Terror strikes U.S. mainland

On Tuesday morning the United States suffered the worst terrorist attack in history.

Four commercial jetliners were hijacked. Two of the planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in the heart of Manhattan. Another sliced into the Pentagon in the nation's Capital. The fourth plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania.

The New York skyline has changed forever. The Pentagon is crippled. And the nation holds its breath as it waits for the death toll to rise.

US military officials are saying that at least 100 people were killed at the Pentagon. There were 266 people on board the four planes and all are presumed dead. Nearly 300 rescue workers are missing. Nearly 50,000 people work at the World Trade Center at full capacity. No one dares to speculate on how many are dead or seriously injured.

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There are many questions surrounding Tuesday's attack, but emotions run high at UWSP as the aftermath of the attack play out on TV's and radio stations throughout the United States.

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Motorists jockey for gas to beat price hike

People take quick action after rumors of gas prices increasing

By Luke Zancanaro

Drivers mobbed the gas pumps in an effort to obtain fuel before a rumored price hike Tuesday.

"I heard that the price was up to 12 bucks in Chicago," said Adam Freund, junior.

One student heard the prices were up to $3 per gallon in Marshfield. The rapid dash to the pumps caused delays, shortages of fuel and unrest for many station patrons.

"I went to the pump around 8:15 p.m. and waited for about 15 to 20 minutes," said Trevor Roark, junior.

Mandy Johnson worked at the Mobil gas station, located on Stanley Street, to keep up with the number of people entering and exiting the store.

"It has been a little insane," she said. "I am not even supposed to be working."

Besides a couple of gas drive-offs, the biggest problem was the supply of gasoline available to customers, according to salespeople.

"We were already out of unleaded fuel around 8 p.m.," Johnson said.

The price of gasoline went up, prompting one student to think the government should be more responsible.

"I'm appalled because our government is allowing this to happen," said Abby Nelson. "I think our government has the authority to put a price cap on to help ease the nation's worries of high gas prices."

Despite rumors, gas prices remained consistent on Wednesday.

Campus Beat

Pray Hall
Thursday, Sept. 6 11 a.m.

A female student reported her bicycle was stolen from the bike rack outside Pray/Sims Hall. She further stated she seen the person take it.

Smith Hall
Sunday, Sept. 9 2:42 a.m.

A student called the Stevens Point Police Department to report receiving a harassing phone call and to request that an officer be sent to take a report.

Blood needed

The American Red Cross regional office reported there is enough blood to get through the initial phase of the national crisis; however, in the next few days, more blood will be needed.

A blood drive is currently scheduled for Monday at the Plover Municipal Building. To donate blood, or for more information, call the American Red Cross at 344-4052.

Oklahoma City bombing talk slated

The Winchester Academy will present its first out of a nine-part lecture series at 7:15 p.m. Monday in the downstairs meeting rooms of the Waupaca Area Public Library. Programs are free of charge and open to all members of the public. Dr. Edward T. Linenthal, the Edward M. Penson Professor of Religion and American Culture at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, will discuss three different ways people in Oklahoma City interpreted the bombing: in a narrative of civic renewal, one of religious redemption and a toxic narrative. He will use materials from his forthcoming book, The Unfinished Bombing: Oklahoma City in American Memory to be published this year by Oxford University Press.

"We look at one another what this catastrophic event means to be safe." says Brophy Baermann. "Now our society needs to rethink what it means to be safe."

"We all have to embrace each other," said Chancellor George. "We have to look at each other and come together. I encourage everyone to join in discussions across campus and the community."

So for now the flags fly at half-mast and heads hang low as students try to understand what this catastrophic event means. Like the rest of the country, we're left to sort through phrases like "act of war," "good versus evil," and "resolve of Americans." We can only hold our breath and wait for the next move.

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Notes from the Editor: Attack on America

I've always heard from my parents' generation that they remember exactly what they were doing when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Though during my twenty years of existence our nation has suffered many major tragedies, I never really understood what that meant. The Challenger explosion was an event I was almost too young to remember, the Persian Gulf War was shocking but happened far, far away, and the Oklahoma City bombing wasn't something that changed my outlook on life. On September 11, 2001, I finally came to understand how my parents felt on that fateful day in 1963. I went to bed with a whole new attitude than I'd had when I woke up that morning.

Throughout the day I came to understand just how big an impact the acts of several terrorists had and will continue to have on the world. Students in the UC silently and solemnly fixed their eyes on every TV, my class was cancelled, the world seemed to stand still. Everyone I met throughout that day could speak of nothing else; some were in shock, some afraid for the safety of friends and loved ones, some fearful of an impending war and subsequent implementation of the draft.

Gas prices jumped in some areas causing panic among almost every car owner, except those who realized it was just isolated price gouging. Flights in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom ceased, stranding people far from home. Sports stood still. Life seemed to stand still. World leaders almost unanimously offered sympathy. Democrats and Republicans spoke with one voice. Our every day toils and troubles seemed overwhelmingly insignificant; how could it not, national symbols of power had been destroyed and more importantly, thousands of innocent Americans had lost their lives.

Never since the American Revolution had America been attacked on its mainland and never with such magnitude. I heard many news reporters compare this attack to Pearl Harbor.

The impact of what happened Tuesday was felt worldwide. A friend of mine in Moscow said Russia fears violence against them as well and express deep sympathy as they mourn for those who've died.

With that said, I need to add commentary on just what this means for our nation. While our nation scrambles to pinpoint the source of our pain and the focus of our rage, I've heard many politicians refer to the terrorists as cowards. The hijacks and destruction were certainly meant to strike fear in Americans and the entire free world. But the suicide "bombers" responsible obviously felt strongly enough about their cause to die for it. Regardless of justifiability, the terrorists responsible have deep issues with the United States, issues that I feel need to be addressed by our elected officials rather than passed off as "cowardly." Do I feel that retaliation is necessary? Most certainly. However, these terrorists haven't attacked for no reason as our media implies.

Instead of name-calling, our nation needs to address the issues these groups have, preventing them from turning to violence of such a catastrophic nature to get their messages heard. Now it seems as if it may be too late. Our country can no longer peaceably address these differences between us and the responsible parties. This enormous loss of life can lead to nothing but more violence. Perhaps this catastrophe could not have been averted even with the most earnest efforts towards peace and unity. Sadly, we will never know. This terrible act has truly left the world a changed place. Casualties were not only in Washington and New York, the world has been wounded, peace and any chance at unity may have perished along with thousands of innocent victims.

