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Kohl visits Point to discuss education

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

U.S Senator Herb Kohl, D-Wisconsin, spoke out about improvements that need to be made to the state’s public school system at the Wisconsin State Guidance Counselors Association state conference held at the Holiday Inn Convention and Expo Center in Stevens Point on Friday.

Kohl stated that school counselors and educators have worked hard to help students achieve. Students are showing continued improvement on state tests in nearly every subject, particularly in science and math and across all groups, including African Americans, the disabled, and the economically disadvantaged.

However, Kohl said our public schools still face huge challenges. “Too many students do not have the skills they need to compete in the 21st century economy. And the achievement gap between poor and more affluent students remains alarmingly wide.”

“We should not eliminate the federal role in education. Instead, we must put aside partisan bickering and focus on what the American people are focused on, and that is results,” Kohl said.

Kohl believes that results will occur from the Public Education Reinvestment. See KOHL on Page 12.

T'Shaka
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...up to African Americans to stand up for themselves.

“Unlike the sixties we can’t rely on a single leader to rise up and save us,” he said.

Organizers from the BSU were pleased with the results of the 3rd Annual Food Dinner.

“People came out to enjoy not just the food but the cultural experience,” said Davida Smith. T’Shaka’s call to action gave people a lot to think about, according to Smith.

“He was a tad more extreme than last year’s speaker — but we received feedback from people that it made them think a little more,” said Smith. “It’s a brave record to hear people not only left with a full stomach but they left with something on their minds.”

T’Shaka has taught at San Francisco State University for 29 years and helped in founding one of the first colleges of ethnic studies in 1968.

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PARKING SERVICES ANNOUNCES WINNERS

This year Parking Services is rewarding students that obey the parking regulations. If you do not receive a citation, you are automatically eligible for monthly prize drawings. Three prizes are awarded each month in a randomly selected drawing.

Congratulations to the November, December and January winners!

David Oaks, Burlington
1 free parking permit for 2001-02 academic year.

Lisa Trojanowski, Wausau
Emergency road kit, blanket, gloves and hat.

Sarah Kaatz, Merrill
UWSP basketball and auto vacuum.

Marion Herkert, Marshfield
A portable CD player.

Nicholas Emprey, Athens
UWSP basketball and phone card.

Bradley Fassbender, Slinger
1 free parking permit for 2001-02 academic year.

Jill Lewinski, Stevens Point
UWSP basketball and phone card.

Kristen Stencil, Mosinee
1 free parking permit for 2001-02 academic year.

Adam Page, Rockford
A portable CD player.

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SGA presidential candidates’ platforms:

Jeffrey LaPlant and Matthew Stefan

Parking:
- LaPlant/Stefan will strive to help the parking problem at UWSP by buying nearby unused lots.
- LaPlant/Stefan are in support of building a parking ramp or asking the Rice Clinic/ST. Michael to add on to their parking ramp, so both the university and the clinic can use it.
- LaPlant/Stefan support preserving green space.
- LaPlant/Stefan will work very closely with the parking committee to better suit the needs of our students.

Residence Hall Association:
- LaPlant/Stefan will work closer with the Residence Hall Association (RHA).
- LaPlant/Stefan believe the Residence Hall Association and the Student Government Association are two of the biggest organizations on campus that cover every student on therefore it is vital to have great communication and networking between these two organizations.

Diversity:
- LaPlant/Stefan believe UWSP promoted diversity very well this year, but believe the university still needs to do more by bringing in more speakers and putting on more programs.
- LaPlant/Stefan support implantation of Plan 2008.
- LaPlant/Stefan support Residential Living's Diversity Internship program and other programs, to recruit students of color.

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From the Editor's Desk
Who the heck is Justin?

By Andrea Wetzel

For the past two weeks, students all over this campus have been wondering, Who is Justin and why do people agree with him?

