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Photo by Luke Zancanaro

This house on Reserve Street was the site of a recent drug raid

## UWSP students slapped with drug related charges

By Casey Krautkramer  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Three UWSP students are facing drug charges following the search of their residence by the Stevens Point Police Friday.

At 8:03 a.m., police arrested five out of the eight residents on the 1200 block of Reserve Street. Officers seized marijuana, drug paraphernalia and marijuana plants, according to the report.

According to a resident, the police entered the house yelling "search warrant, search warrant." "They knocked on my bedroom

door, and when I opened it there was a cop with a gun who told me to get down on the floor," said Jeff Olson, who was not involved in the crime.

"They [police] searched through the whole house. When they found what they were looking for, they said 'all right, we're done,'" said Olson.

A 20-year-old is being charged with possession of 19.68 grams of marijuana, as well as manufacturing marijuana. Police found two small marijuana plants growing in the defendant's residence. In addition, the defendant

is being charged with possession of drug paraphernalia including four marijuana pipes and two bongos. Court records show that the defendant is currently out on bond on felony charges for damage to property and is facing bail jumping charges.

A 22-year-old was found to be in possession of 18.63 grams of marijuana. The defendant was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia which included three marijuana pipes.

Another resident, age 20, is being charged with possession of  
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## Women's Leadership Conference promotes feminist activism

By Cheryl Tepsa  
COPY EDITOR

Nearly 400 men and women congregated in Milwaukee last weekend for United Council's (UC) Fifth Annual Women's Leadership Conference, including 16 UWSP students.

According to Sunshine Hedlund, women's issues director for UC, "The theme for this year's conference, Visionary Voices: Transforming Knowledge into Feminist Activism, evolved out of the need to bridge academic feminist thought and feminist activism."

Poet and political activist June Jordan presented her vision for American activism during her keynote address Friday, Feb. 16. She interlaced her message with

excerpts of her own poetry.

"I hope my message will fire you up," said Jordan.

"I came here to give activism one last chance," said one UW-Madison student. "I was ready to give up and move out of Wisconsin, but you gave me a reason to stay."

So many conference attendees have grown weary with the day-to-day battle of activism.

Jordan attempted to rejuvenate them and give them a reason to continue.

"We've got to stop talking about changing the world," said Jordan. "We've got to go out and do it."

Jordan's emphasis concerned the present state of politics in

America.

"We need a democratic nation, and we simply do not have one right now," said Jordan, regarding the 2000 Presidential elections.

Saturday and Sunday contained six workshop sessions with over 50 topics to choose from such as feminist art, reproductive rights, multicultural women's issues and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues.

All of the workshops gave students a global and national perspective but still offered tools to take back to their own schools.

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## Governor's new budget causes unrest at UWSP

By Cheryl Tepsa  
COPY EDITOR

Governor Scott McCallum presented his first biennial budget this week. UW chancellors from all over the state also participated in a conference call to discuss how UW students will be affected and the Board of Regent's official stance on the budget proposal.

"On the surface it looks like a much better budget than it really is because a lot is put on the backs of students," said UWSP Chancellor Thomas George.

McCallum's budget recommends an average annual tuition increase of about two percent. The small growth in programs he proposes relies mainly on student tuition and fees. He reduced the

amount of general-purpose revenue from the state that would pay for UW programs.

The UW System had also requested an additional 234 full-time employees, but McCallum only proposed two more positions.

"McCallum proposed 1500 new full-time positions in corrections," said Cindy Polzin, SGA president. "It's a clear picture where his priorities lie."

Polzin expects a strong student response to McCallum's proposals.

McCallum took over the governor duties Feb. 1 after serving fourteen years as the lieutenant governor under Tommy Thompson.

## Recreational fields to be upgraded this spring

Eight hundred thousand dollar renovation cost added to UWSP student tuition fees

By Josh Goller  
NEWS EDITOR

The recreational field will be receiving a facelift this spring. On Thursday, Feb. 15, the Student Government Association (SGA) passed a resolution for the \$790,000 renovation of the fields.

"This is a great opportunity not only for the students using it [the field] but for the campus itself," said Cory Vanness, intra-

mural student manager.

The cost of the renovations will be added to student tuition in increments of four dollars per student per semester for the next 20 years.

"It's a small cost to students but a big benefit to users of the field," said Cindy Polzin, SGA president.

The movement for a renovated field was started three years ago in response to the conditions of the fields.

"The field condition was horrible," said Aaron Schneider, "And the fact that the varsity practice fields were kept so nice was confusing."

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Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Intramural soccer players duke it out in the MAC. Renovations will provide a newly surfaced recreation fields next fall.

## Students raise concerns about recent police raids

By John Adams  
NEWS REPORTER

The Stevens Point Police Department's most recent drug bust has stirred questions among students.

With the latest in a series of drug and alcohol related arrests involving UWSP students, some students questioning whether the Stevens Point Police Department is targeting them.

"I heard [the police] are trying to crack down on students to make an example of us," said one student who wished to remain unidentified. "This is a college town, they know [drugs and alcohol] are there so they're using the students to get a name for themselves."

Patrol Commander Lt. Kevin Ruder of the Stevens Point Police Department says there is no truth to such statements.

"I'm not aware of anything targeted at the university or its students," Ruder said Tuesday. "There is no protocol or policy, written or otherwise, that [the police] are following to crack

down harder on college students."

Lt. Ruder said that the City of Stevens Point does not tolerate illegal drug and alcohol use and if a warrant is issued then they will carry it out immediately.

Other students question the manner in which some arrests have occurred, including officers removing students from their classrooms.

"We respond to all complaints," Ruder said. "The university is in the city and we are responsible for enforcing the law. That goes for executing warrants. If the judge issues a warrant for an arrest, we go and arrest them. If they happen to be at the university, we still have to arrest them. We don't take the matter lightly."

Ruder said one of the individuals arrested at UWSP had failed to appear in court. Therefore a judge issued a warrant for his arrest.

"I believe that particular individual paid his fine and went

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## Professor threatened by student

By Casey Krautkramer  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Monday afternoon a student verbally threatened a faculty member in the Communication Building.

According to Don Burling, director of Protective Services, the instructor has chosen not to file charges against the student.

Burling believes that a series of events that have occurred over the past several months caused the confrontation.

As of Tuesday, Protective Services knew where the student was, but did not contact the student.

When a decision is made to confront the student, they will inform the student of the possible repercussions of his actions.

John Jury, student life executive director, said, "There's a big difference between freedom of speech and when speech becomes threatening. No one should ever feel afraid [at UWSP]."

## SGA supports state senate bill to increase number of student regents

By Andrea Wetzel  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Governor Tommy Thompson hand-picked Joe Alexander for the student seat on the UW System Board of Regents, many students in the state thought they had lost their representation.

However, last week UWSP's Student Government Association (SGA), unanimously adopted a resolution supporting State Senator Richard Grobschmidt's pending reintroduction of Senate Bill 466. The bill would provide the UW System with two student regents, one who must be selected by representatives from student governments across the state.

"If this bill is passed it will be the best advancement for students at the system level for years," said Andrew Halverson, the author of the resolution and past SGA president.

State Representative Julie Lassa plans to introduce a similar bill in the Assembly.

"It has been great to see the kind of support we've had last year from Representative Lassa and her continued support this year with the possible intro of an assembly bill on this issue," said Halverson.

Many students in the state were vehemently

opposed to Alexander's appointment to the Board of Regents. Alexander was criticized for his lack of experience in student governance and for his father's contributions to Thompson's campaign.

However, last year UWSP's SGA passed a resolution in support of Alexander.

"In the beginning, Joe [Alexander] stood up for student issues," said SGA President Cindy Polzin. "I think he will shine through."

In fact, despite the manner in which he was selected, Alexander has shown support for Senate Bill 466 throughout his term.

"I fully support Senate Bill 466 and will make it a top priority in my meetings with legislators and fellow regents," said Alexander. "Other than passage of a good budget for the UW System, this will be my top priority for my last few months as a regent."

Although Halverson expects the bill will easily pass through the state senate, he said it would reach a roadblock with the Republican majority in the assembly.

"This is where the lobbying efforts of Joe Alexander will play into the issue," he said.

## Campus BEAT

### Pray Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 14 12:15 a.m.

A student reported someone was driving a car on the ice skating rink behind the hall.

### Lot Q

Friday, Feb. 16 2:50 p.m.

A student reported that someone had broken into his vehicle.

### Pray Hall

Monday, Feb. 19 8:27 a.m.

A maintenance worker reported that damage had been done to the snack vending machine located in the basement level.

### Communications Building

Monday, Feb. 19 3:00 p.m.

A professor reported a student was in his office, was threatening his life and wouldn't leave.

### Physical Education Building

Tuesday, Feb. 20 2:01 p.m.

A student reported that someone entered his unlocked locker in the men's pool locker room and removed \$200.

### Physical Education Building

Tuesday, Feb. 20 7:03 p.m.

An officer reported an assault in the Quandt Gym.

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# Point transit offers student discount

By Seth Voeltner  
NEWS REPORTER

The Stevens Point city transit system is offering UWSP students a special, discount price on its citywide Fixed Route service.

For the exclusive offer, students can hitch an unlimited number of rides to almost anywhere in Stevens Point and its surrounding areas for only \$20 a semester.

"The problem is that most students don't even know that there is a transit service available," says Susan Lemke, Stevens Point transit manager. "We want to introduce students to our city's system by significantly reducing costs for them."

The new price was brought down from \$26 last year, which was already \$12 less than what normal citizens paid at \$38.

Lemke says the Fixed Route service provides a safe, convenient ride that can take students to all five sides of town. The system consists of four buses on five routes, which all connect at CenterPoint MarketPlace. Should passengers wish to ride a different route, Lemke says students can take the bus to the CenterPoint hub, where they can switch buses and travel to their desired destination.

According to the city transit map, the most convenient pick-up spots on or near campus are the North and East routes.

The Northpoint/SPASH bus picks up and drops off in front of K-Mart and travels downtown. As for the East route, it loads in front of the University Center, traveling on Highway 10 as far as Wal-Mart.

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## Police:

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on his way," said Ruder.

Students have also complained about the number of "bar raids" that have occurred at local establishments in the last few months.

"I heard 78 people were ticketed last Thursday," said a UWSP student after being in a bar that was "raided" last week.

Ruder said that claim is also untrue.

"You know as well as I do that 21 is the legal drinking age. We do not advocate or allow the illegal use of drugs and alcohol,"

said Ruder. "It's standard for officers to respond to complaints of underage persons being in establishments that serve alcohol."