My heart goes out to the loved ones of everyone affected by this tragedy. May this tragedy make our nation stronger.

Arrowhead-Weston line causing problems in area

Recently, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) had to synthetically ignore over 10,000 megawatts of electricity in various stages of development or proposal in order to pronounce a "need" for the politically preordained Arrowhead-Weston line (600 MW). Scant attention was given to the myriad problems, Technical hearings or to the Environmental Impact Statement.

Typically an electrical plant sited on 30-40 acres can produce 600 megawatts versus the 4500 acres that will be despoiled to bring in the 600 megawatts via the Arrowhead-Weston line. The Wisconsin front in the corporatization of America won out over facts. When Commissioner Avie Bic promoted the line as "cheap" electricity, she neglected her duty to include costs such as mercury contamination, farm and landowner destruction, ecosystem degradation, and increasing dependence on destructive, obsolete technologies.

Her recent contributions to the utility industry spin urging Wisconsin to ignore mercury contamination are further evidence of her acquiescence to utility control.

Rather than signal the end of the fight the approval has intensified a broad range of challenges to the line.

County Boards can legally preclude the line from wrecking its destruction on county lands by denying access to county lands. Some opponents have joined together in a class action suit to challenge the legality of the formation of the American Transmission Company, the heir apparent to the PSCW commission and Save Our Unique Lands (SOUL) and others will appeal the initial PSCW decision in court.

This fight is just beginning with already enough unseemly corporate and political antics to create an epic novel that would dwarf the 800 pages of the Environmental Impact Statement, and perhaps that would be something the political appointees at the Public Service Commission would actually read.

If you want to contribute or volunteer in this historic battle for better government and a better environment, you can write to: S.O.U.L., PO Box 11, Mosinee, WI 54455.

Richard R. Wentzel
National anthem threat to church-state separation

In case no one else noticed, there is something sinister lurking in the new state budget with regards to public education. Yes, something even more sinister than the continuing stranglehold on school districts and teachers, putting tourist lobbies in charge of school calendars and shifting public tax dollars to church-run schools.

That something of which I speak is the provision to require schools to offer the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem in grades one through 12 each school day as though test scores and the graduation rate will shoot up as a result.

The plan is sinister because history has shown that nothing is more injurious to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness than political extremism, especially the kind Governor McCallum and GOP lawmakers have in mind.

Under the budget provision, school districts that opt for the simpler and time saving Pledge of Allegiance will not only generate unnecessary strife among students, faculty and the public at large, but they will open themselves to lawsuits for violating people's constitutional right not to be subjected to religious coercion during public instructional time.

What most people are oblivious to is the fact the Pledge issue is with us today only because the 1954 addition of "under God" to what started out as an advertising gimmick to sell flags has provided Christian nationalists and the Republican Party with cannon fodder in its crusade to blow away the best friend religious freedom ever had, Jefferson's wall of separation between church and state.

The imposition of the religious Pledge of Allegiance on our common schools and institutions is not something people should take too lightly. This initiative only spells tough times ahead for one of America's most treasured values.

Dennis Coyier

Marriage amendment could infringe on rights

If those on the Theocratic Right had their way with this country, we could kiss most freedoms we now take for granted goodbye. Now these radical extremists are pushing for a constitutional amendment that would wipe out basic rights for millions of Americans.

The so-called Federal Marriage Amendment, a measure to amend the U.S. Constitution to define marriage as strictly between a man and a woman, would invalidate all legal protections for unmarried couples, gay or straight.

The action would reverse the constitutional tradition of protecting, not harming, individual freedoms. I urge you and all citizens of conscience to stand against this and all freedom-threatening actions proposed by the Right.

Dennis Coyier

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Be heard.
Crowded dorms send students to motel

Students have mixed emotions on living in the Point Motel
By Amy Zagopick
NEWS REPORTER

Because of the overpopulated residence halls this semester, about 70 UW-Stevens Point students are living at the Point Motel located at 209 Division St. N.

As an extension of first floor Burroughs Hall, the residents are facing two double rooms, air conditioning, cable, private bathroom and Internet access and are treated as active members of campus.

"We try to get the students involved with Burroughs programs as much as possible," said Chad Wojtysiak, a Community Assessor at the Point Motel. "Because they are a part of Burroughs, they have the same privileges. They get to use Burroughs laundry, first floor kitchen and computers. Their mailboxes are also over there."

Realizing the on-campus population problem this summer, university officials offered a bid to local motels for housing arrangements. The Point Motel accepted.

"I think the university did a good job placing students," Wojtysiak said. "They shouldn't have to say no and turn students away because the school has no place for them to live."

An estimated 8,600 students enrolled this year, which includes 1,515 freshmen. Because dorms are on a first come, first serve basis, students who applied in July or later were assigned to the motel. They were not notified of their living situation until shortly before moving in.

"I found out I was living here six days before classes started," said sophomore Daron Knight, a resident of the Point Motel. "I like it here. The rooms are bigger and we get to park right outside our room instead of walking a long way to get to the car. Also, maid comes once a week to clean our bathroom."

"Other students had mixed feelings toward the living situation."

Junior Jacob Thompson getting updated on the terrorist attack.

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Joan North, dean of the CPS, is grateful for the Neale family's contribution. The Oscar W. Neale Elementary Education Memorial Scholarship Fund supports an annual award of $750 or higher to an outstanding elementary education major.

"The state is facing a teacher shortage," North said. "The scholarship will go a long way."

The Neale Alumni Honors Scholarship will fund twenty-five $1,500 scholarships to entering students with high school records of outstanding academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, special skills and contributions. The Robert S. and Ventura V. Neale Memorial Scholarship for Continuing Students, a new program, is named in memory of the Neale's late uncle, Robert, and in the name of their aunt, Ventura, of Miami, Fla. This scholarship was established to allow recipients of the Neale Alumni Honors scholarships to enjoy financial support beyond their first year at UWSP.

Chancellor Tom George said the commitment by the Neale family to the students is "heartening."

"I couldn't be more pleased," he said. "The real beneficiaries are the students."

UWSP is a leader in the community

Chancellor Tom George described the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as "A Leader and a Partner" in his state of the university address today prior to the start of the institution's 108th academic year.

