Anderson indicted on charges of first degree murder

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former UWSP student Derek Anderson, now known as Andrew Krmak, was indicted last week by a North Carolina grand jury on charges of killing his father. Anderson appears to be facing an inevitable extradition back to North Carolina once the documents are filed, but his public defender said he would continue to fight the process even though his legal avenues are limited.

Anderson could face the death penalty if he is convicted in North Carolina. He was arrested last month at a Milwaukee halfway house after investigators determined that bones found in North Carolina more than a year ago belonged to his 55-year-old father, Allen Krmak. He is a suspect in the disappearances of his 52-year-old mother, Donna, and his 21-year-old brother, Thomas.

Anderson was arrested in his Biology class at UWSP in 1999 for lying on a student loan application while he attended UW-Whitewater. He was sentenced to 17 months in federal prison for fraudulently accepting a Pell grant and student loans totaling about $10,500 by falsely stating he had not received a bachelor's degree before 1997.

UWSP student Bryan Tews attended junior high and high school in the Palmyra-Eagle school district with Andrew Krmak's younger brother, Thomas.

"When I found out the family was missing, I thought to myself, 'what's going on?" said Tews. "I didn't understand how they could disappear. When I saw Andrew Krmak being interviewed on television, he looked very shady; he seemed nervous. He wouldn't answer certain questions he was asked. He looked like an odd character; he was very unemotional. Therefore, I thought to myself that he had to have killed them. It was kind of disturbing."

According to MJS, the initial request from North Carolina officials to have Anderson extradited was returned because of clerical errors in an affidavit, including incorrect dates, spelling errors and other mistakes. The Wisconsin attorney general's office sent the information back with instructions for North Carolina officials to improve it.

Once it does arrive, Anderson's attorney can challenge his continued detainment only in a limited way in Milwaukee. He can contend that Anderson is not the man authorities want in North Carolina, but he cannot argue the merits of the evidence that North Carolina authorities cite as the basis for extraditing his client.

Protective Services car damaged in accident

By Casey Krautkramer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A three-vehicle accident on Friday left a Protective Services squad car damaged and an elderly 71-year-old woman suffering minor injuries.

At 11:04 p.m., Loretta A. Kurzewska of Menominee Falls was driving her Oldsmobile eastbound on Maple Drive when her windows suddenly fogged up, causing her to rear end the Protective Services Ford Crown Victoria, which was parked in front of the George Stein Building, according to the accident report.

The impact from the collision caused the Crown Victoria to rear end a parked Pontiac Grand Am, which was owned by Protective Services Cadet Brian Noel. The collision sent the Grand Am across Maria and onto the sidewalk on the north side. The Crown Victoria came to rest on the east side curb, while the Oldsmobile came to rest at the point of impact, according to the report.

UWSP student Nick Brilowski was driving past the scene of the accident when he saw a woman waving her arms in the air for help.

"When I got to her she seemed shocked," said Brilowski. "She said her windows were fogged up and she had never seen the car. She was really upset about it." According to Don Burling, director of protective services, the squad car was totaled.

The elderly woman was transported by ambulance to St. Michael's Hospital where she was treated and released.

SGA ballots to include fitness center referendum

By Josh Goller
NEWS EDITOR

A proposed increase in segregated fees will allow all students to access the Cardio and Strength Centers. The upcoming online Student Government Association (SGA) election ballot will include a referendum question polling student support of an increase in the activities segregated for the Fall 2001 semester to cover operating costs that are currently paid for through membership fees.

Currently a membership to the Cardio and Strength Centers costs $65 a semester or $80 a year. Should segregated fees be used for operating costs, the increase would be $16 per student.

"This [segregated fee increase] really reduces the price of the centers," said Tina Froid, SGA. "The intent is to increase involvement in that area."

The referendum will measure both positive and negative feelings towards this transition.

"Arguments against this referendum are that the Cardio and Strength Centers could become crowded and that some students would be paying for a service that they wouldn't use," said Heather Brunner.

Though the referendum will be used in making the final decision on this issue, the final vote is not in the hands of students.

