of Northland College, Ashland, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

"These illegal wolf killings are unfortunate on several levels," said Nina Fascione, director of carnivore conservation for the Defenders of Wildlife.

"Biologically, these unnatural deaths can significantly disrupt pack structure and alter natural cycles, particularly when alpha animals are killed. Politically, it's just dumb. At a time when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking to lessen federal protections for wolves in the Great Lakes states, citizens should be demonstrating good stewardship of this endangered species, not carelessness and lawbreaking."

Anyone with information can call an individual warden or special agent. Conservation wardens can be reached 24 hours a day by calling a toll-free number, 1-800-TIP-WDNR.

In the Price County killing, State Conservation Warden Kendall Frederick, stationed in Phillips, arrested a hunter for shooting a female wolf in an area about eight miles northwest of Phillips. The wolf was shot on Oct. 27, the Saturday of the early Zone T hunt. The defendant signed a statement acknowledging that he shot the

wolf while deer hunting and stated that he did not realize it was a wolf.

He has been charged with the unintentional killing of a wolf. The citation has been filed with the Price County Clerk of Court.

In Douglas County Conservation Warden Lance Burns, stationed at Gordon, is investigating the death of a wolf found in Douglas County east of Solon Springs in the Shoberg Lake pack area. The wolf was shot.

A third wolf, an adult male of the Pray/Noch Hanai pack, was found dead in southern Clark County. The wolf was initially captured and collared by DNR in September 1999. The shooting is being investigated by

Madison revealed the wolf died of injuries sustained when fighting with other wolves.

Conservation Warden Ron Nerva, stationed at Tomahawk, is investigating the death of a sixth wolf found in rural Lincoln County. National Wildlife Health Center staff are scheduling a necropsy of the wolf, according to Dr. Kim Miller at the Lab. The wolf did not appear to have been shot.

Eight wolves with radio collars were being monitored by DNR prior to the deer season in the Central Forest area between Black River Falls and Wisconsin Rapids; after the recent losses, five of those wolves remain on the air. About 40 wolves occur in the area in eight or nine packs. An additional 210-plus wolves roam northern Wisconsin, and 31 of these have radio collars but only 29 remained on the air after deer season.

The Dead Creek and Suk Cerney pack territories overlap southern portions of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, and the

DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were about to start a research project on these two packs to determine habitat used by them. Death of the wolves caused loss of contact with those packs and may have disrupted this research project.

The gray or timber wolf is listed as a threatened species by the State of Wisconsin and federally listed as endangered. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently reviewing the status in Wisconsin and may reclassify to threatened later this year or early next year.

About 250 wolves were counted in Wisconsin by the DNR in late winter 2001, prior to birth of 100% Recycled Paper Legislation Passed by SGA pups in the spring. The population has increased from none in 1970, due to natural migration of wolves into the state from Minnesota.

Conservation Warden George Wagner, stationed in Neillsville, and Federal Agent Ed Spoon.

The fourth wolf, an adult male of the Suk Ceney pack was found dead south of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Juneau County. He had been caught and radio-collared in August 2001. Conservation Warden Matt Weber, stationed at Necedah, and Federal Agent Sarah Cope are in charge of the investigation.

Both the Clark County and the Juneau County wolves were alpha males wearing radio transmitter collars. The alpha male of a wolf pack is the lead male and the alpha male and alpha female reproduce.

A fifth wolf, an adult male of the Dead Creek pack, was found dead in southeastern Jackson County. This wolf was captured and collared in May 2001. A necropsy done at the National Wildlife Health Center in

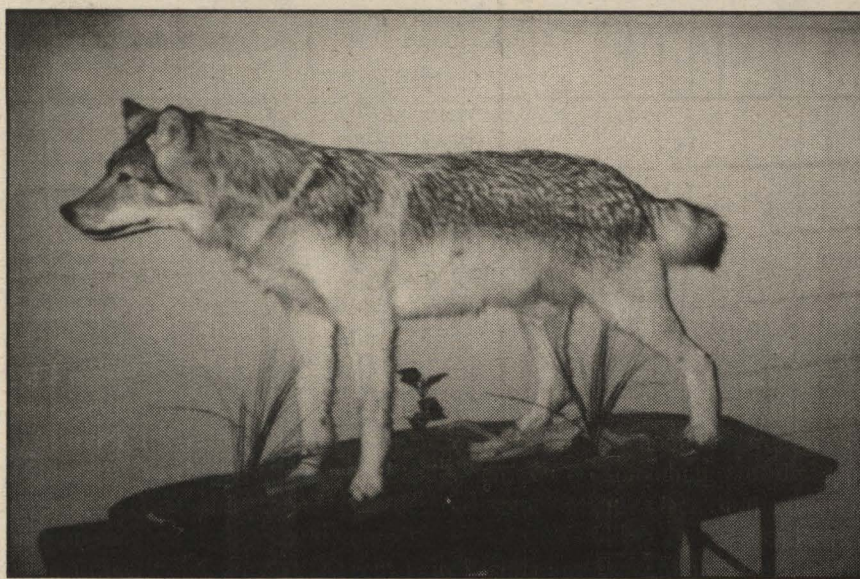


Photo by Steve Seamandel

As their population continues to grow, wolves will face more interaction with humans, inevitably resulting in more wolf deaths.