Last spring UWSP's Faculty Senate made a pledge on behalf of the campus to attain "a position of leadership among comprehensive, public universities."

In his speech, George elaborated on UWSP's tradition as a leader and its ongoing commitment to leadership.

He defined the elements of leadership at UWSP as including "exemplary public service, growth measured against internal and external benchmarks, and working collaboratively toward a shared goal."

The campus has adopted student-centered excellence, technology enhanced learning and on- and off-campus partnerships as the institution's major themes, and George chose partnerships as a focus of this year's address, according to a news services release.

In the areas of on campus partnerships, George mentioned the development of interdisciplinary courses, collaboration between administrative units and efforts to forge a culture of diversity.

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Your only alternative

Sophomore Darin Knight takes a break from studying in the motel.

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In support of diversity, this year's University Assembly on Sept. 20 will feature keynote speaker Betty Garcia Mathewson, a diversity trainer at Cornell. George also commended local business owners John and Patty Noel of the Noel Group for founding the Compass Scholars program to encourage and reward academic achievement, leadership and citizenship for high school students of color in Wisconsin.

The program includes room, board and tuition at UWSP plus a paid internship at the Noel Group. Dayanne Kaqutoqia, a member of the Memonine Nation from Keshena is one of two new Compass Scholars. She is pursuing a degree in elementary education at UWSP in hopes of returning to her tribe as an educator.

Regional partnerships are exemplified by the Central Wisconsin Idea (CWI) included in the current state budget at a level of $2 million in the second year of the biennium to support the development and expansion of programs and positions to facilitate them. The budget has passed the Legislature and is on the governor's desk for final approval. The CWI involves expanding the Collaborative Degree Program in partnership with UW Colleges in Wausau and Marshfield; the new Wisconsin Learning Center, an educational program for nontraditional students co-sponsored by UWSP, Mid-State Technical College and the Portage County Business Council Foundation; and an agreement by UWSP, Mid-State and UWSP Extension with Stora Enso to provide education and training to the paper company's 6,000 employees statewide.

UWSP is partnering with the state through economic

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UWSP ranked fourth in the Midwest

U.S. News and World Report ranked UWSP fourth among top public Midwestern universities having a master's degree program.

Missouri was ranked number one. UW-Eau Claire finished slightly ahead of UWSP, ranking third. UW-Whitewater was tenth, the Report places each school into arts college) and, for universities offering a range of master's programs and colleges focusing on undergraduate education without a particular emphasis on the liberal arts, by location (North, South, Midwest and West).

Universities where there is a focus on research and which offer several doctoral programs are ranked separately from liberal arts colleges, and master's universities and comprehensive colleges are compared against other schools in the same group and religion.

U.S. News and World Report also gathers data from each school in 16 areas related to academic excellence. Each indicator is assigned a weight (expressed as a percentage) based on its judgments about which measures of quality matter most. The colleges are ranked based on their composite-weighted overall score in their category.

In Wisconsin, students of color comprise eight percent of the UW System population, while people of color make up 12 percent of the state population. The University of Wisconsin-Madison has the second lowest percentage of students of color in the Big Ten Association, as of 2000.

"Even with affirmative action, UW System does a less-than-stellar job of recruiting students of color. The UW System would be detrimentally homogenous if we do not retain affirmative action, and aggressively recruit qualified students of color," said Sandra Estafan, multicultural issues director for the University Council.

This wasn't the first time the Regents talked about race-based relations. In March 2003, the Regents upheld affirmative action in the admissions process of the UW System by a vote of 13-3.

"We are pleased the UW System did not take any regressive action on affirmative action; however, in order to mirror Wisconsin's racial composition, we must strengthen the program," Fargen said.

City enacts new parking regulations

The Stevens Point Police Department is now enforcing a new overnight parking policy.

People requesting to park overnight on city streets will be charged a fee if a vehicle has been parked there for more than one-half hour on any city street or in any parking lot between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Vehicles parked all night without permission or in violation of any parking restrictions will be subject to enforcement action.

Students can get informed on city ordinances by logging onto the city's website at: http://ci.stevens-point.wi.us/

County road construction update

Highway 10 (Clark Street) eastbound is closed in Stevens Point between Lieb and Lindbergh Avenue. The detour is via Business 51 and I-39.

Highway 10 westbound is restricted to 12 feet wide at Highway J. Highway J is closed.

Clark Street construction crews have completed all storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main installations. Placement of sidewalk continues between Wyatt Avenue and Michigan Avenue. Placement of the remaining curb and gutter between Wyatt Avenue and Michigan Avenue was scheduled to be completed last Monday. Grading of the subgrade and placement of concrete pavement from Michigan Avenue to Minnesota Avenue was scheduled to be completed yesterday. Placement of concrete pavement from Michigan Avenue to Minnesota Avenue is scheduled for later this week. Crews will continue to work on clean-up and landscaping for the remainder of the project.

Yesterday morning UWSP Student Television programming replaced the road construction information on cable channel 10. Road construction information will continue to run on cable channel 3 at five minutes before every hour on Sundays, and at five minutes before every hour on every other day except when programs are playing.
SHOULD FRESHMEN BE ALLOWED TO HAVE CARS ON CAMPUS?

By Kristin Sterner
Assistant Features Editor

YES!

Why is it that freshmen are the people in danger of losing their parking spaces? Age discrimination. Let’s face it, there is a mentality in our country that those who are at the bottom of the ladder do not deserve the same rights and privileges as everyone else. Freshmen on this campus need cars for the exact same reasons as upperclassmen.

Freshmen, just like all the other students at this university still have many bills to pay. Any job outside the immediate area becomes a major challenge without the use of a car. Even biking has its limitations, especially in winter. Another thing to consider is the amount of students there are in relation to the amount of available jobs that are within walking distance of the dorms. By the time freshmen are able to move into the dorms, many of the upperclassmen have already been at their new residences for at least a few days, if not the whole summer. As a result, many of the jobs nearby are already taken.

Also, the dorms are just about the same distance from campus as most of the housing that off-campus residents live in. Upperclassmen are able to walk the distance just as well as freshmen. Also, take into account most upperclassmen live off campus, allowing them to park in their own driveways or parking lots. The need for everyday off campus transportation are similar as well. A run to the video store, for instance, in cold, windy weather deserves a second thought. Freshmen shouldn’t be the only ones that have to face that walk! What about trips home or visits with friends? It isn’t right to single out the newcomers. Restricting the use of cars from freshmen is not worth the consequences of discrimination.