"The purpose is to see how students feel about it [the proposal]," said Froid.

According to Froid, the SGA senate will vote on the proposal later in the year.

The SGA elections will be held online on March 12-15.
ACT accepting registration for annual Hunger Clean-Up

The Association for Community Tasks (ACT) has begun registration for the 17th annual Hunger Clean-Up.

The clean-up, scheduled for April 21, is described as a “work-a-thon” by ACT members and raises money for the needy while helping the environment.

“Volunteers collect pledges and donate a Saturday afternoon to clean up a specific area in Stevens Point,” said Kristin Roberts, organizer.

In the past some work sites have included individual community members’ homes, community agencies, public sites and religious centers. Some projects are raking lawns, picking up trash, cleaning up parks, working on campus, organizing food pantries and painting.

Funds can be raised through various means. Some ideas from the past include car washes, brat fries, penny wars, bake sales and door to door donations.

Proceeds for the event are given to state, national and international charities with fifty percent of the money staying in Portage County.

“Half of all the pledge money and donations goes to Operation Bootstrap in Portage County,” said Roberts. “It stays right here where it all started.”

Thirty-five percent of the funds raised go to the National Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness while the remaining fifteen percent is used for international programs.

Awards will be given out to the team that raises the most money and to the individual team member who raises the most money.

This event was started in Michigan in 1985, and is now practiced in numerous campuses across the country.

According to Roberts, prior registration is important in order to raise money through pledges and to assign a clean-up location. Participants may register as individuals or in teams.

“The clean-up is a way to have fun and for a good cause,” said Roberts, “We’re able to help people directly.”

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The theatre is a world apart, ...as long as men have minds and hearts that sometimes break, they'll always leave the mundane street, to see the gods awake...
UWSP joins SPPD in fight against Ecstasy

On Jan. 23, 2001, the Stevens Point Police Department served a search warrant at 1117 Prentice Street, Stevens Point.

As a result of the search, arrests were made for possession of controlled substances with intent to deliver. Among the substances seized were capsules and tablets which the Wisconsin Crime Lab tested and positively identified as MDMA, commonly known as Ecstasy.

The Department requested the Portage County District Attorney to file charges in regard to the possession with intent to deliver the drug.

Ecstasy is a synthetic, psychoactive drug possessing stimulant and hallucinogenic properties. It is typically taken orally in tablet or capsule form.

Users of the drug say that it produces profound positive feelings, empathy for others, elimination of anxiety and extreme relaxation.

Adverse effects include nausea, hallucinations, chills, sweating, increases in body temperature, tremors, involuntary teeth clenching, muscle cramping and blurred vision. Ecstasy overdoses can be fatal due to heart failure or extreme heat stroke from overactivity.

The SPPD is working directly with UWSP officials to promote an educational awareness of the presence, use and dangers of Ecstasy.

Officials do not want to create an atmosphere of fear and anxiety in the community or on campus that the distribution and use of Ecstasy is out of control; however, they do want to create a high level of awareness.

"Struggle of Native Americans in Ecuador."

Dr. Barbara Butler, Professor of Anthropology will be speaking on the indigenous people of Ecuador and their 500 years of struggle as an oppressed minority in their ancestral homeland.

Recognition in 1992 of the 500 years since Columbus set foot in the New World helped launch what is called the Indian Uprising or Levantamiento Indigena, a movement that continues today. Butler has been involved with one group of Quechua-speaking indigenous Ecuadorians from the Andes and has been witness to their many experiences of Ecuador’s civil rights revolution since 1977.

On Thursday, March 8, Butler will outline some of the personal struggles of the indigenous people in this period of their country’s history.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in Room 125 of the University Center.

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart."

— Joel 2:12

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What do you think about the Stevens Point Police Department?

Amanda Erlen, Fr. Undeclared
They have too much time to go out and catch people despite the fact that hardly anything happens in Point.

They are average, but don’t give a sense of security of authority.

Michael Bowen, Jr. Fine Arts
I don’t think much about them at all.

Lindsey Gough, Art Photography
I haven’t had any need for them.

