Shephard speaks out against hate crimes at UWSP

Mother uses grief over her slain son to promote an anti-hate message on campus

By Cheryl Tepsa
Copy Editor

Judy Shepard shared the pain of her son's death and regret for society's condition Tuesday night in front of a full house in University Center (UC) Laird room.

She has turned her grief over Matthew's murder into a lifelong cause of advocacy against hate crimes. She visits many schools, colleges and businesses around the country.

"We [UWSP] are needy of inspiration, and she certainly inspired the 600 plus people who showed up," said Sarah Gorsuch, issues and idea coordinator for Ceintertainment. "She is talking about an issue that people are concerned about and ready to do something about."

UWSP showed their appreciation for her life and for her message by welcoming her with a resounding ovation. The mood quickly became very somber and reflective as Shepard began her presentation by reading a victim's impact statement about Matthew and how his death affected her family.

"I read this statement at the sentencing of Russell Henderson [one of her son's killers]," said Shepard.

From her description of Matthew's spirit, to Logan, Matthew's younger brother and his estimation of seeing Matthew in the hospital, countless tears rolled down the faces of those who were touched by Shepard's presentation.

Affirmative action policy backed by the United Council

By Casey Krautkramer
Assistant News Editor

The United Council, in response to a UW-System Board of Regent member's letter on affirmative action policies, unan imously passed a resolution in favor of Affirmative Action policies.

In Board member Frederic E. Mohr letter, he describes how the University of Wisconsin uses racial preferences in admissions and argues in favor of "terminating" this practice.

The UW-System's current freshman admissions policy favors Affirmative Action policies.

Army awareness week sparks protests

Group of students demonstrate in front of UC on Wednesday

By Josh Goller
News Editor

United States Army representatives visited campus for the central Wisconsin US Army Awareness Week. Their presence was met with opposition by a group of student protestors in front of the University Center (UC).

"We're a group of concerned independent students," said protestor Dana Churness.

The protestors, dressed in military garb, shouted their messages on the sidewalk in front of the UC on Wednesday.

"It's always good to protest," said Andrew Brushard, "because we have the freedom to do so. and we should take advantage of this freedom ... we should use it every chance we get."

However, many army representatives on campus did not approve of the fashion in which the protest was conducted.

"Everyone has a right to say their piece," said Ralph Slawicki, professor of military science, "But don't dress up in military uniforms, with insignia patches and rank badges, and intimidate the ROTC and mock the US Army."

The Army representatives

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Miller returns to court on new charges

Former UWSP math professor charged on new counts stemming from his 1998 arrest

By Andrea Wetzel
Editor in Chief

Gordon Miller, a retired UWSP math professor is facing new charges for allegedly videotaping nude boys in a YMCA locker room in 1998.

Miller, now 62, was arrested November 1998, after parents noticed him behaving strangely in a YMCA locker room. Upon searching Miller's duffel bag, police found a video camera and a tape containing recordings of young boys changing in the locker room.

A month later, Miller pleaded "no contest" to 24 counts of filming nude boys without their consent. However, the State Supreme Court ruled that the statute that Miller was charged under was unconstitutional in a Waushesa County court case involving a man who allegedly videotaped an ex-girlfriend outside her home while she was undressing.

"The statute that made those actions (videotaping without consent) illegal was overbroad, so the court ruled that it was unconstitutional," said Portage County District Attorney Tom Egan.

Because Miller could no longer be charged under the statute, charges were dismissed. The District Attorney's office filed a complaint the same day, drawing up new charges with more specific language.

Miller appeared in Portage County Circuit Court Tuesday to face a felony charge of intercepting a tape containing recordings of nude boys.

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Army representatives display a camouflaged hammer in front of the UC on Tuesday.
Spring break trips to emphasize culture

Beach trips dropped, replaced by locations that offer educational opportunities
By Josh Goller

Registration for this year's university-sponsored spring break trips is under way but the locations have changed drastically from a year ago. UWSP trips to Daytona, Cancun and South Padre have been discontinued as a result of negative student conduct in the past.

These trips continued to become more synonymous with abusive alcohol use and dangerous sexual practices," said John Jury, student life executive director. "This is antithetical to the mission of our university."

This year's spring break packages will send students to New Orleans and Hawaii rather than to more notorious party sites. These trips stress a more cultural emphasis, according to Jury. "We feel that the cultural uniqueness of New Orleans offers some real educational opportunities," said Jury.

"Hawaii is a totally different beach experience with weather and culture that everyone needs to experience sometime in their life." Other groups on campus are organizing trips as well. International Programs is offering a Mexico trip that carries two credits with it, and the Ski and Snowboard Club is planning a trip to the mountains in Colorado.

Jury gives advice to those who will choose to venture on a spring break vacation on their own. "Remember to respect yourself, respect others and respect the community's property," said Jury. "Even if it is not a university trip, each Pointer carries with them the reputation of us all."

UW-System Multicultural Leadership Conference scheduled for April

The 17th annual American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (AMSLC) is Apr. 27-29, 2001, at Whitewater.

Many UW-System students will present projects and research papers focused on race and ethnicity. It is expected that 500 multicultural students and faculty members will attend from throughout the state. Students are asked to submit papers that relate to "Dimensions of the Multicultural Community." Categories include creative writing, poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, visual arts research and general research. Deadline for papers and the application is Feb. 19, with a $10 entry fee for all participants.

SC Johnson Family Business Companies and the UW-System Office of Multicultural Affairs are sponsoring AMSLC. SC Johnson has enhanced the scholarship awards for this year's conference. Students will have a chance to win scholarship award money for their work.

The first-place recipient of each category will receive $3500, second place $3000, third place $2500 and honorable mentions will receive a $250 scholarship. In addition to the scholarship money for papers, money will be awarded for poster presentations. First place will receive $700, second place $400 and third a $200 award.