As for the increase in drug related arrests, Ruder says he doesn't have exact numbers, but he doesn't think there has been a major rise. However, the police department has recently increased the number of full time drug officers, leaving some students and faculty worried about "quota filling."

"I worry that with more drug officers comes a need to show taxpayers that their money is well spent," said a UWSP faculty member. "I don't want to see a

situation develop where the students and police are at odds like in other college towns. Stevens Point has been a relatively sane place."

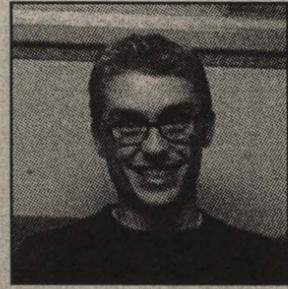
But Ruder said that any perceived "string" of arrests of university students is simply coincidental and that there definitely have not been extra efforts to crack down.

"[The added drug officers] may result in more drug investigations, and likely more arrests," Ruder said. "We have a stand here in the City of Stevens Point that there shall be no illegal drugs. We take a real hard stand."

# POINTER POLL

Photos by  
Luke Zancanaro

What is your favorite dish at Debot?



Tony Bricko, Fr. Fine Arts

The textured vegetable protein tacos: VEGAN POWER



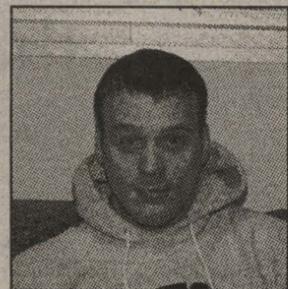
Lisa Meehee, So. Biology

The Asian buffet



Kristi Niemi, So. Spanish

Cereal because I can always depend on it being yummy



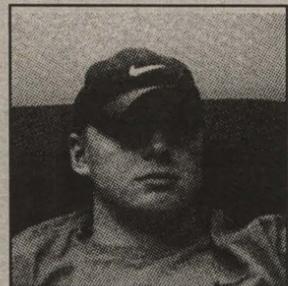
Casey Davis, Jr. Forest Recreation

I like tator tots and tator tot casserole. I like tator tots a lot!



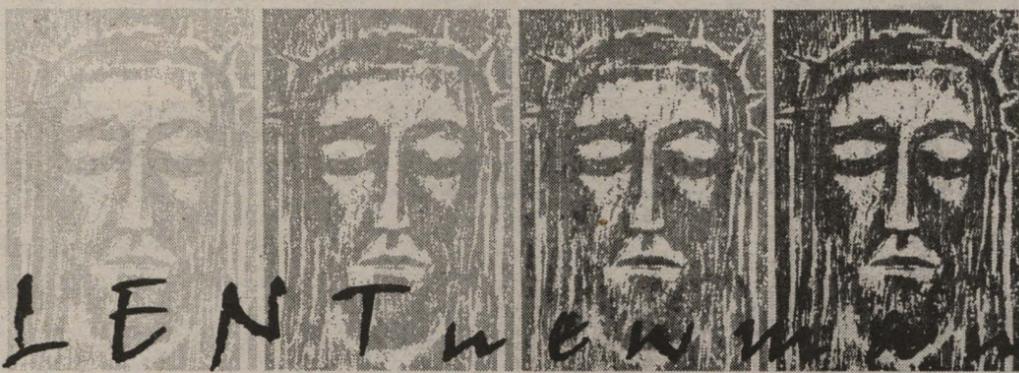
Nina Pokora, So. Enviro. Ed.

Anything Vegan makes Nina happy



Travis Kaus, Sr. Phy. Ed.

The free one I have in my room



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## Campus organizations promote "Got Respect"

By Josh Goller  
NEWS EDITOR

The "Got Respect" campaign is in full swing at UWSP. Sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA), Residence Hall Association (RHA) and Multicultural Affairs among others, the campaign's goal is to promote an anti-hate message on campus.

"We want to promote respecting all people no matter who they are," said Ron Strege, director of Multicultural Affairs.

The year-long campaign culminates with a pledge that can be signed in the concourse of the University Center. The names on the pledge will then be publicly posted.

"We wanted to do something to increase the awareness and respect for diversity on this campus," said Marcia Bimmel, organizer.

RHA will be handing out "Got Respect" buttons in the UC to those who sign the pledge. In addition to efforts made by RHA as a whole, Steiner Hall has taken individual strides to make a difference in this campaign.

"As a staff, we thought pins would be a good idea," said Bimmel, "We took the initiative to head up the campaign."

Organizers feel that the pins are a way for students to show their support for diversity.

"We are giving pins to those who make a commitment stating that they pledge to be intolerant of hate crimes," said Bill Barthen, Steiner Hall organizer.

According to Strege, respect is something that our campus needs to always remain aware of.

"We don't all have to like each other," said Strege, "But it's important for us to respect each other."

## Drugs:

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11.04 grams of marijuana and six pipes.

A 21-year-old is charged with possession of 2.45 grams of marijuana, two bongos and a marijuana pipe. In addition, the defendant is also being charged with bail jumping as a result of a felony charge of criminal damage to property.

A 21-year-old is being charged with possession of .22 grams of marijuana and paraphernalia.

The defendants have not yet appeared in court and the case is still under investigation.

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## Women:

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"We had a wide variety of issues discussed in the workshops," said Hedlund. "The students, both new to UC and already active participants, responded favorably to the choices."

Four workshops dealt directly with LGBT issues, which hadn't received much attention in the past. Participants learned about the LGBT political platform and different struggles within the LGBT community.

"LGBT students now have a great opportunity to become active in politics in order to protect their own futures," said Claire Davenport, a UW-Madison student and presenter of a workshop entitled, "From Here to Queer."

Kierra Johnson, field director for Choice USA, said, "One woman spoke about health care and reproductive rights for women in prison. Many women are subject to sexual harassment or assault while in prison, and nothing is done about it."

Violence against women became the topic of the Saturday afternoon in the plenary session.

"A panel of seven activists presented a multicultural analysis of many issues, including violence in the Hmong commu-

nity and the LGBT community, student activism on violence against women, violence against women in prisons and the need to breakdown sexism when addressing violence against women," said Hedlund.

Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards, authors of *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future*, presented their book and explained why the issues covered are important.

Encouraging young women to embrace both girlie culture and political activism, *Manifesta* is a call to arms and a defense of the "I'm not a feminist, but ..." mentality, according to the UC Conference guide.

The first UC Women's Leadership Conference in 1996 had only 70 people in attendance at the one-day conference at UW-Oshkosh. A couple years later, UC extended the conference to a three-day event.

UC exists to advocate for the 140,000 plus students in the UW System. They work closely with the state legislature, the department of education, the UW Board of Regents and the UW System administration.

One duty of UC is to research different issues and educate student governments about the struggles UW students face. The workshops offered at the conference were

## Field:

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Due to the current conditions of the field club soccer players have refused to play on them.

"People were getting hurt, the conditions were so bad," said Vanness.

The state of the fields currently inhibits the ability for club sports to host games.

"A couple of years ago the Ultimate Frisbee team wanted to host a tournament," said Vanness, "When the field was raked, two five-gallon buckets of glass were taken from the field."

The renovations will include installing irrigation, erecting lights and crowning the field.

"The field is going to be crowned so water doesn't pool and make the grass too tender," said Schneider.

The lights will allow intramural events to run later and provide more time for club sports to practice.

While students will pay for the initial renovation, the university will pick up the tab for yearly maintenance.

"\$17,000 of university funds will be spent each year to maintain the fields," said Polzin.

Renovations are scheduled to begin this spring and completion of the project is expected for the fall semester.

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## From the Editor's Desk

### The thin line between freedom and decency

By Andrea Wetzel  
EDITOR IN CHIEF



The First Amendment is the most beautiful piece of the US – the right to speak, the right to engage, the right to learn. With this personal freedom, we have been forced to recognize that others have viewpoints that directly conflict with our own and sometimes conflict with our very morality. Yet through open communication, we learn from each other and live side by side. If we cannot respect an opinion, we must respect the right to have one.

At a recent University Technology Committee meeting, faculty members discussed the issue of pornography in public labs on campus.

Although some committee members felt that policy should be enacted to restrict viewing of pornography in the labs, others felt that to do so would be censorship, perhaps even a violation of students' First Amendment rights.

This issue has not yet been resolved, however the committee did agree that students should be educated in a computer etiquette that would ensure the comfort of all the students using the computer labs.

In a college community, where statistically one in four women are victims of rape, we must be sensitive to this matter. But is it the responsibility of the student wishing to view porn to use her discretion, or should the student who is offended find another seat? Should our computer labs be broken into cubicals so neighbors cannot interact?

Pornography is a term that holds no single definition. What one woman may see as art, another may find vulgar. However, there are certain things that pass through the e-mail server on this campus that we would

never show our mothers.

College is a large collective of mostly unmarried young adults who are groping through the hazards of daily life, trying to find a passion, a skill, a personality. In general, college students are viewed as openly sexual (just take a look at MTV if you don't believe me.) And in truth, many students truly do reach a deeper realization of their own sexuality during this time.

So it may be the very nature of the community to be more open to cat calls, butt checks, one night stands and a lot of porn. But does the nature of the community give students the right to disrespect the comfort and security of students around them?

So maybe in public labs, communication is key. If a student can consider his neighbors before pulling up material that may be considered offensive to some and if others can openly express their own discomfort, we can reach a common ground.

## Student organizations step forward

Seldom do we hear of the hard work the student organizations on campus do, much less the time and contributions they make to the community. This past Valentine's Day, the Stevens Point Area Education Association (SPAEA) wanted to give a book to every first grader in the Stevens Point schools.

The program was "Books from the Heart" and the UWSP chapter of the Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA) decided to challenge each student organization on the UWSP campus to donate just five dollars, the price of one book. The response from that challenge was amazing! Twenty-four organizations helped to contribute over \$650 to "Books from the Heart," providing first graders with over 130 books!

The Student Wisconsin Education Association would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for their help in giving the gift of a book to a child. Without their generous donations, we never could have been so successful!

Thank you to Faculty from the School of Education, Student Wisconsin Education Association, PAWS, Phi Delta Kappa, Shaper Club, Rugby Club, Xi Sigma Pi, The Wildlife Society, Gamma Phi Delta, Hansen Hall, Kappa Delta Pi Epsilon, Phi Omega, Progressive Action Organization, EENA, David and Shirley Gerzmehle, Sigma Mu Tau, Alliance for a Sustainable Earth, American Chemical Society-Student Affiliate, Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, International Club, Aquatic/Marine Biology Association, ACT, Jennifer Schneider, Bruce and Priscilla Dehlinger, Diane Dieterick, Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), Athletic Entertainment Organization and the Women's Resource Center.