Eddie Gruen, Sr. Dance
I have had a pretty good experience with them ... a cop spared me a ticket. Parking services on the other hand...

Hudson Gokee, Fr. Business
In all honesty, I think they are racist toward any minority. I have had many unwarranted run-ins with them.

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NEWS

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From the Editor's Desk

Source of Pointless censorship found

By Andrea Wetzel
Resume Callout

The Pointer is a publication written by students, for the students. And yet, last year UWSP staff member took it upon herself to deprive the students and The Pointer staff of their First Amendment rights by censoring the material of the April Fools' edition of The Pointless.

A day after its publication, The Pointless disappeared from stands across campus, and many students wondered why they had the chance to read it. Although members of last year's staff (myself included) contacted various faculty members and administrators, no one seemed to know who had made the moral judgment call to censor students.

Until now. At a recent meeting, a staff member stated that she, in fact, was responsible for removing The Pointless from the stands in the Learning Resource Center. And she was proud of her actions.

I had a lengthy phone conversation with this particular woman. I had a lot of questions.

First, why did she remove the papers? She replied that there were children on campus and that the material in The Pointless was extremely offensive. O.K., understandable.

But why didn't she contact a member of The Pointer staff before making the decision? Perhaps we could have removed the papers for the weekend and replaced them for students to read the following week. How could it be that nearly a year could pass before she could discuss our First Amendment rights?

We did receive letters last year on this issue, some in our favor, some in disgust. Another faculty staff member went to the Affirmative Action office to dispel rumors that we were somehow being oppressed, and even our editor, Andrea Wetzel, did not feel that the content was that bad. Or at least not as bad as The Onion, South See Censorship on Page 12.

Do you agree with Farmer?

I am not here to discuss the issues of faith, even though it is a topic that is often brought up. My point is valid nonetheless. It is a problem that I have with this latest craze to hit campus. The one candidate that stands out is the viewpoint of an individual - Justin. But the problems Christian churches face in our time could have been turned off to Christ all together in a "Christian" organization. This troubles me greatly because it goes a long way in making Christianity seem deceptive and deceitful. Anyone (like me) who was looking for a fresh approach to the problems Christian churches face in our time could have been turned off to Christ all together after finding this out. Surely this was not the intention of the organization(s) responsible for this campaign, but my point is valid nonetheless.

Another reason this campaign bothers me is because of how it appeared in the paper in the first place. Bashing religions is something one ought to be careful in doing. If you have grievances with an established and accepted organization, state them, but also provide the readers, in this case, with an alternative. To not do this, is irresponsible. Clearly it was the intention to disclose the illusive alternative at the various meetings held around campus during the campaign. I attended one of those meetings, Tuesday night, where an alternative (which is a personal "relationship" with God) was suggested. Sure, a personal relationship with God is important, but not everyone is religious, so the concept behind this alternative was never discussed in much, if any, detail.

By taking the role of a leader in this subject, Koepke/VanHammond would be an alternative to students on any issue that the students feel needs to be discussed. Does this mean that this is the viewpoint of an individual - Justin. But the problems Christian churches face in our time could have been turned off to Christ all together after finding this out. Surely this was not the intention of the organization(s) responsible for this campaign, but my point is valid nonetheless.

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When an opportunity to work for students is before Jess, she takes it. She has never turned down a chance to enhance shared governance. Her voice is always well thought out and always taking in all student views. It is without hesitation that I encourage all students to vote for Koepke/VanHammond as the next president and vice president of SGA.

Kaylyn Jennik
UWSP Student
New exhibit showcased in Carlsten art gallery

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Carlsten Art Gallery is currently showcasing "Jake in Transition," a collection of photography by Clarissa Sligh that depicts the life of a subject who underwent a change in gender and identity.

Sligh will be on campus throughout next week to talk to students and community members about the exhibit.

The collection contains 15 striking black and white photographs taken from 1996-1999. The photos document Sligh's personal journal set about her life over the time she spent with Jake during his transition.