It's hard not to notice Justin's expansive advertising campaign with his green "I agree with Justin" posters, the full page advertisement in The Pointer and the large amounts of people running around wearing fluorescent green T-shirts. At first the ad campaign struck me as kind of annoying mainly because I wasn't sure what Justin was trying to sell. But then people started coming to me one by one, at Country Kitchen, in the Sundial, everywhere, asking me what was up with this whole Justin thing. After a few days of that, I understood why it was so effective. The advertising campaign was so LARGE! In order to find an answer to all of these questions, I journaled to the fluorescent green booth in the University Center to talk to Justin's friends.

A girl at the booth informed me that Justin Olson is a student here in Point and I could find him eating lunch in the Wooden Spoon. It was pretty easy to spot the table full of green "I agree with Justin" T-shirts. And then I saw Justin sporting a T-shirt stating, "Hi, I'm Justin." Only through chatting with Justin and his friends could I truly discover what all the hoopla was about. Justin, a member of Student Impact, is advocating a re-examination of sorts of conventional religion.

According to Justin, the purpose of the campaign is to give people the opportunity to look at Christ from a different angle and think about their own faith. "Most people would agree with me that there is a God, but I believe that Jesus Christ came to Earth to take the place of man's sin," said Justin. "Because of our sin, we deserve hell, but Christ came so that I and all USP students could spend eternity in Heaven."

In other words, Justin is advocating the forgiving nature of the Christian God rather than trying to achieve perfection to reach heaven.

According to Justin one can not do enough good works to truly deserve heaven. Through the advertising campaign, Justin and his friends have provoked a campus-wide curiosity. They also provided a forum for open discussion through their booth and their easily identifiable green-shirted membership.

Although not all students have agreed with Justin's message, he inspired people to consider things that they normally might not have.

Much has been made of the Boy Scouts of America standing pat on the private group's outdated policy of excluding gays. What seems so obvious to the greater society, including the Girl Scouts, has yet to register with Boy Scout leaders.

The Madison School Board, in designating a school official to combat discrimination against homosexuals, and the United Way of Dane County, in drafting a new non-discrimination policy, are local examples of major headway. The downside of the Boy Scouts' policy erupted in the Wisconsin Legislature Feb. 13, when state Representatives squabbled bitterly over Assembly Joint Resolution 12, which in its pre-amended form would have sanctioned the Boy Scouts' anti-gay stance.

With the conflict likely to mount, there is a way out for Boy Scout troops caught in the crossfire: Pack 33 of the Honey Creek Community School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, decided to switch its affiliation to the Camp Fire Boys and Girls Club.

Established in 1910 the Camp Fire Boys and Girls Club states as one of its core values: We are inclusive, welcoming children, youth and adults regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity. The Campfire Boys and Girls Club Web address is www.campfire.org.

For more information about the Boy Scouts contact the Wisconsin office at 1-800-227-9600.

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To think like a kid
To get more people to agree with Justin

Photos by Luke Zancanaro

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Research grant available to students

By Katie Harding
FEATURES EDITOR

Are you an undergraduate student hoping to research a project, but you lack the necessary funds? A research grant for up to $500 is available to undergraduate students at UWSP.

The student research fund will provide students with finances to support expenses acquired during the performance of their independent research.

The recipients must be enrolled in a 300-level course and must have a faculty member to oversee and mentor them in their research. The faculty member must also write a letter of recommendation for the student.

"Many faculty members are more than willing to help their students with a research project," said Professor Diane Bywaters, chair of the student research fund.

Though the basis for the grant is competitive, very few students are rejected funds for their project. Some are asked to resubmit their proposals to the committee due to the complexity of language.

Your proposal should be written for an audience who may have no direct professional knowledge of your academic subject, that is, it should be self-explanatory for an intelligent reader outside your field of study.

"We want a clearly written, well organized proposal," said Bywaters. "They should be "written to the layperson," she adds.

"I want other students to be aware that this option is available," Bywaters adds that most students who turn in a clearly organized proposal are granted some monetary assistance to aid them in their research.

"Last year, out of 46 applicants, we awarded 41 students grants averaging $471 per person," said Cindy Marczak, program assistant to the student research fund.

"A person from Chicago contacted me and was very interested in my research and would like me to possibly set up a system for him," said Joshua Eastman, a former grant winner.

"He was also interested in funding my project if any more finances were needed," he added.