Wolf killings inexcusable

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Seeing a story about four wolves being shot during deer season really disturbs me. Not only are wolves extremely rare, but they look nothing like deer. Saying that a hunter "mistakenly" shot a wolf because they thought it was a deer doesn't make sense at all.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' article, there were about 250 wolves in the state of Wisconsin at the end of the 2001 winter. While this is a promising number that has been on the rise as of recent years, it's still not high enough for people to think that wolves are safe from disappearing.

Wolves are not harmful to humans. If you're lucky enough to see one, odds are that it will run away from you before you even realize that it's a wolf. They have a great sense of smell that enables them to avoid human contact, which unfortunately is more difficult for wolves now than it ever has been.

The thing that bothers me though is how someone can "mistakenly" shoot something. I don't hunt, but I sure hope that hunters take a good minute to eye up their target before pulling the trigger. If I was hunting and saw something, and it didn't resemble a deer in the slightest of ways, I wouldn't shoot it. With that being said, how can you possibly mistake a wolf for a deer? Deer are fairly tall and at this time of the year, very dark brown. Wolves, putting it simply, look like big dogs. Their color ranges from white to gray and sometimes even shades of black.

Plain and simple, it's not smart to shoot at something if you're not sure what you're shooting.

The DNR article goes on to mention that the offender has been charged with the unintentional killing of a wolf, and rightfully so. I can only hope that justice is served in the end for negligence.

However, we've certainly come a long way since the days of bounty hunting. The same government that once paid people to kill, trap and shoot wolves at any time is now protecting them.

My interest in wolves began after I read Richard Thiel's "The Timberwolf in Wisconsin: The Life and Death of a Majestic Predator." Thiel has done most his work in good ol' Wisconsin; he is coordinator of the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center in Babcock, Wis. and was chair of Wisconsin's wolf recovery plan team in the late 1980s. He has practically pioneered the entire wolf-tracking process.

It is from his book that I learned about wolves, their historic misfortunes, how they've come back and how they're really not "big and bad."

Many people are still clueless when it comes to wolves, which is unfortunate since the wolf is perhaps the greatest wildlife-recovery success to date. Wolf declination would definitely be caused by human failure and ignorance.

Wolves have needed our help in survival for a long time. Even though populations are starting to increase, we are not out of the clear. It's important that the government remain strict on issues dealing with wolves and people who kill them. Without support from people and the government, wolves may never make it.

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Skull mounts add natural décor at home

By Joe Shead

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Sometimes in nature you run across things that are just too bizarre to explain. I was fortunate enough to encounter a certain freak of the natural world in November of 2000 while deer hunting. The mystery of how the one-point buck I shot that year grew its unusual rack has defied all logical explanation.

As a budding young taxidermist, I'm always in the middle of some project, from preserving fish bones to tanning deer hides. I usually mount my own deer antlers. You've seen the kind - deer antlers mounted on a plaque and hung on a wall. (Perhaps you'll recall an article I wrote for *The Pointer* on mounting your own deer antlers in the spring of 1998. Probably not.)

However, hanging the antler from my one-pointer on the wall simply wouldn't adequately display how unusual the rack is. I decided to preserve the entire skull (this is often called a European mount.)

Preserving a deer skull is surprisingly easy, although it does require a bit of "messy" work.

Of course, the first step is to acquire a deer head. You don't have to be a hunter to acquire a deer head. You never know when you may encounter a dead deer in the wild. The only drawback is finding a dead deer in the wild usually means finding a decaying carcass. In this case you're probably better off letting nature take care of the decomposition for you, rather than handling the decaying head. It usually takes about a year for natural organisms to eat away the hide and flesh from a skull.

Acquiring a skull through natural processes does have a few drawbacks, however. Time is a problem if you don't want to wait a year. Also, you may not have a place

to leave a skull to decompose if you do not have access to private land. You could leave it on public land, but then you run the risk of someone finding and taking the skull. Also, predators may carry off the skull or damage it. If the skull has antlers, rodents may chew on the antlers.

The alternative is to speed up the process by doing it yourself. The first step is to remove the hide. Simply fillet the hide off the skull. I usually start at the throat area and skin up to the nose, then start skinning up the side, around the top and then to the other side. If you remove the skin in one piece you could make an interesting sort of mask if you wanted to tan it, otherwise simply remove it however you can.

At this point you have a flesh-covered skull with all the brains still inside. The next step removes the flesh and brains.

For the next step you'll need a pot large enough to hold the skull. You might want to go with an old, grungy pot that is no longer used for cooking if possible. This step is probably best done outdoors (or when you know your roommates will be gone for at least a few hours, like I did last year). Boiling a deer head produces a strong, but not overly nauseating odor. It just takes a little getting used to. I haven't tried it yet, but I think this project would be a good excuse to throw a huge bonfire while icefishing.

