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The water-ski club gets a new boat from the Intercollegiate Association. Learn how to get involved. Flip to Features.

Student attends forum in NY

Talbot protests in NYC for economic betterment

By Mollie Mlodzik
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UWSP freshman Chris Talbot traveled to New York City to participate in the World Economic Forum protests.

"People from all over came to the protest for all different reasons: from anti-capitalism to anti-globalism to pro-globalism ... overlaying it all, I think, is the wish for the elite to examine poverty and do something about it, even at the cost of profits," said

Talbot.

The World Economic Forum is an independent organization committed to improving the state of the world. The forum is funded by 1,000 of the world's most successful corporations, and its interests lie in further economic growth and social progress on a global scale.

Talbot traveled with a group from Madison called Mad at the Bank and arrived in New York City early Saturday morning. Mad at the Bank is a student organization at UW-Madison that formed in August of 2001 to protest the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

While in New York, Talbot participated in marches in Central Park, and also spent time listening to various speakers on topics like the World Social Forum. The World Social Forum began in 1999 as a result of the protests against the World Trade Organization (WTO) and global capitalism.

The forum brought together 3,000 world leaders and corporate executives and also drew some 7,000 protesters. Around 200 protesters were arrested in total, and only one was charged with something other than a disorderly

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ROTC students graduate Air Assault School

By Amy Zepnick
NEWS EDITOR

Seven UW-Stevens Point ROTC students hold new badges upon their graduation from the 101st Army Assault School in Fort Campbell, Ky.

"The ROTC program at UWSP is four-year, non-obligatory," said Major Ralph Sliwicki, professor of military science. "There are 200 slots for the school."

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) is the only Air Assault division in the world. Training has taken place at Fort Campbell since the 1950s when the 11th Airborne Division con-

ducted basic training there. In the 1960s, the school was altered to a jumpmaster school to support the 101st Airborne Division. The school was used to teach basic and advanced rappelling.

According to Sliwicki, only one of four UWSP participants

passed the two-week course in Fort Campbell.

Students of the Air Assault School process through three phases. During combat assault phase, soldiers are trained in aircraft safety and orientation, aero medical evacuations and pathfinder and combat assault operations. Physical fitness tests throughout this phase include guerilla drills and 3-mile ability group run.

During the second phase, soldiers receive instruction on preparing, rigging and in-

specting weapons, including the M119 105mm Howitzer. They must also hook up a load underneath a CH-47. Physical fitness tests throughout this phase include a 3-mile ability group run and six-mile road march with 25 pounds of equipment for 1 1/2 hours.

The final phase, rappelling, involves combat rappel, belay procedures and hook up and lock-in techniques. Soldiers perform two rappels on the wall side of the 34' tower, 9-12 rappels from the open side and two rappels



Photo submitted by Major Ralph Sliwicki from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter with and without apparatuses. Physical fitness tests throughout this phase include a four-mile ability group run, circuit training and a 12-mile road

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Pregnancy resources available to students

By Amy Zepnick
NEWS EDITOR

According to the World Health Organization, more than 500,000 women die from pregnancy-related complications annually.

On Jan. 30, UW-Eau Claire student Karen Marie Hubbard bled to death while giving birth in a residence hall bathroom. The baby, Julianne, died a few days later from lack of oxygen during delivery. Stevens Point offers many resources for pregnant students to prevent such an occurrence close to home.

UW-Stevens Point Health Services director Bill Hettler,

recommends emergency contraception pills (ECP) in an urgent situation. According to the Healthy American website, ECP can decrease the chances of pregnancy by 75%.

"Commonly called the morning after pill, ECP is taken twice within 72 hours," he said. "Students have a choice of a few different brands for \$7-\$20."

If students do not take advantage of ECP and become pregnant, Health Services provides education in pregnancy options.

"Whatever the student chooses to do, we provide support," he said. "Some students want a child and some don't. We

refer students to a hospital if they choose to keep the baby. We don't provide obstetrician services, but we refer students to adoption or abortion agencies if that is their choice."

Counselors are also available in Health Services or on the third floor of Delzell Hall.

Hettler stresses that undesirable outcomes on college campuses almost always include alcohol.

"Alcohol causes poor judgment," he said. "Those involved don't have the communication skills to talk about protection. It's a lack of comfort."

"Health services is a safe place to go because everything is

confidential. No one, not even faculty or parents, can look at files without permission. Also, because services on campus are pre-paid by tuition, there are no insurance-connections so family can't interfere."

If a student reaches full term and delivers outside a hospital, she still has options. The Newborn Protection Act, passed in April 2000, allows a parent of an infant 30 days old or less to drop the child at a hospital or law enforcement agency. By doing this, he/she terminates parental rights. The hospital then must perform any act necessary to

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Pregnancy Hotlines

Family Planning Health Services:
345-2929
1-800-246-5743

CAP Services-Family Crisis
Center:
345-6511
1-800-472-3377

Rice Medical Center
342-7750

Stevens Point Area Schools:
345-5651

UWSP Counseling Center:
346-3553
(for students only)

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conduct or some other charge familiar to protesters.

Talbot recalls being present where protesters were arrested. "We began marching down the street in the area we had a permit for, but before we actually started, the riot cops rushed us and started grabbing and arresting people. I saw a woman get grabbed by her ponytail and dragged across the pavement," Talbot said. "Apparently, they were targeting the anarchist kids

who had plastic shields and gas masks, thinking they were a threat to security. I think that they [the anarchist kids] were just thinking about the WTO in Seattle and were ready to defend themselves against tear gas and pepper spray, but I can see how they may look hostile with the gear."

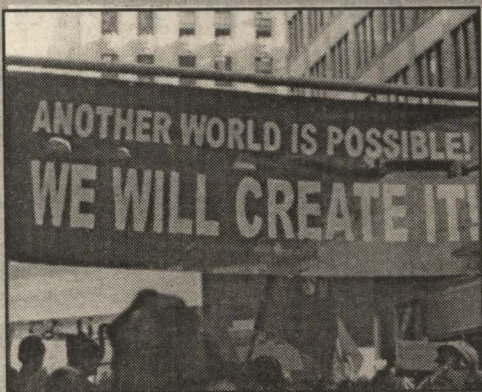
With more than 4,000 police officers on hand, the demonstrations were, for the most part, peaceful and contained.

Aside from being involved with the Progressive

Action Organization, the Peace and Unity Coalition, the Gay-Straight Alliance and the Women's Resource Center on campus, Talbot also associates with a broad-based coalition called Another World Is Possible.

The coalition consists of environmentalists, students, anti-corporate globalization activists and human-rights campaigners and has a platform for dumping global debt and using the money to rebuild New York City and the world. It also stands for saving the environment and protecting citizen's civil rights.

Upon her return Monday night, Talbot said, "Overall, I was happy with the protest and with the non-violence that was exhibited by all, even those groups that do not believe that non-violence is the way to seek change. I hope that we caused some sense of urgency to the people in the meeting by letting them know that they need to make a change, and the time to do it is now."



All photos submitted by C. Talbot

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march with 25 pounds of equipment for three hours.

Written and hands-on tests must be completed after each phase before advancing to the next one.

"It wasn't just the mental or just the physical challenges that made the air assault school difficult," said junior, Mark Kenton. "It's more a combination of both. There is a lot of memorization along with the 10k and 20k marches. If you mess up even a little bit, they kick you out."

According to Sliwicki, the Air Assault School demands superior physical ability.

"Physical training is everyday at 4:30 a.m.," he said. "The soldiers are training until 6 p.m. On day 14 soldiers wake up at 2 a.m. for formation at 4 a.m., then they walk 12 miles to graduation."

According to freshman Joshua Christensen, joining the ROTC was a good choice.

"There is a lot of testing which made it tougher mentally. By participating in the Air Assault School, I will have more opportunities in the Army and in becoming part of active duty."

Other graduates include Andrew Lorsung, Aaron Cherney, Bret Springstroh, Dex Burrough and Robert Runnion.

SGA looks at new leaders for 2002-03

Applications for the positions of student body president and vice-president are available in the Student Government Association (SGA) office, located in room 026 of the lower level of the University Center. Applications will be due on Feb. 22.

Any UW-Stevens Point student is welcome to apply for these positions provided they maintain a 2.25 grade point average, are enrolled for at least six credits and have at least one year remaining at UWSP.

Some responsibilities of the president include ad-

ressing student concerns and issues; communicating SGA issues to students, senators, faculty and administration; attending SGA meetings; voting on the United Council and serving as a student representative.

Some responsibilities of the vice president include working closely with the president, chairing the weekly SGA senate meetings, voting on United Council, maintaining correspondences with school systems and serving on the Finance Committee.

For more information, please contact the SGA at 346-4592.

Tabor new director of personnel

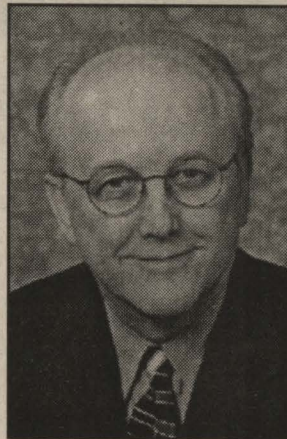
A human resources specialist and industrial engineer from New York has been appointed director of personnel at UW-Stevens Point.

Robert Tabor, who comes to UWSP from a 12-year stint as director of human resources at Plattsburgh State University, begins his new duties Feb. 1. At UWSP, he will direct and administer personnel, payroll and staff benefits programs for classified staff, work with Academic Affairs to administer the non-teaching academic staff personnel program and direct payroll and staff benefit programs for all faculty, academic staff and student employees.

Tabor says he first learned about UWSP through the hockey rivalry between the two campuses. He met several fans when they attended games at Plattsburgh State and he found the Pointers to be a congenial group. He says he was attracted to UWSP because of its national reputation for wellness programs and because of its role as a cultural and educational center for Central Wisconsin.

The new director holds a

bachelor's degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a master's degree from Plattsburgh State. He began his career as an engineer and manager with Harris Graphics of Champlain, N.Y., for 10 years,



and then became assistant plant manager for Malden Mills Industries of Barre, Vt. for two years before joining the university staff.

In the community, he has served as president of the Plattsburgh Lions Club, Champlain Valley Management Club and Henrietta Jaycees. At Plattsburgh State, he also served as vice chair of the Child Care Center and as a member of the

Board of SUNY Human Resources Officers Association. In addition, he has been active in the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources.

At UWSP, Tabor wants to spend some time becoming familiar with the campus and learning about the state civil service system. He believes the UWSP Personnel Office staff is experienced and well respected for providing good service and goodwill, so he sees no need for radical change. He wants to study what the area does well and find out what improvements may need to be made. He says one of the things that impressed him most during the interview process was being invited to meet with the campus employees who work at night.

A New York native, Tabor and his wife, Monica, are house hunting in Stevens Point. One regret for the couple is moving away from two daughters and three grandsons in New York, but they plan to exchange visits as often as possible.

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Thomson Hall

Thursday, Jan. 31 8:26 p.m.

The director reported he suspected marijuana use.

Lot Q

Thursday, Jan. 31

A number of car break-ins were reported including broken windows and additional vandalism.

Campus Parking Lots

Wednesday, Jan. 30 2:58 p.m.

Someone reported an unknown person had been removing signs from multiple parking lots.

Collins Classroom Center

Wednesday, Jan. 30 2:04 a.m.

A custodian reported that someone defecated in the urinal of the first floor north men's room and then smeared the feces on the wall.

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protect the baby's physical health.

The hospital must offer the parent information concerning the legal effect of leaving their baby and must ask them to identify the other parent of the infant. The hospital needs to know the infant's background and medical history.

All information regarding the parents' identities must be kept confidential.

Lastly, the parent will not be prosecuted for any criminal offense if he/she complies with the hospital's request.

According to on-health.webmd.com, various symptoms can signal possible pregnancy. First, a woman will skip a regular menstrual period. She may also test positively during a blood or urine pregnancy test. Nausea, vomiting and gas may be a sign. A woman may urinate and sleep often. Later, she may experience lower abdominal cramps, backaches and headaches.

A woman must keep in mind, however, that although these symptoms may signal pregnancy, they could also be caused by other biological changes.

If you are pregnant, it is important to live a healthy lifestyle. According to information from the UWSP Counseling Center, healthy moms have healthy babies.

Consider genetic tests or counseling if you or the father have a family history of genetic disorders, if you are 35 or older or if the father is 60 or older.

Have a complete medical exam.

Take measures to control and/or treat all medical conditions and take care of your health before you get pregnant.

Consult your doctor before taking any medication.

Start taking prenatal vitamins while trying to get pregnant. This may prevent certain birth defects.

