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The Learning Resource Center gets a makeover. To read about the library remodeling project, see page 3.

# Raids seize \$10K in drugs

**Drug bust initiates** drug awareness in community

By Amy Zepnick **NEWS EDITOR** 

The Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD) confiscated \$10,100 of drugs Jan. 24 and Jan. 25 resulting in the arrests of six individuals. Officials detained 101.8 grams of cocaine; one ounce of marijuana; \$4, 631 cash; and impounded two vehicles.

Thursday, Jan. 24, police searched 1017 Franklin Street, which resulted in the arrest of a 22-year-old Stevens Point man for cocaine possession with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A 21-year-old Merrill man was also arrested and booked for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A 17-year-old Stevens Point girl was arrested on charges for possession of drug. paraphernalia and was later released to her parents. Police also requested the district attorney to charge a 24-year-old Stevens Point man for possessing cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Later that evening, police made a traffic stop near CenterPoint Drive. In conjunction with the stop, police issued a search warrant at 726 Isadore

Street, where a 25-year-old Stevens Point man booked on two counts of delivery and possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, theft and keeping a drug

Early Friday morning, another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a 21-year-old Milwaukee man for possession of cocaine and intent to deliver.

"We did our investigation through informants," said Capt. Linda Daubert of the SPPD. "It took awhile to develop - going on for several months before we could take action. We hope to get more information about drug

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# Gubernatorial forum offers new choices for 2002

By Mollie Mlodzik ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Stewardship Network (WSN) held a forum for the gubernatorial candidates on Friday, Jan. 25 in the University Center Laird room.

Those running for governor of Wisconsin in attendance include: U.S. Representative Tom Barrett, Dane county executive Kathleen Falk, Green Party candidate Jim Young, Libertarian candidate Ed Thompson, and state senator Gary George. Attorney General Jim Doyle and current Governor Scott Mc-Callum were not in attendance.

Meg Erler, a representative of the Stevens Point League of Women Voters, moderated the question/answer session with pre-formed questions from the WSN, dealing with conservation, the environment and the state budget. Each candidate was allowed two minutes per question, and an additional fourminute session was held at the end of the event.

The WSN, a bipartisan group of more than 100 environmental conservation and sporting groups from around the state, is working restore and carry on Wisconsin's conservation tradi-

The questions formulated by the WSN dealt with a variety of issues including, the enforcement of the clean air and water acts, the provisions of the Annex 2001 the new regional Great Lakes water

use compact, the Crandon mine debate, mercury reduction in Wisconsin's lakes, motorboat gas tax law, campaign finance reform and the use of provisions in legislative bills.

Kathleen Falk, former environmental lawyer and current Dane county executive, is seeking the position Democratic candidate for governor. Having an extensive background in natural resources, Falk held positions as the public intervener for 12 years until it was disbanded in 1995, and was also co-director of Wisconsin's Environmental Decade for six years, a citizens group started

right after the first Earth Day.



Falk



Thompson



Barrett



Young

Gary George not pictured.

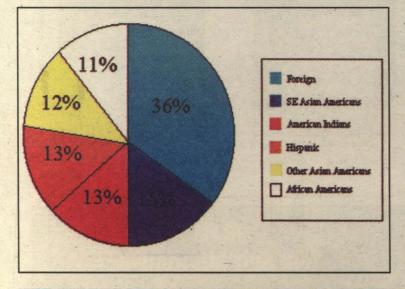
In reference to Wisconsin's Environmental Decade, Falk said, "We thought all of the environmental problems would be solved after the first decade. Here we are 30 years later, and we've got even more problems."

Not initially interested in the government or the political arena, Falk graduated from Stanford University and earned her law degree from the UW-Madison. She then intended to work on natural resource cases. Five years ago, she ran for political office.

"From there I learned how I could really make a difference, not just in land use, and the environment which I have

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# multicultural students



# UWSP's 2002 first-semester enrollment of Faculty mentors for multicultural students

By Amy Zepnick

**News Editor** 

To encourage diversity, UW-Stevens Point's mentoring program matches faculty and minority students in an effort to attract and retain non-white undergraduates. The university assigned 60 volunteer mentors to 120 freshmen and sophomores on campus.

"The program provides minority students with a contact person for their years at UWSP," said Portia Hamlar, director of equity and affirmative action. "If students have problems or questions, they have someone to go

to. Usually these mentors create close relationships and have been treated socially. Mentors also intercede in certain circumstances. For instance, we've helped a student find housing and another to be re-enrolled into classes. Having a mentor is also beneficial when the student needs recommendation letters."

The program's goal is to retain minority enrollment. UWSP's retention rate of 92 percent compares with 72 percent average throughout the UW system. To keep numbers high, Hamlar stresses the need for faculty volunteers.