For any questions, concerns or to obtain a registration packet contact Monica Kelsey-Brown of UW-Whitewater at (262) 472-1114 or e-mail at kelseym@email.uww.edu, or contact UW-Whitewater's Continuing Education Services at (262) 472-3165 or e-mail at ceevents@email.uww.edu.

To guard against theft on campus:

(1) Make sure all expensive electronic and sports equipment is engraved with your driver's license number and the two letter code of your state (i.e. WI). Keep an inventory of those items and their serial numbers in a safe place. Leave more expensive items at home.

(2) Always lock your dorm or apartment door, even if you are just going down the hall for a few minutes.

(3) If you live off campus with other people, always lock your bedroom door during a party.

(4) Don't leave your backpack unattended at the library.

(5) Always report any suspicious activity to Protective Services and/or Stevens Point Police Department.

For any suggestions or comments, please contact Joyce Blader, Crime Prevention Officer at x4044 or e-mail me at jblader@uwsp.edu
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They were shielded from the media, so they did not feel any adverse effects from the media or the protestors.

"I'm a strong defender of the first amendment," said Shepard, "but I choose to simply not think about the protestors. They are not a part of my life." Shepard's impact on Stevens Point did not begin with her presentation at 7:30 p.m. The UWSP community was introduced to her at a press conference at 4 p.m. in the UC Anderson room and at an hour-long meet and greet session that followed. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to talk to her," said Laura Rogers, vice-president of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). Rogers was one of about 30 students who participated in the meet and greet session.

Directly after the session, Shepard dined with nine of the many influential people on campus who advocate against hate crimes. Kelly Staerzl, co-social meeting coordinator for GSA, was one of those people.

"Dining with Judy Shepard made her and her cause seem more realistic, more human, and most importantly, more possible," said Staerzl. "I think that if everyone in the world were one-fourth as compassionate and wise as she is, life would be much easier and more wonderful." Shepard had made progress, said Michelle Fitch, GSA president. "But for now we need to do just like Ms. Shepard said—educate, educate, educate." Shepard blamed the Republican leadership in government for halting the legislation, and Jeremy Smith, president for the College Republicans, agrees with her.

"The problem is not creating new laws, but enforcing the ones on the books," said Smith. "All crimes can be considered hate crimes when you really look at it." Hate crimes have received a lot of exposure by the media in the two years following Matthew's death and the death of James Byrd, Jr.

For Shepard, MTV's stand against discrimination "is a bold step." However, she was not pleased with their recently aired movie, Anatomy of a Hate Crime.

"I don't think anybody has the right to tell that story but me," said Shepard. "To do it without me just wasn't right." Currently Shepard is, along with Goldie Hawn and NBC, working on a more accurate portrayal of Matthew's life that will probably air this fall.

"MTV did no original research for their movie. They got their information only from articles and television reports," said Shepard. She also thinks that MTV should take more responsibility for the videos they air that include hate language, which "is the precursor to hate crimes.

"They had this 18 hour blackout dedicated to discrimination, and the next day they showed Eminem videos," described Shepard. "They need to decide if they want to take the high road or the low road, instead of fluctuating between the two."

Overall, Shepard's experiences with the public since Matthew's death have been very positive. She has received more than 100,000 pieces of positive and encouraging mail.

When Shepard and her husband Dennis arrived in Fort Collins, Colo. where Matthew was taken, they were not alone. They were supported by their friends, family, and the media who were following their story.

"If people are willing to stand up and say that they won't tolerate hate for another person, then we have made progress," said Michelle Fitch, GSA president. "But for now we need to do just like Ms. Shepard said—educate, educate, educate." Shepard has received more than 100,000 pieces of positive and encouraging mail.

According to Egan, the new charges are grounded on the same evidence as the old ones, mainly the videotape confiscated from Miller at the YMCA. However, there is a possibility that evidence collected at his home will be used as well.

In addition, Miller is being charged with a misdemeanor of disorderly conduct carrying a sentence of 90 days and $1,000. Miller is currently out on a $20,000 bond held over by Branch II Judge John Finn, who said Miller is now being charged with a misdemeanor of disorderly conduct carrying a sentence of 90 days and $1,000.

Shepard is still hopeful that she can make a difference, that her work is not in vain. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to talk to her," said Rogers. "To do it without me just wasn't right."
President Clinton's attempt to cram a surrender to Zionism down the throats of the Palestinian people, along with the virtual collapse of the so-called peace process in British-occupied Ireland, suggests that his legacy as a statesman, who has been elevated to the level of a master diplomat, will not be achieved.

Barak and Clinton have offered the Palestinians a number of disconnected "bantustans" while in Ireland the colonial power occupying the north is again playing her usual game of promising much when the world is observing and reneging on most when the international spotlight has been removed.

Britain's refusal to live up to the inadequate Patten Commission recommendation respecting the composition of the police force in the north suggests that the Ian Paisleyite brand of bigotry is intended to remain police force practice as Catholic/Nationalists will not be on it in any proportion to the population which is close to or may have exceeded 50 percent in the northern six counties.

Peace with justice apparently is not the goal of Clinton in the Middle East or Ireland. He has obviously opted for the peace that will occur only after more blood of the conquered has been shed by their conquerors.

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Save forests and taxpayer money at the same time

Is it a good idea to protect a mere one out of 22 acres of National Forests in Wisconsin? Is it a good idea to save the taxpayers the $1.2 billion dollars per year the Forest Service now loses managing the federal timber program? The Timber Industry invests $2.5 million in contributions to U.S. Senators between 1993 and 1998 and currently wages an expensive propaganda program trying to get the public to answer no to these questions.

Sadly, almost all of our old growth forests are now gone and industrial logging has turned our publicly owned National Forests into a patchwork of clearcuts and logging roads. Commercial logging has taken a harsh toll on the land, draining nutrients from the soil, washing topsoil into streams, destroying wildlife habitat and intensifying the severity of forest fires. We need to protect what's left of our wild forest heritage -- we must get the timber companies out of our National Forests.