Ask your doctor or a dietitian to outline a meal plan that meets your special nutritional needs.

Avoid alcohol, nicotine and illicit drugs, as they can harm you and your unborn baby.

Limit your daily intake of caffeine to no more than that contained in 2-3 cups of coffee or about 400 milligrams.

Follow your doctor's advice about weight gain.

Exercise in moderation:

up to three times a week with your doctor's okay. Consider walking, golf, swimming, bicycling and low impact aerobics.

Practice relaxation and other stress control techniques.

Enroll in childbirth preparation classes.

If you own a cat, arrange for someone else to empty the litter box. Cat excrement can transmit a disease called toxoplasmosis. If you're infected while pregnant, your baby may be stillborn, born prematurely or may suffer serious damage to the brain, eyes or other parts of the body.

Be informed. Know the warning signs of pregnancy complications.

If you would like more information about pregnancy resources on campus, contact Health Services at 346-4646.

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Burling leaves UWSP

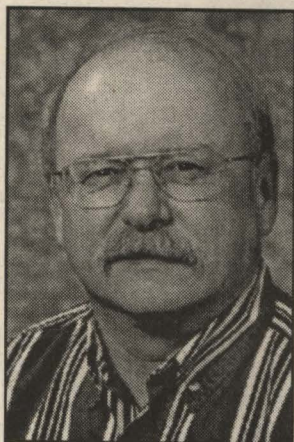
Don Burling, chief of police and security at the UW-Stevens Point (UWSP), has retired after 30 years of service.

"I enjoyed my time at the university and the people I've worked with in the protective services unit," said Burling. "I'm thankful for all the support over the years, including the support of the administration and the many city and county police officers who help make the campus and community safe for students and residents alike."

A native of Berlin, Burling began his career at UWSP in 1971 as a security officer. Prior to joining UWSP, he was a member of the U.S. Army's military police. In 1974, he was promoted to lead officer for the campus, and three years later, became a supervisor. In 1980 Burling was promoted to assistant director of protective services. In 1997, with the approval of the Faculty Senate, he was sworn in as chief of police and security, with law enforcement authority for the campus.

Highlights of Burling's career include instituting a Student Security Patrol in 1989, and cre-

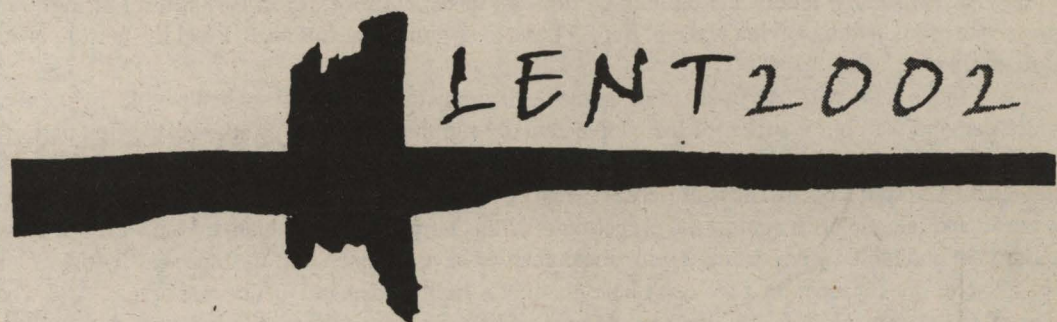
ating a Student Transit Service with funding from Student Government in 1994. Individual officers within the unit took on additional duties providing additional services to the campus community and assistance in reducing campus crime each year since 1991.



Burling served on various campus committees, such as Environmental Health & Safety and the Campus Crisis Team. He has been a member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) for 17 years, and has served as secretary treasurer, vice president and president of the Wisconsin Chapter.

Burling and his wife, Nancy, will continue to live in the area. He will tackle odd jobs around the house, hunt, fish and play golf. In addition, he plans to spend time with relatives, especially his two daughters and his grandson.

John Taylor has been appointed interim director of the protective services unit.



Ash Wednesday

13 February

Lent can only begin on this day. So plan now to mark the start of Lent's Forty Days with prayer, ashes, and a pledge to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.

Liturgy with ashes

8:15 AM (Mass) • Newman Center

Next to Pray Sims

Noon • Newman Center

6 PM • St. Joseph Convent Chapel

On Maria Drive just west of K mart

9 PM • Newman Center

Mass every Lord's Day

5 PM Saturday • 10:15 AM Sunday

6 PM Sunday • St. Joseph Convent Chapel

Newman - The Roman Catholic Parish at UWSP
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Words of Wisdom From the Editor

Run to class. Speed to work. Life's too short to dilly-dally.

By Josh Goller
EDITOR IN CHIEF

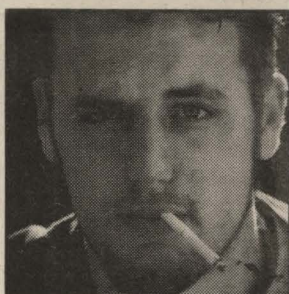
I'm often amazed by my own efficiency in getting where I need to go. I can't count the times I've woken up twenty minutes before a class and made it there with enough time for a refreshing stop to the men's room. I'm rarely late, even when I hit the snooze a half dozen times.

Recently, I've realized that my time is just too valuable to waste on primping myself in the morning. This is college for God's sake, "bed head" is practically encouraged. Why putz around before class or work when you could be getting extra minutes of valuable sleep?

Don't get me wrong, streamlining your life isn't all that easy. There are a few tricks you need to learn to yield an efficient living strategy, but they become second nature in no time.

For some, deciding what to wear can produce a major, time consuming obstacle. The simple answer: wear whatever is laying on the floor. If it wasn't foul enough to throw in the hamper, it can't be that dirty. Febreeze eliminates any chance of unpleasant odors as well.

Traveling can also really hold people up. I'm not willing to waste extra seconds or minutes of my life sitting behind the wheel of my "grandma car." I'm a firm believer in responsible speeding. The



way I see it, speed limits are really only recommendations, and I think someone told me that the stop signs with white borders around them are optional. I'm not a reckless driver, I just utilize a more offense-oriented strategy. Quickly calculated lane changes become absolutely crucial.

Above all, people waste too much time walking to and from classes. I've perfected my speed walk, which isn't only faster but also serves as "stop to chit chat" prevention. You can't stop to talk to a familiar face when you blow right by before you can recognize them. In some cases, actually running from building to building can become your best friend and save more of those precious seconds to spend doing

something else.

Put off shaving yourself until you start getting your lunch stuck to your face or become too furry to need the warmth of pants and you'll add minutes to your morning "sleep-in." Skim-read everything to allocate additional video game minutes. Buy pop tops on every food item you can and never purchase anything you can't quickly microwave.

Every minute counts, and every area of your life can be streamlined enough to fit in extra time to do what you really want to be doing. I may have to Forrest Gump-run my way to class, but it's a price I'm willing to pay to sleep in a minute or two later.



Alcohol consumption has nothing to do with freedom

While paging through *The Pointer* a few weeks ago, my attention was drawn to an article written by Andrew Bushard in the letters and opinion section. As much as I respect Mr. Bushard for trying to make some sense of his feelings in the wake of Sept. 11 and everything that followed, I feel the need to question his reasoning.

First, I take issue with Mr. Bushard's statement, "It's easy for insulated detached people, living in comfort, to demand war, but it sucks for the people actually fighting the war." To address the first part of this statement, I am offended by being labeled insulated and detached. I don't think any American is insulated and detached from the occurrences of Sept. 11. Just because the majority of Americans are unable to cross the ocean and take up arms against the perpetrators of this terrible attack (which, by the way, Mr. Bushard would most undoubtedly condemn) doesn't mean that we have not been hurt in some way by the events of Sept. 11. Nor does it mean that we don't have the moral right to demand justice and action. And what in terms of action, may I ask, is Mr. Bushard doing any differently than those of us who are demanding justice here in America? What actions of his indicate that he is anything but insulated or detached from what is occurring in Afghanistan? Why protest the war in the Stevens Point Shopko parking lot when one could do more good standing in front of an American tank in Kandahar, demanding that our soldiers go home? If those who want war should be willing to fight it, then it is only reasonable to expect that those who want peace should be willing to die for it.

The thing that disturbed me most of all, however, was Mr. Bushard's view that the Taliban had more insight into freedom than America, simply by their ban on alcohol. Mr. Bushard states that we as the readers need some perspective. According to Mr. Bushard, since the Taliban outlawed alcohol, they gave the citizens of Afghanistan more freedom than we Americans enjoy. I think Mr. Bushard is the one who needs some perspective. Let's talk about the Taliban and freedom. Have you ever seen a woman in a burqa? Have you seen pictures of Afghanistan women being beaten with sticks and iron rods and metal pipes and whips because they did something as trivial as leave their house without a male relative walking with them? Or how about the one where a woman was almost burned to death by her father-in-law because she didn't clean her husband's clothes properly? Let's not forget that in addition to alcohol, the Taliban also outlawed music. Musicians were punished by imprisonment, even death, in the five-plus years that the Taliban ruled Afghanistan.

Mr. Bushard states, "Americans thinks [sic] that we are free because we have legalized alcohol, but we must realize that alcohol addiction never can be freedom," and "We are not free, by any stretch of the imagination, and we press mindlessly and spout rhetoric about us having great freedom, but alcohol debauchery is the antithesis of freedom." Since when did our freedom become dependant on the legalization of alcohol? There is no correlation whatsoever to rhetoric of freedom and the consumption of alcohol. The only rhetoric that is being spouted is that of Mr. Bushard's anti-alcohol stance. I have two questions for Mr. Bushard. First, are you more interested in pressing your anti-alcohol rhetoric than realizing the freedoms that have been afforded to us by our brave soldiers? And finally, if peace is what you really want, how much are YOU willing to sacrifice for it?

Sam Williams
UWSP Student

Whites can be multicultural

I'm not exactly sure how to word this letter without sounding like a xenophobic bigot, but here it goes. I just picked up the new copy of "Le Pointer" at DeBot and my eyes were immediately drawn to the pie chart in the lower corner. Being interested in both pies and charts, I looked at it to see which category I fell into. There was none. Then I saw the heading: "UWSP's 2002 first-semester enrollment of multicultural students," and I thought, "oh, that explains it." Then I thought, "since when does being white mean not multicultural?" I am white, in case you haven't picked up on that by now, whiter than most this time of year, but I never thought that would exclude me from the broad label "multicultural." I can say hello in eight different languages, swear in four others, and have a deep and abiding respect for peoples of every race, color, creed, shoe size, etc. I can trace my lineage back to four European countries. If that doesn't make me multicultural, I don't know what will.

I understand that there are still schools that teach the dead white guy stuff in excess and to extreme, but it's not without reason. Ludwig van Beethoven was white, so was William Wallace and Peter the Great, not to mention Harry Potter. And there's no reason why their achievements need be diminished as more so called "multicultural" curriculum is adopted by schools. After all, we all have a culture, why can't we just get along?

Nicole Lemery
UWSP Student

Editor's Note: If we included white students in a pie graph of UWSP ethnicity, it'd pretty much be a big white circle. Also, European ancestry doesn't really make you multicultural. In fact, it's the definition of being caucasian.

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Students experience New Zealand

I'm Aaron, a senior at UWSP. I am among the thirty-six students who have the opportunity to study in the South Pacific this semester. Here is a short summary of the experience so far.

The North Island of New Zealand was our classroom from Jan. 7-20. From the beginning, we were all anxious to see what this beautiful country had to offer. With our guide, Brent (a local kiwi) and bus driver Ken Going (a former rugby great), we set across the rolling hills, surrounding lakes and mountains in the North Island of New Zealand. A few highlights of the trip included traditional ceremonies with indigenous Maori people, hiking on volcanoes and visiting pristine islands home to unique species of wildlife, flora and fauna.

Prior to meeting the Maori, we enriched ourselves with New Zealand's history. We visited numerous museums and attended lectures on the colonization of the island. Eventually the day came when we pulled up to the Otiria Marae, where some traditional Maori reside. Here we experienced a Powhiri, a traditional welcome led by a Maori warrior. Upon being invited inside, the Maori entertained us with song and dance. It is only proper that we return the favor as well. So we did our best to pull off a few little numbers. They prepared a delicious traditional meal called a Hangi. It consists of beef, chicken, pork and numerous vegetables. They are all wrapped separately, then placed in a crate and steamed underground. The Maori demonstrate love and hard work in celebrating and preserving their culture. They remember their ancestors through detailed woodcarvings, song and dance. This was a unique cultural experience to remember always.