"Originally we wanted all students to have mentors. However, because of the faculty response, we had to start small," she said. "We hope to extend the program to foreign students. We need more volunteers first."

Ninety percent of minority students take advantage of the mentoring program.

"I think this program is a great idea," said Dana Simpson, vice president of the Black Student Union. "It gives multi-

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### Forum

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could really make a difference, not just in land use, and the environment which I have always been able to work on, but also in this other arena of things, in helping kids succeed and helping them to go to college, rather than to prison," said Falk.

Falk, also released her Wisconsin drinking water protection plan, which includes six components and will modernize groundwater laws to protect Wisconsin's drinking water.

Jim Young, currently the assistant assessor for the city of Sun Prairie is representing the Wisconsin Green Party (WGP). The WGP, founded in 1988 at a St. Croix Falls convention bases its ideals around four pillars; ecological wisdom, social justice, grassroots democracy and nonviolence.

In response to the Crandon Mine issue Young said, "I will use any legal means available to make sure that they get sent packing."

"I think the environment is the most important policy issue we should be concerned about," said Gary George. Also seeking the democratic position, he has represented the sixth senate district for the state of Wisconsin since 1980 and is currently in his fifth term.

George, graduated from UW-Madison, with a B.A. in accounting and then attended the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where he received his Juris Doctorate. He began practicing in the state courts of Wisconsin in 1979.

Currently, Senator George is the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Consumer affairs, and the cochair of the Joint Committee on Audit

Also stressing the removal of secrecy in environmental issues, George was opposed to the Crandon Mine. "I would be orderly and thoughtful, and then I would order them not to approve the mine," said George.

The issue of mercury reduction, over pollution and over population in Wisconsin's lakes was highly debated. All candidates were in favor of the mercury reduction, although the percentage was debatable.

"Rules have to be changed to make it stricter," said George, "set the standard high, if it can't be met, see why and then make it more reasonable." Young said, "We have to make sure that people polluting are paying for cleanup and reduce it." Young also stressed that citizens follow the setback requirements, focus their attention to alternative energy production and work on better filtration systems to protect our wetlands.

Ed Thompson, Tommy Thompson's brother and current mayor of Thoma, Wis. agreed in part with George and Young. "It's always about accountability. We have to enforce the laws that are important to us," said Thompson.

Thompson, a product of the U.S. Navy is a small town man from Elroy, Wis. "I will not lie to you, I will not cheat you," Thompson said, "I'm no 'big time Charlie', I'm a common man."

Thompson is representing the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, a party based on the principles of life, liberty, and property.

Democratic congressman Tom Barrett, currently in his fifth term representing Wis consin's fifth district stressed his idea of science versus politics. "Twenty percent of the world's fresh water comes from the Great Lakes," said Barrett.
"Every issue boils down to one word ... water."

Barrett a former senator of Wisconsin also stood strong on issues of campaign finance reform, and "mudslinging." "I'd rather spend time raising my kids, than raising money," said Barrett.

Barrett wants candidates to stand behind their ad legislation and be present in ads where there is "mudslinging" occurring. "It's like doing it in front of your mother, you're going to be much more polite," said Barrett.

Barrett graduated from the UW-Madison with a degree in economics in 1976, and earned his law degree four years later from the University of Wis consin Law School. Barrett has served on the Banking Committee the Government Reform Committee, the Judiciary Committee and currently serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Talk of a return of the public intervener and an elected head of natural resources department brought excitement from the crowd. The Public Intervener Office, created in 1976 by the legislature served as a "watchdog" that defended public rights and the natural resources of Wisconsin.

The partisan primary will be held on Sept. 10, with the general election following on Nov. 5.

### Mentors

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cultural students the extra support they need. Also, they get a chance to talk with someone in their field. Many multicultural students are concerned about where to go after they graduate. It's good to have someone guide them to the jobs that are out there."

Obtaining minority students from a distance is another program goal.

"I think multicultural students benefit greatly from this program," Simpson said. "Each campus should try it—especially those with low number of minority students. Students living in a predominantly white area are used to their surroundings. However, those transferring from Chicago and Milwaukee are not familiar and may have a hard time. This program makes a big difference in whether they leave or stay."

According to Hamlar, there are a number of campuses that see this program as valuable to their multicultural population.

"I'm very excited about this program," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the number of students who came back because of it."

If interested in participating in the program, contact Portia Hamlar at 346-5700.

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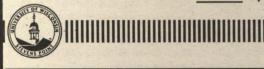
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# Pointer Poll

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What was the worst job you ever had?



Annie Coruino, Soph. English Ed.

Preparing an estate sale
for an old hag woman.



Nina Pokva, Jr. Environmental Ed.

When I worked at

McDonald's—lots of burns!



Nathan Wilson, Sr. Comm Laying hard wood-very hard wood.