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The second phase, hosted by both Detjen and Denardinis at midnight and features four hours of different electronic music styles.

At about 2:30 a.m., the show highlights "The Cloud Chamber," which explores deep realms of ambient electronic music and features guest DJs.

"Electronic music has much to offer people," Denardinis said.

"Whether it is the jazzy mellow groove of a downtempo track, or the invigorating tempo and rhythm of a four-on-the-floor stomper, electronic music is alive and growing in Central Wisconsin," he adds.

You can cap listen to 90fm on campus at 90.9FM or straight from their website at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwwsp.
Mustard Plug headlines for UWSP’s ska fest

The fifth annual Ska Fest will bring performers Mustard Plug and 5 O’Clock Charlie to UWSP. The performance is in the UC Encore at 8 p.m., Friday, March 2.


They followed it with more touring including the 1998 Ska Against Racism Tour, Snow Jam in Canada and a sold-out Japanese tour.

They have toured with national acts such as Face To Face, NOFX, Less Than Jake and others.

The most recent release, Pray For Mojo, includes 12 new original songs.

Mustard Plug records under the Hopeless Records label.

Ska Fest is sponsored by UWSP’s Centertainment Productions.

Tickets, available at the door are four dollars or free for UWSP students with ID.

For more information about the fest, call 346-3000.

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Taste of the Town
By Tracy Nolan
FEATURES REPORTER

For about the third time in three years, the restaurant on the corner of Maria Dr. and Isadore St. has again changed hands.

It is now known as "The Keg" and was visited by myself and two friends last week.

We ventured there on a Tuesday evening about 6 p.m. and found the place to be relatively quiet, except for some bar business.

The three of us each ordered a beer followed by a Bloody Mary. The prices were average and the Bloody Mary’s were on special for the evening.

The service was very good, and when we were through with our meal, the cook (which I would guess is the owner) came out to check on our meals and to ask us to come back again.

I would recommend The Keg for a casual dining experience.

**OVERALL RATING:** **  

The menu is basic but the prices seemed fair to all of us.

Our bill totaled $35.73 and that included two entrees, one huge portion of deluxe nachos, and six alcoholic beverages.

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** Don’t shove this down your worst enemy’s throat.

** Maybe you’ll leave with a good treat for your pet.

*** Decent food, price, service and atmosphere.

**** Perfect dining experience.

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** FEATURES **

** UWSP hosts an evening of women's history and music **

On March 6, Gerri Gribi will perform "A Musical Romp Through Women's History" at 7 p.m. in the UC Encore.

A unique musician, historian and storyteller, Gerri Gribi has toured North America for nearly 20 years.

She's performed in the venues you'd expect—theaters, coffeehouses, schools, convocations and folk festivals—and some you probably wouldn't, like military bases and prisons.

Accompanying her clear soprano voice with autoharp, mountain dulcimer and guitar, she brings history to life in a way which is lively, fun, and even educational.

Gribi was disturbed by the fact that most traditional women's songs portrayed women as victims.

Gribi said, "In all the songs I knew or had heard, women were either killing themselves because they couldn't get married, or killing themselves because they did."

"In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death."

- Anne Frank

** Internationally acclaimed musician to perform at UWSP **

** By Katie Harding  FEATURES EDITOR **

An alluring display of complicated north Indian classical drumming will take place at UWSP on Monday, March 5.

Sandip Burman, an internationally acclaimed tabla musician will combine Indian music with an Indian philosophy during his performance.

Having received numerous degrees and awards, he has established himself as one of the most talented young tabla players in Indian Classical music.

Recently, he has been collaborating and touring with jazz musician, Bela Fleck and is a guest star on the Flecktones' most recent Grammy winning album, Outbound.

Burman has toured, taught and recorded throughout the U.S., Europe, Mexico, North Africa, Israel and Canada.

He has also recorded and performed with numerous jazz and world music artists and contributed to the movie score of Tim Burton's Mars Attacks!

Recent performances in this country include the opening event of the Getty Museum in California, a solo performance at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and the Baltimore International Rhythm and Drumming Society festival.