An entry from Sligh's journal reads, "I was used to do something else that I needed to do. The reason that Jake wanted to transition was a wide range of the gallery. The pictures show the artist's interpretation of the subject matter of "Jake in Transition." However, one woman did state a concern that the collection was not suitable for children, "It's one of the many fun signs of spring," she adds.

The variety of ice cream and ingredients in flurries entice many people.

"Belts' is yummy. I'm looking forward to it reopening," said Am Mulroy, UWSP freshman.

"Having been here 20 years, we see a big variety of people," said Racine.

"We get a lot of students, especially at night, but we're busy all summer when most of the college students are gone too," he adds. Racine adds that, "What makes Belts' popular are our natural ingredients.

Almost all of their ingredients are prepared from a homemade recipe rather than preserved or store-bought ingredients.

Also, Racine notes that people seem to appreciate the big portions.

"College kids, especially the guys, love that. They get something that's really worth their money," he adds.

"Belts' is the perfect place to get ice cream in this city, and you get a lot for what you pay," said Melissa Vaughan, UWSP senior. "Belts' will be open on Friday, and regular hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day. The first ten customers on Friday will receive a free Belt's glass."
Faculty jazzes audience with talent

By Kaile Harding

FEATURE EDITOR

The department of music presented a faculty jazz quintet on Monday. The concert, part of the department scholarship series, was performed in Michelson Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Featured musicians included Robert Kane on trumpet, David Hastings on tenor saxophone, Mathew Buchman on piano, Catalin Rotaru on bass and Ryan Korb on drums.

Dr. Robert Kane is a professor of music and chair of the music department. He holds degrees from the University of Minnesota and the University of North Texas. He has served as director of jazz studies and coordinator of graduate studies for the department of music.

David Hastings is a professor of saxophone, musicianship and jazz studies. From 1995-1998, he served as the music department chair at UWSP. Hastings has also served on the faculties at West Virginia University and Baylor University.

Matt Buchman, a Wisconsin native, is a professor of jazz piano, and holds a degree in composition and theory with a jazz emphasis from Lawrence University. He has toured extensively with national shows and written for big band and chamber ensembles.

Catalin Rotaru, a professor of bass and jazz studies, is principal bass with the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra. He has performed both solo classical and jazz bass throughout Europe, the US and Japan. He received second prize at the 1997 international society of bassists competition and the Jury's special award for the best performance of the required piece at that competition.

Ryan Korb is a professor of jazz percussion at UWSP.

The quintet performed traditional favorites such as "Joshua," a 1963 tune made famous by trumpeter, Miles Davis and "One by One." Categories for competitors include swing, Latin, rhythm and blues, and other to win a beauty pageant in categories for competitors include swing, Latin, rhythm and blues, and other.

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Eat five a day for good health

By Sarah Hoch

LIFESTYLE ASSISTANT

According to the American Dietetics Association, eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day is one of the most important things you can do for good health.

Research shows that eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day may help prevent 35% or more of all causes of cancer. In fact, eating more fruits and vegetables may reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease and high blood pressure as well.

To make sure you are getting the most nutrients out of your fruits and vegetables as possible, it is best to eat them raw. The more they are cooked or processed, the more nutrients they lose.

Including more fruits and vegetables into your diet is easier than you may think. Add some fruit to your breakfast, eat it as a dessert with your lunch or dinner or even have it as a snack. Eat your salads loaded with lots of vegetables.

Remember to sparingly use butter, dips, sauces and salad dressings on your vegetables to avoid extra calories and fat in your diet.

Try eating five fruits and vegetables a day and experience the health benefits for yourself.

Thomson hall males to compete in beauty pageant

By Amanda Foege

FEATURES REPORTER

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Track teams place third at WIAC Indoors

By Michelle Tesmer
Sports Reporter

The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams each took third place last weekend at the WIAC Indoor Championships at the Multi-Activity Center.

Six conference records were set in the meet including UWSP's Chris Horvat in the men's 800 meter run.

Horvat's time of 1:53.32 broke the record that had been in place since 1989.

Coach Rick Witt said that Horvat is a good example of hard work and determination.