We had the pleasure to spend a day with Dr. John Walsby, a marine biologist, who gave us a lecture on just about everything you could want to know about New Zealand. He discussed New Zealand's economy and its dependence upon exporting shellfish such as the scallop, oyster and pava (abalone). He discussed New Zealand's coastline and the important role weather and convection currents play in forming the landscape. New Zealand is at the mercy of wind and rain in all directions. The city of Auckland averages four feet of rain a year, over 2,000 hours of sunshine, and 48 days of gale force winds. It is no surprise if the weather changes from winter to summer in a single day. We had the opportunity to hike Mt. Eden, one of the 48 volcanoes the Auckland (a city of one million) area lies upon.

New Zealand has a passion for birds. The government has set aside an island the size of Stevens Point, solely for birds.



John Walsby instructs students in New Zealand.

Tiritiri Matangi is the island sanctuary where numerous threatened species of birds shall survive. Free of introduced pests, the island is the country's first open sanctuary where the public has access to species that may never again be common to the mainland.

Some species include the red-crowned parakeet, north island saddleback, whitehead, brown teal, north island robin, takahe, little spotted kiwi, stitchbird and kokako. The island has been maintained strictly by volunteers.

These are just a few of the numerous places we gathered to observe diverse ecological systems and experience new culture. Next, our travels lead us to Sydney, Australia where we will continue our education both inside and outside the classroom.

Aaron Druckenbrod
UWSP Student

Green space needs more emphasis than parking

Green space (areas of trees, shrubs and lawns) is an important part of today's society. Many people know of the basic benefits provided by green space, such as aesthetics, breaking up the areas of hardscape (black top, etc.) and wildlife habitat. While these things are very important, green space provides many additional services. Green space functions to intercept rainwater, helping to prevent flooding. Green space keeps localized areas cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. In parking lots, trees shade asphalt, keeps our cars cooler and the atmosphere cleaner by reducing the amount of gasoline that evaporates from our gas tanks.

Green space also plays an integral role in the relationships between people and their environment within cities. Green is the color of life. Studies have shown that humans become relaxed when looking at landscaped areas. Think of it this way, how many students use green space for studying, or for a place to go to get away from the stress of college life? The long-term benefits of green space can arguably outweigh many of the more obvious benefits of more parking spaces on campus.

Yet our campus administration seems to favor parking spaces over green spaces. Why is this? The obvious answer is the demand for parking. Unfortunately, the demand for more parking is so high that removal of more green space is not going to solve the problem. At best, it will provide a short-term fix for a small percentage of students who desire a parking spot on campus. There are better solutions available, such as a parking ramp, fewer permits granted to freshmen, carpooling lots, incentives for not driving, higher parking fees, etc. However, these options are being looked at as a last resort for later down the line. Granted, many of these other options are more difficult, but sometimes the easier solutions are not the best. The question that must be answered is this: Is the vision for our campus one that provides the maximum number of parking spaces at any cost or one of a green island in the city that meets all the needs of the community and the university?

Aaron Schauer
UWSP Student
Society of Arboriculture

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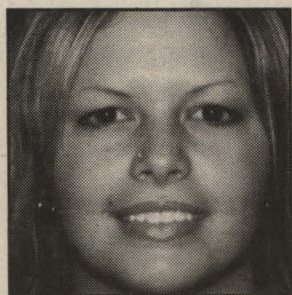
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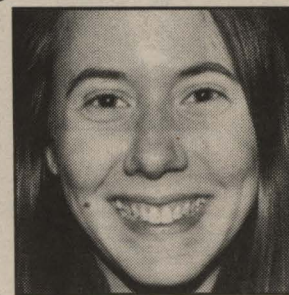
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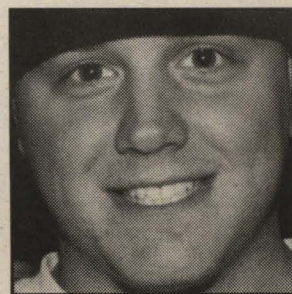
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Hangover, what's a hangover?

The Roman Empire has nothing on UWSP

While not necessarily viewed as being in the realm of a kingdom, UWSP stands tall against history's greatest empires.

By Barrett Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

I am sure the Romans enjoyed being able to live under the Roman Empire and all the privileges that came with it, and I wouldn't doubt that the subjects under various kings of England took pride in the fact that the sun never set on the British Empire. I am also confident that most people in this nation enjoy being able to work and play in the good ol' Land of the Free and Home of the Brave, especially as it is the world's dominant superpower. However, I am also pretty sure that if you were to inquire as to how the subjects of the UWSP kingdom feel about their empire, most would probably give you a look that would kill.

That's right. Hold your heads high, all you Pointerzens, because while you may not realize it, the nation that is UWSP ranks ahead of some of the most dominant empires to ever lay claim on Earth. UWSP is better than the Ottoman Empire, better than anything Genghis Khan ever had, better than the Roman Empire, better than the Spanish, French or British Empires and, in many ways, better than the United States of America.

It's okay if you don't believe me, because some things are true whether you

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Brainpower.

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Communication skills.

As a whole, Pointerzens are better connected to one another than citizens of Roman, British or American rule. In addition to being able to mail a package within the bounds of this empire or outside to another kingdom (Las Vegas, Wausau, Sri Lanka, etc.), Pointerzens have widespread access to e-mail, the WWW, telephones, fax machines, video-conferencing and emergency services/police protection. Although the US is highly developed, not all of its citizens enjoy such readily available access to lines of communication.

Infrastructure.

We have power generation capabilities, paved roads, sound pipelines and an advanced fiber optic network. We are not delayed by adverse weather conditions and we have people who are equipped to maintain the upkeep of our lavish palace (where King George resides), extensive courtyards and numerous employment, learning and residential areas. Even today, many nations who claim to be an equal to UWSP, lack the basic infrastructure that are a matter of course for Pointerzens.

Resource development/protection.

We have forests, wetlands, streams and lakes. We use them in ways that benefit the empire while also maintaining them for future generations. In fact, our nation is partly based on using and caring for our resources. The demise of many nations throughout history have been because those societies failed to manage the resources at their disposal. Not so here at UWSP. Well over a hundred years since our nation had its start, we still have fertile forests and clean water (I don't care what empire or nation you claim to represent, if you don't have trees, you don't have wood, if you don't have wood; you really don't have much).

Outreach capabilities.

The UWSP Empire owns an exten-

sive vehicular fleet. We have outlying provinces (Treehaven and CWES), are well networked with other lesser kingdoms (UW-Green Bay, UW-Eau Claire, etc.) and have strong trade networks (International Programs) with other kingdoms.

I shouldn't even have to mention our dominance of the various athletic competitions or the quality of the performing arts events that are a regular part of UWSP life. By comparing our athletes or actors/actresses with the best of other nations and empires, one can see that our athletes don't expire like in Roman times and the women in our theatre productions are actually played by women.

The UWSP Empire is strong. Bring on the British Empire. Bring on Rome. Sure, size is impressive, however, that means nothing if it is not to your advantage. They had their size, the truth is, they could never have been what we are now. Hold your heads high Pointerzens, for while we're strong, we are also in the minority. Count yourself fortunate to be here, for all who now live outside the bounds of the UWSP kingdom, know not the glory you take for granted today.

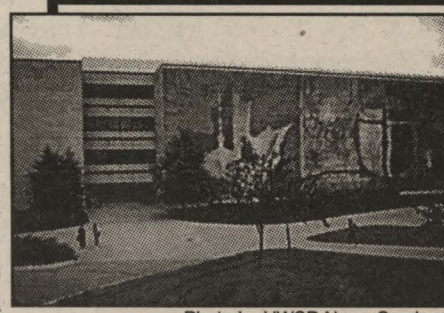


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Remember to allow time for your muscles to repair and rebuild by waiting at least 48 hours before working a muscle again. If you are sore, your body is telling you to take the day off. Believe it or not, there can actually be too much of a good thing, so don't overdo it!

If you have any health or wellness related questions for the Health Advocate, e-mail her at kbuch@uwsp.edu.

THE NORMAL POINTER

LOCAL.

GENERAL.

Friday evening, Jan. 24, the students were entertained at an informal reception given by the faculty in the gymnasium. It was a very fitting close to the term's work, and following as it did directly after the final examinations it served as a gentle quietus to overwrought nerves. The room had been tastefully decorated; and when lighted with the many incandescent globes and several delicately shaded stand lamps, it was indeed brilliant. The guests were entertained by a short and well arranged literary program, to which Prof. Sylvester, Miss Linton, Miss Kuhl, Miss Gray, Miss Furro, Allan Pray, and Guy Blencoe contributed. Afterwards refreshments were served in the music room by the young lady practice teachers. On returning to the reception room again college songs were indulged in with the usual zeal. During the evening many of the students took the opportunity to say farewell to Miss Pittman who left for her home at Madison on the succeeding Monday; and also of meeting and welcoming her successor, Edgar J. Swift.

Our readers will notice that The Pointer has been somewhat enlarged by adding a page devoted to the model schools and one to advertising. It was thought by this means to awaken a greater interest in the paper on the part of the smaller children; and also to keep our other readers informed on the progress of the model school work. "The story of Siegfried" is one of the old fables that never fails to attract children, and they never tire of hearing it repeated over and over. While in rewriting it they use the same expressions to a large extent that the teacher used, yet it is wonderful how their ability to express themselves and the size of their vocabulary is increased by the practice.

At the meeting of the Arena, held Saturday evening, Jan. 18, Mrs. Bradford read a very carefully prepared and very interesting paper on her favorite author, James Russell Lowell. She devoted the greater part of her paper to "The Bigelow Papers" and their great influence on American thought and politics at the time they were written. Miss Nelson followed with a recitation, "The Storm;" and then three young men, Allan Pray, August Grimm, and Henry Manz, entered into a declamatory contest, in which Manz received the first honor, Pray the second, and Grimm the third. Mrs. Elliott acted as critic.

The efficiency of the science laboratories has been very materially increased by the acquisition of a long list of new apparatus. That for chemistry and physics, amounting to about \$700, has been unpacked and arranged in the cupboards; but that for the biology room has not yet arrived. Among the more important machines was an electric stereopticon or projector of very high power, that will not only serve a useful purpose in the study of light, but it will probably enliven many an evening's entertainment when used to project pictures upon the screen, thereby illustrating scientific lessons or lectures.

Walter S. Perry, director of the Fine Arts department

of the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, will deliver an illustrated lecture in the Normal assembly room, Wednesday evening, Feb. 25. Mr. Perry will choose as his subject, "The History of Egyptian Art." The plates he uses in illustration were made from negatives taken by himself while on a sojourn in Egypt last year. As this is the only other western city outside of Chicago and Milwaukee where he lectures, we may congratulate ourselves on our success in securing him. The general admission will be twenty-five cents, with a special rate of fifteen for students of the Normal and city schools.

From now on rhetorical will be as much a part of each course as any other study. Prof. McCaskill is to have charge of the rehearsals, and all students above the first year will be put through a course of speeches in practical elocution. The school will be divided into sections. The first section will appear Wednesday, Feb. 19, and is composed of the following persons: Misses Baudill, Barker, Brenner, Eckels, Hatz, Latham, Mitchell, Monahan, Pray, Roberts, Stevens and Webster, and Messrs. Beck, Blencoe, Gardner, Manz and Peterson.

After a fruitless search for a good map of England especially adapted to the wants of a student of English literature, Prof. Sylvester determined to have one made, and the work was very creditably done, by J. D. Beck and E. I. Scott. It was drawn on a scale of one inch to fourteen miles, and only places of literary interest will be located on it. As year after year the different classes will read from different authors, the new places that are referred to will be located, until at last the map will become very valuable and interesting.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Lillian McGinnis has withdrawn to teach. James E. Phillips visited at Marshfield during the first week of the new quarter.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have suffered from recent illness, but have now recovered.

Chas. Boles of Auburndale visited with his old student friends Friday evening, Feb. 7.

Miss Eva Marshall has accepted a position as assistant in one of the city primary schools.

Prof. Sylvester held an institute at Merrill, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8, and one at Plainfield on the 15th.

Many of the students took occasion to visit the High School while the Normal program was in process of evolution.

The psychology class has been in charge of Mrs. Elliott and Prof. Swift on different occasions of Pres. Pray's absence.