Again, your generosity made Valentine's Day very special for a lot of first graders!

Carrie Teeters

UWSP Student Wisconsin Education Association President-Elect

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## Portage County Cultural Festival is approaching

The ninth annual Portage County Cultural Festival date has been set for Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Stevens Point Area Senior High School (SPASH).

The purpose of the festival is to bring together central Wisconsin residents to celebrate the richness of its many cultures. Last year, over 8,000 people attended to enjoy the diverse food, song, dance, crafts, games and learning activities represented in over 100 exhibits.

Both local and regional entertainment will be featured throughout the day on various stages, highlighting ethnic music, dance, martial arts demonstrations, drama and a parade of nations.

In the children's area, participants will be provided with hands-on learning of folk dances,

Hmong ball games, Indian stick dance, the Japanese art of origami and carp kites, African paper plate masks and Native American "leather" and weaving.

A unique way to experience the educational component of the festival is to pick up a passport when you arrive. You may have your passport stamped at each booth by completing a simple learning experience or unique task related to the featured culture. Be sure to have your passport validated at the "International Headquarters" and you will become eligible for prizes.

Authentic ethnic foods from around the world are always a crowd pleaser at the festival and are available for purchase throughout the day. You can be sure there will be something to delight every person's palate –

more than 50 varieties of authentic ethnic food!

Another highlight you won't want to miss is the display and sale of educational and cultural arts and crafts. Each booth's mission is to promote cultural awareness and goods are priced to reflect that aim.

The Portage County Cultural Festival is a non-profit group whose purpose is to help Portage County residents celebrate their diverse cultural heritage. So please mark your calendars, alert your friends and neighbors and plan to join us at SPASH, April 28 for this fun-filled day.

Publicity Committee: Barbara Inch, Tina Mower, Patty Noel, Sue and Mark Pohlkamp, Linda Smith, Ron Strege, Carol Torline

## DMV assists with parking dilemmas

I opened the newest issue of *The Pointer* today to discover an article regarding handicapped parking passes. I myself have a permanent handicapped parking pass after complications from two bouts with cancer, so the piece grabbed my attention. The two students in the article were upset because the UWSP parking office was unable to give either of them a temporary parking pass. I can understand why there would be some confusion. However, it is quite easy to get a temporary or permanent handicapped pass. Just go to the DMV with a doctor's note, fill out a very short form, and pay them \$6. I see no confusion in that, I have done the same thing myself.

UWSP is not in any position to assess a person's temporary or permanent disability status, and I commend them for referring these students to the DMV. Why did *The Pointer* have print such an article when there was just a lack of communication or motivation on part of the students in mention?

Libbi Diane Flynn



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## Vertical Horizon to perform at UWSP

After three successful independent releases, Vertical Horizon made their major label debut with *Everything You Want*, a heady mix of melodic songwriting, strong musicianship, and passionate performances.

"They're simple songs played with sincerity," says lead vocalist/guitarist Matt Scannel.

"That's where the excitement comes from, not through adding more notes and overplaying," vocalist/guitarist Keith Kane adds.

"We try to put the focus on lyrics, melodies and chord progressions. We're not into huge productions, just real emotions, real situations," he adds.

Since forming in 1991, Vertical Horizon have worked on the road and in the studio to cultivate a grassroots fan base, and their work has paid off significantly.

Vertical Horizon's impassioned sounds and vibrant gigs were a refreshing change from the angst ridden early modern rock scene.

As a result, their debut album, *There and Back Again*, enjoyed phenomenal success. What had started out as an initial run of 1,000 as "something they'd have left over to give their grandkids" became, with the help of non-stop touring, a debut disc that sold over 20,000 copies.

After adding drummer Ed Toth and bassist

Sean Hurley in 1996, Vertical Horizon, as we know it today, was born. With the new lineup in tow, the band stepped up its touring schedule, particularly on college campuses.

"Right now, we're about a lot of things," said Toth. "This album is a huge step forward and our scope is widening every day. If we allow ourselves to keep moving forward, we'll be able to cover a lot of ground and have fun doing it."

The opening act for Vertical Horizon is Five for Fighting, a group that blends the basic tenets of songwriting, robust melodies, classic structure, unforgettable hooks and exquisite performances.

The concert, sponsored by Centertainment Productions, is on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Quandt Fieldhouse of UWSP.

Tickets go on sale on Thursday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at the UWSP ticket office.

Tickets are \$19.50 for UWSP students with ID (March 5-7 only), \$22.50 in advance or \$25.50 at the door. Tickets are subject to a \$.50 service charge per ticket.

Tickets may be purchased at the Arts and Athletics Box Office in the Quandt Fieldhouse Lobby or by calling 1-800-838-3378. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

## Mid-week comic relief

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR

It's that time of year where students are starting to get overwhelmed with classes, exams and papers. Here are some fun, interesting facts that you don't need to memorize.

- Barbie's last name is Roberts.
- Jim Morrison was the first rock star to be arrested on stage.
- You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching TV.
- Carnivorous animals will not eat another animal that has been struck by lightning.
- Humans spend three years of their lives having sex.
- Mike Tyson has cameras in the bedroom he shares with his wife to protect himself against any accusation of rape.
- George Washington grew marijuana in his garden.
- It is illegal to plow a cotton field with an elephant in North Carolina.
- China has more English speakers than the US.
- The toes of mummies were individually wrapped.
- Mosquitos prefer children to adults and blondes to brunettes.
- It took engineers 22 years to design the zipper.
- Tug of war was an Olympic event in the early 1900s.
- Purse-snatching is punishable by death in Haiti.
- Dolly Parton once lost a Dolly Parton look-alike contest.



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Keith Kane, Sean Hurley, Matt Scannel and Ed Toth of Vertical Horizon will perform at UWSP.

*Do you like to write? Are you interested in features on campus? The Pointer is now taking applications for an Assistant Features Editor. Stop in room 104 of the Communication building or e-mail [khhard755@uwsp.edu](mailto:khhard755@uwsp.edu).*

### Centertainment Productions is hiring.

Executive positions are now available in the area of Public Relations, Administrative Budget, Club Variety, Cinema, Issues and Ideas, Alternative Sounds and Special Events. Applications are available in the Centertainment Office, Room 018 Lower UC. All applications must be returned by March 5th. For more information, contact Laura Jacobson at 346-2412.

## Award-winning poet to perform on campus

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, award-winning poet Alan Michael Parker will recite his works at UWSP. Parker will perform at the Basement Brewhaus in the UC at 7:30 p.m.

Parker is currently a professor of English and creative writing at Davidson College, Davidson, NC. He has two published books of poetry, including *The Vandals* and *Days Like Prose*, which was named a Notable Book in 1997 by the National Book Critics Circle.

Parker's poetry has appeared in many well-known magazines including *The New Yorker*, *Antaeus* and *The New Republic*.

UWSP Division of Communication professor, Bill Davidson, asked Parker to perform. Davidson teaches an oral interpretation class which focuses on mastering oral skills by reciting poetry. As part of the curriculum, Davidson treats his students and the public to a well-known poet. Last spring, Davidson invited his close friend, Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko.

There will be a book signing on Feb. 27 from 3-4 p.m. in the UC book store. A limited number of copies of both books will be available for sale.

Parker's performance is sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication and the Departments of Communication and English.

The performance is free and open to the public.

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## Students to give everyone a taste of soul

By Katie Harding  
FEATURES EDITOR

Tired of eating the same old stuff from the C-store and Debot? Looking for a fun, unique evening?

Sponsored by UWSP's Black Student Union (BSU), the Soul Food Dinner will take place on Sunday, Feb. 25.

The event takes place in the UC Laird Room. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m.

"This is a good opportunity for members of the community to experience a different culture," says BSU member, Dana Simpson.

This year's guest speaker is Dr. Oba T'Shaka, one of the leaders of the Black Studies movement and professor of Black Studies at San Francisco State University.

"He's had a number of great accomplishments," said BSU vice president, Davida Smith.

T'Shaka is a renowned Black movement activist and scholar. He has written four books including *The Art of Leadership* and *The Legend of*

*Malcolm X*.

As a dynamic public speaker, he has also delivered a speech at the Million Man March.

Dinner will follow after T'Shaka's speech.

The menu, prepared by members of the organization, consists of fried chicken, catfish, collard greens, jumbalaya, cornbread and yams.

A dessert of peach cobbler, cake and cookies is also included.

The event draws about 250 people each year.

"We see community members, students and families," says Smith.

"It's a really fun time. It's something different, something new to try," she adds.

The Black Student Union has about 10-15 members.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the UWSP ticket office, by calling 346-4100, or at the door.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for UWSP students with ID and \$3 for children.



### Spotlight Trivia

- Mira Sorvino won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in
  - Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*
  - Mighty Aphrodite*
  - At First Sight*
  - Quiz Show*
- Who was Michelle Pfeiffer's co-star in *Up Close and Personal*?
  - Harrison Ford
  - Al Pacino
  - Robert Redford
  - Jack Nicholson
- Which 1984 movie stars Tom Hanks, John Candy and Eugene Levy chasing a mermaid?
  - Big*
  - Splash*
  - Uncle Buck*
  - Strange Brew*
- Rosanna Arquette acts as an imposter of Madonna's character in
  - Who's That Girl?*
  - Desperately Seeking Susan*
  - Evita*
  - Dick Tracy*

#### Answers:

- 1-b. *Mighty Aphrodite*; 2-c. Robert Redford; 3-b. *Splash*; 4-b. *Desperately Seeking Susan*

## Student offers alternative to pricey car repairs

By Casey Krautkramer  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Your car doesn't start and you don't know what's wrong with it. It could be the battery, alternator, or something else. You're panicking. What do you do? You have no knowledge of auto repair. You will have to pay an enormous amount of money to get your car towed. An auto repair shop could rip you off.

There is one easy and affordable solution to your problem: Call Nathan Kussmann at 345-9833.

Nathan has been fixing automobiles around campus since the fall of '97. He is a student himself and realizes that most college students don't have a lot of money to fork over for car repairs.

Therefore, he inspects the vehicle and then explains the problem in terms that a person with no auto mechanic knowledge can understand.

Affordable estimates are given for the repair. If the problem is minute, he will usually fix it for free.

"My automotive work is done on-site, which means I come to you, alleviating possible towing bills," says Nathan.

There are some repairs that he can't accomplish because he doesn't have access to a fully stocked, heated garage. However, he is able to "repair a variety of scenarios," according to Nathan. This may include brakes, starters, alternators, tune-ups, winterizations, jumpstarts, batteries, tire repairs and more.