Unless the university builds a parking structure, or comes up with another suitable solution to this problem parking should continue to exist on a first come first served basis.

Next week’s debate:

Should the United States retaliate or should it turn the other cheek and let by-gones be by-gones?

Interested in debating this topic with The Pointer staff? Think you can prove your point? If so, e-mail your MS-Word file by Tuesday afternoon to bstee561@uwsp.edu. The entire document must be between 400-700 words long.

Planetaryarium begins season with MarsQuest

The history and future of Mars, will be seen in the first program of the academic year at the Allen F. Blocher Planetarium at UWSP.

"MarsQuest" investigates the planet that conjures up impressions from the hottest scientific frontier to alien invaders from science fiction. Viewers will also see the history of the planet and its future scientific expectations.

Programs begin Sunday, September 30 and run every Sunday until November 18. All shows start at 2 p.m. Presentations are free and open to the public. Planetarium doors open one half-hour before the scheduled programs.

This summer, Mars was at its closest to Earth in the last 13 years, and in the summer of 2003 it will be even closer. MarsQuest, narrated by Patrick Stewart of "Star Trek: The Next Generation," includes stunning images of the planet obtained by the Hubble Space Telescope over the past few years.

"The Skies of Autumn" will be shown on Mondays beginning September 17 at 8 p.m. This program takes a look at current night skies inside the planetarium.

The show is followed by an optional observational visit when skies are clear. There is no planetarium program on Tuesdays but the observatory will be open to the public at 9:15 p.m. Both programs are free of charge.

A forecast of viewing conditions and a statement about whether the observatory will be open can be heard after 8 p.m. by calling 346-2208.

The annual holiday program "Season of Light" will begin Nov. 25 and run until the end of the UWSP semester. A program entitled "Aurora" is scheduled for February and March and "Journey to the Stars" will be shown in April and May.

The planetarium is located on the second floor of the Science Building on the corner of Reserve Street and Fourth. More information is available online at http://www.counciltravel.com. Parking is available at 30 cents per hour in Lot X near the Science Building or the corner of Stanley St. and Fremont St.
Mentoring program pairs children and UWSP students

Newly designed program the result of former UWSP student and hopes to encourage additional university participants.

The Portage County Mentoring Program has become one of Wisconsin's best youth programs. Designed by Cynthia Nelson, Mentor Coordinator and a recent graduate of the UWSP Sociology Department, the program, sponsored by Portage County Health and Human Services, involves area youth and mentors in a year-long mentoring process.

Michelle Fitch, a UWSP student, has been involved with the program since March. She explained that the children involved with the program, referred to as mentees, are young boys and girls between the ages of nine and fifteen.

Children are referred to the program by Youth and Family Services for a variety of reasons, ranging from problems with parents, to school issues, to alcohol and drug abuse. Though entry into the program involves an extensive application process, Fitch pointed out that, "Mentees are in the mentoring program voluntarily; this is not a forced relation.

The purpose of the mentoring program is for mentors to not only spend time with the youth but also to play games, to see movies, and most importantly, to serve as a positive role model. Youth are shown the importance of caring about their development, and how development is important to have a positive adult life. "We teach them respect for others and themselves, how to boost self-esteem, self-realization, problem-solving skills and other general life skills," said Fitch.

As a result of Fitch's mentoring involvement, her mentee has behaved noticeably better and received improved grades at school. For Fitch, being involved with the program has not only been a positive experience for her mentee, but it has also been a great experience for her personally.

"For me, mentoring youth has been a very positive experience. One wouldn't think that there would be that many changes that would take place in the mentor themselves, but I have made some remarkable changes and growth within my own self," said Fitch. "I've learned how to relax and enjoy life more."

The Portage County Mentoring Program is dedicated to providing positive mentoring relationships for youth at risk of offending. Through trained community mentors, youth are given friendship, guidance and encouragement toward constructive attitudes, behaviors and practical life skills. Mentored youth will have a reduction in the use of alcohol and tobacco and repeat crime while improving school performance.

By Amy Zepnick

For more information, contact Cyndi Nelson, Mentor Coordinator at 345-5350 or at nelsoncy@co.portage.wi.us.

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By Amy Zepnick

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Celebracion Hispana is coming

By Kristin Sterner
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

UW-West Stevens Point's first annual "Celebracion Hispana" will premier this Saturday. Sponsered by the Multi Cultural Resource Center, Salsa, and the Multi Cultural Affairs Office, the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a traditional Mexican meal in the University Center's Laird room. At 6:30 following the meal, attendees will hear a speech by David Fleitas Velez. Fleitas Velez is the assistant director of Multi-Cultural Student Services at UW-La Crosse and has worked with Latino and Hispanic students extensively. His topic will be "Negotiating Obstacles for the Latino Population in the United States:"
The evening's events will continue with a performance at 7:15 p.m. by the Ballet Folklorico Mexico, a troupe who performs traditional Hispanic dances from a variety of areas and historical periods. Following the show, audience members will have the opportunity to shake their tail feathers at a dance that will last from 8:30 p.m. until midnight.
The Celebration, meant to stir up excitement and increase the presence of Hispanic culture on campus is expected to be an entertaining and memorable event for everyone that is involved.

"The Celebracion Hispana will be an opportunity for students and community members to learn more about the Latino community or to celebrate cultural pride. Tickets for the event cost $10 for adults and $5 for children and can be purchased at the Ticket Office located in the Quandt Fieldhouse. They can also be purchased by phone at 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 or at the door.

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UWS museum receives Native Alaskan art collection

A collection of Native Alaskan artwork has been given to the UW-Stevens Point.
The Inuit and Native American Collection of the late Mae Kobishop, was donated by her brother to the UWSP Museum of Natural History. She collected objects while serving as an administrator in the Alaska Native Health Service from 1961 to 1967.
The collection, valued at $5,000, is a temporary display object fit the museum's mission of portraying diversity in nature and culture and its emphasis on North American peoples," Marks said.

Alaskan native faces are depicted in charcoal drawings and decorative masks. An abstract wooden carved face is part of a spirit mask that includes other symbols.

Life in Alaska is portrayed by objects including a model of a device that scoops salmon from rivers, bone tools, models of a dugout and snowshoes, a miniature wooden kayak and a model sailboat. Several dolls depict Alaskan Native deities including one that is similar to a pencil drawing of Chilkat Indian dancers.