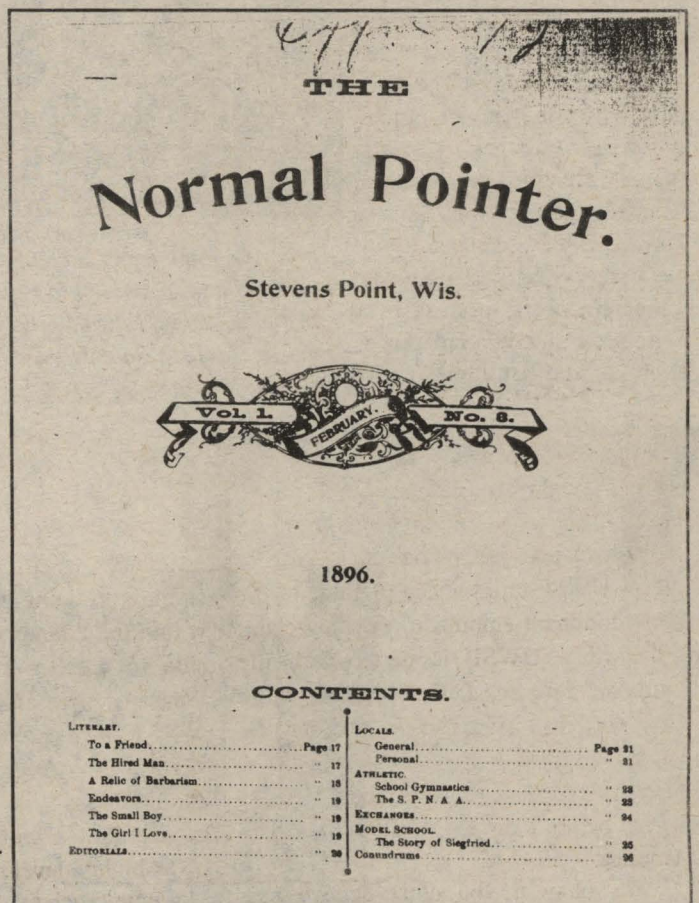
The Pointer through time...

This past December marked the 106th year since the printing of the first issue of The Pointer. This issue was printed only a year and a half after the opening of The Wisconsin State Normal School - Stevens Point. The first issue was a monthly publication that resembled a magazine more than a newspaper. There were 13 editors the first year, four were women and nine were men. The subscription price was 50 cents for all ten issues. The sections of the publication were: Literary, Editorials, Locals, Athletic and Exchanges. In this issue, a separate section under the heading "Model School" contained The Story of Siegfried. All advertisements were listed on separate pages.

In this new addition to Features, past issues of The Pointer as well as UWSP history will be showcased. For suggestions on specific issues to showcase in future Pointer editions, contact the Features Editor at bstee561@uwsp.edu.

(Left) This is a page from the Locals section of the Normal Pointer. Under the subheading General, miscellaneous information relating to the student body as a whole is explained. In this issue, there is a description of an informal reception given to the students by the faculty at the conclusion of the semester. There is a notice regarding an enlargement of the publication, as well as a description of a scholarly presentation and the purchasing of new science equipment, among other things.

(Right) The cover of Vol. 1, Issue 3, 1896.



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Student Organization Spotlight: Black Student Union

By Laura Daugherty

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

February is Black History Month, and the Black Student Union (BSU) here on campus is planning some great events in honor of this special month. President Quianna Monroe explains, "The goals of the organization are to enhance black culture and awareness on campus and in the community and to collaborate with other organizations to promote diversity and educate." The BSU participates in many community sponsored events. Recently members painted a mural for Martin Luther King Service Day.

Every year Black Student Union members from all over Wisconsin attend conferences such as the Building Unity

Conference and the American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (AMS LC). These conferences help students learn different skills to build unity within the organization and on campus through workshops.



Photo provided by Black Student Union
Just a few of the many students in the Black Student Union. From left to right, top to bottom, Latisha Coleman, Edwina Gholston, Dana Simpson, Melissa Samolyk, David Langlois and Quianna Monroe.

Social activities are also held so that students can get to know each other with other black student unions and network.

The Black Student Union is sponsoring a Soul Food Dinner on Feb. 17 in the UC Laird Room. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and consists of: fried chicken, collard greens, baked macaroni and cheese, red beans and rice and more. Vegetarian meals will also be made available. Following dinner, the Muntu dancers will give a performance. The Chicago-based Muntu Dancers perform authentic and progressive interpretations of contemporary and ancient African and African-American dance, music and folklore. This is the first year that the Muntu dancers will perform at the Soul Food Dinner. Tickets are \$8 for non-UWSP students and \$5 for students with ID.

On Feb. 23, BSU the Gospel Choir Festival will be held at Good News Fellowship church and features Lane Technical High School Gospel Choir and the True Praise Chorale. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets for this event are \$5 for non-UWSP students and \$3 for students with ID.

The Black Student Union meets every other Thursday in the lounge of Student See SPOTLIGHT on Page 15

The UWSP Water-Ski Club is set to make some

\$38,000



waves

Photo by UWSP Water-Ski club

By Amy Zepnick
NEWS EDITOR

While this winter has hardly been on the cold side, it is still chilly enough to keep most people grounded in the here and now of snowboarding and snowskiing. However, there is one group on campus that is already thinking about the other world of skiing – water-skiing. The UWSP Water-Ski Club was founded on campus two years ago after coaxing by Scott Coley, president of the Wisconsin Water-Ski Federation.

"He wanted all UW schools to have a water-ski club," co-founder and President Ben Dieck said. "We started the club at Stevens Point which now has 20-25 members."

The UW Water-Ski Clubs depend on the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Water-ski Team Association (WIWTA), founded by Coley and Tom Gleisner. It was established last fall so all UW ski clubs could have access to ski boats.

"Having access to a ski boat gives us more time to practice," said Zac Eckbert, co-founder and vice president of UWSP's Water-Ski Club. "It's a nicer boat to ski behind, which is important."

The world class Malibu Response LX, which cost WIWTA \$38,000 is borrowed by the club.

"The water-ski club is more of a social club," Dieck said. "When we ski, it's not as a Pointer but as a part of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Water-ski Team Association."

The team competes against other UW water-ski teams during the last weekend in April. UW-Milwaukee is the only UW system school that currently does not have a water-ski team.

This year, the team plans to ski on Lake Dubay or Lake Wazeecha near Wisconsin Rapids.

"We are not active during the summer," Eckbert said. "However, we ski from Sept. 1 until ice."

According to, Dieck, being a member of the water-ski club is free; there are no costs incurred on its members.

"But by belonging to the club, you have the opportunity to become a member of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Water-ski Team Association's practice squad."

For more information, contact secretary Kelly Tamm at 343-1230 to get on the water-ski email list. Their next organizational meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in room 115 of the UC.



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UWSP's Olympian: Sports Information Director Jim Strick

Strick to be in charge of all media for skiing events in Salt Lake City

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

UWSP may not have any athletes representing the school and the country in next week's winter Olympics, but that doesn't mean that the Pointers will be totally shut out. UWSP Sports Information Director Jim Strick will have a major role in the 2002 Winter Olympics as the press supervisor for slalom, aerials and moguls skiing at the Deer Valley Resort Venue in Park City, Utah. Strick will be the media director for all of the print media in attendance at the event.

Strick, who arrived in Salt Lake City last Thursday, will spend the next week learning just what his title of "press tribunal supervisor" entails.

"I'm a little nervous in the sense that I really don't know what to expect. It's hard for me to be really excited because I'm going in so blind," Strick said.

Strick first heard about the job nearly two years ago while attending the 2000 College Sports Information Directors of America convention in St. Louis, where he had heard that there were still volunteer positions available. Without hesitation, he expressed interest in working at the Olympics. There was one catch: Strick was unable to afford a volunteer position.

"When I first heard about the positions I thought it sounded like a great idea,

but it's not going to happen," said Strick, who is also scheduled to work the opening and closing ceremonies in some capacity.

Strick's breakthrough happened when he received an e-mail from Erich Bacher, a Stevens Point native who is a full-time USOC staff member. A paid position opened in April 2001, and Strick quickly jumped at the opportunity, filling out an online application. A casual phone interview covering general information followed, and the job was his. All his costs, including travel, lodging,

meals, etc. are covered.

The last remaining hurdle for Strick was getting permission from UWSP ath-

letic officials to take a 25-day break from his duties as the Sports Information Director and the Assistant Athletic Director.

"We're very supportive and happy for Jim. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for him," said UWSP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien.

While Strick is gone, his job here at UWSP will be handled by his top assistant, former Pointer Sports Editor Nick Brilowski, along with numerous student assistants in the athletic department.

"For all SIDs (Sports Information Directors), this is still one of the pinnacles of your career. I know this is going to be completely different from anything I've done," said Strick. "Whatever happens, I'm sure I'll have plenty of stories to tell the rest of my life."

(Editor's Note: Quotes taken from *The Stevens Point Journal*)



Strick

Swimmers break even versus La Crosse, drown in Green Bay

Regular season now over for UWSP, WIAC championships await

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

After this past weekend, the regular season is now in the books for the UWSP swimming and diving teams. All that's left now is preparation for the conference championships. The swimming and diving teams split a dual meet with UW-La Crosse on Friday night, with the Pointer men downing the Eagles 140-101, while the women fell 155-82. On Saturday, the Pointers traveled to face Division I opponent UW-Green Bay. The

Pointers dropped both meets, with the men losing 143-92 and the women falling 153-74.

Sophomore Erik Johnson was a double individual winner on Friday for the Pointer men, taking both the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events. Johnson was also part of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team. Freshman Aaron Marshall, junior Eric Sands and senior captain Scott Bowe gave the Pointers a 1-2-3 finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

On the women's side, senior Christine Sammons and senior captain Katie Siebert finished

first and second in the 200-yard breaststroke. Sophomore Alyssa Bartz won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.03 seconds. The 400-yard

medley relay team, consisting of Sammons, Bartz, senior Mary Thone, and senior captain Amy Rockwell also won.

On Saturday, Johnson was the only Pointer to win an event, taking the 100-yard freestyle in 46.99 seconds and the 200-yard freestyle in 1:42.78.

The Pointers will take a week off from competition as they prepare for the WIAC championships, which take place Feb. 21-23 at UW-Whitewater.



Siebert

UWSP cleans house at Eau Claire Invitational

Preslaski and White capture individual titles for Pointer grapplers

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The young UWSP wrestling team is starting to hit their stride. This past weekend, senior Nate Preslaski and sophomore Yan White captured individual titles to help the UWSP wrestling team capture the team title at the 24th annual UW-Eau Claire Invitational.

The Pointers finished with 87.5 team points, outdistancing Augsburg (Minn.) College, which compiled 70.5 points. UW-La Crosse placed third with 69 points.

Preslaski defeated UW-La Crosse's Tade Kemnitz, 7-1, to finish first at 157 pounds. White, ranked fourth in the nation at 197 pounds, pinned UW-Eau Claire's Nick Campbell to win his weight

class.

The Pointers also had four wrestlers finish second in their respective weight classes. Sophomore Jared Esala dropped a 5-2 decision to Aaron Swartz of Concordia (Minn.) at 133 pounds and freshman Joel Burdick fell 6-1 to UW-Oshkosh's Luke Madsen in their championship matches. At 165 pounds, freshman Cody Koenig dropped a 7-5 decision to Augsburg's Tony Abbott, the number two-ranked wrestler in the nation. Senior Joe Bavlnka narrowly missed out on defeating the nation's third ranked wrestler at 184 pounds, falling 2-1 to Augsburg's Ricky Crone.

Sophomore Jamie Schultz won the consolation title for the Pointers at 174 pounds, defeating Concordia's Peter Benson, 6-0.

The 24th ranked Pointers will return to the mat on Friday, Feb. 8 when they travel to Augsburg to take on the top-ranked Auggies in a dual meet.

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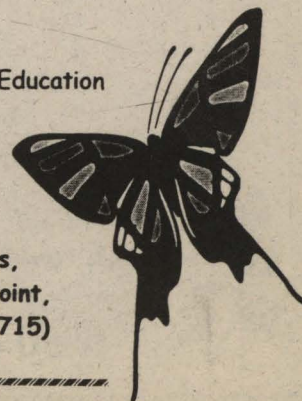
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Your Only Alternative

Men's hoops start February with pair of wins

Wins over Platteville and Eau Claire keep UWSP in conference race

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

If free throws and defense win championships, then the UWSP men's basketball team (17-5, 8-5) is halfway to that recipe as they shot 22 of 26 in the second half from the charity stripe. This included nailing their last nine free throws to dispose of UW-Eau Claire 85-79 on Wednesday evening.

Kalonji Kadima and Josh Iserloth combined to go a perfect 21 for 21 from the line and not surprisingly, they also were the two top scorers for the game. Iserloth poured in a game high 28 points and Kadima was not far off with 25 points as well as a game high in rebounds with eight.

