Armed Forces

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) is the only Air Assault division in the world.

By Amy Zapnick

Student attends forum in NY

Talbot protests in NYC for economic betterment

By Mollie Mlodzik

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

"People from all over came to 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 wish for the elite to..."

Fifteen UW-Stevens Point students were involved.

The water-ski club gets a new boat from the Intercollegiate Association.

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

Sheila P. Petersen

Pregnancy resources available to students

By Amy Zapnick

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, Julienne, died a few days later from lack of oxygen during delivery.

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."

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 protestors. Around 200 protestors were arrested in total, and only one was charged with something other than a disorderly disturb.
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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 ponty 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 citizens' 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."

Robert Tabor, who comes to UW-Stevens Point from a 12-year stint as director of human resources at Plattsburgh State University, has been appointed director of personnel at UW-Stevens Point.

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 rivalry between the two campuses.

Some responsibilities of the president include addressing 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 the 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 Jayces. 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.
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.

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 creating 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.

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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.

Want to write for The Pointer?
Call Amy 346-2249
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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 Sins
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
www.newmanuwsp.org
Run to class. Speed to work. Life's too short to dilly-dally.

By Joshua Goller

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 bathroom, by the time I hit the shower a dozen times.

Recently, I 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 put 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. 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.

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 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. I live in Madison, right next to the majority of the population. I just can't imagine across 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 Sep. 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 different? Everyone that I can think of is doing it. Every American is doing it. Just as Mr. Bushard is doing it.

Put off shaving yourself until you start getting your lunch stack to the cafeteria before you wash your hands. Or need the warmth of pants and you'll add minutes to your morning "sleep-in." Skim-read everything to the point that is important. Quickpage before 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.

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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 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.

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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 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 Otara 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 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 Waltby, 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 45 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. Tritiri 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, takaha, 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 hard surfaces (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 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: 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
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 Barett Steenrod

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 old 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. As a whole, 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 believe in them or not. In order to walk my-talk though, I’ll let you in on why:

Brainpower.

This nation of UWSP, undivided and sovereign, has a greater literacy rate, more educated people as a percentage and a greater ability to generate information and disseminate knowledge than any nation before or since. The average Pointerzen’s IQ ranks above the average for the US (there is the chance that some countries may have a higher IQ average than UWSP, however, those countries do not meet the criteria of being dominant world powers and are therefore excluded from this discussion).

Communication skills.

As a whole, UWSP is highly developed, not all of its citizens enjoy such readily available access to lines of communication. 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.

Outreach capabilities.

The UWSP Empire owns an extensive vehicular fleet. We have outlying provinces (Treehaven and CWES), are well networked with other lesser kingdoms (UW-Green Bay, UW-Milwaukee, 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.

The Health and Wellness Spot

Dear Health Advocate,

I work out regularly but just can’t seem to get the tone that I want. Is there any way I can achieve the kind of tone like those models on the Bow-flex commercial have? If so, what do I need to do to get those results?

Thanks for any suggestions!

Bow-flex Model Wannabe

Dear Bow-flex Model Wannabe,

This is much easier said than done. There are some basic weightlifting principles to follow when wanting to “tone up.” What you want is to gain muscle size and strength. To do this you should exercise at a level that is 70-80% of your one-rep max. Generally, to add muscle tone you should do 8-12 repetitions per exercise and 2-3 exercises per muscle. Taking shorter rest intervals between sets, usually between 30-90 seconds, promotes muscle definition and elevates metabolism to help burn fat. Once you find that the weight is getting easier to lift you should either add more weight or repetitions. This high level of intensity helps stimulate muscle growth.

Another key component of becoming toned is aerobic activity. Ninety or more minutes of cardio per week can help elevate your metabolism and promote lean body mass.

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 kbeck@uwsp.edu.
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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 Services.

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FEATURES

The UWSP Water-Ski Club is set to make some $38,000

waves

Photo by UWSP Water-Ski club

By Amy Zapnick

News Editor

Due to this winter's cold start, it is still chilly enough to keep most people grounded in the here and now of snowboarding and snow skiing. 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 coaching 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. "We're 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," Eckberg said. "However, we ski from Sept. 1 until Dec."