Place the skull in the pot and fill with water. If the skull has antlers, keep the water level just below the base of the antlers, otherwise the water will darken the antlers. Bring the water to a boil and maintain it for several hours, periodically removing the skull and peeling off the tissue as it softens. As the tissue softens, the lower jaw will eventually fall off the rest of the skull. The eyes will also loosen up enough to be easily removed (warning: the eyes do look sort of gruesome). The facial tissue peels off relatively easily with a needle-nosed pliers. The trouble is removing the brain and other tissue inside the skull. You have to literally pick the deer's brain to do this. I use a long screwdriver inserted through the opening for the spinal cord at the rear of the skull. I simply move it around inside the brain, picking at whatever pieces I can dislodge, then remove them with the pliers. Eventually you will be able to pull out what remains of the brain in one large chunk. Other tissues need to be removed from inside the nasal area in the front of the skull. The

bottom line is to remove all the tissue from the skull.

At this stage you have a clean skull and probably some disgruntled roommates. The skull will be an off-white color. You can stop here if you wish, or you can bleach the skull to give it a bright white color.

To bleach the skull, submerge it in a

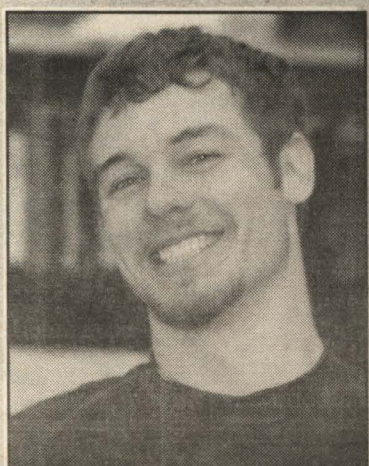
solution made up of one-half cup chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Allow the skull to soak for approximately eight hours. Remove and allow to dry. The skull will not change color until after it dries. If you're not satisfied with the way the skull looks, allow it to soak longer, but the longer you soak it, the more brittle it will get. I opted not to bleach the lower jaw so I could use it for a deer-aging model. I'm not sure if bleaching would eat away at the enamel of the teeth or whiten the dentine of the teeth (the analysis of which are used to determine age), but I didn't want to chance it.

After the skull dries, you're finished. Having a deer skull (or a skull from any animal) in your house may seem unusual, but it does provide a fantastic biological reference for those interested in animal biology and can add some natural décor to your room.



Photo submitted by author

The finished product; after all of the work you put into it, the skull will definitely give your home a more rustic, outdoorsy look.



Joe Shead has put many hours of work into the *Pointer* as former Editor-In-Chief and Assistant Outdoors Editor and is now leaving to concentrate on graduate school. Good luck Joe!

"There comes a time in every man's life when he knows it's time to move on. But I've said that before. Peace out."

-Joe Shead, Assistant Outdoors Editor

Recycled paper legislation passed by SGA

Student Government Association (SGA) unanimously voted in favor of the 100% Post-Consumer Recycled Paper statute on Thursday, Dec. 6. The legislation was proposed by the UWSP student organization, Alliance for a Sustainable Earth (ASE) and sponsored by Student Senators Katherine Disterhaft, Andrew Bushard, Dana Churness and Matt Filipak.

ASE member Katy Considine responded, "We're really proud that this passed because all of us did a lot of work to get this far. Hopefully, everyone else will be as supportive."

For every ton of 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper used, about 17 trees, 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 7,000 gallons of fresh water are saved, according to a study by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This paper helps preserve forests, conserves energy, saves landfill space, conserves water and reduces air and water pollution.

"If this statute is implemented, imagine what a lasting impact it would have on this campus and our environment!" said Carly Voight, ASE co-president.

"This is a great accomplishment not only for our environment but our local economy as well," stated Andrea Bawden, ASE secretary. Currently, UWSP buys its paper from International Paper, located in Memphis, Tenn. ASE would like to see the campus switch to 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper that is manufactured by Bader Paper, located in our state.

This statute will need to be passed by Faculty Senate and then ratified by the Chancellor before any changes can take place. "It was wonderful seeing SGA vote unanimously for 100% PCW Recycled Paper," Lindsay Heiser stated.

ASE would like to thank all the students and faculty that have been instrumental in the accomplishments of the project so far. Petitions have been gathered with 1,343 signatures, which amounts to 15% of the student body.

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Concert Update

Thursday, Dec. 13

Madison Greene—Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

Brenda Weiler—Amherst Coffee Company—8:30 p.m.

Lis Harvey—Mission Coffee House—8:30 p.m.

Northbound Train—The Keg—9:30 p.m.

Diggstown—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Ticklepenney Corner—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

The Help and Johnny Toymaker—Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.

The Hip To That Quintent—The Keg—9 p.m.

Otis & The Alligators—The River City Diner—9:30 p.m.

Irene's Garden—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 17

Samoni—The Keg—9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Open Mic hosted by MOON—Witz End—9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

The Stranger Project—The Keg—9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 20

The Hip To That Quintent—Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21

Tommy Bentz—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

Jeffrey James & The Cleantones—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22

The Dumb Perfessers—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

Burnt Toast & Jam—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

If you know any bands or establishments who would like to be included on 90 FM's Local Concert Update, have them e-mail clubwi@hotmail.com. Please no phone calls. Entries must be submitted seven days prior to the event or occasion.