Many assume our National Forests are off-limits to logging. They aren't. In fact, not only is commercial logging allowed, it's encouraged -- with taxpayers paving the way. The Forest Service logging program is subsidized by taxpayers and operates at a huge loss. More than 440,000 miles of roads now scar our National Forests; the overwhelming majority of those roads were built for the logging industry and paid for by the American taxpayer.

We have a choice. Our legacy can be polluted streams and forests of stumps, or National Forests that work as nature intended -- filtering pollution out of our water, protecting us from flooding, providing wildlife habitat and a place for us to play and find a little peace.

Richard R. Wentzel, Chair
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A challenge to the legacy of Clinton's foreign policy

Being an American citizen, I have been appalled at some of the protests I have seen on campus during the last week. I accept the fact that I attend a fairly liberal campus, and I usually will listen to the views of those who spend the time to speak out on what they feel is important. But what I have seen over the last week has left me completely in awe of the ignorance of some students on campus.

What I am talking about is the protests against Army Awareness Week and the UWSP Army ROTC program. I have seen everything from anarchy symbols drawn over army posters to people attempting to dress as American soldiers. I have also heard such things as chanting "Baby Killers" and "We Kill for Oil!"

If they are speaking in reference to the Vietnam war, grow up! There are fifty thousand names on a wall that have heard enough protests. If they are speaking in reference to the Gulf War, did they not see the videos of Sadam Hussein standing in a public square executing innocent men, women and children? Well I did, and I am proud of what our military accomplished.

If you don't like living in a safe, free country where you don't have to live under the control of war and drug, go to a country that allows you to feel free to leave. The sad fact is that the world is a very scary place. I am confident that you will come crawling back thanking God for the life you have as an American citizen.

The American military is a deterrence of a threat that we could not imagine. You say, "We shouldn't be spending government money on our military." "We shouldn't have a military at all." I think you should spend some time interviewing the thousands of Jewish people our Army helped liberate in WWII, you should spend time talking to the thousands of people in Kuwait. Visit the millions of other people the American Army has helped around the world by giving humanitarian aid and relief from wars, famines, sickness and death. Then come back and tell me these things!

I am not an American soldier, but I am an American, and I take great offense to people parading around mocking soldiers! Far greater men and women have worn, and died in that uniform for me to just walk past and laugh. They may have the right to do this, but the bottom line is...they have the right because of the men and women they are protesting. American soldiers are deployed in over 70 countries around the world protecting our way of life. They are spending time away from wives, children and families because they believe that this country is worth it. I am writing this to say that most of us appreciate what you are doing. Keep your head up, Army! We love you!

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Citizen shows support for Army in wake of protests

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From the Editor's Desk
Tales from the basement

Whoa! The smell did not go away. However the smell was quite clear -- for there was a funny little smell emerging from the basement. And it was understandable that some things were starting to break down, but this seemed to be a problem that needed to be resolved immediately.

Once upon a month ago, in a place extremely close to campus, Stevens Point tenants noticed a funny little smell emerging from their basement. Upon further inspection, the source of the stench was quite clear -- for there was raw sewage decaying in the basement.

Now, this house was fairly old, and it was understandable that some things were starting to break down, but this seemed to be a problem that needed to be resolved immediately.

The tenants placed a call to the landlord, and promptly a few weeks later, a repairman arrived at the home to replace an obviously leaking rusted set of pipes with a brand spanking new plastic configuration.

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Corporate greed responsible for power shortage

- There is no shortage of electrical power in California! What we have here is a surplus of greed. Does anyone really believe that in the short time deregulation has been in effect that demand increased to such an extent that these out-of-state power companies like Dynegy, NRG Energy, Enron, Reliant, etc. could double and triple their profit margins? If so, I have a bridge in Brooklyn that is for sale. I read that a partnership of Dynegy and NRG Energy paid four times the book value for the Carlsbad power plant. They obviously expected to make a killing off deregulation.

The same thing happened in England when Margaret Thatcher deregulated the power industry there. The companies collude with one another and withhold power at times of peak demand to drive the prices sky-high and then they sell.

Like the unprofitable investments of utility companies in nuclear power plants, like the Savings and Loan debacle, like the bailout of corporations and foreign countries, the ones that finally pick up the tab will be consumers and taxpayers -- not the capitalists actually responsible for the crisis.

I believe that a rolling blackout could have great therapeutic value for all those conservative Republicans who believe that the market solves everything. They could be watching their favorite right-wing talk show host on TV (there are no real left-wing talk show hosts) and boom -- they are plunged into complete darkness. It would give them time to reflect on their ideology and perhaps consider all the Third World people who have given up their lives protesting the privatization and deregulation forcibly imposed on them by the IMF and World Bank.

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Expansion of casino gambling presents danger to Wisconsin

As any responsible citizen knows, casino gambling is founded on one basic fact: It IS A TRANSFER OF WEALTH FROM ITS CUSTOMERS TO THE CASINO OWNERS.

On Nov. 18, former Milwaukee Mayor Frank Zeidler summed up the present situation as follows: "Expansion of casino gambling in Milwaukee and in the state of Wisconsin is a gravely dangerous development. Such expansion is leading to a drain of dollars from the normal productive economy and is affecting adversely merchants, health care services, home-owners and those who render critical and useful services. "Casino gambling leads to addiction and impoverishment of addicts. The owners and operators of the casinos will get even greater control. "Casino gambling is not entertainment, but a degradation of the customer and a waste of resources. Congress and the state legislature need to put a stop to such developments and get the government out of the gambling business."

These are words of wisdom from one of Milwaukee's great mayors, whose administration was free of any taint of fiscal or sexual scandal and reflected the best of the Wisconsin progressive tradition.

Expansion of casino gambling in Milwaukee and elsewhere in Wisconsin is indeed "a gravely dangerous development." Let us hope that our political representatives in Madison and Washington will take appropriate action and put an end to this expansion of gambling and leave it on Wall Street where it belongs.

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Bush narrows gap between church and state

President George W. Bush is spearheading a major "faith-based" initiative that includes a new provision that allows for federally funded employment discrimination on religious grounds and will jeopardize the independence and integrity of church-run social service programs.