His talent and creativity are clearly evident, making his performances enjoyable and leaving his audience in awe of the artist and his art form.

"I heard him at the Festival of India, and his background and experience really show through in his performance," said Corinne Dempsey, religious studies professor.

His performances are marked with spontaneous innovation and tonal purity, even when delivering complex rhythmic patterns at dazzling speeds.

The event, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, College of Fine Arts and Communication, Multicultural Affairs and the Drumming Club, starts at 6:30 p.m. in the UC Encore.

Admission is free to students and the public.

For more information, contact Corinne Dempsey at 346-2505.

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** A celebration of wellness to take place **

Portage County's largest wellness fair is set to take place this Saturday.

The event will take place in CenterPoint Marketplace from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Wellness, formerly known as The Wellness Fair, is now in its 16th year.

The event will feature more than 60 booths of wellness-related organizations and businesses.

Open to the public, Celebrate Wellness will offer participants a variety of health screenings, children's activities, a full day of entertainment and numerous opportunities to discover health and wellness services available in our community.

Celebrate Wellness is presented by Saint Michael's Hospital/Ministry Health Care and supported by CenterPoint Marketplace, Buyer's Guide and Copps Corporation.

For more information, call the Celebrate Wellness hotline at 346-5566.
Sports

Basketball teams denied bids to NCAA tourney

Neither team receives berth in D-3 tourney despite solid seasons
By Nick Briwloski

SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's basketball teams each enjoyed one of their finest seasons in recent history this year.

Nonetheless, when the pairings for the NCAA Division III Tournament were announced Sunday night, neither Pointer team found itself continuing on in post-season play.

The disappointment for men's coach Jack Bennett and women's coach Shirley Egner, and many WIAC fans for that matter, comes from the fact that only UW-Eau Claire's teams, winners of the WIAC tourna¬ments, will represent the league.

Despite being considered one of the top conference in Division III for basketball, the WIAC did not receive further representation when the at-large bids were handed out.

"In the past, they've taken only UW-Eau Claire's teams, winners of the WIAC tournaments, to represent the league," said Bennett.

In an attempt to cut down on travel expenses two years ago, the NCAA trimmed the number of teams in the D-III Tournament from 64 to its current status. Both coaches would like to see the field return to 64 to try to improve the quality of play.

"What concerns me is you don't have the best teams playing in the tournament and I'm not sure how you get around it," said Egner.

"Let's go to 64 teams," let's not give anyone a bye and let's not play ball," said Bennett.

Within the context of the 64-team field, both coaches agreed that the league, the selection committee may have misinterpreted the balance of the WIAC as the lack of having teams worthy of an at-large bid.

"What more do you need as proof that this is an unbelievable conference?" - Jack Bennett

"That's not our problem," he said of the schools' income. "That's something we should be proud of.

While both coaches like the idea of the conference tournament, they also feel that there may be too much emphasis placed on whether or not a team wins its tournament and less on the regular season.

"I think the conference tournament is a good idea on the basis of giving everyone a chance of getting in, but it worked against our league this year," Bennett said.

"I just don't buy the idea that one night can negate three months. And somehow that takes on a greater proportion than what you do over three months."

Egner agreed saying, "I don't think it helps us, and as much as I like the conference tournament, I'm not sure it's helping us (get at-large bids.)"

This year's regular season in the men's portion of the WIAC provided perhaps the most parity in the history of high conference with co-champions UWSP and UW-Whitewater posting records of 10-6. Two other teams were tied for a share of first place going into the final day of the regular season and another two finished two games back.

Despite leading most of the league, the selection committee may have misinterpreted the balance of the WIAC as the lack of having teams worthy of an at-large bid.

"What more do you need as proof that this is an unbelievable conference?" Bennett asked.

"I'm not saying that (politics) take away from winning the regular season championship.

Women's hockey drops fourth straight

By Dan Mirman

Assistant Sports Editor

You don't want to have the weekend where you are outscored by a combined margin one week before the playoffs, especially to the same team the playoff matchup will come against. Yet that is the situation for the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team as it heads into the playoffs after dropping two games to UW-River Falls.