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 Tam at 343-1226 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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Strick to be in charge of all media for skiding events in Salt Lake City

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

UWSC 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. UWSC 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 triune supervisor” entails.

“I’m a little nervous in the sense that I really don’t know what to expect. It’s hard to predict because I’m going in so blind,” Strick said.

Strick first heard about the job six to seven years ago while attending the 2001 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 position, 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 call with Bacher 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 UWSC athletic 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 UWSC Athletic Director Frank OBrien.

While Strick is gone, his job here at UWSC will be handled by his top assistant, former Pointer Sports Editor Nick Holowko, 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.”

(Editors Note: Quotes taken from The Stevens Point Journal)

Swimmers break even versus La Crosse, drown in Green Bay

Regular season now over for UWSC, WIAC championships await

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

After this past weekend, the regular season is now in the books for the UWSC 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 140-50, 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 140-50, now is preparation for the conference championships.

The Pointers dropped both meets, with the men losing 143-92 and breaststroke. Sophomore Alyssa White, Preslaski and White capture individual titles for Pointer grapplers

On Saturday, the Pointers dropped both meets, first and second in the 200-yard freestyle events. John-Rockwell also won.

The young UWSP wrestling team is starting to hit their stride. This past weekend, senior Nate Abbott, the number two-ranked wrestler in the nation. Senior Joe Bavlnka narrowly missed out on the women’s side, senior they prepare for the WIAC championships, which take place the team title at the 24th annual UW-Eau Claire Invitational.

The Pointer wrestling team is starting to hit their stride. This past weekend, senior Nate Abbott, the number two-ranked wrestler in the nation. Senior Joe Bavlnka narrowly missed out on the only ocean-side ruin, Tikal in Guatemala - the capital of the Maya World, and other hidden ruins deep in the Maya Forest that have yet to be excavated.

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UWSP cleanses house at Eau Claire Invitational

Preslaski and White capture individual titles for Pointer grapplers

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The young UWSC wrestling team is starting to hit their stride. This past weekend, senior Nate Abbott, the number two-ranked wrestler in the nation. Senior Joe Bavlnka narrowly missed out on the only ocean-side ruin, Tikal in Guatemala - the capital of the Maya World, and other hidden ruins deep in the Maya Forest that have yet to be excavated.

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

Strick first heard about the job six to seven years ago while attending the 2001 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 position, 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 call with Bacher 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 UWSC athletic 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 UWSC Athletic Director Frank OBrien.

While Strick is gone, his job here at UWSC will be handled by his top assistant, former Pointer Sports Editor Nick Holowko, 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."
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 stripe. This included nailing their last nine free throws to dispose of UW-Eau Claire 85-79 on Wednesday evening.

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 Kadonji 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 perservered 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 halftime. They then went on to score the first eight points of the half and never looked back.

Jason Kalosow 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.

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Women take sole position of second place

By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS REPORTER

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Ice dawgs continue late season surge

By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

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Women's hockey continues to impress
Twin victories over River Falls keep UWSP in first
By Dan Morman
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 Dakota. "I still would like us to score 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 Schmidt talled 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 Schmidt'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 36, scoreless minutes, which included five straight shutouts.

"Actually, I'm glad the mini-streak and the shutout streak are over," said Dakota. "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 putted another shutout victory, defeating River Falls 2-0.

UWSP utilized the power play to open the scoring in the second period as Ashley Hower scored 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 6-0. Sawyer stopped all 13 shots she faced as she recorded her third consecutive shutout.