It is dangerous because it is a radical assault on the American tradition of church-state separation; it will cause churches to fight among themselves over the new stream of limited federal funds and pushes non-religious organizations even further into second-class citizen status with our own tax dollars.
Lesley Stemper is not a typical college freshman. She has battled leukemia, and as a result of her bout with this cancer of the blood cells, she appreciates life more than ever.

"It [cancer] just gives you a whole different outlook on life," she says.

"I saw kids die in the hospital while I was there. It just shows how short your life is and that every opportunity I get, I just take it."

Lesley says that since her ordeal, she doesn’t "really care about petty things because they just don’t really matter in the long run."

"It made me a better person," says Stemper.

On March 17, 1995, she was diagnosed with leukemia. According to the American Cancer Institute, leukemia affects nearly 27,000 adults and over 2,000 children in the United States each year.

After three and a half years of receiving treatment for the cancer, she is almost termed "considered cured" by doctors. A person is "considered cured" seven years after finishing chemotherapy as long as there are no signs of the cancer returning. Stemper says that leukemia patients are only "considered cured," but never "cured" from the cancer.

"In order to make it through cancer, a person needs a lot of support from family and friends and a good outlook on the situation," says Stemper.

Her advice to anyone diagnosed with a potentially fatal disease is to "hang in there and keep a good outlook, because I think that helps you more than any of the drugs do. If you have that will to live, you’ll be okay."

Stemper feels that it is important to give back to the people who have helped her out and therefore participates in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. This is a 24-hour walk/run relay that raises money to help with cancer research.

She was the honorary chairperson of this year’s Relay for Life in her hometown of Shawano. During the event, she gave a speech thanking the people who give pledges of money to the Relay for Life.

"They don’t realize that the money they pledge helps. Without money, they [researchers] would have never found all the new drugs that I had to use," says Stemper.

Stemper’s illness prompted her to major in medical technology.

In the future, she hopes to graduate with a Master’s degree in research of diseases. "I will analyze blood, looking at what could tell if you have cancer."

Her goal is to "live life to the fullest, because you never know when it [cancer] could come back."

—Lesley Stemper, a freshman at UWSP has a new outlook on life after battling leukemia.
Dr. Love premiers at UWSP

Dr. Love

Move over Dr. Laura, "Ask Dr. Love" is pushing its way to the UW-Stevens Point television scene thanks to Dr. Rhonda Komsi and her Case Studies in Interpersonal Communication class.

Komsi's class allows students to evaluate interpersonal situations, combining classical and contemporary theories of interpersonal communication.

According to Komsi, the show, "Ask Dr. Love," is going to be produced in conjunction with Communication 389 and will address issues and questions about relationships.

In a round-table discussion, the students in the course will then offer advice based on the theories covered in class.

"I think the show is a good idea," student Andy Geipel said.

"A lot of people on campus are confused about relationships and love. The show will cover lots of universal questions that other people may not want to ask."

Airing ten weekly shows this semester via STV, Komsi and her class need your help.

"Anyone who has ever had a relationship problem is invited to submit information about the problem to be used on the show," Komsi said.

"Although we cannot guarantee to use every issue submitted, the show will attempt to cover a broad range of problems and concerns." If you would like to submit a relationship issue, send Dr. Komsi an email at rkomsi@uwsp.edu or drop it in the box outside of her office, 309 CAC.

All identifying characteristics and names will be changed prior to use on the show.

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Spotlight Trivia

1. Who did Bruce Springsteen pick out of the crowd for "Dancing in the Dark?"
   a. Pamela Anderson
   b. Courteney Cox
   c. Heather Locklear
   d. Jennifer Aniston

2. Which movie won the Golden Globe Award for best picture of 2000?
   a. Gladiator
   b. Erin Brockovich
   c. Castaway
   d. Wonder Boys

3. Who plays Clarice Starling in Hannibal, the upcoming sequel to The Silence of the Lambs?
   a. Julianne Moore
   b. Sela Ward
   c. Kate Hudson
   d. Jodie Foster

4. Which of the following films did not win an Oscar for best picture?
   a. Dances with Wolves
   b. Shawshank Redemption
   c. Schindler's List
   d. Shakespeare in Love

5. Who sang "Jack and Diane?"
   a. John Cougar Mellencamp
   b. Billy Joel
   c. Bon Jovi
   d. David Bowie

6. Who was the first survivor voted off the island on the Australian Outback segment?
   a. Kimmi
   b. Roger
   c. Mike
   d. Debb

7. Who played Sarah on Party of Five?
   a. Neve Campbell
   b. Lacey Chabert
   c. Jennifer Love Hewitt
   d. Paula Devicq

8. Who did not play one of Charlie's Angels in the 2000 movie?
   a. Lucy Liu
   b. Drew Barrymore
   c. Elizabeth Hurley
   d. Cameron Diaz

9. Angelina Jolie is the daughter of which actor?
   a. Jack Nicholson
   b. Harrison Ford
   c. Clint Eastwood
   d. Jon Voight

10. Which thriller is this from? "She just goes a little mad sometimes. We all go a little mad sometimes. Haven't you?"
    a. Scream
    b. Vertigo
    c. Psycho
    d. The Birds
FEATURES

UWSP faculty involved in worthwhile cause

By Tracy Nolan
FEATURES REPORTER

Therese Barta, a professor of biology, and Mark Plonsky, a professor of psychology both volunteer for a program entitled “Paws with a Cause.”

This program trains assistance dogs nationally for people with disabilities. Dogs are trained to aid people with a variety of disabilities such as multiple sclerosis, muscular atrophy, Lou Gehrig’s disease, or even someone who is mobility impaired.

These foster dogs are placed in homes up until they are between 15-18 months. During this period of time, it is the responsibility of the foster parent to provide socialization for the dog as well as obedience training. It is also a routine practice for them to take them to places such as grocery stores or nursing homes so that they get accustomed to being in public.