The Falcons then tacked on two games to the UWSP loss, 5-0, as it heads into the playoffs after losing all three games to the Pointers this weekend.

"They have us..." said Pointers' Jamie Bingley.

"We minimized our mistakes and didn't capitalize on theirs," said Head Coach Jason Lesteberg.

"They are a big team but we just could not sustain it in the final period," said Lesteberg.

"That's something we should be proud of," said Bennett.

"I'm not going to let the politics take away from winning the regular season championship." - Jack Bennett

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**The Week Ahead...**

**Women's Hockey:** At UW-River Falls (NCHA Tournament), Saturday, 3 p.m., and Sunday, noon or 3 p.m.

**Track and Field:** WIAC Indoor Championships, Friday, 1 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.

**Wrestling:** At NCAA Division II Championships (Waterloo, Iowa), Friday and Saturday.

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**Hockey bows out in NCHA semis**

Superior brings men's season to a close in NCHA Tournament

By Dan Mirman

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team looked primed for a deep playoff run after last week's dismantling of UW-Stout. However, those plans were derailed when it ran into the hottest hockey team in the nation last weekend at UW-Superior.

The Pointers dropped both games in their series as Superior extended the nation's longest winning streak to 19 games. The Pointers came the closest to taking a game from Superior in Saturday's contest. Even though Superior scored first, Point answered right back with a goal by Matt Interbartolo to send the game into the second period tied at a goal each.

In the second period Superior scored the only goal of the game less than a minute later. In the final period both teams were held scoreless and Superior picked up the 3-1 victory.

"I thought we played well," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta. "We just got beat by a really good team, they have too much skill, speed and toughness and when they get all the breaks too, they are extremely tough to beat."

Looking ahead to next year Point has a tall order to replace the 12 seniors they will be losing. Those players include their top four point scorers: Ryan Maxson, who led the team with 24 goals; Interbartolo, the leading point scorer with 47; Mikhail Salienko (30 points) and David Boehm (27 points).

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**Track teams prepare for WIAC Indoors**

By Craig Mandli

SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point track and field teams finished their regular seasons strong with matching second place finishes at the UW-Oshkosh last weekend.

The Pointer men were outdistanced by UW-Oshkosh (250.5 pts to 152.8 points) while the women came up a little short against the Titans (177.5 pts to 106 points).

"With the conference championships coming up this weekend, this was just a tune-up meet for us," said men's Head Coach Rick Witt. "We use these meets much like a football team uses their pre-season games - to get in shape and maybe let some athletes try new events," said Witt.

At the meet, Jody Butkowski set a school record in the women's triple jump with a lead of 37 feet, 3 1/4 inches and Chris Horvat had the nation's fastest performance in the men's 800 meters with a time of 1:53.42, which will qualify him for Nationals in the event.

Both distance medley relay teams won titles as the women ran 12:11.96 and the men won in 10:07.74. For the men, Noah Eisenbach won the men's weight throw at 57' 1" and was second in the shot put. Kyle Newman won the 200 meter dash in 22.78. Shane Suehring was second in the mile run.

On the women's side, Nicki Van Gheem was second in the women's 5,000 meters with a time of 20:05.34, despite running the event for the first time. Jenny Todd was second in the long jump and Lisa Brownie was second in the triple jump.

The WIAC indoor conference championships take place this Friday and Saturday (March 2-3) at the Multi-Activity Center on the UWSP campus.

Friday's events start at 1 p.m. while Saturday's action starts at 9 a.m. The weekend concludes with the crowning of the conference champions set for 5:15 p.m. Saturday.
Head to head: spin casting or fly-fishing?

Spin fishing is for the losers of the group

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Fly-fishing, the true art. You really don’t get much better than a quiet morning on the stream, trout grabbing caddis flies of the surface of the water, and the delicate cast of a fly-fisherman gently presenting a hand tied fly the size of your pinky nail to some of the most beautiful fish on this planet. Ahh, this is the good life.

Sport fishing is for the cate cast of a fly-fishermen generation. Dating back to 200 devoted parts of their work to the outdoors and allows you to connect with these places in an exciting way. Sport fishing, such as fly-fishing, evolved into the most extreme of all fishing styles. A decent angler can catch fish using a spinning rod, but a true student of the sport extends far beyond trout fishing.