"Chris wasn't a star in high school and struggled to make the team as a freshman. But he put his time in and four years later has a record," Witt said.

"Chris ran a very, very smart race. We were not concerned about the time. We just wanted the win," added Witt.

In other events, UWSP's Craig Gunderson and UW-La Crosse's Adam McKahan finished in a dead heat with a time of 48.78 in the 400 meter dash.

Both will move on to compete in the NCAA's this weekend in Oshkosh.

Jesse Drake edged out UW-Whitewater's Jeremy Berks for first place in the 5,000 meter run (14:35.02), leaving him in good shape for the NCAA's as well.

Witt was pleased with the overall performance of the team, but now shifts his sights to the NCAA Championships.

"We have about 13 people competing. At this point we're fairly experienced and that's to our advantage. A lot of our kids have done this before," he said.

The women's team also had some brilliant performances last weekend. Becky Lebak was the only double winner of the weekend end in the 3,000 meter run (10:21.86) and the 5,000 meter run (17:33.92). Lebak was also named women's track athlete of the meet.

Coach Len Hill was proud of the races, especially the 3,000 when Lebak finished first with April Haloski a close second.

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Kapping said that it is vital to be in the right frame of mind going into the first match of the tournament in order to get off on the right foot.

The UW-Stevens Point wrestling team competed at the NCAA Championships on Saturday at the Multi-Activity Center.

The Pointers started the weekend on a rough note, finding out Friday that leading scorer Nicole Busse would be out because of a shoulder injury. Still the Pointers were able to bounce back from a tough loss Saturday, with a solid performance on Sunday.

Point got off to a quick start by scoring a goal in each of the first two periods. That proved to be all the offense UWSP would need as it shut out Lake Forest to claim third place in the consolation game.

"The first period against Lake Forest was our best in a long time," said coach Jason Lesteberg. "We moved the puck very well, and we created a lot of scoring chances and dominated the entire game."

The victory put a cap on the conference championship for the men in the long jump (7.06 m.).

Witt was satisfied with how the conference championship played out and is looking ahead to a bright future.

"I was very pleased," he said. "We had five weeks to prepare while Oshkosh had eight and La Crosse had six and it showed. We had some kids come in early to practice and the team did an incredible job. It might be an advantage for us once we get outdoors."
A plea to our profs

Dear Faculty:

Next Thursday and Friday marks the beginning of the NCAA tournament and many of you have classes that coincide with the afternoon games of this tournament. I would like you to consider cancelling any such classes that may deprive students from seeing these contests.

The NCAA Tournament is the best playoff of any sport, college or pro. It is the only place where all underdogs really do have a chance and you have no idea who will win the National Championship. Where else can you see Weber State defeat North Carolina behind Harold "The Show" Areanaux, or see Gonzaga come with in a shot of making it to the Final Four? Even Wisconsin made it to the Final Four and there are players at Point open gyms with better one-on-one skills than anybody on their team.

The first round games are often where the best upsets take place. Nothing is better than sitting back and watching a top-seeded team underestimate its opponent and before the players know it, their championship dreams are dashed because they didn't take the Wildcats and their McDonald's All-Americans. That is the best way to reach the NBA doing what they can to defeat teams of can't touch.

In conclusion, would it really kill your curriculum to give the students one class off so that they might be able to witness history in the making. I think not. So come on teachers, do the right thing... Besides, this way you can stay home and watch the games too.

Sincerely,

Dan Mirman
Assistant Sports Editor, The Pointer

Swimmers prepare for Nationals

By Craig Mandli

After a week off to celebrate their matching conference championships, the UW-Stevens Point swimming and diving teams finish their season over the next two weeks at the Division III National Championships in Buffalo, NY. The women will swim March 8-10, while the men compete March 15-17.