At the end of this time period, they are taken to the training center in Wayland, MI, for assessment and a possible assignment. Barta currently has a 6-month-old Black Labrador named Koda living with her. During the foster period, she will pay for all expenses associated with her care including food, veterinary bills and obedience classes. This is her donation to the cause.

Barta has received special permission to bring Koda into academic buildings with her and says her botany students have enjoyed her company during their lab.

Koda usually sports “a little blue cape that identifies her as a special dog with Paws,” says Barta.

Barta stressed the importance of such a program because these dogs give people a greater sense of independence which they might not otherwise be able to experience. Of Koda, Barta says she “wants her to succeed.”

Barta’s goal is to someday become a field trainer, which is the next step in the program after their initial care.

Professor Mark Plonsky is a field trainer and the one who introduced Barta to the program.

Organizational Notes
GLOHB’s Bible Study

GLOHBs stands for gay, lesbian, open-minded, heterosexual, bisexual. The woman who originally started GLOHBs found a meeting place in the United Campus Ministry house. The previous campus minister and the ministry of that house is welcoming to differing lifestyle and allowed GLOHBs to use the house frequently.

When the original founder graduated, the previous campus minister was asked to lead different studies. The bond between GLOHBs and United Campus Ministry still exists.

GLOHBs meets Sunday nights at 7 p.m. As a small group, GLOHBs has always been very interested in students needs and tries to tailor the meetings around those needs.

GLOHBs works to displace statements by groups that oppose the homosexual lifestyle; both in understanding standing, and reassessing bible passages, and by coming together to join in a supporting community GLOHBs asserts that Christianity teaches of a God whose love reaches well beyond human fears. GLOHBs represents the Christians that cannot and will not condemn a homosexual lifestyle as evil.

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Centerentertainment Productions and Brewhaus Presents: Quiz-N-Time Series w/Amy Grochek, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, UC
CP! Cinema Presents: Scary Movie, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM to Midnight, Room 073, Deforest Center
CP! Concerts: Lucky Boyz Confusion (Rock/Sho/Punk Band), 8:00 PM, The Encore, UC
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Wrestling, Luthern Classic, 10:00 AM, Decorah, IA
Herpetology Club Presents: “Getting To Know Animals”, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, The Encore, UC

Basketball, UW-Platteville, 7PM (H)
Wom. Basketball, UW-Platteville, 7PM (T)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Swimming, UW-Green Bay, 1PM (T)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Yoga Class w/Maureen Ebel, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM, Aerobic, Allen Center
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
CP! Issues and Ideas: Swing/Latin Dance Mini-Course w/Sandra Wunderlich, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM and 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM, The Encore, UC
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Six. Inv. & Emil. LEAD Dinner/Program: “Adventure Education”, Alumni Room, UC, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Wom. Basketball, UW-Eau Claire, 7PM (H)
Basketball, UW-Eau Claire, 7PM (T)
JAZZ NIGHT, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, University Center
CP! Concerts: GAEILC STORM, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM, Laird Room, UC

For Further Information Please Contact the Campus Activities Office at 346-4343
Track teams victorious in home opening indoor

Expectations high for UWSP teams this year

By Michelle Tesmer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point men’s and women’s track and field season got off to a fast start as both squads took first place in the Pointer Invitational on Saturday in the Multi-Activity Center (MAC).

In a battle between eight schools, the men ended their day with 207.5 points. Ten first place finishes gave the Pointers the edge they needed over second place finisher, UW-Oshkosh (184 points).

Jesse Drake continued his outstanding career with a first place finish in the 5,000 meter run (14:28.62). Also turning in a superior performance was Noah Eschenbach with firsts in the shot put (15.46 m) and weight throw (17.13 m).

Men’s head coach Rick Witt said that although winning the meet was an excellent start to the season, it wasn’t the team goal entering the invite.

“Our primary objective was to get a look at what our people were like,” Witt said. “We have to be able to score in all the events.”

That goal was met as the Pointers picked up points in every event they participated in.

After the win, the outlook appears bright.

“It think we can have a very good team. Everybody’s worked real hard, and I’m fairly confident,” said Witt.

Not to be outdone, the women’s team also came through with a first place finish with 202 points. Division II Minnesota-Duluth finished a distant second (161.5 points).

Jenny Todd had three first-place finishes in the 55-meter dash (7.60), the 200-meter dash (27.53) and the long jump (5.42 m).

Leah Juto automatically qualified for the NCAA’s in the 800 meter run (2:14.25). The time was also a Pointer indoor record.

Other first place finishers were Becky Lebak in the 5,000 meter run (17:52.31), Jody Butkowski in the triple jump (11.28 m), and the 4x200 meter (1:52.49) and 4x400 meter (4:07.83) relay teams.

Women’s head coach Len Hill was happy with the results of the invite.

“I was very pleased with the team’s performance,” he said.

“This is a new team with lots of new faces.”

Both Pointer teams will host their largest home meet of the season when they participate in the Eastbay Invite this Friday and Saturday.

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Women’s basketball team knocks off UW-La Crosse

Kari Groshbek scored 16 of her career-high tying 27 points in the first half as the UW-Stevens Point women’s basketball team posted a 86-70 victory at UW-La Crosse Wednesday night.

The loss avenged a 75-66 loss that the Pointers suffered at the hands of the Eagles in Stevens Point earlier this season.

UWSP opened up a 63-47 lead. The Pointer lead grew to as many as 30 at 83-53.

The Pointers j umped on La Crosse right out of the gates, taking a 12-point lead 11 minutes into the game.

The Pointers led 11 minutes into the game. The lead grew to as many as 30 at 83-53.

Carly Boehing added 15 points for UWSP, which improved its record to 15-4 overall and 7-4 in the WIAC, a half game out of third place.

The Lead never got below 12 the rest of the way. Joshua is a good shooter and he let the game come to him,” Bennett said of the sophomore.

“Don’t have to start to be a contributor.”