Bad only in the eye of the beholder: The Sequel

By Zack Holder

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

I had so much fun doing my little column on "bad" Westerns last week, and had so much positive feedback from people who read it (the sarcasm here is being layed on *real* thick) that I decided to do another one. Instead of Westerns this week I have decided to look closer at another underrated genre: the War film.

Once again I used the unexhaustible sources at the Internet Movie Database to help me compile this list, so everyone out there should check out this great website at www.imdb.com.

10. *Rambo III*—I love this movie actually, which goes to show that they'll hire just about anyone as a critic here at *The Pointer*. It's got one of my favorite movie lines in it. Colonel Zayson asks John Rambo, "Who are you?" Rambo calmly replies back, "Your worst nightmare." Classic stuff here. This film is a good choice for multiple reasons: A: It's Rambo for

Christ's sake. B: It was co-written by Stallone. He wrote *Rocky*, which is an all-time great. C: It takes place in Afghanistan and partially filmed in Kabul, which ties it in nicely with current events.

9. *Missing in Action 2: The Beginning*—I like this movie too. It's the prequel to the first *Missing in Action*. How can you not like a movie which has a scene involving Chuck Norris biting a rat to death?

8. *Which Way To The Front?*—This film was produced, directed and stars Jerry Lewis. You can't go wrong with Jerry Lewis. France loves him. Why don't you?

7. *Wing Commander*—This movie has a character named Merlin, whose voice but not face appears briefly in the film. This uncredited voice is actually Luke Skywalker himself, Mark Hamill. So you should rent this just for that.

6. *The Killing Box*—This "bad" film has a "great" cast. Martin Sheen, Corbin Bernsen,

David Arquette and Matt LeBlanc. Guess what? That overrated hick Billy Bob Thornton is in this one too. A look at a few of these movies he's in and anyone who constantly kisses that guy's ass would go brush their teeth.

5. *The Bridge of Dragons*—This stars Dolph Lundgren. Lundgren was really, almost watchable in *Rocky IV*. He can't be much worse in this.

4. *McHale's Navy*—Bruce Campbell from the great *Evil Dead* movies has a part in this. I think that's more than enough reason for anyone to pick it up.

3. *Carry On England*—This is actually soft-core porn in the guise of a war movie. Hear me, it's **Porn**, you can pleasure yourself to it. Pretty sweet eh?

2. *Best Defense*—This film has an early 80's Eddie Murphy in it. That has to be good for a few laughs.

1. *Night Train to Mundo Fine*—The people at imdb.com rank this the 24th worst movie of all time. It needs to be seen just for the cheese value alone.

Local musician coming home

The Help, a rock and roll quartet from Chicago, will be playing at The Mission Coffee House in Stevens Point on Saturday, Dec. 15. Formed in early 2000, the band has already completed their first full-length album, entitled, *Either Way You're Doomed*. The CD is currently receiving airplay on Northwestern University's station, WNUR. The Help was also featured on Local Anesthetic on Chicago's own WXRT and on Q101. They continue to play at many of the finer rock establishments throughout the Midwest.

The bass player, Dixie Svacina, was born and raised in Wausau. Dixie went on to attend D.C. Everest High School in Schofield and UW-Stevens Point. The Help loves any opportunity to play for Dixie's hometown fans.

Besides Willie Nelson and The Beach Boys, The Help has many musical influences. Their most obvious influences are the Flaming Lips, Killdozer, 311 and Weezer. However, the band is dedicated strictly to their own art, rock and roll with soul.

The Help invites the public to come join them in their rock and roll celebration. The Mission Coffee House is located at 1319 Strong's Ave. The opening band will be Johnny Toymaker and the doors will open at 8:30 p.m. More information can be found at www.the-help.com.



CD Review

Adema

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By Luke Zancanaro

PHOTO EDITOR

Adema's self-titled debut album is about the same as many of the other heavy rock bands that are popular around the country at this current time. Almost all of the songs incorporate a very fast and heavy lead and bass guitar. Combine that with the raspy and sometimes whiney voice of lead singer and front man Mark Chavez and you have Adema.

They are the latest heavy rock sensation to come out of the woodwork and sound like many of their predecessors (see Korn, System of a Down, Cold and The Drowning

Pool). In fact, Chavez is the half brother of Korn lead singer Jonathan Davis and has said that Davis was his biggest influence.

The album is filled with a heavy pace and loud emotional lyrics. The screaming of the lyrics does get to be a bit much in some spots, but it is tolerable. The most popular and first single to come off of this album is "Giving In." It has lived up to its hype. It is a very catchy song that tends to stick in your head after you have heard it once. Along the same lines as the first single is "Close Friends." Not

as well known, but still catchy, it has a very rhythmic beat that flows well with the drums and lyrics. The song "Skin" caught my attention more than the others. It is slower and has a techno-like beat along with very meaningful lyrics.