"That is just perfection," said

Head Coach Jack Bennett. "I especially feel good for Kalonji because he has really battled to be that good of a free throw shooter, and if Josh just trusts his stroke, like he does during the middle of the game, he is an excellent shooter."

UWSP led from start to finish, but they could not build a lead bigger than 12. Eau Claire battled back to tie the game twice, including one final time at 77 with just 82 seconds remaining in the game. But Point outscored them 8-2 the rest of the game with all their points coming on free throws.

The Pointers used a 9-0 run late in the first half to lead by 10 points at the half. But Eau Claire opened up the second half with a 22-10 run to tie the game for the first time at 57.

"Despite being near the bottom of the WIAC standings, UW-Eau Claire is an extremely capable offensive team, in fact they have one of the best two or three offenses in the league," said

Bennett. "But we just were resourceful and found a way to be effective. We just persevered and outlasted them."

Last Saturday UWSP went to UW-Platteville and came away victorious with a 73-66 victory from behind. UWSP trailed by 11 in the first half, but they managed to close the deficit to two by half-time. They then went on to score the first eight points of the half and never looked back.

Jason Kalsow led four players in double figures tossing in 21 points to go along with seven rebounds for the game. Kadima tossed in 16, Neil Krajnik had 13 points and four assists and Iserloth chipped in 11.

But the road does not get any easier for UWSP as they travel to UW-Oshkosh this week, who they trail by just a game in the WIAC. A Pointer win coupled with a UW-La Crosse loss would put Point into a four-way tie for first place.



Photo by P. Larson

Jason Kalsow rises above the the Blugolds in Wednesday's win.

Women take sole position of second place

By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS REPORTER

Going into Wednesday night's game against UW-Eau Claire, Coach Shirley Egner was well aware of the post-season implications that a victory would bring. With both UWSP and Eau Claire in position to grasp the second seed in the WIAC Tournament, the Pointer women found themselves in a must-win situation.

Despite having beaten the Blugolds by a margin of 18 points in their first meeting, Egner knew at the onset of this game that duplicating such a performance against Eau Claire would be crucial in defining the remainder of the team's season.

"This will be an entirely different game than the first time we met," said Egner before the game. "At this point in the season, there's more pressure to win."

UWSP completed a season sweep of UW-Eau Claire with a 70-60 victory Wednesday night at Eau Claire. Four different players reached double figures in the victory led by Carry Boehning, who had 16. Also reaching double digits were Amanda Nechuta with 15, Kari Groshek with 14 and Amie Schultz who tallied 10 points.

Egner's team entered their match-up against the Blugolds amidst a three game winning streak,

following their loss to conference leader Stout.

Their 80-65 victory over Platteville this past Saturday gave them sole possession of second place in the WIAC, putting them two games back from the top of the conference.

The Pointer women dominated Platteville on virtually every level, beginning the game with a 13-4 run and closing the first half on 9-3 scoring rally. Showing excellent poise in the second half behind the offensive prowess of Tara Schmitt, the Pointers were also able to finish out the game with another modest exhibition of offense, closing out the game's final minutes with a 7-0 romp over their opponent.

Schmitt led all scorers with 19 points on the evening, while Kari Groshek also produced a strong performance scoring 12 and grabbing seven boards.

The Pointer women will square off next with Oshkosh in the Berg Gymnasium on Saturday, which also happens to be the team's senior day.

The Pointers will look to improve their conference record to 21-2 (12-2) against the second best offensive team in the WIAC, led by WIAC assist leader Jamie Turtenwald, in what should be a very competitive match-up.

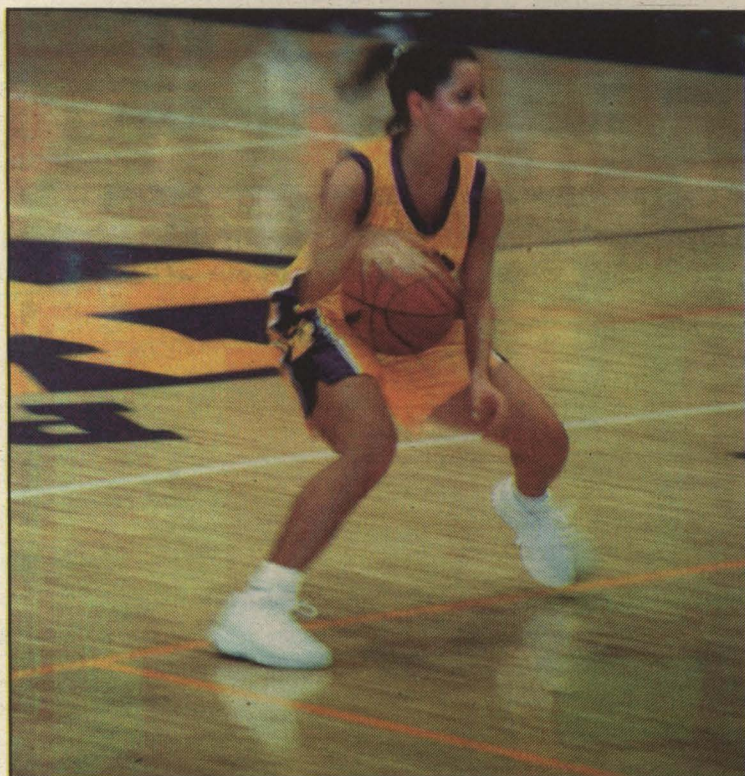


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Tara Schmitt handles the rock Saturday against Platteville.

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Ice dawgs continue late season surge

By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Pointer men's hockey team kept sole possession of third place in the NCHA this past weekend, with a 5-3 come-from-behind victory over Lake Forest and a 4-4 tie against first place St. Norbert's College.

The skaters of Lake Forest put the pressure on the Pointers Friday night, cruising ahead to a 3-1 lead early in the second period. Just as they did all season, UWSP kept their cool, focusing on the task at hand.

"We needed to think about the game differently, not just to win, but to focus on coming back goal by goal," said Coach Joe Baldarotta. "We dominated when the quality scoring chances were there."

Dominate is just what the Pointers did. After the timeout halfway through the second period, Joel Marshall of UWSP scored on an even-strength goal to bring the contest to 3-2. The scoring rampage didn't stop there.

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Women's hockey continues to impress

Twin victories over River Falls keep UWSP in first

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The dreaded sophomore slump has obviously bypassed the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team. UWSP won two nail-biters against UW-River Falls over the weekend to remain in first place in the NCHA.

Saturday's contest against River Falls was a nip and tuck affair that saw UWSP come out victorious by a 2-1 score.

"We played very well defensively, like we have been lately," said Head Coach Brian Idalski. "I still would like us to score some more goals when we have the chance, though."

Point jumped out with an early lead as Emily Teachout scored her 13th goal of the season with a little over two minutes remaining in the first period. Jackie Schmitt tallied her 15th score shortly into the second period and that proved to be all UWSP would need, as one third period goal was all River Falls could muster. It was also Schmitt's eighth game winning goal of the season.

Shannon turned in another brilliant job behind the net, stopping 18

of 19 shots to earn her eleventh victory. However, the one goal she did allow ended UWSP's streak of 363 scoreless minutes, which included five straight shutouts.

"Actually, I'm glad the minutes streak and the shutouts streak are over," said Idalski. "I don't want our focus to be on getting a shutout. I want our focus to be on our game at hand; but, it was an awesome streak."

For Friday's contest, defense was one more time the order of the day as UWSP notched another shutout victory, defeating River Falls 2-0.

UWSP utilized the power play to open the scoring in the second period as Ashley Howe netted her fifth goal of the season. Then with 16 seconds left, Teachout added an empty netter for her second of the weekend to ice the game.

Diane Sawyer continued to keep her record perfect as she improved to 9-0. Sawyer stopped all 13 shots she faced as she recorded her third consecutive shut-out.

Next up, UWSP will have a weekend double-header with the only team to give them a loss this season, UW-Superior. Both teams are tied for first place in conference with identical 11-1 records and a sweep by either team would lock up first place. The teams split a double header at Stevens Point earlier this season.



Photo by L. Zancanaro

Pointer goalie Shannon Kasperek looks on as Jenn Dorff checks a River Falls player over the weekend.



The Week Ahead...



WRESTLING: at Augsburg (Minn.) College, Fri., 7 p.m.; at UW-River Falls, Sat., 12 p.m.; at UW-Eau Claire, Sat., TBA

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: at UW-Superior, Fri., 7:05 p.m.; at UW-Superior, Sat., 7:05 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY: UW-Superior, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; St. Scholastica (Minn.), Sat., 7:30 p.m.

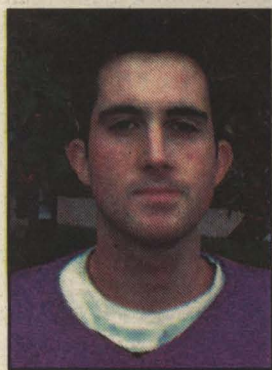
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MEN'S BASKETBALL: at UW-Oshkosh, Sat., 7 p.m.; UW-River Falls, Wed., 7 p.m.

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UWSP Career Highlights

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- Team Captain

Major - Elementary Education

Hometown - Green Bay, Wis.

Most memorable moment - Dislocating my shoulder, finishing the game and playing another game right after. Best part: bragging about it like a jackass.

Nickname - "Sean"

Who was your idol growing up? - Optimus Prime (the Transformer's leader)

What are your plans after graduation? - Move to California to teach kids a thing or two.

Do you plan on playing lacrosse after graduation? - I plan on going pro, maybe in Japan or North Korea.

What is your favorite aspect of Lacrosse? - Road trips and all the scholarship money.

Most embarrassing moment - Embarrassed? Lacrosse players don't get embarrassed, they pull their shorts back up and pretend that it was all a part of the offense.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?

- George W. Bush, because man, I've always wanted to know what it would be like to be a perfect moron.

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and could choose only three things to bring with you, what would you choose?

1. Tao Te Ching
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The Sports Guy's Opinion: Intramural floor hockey rules!!!

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

I have always been a fan of intramural sports. It kind of takes me back to high school a little bit, you know the glory days. The best part is playing against the fellas who take it as life or death, especially when you have some of the same guys on your squad, like I do. But of all the intramural sports I have played, floor hockey has to be number one.

First of all you know trouble is brewing when you give a bunch of guys wooden sticks and no pads. It takes all the self control I have not to start laying wood during the warm-ups. Of course checking is supposed to be illegal, but the only rule that I follow is not to hit the ladies, since it is a co-ed competition.

Floor hockey gives guys and gals the chance to unleash a little of that rage that they have from that professor who didn't let you turn in a paper five minutes after class ended. Still it's not just the guys unleashing the rage. I have been slashed across the ankles multiple times by a vicious vixen.

A player really needs to take advantage of his surroundings as well, especially when the puck is dropped in that ancient astroturf

that the MAC gym has to offer. For example, one of the out-of-bounds lines is marked by a tennis net. Therefore it is a necessity to give someone a solid check into the nets and watch their upper body fly over while their lower half remains on the other side. That's good stuff.



Another key that makes floor hockey great is the tendency for a player to snap if someone happens to stick them the wrong way. In fact, in my first contest last year, one of my teammates was thrown out just 20 seconds into the game because someone gave him a cheap shot, and he decided to come back with fisticuffs.

Floor hockey is also strategically placed on a Thursday evening, which makes it a excellent precursor to partying in the evening, you can't lose. Just drink to the victory, but if you lose, there is nothing better to salvage your pride like a shot or two.

So my friends, if your just laying around your dorm room or sitting around at home on Thursday, put a squad together for co-ed intramural floor hockey. Where else can you play hockey without knowing how to skate? But if you play my team, don't be surprised if you get a stick to the groin.

The Man's Take: Miscellaneous sports rumblings

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

I watch A LOT of sports. I'm not ashamed to admit it. You see, I consider it homework. I want to go into sports-writing, so I figure that by hunkering down and catching a full 14 hours of football on an autumn Sunday, I am being very studious.

However, you see, I have a problem. Sure I love sports, but there are just some things about them that really make me, for lack of a better term, not very happy. So I figured, "Hey, why not vent some sports frustration?" Well, here I go:

1. Like most of you reading this, I was keenly watching the Super Bowl this past weekend. Great game, just a great game. I had a serious beef, though. What in the name of Buster Douglass was Terry Bradshaw thinking when he sang (his words, not mine) a duet with Paul McCartney of "It's a Hard Day's Night?" Now, I didn't have much respect left for good 'ole boy Bradshaw, but now every time I hear that song, I will undoubtedly picture dogs howling at a full moon. He ruined it. Not good times, bad times.