Several of the items are shown in photographs. A postcard illustrates a man carrying ivory with a three-part drill and similar drill is in the collection. Photos depict young people and dancers using a hand drum like one in the collection.

Features is looking for writers!
Submissions are always welcome and can be sent to The Pointer at any time.

Please send MS-Word Documents by Tuesday afternoon of each week.

This year, the Features department is planning on running a number of weekly and bi-weekly reports on the various student bodies on campus. If you have an organization, whether it be religious, ethnic, service, socially or athletically oriented, we are interested in running a feature story about your mission and goals for the year.

Besides student organizations, we also are looking at focusing on faculty/student research within the various colleges on campus. Next week, some of the ground breaking research in the CNR will be highlighted and explained.

Do you know of interesting, quirky or otherwise under-covered places within Stevens Point or Portage County that students might be interested in? If so, please feel free to tell us about it or even submit your review of it for print.

Are you in the process of planning an event? Are you looking to get the word out? If so, let us know and we'll do our best to try and get some press on it ahead of time by previewing it.

Any comments, criticisms, recommendations or ideas, as well as submissions for print for the Features department can be addressed to Brette Sternefeld via e-mail at bstee56@uwsp.edu.
The newly remodeled Cardio Center has now increased to fit all of your fitness needs. The Cardio Center is located in the upper level of the Allen Center and houses a variety of machines including stair steppers, stationary bikes, treadmills, and ellipticals. Not only are there cardio machines but also Magnum pulley weight machines and free weights.

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If you would like more of a group oriented work out you can try the group fitness classes. A wide variety of fitness classes are offered including funk, body works, boxercise, butts and guts, mind and body cycling, stretch, kick boxing and cardio blast. Group fitness classes are free to UWSP students and a fitness membership is not required to participate. For a schedule of classes contact the Cardio Center.

For more information on what the Cardio Center has to offer or to make appointments call us at: 346-4711, stop by the desk in the upper level of the Allen Center or visit us on the web at: www.uwsp.edu/centers/cardiocenter

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Key players back from injuries, ready to contribute

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The Stevens Point football team is much more talented than their 2000 record of 2-8 showed, and they are on a mission to prove it.

If anyone knows how to turn the team around, it’s head coach John Miech, who is the winningest coach in team history with an 85-43-2 record.

This season’s team starts at full strength after a season where coaches were forced to play key players out of position due to numerous injuries.

At quarterback, redshirt sophomore Scott Krause returns for his second year at the helm. Backing up Krause will be Sauk Prairie freshman Nolan Ott.

“Scott is a solid player, but he’s young, so he’ll make some mistakes,” said Miech.

The Pointers won’t have to rely on Krause’s arm as much this season because their backfield consists of five players with a nice mix of experience and talent.

Filling the starting spots are Jason VanderVelden at halfback and redshirt freshman Kurt Kielblock at fullback. Kielblock had a strong debut last season before a leg injury ended his season early on.

Backing up VanderVelden and Kielblock are a couple of experienced veterans including last year’s leading rusher, senior Lance Gast, and junior Ian Zertler. Senior Tim Rabas rounds out a group that Miech considers one of the most talented backfields he’s had here at Point.

If Krause needs to go to the air, the Pointers aren’t lacking in that area, either.

Leading receiver Chad Valentine makes his return after a broken leg last season.

Starting opposite Valentine will be athletic redshirt freshman Ross Adamczak, who is attempting to make the switch from back-up quarterback to wide receiver this season.

The Pointers also get back speedy receiver Tony Romano from shoulder surgery.

Those three along with freshman Matt Stoebe and solid senior tight end Steve Jones form a talented nucleus.

The offensive line returns four of last year’s starters and will start five experienced players, including senior right guard Ryan Peterson, making a comeback after taking last year off.

Other OL starters include senior left tackle Nick Van Cuyk, junior left guard Luke Hilgemann, senior center Jason Wagner, and senior right tackle Paul Steffeck.

The Pointers have already hit by a serious injury on the defensive side of the ball. Senior defensive end Dave Rogers tore his ACL in the opening game against Ohio Northern and is out for the season. Rogers will be replaced by sophomore Andy Hintz.

Starting on the opposite side is first team All-WIAC performer Paul Schmitt.

The defensive tackles are redshirt freshman Josh Plisch, a transfer from Division I University of Minnesota, and junior Matt Raduechel. They are backed by junior Doug Mittelstaedt, a transfer student from the University of Wisconsin-

The Stevens Point football team has already proven their talent and is ready to prove they can win games.

Volleyball team drops three of four at opening invite

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point volleyball team showed a lot of heart over the weekend as they bounced back from three straight losses to win their final contest over Grinnell College.

The Pointers opened their season last weekend with a 3-0 loss against 13th Ranked Elmhurst College in the Elmhurst Invitational. Mary Schultz and Amy Smolich led the team with six kills each.

Point then dropped their next two contests against Illinois Wesleyan University (3-0) and Wheaton College (3-1). Smolich once again led the way with eight kills in the first contest and 11 in the second.

“I felt that the weekend was a good learning experience for our team,” said first year Head Coach Stacey White. “We now realize that we’re gonna have to focus on eliminating the mental mistakes to win games.”

Point closed out their weekend by defeating Grinnell 3-1 to give White her first career victory.

 Schultz, Smolich and Nikki Kennedy all had at least ten kills to improve the Pointers record to 1-3 for the season.

The road does not get any smoother for Point as five of the top six teams in the region all reside in the WIAC conference, including nationally ranked UW-Whitewater.

“It was really nice to end the tournament with a win. We really went out and attacked and played a solid match,” said White. “We know that with such a tough conference we have to work together and play our hardest every time out.”

Point opens their home schedule this Thursday as they will be St. Norbert’s college at 7 p.m. They will then open conference play Tuesday against the Oshkosh Titans.

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Soccer young but talented

Inexperienced team starts on positive note
By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's soccer team has a lot to live up to. Last year's team went to the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament.

However, this year's team has many new faces, as the team has 11 new players and only nine returnees.

"The biggest thing early in the season is getting the team comfortable with each other," said Head Coach Sheila Miech.

In order to form team unity, the squad has scheduled numerous team meals and trips.