The songs "Freaking Out" and "Drowning" have very fast beats and heavy guitars. These songs are good except for the loud, mad screaming in some parts.

With a few exceptions, much of this CD sounds the same. If you like the neo-heavy metal sound, this is yours; otherwise steer clear.



Electronic Music Festival This Friday

By Amy Zepnick

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It's the music that seduces your feet to dance, your limbs to flail, your mind to fall into a sweaty-heart-pounding-trance and it's coming to Stevens Point. Centertainment

Productions sponsors the first annual Electronic Music Festival Dec. 14, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Encore.

Electronic music combines synthesizer melody with foundational bass beats. Its history stems from the soul and funk that dominated the discos of the 70s. Giorgio Moroder is considered to be the pioneer of pro-synthesizer electronic disco music. In 1971, Kraftwerk became the first electronic band—their hits "Autobahn" and "The Man Machine" knighted as the first real electronic classics. As disco continued its busting-a-move popularity on the East Coast and the Midwest, European bands such as Depeche Mode tried

the electronic wave. In 1984, the first techno club, Talla2XLC, opened in Frankfurt, Germany.

Today electronic music stems into many branches, each having their own identity. Such offspring to disco include breakbeat, hard-house, jungle, techno and progressive. Differences include varying front and backbeats, speed and lyrics (or lack of).

The Electronic Music Festival will feature six disc jockeys from the Wisconsin area, each doing a fifty-minute set of their own music. Food, soda and a full service bar will also be available to provide a club-thumpin' atmosphere guaranteeing a good time. There will be a \$2 cover charge with a UWSP I.D., \$6 without.

If you have any questions regarding the EMF, contact Centertainment at 346-2412.

Letters From the Edge of the World

Cults R Us.

By Pt Rthfss

THE EVERLASTING FATHER

You are the wisest man alive.

Would it be feasible for you to start a cult? If you do you will have my support 100%. I believe that with your superior power of persuasion and intelligence, along my dedication we could take over the world. I have been thinking of someone to take us into the new millenium. Also, if you do start a cult, you can claim yourself as a church, then you wouldn't have to pay taxes. I am not kidding you on that last one, a friend of mine heard such a thing. If you don't want to start a cult with me, we can just stuff cotton swabs between our toes, drink Tang and watch Saved By The Bell, Simpsons and Cosby Show reruns.

Phil Kauth

A.K.A. (never mind, I am just known as Phil Kauth)

Man, all my life I've been getting burned by this sort of

thing.

1981. In the second grade I found an Indian spearhead in my mom's garden and pestered my parents with questions until they told me to look it up in the encyclopedia. The next day I went to school, showed some of the other kids my sacrificial knife and asked them if they wanted to play Aztec. They were indifferent at first, but after I explained that Tonatiuh, the sun god, would be angry if he wasn't given a sacrifice, they agreed that something needed to be done.

I then approached Alicia Matheson with the possibility of offering her still-beating heart to Tonatiuh. She was less than receptive, and told Ms. Otto, who took away my sacrificial knife and made me sit on the stairs for the rest of recess. My previously devoted followers all went on to play on the tire swings.

1986. Sixth grade. I try to form a cult centered around myself as

the charismatic leader. Unfortunately, I have no charisma at this point in my life.

1990. I attempt to establish a splinter sect of Christianity that combined Lutheranism and Taoist alchemy. Our first potluck was a disaster and the survivors agreed to go their separate ways.

1993. After reading *Stranger in a Strange Land*, I persuade a group of friends to form a group-marriage. However, in the third day of Utopia, the sight of me, shirtless, causes everyone to unanimously renounce the concept of communal love.

1996. I convince a new group of friends to form our own religion for tax purposes. However, everyone wants to be a High Priest. I explain that I'm already High Priest because it was my idea. Unable to refute this logic, they push me out a window and lock all the doors to the house. After standing in the rain for sev-

eral hours while they point and laugh, I excommunicate them all.

1999. My girlfriend suggests that we start a "religion of love." I agree. She wants to be the High Priestess. I agree. I make a few helpful suggestions about temple prostitution and she breaks up with me.

But hey, despite the fact that I've had indifferent luck in the past. I'm willing to give it one more try. I'll be God, and you, Phil, can be my disciple. Go get us some followers so that they can spread my word among the masses. To help you in your holy quest, come pick up your "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt at *The Pointer* office.

Pat Rothfuss has supplied T-shirts for all his fans who have written to (proth@wsu.wsu.edu) so far this semester. The shirts are now in the *Pointer* office. When asked about this unprecedented act of generosity, Pat would only say, "This is my T-shirt, printed for you. Wear it in remembrance of me."

Want to write for The *Pointer*? If you do, send submissions for Arts & Review to zhold695@uwsp.edu. I'm also accepting words of great praise, people buying me beer downtown and various other goodies. Please no offers for dates though, I am not on the open market.