Anything from muskie to marlin are being taken on the fly, and the anglers that achieved these great feats must study the fish as well as the capabilities of their equipment to be successful. An angler using bait or lures can allow dumb luck and chance to guide their fishing trips and still catch fish. The fly-fishermen must come to an understanding of the basic principles of casting a fly rod as well as the diet of the fish. And even then, the fish may still outwit the angler. It is a challenge, a puzzle and the fly angler must know their prey with a much deeper understanding than those who are chucking lures or throwing bait.

But through this understanding, the fly angler can become more successful and also gain a more profound enjoyment of their time on the water. Taking a fish on the fly is a rush that the spin-casting fishermen cannot understand. The drag on the fly reel is usually much looser than a spinning reel giving the fish that ability to make longer runs. Not to mention that the added length of a fly rod allows the angler to feel every thrust and head shake the fish makes. The added challenges that fly fishing brings to the table makes every fish brought to hand a special thing for the fly angler.

If you talk to an angler about their dream catch they will probably give you a detailed-filled description of the most amazing fish scenario they could ever conjure up. Perhaps a world record steelhead on a pristine stream in Alaska, or a mammoths gargantuous bass the size of a small whale will be the focal point of the angler’s dream. Whatever it is, when the angler adds the words “on the fly” the description becomes all the more impressive. Fly-fishing takes anglers to the edge and then pushes them off and the entire process is a wild ride. Tight lines to all you fly fishing fools and for those of you who long to master the sport, the fly are waiting!

Spun for spin casting

By Steve Seamandell
OUTDOORS EDITOR

You wake up early and step outside only to see the rising sun reflect off the dew-covered grass. With your gear packed in the boat, you slowly move off from the pier, making the first waves of the day on the lake. As you come closer to your coveted spot, you kill the outboard and row yourself into prime position. You gently pick up your rod, set the drag, hook a small minnow and cast it away, hoping that the undulating tunker feet from your boat is looking for breakfast.

Now, while arguing the pros and cons of fly-fishing versus spin fishing, we must remember that everything is strictly opinionated and based on preference. Of course, those who started out on a flyrod will always have a slight advantage over spin-fishing and vice-versa. However, I would not be the fisherman that I am today without my adventures in the boat with a good ol’ fashioned rod and reel.

Although I have had very limited experiences with fly-fishing, if I ever had the choice of fly-fishing versus bait casting of any type, I’d take my good ol’ Daiwa rod and reel combo any day.

The memories alone being in the boat with relatives and friends are enough to sway me. I think that there is so much more to fishing than just a rod, lure and water. There are memories to be had, experiences awaiting you every day and so much more than just catching fish.

Fly-fishing may have more of a history behind it, but for those who are looking for more modern techniques and technology, spin casting is definitely where it’s at. You have the ultimate choice of how advanced you want to get as well. You can fish in a $10,000 boat with Lowrance locators, ultra-light graphite rods and the most expensive lures on the market. Likewise, you can catch just as many with a $20 Fleet Farm rod and reel combo, a dozen worms and a rowboat. That is what I love – you’ve got tons of options and with each option comes a new possibility for you to experience and treasure. Your trips are never the same unless you want them to be.

Of course, because you’ve got a boat, this also means that you have more access to water. Whether it be more lakes or rivers, more spots on one lake, or even access to one really dependable crib, you’ve always got traveling options with boats. It’s not only the type of rod that benefits spin-casters, but also the other equipment that typically goes hand in hand with it like boats, outboard and trolling motors and fish finders.

I’ll always love spin casting for many reasons. There are so many aspects that you will get with a spinning reel that you wouldn’t get with a fly rod. However, with benefits come snags, in the literal sense. You get a nasty tangle every once in awhile?

All in all, spin casting has always been a new “revolutionary” way to fish. Who would have thought that one day, we’d have such technology and state-of-the-art contraptions made just so we can catch fish?
Roots and Shoots program
a hit with area youth
By Cheryl Tepsa
COPY EDITOR

Roots and Shoots is an educational outreach program founded on the principles of the Jane Goodall Institute; they teach children from grades one through four about the environment, wildlife and the humanities.