Iserloth finished with a game-high 23 points while Brent Larson chipped in with 11 points and seven assists.

In addition to a 79-58 victory in La Crosse earlier this season, two of the Pointers’ most impressive wins this season have come over the Eagles.

“We have three of our most complete games this season have been our UW-La Crosse games,” Bennett said. “We were coming off some big, big victories, but this was important tonight.”

The win moved the Pointers to 14-5 overall and 6-5 in the contested WIAC race, just one game behind first place River Falls.

SPORTS
Wrestlers sneak past D-II Parkside

Jeremiah Curtis (bottom) tries to escape the hold of UW-Parkside's Craig Keiwarter during their 141 pound match-up Wednesday night.

UW-Stevens Point wrestling coach Johnny Johnson was looking for a solid performance from his team against Division II UW-Parkside Wednesday night in Berg Gym.

Following the disappointment of his team's performance against UW-Whitewater, Johnson hoped his team would get back on track as the regular season winds to a close.

It looked like Point was in for another rough night after they were pinned in the first two match ups to fall behind 12-0. However, the Pointers came back to earn a hard-fought victory over UW-Parkside, 25-24.

The Pointers picked up two wins through forfeit from Nathan Ugozite (174) and Wes Kappong (184). UWSP also picked up victories from Nathan Preslaski (157), Mitch Gehring (hwt) and Brady Holtz (133).

Preslaski picked up Point's first victory in a 7-2 decision over Ken Fiala to improve his record to 15-6 on the season.

With only two matches left, Point found themselves trailing by nine points in the meet. But Mitch Gehring pinned Tyler Freeman in just 30 seconds to trim the deficit to three points. Brady Holtz entered the final period of his match trailing 3-1, but he then went on to score ten unanswered points to give the Pointers a major decision and a one-point victory.

Still the most heated contest of the night came at the midway point of the meet. Point freshman Yan White (19-4) took on the third-ranked junior Luke Gore (21-2) at 197 pounds. White came from behind in the third period to send the match to overtime.

But it took Gore only eight seconds to record a takedown to score the victory.

"That match was just a matter of more experience, and experience won," said UWSP coach Johnny Johnson. "Overall it was ugly, but it was a win and that's all you can ask for."

Friday night in Whitewater was a forgettable one for the 13th-ranked Pointers as they were handed a lopsided 29-11 defeat at the hands of the 26th-ranked Warhawks.

UWSP was able to gather just three wins on the evening as Preslaski, Kapping and White were the only victorious Pointers.

Preslaski, a junior out of Pulaski, posted an impressive 11-2 win over Antwan Babakhani on his way to earning UWSP wrestler of the week honors.

Kapping disposed of Nate Anderson, 16-7, and White took care of Cody Tonsor, 5-1.

"The disappointment is the way our guys fought," said Johnson.

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Men's Basketball: UW-Platteville, Saturday, 7 p.m.; At UW-Eau Claire, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball: At UW-Eau Claire, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Swimming and Diving: At UW-Green Bay, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Wrestling: At Luther College (Iowa) Classic, Saturday, 11 a.m.
Track and Field: Eastbay/Pointer Invitational, Saturday.

All Home Games in Bold

Swim and dive teams handle WIAC foes

By Craig Mandli

"The UW-Stevens Point swimming and diving teams continued their strong seasons this weekend against conference foes UW-La Crosse and UW-River Falls.

Friday's meet in La Crosse proved to be a great test for both the men and women, with the women's meet coming down to the last race.

The final scores for the meet had the men winning comfortably over La Crosse (147 points to 95), while the Point women pulled out the slim victory (127 points to 116).

"Our women were really fired up for this meet," said Point coach Al Boelk.

The climax of the meet, in Coach Boelk's mind, was Christine Sammons's win in the 200 individual medley, which was only by a few hundredths of a second.

"This meet was probably our most exciting dual meet of the year," said Boelk.

Some swimmers who gave great efforts in the meet according to Boelk included sophomore women Molly Dick and Amanda Bovee, along with sophomore men Wyatt Jansen and Thad Gunther. Freshman diver Chris Hansman continued his strong season with titles in the one meter and three meter springboard events.

After a twelve-hour layoff, the Point swimmers were back at it on Saturday at home against UW-River Falls, one of the weaker teams in the conference.

"This meet was a chance for the swimmers to swim events that they normally wouldn't swim, and a chance for us coaches to tinker with the lineups a little before the conference championships," Boelk said.

The Point men (120 points to 28) and women (153 points to 65) each won comfortably.

Molly Dick, with a first in the 100 freestyle and a second in the 50 freestyle, was picked by Boelk as the most valuable swimmer Saturday.

The teams finish their regular season on Sunday when they travel to Division I UW-Green Bay.

Senior Spotlight

Joe Zuiker – Basketball

Hometown: Port Edwards, Wis.
Major: Business and Economics
Most memorable moment: The run that we made in the NCAA Tournament last year.
Who was your idol growing up?: My dad. It's the first memory of basketball that I have.
What are your plans after graduation?: To move out of central Wisconsin and find a job somewhere.
Biggest achievement in basketball: Being a part of something great.
Most embarrassing moment: The La Crosse conference tournament game last year.
What will you remember most about playing basketball at UWSP?: All of the people that I've met through basketball and off the basketball court.

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Wrestling

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"wrestled," Johnson stated of his team's overall performance. "I'm certain they're disappointed in the way they wrestled also."

The team has been forced to shuffle its line-up as of late due to injuries. Kapping, ranked sixth at 174 pounds, has had to make the move to 184 for the time being.

"The thing is," Johnson said, "we're missing two of our key starters, but we can't use that as a crutch."

Johnson did say, however, that injured 141-pounder Chet Zdanczewicz (knee) and 184-pounder Ben Kureck (groin) could be back as soon as next week.

The Pointers travel to Iowa for the Luther College Classic this Saturday.

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OUTDOORS

It's never too early to start thinking spring

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

While February has barely had the opportunity to begin filling the streets and sidewalks with its always wonderful wet, sloppy slush, it is not too early to begin getting ready for the spring steelhead runs on Wisconsin's east shore.