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Mind is a Place of it's Own

'Tis the season, so listen up

By Zack Holder

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Another holiday season is upon us and it's the time to huddle up under the blankets with loved ones and partake in some heavy petting ... I mean ... celebrating the togetherness that this season brings. While celebrating this togetherness, there's nothing that tops putting some holiday records on the turntable and enjoying the moment (if you know what I mean). Even the biggest, most cynical, Scrooge-esque person out there has to have a few favorite Christmas songs. Here, in no particular order, are my ten favorite Christmas songs of all time. Apologies to you who listen to Hannukkah or Kwanzaa albums, I don't own any, so I can't include them in the column, although I will give Adam Sandler's "Hannukkah Song" a special honorable mention.

1. "The Little Drummer Boy"—Bing Crosby and David Bowie—OK, nobody could think of a more unusual partnership on a Christmas carol in the late 1970s than legendary crooner Crosby and glam rocker Bowie. But, for some reason, this works great. The mixing of their vocals together is unbelievable. I see this video at least once a year, so keep your eyes peeled to catch it somewhere on your television. After the performance, Bing was quoted as saying that Bowie was "a clean cut kid and a real fine asset to the show." Bing died before it was aired, but it remains timeless.

2. "Oi To The World"—The Vandals—This song is an urging to two battling groups in the punk rock underworld, the punks and skins, to put aside their differences. It has a little bit for both the punks and the

skins in it. "Oi's" for the skins and snotty riffs for the punks. It also mentions both bourbon and Indiana Jones. Pretty good stuff.

3. "Fairytale of New York"—The Pogues—This is a twisted little Christmas tale only the Pogues could do right. It's about a battling couple on Christmas, one a drunk and the other an addict, and how even through this all, their love for each other still stands. To tell you the truth, it's a gorgeous song and really poignant for anyone who's been in a relationship where they might have to compromise their dreams for their love.

4. "Merry F***** Christmas"—Mr Garrison (*South Park*)—This song isn't for all of you politically correct people out there. Mr. Garrison explains how he goes out to all the non-Christians throughout the world, basically calls them heathens, and tells them, "Merry F***** Christmas." Funny as hell.

5. "What Do You Get A Wookie For Christmas? (When He's Already Got A Comb?)"—Anthony Danils (better known as C-3PO)—This came off of an album I had as a kid and wished I had now (any of you with a copy on vinyl who want to get rid of it, e-mail me at zhold695@uwsp.edu, please). In this song C-3PO laments about what he can get Chewbacca for Christmas, since he already owns a comb. The title of this album is *Christmas In The Stars* and has other *Star Wars* themed songs on it. For all you trivia buffs out there, a young Jon Bongiove (later Bon Jovi) sings back-up vocals.

6. "Merry Christmas Little

Zachary"—John Denver and the Muppets—I'm biased on this one, not only because my name is in it, but I remember wearing this slab of vinyl out as a kid (another one I'm looking for now). This was a Christmas tradition in the Holder household.

7. "Who Kept The Sheep"—Johnny Cash—This isn't a great song necessarily, but listening to one of the most distinct voices in music history growl his way through an original Christmas song is worth a listen in and of itself.

8. "Christmas Time For My Penis"—The Vandals—I know I already put a Vandals song on this list, but I couldn't resist on this one. Nice cello bits make this sound quite serious ... until the lyrics start. They sing about the things they'll do for their penises for Christmas, including lapdances, whores and porn.

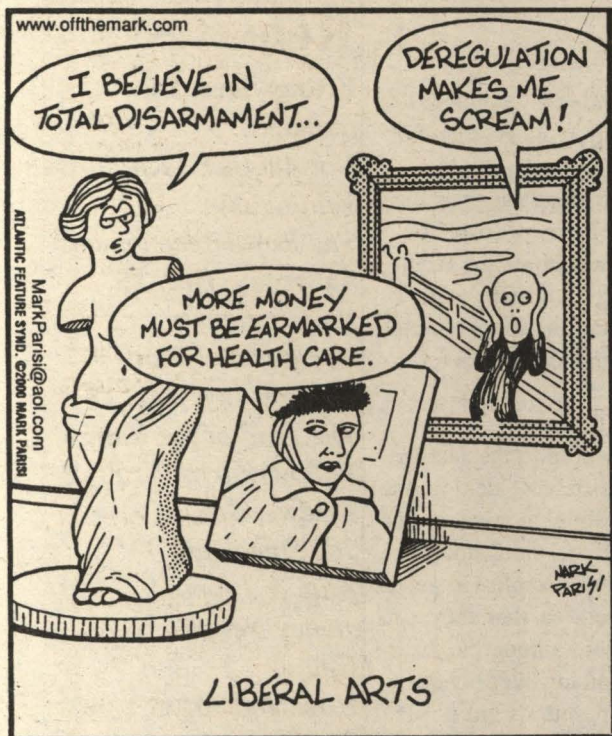
9. "Twas The Night Before Xmas"—Henry Rollins—Rollins has pretty much been an overrated prick since leaving Black Flag, but this is a pretty original take on a regularly really boring Christmas standard.

10. "Christmas in Hollis"—Run DMC—Flashback to junior high in the late 1980s. Can you imagine a picture of me running around in laceless Adidas shoes singing, "It's Christmas time in Hollis, Queens/Mama's cooking chicken and colored greens." You should be able to imagine it, it's all too real. The only good Christmas rap song.