The formula seems to have worked as the Pointers continued their dominance over rival UW-LaCrosse 3-1. The Pointers now have a conference record 45 match winning streak over the Eagles.

The win improved the Pointers to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. UW-LaCrosse fell to 0-3-2 overall and 0-1 in the WIAC. UWSP is ranked third in the nation and first in the Central Region.

The Pointers dominated the shots on goal in the game with a 39-4 advantage, but didn't put their first points on the board until sophomore forward Jenny Bruce finally broke through with a goal off a rebound at the 33:05 mark of the first half.

Bruce added another goal 40 seconds into the second half when she took a pass from sophomore Sarah Menzel and scored for a 2-0 lead.

Just three minutes after Bruce's goal, the defensive-minded Menzel sent a cross shot in front of the net that Molly Cady put home for a 3-0 lead. Menzel's assist marked the first career points for the SPASH graduate.

Miech is very excited about this year's team.

"It's impossible to compare this year's team to the great one from last year, but we have a lot of talent and we picked up some great players," said Miech. "We have some great captains in, Brianna Hyslop and Mickey Jacob. The unity this team has this early in the season is great."

UW-Stevens Point will travel to 24th ranked University of Chicago Sunday at 2 p.m.

Play the Games
By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Due to the tragic terrorist attacks that took place on Tuesday, professional football is discussing canceling all their games for this Sunday.

While it is understandable that many people feel now is not the time to be worried about sporting events, the opposite is true. Football games provide many people an escape from their problems and just let them concentrate on their favorite team or player.

Right now with the death counts climbing I want to be distracted for three hours on Sunday. Cancelling a weekend of football is not going to help anybody towards dealing with their sorrow.

If there are practical reasons to cancel, like air travel, then the NFL would be justified in calling the games off.

But if the only reason given for cancellation is time for mourning, then that is a mistake. Right now Americans need something to take pride in more than ever and for many people they need look no further than a home football team.

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Football team upsets Ohio Northern in opener

Team earns sloppy 14-10 victory
By Craig Mandli
Sports Editor

- Defense wins championships. That saying has been a football motto since the game was first played.
- This past weekend the UWSP Pointer football team took these words to heart in a big way, holding a strong Ohio Northern team to 98 total yards in the second half.

Using a three-man pass rush for most of the game, the Pointers were able to put effective pressure on Ohio quarterback Jeff Soliday for most of the game, said Pointer coach John Miech.

Freshman nose tackle Josh Plisch and sophomore end Andy Hintz also had effective games. Hintz had to play a much larger role when senior end Dave Rogers went down with a season-ending ACL tear.

"Losing Dave will hurt this team. He was a veteran and a team leader. I think that Andy will be able to come in and do the job, though," said Miech.

The Pointers also had three interceptions to stop Northern drives with two gathered in by freshman linebacker Ryan Bentley and the third going for a long touchdown by senior corner Jonah Roth.

On offense, the powerful UWSP line was able to dominate the smaller Ohio Northern defenders all day, paving the way for runningbacks Jason Vander-Velden and Kurt Kielblock to gain nearly 100 yards each.

This game was the return of Kielblock, the Pointer's talented fullback whose season was lost to a leg injury after two games last year.

Quarterback Scott Krause played a solid but unspectacular game, completing 13 of 30 passes for 142 yards, but throwing two interceptions.

The game was not a perfect win by any means for the Pointers.

"We were inside the 30 yard line five times, and we came away with nothing," said Miech. "That is definitely something we will have to work on this week. I was just happy to be able to come away from this thing with a win."

The Pointers continue their season this weekend at home with a non-conference game against familiar WIAC foe UW-Oshkosh. The game, which is the annual "Spud Bowl" will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Goerke Field in Stevens Point.

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Wisconsin.

The Pointers have improved in overall team speed with a pair of freshmen outside linebackers, Craig Johnson and Ryan Bentley.

In the middle are tackling machines sophomore Nick Haffele and senior Heath Novitzke.

In the defensive backfield, Jonah Roth, Kurt Trunkel and Dillon Maney (the three starters from last season) return. Special teams is the area of most concern for the Pointers. Game is consistent kicker Jason Steuck, and in his place is strong-legged understudy Ricardo Vega.

Although Maney was the leading punter last year, coaches want him to concentrate on defense this season. Miech hopes that sophomore Cory Kahl can come in and do a respectable job.

Roth and Gast will handle the return duties for the Pointers.

Tennis starts out on a roll
By Dan Mirman
Sports Editor

Normally, when a team returns with just one varsity player (Amy Strebig), it will be a rough year. But this year's UW-Stevens Point (2-0) tennis team has come out of the gates rolling with an 8-1 victory over St. Norberts Wednesday.

Point swept the doubles and won five of the six singles matches. The singles winners included Kathryn Pollock, Strebig, Alison Mills, Gina Laner and Amber Witkowski in the top 5 positions. Mills, Pollock and Strebig were double winners as they won their doubles matches as well.

"I thought we played very well," said head coach Nancy Page. "Last year we only beat them by a point so I was impressed with our team. It really helps to sweep the doubles and jump out to that early 3-0 lead to grab the momentum."

In the only other dual match of the week, Point defeated Carroll College 6-3 on Friday. They swept the doubles play and singles victories at the first, fourth and sixth positions from Pollock, Laner and Witkowski to win their first dual match. Point also played in the UW- Whitewater tournament over the weekend and placed seventh out of eight teams.

"With just one returning varsity regular I wasn't sure what to expect," said Page. "But so far I have been pleasantly surprised, especially with our number three doubles team being two true freshmen (Jana Braam, Kim Goron)."

Point will travel to UW-La Crosse this weekend for an invitational and then return home Wednesday to kick off conference play against Whitewater.

The Week Ahead...
Football: UW-Oshkosh Saturday, 7 p.m.
Soccer: At University of Chicago Sunday, At UW-Platteville Wednesday
Volleyball: St. Norbert Thursday 7 p.m., UW-Oshkosh Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Cross Country: UW-Oshkosh Invitational and then return home Wednesday to kick off conference play against Whitewater.

Tennis: UW-Whitewater Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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Fall fishing basics from panfish to muskie

By Steve Seamandel
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Each month seems to have a distinct quality to it when it comes to fishing. June is superb for early season bass and spawning panfish. July and August are the time to hammer out the walleye. And now, September is upon us. It’s time for the coveted fall fishing season to begin.