"Kids love it when we come because we do a lot of hands-on demonstrations," said Lori Becker, president of Roots and Shoots.

About 30 students make up the organization. Those who don't actually go into the classrooms help plan future presentations.

"We get a lot of ideas from what's happening in nature," said Becker. "For instance, we did demonstrations of the changing of the seasons and how birds react to it."

Actually, birds were one of many special visitors the children have had. Last fall, someone from the Northwoods Wildlife Center of Minocqua introduced the children to a variety of birds, such as owls, all who permanently reside at the Center.

They are still talking about it," said Kelly Staerzl, a member of Roots and Shoots who interned at the Center last summer.

The children get very excited when Roots and Shoots come into their classrooms.

"We don't put limits on their learning potential," said Becker. "We're always pleasantly surprised at how quickly they pick up on things."

Roots and Shoots is not an official campus student organization yet, although they are expecting to be recognized in the fall.

They visit four classrooms every week, one in Stevens Point, one in Plover-Whiting and two in Junction City.

Premature spring fever
By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Since last Thursday, I've really been keeping a close eye on the weather. Of course, since my bold prediction of "sunny skies by spring break" went to press, we've seen sub-zero temps, harsh winds. It seemed as if day after day, I'd wake up to find something new every morning. If not snow, then rain and ice and if not that, then wind strong enough to blow cars around. We've really seen some nasty stuff in the past week; the very same stuff that makes the rest of the country, and even most Wisconsinites, hate winter.

Maybe this was really all a huge coincidence. I still say that warm weather is coming, no matter how grim the outlook at the moment. So if history has taught me anything, I guess be prepared for blizzards, hail, ice and the wrath of God himself after this print since I again have laughed in the face of Mother Nature.

Seriously people. Don't worry, spring is coming, even if we do get another foot of snow before our first 60 degree day.

Early trout season begins on local streams
By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

After holding an experimental title for the last three years, the early trout season has officially gained a permanent title this year.

The season, which begins this Saturday, March 3, will run until Sunday, April 29 to allow for a five-day resting period before the regular season trout fishing begins.

Anglers hoping to take part in the season should remember that all fishing is catch and release and only artificial lures and flies with barbless hooks can be used.

Changes have been made to the rivers opened to fish during the open season. Streams that will be open to fish in the area during the early season are Ditches One through Six downstream from Townline Road and the Tomorrow River from Amherst downstream to Durant Road.

In years past the DNR selected early season streams based largely on stream categories, but has been much more selective this year.

Many who plan take part in the early season this weekend may have to put up with adverse conditions. The unseasonably cold month of February has done little to promote ice thaw on the streams in the area. Streams that have strong sources of freshwater springs will have the least amount of ice.

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Reinvention and Responsibility Act, or known as the "Three R's." Kohl is co-sponsoring this bill along with Senators Joe Lieberman, D-Connecticut, and Evan Bayh, D-Indiana.

"The 'Three R's' bill represents an increased public funding at the federal level for education, and what local school districts are asking for is more money and more flexibility. The bill increases the amount of money that local school districts get over five years by $35 billion, and gives these districts more flexibility in deciding how to spend their money according to local needs.

"This bill ... targets federal funding to the neediest schools and students. In exchange for increased flexibility is increased accountability. This bill awards schools that do a good job of educating their students, it helps schools that are struggling to do a better job and it stops subsidizing failure," Kohl said.

In other matters, Kohl expressed said that he feels very badly about the Clinton pardon situation. "I feel that the President abused his authority and responsibility, and the Constitution gives the President absolute authority to make pardons as he or she sees fit, but we expect that it will be exercised in a responsible way, and in this case the appearance is certainly improper.

"The appearance of influence of money and connections, all of which the American people deplore, seems to be a real factor in who got pardons and who didn't, and if that's the case, then the President needs to be criticized very heavily for what he's done," Kohl said.

Kohl feels as though the recent strikes against Iraq were justified.