Brian Tamling, Jr. English
I picked bugs off trees in
an organic orchard.

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# Learning Resource Center gets a face lift

# Library renovations better accommodate students and faculty

By Morgan Penna **NEWS REPORTER** 

As many students found out these first few weeks of the Learning school, Resource Center is under

construction, but how many actually know what's going on?

Before the remodeling began, students entered the LRC and proceeded through turn -style gates into the library. These proved to be less accessible to people in the wheel chairs or on crutches. The remodeling eliminate these gates and replace them with new security gates.

"The main reason the library is being remodeled is because of security reasons," said Andy Pech, main circulation coordinator. "The library is losing books with the old system." He also explained that the remodeling would combine the reserve desk, the main circulation desk and the interlibrary loan desk. The reno-

vation will create more floor all renovations is \$430,000. space allowing for a new technology classroom as well as a study lounge area.

"The library staff is hoping to create a more relaxed environment for students and staff to relax in," Pech

Rasmussen, the facilities its done.

"The remodeled library

will be better than the one we have now," said Rose Wallisch, library aide in Acquisitions. "However, the noise and dust is annoying. I hope it's done soon."

Senior Kit Knop said, "I According to Carl think it will look great when They should

> remodel the 'lobby' of the Museum of Natural History next. It needs a face lift!"

The projected finish date is May 15. The East entrance to the library will be locked for the spring semester.



Neale Hall

Monday, Jan. 28 2:25 p.m.

A student reported vandalism to her 1995 Dodge Intrepid while it was parked in Lot P.

### Berg Gym

Friday, Jan. 25 1:47 a.m.

A custodian called this office stating there was an intoxicated male sleeping at the north end of the Berg Gym.

### **Debot Center**

Sunday, Jan. 13 12:04 p.m.

General Manager of Debot reported a Coca Cola cooler missing from the loading area at Debot.

### **Collins Classroom Center**

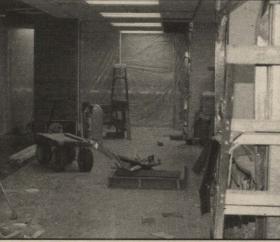
Thursday, Jan. 10 10:50 p.m.

An unknown person sprayed taco sauce on the walls in the men's first floor bathroon.

### **Pray Hall**

Saturday, Dec. 21 1:22 a.m.

A student noticed a green Saturn in Lot T that had been struck and pushed into the sidewalk.



planner, the renovation is funded by the state.

"Every two years for the past twelve years, UWSP has been submitting the proposal for the library renovations to the state capital's improvements and renovations committee. These are borrowed funds that are on a twenty-year bond." The most recent projected cost of

Reduce Reuse Recycle

# Drugs

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trafficking in our area from those arrested."

This confiscation was a part of an investigation into drug trafficking in Stevens Point. The SPPD has been working with the Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Group (MEG) and the Portage County Sheriff's Department to crack down on drug trafficking in Wisconsin.

"Drug trafficking, unfortunately, is not locked into our community," said Capt. Daubert. "In this investigation, a person from Milwaukee was arrested. There is trafficking all over. We must work together by getting information from other areas to track down offenders."

According to the University

Rights and Responsibilities booklet, unlawful possession, use, distribution, manufacture or dispensing of illicit drugs is prohibited on campus. Violation by students may lead to suspension or expulsion. Violation by employees is subject to prosecution under criminal law.

"We are fortunate to not have many drug problems on campus," said John Taylor, acting director for Protective Services. "No drugs have been confiscated from the dorms this school year. Occasionally we will get a call by someone who smells marijuana, but it's hard to contact the source. We rarely have calls for anything more severe than marijuana."

According to the Protective Services website, drug related incidents are dropping in numbers. Nine cases were reported in 2000

compared to 16 from 1997.

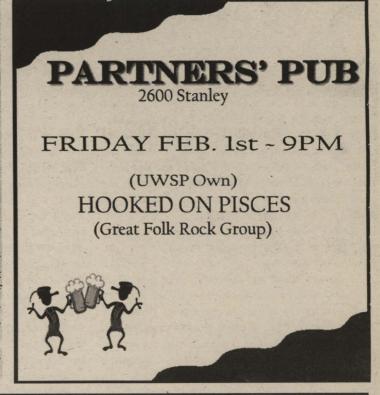
If drugs are found on campus, proper action will be taken. According to Taylor, a person's punishment for possession depends on his/her prior contacts with the law.

"They [the student] are not necessarily removed from the dorms," he said. "However, they could be processed through the judicial system."

There are measures that the community and campus can take to contain the drug problem in Stevens Point.

"Watch for people unusually coming and going," Capt. Daubert said. "There are a fair amount of drugs out there. We are continually working to decrease the problem."

To report suspicious behavior, call the SPPD at 346-1500.