Traditionally, fall is the time when fish gorge and stuff themselves to prepare for the winter. Now is the time when you’ll find fish adding some serious girth to their frames, and the extra weight will make any fisherman proud, once the fish is in the boat of course.

For panfish, deeper weed flats are the key right now. The colder the water gets, the more finicky these fish will become. Bluegill will move from their usual shallow feeding grounds to deeper flats adjacent to weed beds.

Live bait is still key for panfish, with nightcrawlers working best for bluegill and minnows working best for perch and crappies.

Fishermen will notice a significant decrease in bass as the weather gets colder. Since a bass’ metabolism slows down as the water temperature decreases, they almost become dormant in the winter. Bass should continue to produce until mid to late September, but depending on the unpredictable Wisconsin weather, nobody can really say how long bass fishing will be a success.

I’ve always had good luck by using Kelly worms for bass in the fall. It’s a smaller name brand plastic worm with three hooks rigged through it. Be forewarned: accept no substitutes! I’ve used and bought many similar looking worms but none have been as successful as a vintage Kelly worm.

Walleye fishing should continue to improve as the water becomes colder. October is usually a banner month for walleye fishing, similar to northern and muskie.

Fishermen will have to try their luck with the traditionally finicky walleye. As always, trends will be hit and miss from lake to lake.

One of the best spots in Stevens Point is around the dam. Head on over with the classic jig and minnow combination, as that’s usually a safe bet for late summer walleye.

Northern and muskie fishing will heat up as the temperature dips. Fishermen know the drill; suckers and bucktails for muskie and spinners, spoons, small bucktails and shiners for northern.

Bays with thick weed cover are superb for northern at this time of the year. My personal favorite while fishing in the lily pads is a green or orange spinner reeled in quickly. It’s probably the most exciting type of fishing I’ve ever done; you’ll get tons of follow-ups to the boat. Keep casting, one of those follow-ups will devour your lure sooner or later.

While fishing for northern and muskies, it’s very important to remember to use extra sharp hooks. It’s a good idea to keep a hook sharpener in your tackle box. Be sure to sharpen them if new, and after every catch and/or snag. Sharpening your hooks may be the difference between a trophy on your wall and the one that got away.

It’s also important to use thicker line while fishing for these monsters. The bigger the fish, the sharper their teeth will be. I’ve seen quite a few lines snap because it scraped against the fish’s tooth. I’m sure other fisherman can attest to this as well.

Although the great freeze hasn’t begun yet, it’ll be here soon enough. Some fishing will depreciate as temperatures fall, but some will get better.

Regardless, if your passion lays in the water, get out there now because fall always gives us some of the best conditions to pull in the fish of a lifetime.

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Plane crashes aplenty and their impact on nature

With the recent turn of events out East, will we see environmental changes in the Midwest?

By Steve Seamand

The events that occurred on Tuesday were shocking to say the least. I was appalled to hear of all the students in Stevens Point with close ties to people in New York City, directly affected. However, I unfortunately didn't have any kin or acquaintances in or around New York. For the most part, the crisis has not directly affected me yet.

However, rumors of increasing gas prices made me think. How would this massacre affect not only me, but people who share similar interests for the outdoors?

Other than the obvious mass destruction, smoke pollution and damage done to the cities, it doesn't look as though there will be any drastic changes for our outdoor hobbies for the time being.

The only concern is gas. As of Tuesday afternoon, inflated gas prices were more common. Gas prices would rise sharply since nobody knew if there would be a gas shortage or not. People flocked to the pumps causing a panic for gas.

How will this impact nature? At this point, it's hard to tell. However, gas shortages do occur, boaters across the north woods will definitely feel the impact. If this attack had been earlier in the summer, tourism across Wisconsin would have suffered horribly due to possible gas shortages and rationing.

However, our recreation is at the end of America's list of concerns. Of course, only time will tell what other shortfalls will occur.

Wetlands restoration plan intact

More wetlands should be restored quickly in Wisconsin under an agreement signed on Sept. 11 by state and federal agencies. The agreement is part of a process involving federal wetland restoration projects, eliminating duplication between state and federal agencies and saving taxpayers money.

The agreement, among the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, is particularly expected to help reduce a backlog of projects in Wisconsin under the Wetland Reserve Program that pays farmers to restore wetlands that have been drained for agriculture. The fate of that popular program and the backlog of projects hangs in the balance as Congress weighs re-authorizing the Wetlands Reserve in the new farm bill.

"This agreement will help us ensure our decisions maximize the amount of wetlands restored in Wisconsin," says DNR Secretary Darrell Bazzell.

"At the same time, it will allow our agencies to meet other very important goals - managing fisheries, avoiding flooding, protecting public rights in navigable waters and providing efficient, effective customer service," Bazzell said.

Bazzell signed the document in a ceremony Tuesday at the DNR's central office in Madison. Patricia Leavenworth, State Conservationist, signed for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and James Ruwald, Wisconsin private lands coordinator, signed for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"This will significantly streamline the permitting process. It's going to result in more efficient use of federal dollars and more wetlands restored in Wisconsin." Leavenworth says the agreement will be particularly welcome news to landowners enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program, which NRCS administers. Under that program, NRCS acquires an easement from the landowner and restores the wetlands that were previously altered for crop land. The landowner may choose a permanent or thirty year easement, or can choose a ten year contract for restorations.

"Landowners in the Wetlands Reserve are always anxious to see the wetlands restored as soon as possible," Leavenworth said.

"This agreement will help us serve those landowners, and ultimately, the land and water resources, by reducing the time between sign up and restoration."

In turn, that efficiency could help bring more federal dollars to Wisconsin for wetland restoration, Leavenworth said.

More than 30,000 acres have been restored in Wisconsin under this program since President George H. W. Bush created it in the 1990 Farm Bill. An additional 96 Wisconsin projects involving 8,024 acres are awaiting funding.

Congress is now drafting a new farm bill to authorize commodity and conservation programs for the next ten years. The current farm bill expires next year. Their decision will directly affect the backlog of Wisconsin projects, according to Bazzell. Wisconsin has about 5.3 million acres of wetlands, about half the acreage present before statehood. In addition to providing valuable habitat for waterfowl, amphibians and some fish, wetlands provide storage for flood waters, filter polluted runoff and provide recreation and scenic beauty.