For the women, the 200 and 400 freestyle relays are seeded fifth, while the 200 medley relay is sixth and the 400 medley seventh. The women competing for Point at Nationals include freshmen Alissa Bartz and Erica Janssen, sophomores Jen Randall and Amy Rockwell and juniors Christine Sammons and Mary Thone. Sammons is ranked 33rd in the 200 individual medley, sixth in the 200 breaststroke and ninth in the 100 breaststroke. Randall is ranked 23rd in the 50 freestyle. Randall is also ranked 16th in the 100 freestyle and 41st in the 200 freestyle. Bartz is 31st in the 200 backstroke and 17th in the 100 backstroke. Thone is ranked 15th in the 100 butterfly and 21st in the 200 butterfly.

On the men's side, Point will bring seven swimmers and freshman diver Chris Hansman to nationals. The swimmers competing are senior Randy Boeik and Nick Hansen, juniors Nathan Eddingsaas, John Green and Anthony Harris and sophomores Aaron Heiss and Eric Sands. The men's 200 freestyle relay and 200 medley relays are both seeded fourth. The 400 freestyle relay is seeded seventh and the 400 medley is seeded tenth. Boeik is seeded second in both the 100 and 200 backstroke and is seeded third in the 200 individual medley. Hanson is seeded eighth in the 50 freestyle while Green is seeded 20th and Harris 28th. Harris is also seeded 12th in the 100 butterfly.

The championships will take place at Flickinger Aquatic Center on the campus of Erie Community College.

The boys of summer return

Photo by Pramela Thagesan

Members of the Pointer baseball team working on their hitting at a recent practice. The team opens its season March 17 at the Gene Cusic Classic in Fort Myers, Florida.
Winter athletes garner honors

Numerous UW-Stevens Point athletes have garnered post-season accolades following the end of the winter sports season.

The Pointer men's basketball team, which captured a share of its second consecutive WIAC regular season title, was rewarded with a pair of first team selections.

Senior forward Joe Zuiker and sophomore forward Josh Iserloth were two of the members of the all-WIAC team.

The Pointer women's hockey team also received a pair of first-team selections in its inaugural season in the NCHA.

Freshman defender Nicole Busse and freshman goalie Diane Sawyer earned the honor, while UWSP Head Coach Jason Lesteberg was named the first ever NCHA Women's Coach of the Year. Lesteberg guided the Pointers to a 13-13-1 overall record, as the team posted an 11-0-1 mark against other first-year programs.

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Senior point guard Brent Larson earned honorable mention, leading the WIAC with 4.5 assists per game.

The Pointer women's basketball team earned just its second 20-win season in school history and also was rewarded with two first team all-WIAC members.

Junior forwards Kari Groshek and Carry Boehning teamed to become one of the top front-court duos in the WIAC. Groshek was second in the league in scoring and fourth in rebounding while Boehning ranked seventh and second, respectively.

Groshek was also named to the five-player All-Defensive team as well being selected first-team All-District on the Verizon All-Academic team.

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Minnows, Rapalas or worms: which is best?

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

If you will, let’s get philosophical for a moment. I know that this is the outdoors section and while we may not be known for our tremendous reasoning ability, we still are occasionally able to outrun at least the dumbest of Wisconsin fish and woodland critters.

The debate between bait and artificial lures seems rather simple if we work it out in a logical process and for your reading pleasure, here is my thought process behind why to use bait. Remember that this is my thought process which may seem to be random so please bear with me.

Step 1 – I want to catch an animal—in this case a fish.
Step 2 – I want to catch this fish by having it bite a hook, which is attached to line, which is connected to a rod and reel.
Step 3 – I could just go for some pizza right now.
Step 4 – If I want to have a fish bite a hook, I should probably disguise the hook to look like something that fish usually bite.

Step 5 – How many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?
Step 6 – I could hide the hook to make it look like the food the fish eat.

Step 7 – If I had to choose (and I do) between using the actual food that the fish eat to cover up my hook or using some imitation food made of wood, plastic, metal, or old G.I. Joe action figures, I would probably choose the real stuff.

Conclusion: bait would be the most logical way to get a fish to bite down on hook and the chicken must have come first since everyone knows that eggs can’t lay themselves.

So often in our lives, we try to make things complicated and challenging when really a chewy night crawler and a few pieces of split shot can catch almost anything that swims. When that fails, there are always other baits such as minnows, spawn, or wax worms that will often out-fish even the best artificial lures hand over fist.