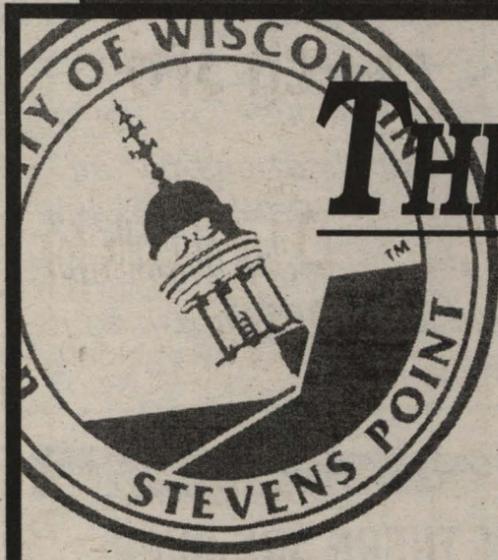
But, Nathan has had a few problems. He says that for some jobs, he has to run around town trying to find the right part needed to fix the problem at an inexpensive price.

In addition, receiving bounced checks from students has also been a problem.

Nathan says that he gets personal gratification out of fixing students' cars.

"I see customers on the road and I'm pleased to see the results of spending many hours working on a vehicle. Also, I have become friends with many of my customers," says Nathan.

His posters-sponsored by STV--can be found hanging around campus.



# THE WEEK IN POINT!

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Yoga Class w/Jeanne Pawielski, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, 235-235A, University Center

CP! Cinema Presents: *Charlie's Angels*, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM/Midnight, Laird Room, UC

Performing Arts Series: Chris Norman Trio, 7:30 PM, Michelson Hall, Fine Arts Center

Basketball, WIAC Tournament

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Centertainment Productions presents: *Quit-N-Time Music Series w/No Limit (A Cappella Band)*, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, UC

Swimming, Last Chance Meet (Men), 5PM (LaCrosse)

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF*, 8:00 PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF*, 7:30 PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

CP! Center Stage presents: *Amanda List and Carrie Lande (Dance)*, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, The Encore, UC

Basketball, WIAC Tournament

Wom. Basketball, WIAC Conference Tournament

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Mainstage Theatre Prod.: *THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF*, 2:00 PM (Jenkins Theatre-FAB)

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Yoga Class w/Maureen Ebel, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM, Aerobics, Allen Center

Recital, 7:30 PM, Michelson Hall, Fine Arts Center

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Communications Dept. presents: Alan Michael Parker, (nationally known poet), 7:30 PM, Basement Brewhaus

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

JAZZ NIGHT, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Basement Brewhaus, University Center

Wom. Basketball, NCAA First Round

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

## The Doctor in Spite of Himself to debut

The hilarious farce, *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, will be staged by the UWSP Theatre and Dance department beginning Friday, Feb. 23.

The comedy tells the story of Sganarelle, an oafish peasant many will recognize as "a cousin of the wacky characters created by Jackie Gleason and Zero Mostel," according to director Stephen Trovillion Smith, assistant professor of theatre.

Written in 1666 by the French satirist Moliere, *The Doctor in Spite of Himself* lampoons doctors and the practice of medicine.

"How often do you get to see a sexy comedy that has amused audiences for three centuries?" Smith asks.

The play opens with an argument between Sganarelle, played by Adam Prugh, Madison, and his wife, Martine, played by Karen Estrada, Slinger.

Martine decides to get revenge for his abuse of her by spreading the word that her husband is secretly a great doctor.

Falling for her bait, the servants of a rich landowner implore Sganarelle to find a cure for their master's daughter, played by Samantha Cordi, Madison.

When offered a fee for his services, Sganarelle happily complies, using his newfound celebrity to bilk the gullible lord of the manor, played by Micah Rademache, Waupaca, while pursuing the household's buxom wet nurse, played by Megan Wheele, Casper, Wyo.

When Sganarelle discovers that his patient is faking illness to avoid a marriage to someone she doesn't love, the farce escalates into a zany adventure involving disguises and broad comedy.

"We haven't seen slapstick comedy in a period piece in a very long time," said Susan Sherwin, assistant professor of theatre and dance, who is designing the costumes.

"The men's costumes are intrinsically funny and I get to use all kinds of bright colors to create them," she adds.

The setting of the comedy is the period just before men began wearing the coat, jacket and vest that are familiar today. In addition to abbreviated jackets with blousy shirts hanging out, the men will be wearing gathered culottes and high-heeled shoes with bows and rosettes.

"We used about 250 yards of ribbon on one male character's costume," Sherwin said.

The cast includes an 18-member improvisational troupe interacting with the audience as the theatre is transformed into a 17th century playhouse full of orange sellers, prostitutes, a pick-pocket and a rat catcher.

Brent Chojnacki, Stevens Point, is a member of the improvisational company, playing the role of a duke.

The set was designed by Stephen Sherwin, professor of theatre and dance, and built by students. Gary Olsen, professor of theatre and dance, is technical director for the production.

This is Smith's directorial debut since coming to UWSP in the fall. A seasoned actor, he taught and directed at the Theatre School at DePaul in Chicago and the University of Miami in Miami, Fla.

Among his stage performances was a role on Broadway in *The Young Man from Atlanta*, a Pulitzer Prize winning play that was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play in 1997. Smith also has acted in numerous commercials, television shows and radio productions.

Chojnacki, the son of Sandy Sadowski, Stevens Point, and Ray Chojnacki, Tomah, is a 2000 graduate of Stevens Point Area Senior High School. A freshman theatre major, he was a stagehand in the UWSP production of *Sweet Charity*. He had a leading role in the SPASH production of *A Midsummer Nights Dream* and received a gold medal as a junior in high school forensics. He also has participated in Central Wisconsin Community Theater.

Performances will be Friday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday, March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theatre of the UWSP Fine Arts Center.

Tickets for the performance are \$10 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, \$6 for youth and \$3 for students with a UWSP ID. If not sold out, tickets will be available at the door and UWSP students will be admitted free of charge.



## Organizational Notes

National Abortion and Reproductive Rights League

By Amy Zepnick

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights League began meeting this semester and is working with the Madison office.

The purpose of the group is to actively work on reproductive rights issues in the local, state and national levels.

Currently, the group is looking into the Rice Clinic/St. Michaels merger and whether the Catholic influence will have an effect on the services offered to men and women.

They are also working on flyers about Emergency Contraception offered at Health Services and are work-

ing with the CARE campaign and the availability of contraception from various insurance providers.

NARRL is also having a small letter writing campaign that urges Meriter Hospital in Madison to reconsider not renewing the lease for the only abortion provider in the area.

NARRL believes many of the issues on the local or state issue will effect almost all the students on campus, whether female or male, at some time in their lives, if not now. Students may also be affected if they go to St. Michaels and are denied services.

Many women on campus take some form of contraception, therefore, the availability of it through insurance companies is definitely an issue. NARRL finds it necessary to make people aware.

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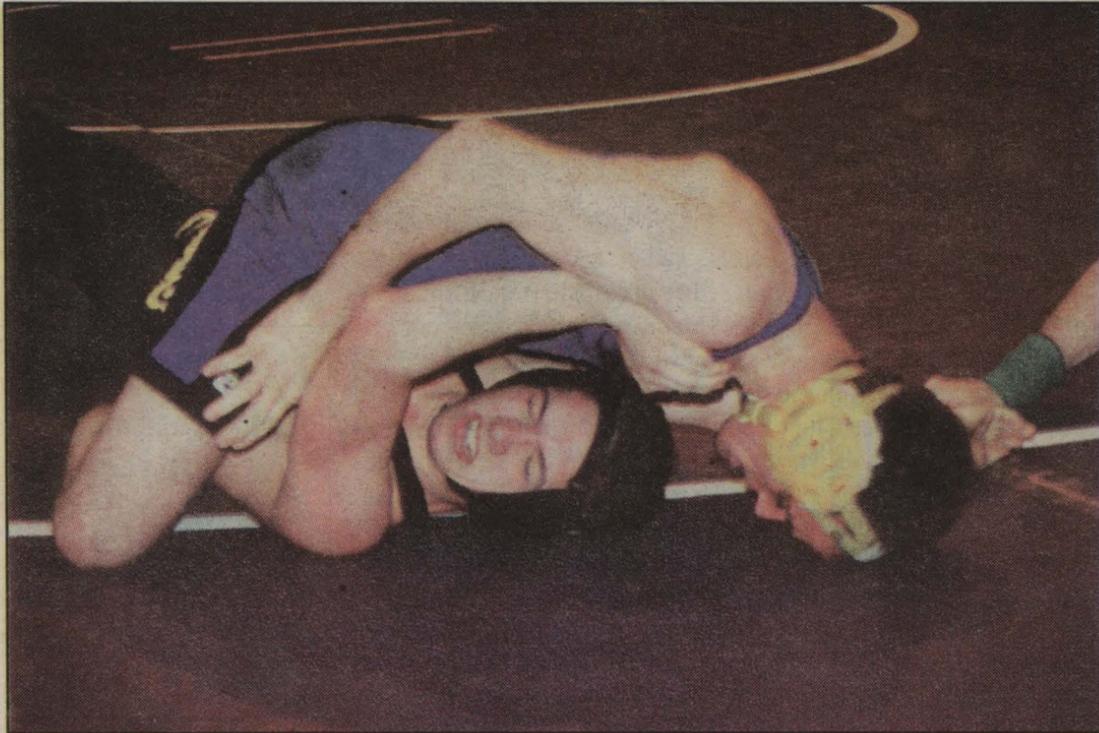


Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Brady Holtz (top) puts the hurt on his UW-Oshkosh opponent during Holtz's 18-1 victory during the WIAC Championships at Quandt Fieldhouse on Sunday.

## Preslaski earns lone title for Pointer team

By Nick Brilowski  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point wrestling team liked its chances heading into the WIAC Championships on Sunday at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Despite UW-La Crosse entering as the #2 ranked team in Division III, the Pointers had dropped a close 25-19 dual decision to the Eagles earlier this season. UWSP also found itself completely healthy for the first time since early in the season.

But La Crosse was able to produce six individual champions on its way to its fourth straight WIAC title. The Eagles' 156 team points easily outdistanced the second place Pointers (98 points).

"I'm a little disappointed because we didn't close things out as well as we started (in the earlier rounds)," Pointer Head Coach Johnny Johnson said. "It's always disappointing when you don't wrestle (well) in the final round."