"I think they were a strike against the bow of letting Iraq know that this President is going to be strong and vigilant, that he's not going to allow them to just continue to move in an unimpeded fashion," said Kohl. "We're particularly concerned about what work they [Iraq] may be doing on the development of weapons of mass destruction; as you know he [Saddam Hussein] won't allow any inspections, and I think this President is saying, 'We're going to be really strong and forceful with you,' which I believe the American people will approve of."

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Polzin, SGA president.

The SGA senate will vote on the proposed budget on Thursday, March 8 before it goes before the SGA President and Chancellor George. Organizations that wish to appeal the budget's current form can contact the SGA office before next Thursday's vote.
Letters from the edge of the world

Second star to the left...

By Pat "Pan" Rothfuss
Bitch bitch bitch

Dear Pat,

After reading the last few of your Pointer articles, it hit me that you are in graduate school. When I realized this I knew that I had to write to you to warn you of your academic folly.

I remember our halcyon days as undergraduates at UWSP. I remember wanting you somewhere else, so you could watch the saying grow. Anyway, those were the days. Attending class on an infrequent schedule, running up a student loan debt, the size of the GNP of Saudi Arabia, "experimental activities with clowns.

You know, the usual undergraduate stuff.

It all changed for me after I foolishly allowed myself to graduate. Oh, I started graduate school the next fall, thinking that nothing had changed. I was still running up student loan debt and I was occasionally sighted in one of my classes.

Then one day, in a fit of boredom, I read through the paperwork from the graduate school. I was shocked into shame to discover that I failed to complete my degree in a scant seven years I would lose all of my graduate credits and effectively be kicked out of school and forced to have a real life. I never would have pursued this degree had I known of this evil plot. I may speak to my legal counsel and see if the university violated any of my rights with this seven year thing. I think this is entrapment.

It is too late for me, save yourself if you can. My seven years are up this May. I'm not sure that I'm going to make it to the next year, next month or even next week, but likely, the amount of freedom is matched with feelings of confusion, hopelessness and desperation. It is really hard to focus on school work when you don't have a passionate interest in being at a university, thus, grades are are nearly worthless. Many unnecessary classes are taken and ample time and money is invested, possibly in vain. Your self esteem plummets, as your greatest desire is simply to feel like you have a purpose.

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I'm a big fan of the unorthodox and the alternative. I don't like mainstream. So when I first heard from some friends about the Chinese sensation Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, I was hoping that it wouldn't catch on here in the United States. I was hoping that the movie-going public would be too shallow and complacent to go see this film and I could be original. Well, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon has become one of the "must-see" movies and is getting nominated for all kinds of awards here in America. I've been reduced to nothing more than original than those brats that stare up from the New York streets at Carson Daly on TRL. But I had to go see this movie dammit.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon centers on the conflicts of two women. Jen (Ziyi Zhang) is from the noble class, the daughter of a governor, but her martial arts skills and her longing for love have lead her to a crossroads in her life which pits her noble obligations against her will. Meanwhile fellow martial arts goddess and friend... then enemy... then friend again, Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh) is struggling with a hidden love of her own, when she's not kicking butt that is. A fantasy. In the end it tugged at the heartstrings while still providing pulse-pounding action.

The action sequences in this film were unreal. The movements of the warriors that included some sort of superhuman type gliding, in my opinion, put the special effects of The Matrix (as ground breaking as they were) to shame. The plot was thought provoking and the characters were intriguing. This film did it all in my book and deserves to be a hit here in the States. If China can keep pumping movies like this one out, we may be in for a change in the landscape of cinema here in America.

In the end I didn't mind that Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is becoming a fad. I took solace in the fact that everyone may be going to see it but no one can fully understand it for what it is. And besides, it may be mainstream... but it had subtitles. That makes me cultured and original, doesn't it?

Make your life count

By Sasha Bartick
Arts and Review Editor

What do you do when you are a fourth year student with high aspirations and motivation, but no major? I've run into several students on this very campus who are in between this rock and a hard place, and I'm confessing that I am one of them.

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"I didn't say we should see other people. I said I should."
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