And let’s not forget to mention the unbelievably confusing selection of lures on the market today compared to the simplicity of picking up bait. A person could spend weeks digging through piles of Cabala’s and Bass Pro Shops magazines looking for the right lure. And then there are the experts, I mean Jimmy Houston promotes one lure and Roland Martin has another and Bill Dance doesn’t agree with either of them. Who has time for all that? Especially when you can simply walk into a bait shop, ask for a dozen worms, and leave knowing you’re getting the best stuff out there.

Let’s not forget the fish in this battle either. If they are being so gracious to allow themselves to be caught, they should at least get a little something for the effort. A true angler must respect the fish. How respectful is it to coax a fish into biting something that isn’t really food? At least when a fish bites on bait it usually receives something in return.

Bait fishing not only makes sense, it is also a kinder, simpler method of fishing. Fish with your heart; fish with your head; chuck bait! Not only will you feel better edge that you have gained from being on the water for so long and think like the fish. Rebalance your method of fishing. Fish with your heart; fish with your head; chuck bait! Not only will you feel better about yourself, but the fish will also love you for it. Tight Lines!

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Artificials: at least they don’t squirm

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

It stinks. It’s messy. It smells. It’s live bait.
Sure, it’s more convenient to hook another minnow from the bucket instead of retying a whole new lure on every time you lose your bait, but will it really catch you more?
There are so many benefits to fishing with artificial bait.

Step 2 – I want to catch this one-five-pound largemouth bass.

Step 3 – I could sure go for some pizza right now.

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Canoeing: A great way to enjoy a nice spring day

By Ryan Naidl  ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

With the expected onslaught of warmer weather approaching in the next few weeks, this spring may be a great time to head out on the water and try your hand at canoeing some of Wisconsin's great streams and rivers.

Spring, in fact, is the best season to canoe because melting snow and heavy rains raise water levels in streams, making a trip down the river a more enjoyable challenge. Many streams in the state will become too low by mid-summer to make it down without scraping bottom.

When deciding on a stream to run, it is best if you can get some information from locals concerning stream conditions. Some streams may have treacherous rapids that will put the beginner into difficult situations.

Around Point, the Wolf River is a great beginning stream, especially the stretch between Jordan and Iverson Parks. The stream in this area has a fairly constant depth and should be a fun way to lose that cabin fever. The Wisconsin River can also offer some fine canoeing in the area, however, this river is much bigger, and first-timers may want to choose a smaller waterway to learn techniques. Another thing to remember about the Wisconsin is that canoeing this river will require various portages as dams and spillways occasionally hinder direct travel. Water levels on the Wisconsin can rise and fall quickly as well due to the opening and closing of gates on local dams.

If you're going to try your hand at canoeing this spring, it is best to choose a day that is warmer so if you do happen to tip, the rest of your trip will not be life threatening. Be sure to always wear a life vest as rivers are quite cold and rapid now.

Having an experienced paddler in your boat can also help you avoid any unforeseen mistakes.

Camp-out to educate dangers of Crandon Mine

On April 27-29, the Midwest Treaty Network's Wolf Watershed Educational Project (WWEP) campaign will hold a Student/Youth Mine Summit, welcomed by the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community, next to the proposed Crandon metallic sulfide mine site in Forest County.

The WWEP campaign has carried out three speaking tours around Wisconsin to help build opposition to the mine and help bring together tribes with sport fishing groups, environmentalists with unionists and local residents with urban students. Its 1999-2000 Schools Speaking Tour went to middle schools, high schools and colleges around the state with the goal of educating students about the mining issue, and providing the opportunity for high school and college environmental groups to take up the mining issue. The tour culminated with the April 29th rally at the State Capitol.

Dana Chumess, a UWSP student, said, "With education comes thought, and with thought comes the inspiration for action. The purpose of this summit is to bring young people from schools and youth groups around the state to visit Mole Lake and see for themselves how the Crandon mine would environmentally, culturally and economically devastate the Wolf River area."