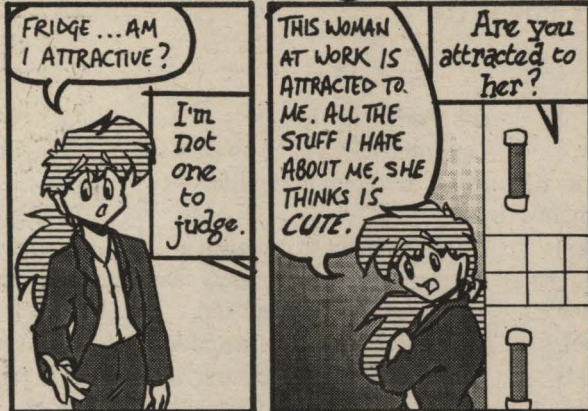
So there you go, search out these songs online, or wherever you can, sit back with a glass full of holiday cheer and enjoy.

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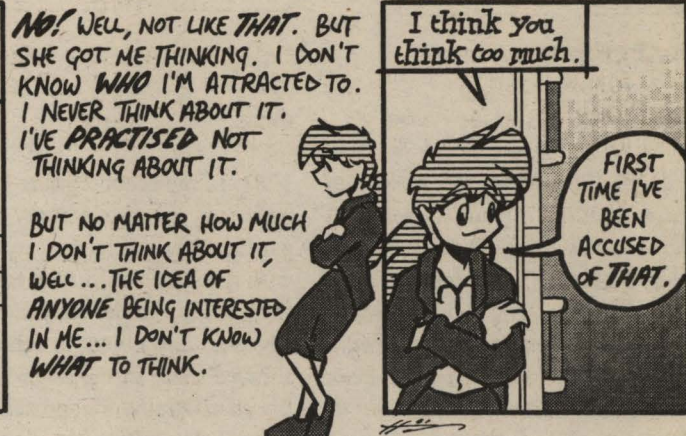
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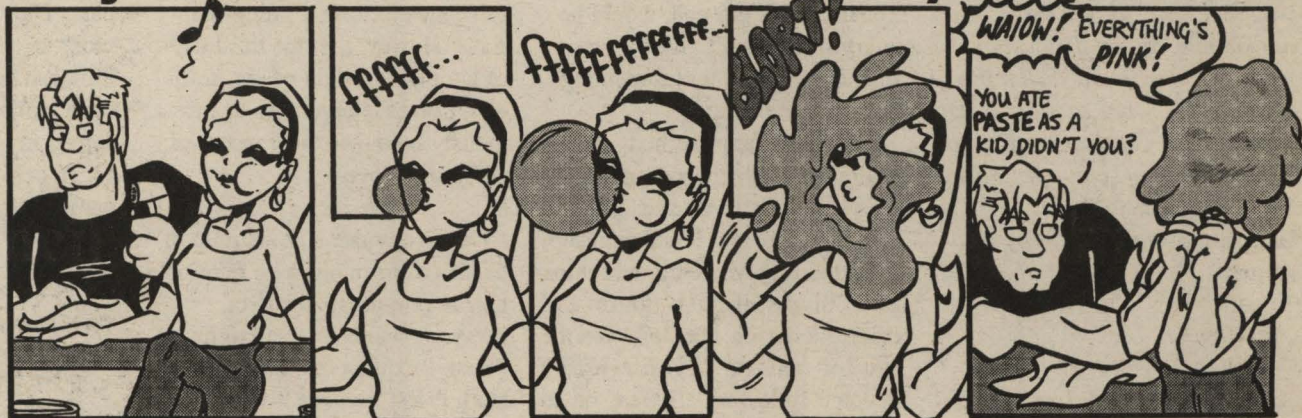