Nathan Preslaski captured the lone individual title for UWSP, defeating La Crosse's Josh Ernst 3-2 in the championship match at 157 pounds. Preslaski's run was impressive from the standpoint that he was dealing with a thumb injury and a case of the flu earlier in the week.

"Nate did a tremendous job," stated Johnson of the junior from Pulaski. "Nate was able to deal with the adversity. He was able to remember the way he felt last year when he didn't make it (to Nationals,) and he used that

as motivation."

The Pointers had three other wrestlers reach the title match, but each came up short to La wrestlers from La Crosse.

Wes Kapping dropped a 7-4 decision to Ben Bly at 174, Ben Kureck fell to the Jeremy Miller 2-0 at 184 and Yan White was decisioned 12-6 by Bart Bly at 197.

Despite the loss, Kapping received one of the three at-large selections awarded, as he will get to move on to Nationals with Preslaski, something that pleases his coach.

"He certainly deserves it," Johnson said of Kapping's berth. "He's been consistent all year. The other coaches felt that he had an excellent chance to be an All-American, otherwise they wouldn't have taken him."

Brady Holtz fought his way through the wrestlebacks to place third at 133.

Preslaski and Kapping will represent UWSP at Nationals on March 2 and 3 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Megan Hodgson (44) goes in for a lay-up during UWSP's quarterfinal round victory in the WIAC Tournament on Monday.

## Pioneers stun Pointers to move on in tourney

By Michelle Tesmer  
SPORTS REPORTER

If another UW-Platteville basketball team never enters Stevens Point again, it won't be too soon.

One day after the Pioneer men upset UWSP in the WIAC tournament, the women came into Berg Gym and dashed the Pointers' hopes of a conference title with an 80-78 victory.

Laurie Buechel's basket with 5.9 seconds remaining was the game-winner.

Following a timeout with 1.9 seconds to go, Tara Schmitt's desperation shot for the tie bounced off the rim twice.

Platteville moves on to the WIAC championship game on Saturday at UW-Eau Claire.

"This one does sting," Pointer coach Shirley Egner said. "It's too bad we came up on the short end of the stick, but when you give up 80 points, you aren't going to win too many games."

The Pointers took control early in the first half, jumping out to a 22-9 lead. The UWSP lead was 36-22 with six minutes left in the half when the Pioneers used a 10-0 run to cut the lead to four, which was their halftime deficit.

Platteville came out red-hot in the second half, taking a 59-54 lead with just under 12 minutes remaining. The teams battled back and forth down the stretch, with UWSP taking a 78-76 lead on Andrea Kraemer's lay-up with 43 seconds remaining.

Buechel tied the game on a jumper with 26 seconds to go, and on the ensuing possession the Pointers turned the ball over, setting up Buechel's winner.

"You've got to give Platteville credit," Egner added. "We didn't play real well tonight, but you've got to credit some of that to Platteville."

Carry Boehning and Kari Groshek led UWSP with 23 points apiece.

UWSP advanced to the semifinal round by defeating UW-La Crosse 68-46 in quarterfinal action on Monday night.

The Pointers jumped on La Crosse right away with a 24-8 run. Andrea Kraemer jump-started the offense by hitting two three pointers. Four other players finished with double digits in scoring while not allowing one player from La Crosse to reach that mark.

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# Swimming and diving teams repeat as conference champs

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's swimming and diving teams came up big for the second straight year with each claiming WIAC championships last weekend in Oshkosh.

The Pointer men dominated, piling up 966 team points to outdistance runner-up UW-La Crosse, which had 721 points. The men's meet was basically decided on the first day, with all Point swimmers except one making the finals.

Point's women cut it a little closer before pulling away on the final day to convincingly take the title. UWSP finished with 836.5 points to surpass second place finisher UW-Eau Claire (727.5).

On the men's side, Randy Boelk, swimming in his last WIAC meet, took three firsts, including a conference record swim in the 200 backstroke. The other individual wins for Boelk came in the 200 and the 400 individual medleys.

The senior from Embarrass, Minn., also was a member of the winning 400 freestyle relay, along with the 400 and 200 medley relays, giving him five first place finishes for the meet. Joining him on the 400 freestyle team were junior Mark Hanson, junior Eric Sands and senior Anthony Harris, while the medley relays were composed of Boelk, senior Nick Hanson, Harris and junior Nate Eddingsaas.

Other individual men's winners included senior Tim Benjamin in the 200 and 500 freestyle, Harris in the 100 freestyle, Hanson in the 50 freestyle and freshman diver Chris Hansman in the three meter springboard. The relay team of juniors

John Green, Scott Bowe, Eric Sands and senior Nick Hanson also won the 200 freestyle relay.

For the women, junior Christine Sammons set two WIAC records and teamed with junior Alissa Bartz, senior Mary Thone and junior Jen Randall to set a conference record in the 200 medley relay. Sammons' individual records came in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes.

Thone also won the 100 and 200 butterfly, while sophomore Melanie Luke took the 1,650 freestyle. Coach Al Boelk was very pleased with the women's 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams, who, along with taking the conference championships, also made the "A" cuts, which means that they are automatically qualified for nationals.

Bartz, junior Amy Rockwell, junior Erica Janssen and Randall teamed up in the 200 relay, while Bartz, Rockwell, and Randall teamed with Thone on the 400 relay team. Randall was also part of the most exciting race of the meet, getting clipped by Oshkosh standout Renee Porter by one-hundredth of a second in the 100 freestyle, as both swimmers eclipsed the conference record.

There will be thirteen, and possibly 14, swimmers competing for UWSP at the Division III Nationals. The women making the trip include Rockwell, Bartz, Randall, Thone, Sammons and Janssen. The men include Boelk, Hanson, Green, Sands, Aaron Heiss and Eddingsaas. Hansman has preliminarily qualified for the meet, but his diving must be reviewed by judges before he gets invited.

The women's meet runs March 8-10, while the men compete March 15-17 in Buffalo, N.Y.

# Superior gets past women's hockey team

By Dan Mirman  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

All good things must come to an end, and unfortunately for the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team that included its eight-game conference-winning streak. The Pointers dropped two close games this past weekend to UW-Superior, both by a margin of 2-1.

UWSP got on the scoreboard first Saturday behind a first-period goal by Becky Humphries. Superior came back later in the period to tie it up going into the first intermission.

In the second period Superior scored what proved to be the game-winning goal five minutes in and they were able to hold on the rest of the way to clinch first place and sweep their season series with Point.

Friday's contest saw UWSP come in undermanned as second leading scorer Becky Humphries was forced to sit out due to a penalty from their previous game at Augsburg. Point was also missing Ashley Gregory who was out with a migraine.

"It was a tough situation," said Head Coach Jason Lesteberg. "We only had 11 skaters so we could only use two lines, but to the girls' credit they still worked extremely hard."

Superior started the scoring on a slap shot late in the first period for a 1-0 lead. The score remained that way through the second period, but early in the third, Superior got one more goal



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Nicole Busse puts home UWSP's only goal of the game Friday night during the Pointers' 2-1 loss to UW-Superior.

to double its lead.

The Pointers made a late charge in the final minutes on a goal by Nicole Busse. Point then pulled its goalie for the last minute but was not able to put another goal on the board.

Point (12-10-1, 9-4-1) remains in second place in the NCHA but its lead has been trimmed to just a half a game over third place UW-River Falls.

The Pointers will travel to River Falls this weekend to play a pair of games and needs only a split to secure second place.

"We felt we have the advantage against River Falls because we have beaten them before," said Lesteberg. "Against Superior we thought we could win. Against River Falls we know we can win because we have done it before."

# Buzzer-beater stuns Pointer men again



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Jay Bennett hits a three-pointer late in the second half of the Pointers' game with UW-Platteville on Tuesday.

## Hoops team earns share of second straight conference title, falls to Platteville in tourney

By Nick Brilowski  
SPORTS EDITOR

Time has a way of healing all wounds. However, the scars that the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team has had to endure from the way its seasons have ended the past two years will likely be around for a long time to come.

For the second consecutive season, the Pointers saw their season come to a stunning end following a desperation, buzzer-beating three-pointer by the opposition.

Bryan Stangel's 30-foot pull-up jumper with no time remaining capped a 17-5 UW-Platteville run to end the game as the Pioneers left the Quandt Fieldhouse crowd speechless with a 57-56 comeback win.

One year ago in the NCAA Division III quarterfinals, UW-Eau Claire's Sherm Carstensen's 28-foot three-pointer prevented UWSP from moving on to the Final Four.

"To get beaten like this, which is very similar to last year, is very difficult," a dejected Pointer Head Coach Jack Bennett said. "It was a difficult loss for the entire team because we had been playing so well as of late."

Platteville led by as many as 10 in the first half before UWSP made a run to tie the game 25-25 with 3:42 remaining. But the Pioneers used a 5-0 run to take a 32-27 lead into halftime.

The Pointers were able to attack Platteville's zone defense early on in the second half, making a 14-3 run to take its biggest lead of the game, 51-40, with 5:36 remaining. UWSP's offense then suddenly disappeared as the Pioneers rattled off 10 straight points

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**Swimming and Diving:** At UW-La Crosse Invitational, Friday, 5 p.m.

*All Home Games in Bold*

**Women's track first at Pointer Invite**

**By Michelle Tesmer**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Thirteen first place finishes were the key for the UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team as they took first place with 195 points in the Pointer Invitational on Saturday.

The men also did well by placing second with 167 points, behind UW-Oshkosh.

Leah Juno led the way for the women by automatically qualifying for the NCAA's in the 800 meter run (2:13.14).

It marks the second time that Juno has automatically qualified in the 800 this season, where she is currently the number one seed.

Jenny Todd also scored big, finishing first in the 55 (7.52) and 200 (26.96) meter dashes.

Jen Hau placed first in two events as well, the 55 meter high hurdles (9.11) and the pole vault (2.86 m).

Other first place finishers were Nicki VanGheem in the 3,000 meter run (11:34.29), Becky Lebak in the 5,000 meter run (17:35.82), the 4 x 400 relay team (4:12.17), April Socha in the high jump (1.51 m), Lisa Brownie in the long jump (11.18 m), Jody Butkowski in the triple jump (11.18 m), Ashley Hellerman in the shot put (10.67 m) and Rachel Carlson in the

weight throw (13.57 m).

Women's coach Len Hill thought a lot of good things happened in the meet.

"It was a lot of fun, although a little disappointing that we didn't have the competition expected," he said.

"From a team standpoint, we got some confidence. They had to step it up themselves, because there was no one there to push them."

The men's team faced off against four more teams than the women, but still managed to bring home seven firsts.