Steelhead, or migratory rainbow trout, are perhaps the most sought after of all Lake Michigan fish species. The species originally came from the West Coast where they are known for their power, size and beauty. The fish come in from the ocean or lake looking brilliantly chrome in color but eventually will darken and develop a red lateral line as they stay in the rivers. Unlike King and Coho salmon, two of their counterparts in Lake Michigan, Steelhead will not die after they run and spawn. Instead, they will return to the stream each year to carry out their spawning tradition.

Lake Michigan steelhead can be found in tributaries throughout the winter months and can be caught by hook and line anglers as long as the rivers stay open. The Wisconsin DNR does not close sport fishing on Lake Michigan and its tributaries at all throughout the year for steelhead. Still, steelhead can be most accessible in spring, making their most prolific run during March or early April.

Being on top of the game of steelhead fishing is key since weather can be the most important factor in determining when steelhead will run. Steelhead love high water and an early season rain storm, even in February, could bring in a good run of fresh fish. It can be hit or miss during this time of year, however, checking out the stream situations can change quickly and fishing pressure is less during February than during March and April.

Steelhead during this time of year are at least a month away from spawning and are staging themselves in deep pools throughout the river. Drifting spawn sacks through these pools, using either a float or a free drift method, will usually get the most hits. Later on, when the steelhead move on to the spawning beds, flies seem to rule as the dominant presentation. While the fish are still staging however, spawn sacks are the way to go.

Streams towards the southern part of the state will become fishable the earliest and also tend to get the biggest steelhead runs. Be sure to check the Wisconsin DNR plants this month. Look for future more big payoffs as stream conditions can change quickly and fishing pressure is less during February than during March and April.

As far as presentation is concerned, there is nothing better for early spring steelhead than spawn sacks. Steelhead Site, which is found at www.steelheadsite.com, is the most comprehensive Midwest steelhead fishing web site I have found. Not only does this web site provide an area to post and guesswork out of steelhead fishing.

So while it may seem a bit early to be thinking spring, the steel run of steelhead may only be a good rainstorm away and may most likely start some time this month. Look for future more installations regarding steelhead fishing. Kudos to those of you who get a jump-start on the season, hitting the streams early, and of course, tight lines!

New makeover for Rec Services means free stuff for you!

Outdoor EdVentures and Rentals? Wondering what this is? Can't Figure out why adventures are spelled wrong? Recreational Services has made some big changes this semester. Their name is just one of them. Outdoor EdVentures and Rentals was chosen to better illustrate what the facility has to offer, their focus on the outdoors, and their mission to educate about all aspects of the outdoors. In addition to their name change they also have a new location. Over the winter the Cardio Center and Outdoor EdVentures switched places. The outdoor center is now located in the lower level of the Allen Center just downstairs from where it used to be.

One of the main services still being offered: equipment rentals— including brand new cross country skis and snowshoes; adventure trips— including two spring break trips, one to Colorado skiing and snowboarding, and one down south back packing and canoeing in Arkansas and Louisiana, ending up in New Orleans; and a great line-up of outdoor skills courses from Ski and Snowboard Tuning to Wild Edible Plants.

To celebrate their new facilities during the Allen Center's Grand Opening Week, starting February 5th, Outdoor EdVentures and Rentals will be offering free afternoons rentals from Monday through Thursday, and that weekend, February 10-11th they are sponsoring an Outdoor Skills Weekend Getaway.

Participants in the weekend get-away will be staying in the rustic cabins at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Center, learning how to build snowshowers, taking a moomint snowshoe hike, cross country skiing on groomed trails, and even trying out ice-fishing. All for only $45. Sign up for this and any other event at Outdoor EdVentures. Stop by, check out the new great location, and GET OUTSIDE!

For more information on Outdoor EdVentures and Rentals call 346-3848.
Southern lakes facing harsh winter and large die-offs

State fisheries biologists have reported that fish die-offs are occurring in some shallow southern Wisconsin lakes and that they may occur in lakes elsewhere in the state if the heavy snow cover remains for an extended period of time. Fisheries biologists had predicted in late December that the die-offs, a natural event also called winterkills, might occur due to heavy snows that fell that month. Big Muskego, a 2,260-acre shallow in Waukesha County, suffered a die-off at the beginning of the new year, and local fisheries biologists are reporting problems in other shallow lakes in southern Wisconsin. Winterkills have occurred in other lakes in Walworth, Racine and Kenosha counties. A number of other lakes are being monitored in the region for low dissolved oxygen levels.

Winterkills occur because of low levels of dissolved oxygen in the water, often a consequence of early and heavy snow cover that decreases photosynthesis by aquatic plants, says Doug Welch, a senior fisheries biologist station at Sturtevant. The plants die and decompose under the ice, consuming dissolved oxygen in the water, often a consequence of early and heavy snow cover that decreases photosynthesis by aquatic plants, according to Al Kaas, statewide propagation coordinator. Musky may be stocked in waters that suffer winterkill no more than once in 15 years, and other species may be stocked in waters that suffer winterkill no more than once in 10 years. Kaas says fry are typically stocked in winterkill waters in the first year because they survive well in the absence of a lot of other fish, although mitigating circumstances may call for stocking larger fish known as fingerlings. If fry stocking is unsuccessful in that first year, fingerlings may be used the second year, he says.

Many biologists annually anticipate winterkills and submit quotas in the previous year. When unanticipated winterkills occur, requests for fish are submitted as soon as possible after the winterkill occurs, are added to the statewide production plan at a higher priority, and the stocking will occur in that coming spring, Kaas said.

The most consistent predictor of winterkills in lakes with both shallow and deep waters that suffer winterkill no more than 10 feet deep while winterkill is rare in ponds greater than 16 feet deep.

How and whether fisheries biologists try to avert natural winterkill situations, and how they respond once a die-off has occurred, varies across the state. Biologists consider lake size, the frequency of such winterkills on a lake, the fish species killed, and past experience on the waterbody.