2. How does a 17-year old high school running back signing on to play at Florida State become a bigger story than the Winter Olympics starting in less than a week? This poor kid is destined to fail. Lawrence Phillips anyone? Maybe a side order of Cecil Collins?

It's a fact of the sports world, kids with big reputations going into college almost certainly will fail. Lorenzo Booker, get out while you still can. If you need a place to go, I'm sure that Coach Miech can find an opening up here in Podunk.

3. This isn't a rumble, but speaking of Coach Miech, I for one am glad he decided to stay at UWSP. The guy just screams toughness, which rubs off on his team. Plus, I would miss his wife, Shiela, coach of the women's soccer team. Probably the most optimistic, and down-to-earth people I have met on this campus. So, to the Miechs', here's to a long line of success in the future.

4. Does ANYONE really care about Mike Tyson anymore?

5. It doesn't get a lot of pub, but for my money, *The Program* is one of the top sports movies of all time. Just trust me on this one.

6. For you baseball fans, has there EVER been a team with a bigger chance of a nuclear meltdown than the Texas Rangers? John Rocker, Carl Everett, wow! If they made a reality-TV show on the 2002 Rangers, it would have to be called Fear (of a bat to the head) Factor. Hey, I would watch.

Well, that's all I've got for now. Hopefully Mike Tyson will do something in the next week to stoke some interest. Till then, there's some great opportunity for quality study time coming up in a few days in Salt Lake City. GO POINTERS!

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Winter athletics at their finest

By Adam Mella
OUTDOORS REPORTER

For those of you who are not accustomed to the wintry weather, or are otherwise at odds with the frigid conditions that impish Mother Nature sends our direction, then you may have been missing out on some of the finer athletic happenings of Wisconsin's winter months.

There are many ways to arouse fun times in the cold. However, it is important to come prepared when you play with ice. The proper equipment is essential for a rousing sporting event.

For starters, cross-country skiing has been a favorite of mine since my youth days back home. Nothing beats a brisk jaunt through the snow-covered landscape in places like Iverson Park, the Lake Joanis Loop or the rolling hills of Gary's Gulches in Standing Rocks Park. All you need is a pair of wind pants, a scarf and, of course, some skis. If you don't own a set, you can make your own or rent for a pair at Outdoor EdVentures.

Another beloved wintertime activity of mine is participating in the local "Johnny Two on Two Snow Football League." Starting a league of your own can provide for hours of clean fun, and remember, never stop dancing in the end-zone, Johnny.

By far, the greatest of the winter goings-on would have to be ice-fishing. With so many premium honey holes throughout Portage County and the greater central Wisconsin region, it is hard to resist punching a few holes after class on a day like today. The allure of a chunky pike, walleye or musky on the tip-up, or a pancake crappie on the jig-rod is hard to match, and rarely duplicated elsewhere. When the bite is on, and the take is sizable, fresh fish dinners are as good as it gets, let me tell you. Huzzah!

So, if winter is bringing you down, hark back to these words for relaxation and fun.

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February: Who the heck needs it?

By Ryan Naidl
OUTDOORS REPORTER

As I sat down this week, ready to expose the public to some hot, new topic in the outdoor world, I came to the realization that there is really nothing going on. This conclusion led to some deep thought in an attempt to find a solution to the problem. What could bring a strong majority of Wisconsin fishing and hunting to a stand still? What kind of catastrophic event could complete such a devastating task? The blame, in my opinion, can only be placed on that dreaded month we now find ourselves in, February.

As far as hunting is concerned, February really doesn't have a season for any animals people would really want to kill. I suppose the season is open on coyotes, but come on, they're coyotes. In reality, it's a step above hunting for the neighbor's dog. And while other forms of small game seasons remain open, I do believe that the hit computer game Oregon Trail taught us all an important lesson about how much of a waste of time hunting for rabbits and squirrels really is. They're

hard to hit and you waste bullets.

Fishing in February gives a whole new meaning to "bad day out on the ice." I am almost positive that fish completely cease to move during the month of February in an effort to survive the worst month of the year. Somewhere under the ice all the fish in



the lake sit together stacked up like cordwood unwilling to budge. It doesn't matter if you could find this honey hole amongst honey holes and set up a barrage of tip-ups. Fish get so lethargic in February that even the action of opening their mouth is too much. They sit there making jokes like "Hey, it's raining 5-inch shiners again," while

we frantically set up as many tip-ups as we possibly can above the ice.

In addition, it's not just the outdoor world that feels the strain of February. What about the fact that the month, at best, has only 29 days. Doesn't that clearly show that February submits to all other months of year? Not to mention that the only holidays the month can lay claim to are Valentine's Day and Groundhog Day, two holidays that seem to be very misleading to active participants.

So while you suffer through the cesspool of mediocrity the calendar calls February, remember, we are all in this together. Soon, the wonderful Spring sun will be pouring its warm, soothing rays down upon us, the fish will start biting, and hunters will again shoot animals bigger than five pixels on a computer screen. Your best bet may be to set the alarm for March 1, snuggle up with a stack of *Outdoor Life* and try to pretend this whole month of February never really happened.

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A tale of the elusive silver northern; a true encounter

By Ryan Naidl
OUTDOORS REPORTER

There are moments in the life of an outdoorsman that are remembered forever. Times when God Himself seems to grant those who make it their aim to enjoy the outdoors with a supernatural experience far beyond anyone's wildest dreams. One of these events happened to a group of weary UWSP ice fishermen of which I happened to be part of.

A mutant version of the northern pike, the silver northern, has always seemed to haunt knowledgeable anglers in their fishing endeavors. The silver northern is said to have the same shape and size of a regular northern pike, but with color that appears more like that of a king salmon fresh out of the saltwater. Some swear that this subspecies exists and is naturally occurring in a few selected areas. Others put the silver northern in the same category as the Sasquatch and the Loch Ness Monster maintaining that such an occurrence is merely a myth. One thing was certain however, by the end of the day, all of those fishing that northern Wisconsin lake would be believers.

We had risen early that winter's morn after a short night of

sleep. Getting pulled over and losing an entire supply of engine oil on the way up to the northwoods certainly didn't help our attempts at getting to the cabin at a decent hour. Six a.m. came quickly and greeted us with fat, chewy snowflakes . . . you know, the big ones.

As soon as we began setting up the tip-ups, their bright orange flags began popping up. We needed to use all the tip-ups we had since there were ten guys in the group. I had gotten a good deal on some cheap tip-ups back in the day, and even though one of my comrades on the ice may have asked if I was trying to launch a rocket with them, I still decided to put them out.

Throughout the day, flag after flag went into the air. By noon we had probably landed more than 15 fish and missed at least that many. The wind was cold, and it was snowing off and on, but the fishing stayed fairly consistent. There was talk of the silver northern while we were on the ice. The lake we were fishing was rumored to sustain a population of the mythical creatures. Such a legend hung in the air like talk of the headless horseman in Sleepy Hollow.

Finally, around sundown, the fishing scene had died for the



Photo by C. Sikora

The look on these fishermen's faces explain the joy that came with hoisting this silver pike from beneath the ice. The fish was later released.

moment. Suddenly someone shouted "tip-up" and the group ran over to one of my bargain bin specials. Seeing as it was one of those cheap tip-ups we all shied away from picking it up. Since I had brought the thing, I saw it as my responsibility to take the fish. Taking the tip-up out of the hole, I noticed that the line was wrapped around the spool, a very bad sign.

I gave a quick pull to set the hook and suddenly a flash of brilliance erupted out of the hole. Perhaps we were all blinded for a moment, and then we noticed what it was that was lying on the ice . . . a silver northern pike. The hook had already fallen out of the fish's mouth but there the fish lay in all of its silver glory. We took a host of pictures with the fish and then gently released it back

into the water to fight another day.

To those who have fought the elusive silver northern, I tip my hat. Few have ever seen such a fish and I count myself, and the boys I was fishing with blessed to have such an experience. We won't soon forget that catch. Tight lines!

Eat, drink and ski in beautiful Banff

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Haven't you always wanted to live in a castle? Outdoor EdVentures is offering an opportunity to do just that! This spring break, Outdoor EdVentures invites students and anyone else interested to head off to Calgary, Canada to Banff National Park to enjoy natural hot springs, world class skiing and snowboarding and many other outdoor enjoyment opportunities.

The cost of the trip is \$600 for students and \$640 for non-students. Payment includes transportation, a 5-night stay at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel and breakfast while at the hotel. You're on your own for lunch and dinner during the trip.

Sign up for the trip ends Feb. 15 and requires a \$200 non-refundable deposit. The rest of the cost is due on or before the trip's informational meeting scheduled for Feb. 17.

The trip will travel straight from UWSP on March 22. The bus will drive directly to Banff National Park in Calgary arriving on March 23, where accommodations at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel exist especially for this outing.

The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel overlooks the Bow Valley where the Bow and Spray Rivers converge. Surrounding the hotel are the Canadian Rocky Mountains, which can be seen out of every window of the hotel. The hotel was built in 1886 and opened in 1888. Furniture in the hotel resembles exact designs used in European castles and manors around that time.

If you're disappointed about the amount of skiing or snowboarding you've been missing out on in Wisconsin, this region is known to have the most consistent snowfall in the world. If that's not enough to get your blood pumping to get out and jump on the

slopes, Banff National Park is within driving distance of three major skiing/ snowboarding mountain resorts.

Fortress Mountain, about 61 miles from the city of Banff, offers cheap lift tickets for students ranging from \$15 to \$25 depending on the amount of time you decide to spend there. Fortress Mountain is the proud home of the Canadian National Freestyle Teams and hosts 47 runs with plenty of non-groomed terrain. Ski Banff at Norquay offers 31 runs and cheap lift tickets for students as well with an added bonus of night skiing on Fridays also. Lake Louise ski area is the higher priced resort of them all, requiring a \$39 to \$47 payment for students but does offer 105 open runs. Naturally heated spring pools are a small trip away from the hotel at Sulphur Mountain. You can relax in the hot springs for \$7.50 all day. Other day trips might include horse drawn sleigh rides, dog sledding and a visit to Lake Louise.

There's much to do in downtown Banff including sightseeing attractions such as museums and downtown style shopping. Downtown nightlife will be enjoyed, as the Canadian drinking age is only 18.

Banff National Park was Canada's first national park founded in 1885. The area designated for the park started at 10.4 square miles and has grown to encompass 2,654 square miles. In this protected wilderness tourists are in the middle of dense forests and mountain terrain. Grizzly bears, elk and bighorn sheep call Banff National Park home and can be viewed by tourists safely from a distance.

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Spotlight

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Involvement building outside of the SGA office. BSU executive board includes as president, Quianna Monroe; vice president, Dana Simpson; treasurer, Edwina Gholston; public relations, David Langlois; secretaries, Latisha Coleman & Melissa Samolyk; and advisor, Melvyn Rousseau.

Aside from all of these things, the BSU also participates in homecoming activities and sponsors a "Back in the Day Dance" where people dress up in retro clothing and dance to old music. Monroe says that one misconception is that you have to be black to participate in BSU activities, which is not true. The BSU encourages everyone to participate in all events and activities. Celebrate diversity and black culture by educating yourself and get involved by checking out some of the great things that the Black Student Union has to offer UWSP.

It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hockey

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The Yellowjackets entered the nightmarish third period ahead 3-2, however, it was all they could muster. Josh Strassman tied things up with help from Bryan Fricke scoring at the 4:39 mark. Around nine minutes later, UWSP's Zenon Kochan nailed the go-ahead goal. Ryan Kirchhoff finished the game off with an empty-net goal with less than a minute left.

The Pointer didn't have much time to savor their victory, as they hustled back to the bus and headed to De Pere to take on first place St. Norbert's College (SNC) Saturday night. For the Pointers, this contest would prove what they're really made of.

"We are a very flexible team that's hungry for a championship. It's difficult for a team to learn as much as we have," said Baldarotta. "Not a lot of teams can do that. It's time to prove what we're all about - we have what it takes to win."

The team's winning chemistry showed Saturday night, coming away with a 4-4 tie against the NCHA's top team. In front of a packed Cornerstone Arena, the Dawgs stepped up.

After two goals from the Green Knights in the first period, Mike Brolsma scored his 16th goal of the season, closing things in at 2-1. With the assist by Kenny Bowers, David Lee of UWSP was able to tie the game three minutes into the second period.

SNC sprung to a 4-2 lead in the same period after UWSP gave up a power play goal and an even-strength goal. However, the Pointers started to exhaust undefeated SNC goalie Ryan Gil. Ryan Kirchhoff scored his second goal of the weekend on a power play. After receiving an assist from Kirchhoff, Friday night's main man Kochan shot one past Ryan Gil to tie the game. UWSP out-shot SNC 2-1 in overtime, but Gil was solid. The game ended in a 4-4 tie.