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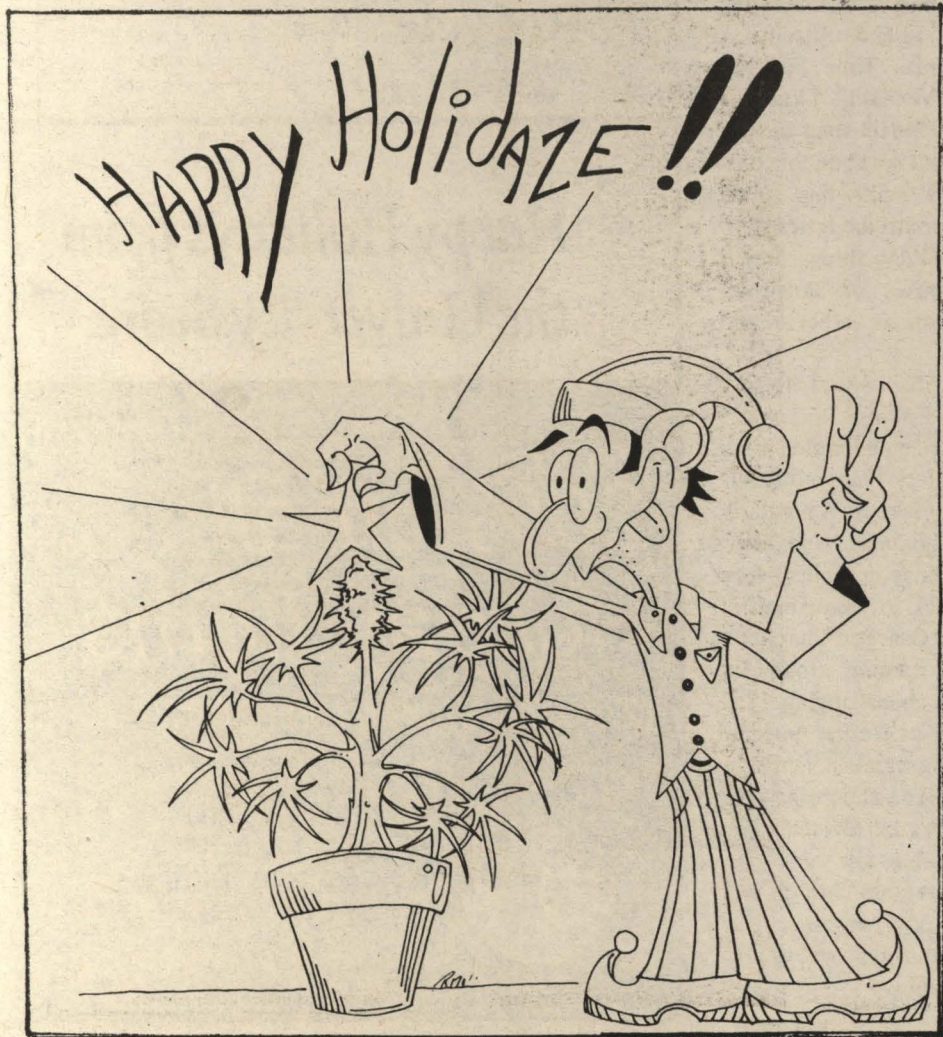
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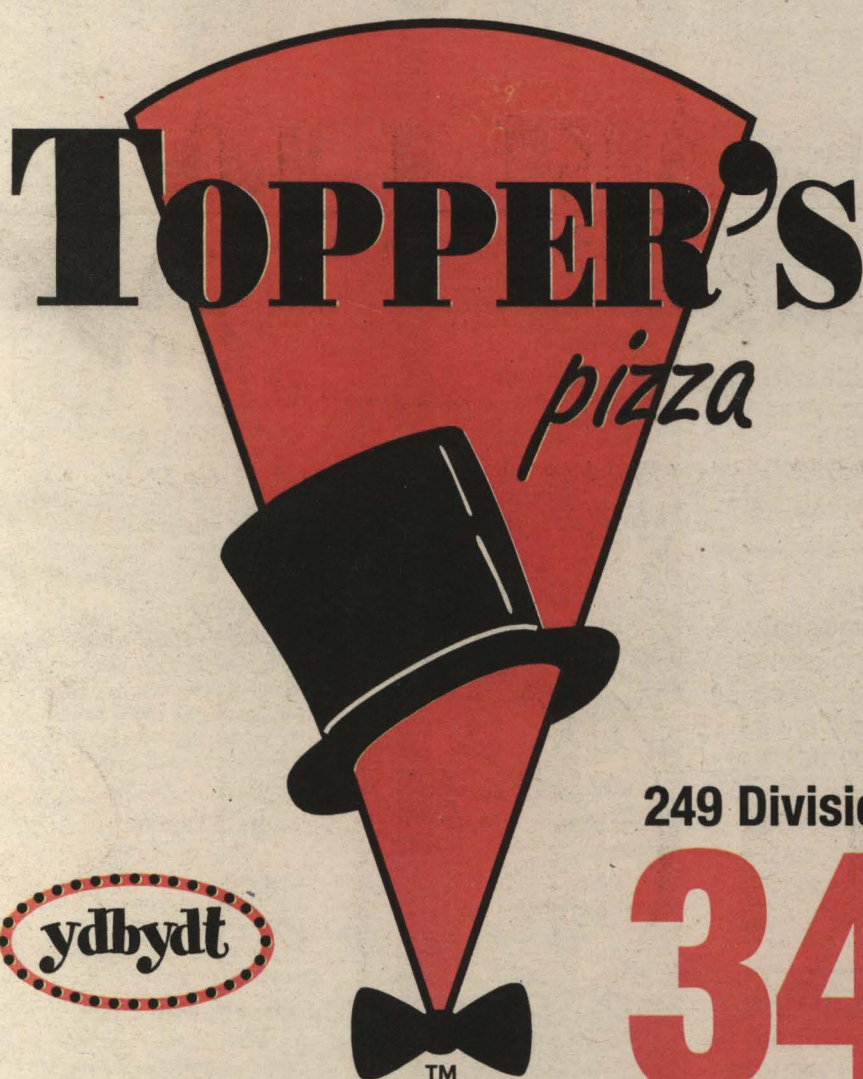
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