The three agencies have different missions but various responsibilities for protecting, managing and restoring wetlands, according to Mary Ellen Vollbrecht, DNR's chief of rivers and habitat protection, who led the DNR's negotiations on the agreement.

DNR manages fish and wildlife and assures public rights in navigable waters, including recreation, water quality and natural scenic beauty. FWS is responsible for federally listed threatened and endangered species and NRCS provides assistance for natural resource conservation on agricultural and private lands, according to Vollbrecht.

The agreement spells out the goals of such restorations, allocates responsibilities among individual staff, and sets up a process for resolving disagreements. For instance, the federal agencies agree to do analysis and maintain records that state employees would normally do. DNR staff agree to invest the time up front to participate in the initial review of potential restoration sites and the actual restoration plans.

"It's a good partnership," Vollbrecht says. "We will be able to more efficiently use our staff, meet our common goal of reverting the loss of wetlands and meet our other responsibilities."

The recent plane crashes into the Pentagon, World Trade Center and in a Pennsylvania field can only be described as tragic. Innocent lives were lost and the lives of the victims' families have been forever altered.

This occurrence will affect every facet of American life. Part of the domino effect of the catastrophe could be severe exploitation of our natural resources.

On Tuesday people waited in line to fill their gas tanks in anticipation of skyrocketing gas prices. This wasn't a problem in far-off New York City; this happened right here in Stevens Point.

After rising initially, gas prices have fallen back in line, thanks to prodding by state agencies after vaulting to more than six dollars per gallon in some areas of the country. U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and high-ranking officials at major oil companies have assured the American public that sufficient oil supplies had already been imported into the country. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which controls about 40 percent of the world's oil, has stated that its 11 member countries plan to continue their policy of providing market stability and ensuring sufficient oil supplies exist.

However, in times of crisis, environmental concerns take a back seat to keeping the country running. The Environmental Protection Agency lifted its summer clean air requirements, which were meant to curb air pollution problems, in an effort to avert any fuel supply short­ages. The clean air policy was scheduled to expire Sept. 15 regardless, but it serves as an example of what can happen to environmental measures in a national emergency.

At this point, if we keep only two days from the incident, it's hard to say what the future will hold. Though oil companies and the energy secretary have promised otherwise, it's certainly conceivable that oil prices could rise when America's current oil imports run low. Efforts to open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling could intensify, "justified" by American demand for oil during a state of emergency.

If there can be a silver lining to this disaster, within hours of the plane crashes I witnessed what appeared to be an increased number of people riding their bikes. People also seemed friendlier, united in our common bond of concern for national security. Across the country, people have flooded the Red Cross with blood donations. People are going out of their way to help each other by donating food and shelter to the families of disaster victims.

What America needs is not more oil imports nor oil drilling within its borders. Let's harness this energy of unity and teamwork to think of alternative solutions to fossil-fuel consumption. Our economy is in a flux. Why continue to buy oil from overseas? Why not use this disaster as a wake-up call and use our own people and resources to develop electric cars, solar and wind technology and other environmentally friendly means of power rather than living at the mercy of OPEC?

Incidents like this act of terrorism bring out the worst in certain individuals but can bring out the best in humanity. Just as American women rose to the occasion to take over U.S. factories during World War II, which also proved they were just as capable as men in the war force, let's use this disaster as an opportunity to further environmentally friendly technology. If we do this, those thousands of people killed in the plane crashes will not have totally died in vain.
Wisconsin opens hunting seasons, delays others

By Joe Shead
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Wisconsin's first mourning dove hunting season, which was scheduled to open Sept. 1, has been put on hold.

Dane Co. Circuit Judge Daniel Moeser granted a temporary injunction on Aug. 28 that effectively halted the mourning dove season before it began. The injunction is expected to remain in place until the court issues a final judgment on a case challenging the legality of a mourning dove hunting season in Wisconsin.

The season was scheduled to run Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 with a daily bag limit of 15 birds. Mourning dove hunting was to be included with small game hunting privileges.

The Early September Canada goose season, however, did open as scheduled Sept. 4. Designed to thin the population of giant Canada geese nesting locally, this season runs until Sept. 15.

Wisconsin's bow-deer season opens Sept. 15 statewide, excluding state parks. Hunters may harvest either a buck or antlerless deer with their archery tags. Additional antlerless deer may be taken with a bonus tag or hunter's choice tag in the Deer Management Unit (DMU) specified, or with any Zone T tag in DMUs in Zone T. Check the general hunting regulations for more information on Zone T units, season length and other information.

Other hunting seasons opening Sept. 15 include gray and fox squirrel, crow, ruffed grouse (in zones A and B, which includes Portage Co.) and cottontail rabbit (in the Northern Zone - defined as north of Hwy 10 and Hwy 54).

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New CD Review

Joe Strummer and the Mescaleros
Global A Go-Go
2001 Hellcat Records
By Zack Holder

What can I say, I'm biased when it comes to this band. The Clash is one of my all-time favorite bands and to see Clash vocalist/guitarist Strummer come out with a second album with this new outfit delighted the hell out of me. About four minutes into it, I learned what many people will be disappointed by... this is nothing like a Clash album.

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From what I understood, the summer going into your last year in college is supposed to be the most fun. At least, that's what I thought seven years ago. I had seen before, with the addition of "The Rainbow Connection" and the removal of some material off of The Red Headed Stranger and Tougher than Leather.

The cover songs were good as ever though and included Merle Haggard's "Working Man's Blues" and Kris Kristofferson's "Me and Bobby McGee." Nelson's voice hasn't lost it a bit and his guitar playing is still top notch. After the show, I even got to shake the hand of the Highwayman himself.

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"Rick Baker's makeup was unbelievably and it was the perfect summer blockbuster. Tim Roth showed his versatility by playing a great bad guy, I mean..."

"With uncompromising power and soul, Sevendust has become an unstoppable juggernaut. With two gold records under their belt and a live show like no other, they're one of today's most important rock acts."

The past two years have been hard times, but I persisted since Sevendust released their sophomore album Home. Again the band kicked off their U.S. tour on Sept 1st and will be playing dates all the way up to the release of their upcoming album Animosity due out Nov 13 on TVR records.

Hard rock giants Sevendust are set to tour this fall with up-and-coming metal band Drowning Pool. The band kicked off their U.S. tour on Sept 1st and will be playing dates all the way up to the release of their upcoming album Animosity due out Nov 13 on TVR records.

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