"We had our opportunities to win. Our main focus was to go in this game and compete the best we could. We are young and as good as anybody out there," said Baldarotta. "Right now, we're more experienced by playing these teams a second time in the season."

UWSP enters their last home stand of the season this Friday and Saturday, hosting UW-Superior and the College of St. Scholastica. UW-Superior is one point ahead of the Pointers in the NCHA standings leading way for a great contest.

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Movie Review

Rat Race

Starring: Rowan Atkinson, John Cleese, Whoopi Goldberg, Cuba Gooding Jr., Seth Green, Jon Lovitz, Breckin Meyer, Amy Smart

By Colleen Courtney
WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

My boyfriend and I don't exactly agree at the movie store. *Crazy/Beautiful* vs. *The Fast and the Furious*. *When Harry Met Sally* vs. *Star Wars*. So when he picked out *Rat Race* for us to watch, I remembered the stupid commercials filled with the star-studded cast's lame jokes and grimaced. We made a deal: if the movie sucked, I got to choose our next three rentals.

I lost. I couldn't hide my laughter during this sordid battle for two million dollars. Six strangers in a Las Vegas casino each win a gold coin playing the slot machines. When they collect, casino owner Cleese gives each of them a golden key to one locker in Silver City, New Mexico, which contains two million dollars. The first to get there receives the money.

Atkinson, Goldberg, Gooding Jr., Green, Lovitz and Meyer embark on the journey across state lines, with hilarious results. Goldberg and her long-lost daughter, played by Lanai Chapman, meet with misfortune, personified in the appropriately cast Kathy Bates (echoes of *Misery*). Green

destroys an air tower, Meyer meets hot-headed pilot Smart and Gooding Jr. predictably loses his pants. Lovitz must convince his vacationing family to continue the race and Atkinson (yes, Mr. Bean!) battles narcoleptic urges. Dean Cain (former television Superman), Kathy Najimy (*Sister Act*) and Wayne Knight (*Seinfeld*) also make brief appearances.

All the big-name stars add their own laughs, rather than taking away from the movie. Atkinson adopts a foreign accent and runs to Cleese, claiming, "I won a gold coin! I won a gold coin!" Smart takes vicious revenge on the cheating Cain, allowing the audience to ponder Meyer's apparent interest in her, and Lovitz and family make the mistake of going to the Barbie museum. I won't give away all the hilarious bits, but further mishaps include a cow, a pierced nipple and a bus of Lucille Ball look-alikes.

I don't think my boyfriend had laughed so hard since *Tommy Boy*. Unfortunately, he still has to collect on the next three picks. I smell an *Indiana Jones* marathon (sigh).

Local Concert Update

Thursday, Feb. 7

Battle of the Bands – UC Encore – 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

Lou and Peter Berryman – Amherst Coffee Company – 8 p.m.

Onomatopoeia – The Keg – 9:30 p.m.

The Starlite Drifters – Witz End – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Latona's Thirst – Amherst Coffee Company – 8 p.m.

HUE – Mission Coffee House – 8:30 p.m.

Jr. G and The Hellhounds – The Keg – 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Open Mic hosted by MOON – Witz End – 9 p.m.

Mike Joyce – The Keg – 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

The Stranger Project – The Keg – 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15

Rob Gonzalez – UC Encore – 7 p.m.

Peter Mulvey – Amherst Coffee Company – 8 p.m.

Ivan Klipstein – Mission Coffee House – 8 p.m.

Jupiter Moon – The Keg – 9:30 p.m.

The Piper Road Spring Band – Witz End – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Strawberry Square – The Keg – 9:30 p.m.

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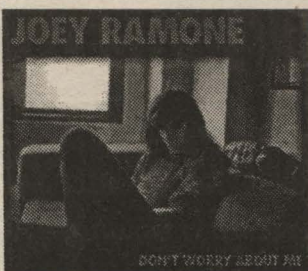
CD Review

Joey Ramone

Don't Worry About Me

By Colleen Courtney

WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR



I had read about the release of Joey Ramone's first solo (and posthumous) album. Still, opening the package felt like I was getting a gift from a ghost. The former Ramones front man, who died last April from lymphatic cancer, had been working on a new album for the last three years of his life. *Don't Worry About Me* contains nine new songs, a version of "1969," and a hauntingly peaceful version of "What a Wonderful World." One listen, and you know Ramone wanted to exit the punk music scene gracefully.

In the ever-continuing world of disco, the Ramones broke into the music scene in the early 1970s. They became the first punk rock band to sign a record contract in 1975 and paved the way for the punk scene of the late 1970s and early 1980s. The media dubbed Ramone the "godfather of punk," and bands like the Sex Pistols and Green Day have claimed they were influenced by the Ramones. After the Ramones formally broke up in 1996, Joey Ramone began writing and recording songs that would end up on *Don't Worry About Me*. Cracker's drummer Frank Funaro, Andy Shernoff of The Dictators and producer-guitarist Daniel Ray all worked on the album with Ramone.

Don't Worry About Me contains none of the brash, loud punk Ramones fans are used to. Instead, Ramone conceived lyrics that are both funny and sad. The vocals

remain classically familiar. "Maria Bartiromo," the fourth track on the album, is a tribute to a televised financial analyst. (Ramone expressed an interest in Wall Street during his illness, comparing it to a "mosh pit"). "I Get Knocked Down (But I'll Get Up)" express his frustration with his sickness: "Sitting in a hospital bed/Frustration going through my head." "Stop Thinking About It" laughs at indecision, with the foreboding lyrics: "When you finally make your mind up/I'll be buried in my grave."

But Ramone offers some hope for fans as well. "Searching for Something" offers an addict another chance at life after she cleans up. "What a Wonderful World" has the extra meaning of a dying man. Ramone comes to terms with his death and confronts a woman in "Don't Worry About Me." My own mother was in the hospital for some time before her death, and when I hear that song, I think of her. I can picture Ramone writing that song, perhaps in the hospital, and I can feel his pain.

Ramone's fans will be surprised and perhaps disappointed at the album's mellowness. But there's something in the music that is so unmistakably Joey Ramone. His lyrics, although simple, are wholeheartedly Ramone. True fans will still snap up the album, and new fans will enjoy *Don't Worry About Me's* accessibility. We're not worrying about you, Joey.

Battle of the bands set for Thursday, Feb. 7

By Zack Holder

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Last semester's Battle of the Bands contest winner Hooked On Pisces is set to defend their title at this semester's Battle of the Bands on Feb. 7. Looking to overthrow the resident champions are metal band Dead of Silence and rock acts Marshall Park and Hart Carter. The competition is taking place at the UC-Encore. The doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Punk band Sentinel may also make an appearance, but only to warm up the crowd, not for competition. The cost is free for UWSP students (with a student ID) and a mere \$3 for non-students. So come on out, support the local music scene, cheer on your favorite band and stop back at the judge's table and say hi to me.

Letters From the Edge of the World

A belated Christmas story.

By Pat Rothfuss

THE NEW SCROOGE

Dear Pat,

The Pointer isn't printing your column anymore. I miss your stuff. Where are you? How was your Christmas?

Hope to read you again soon... (Name withheld by request)

Sorry I've been gone so long. The Pointer folks are still willing to print me, God bless their gentle hearts.

Where am I? Well ... meta-physically, I live in Stevens Point. I exist in the hearts and minds of all my devoted readers. There's a little bit of me in each of you. Sometimes more than just a little bit. Creepy, huh? More practically, I'm busy being a grad student out here in Washington State where I teach English 101 and Hum 110 (Ancient Literature). I'm serious. They actually let me teach my own classes.

How was my Christmas? Well ... something like this ...

Dec. 12. Three things to accomplish before I get to go home: Little Paper, Big Paper and Grading (my students' final projects). I schedule everything out very carefully. The next week and a half will be busy, but if I keep on track I can get it all done by the 22nd, Amtrak home and spend Christmas Eve with my family.

Dec. 13. Research for Little Paper.

Dec. 14. After collecting my student's final projects, I stop into the English department. Information Technology has left a message with them. My computer has a Dwarf Pornography Virus which infects other people through E-mail. The department secretaries are curious about how such a thing got onto my computer.

Dec. 15. I finish my research for Little Paper. I remove Dwarf Pornography from my computer. I stay up until 5:30 in the morning, finish Little Paper and E-mail a copy to my professor. One project done, two to go. Christmas, here I come.

Dec. 16. Information Technology calls my house. I

have infected my professor's computer with Dwarf Porn. My professor sends me an e-mail explaining that some minor revisions need to be done to Little Paper. His list of suggestions is twice as long as the original paper. His e-mail re-infects my computer, making it a regular Dwarf Porn house party. I spend all day and all night making revisions to Little Paper.

Dec. 17. Frustrated and tired, I apply civil-war medicine to my computer. I amputate and cauterize. In the end my computer is infection-free but crippled, leaving me unable to use e-mail or access the Internet. I walk onto campus to deliver Little Paper. Returning home, I slip on some ice and twist my ankle.

Dec. 18. 14-hour Grading marathon. Now only Big Paper stands between me and Christmas.

Dec. 19. In the midst of research for Big Paper, Professor Two calls my house. He asks for an update on my project. What project? Why, the project he e-mailed me about. I consider explaining to him that Dwarf Pornography probably ate his e-mail, but decide against it and numbly add Unexpected Project to my list.

Dec. 20. Pull Unexpected Project out of ass.

Dec. 21. Try to call Professor Three for an extension on Big Paper so I can Amtrak home for Christmas. No answer at his home phone or office. I leave messages. Since there's no e-mail access from my house, I walk onto campus with twisted ankle to use the computer lab. Unfortunately, the computer lab is closed because of Christmas break. I fall down half a flight of icy steps but miraculously avoid injury. My luck is changing.

Dec. 22. No response from Professor Three. I call him and leave new messages. I call Amtrak to get a refund for my tickets and discover my wallet is missing. Quick deduction leads me to believe it fell out of my pocket when I went down

the icy steps yesterday. I lose all hope for Christmas and begin to grind away on Big Paper.

Dec. 24. I burn out around 10:00. I just can't work any more. I decide to treat myself to a decent dinner. I haven't been shopping in a month, and I've been living on canned beans and ramen for the last week or so. I walk to the nearest convenience store, but it's closed. Of course it's closed. It's Christmas Eve. Walking back I notice a sticker on the windshield of my (inoperative) car. Apparently it's been sitting in the same place for too long and they're going to tow it if it's not moved.

That pretty much sums up my Christmas Eve. 10:30 p.m. brittle cold, and I'm trying to push a '72 Buick across an icy parking lot with a twisted ankle. It took about an hour. When I was finally done I leaned against the car. Too breathless to curse any more, the night was perfectly quiet around me. I looked up into a clear sky. The air was crystalline and still. Everything was, I have to admit, absolutely beautiful.

In that moment I think I finally understood what Dr. Herman had taught me long ago in Stevens Point, in an eastern religion class. Anitia (desire) truly does lead to dukka (suffering). It was a perfect little piece of satori, sharp and hard as a peppermint candy.

I'd like to say that everything got better after that, but it didn't. On the Amtrak home I sat by this schizophrenic guy who kept talking to himself about how he wanted to have sex with my skull. Though that's not really the phraseology he used. No, his descriptions were so fantastic that they were almost a sort of skull-sex spoken word poem. I should probably say epic poem, as it lasted for about 6-8 hours.

But I did, finally, get home. Just in time for a new year's party, where I caught the flu from a friend and didn't realize it until I had to pull my car onto a Lodi off-ramp and throw up on the shoulder of the road.

But that, as they say, is another story.