Next up, UWSP will have a weekend double-header with the only team to give them a loss this season, UW-Eau Claire. 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.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT
SEAN BRENNAN - LACROSSE

UWSP Career Highlights
- UWSP all-time leading scorer
- UWSP all-time leader in assists
- Team founder and former president
- Team Captain

Brennan

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? - Octimus Prime (the Transformers 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 - Embarrased? 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 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
2. A crate of Guinness
3. Miss Cleo

What will you remember most about playing lacrosse at UWSP? - Being eternally asked "You play La Crosse this weekend? What sport do you play them in?"
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Winter athletics at their finest

By Adam Mella

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 Joannis 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 stop dancing in the end-zone, Johnny.

For this trip

By Ryan Naid

Outdoors Reporter

As I sat down this week, ready to expose the public to some hot, new topics 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 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 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 cardboard 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, its 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 feel 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 1st, smuggle up with a stack of Outdoor Life and try to pretend this whole month of February never really happened.

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OUTDOORS

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 swears 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 northern woodswoods 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, snowy 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, flags began popping up. We noticed 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.

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 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 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
ASSOCIATE OUTDOOR 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, that 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 ski/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 boasts 47 runs with plenty of non-groomed terrain. Ski Banff at Norquay offers 31 runs and cheap lift tickets for students as well as 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 daytrips 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 big horn sheep call Banff National Park home and can be viewed by tourists safely from a distance.

If you think you would be interested in this spring break opportunity, visit the Outdoor EdVentures office on the lower level of the Allen Center, call 346-3848 or e-mail Megan Pfeiffer at mple648@uwsp.edu.
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 Brian Hinkle 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.

Spotlight

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Involvement building outside of the SOA office, BSU executive board includes: president, Quianna Monroe; vice president, Dana Simpson; treasurer, Edwina Ghedlomite; public relations, David Langloir; secretary, 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 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.
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.

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.

Onomatopea – 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.

Irene's Garden – Witz End – 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.

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 Bartirromo," the fourth track on the album, is a tribute to a television 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)") expresses 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. "Don't Worry About Me" 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 shows start at 7 p.m. Print a Weekend! 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.

Upcoming film releases

Friday, Dec. 8
Big Fat Liar
Catch Me If You Can
Rollerball

Sunday, Dec. 10
Angel Blade

Friday, Dec. 15
Return to Neverland
Mother Ghost
Hurt's War
Crossroads

Letters From the Edge of the World

A belated Christmas story.

By Pat Rothfuss

Dear Pal,

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

I hope to read you again soon.

(name withheld by request)

Sorry I've been gone so long. The Pointer folks are still writing to print me, God bless the little gent.

Well am I? Well, mentally 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 student out here in Washington State where I teach English 101 and Hum 110 (Ancient Literature). I'm serious: I taught college English. Let me teach your 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 Graduating (my student's 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. 14: After collecting my student's final projects, I stop into the English department. Information Technology has left my computer with a virus. It 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. Finally, 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 computer. I spend all day and night making revisions to Little Paper.

Dec. 17: Frustrated and tired, I apply civil-war medicine to my computer. I urinate and curse. In the end my computer is infected-free. Why? The virus is leaving me unable to use e-mail or access the Internet. I walk onto campus to deliver Little Paper. Returning home, I slap, on some ice and twist my ankle.

Dec. 18: 14-hour Graduation 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 projects. What projects? 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. 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 I can't get 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 back is dingy.

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 gripe away on Big Paper.

Dec. 24: I turn around at 10 p.m. I sit back and say more. I decide to treat myself to a decent dinner. I haven't been shopping in a month, and I've bought nothing but beans and ramen for the last week or so. I walk to the nearest convenience store, but it's closed. Of course it is. I pull my last five dollars out of my purse and walk back home. 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. I'm not even sure how 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 busted heater. It is not pretty. When I was finally done I leaned against the car, Too breathed out as any, the next night, the most perfect...quietly around me. I looked up into the 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. Amrita (desire) truly does lead to dukkha (suffering). It was a perfect little piece of sweet, 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 sister. Though that was real, possibly the psychologist he used. No, his descriptions were so fantastic that they were almost a sort of story. He'd written a 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 the next day. I had to stay in my car but it didn't kill me. I lay down on the shoulder of the road.

But that, as they say, is another story.

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