Craig Gunderson automati-

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**Stout no match for men's hockey team**

**Pointers move on in NCHA Tournament**

**By Dan Mirman**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Someone forgot to tell the UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team that you are not supposed to win a NCHA playoff quarterfinal series on the road. The Pointers became the first team ever to accomplish the feat, defeating UW-Stout last weekend 8-3 and 3-2.

In Saturday's contest the men got off to a hot start by scoring the first three goals of the contest, two of them coming off of the stick of Nick Glander who had three goals for the weekend.

Stout then came charging back with a goal in the second period and one more in third to cut the lead to a single goal. But the Pointers were able to hold them scoreless the rest of the way to win the series and move to the next round.

Even though Point won the game by a single goal, Head Coach Joe Balderotta wasn't worried about the final outcome.

"There was never a doubt in my mind that we wouldn't win that hockey game," said Balderotta. "We showed great composure in the final period and did what we had to do to win the weekend."

In the first game of the series on Friday, the Pointers came out on fire scoring the first eight goals of the game before Stout even got on the scoreboard.

Point had an even scoring attack that saw them put in four goals in the first period, two of them by Ryan Maxson. The second period saw the Pointers tack on three more as this time Mikhail Salienko had chalked up two of the goals.

The Pointers then tacked on one more in third by Matt Interbartolo who also had three assists in the game. Stout added three goals late but the outcome had already been decided.

"We played extremely solid and at our level in that first game," said Balderotta. "We have not played well there and they have a very hostile crowd, but we were able to push the pace and be ourselves."

Point now moves on to play a red-hot UW-Superior team that has won 17 games in a row. Superior has the number one seed in the tournament and comes in with a 20-2 mark.

However Point has a revenge factor on its side, as Superior was the team that knocked it out of the playoffs last year.

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**Senior Spotlight**  
**Randy Boelk - Swimming**



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**UWSP Career Highlights**

- WIAC record holder in championships won in a career (23)
- First WIAC swimmer to win four career 400 individual medley titles
- Won 200 backstroke at 1998 Division III Nationals

**Major**- Business and Economics

**Hometown**- Embarrass, Minn.

**Most memorable moment**- Winning the 400 medley relay freshman year and breaking the National record.

**Who was your idol growing up?**- Definitely my dad, because of his work ethic.

**What are your plans after graduation?**- Student coach next season and be a money manager eventually.

**What is your favorite aspect of swimming?**- Being able to travel around with the team and being with them every day.

**Biggest achievement in swimming**- Being a part of a team that won the conference title three of my four years.

**What will you remember most about swimming at UWSP?**- Living in a house with four other swimmers.

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## Basketball

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over the next five minutes.

But Jay Bennett, playing perhaps his finest game as a Pointer, knocked down a three-pointer with 28.9 seconds to go to give Point a four-point edge.

Following a Beau Buchs lay-up, Brent Larson was able to knock down a pair of free throws with 11.7 seconds remaining to get the lead back to four.

After a time-out, Stangel drove the length of the court for a lay-up to cut the lead to two. The Pioneers then fouled Kalonji Kadima with 5.4 showing on the clock. But Kadima missed the front end of a bonus opportunity as Platteville rebounded and Stangel raced up court and pulled up for the game-winner.

UWSP's senior trio of Bennett, Larson and Joe Zuiker were the only Pointer offense on the night, combining for 49 of their team's 56 points. Bennett led UWSP with 22 points. Zuiker added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

"We'll get over this with time. To win this conference is remarkable," Jack Bennett said.

The loss likely ends Point's season with a record of 18-7.

According to Jack Bennett, comparing last season's conference title to this season's is like choosing which of your children you like best. Each is special in its own way.

For UWSP, the back-to-back championships took fruition under two totally different scenarios. Last season Point's magical team won the regular season crown by two complete games. Contrast that to this year's squad, which snuck up on the rest of the WIAC to earn a share of the title with UW-Whitewater.

"Last year's championship was so special," Bennett said. "This (year's) was like the prodigal son that came back. This will be an example in the future of staying true to what you do best."

UWSP clinched a share of the championship with a decisive 76-61 win at UW-Superior Saturday afternoon.

Leading 24-20 with four minutes remaining in the first half, Point closed out the half with a 9-0 run to take a 33-20 halftime lead. Jay Bennett paced UWSP with 12 points in the first half on his way to 16 points and nine rebounds for the game.

"It was by far the most complete game I've seen him play, and that's high school and college," Coach Bennett said of his son, whom he also coached in high school at Rhinelander.

The Pointers increased the lead to as many as 20 at 47-27 three minutes into the second half but Superior made an 11-0 run to cut UWSP lead to nine.

Point's advantage was 54-45 with 7:35 remaining when they embarked on a 9-0 spurt to put the Yellow Jackets away.

## Benjamin named scholar-athlete

UW-Stevens Point's Tim Benjamin has been named the 2001 Max Sparger Men's Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete, it was announced recently by WIAC Commissioner Gary Karner.

Benjamin, a senior from Forest Lake, Minn., is majoring in computer information systems and minoring in chemistry with a 3.33 grade point average. He is a three-time member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll and has earned Honors at UWSP two semesters.

Benjamin helped the Pointers to their second consecutive WIAC title last weekend in Oshkosh. It was also the fourth conference crown in the last five seasons for the Pointers. Benjamin claimed the 200- and 500-freestyle titles and was a member of the winning 800 freestyle relay team. He now has been a member of three 800 freestyle relay championship squads in his career. In addition to his conference acclaims, Benjamin is a member of the 800 freestyle relay team that holds the UWSP pool record.

Benjamin has also held a management position with the UWSP Res Net Office. He is the manager of six employees and 1,300 customers.

Benjamin is the third Pointer in as many seasons to win the Scholar-Athlete Award. In addition, the Pointers have received the honor in five of the last six seasons.

UW-Eau Claire's Derek Wallen was also nominated for the award.

## Track

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cally qualified for the NCAA's in the 400 meter dash in 48.78.

Mike Mead also turned in an impressive performance in the high jump (2.04 m) and provisionally qualified for the NCAA's.

Noah Eschenbach earned two first place spots in the shot put (15.5 m) and the weight throw (17.32 m), which was also a provisional qualifying mark.

Rounding out the top finishers was Cory Lesparance in the long jump (6.91 m).

Both Pointer teams will head to Oshkosh on Saturday for the Titan Invitational.

UWSP will return home the following week for the WIAC Indoor Championships.

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# Popularity of challenging coyote hunting on the rise

By Ryan Naidl  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR  
And Chris Lefebvre  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Although a recent Pointer article may have poked fun at the sport of coyote hunting, all kidding aside, the sport is really quite challenging and can test the skills of even the most advanced hunter. Open almost entirely year around, coyote hunting may be the perfect remedy to thaw your late winter blues.

The keen senses of coyotes give them advantages not found in many other wild game species. Their combined senses of hearing, sight, and smell allow them to be some of the most agile hunters in the northwoods while also making "yotes" a difficult species to outwit while out in the field.

Perhaps the number one goal in hunting Wisconsin coyotes is understanding the animal itself and the way it interacts with its environment. In most hunting instances, it will be beneficial to imitate the sound of some kind of distressed prey to get the attention of the animal. Coyotes will usually respond to the sound of prey by getting down wind of the animal in

attempt to pick up a scent trail. This instinct can immediately produce problems for hunters as coyotes may pick up the hunter's scent while trying to find their prey. It will be in the hunter's advantage if you can locate the animals and then set up in an open area that the animals must run through before getting in a down wind position.

If the coyote does not pick up any unfamiliar scent and decides to make its move on the prey, they will be looking for any kind of movement so a twitch or jerk by the hunter can spook the animals once they are in sight. Any movement that needs to be made should be done when the coyote has moved behind cover. In addition, decoys can be big help in taking the animal's attention off the hunter.

When searching for a good area to hunt coyotes in Wisconsin, several principles come into effect. Hunting spots should have enough cover to conceal you and also allow the animals to feel protected. Fresh coyote signs are also important to find as that can give good indications that the animals are present.

It is also important to hunt an area that will be suitable to the gun you are using. The decision between a shotgun or rifle

can dictate the area you will want to hunt. If you use a rifle, open spaces will be the best area to hunt while thick, more covered areas should be hunted with shotguns. Rifles should be small in caliber such as a .22-250 or a .223. If you're using a shotgun, 12 gauge is the preferred size and 2 and 3/4 or 3 inch shell with #4 buckshot will fit the situation. A scope should be used with the rifle but is not needed with the shotgun.

Coyote calls are nearly a necessity while hunting these animals. Calls can imitate anything from a distressed rabbit or woodpecker, to a fellow coyote looking for a mate. Electronic calls are legal for hunting coyotes in Wisconsin and are popular among hunters.

Camouflage clothing is also important to add to your gear list in an effort to keep you concealed while out in the bush. Since coyotes have such amazing sight, camo gloves and a face mask are also recommended beyond standard camo clothing. There are no blaze orange requirements while coyote hunting.

The best time of day to hunt coyotes is typically an hour before sunset to an hour and a half after sunrise. Since Wisconsin regulations allow for hunting all at hours

throughout most of the year, night hunts can be successful especially on nights when there is a full moon and a good layer of snow on the ground. However, some regulations do apply to night hunting when certain other hunting seasons are in progress.

As far as time of year is concerned, February can be a good time to hunt, as this is the annual mating season for the animals. This is a great time to use calls that will imitate other coyotes. Also, October and November offer prime opportunities as the young of the year coyotes are very active during these months, looking for new territory. It is important to remember that coyote hunting does close during the gun deer season above Hwy. 29.

Coyote hunting seems to be gaining popularity while their populations in the state are strong and healthy. Despite the challenge hunting coyotes presents, the rewards of harvesting one of these magnificent animals will make the preparation and time put into the hunt worth the efforts. Not only that, but coyote hunting is also a great way to enjoy these last days of the winter season.

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Roots and Shoots visits Vilas Zoo in Madison. (L to R) Mike Becker, Lori Becker, Colleen Robinson and students. Check out the next issue of the Pointer for a full story.

## Preparing for spring turkey hunting

By Charlie Janssen  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Spring turkey hunting permits have arrived for most people in the mail. Now is the time to start preparing for your hunt. One of the main reasons a turkey hunt fails is because of lack of preparation by the hunter.

If you are anything like me, you budget your money closely and are living on a student's wages. For this reason it will be important to start your shopping right away. Not everyone needs to buy their tools for success, however it does make things more convenient.

Some of the items you might want to think about bringing on your hunt include turkey calls, camouflage (suit and facemask), turkey decoys, a shotgun and proper ammunition. All of the supplies listed are not essential but do help when enticing that tom turkey into shooting range.