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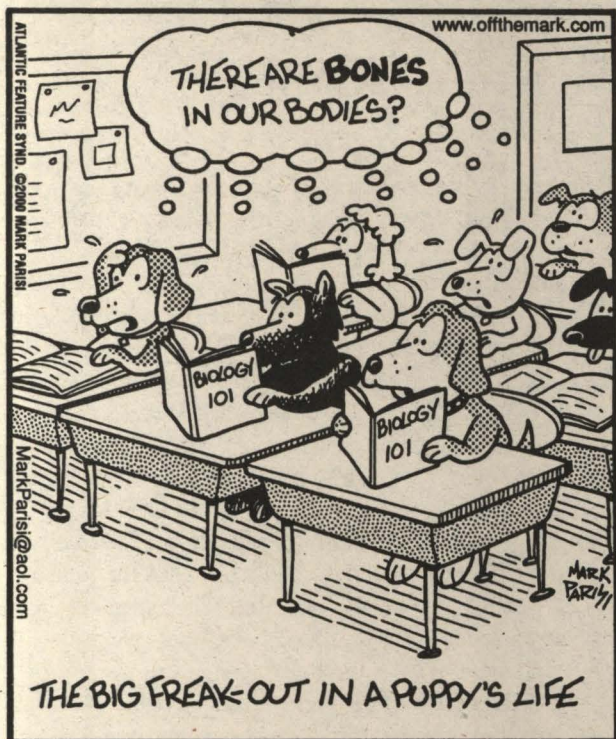


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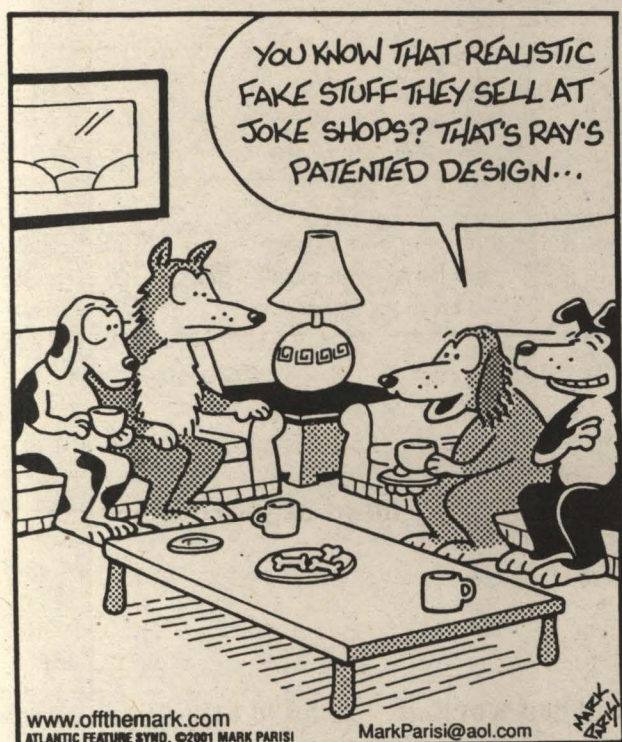
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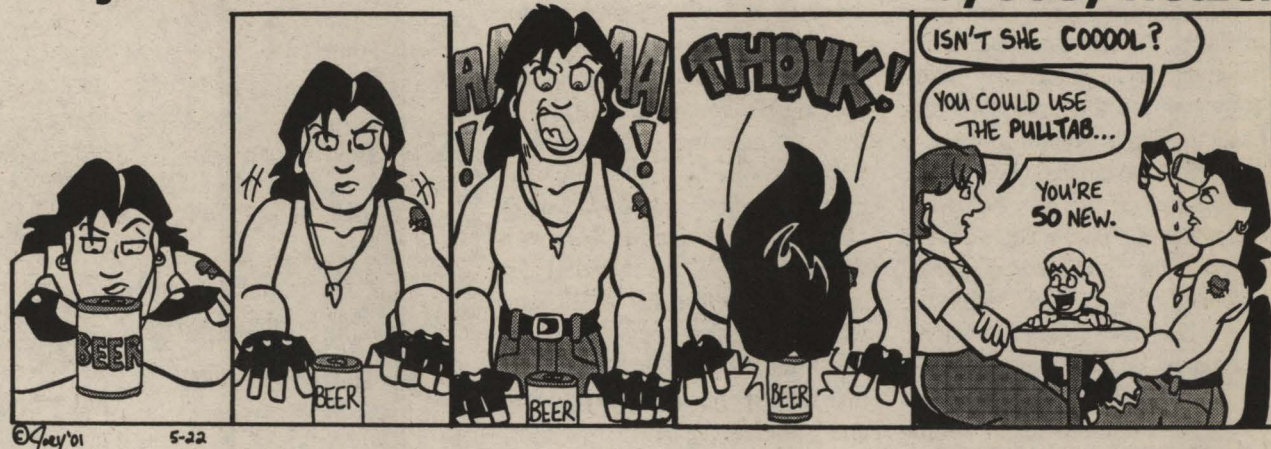
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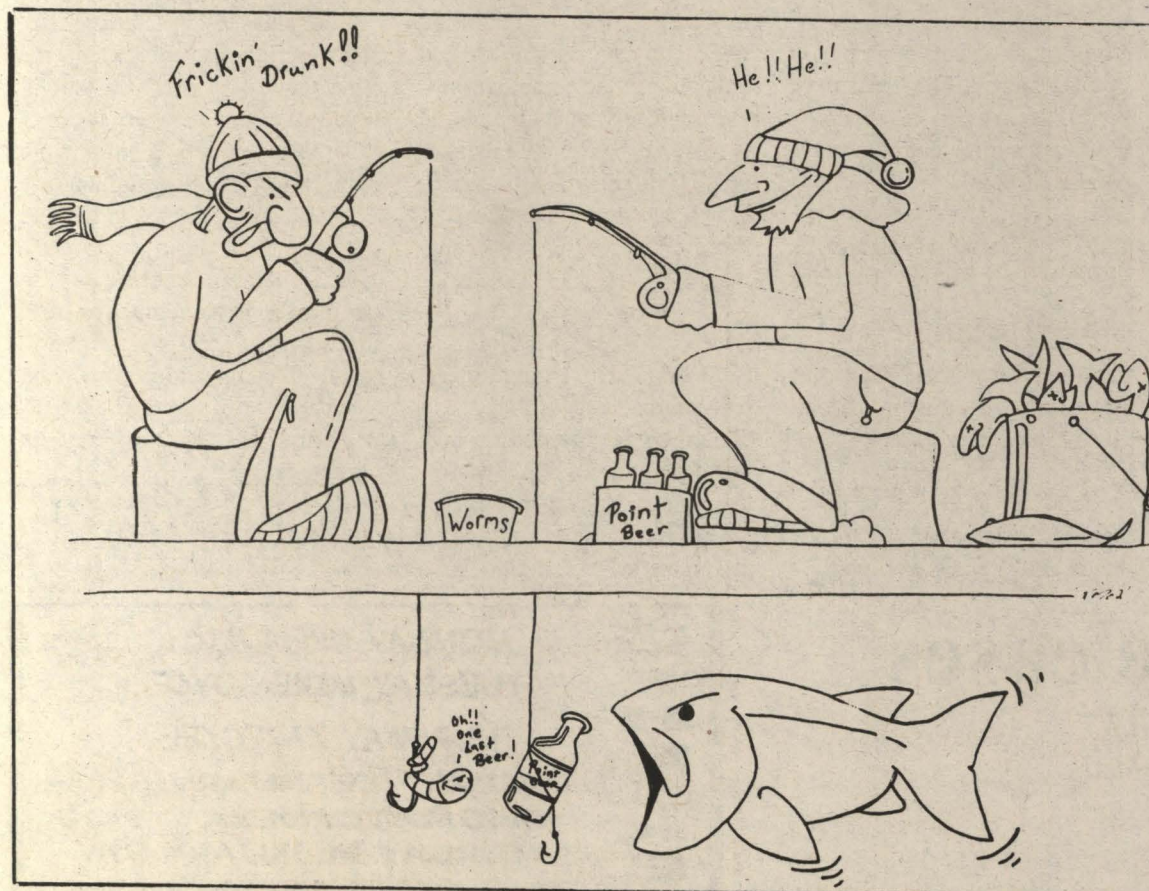
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Spinach Caesar ☉	\$7.99	\$11.99	\$13.99	\$18.99
Fresh spinach tossed in olive oil and garlic with roma tomatoes on a creamy Parmesan white sauce with mozzarella cheese. Mushrooms or bacon on request.				
Second pizza of same value Small - \$7 Medium - \$9 Large - \$12 X-Large - \$14				

Grinders

Topper's great oven-baked grinders are a sandwich-lover's dream!

Fresh deli meats, cheeses and/or veggies toasted to savory perfection on French bread. Your favorite deli condiments are available on request.

6-inch	\$4.79	Chips	\$0.89
12-inch	\$8.99	Doritos™, Ruffles™ or BBQ	

Ham and Cheese

Piled high with lean ham, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo.

Turkey and Cheese

Mounds of turkey smothered in provolone cheese and topped with lettuce, tomato and mayo.

Veggie ☉

Provolone cheese melted on mushrooms, onions, green peppers and tomatoes.

Italian

A classic combination of ham, salami, pepperoni and provolone cheese with lettuce, tomato and Italian dressing.

Pizza Grinder ☉

Two pizza toppers on homemade pizza sauce covered with cheese.

Club

Ham, turkey and bacon covered with provolone cheese plus lettuce, tomato and mayo.

Three Cheese Grill ☉

A classic blend of three cheeses melted on garlic-buttered French bread.

Roast Beef & Cheddar

Cheddar cheese melted over slices of tender roast beef and topped with lettuce and tomato.

BBQ Chicken

Chunks of barbequed chicken in tangy BBQ sauce with onions and mozzarella cheese.

Giant Pickle Cut in 4 spears **\$1.19**

☉ Denotes Vegetarian Choice



Build Your Own Pizza

Just pick your favorite toppers. We'll pile them high and smother the whole thing in mozzarella. Regular or thick crust – same good price.

	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large
Cheese Pizza	\$5.99	\$7.49	\$8.99	\$12.99
Each Topper	\$0.89	\$1.09	\$1.29	\$1.89
2nd Pizza (any number of toppings)	\$5.99	\$7.49	\$8.99	\$11.99

Pizza Toppers MEATS: pepperoni, ham, bacon, chicken, ground beef, sausage, anchovies CHEESES: cheddar, Swiss, extra mozzarella VEGGIES: mushrooms, pineapple, tomatoes, ripe olives, banana peppers, spinach, green olives, jalapeños, red peppers, green peppers, onions, fresh garlic

New Topperstix™

Our top picks – hot, delicious stix! These are the Breadstix™ that are making Topper's famous. Fresh from our kitchen and served with your choice of sauce.

	Single	Triple™
Original Breadstix™ 🍌	\$2.99	\$7.99
Our original style that put Topperstix™ on the map, cheesy and awesome!		
Tacostix™	\$3.99	\$9.99
South of the border flavor that dips and moves like a real cha-cha when paired with our savory salsa sauce.		
Pepperonistix™	\$3.99	\$9.99
For the pizza lover who likes to be on the straight and narrow.		
Veggiestix™ 🍌	\$3.99	\$9.99
Raid the garden with this delectable veggie-covered delight.		
Cinnamonstix™ 🍌	\$1.99	
This sweet treat is a whole different approach for adding spice to your life.		
7 Dippin' Sauces	additional sauces \$0.59	
Pizza Sauce, Nacho Cheese, Ranch, Garlic Butter, BBQ, Salsa, Sour Cream.		

Buffalo Wings

Topper's wings are plump and juicy, baked with your choice of seasonings: mild, BBQ, hot or nuclear.

10 wings	\$6.99	20 wings	\$12.99	50 wings	\$29.99
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Open 11am to 3am daily
Fast, free delivery or
15 minute carry-out

Salads

Cool, crisp, entree-sized salads that will satisfy your hunger for a healthy choice.

Dressings: Ranch, Fat Free Ranch, Parmesan, Peppercorn, Blue Cheese, Caesar, Thousand Island, Italian or Vinaigrette.

House Salad ☉ **\$3.39**
Tomatoes, cheddar cheese and croutons with mixed greens.

Chef Salad **\$5.49**
Turkey, provolone and cheddar cheeses, plum tomatoes, onions and seasoned croutons on mixed greens.

Chicken Caesar Salad **\$5.99**
Mixed greens topped with baked marinated chicken, roma tomatoes, black olives, fresh Parmesan cheese and Caesar or your choice of dressings.

Taco Salad **\$5.49**
Taco meat, tortilla chips, diced tomatoes, olives, cheddar cheese and green onions on mixed greens. Sour cream, salsa or your choice of dressings.

Drinks

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sierra Mist, Mountain Dew, Mug Root Beer, Lemonade.

Cans \$0.79 ea. Six Packs \$3.99 2 Liter \$2.49
(some flavors not available in 2 liter size)

The Topper's Pizza Guarantee

We unconditionally guarantee that your order will be fresh, prepared as ordered and delicious. If you are not completely satisfied, please let us know and we will gladly replace your order or refund the purchase price.

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\$14.99
Dinner for 4

Large 2-Topping Pizza, Original Breadstix™, 4 cold drinks only \$14.99

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\$8.99
Large One-Topping

Large One-Topping Pizza for only \$8.99

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\$9.99
Late Night Special

Large Cheese Pizza & Original Breadstix™ only \$9.99
add toppers for a little more

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\$8.99
Grinder Deal

2 6-inch Grinders 2 Bags of Chips only \$8.99

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