DNR policy for stocking fish in lakes that have suffered die-offs varies by species and how often a lake suffers the phenomenon, according to Al Kaas, statewide propagation coordinator. Musky may be stocked in waters that suffer winterkill no more than once in 15 years, and other species may be stocked in waters that suffer winterkill no more than once in 10 years. Kaas says fry are typically stocked in winterkill waters in the first year because they survive well in the absence of a lot of other fish, although mitigating circumstances may call for stocking larger fish known as fingerlings. If fry stocking is unsuccessful in that first year, fingerlings may be used the second year, he says.

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Welch, the DNR fish manager for those counties. "The heavy snowfall amounts early in the season caused dissolved oxygen levels to decline in our shallow, weedy lakes."

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Hey, you want a million bucks? It's this easy...

By Steve Seaman
d OUTDOORS EDITOR

With the buzz of Survivor 2 and Temptation Island in the air, I have finally realized how incredibly lazy we have become. Now, how I draw my opinion from two trendy “Reality TV shows” is pretty far out there, but follow me for a second.

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In a recent discussion with a friend, he told me, “I thought Survivor was kinda cool until I saw how it really was. I think they should have been put on the island with a Swiss Army knife, a compass, a jug of water and that’s it. No help, no stupid immunity, nothing glamorized. Just the wild, a knife, water, and that’s it. When they can’t eat or live anymore, they quit and are off the island. That’s Survivor.”

I have pondered this notion for awhile now, and finally, I agree. While I am a fan of Survivor, I agree with him. Have we become so lazy that we think being on an island for 42 days is more, they quit and are off the island. That’s Survivor.”

I have pondered this notion for awhile now, and finally, I agree. While I am a fan of Survivor, I agree with him. Have we become so lazy that we think being on an island for 42 days is the American dream. Well, at least until supper time comes around and you’ve got to eat coconuts or rats.

The saddest part of all is the inevitable spinoffs that will come from Survivor. Temptation Island, for example, steals the paradise and wilderness aspect from Survivor but puts a Fox-ish sex spin to it. Other shows have tried, like the Mole and Big Brother, but just flat out failed because there was either not enough sex, a la Temptation Island, or it wasn’t Survivor.

I would do this Survivor thing. And yeah, I’d love the $1,000,000. However, after watching the first few shows of Survivor, and the beautiful island that they were on, I’d go for free. Now, to voluntarily eat rats and whatnot for nothing, that’s another story. However, the vast majority of people that I have talked to about it wouldn’t do any of that stuff for $1,000,000. Perhaps that’s the reason why it’s so popular and why everyone’s so lazy. Are you telling me that you wouldn’t love to go to a deserted island, away from work, the city, the craziness, and live on your own in your own paradise? The common answer to this is, of course, “Where’s my food, car, couch, computer and TV?” Sometimes I choke on the idea of people earning money to live in this “paradise”. Shouldn’t it be that people have to pay to experience this luxury instead of earn money for “roughing it”?

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ARTS & REVIEW

Letters From the Edge of the World

Who0! Magic Bus!

By Pat "Shameless," Rothfuss
The wheels in my head go round and round...

In my ongoing quest to be a devoted boyfriend and dutiful son, I made the great trek home for Christmas break. Partly to see my family, and partly in search of adventure, I decided to take the bus.

"But Pat," I hear you say, "Isn't Washington about two thousand miles away? Isn't that an awfully long ride?"

I know what you're thinking. That's one of the things I've learned about IO people, there is a great deal of swilling to be done, but if you have the seat next to the really freaky guy, people will tend to sit next to the really freaky guy, and if you have given up your chance at true happiness. (On the bus, "happiness" is defined as having two seats all to your self.)

I know that all irrelevant bullshit is burned away in the white-hot crucible that Greyhound provides. After all, on a bus with no shower, it wasn't hard to do.

But let me tell you, all that irrelevant noise of a football game on TV or the stress of a gourmet dining experience. I know that all of my relatives who babysat me would have the option of pretend to be asleep. A word of warning, this may backfire on you. All the emotionally balanced people will be too polite to wake you up, but a socially disturbed person doesn't care one bit about propriety. He'll wake you up, sit on your duffle bag, and start explaining how tinfoil works and why Bill Cosby is the best comic ever.

DO YOU FONDUE?

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor

If you have never experienced the art of fondue, you are missing out on a piece of the past that hopefully will never die. Fondue originated in Switzerland, due to the fact that the Swiss, who are big on bread and cheese, weren't eating their bread fast enough, thus, it was spittle on window painting. I didn't catch this genius' name, but you should be able to spot him by his outfit. Namely, a duct tape vest and pair of headphones plugged into his own navel.

In the end, I chose the read-my-book-and-prettend-I'm-far-away channel. Honestly, the whole experience was enlightening. Not only did I get to see the freak show without paying my dime; I learned how to simplify my life. When I first stepped onto the bus my mind was clogged with the football and jetsam of vague desire that tend to collect in all of us. What if I die before my book gets published? What should I get my girlfriend for Christmas? Maybe I'm not cut out for grad school? Why am I attracted to rockabilly? You know, the usual mental chatter.

But let me tell you, all that irrelevant bullshit is burned away in the white-hot crucible that Greyhound provides. After about 10 hours you see things with a real clarity. You realize what is truly important in the world.

The trio blows off of jazz/fusion/funk/avant-garde music with their label debut, Vinyl Killer. The tuba-drums-guitar trio strays from the style of music made famous by pioneers like Medeski Martin and Wood and the Spaceheads, and embarks on their own unique journey through jazz and space. While they may be in the same rack at the music store, Vinyl Killer is further off the beaten path than most bands dare to venture.

It may be an understatement to say that a band made up of a tuba player, a drummer, and a guitarist is unconventional, but somehow "Drums and Tuba" manages to create a wry jazz experience that is hard to turn off. New Orleans-style funk blended with grunting...
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