There are many different types of turkey calls to choose from. My personal favorite is the diaphragm call. This call fits in your mouth and keeps your hands free from movement.

Next, there is the slate call. This call is a little easier to master and produces clear sounds that may travel long distances. It is usually a round flat piece of stone with a striker stick made of wood or synthetic materials.

There are two different types

of box calls. The first is a push button call. This call is extremely easy to use. It just requires you to push a button. There is also a model that is long and has a cover that is attached by one end. This is usually the next preferred call by hunters because of the purity of sounds made by it.

Locator calls are popular. They help hunters locate the birds early in the morning. They come in a variety of different styles anywhere from crow calls to peacock calls. However I have found out that banging two pots together works just as well. All you are trying to do is wake the bird up from its sleep and make it gobble.

Any one of these calls are great, yet nothing takes the place of practice. It helps to have the calls well ahead of the season to ensure you will sound half way decent in the woods.

Proper camouflage is a must. A turkey's eyesight is phenomenal. When they have to be close to kill, you can imagine why it is necessary. If you do not have expensive camouflage it helps to sit in shadows. This also includes a facemask and gloves. I once scared away a turkey by blinking my eyes at 100 yards.

Turkey decoys are relatively inexpensive and are beneficial. Sometimes you don't even have to call if you have the decoys set up properly. In any case they help

attract curious as well as wary birds. It is usually a good idea to face the decoys toward you when setting them up so the turkey is looking away from you when it is focused on the decoy.

Turkey guns have come a long way. They are lighter guns that shoot a better pattern. They have also come down in price. You can find a new one for as low as \$200. You do not need a specialized turkey gun to hunt turkeys. The 12 gauge is most common however some people do use a 20 gauge.

Copper plated shells are what works best when shooting a mature bird. They do not lose their form and have better penetration. Two and three quarter inch to 3 inch shells are standard. All work fine but bigger is better. The size shot I prefer is six, however you can use anything from size four to seven.

Bow hunting turkeys can be a very rewarding challenge. Any type of bow will work as long as it has a 35 pound pull or more. It is very important to be an accurate shot because the turkey's vitals are small.

Preparing now for turkey hunting will help when the season comes around. This information will help you bag a Tom turkey, however as any turkey hunter knows, nothing is for sure in the turkey woods.

## Spring fever now delivered straight to your mailbox

By Steve Seamandel  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Call me crazy, but I can feel it. I can definitely feel spring in the air. That's right, I've got spring fever. This is definitely the earliest I've ever felt it, but that unmistakable feeling of high spring anticipations are flowing throughout my body right now. Although the temps are still in the single-digits and we're still in the great month of February, I think it's safe to say that the majority of our favorite season is almost behind us.

In a mere three weeks, spring break will be here. Now, generally, I'm way off in my weather forecasts, but I've got a good feeling about this year. I'm betting that by this spring break, it will actually be decent outside. I'm not predicting 70's and sun, but then again, if he had that last February, there's no telling what we'll get this March.

Soon, the weather will heat up, lakes will begin to thaw, and the spring Cabela's catalogs will be stuffing our mailboxes. By then we'll be so anxious to get out on the lakes that we'll page through the catalog circling things that need to reside in our tackle boxes.

And then of course, after everything is circled, we begin rationalizing. Do we really need a bucket of 500 plastic worms for \$19.99? Or what about that \$70 rod and reel combo? But just by having them after they're delivered, we feel that much closer to being out on the lake.

It makes me laugh every year when I start getting countless catalogs from every fishing company known to man. Even Fleet Farm will see me a few times meandering up and down the fishing aisles. While driving past lakes, I think to myself, "Hmmm ... that would be an awesome spot to throw the anchor down."

My point? Well, hobbies always seem to prove themselves more important than necessities, but I guess it just goes to show you how strong your love for the outdoors is when every little thing reminds you of being out on the lake in the spring.

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## Hoops

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According to Coach Shirley Egner, the team's defensive play was the reason for the win. Kraemer held UW-La Crosse's hot shooter, Jill Murray to four early points and then shut her down completely. Murray had scored 36 points in the teams' first meeting at Berg Gym this season.

"Kraemer defensively man-handled Jill Murray with all out hustle and determination," said Egner.

The Pointers pulled down 27 offensive rebounds, almost equal to their defensive effort of 31, which led to controlling the game.

"Our kids were anxious, but excited about being in this situation. I don't think we were too nervous," Egner stated. "We came out and attacked."

A victory on Saturday against UW-Superior gave the Pointers the number three ranking they were gunning for. It marks the first time since 1987 that the women have hosted a postseason game.

The Yellowjackets were in the game for nine minutes, and were only down 16-15. UWSP then went on a 25-4 run en route to the 93-45 win.

Amie Schultz led the Pointers in scoring with 17 points while three other players scored in double digits. Schultz also pulled down six rebounds, as did Kari Groshek.

The Pointers likely end their season with a record of 20-6. The 20 wins are the most in a season since UWSP went 27-2 in the 1986-87 season.

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## Transit:

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Although there are the designated stops, Lemke assures that any of the eleven drivers for the city will pick up passengers at stop signs almost anywhere along their drive.

"That's the nice thing about living in a place like Stevens Point," says Lemke. "Because of our friendly community, our drivers have the luxury of making non-scheduled stops, just as long as they are safe and on time to the destination. Just get our attention and our drivers will make sure to pick you up."

While the current system caters to many student and community needs, there are some potential plans that the city is starting to look into that will further meet UWSP students' needs.

"We are considering exploring a new system that will specifically work for students," says Lemke.

Currently, the transit system is only available on weekdays from 6:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. The new system, called U-Pass, is specifically geared for universities. It could potentially extend hours to make traveling at night safer and reduce traffic around town and the campus. Campuses that already utilize U-Pass include UW-Madison, UW-LaCrosse, and UW-Oshkosh.

Adding to safety precautions, U-Pass might also be able to gather students from local bars late at night to reduce the risk of driving under the influence.

However, Lemke says that the city is just beginning to look into a public transportation university system.

"It's something to look at for the future. We'd have to do a 'needs analysis' and decide what service to provide for our campus," she said.

Students can pick up schedules and maps at the University Center, outlet stores, and all city buses. Transit passes can be purchased at Copps South, County Market, Park Ridge Pharmacy or the CenterPoint MarketPlace. For more information on the transit system, students can contact Susan Lemke of the Point Transit office at 341-4490 or try their website at <http://ci.stevens-point.wi.us/transit>.

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## Letters from the edge of the world



### Dream a little dream with me....

By Pat "omphalopsychite" Rothfuss  
I regret nothing.

Well, last week I demanded letters and threatened a sickeningly-sweet column if none were forthcoming. I had the column all planned out, it was going to be titled "the women in my life" or something like that. A sentimental stroll down memory lane. Painful. Nauseating. I was really getting ready to dish it out.

Then I got this letter. Thus sparing all of you from the aforementioned column. But, as you can see, this might be one of those instances where the cure is worse than the disease ....

Dear Pat "controller of the fates" Rothfuss,

I guess I'll start off by stroking your ego just a bit. I wrote to you last year after I had a very sexual LEGO™ dream. You, with your infinite wisdom, were able to tell me exactly what it meant. My life was good. So, it is with high hope that I come to you now with another dream ....

This one begins with me and a bunch of my friends outside in a residential

neighborhood. We're running around, playing a game, when it comes to our attention that all the buildings are starting on fire. Every time we try to go into a house to escape our impending doom, that house will catch on fire, and we will be forced to leave.

As we flee from one of the last houses not on fire, one of our other friends tells everyone that he can save us! Hurray!! He goes on to tell us that all we have to do is cover ourselves in hi s... Wel l... His sperm.

Well, we all look around at one another and decide that this option might leave us slightly sticky, but we will be alive. (and that's what really matters) So this friend of mine proceeds to cover each and every one of us with his magical, fire-retardant sperm which is coming out like water from a sprinkler.

Once we're covered, we know that we're safe from the fire and the dream ends.

I hope you'll be able to answer my question, it's really quite simple. What does this mean for our relationship?

Love, Saryn

P.S. I already have an "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt. Can I have a "I am still not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt instead?

I tell you what. After this, I'm willing to spring for a "not Pat Rothfuss" tattoo across your forehead. I ... I really can't think of anything to say at all. I mean, how can I possibly write anything more bizarre than what you've sent me? Forget Freud. I'd need Fellini to help me interpret this one.

I'm not sure I can answer your question ("What does this mean for our relationship?") If you mean our relationship, you and me, I have to say that this letter changes things a little bit. Your erotic Lego dream was freaky-funny, but this one is more freaky-freaky. Frankly, if this is an indication of where our relationship is headed, I'm a little concerned. I mean, I still like you. You're really nice. But I think I might need more space. Or at least some advance warning before your next letter so I can stock up on bourbon.

On the other hand, if you're talking about your asbestos-testicle "friend," there are a couple directions that your

relationship could go at this point.

Most notably, if you dream about him two more times, he becomes your spirit animal. This means he will provide spiritual guidance and (potentially) other mystic abilities in addition to protection from fire. However, that can be a big step to take, so don't rush into anything.

On a less ethereal note, there is a remote possibility that something slightly out-of-the-ordinary might be going on with this "friend" of yours. The houses in your dream obviously represent security and stability. The fire represents your lust (in all honesty, probably your lust for me) which threatens that security. The um .... the ....

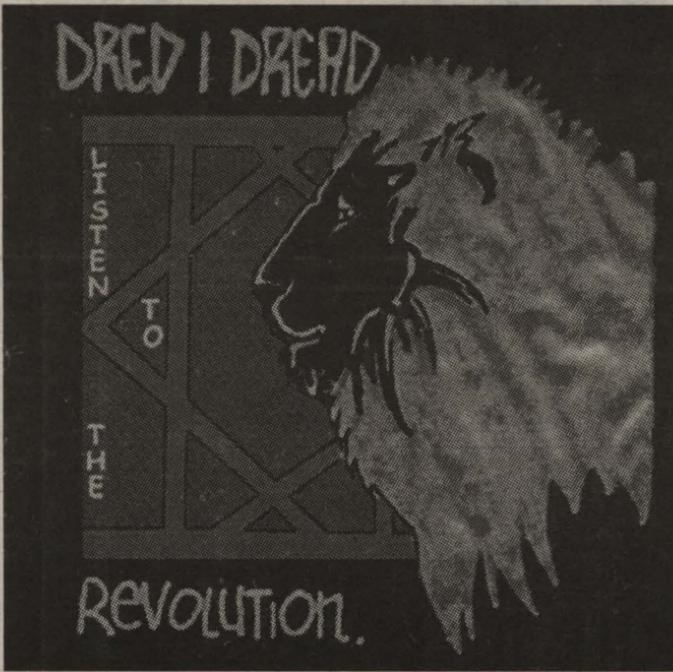
No. I'm sorry. I can't do this. It's just too weird. Seriously.