Friday, April 27, the first day of the Student/Youth Mine Summit, will be organized for middle school and high school class trips. The day will begin with an escorted tour of the mine site and the wild rice bed areas at 10 a.m. Students will observe first-hand the delicate watershed that is threatened by the proposed Crandon mine. Visits and talks from tribal elders, tribal youth and other mining experts, and workshops will follow the tour. The day's events will be completed at 4 p.m. to allow for travel time back to home communities.

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I am filled with shame.

I owe several people T-shirts for their letters over the last year. You all know who you are, and you've been very patient. Thanks for your gentle reminder, John. By the time spring break is over I'll arrange to have everyone's shirts in the Pointer office. I promise.

But how can you fill the aching void in your life where a Pat Rothfuss T-shirt should be? More importantly, how can you score chics without this essential tool? Read on and find out.

Pat, you've got to help me. My life sucks. I graduate in May and I've got senioritis. I just don't give a damn about my classes anymore. On top of that I've got four jobs so I can get relevant work experience at the same time.

Then the hell do I make it to May without either having my head explode or becoming a Hare Krishna (they seem sooo nice)?

Signed,

P.S. Harry Krishna, Hari Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hari Hari, Hari Rama, Rama Rama, Hari Krishna... (sing repeatedly till happy)

I don't know if I'll be able to give you any real, quality advice here. You see, the greater portion of my nine years at UWSP were as a senior, and I enjoyed all of it. Except for the part when I had to go to class with no pants on because someone stole them. Or the part where I failed Math 106 for the fourth time. Or the time when Affective Action got hold of my home phone number.

Or the time when my battery went dead and I ended up having to push my car home at 1 AM with a cop pulled up behind me on Main Street and asked what I was doing and I thought it was pretty obvious what I was doing, so I just pointed the dog for a walk, sit, the dog got out of his car and asked me again so I said, "I thought it would be safer this way, officer; I'm way too drunk to drive this thing" then I tried to have a high-speed getaway, which didn't work so well because I was just pushing my car and he got to drive his.

Anyway, my point is I've never really had senioritis. But I remember around my 6th year in school I had a friend who got it pretty bad. He was doing a double major (Biological & Aquatic Toxicology) so you could hardly blame him for being a little burned-out by the time his final semester rolled around.

So here's my advice, based close personal observation of said friend. First, get a top-of-the-line computer/console game. Something like Final Fantasy, Deus Ex, or Asheron's Call. (You know he type, a game that makes heroin look like sugar-cool-odd.) Devote yourself body and soul to the game. Skip classes. Don't shower. Neglect your friends. Disconnect your phone. Lose your job. Break up with your girlfriend. Develop scurvy. Die.

This is how you get to the big two. Don't really do those. Stop just short of scurvy and have a major life realization. You hate your major. There's no way you're going to spend 15,000 a year going to grad school to do something you hate. A job in the field would be even worse. It would like consigning yourself to an endless, living hell.

Continue to play your game with the determination of a Buddhist monk looking for Nirvana. Buy a case of Bourbon. Drink it. Eat nothing but Chinese delivery. Sleep through finals. Fail out of school. Now, finish the game. (This is important, as it will give you much needed self-confidence.) Take a shower. Brush your teeth. Plug the phone back in. Call your Mom. Max out your credit card buying a stylin' new Macintosh. Teach yourself graphic design. Start dating my ex-girlfriend. Move to Duluth and get a job doing computer animation. Marry my ex-girlfriend. Move to Milwaukee and get her pregnant (not at the same time). Live happily ever after.

It's that easy. Of course, I can't really recommend that you marry the same ex-girlfriend he did. But I'm pretty sure I've got a couple other layers coming around somewhere in Point. I'm told they make excellent life partners, aside from an unnatural aversion to loud noises, monkey jokes, and men.

They're easy to find too. Simply shout "Pat Rothfuss!" in a crowded room then follow the sound of muffled weeping.

Pat Rothfuss encourages eager readers to drop him a line at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu if they want advice. If your letter is used, you get a T-shirt. Whoopee.

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