This is proof that Pat Rothfuss will print any letter you send him. Go ahead, brighten up his sad little world by asking for advice at [proth@wsunix.edu](mailto:proth@wsunix.edu).

## Dred I Dread

Listen to the Revolution, The album that attracted instant attention for the Minneapolis reggae/hip hop group, is a combination of soulful grooves and upbeat reggae rhythms. The blending of sweet vocal harmonies, catchy arrangements and true to life lyrics make for a great musical creation.

Dred I Dread will be playing tonight (Thursday, Feb. 22) at The WITZ End, located on North Second Street. Come out and show your support for this unique band, and catch a great show!



## CD Review

By John Adams  
Music Director  
WWSP



John Frusciante: *To Record only Water for Ten Days*

Red Hot Chili Peppers guitarist John Frusciante's third solo album *To Record Only Water for Ten Days* is as far from *Californication* as most bandwagon RHCP fans care to go. The album isn't much more than a demo as Frusciante takes the idea of "solo album" to extremes. In the fashion of Dave Grohl, Frusciante plays all the instruments and programmed the drums, giving him total artistic freedom.

This lo-fi experiment in music and time combines Depeche Mode-like beats, moody and tearing guitar riffs, and quirky synths with Frusciante's somewhat haunting vocals. *To Record Only Water* is stripped down, bare bones, pop rock at its best. But I bet you've never heard anything like it...

The opening track, "Going Inside," is most likely to be the "hit" on the album, but I doubt *To Record Only Water for Ten Days* will see the commercial success RHCP is used to. That's the way most Frusciante fans like it. But if you must draw a comparison, check out the track "Fallout."

John Frusciante is a true musician, instantly recognizable and yet tremendously original. I wish I heard more CDs like this every week.

Album Rating: 9

Recommended if you like:  
Depeche Mode  
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## Who's the Star & Who's the Hustler?

By C.A. Goldmine

Perhaps you've heard about the new band in town and perhaps not. Regardless, they are here and they are making a following for themselves. In less than a month the group has accumulated a fairly large number of interested audience members, who leave performances feeling both uplifted and enlightened.

The music is difficult to categorize due to the varying styles of the two songwriters in the group. A conglomeration of psychedelic folk rock, with gothic overtones and amazing lyrical expression is what you get when you witness this musical experience. High energy is a priority for the band. If they don't get you off of your ass, they'll be disappointed, and will push even harder to get everyone in the audience moving, and on the same intense wavelength that they are on. It is all about the experience. The atmosphere they create, the feelings they evoke and the music they reveal are something that everyone should be a part of.

The band-mates are made up of creative electric guitar phenom, Pete, whose songs range from haunting to humorous, and subconsciously summon you to listen, riveting bassist, Lucas, whose thundering low end will put you in a trance, stellar drummer, Ryan, who adds a complex dimension to the music which makes it clear that a drummer is not just one who hits things, and female songwriter/guitarist/front-woman, Sasha, whose intense stage presence demands attention and compels audiences.

Star Hustler has a couple of shows lined up in March, and will be a more and more common name around the area as time goes on. To catch the group in action, be at The Mission Coffee House on Thursday, March 1 at 8 p.m. sharp for a **free show**, or show up at The Witz End on Saturday, March 10 for a more lengthy display of cryptic and compelling creativity.

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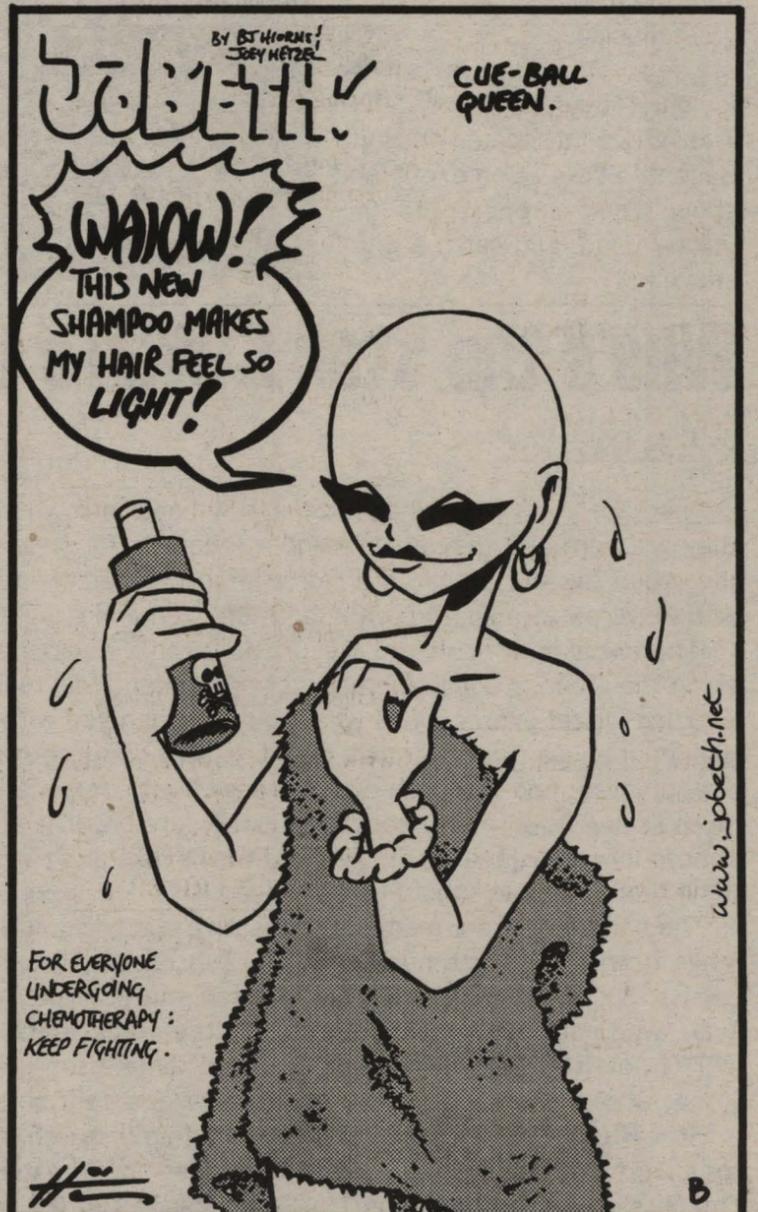


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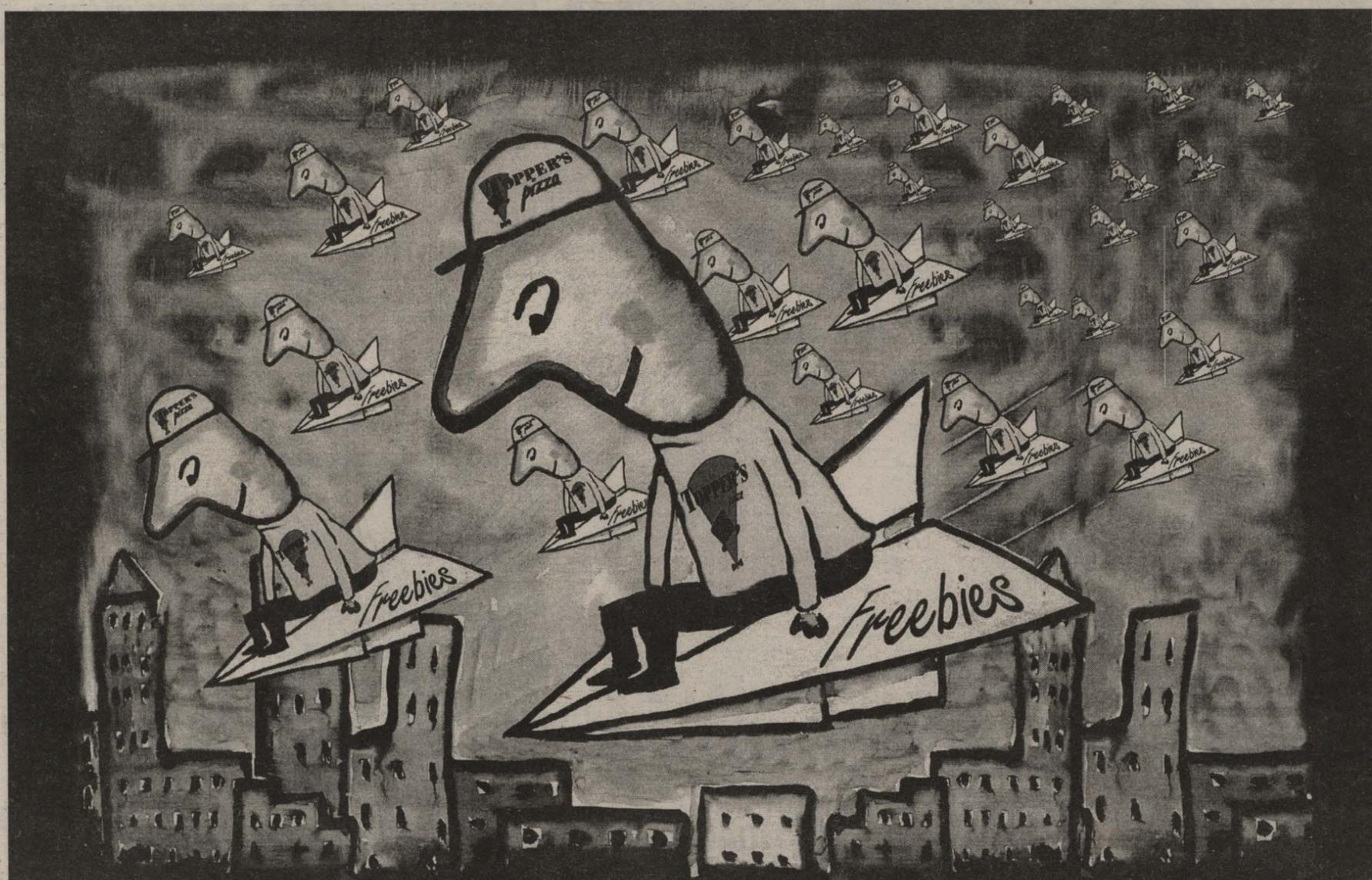
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