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# LETTERS & OPINION

# Words of Wisdom From the Editor

Bad habits are too much fun to worry about quitting. By Josh Goller

EDITOR IN CHIEF

I hate when people chew their fingernails. It just bothers me. I know I'm not alone here, but to some people chomping on their cuticles is the only stress reliever that really works, therefore I can't really complain.

Stress relief is at the heart of all bad habits.

Some smoke, some are messy and some talk too much. Without these integral parts of our stress management we'd have serious trouble keeping it all together. They're like the our real life daydreams. We also know that we can turn to them whenever it's crunch time and everything will be all right. Some fidget, tap their pen and, yes, chew their fingersnails.

I'm going to be one of the first to tell you to embrace your vices, your errs, you're annoying little habits. They get you through life without you finishing off your days in a Howard Hughes/Unabomber sort of way. Some need cigarettes to keep them from road-raging their way into their "one phone call." Some need to tap their pencil to keep themselves from shoving it into the student sitting next to them.

So you may be wondering what my bad habits are (since my vices don't even try to hide themselves). My great social sin? I adjust myself in public. Sometimes stealthy, sometimes not, but I find it hard to apologize for doing the only thing that prevents me from snapping into a self-destructive rage. Scratching is also par for the course. I have many other bad habits, I'm sure ... usually I hear about it when I do them without thinking. Sometimes I know that I'm right in the middle of a soothing bad



habit and I have to stop it, but I just can't.

Adhere to that compulsive urge to release your stress at the cost of annoying those around you. They're practically reflexes and more addicting than diet pills to a Miss America contestant. Don't add unnecessary discomfort and increased stress to your life for the simple sake of politeness. You need

to be a little more empowered than that.

We need to be comfortable, friendly and socialable with those around us. A little visual unpleasantness is a small price to pay to maintain a pleasurable demeanor in our relationships. Face it, we aren't happy if we're not comfy and relaxed.

Enjoy your moments of offensive or unhealthy pleasure. Appreciate the relief and gasp of fresh air that they provide in our stressful world. Don't resist the vices that make you easy going enough to avoid retreating to your secluded cabin where you can etch out your manifetso with tree sap while taking breaks every 20 seconds to wash your hands.

Avoiding bad habits only really pleases those around you. If you were stranded on a deserted island, you wouldn't care if you didn't put the coconut crushing rock in the washing pond after using it or openly scratched the gangrene on your most recent compound fracture. It's only other people who do! Isn't that the best!

Yawn loudly? Interrupt everyone in midsentence? Mumble incoherently to those next to you throughout an entire class lecture? Forgetta 'bout it. Don't hold anything back ... you're too good for that.

# Pro-war stance not equal to drunkeness

I honestly couldn't believe what I was reading last week in *The Pointer*'s editorial section. I can understand why people would not want war in Afghanistan. I can understand why some people would even be downright angry at the aggression against the "terrorists and the countries that harbor them." But now it has gone too far. You see, last week, I was called a drunkard. Me, who has never had a drop of alcohol to drink outside of church, me who always tries to see both sides of the story. I was called a "pro-war ranting drunkard."

Yes it's true, I support the war against terrorism in Afghanistan. But it wasn't easy for me. Like many other Americans, my reaction to the events of 9-11 sparked horror and disbelief - even anger. But after several days, another truth settled in. America had an enemy. True, our foreign policies might have helped to spark some of that rage. But there, knocking at our door with rage and death in its eye was an enemy. An enemy who saw no line between the military and thousands of innocent civilians. An enemy who wanted nothing more than to see the end and destruction of the American way of life. It became strikingly clear that we would have to defend against this enemy, or the sacrifice of all those who died before us, and the price which they paid, would be nothing more than a forgotten memory. Nothing more than a page in the history of the world.

But war isn't something that comes easily for me or many others. Like many others, I have a family member who have received a purple heart, know people who suffered the life long trauma that war can give. But there are times when the freedoms and liberties that all of us enjoy (pro-war or not) need to be defended. That time is now. But as many of our relatives know, the only way to support the war is not just on the battlefield. World Wars I and II both enjoyed the financial and material support from millions of citizens on the home front. It can be said that these things did just as much to win the war as the people in battle did.

And then the author of the article went on. Went on to even defend the Taliban, saying at least they had the sense to ban alcohol from it's population. Need I remind him what else was banned from the population? Women's rights were taken away, dress codes were imposed, farmers crops were regulated, commerce was regulated, the press became controlled by the government, free trade all but taken away, people had to follow one religion or face the consequence of death, not to mention that the standard of life was lowered to worse than poverty - unless you were one of those few who banned the alcohol. None of these things "freed the soul" of the Taliban, as was suggested by the author. Now the laws are being changed. People are being freed from the life they were forced to live. A lot of good is being done for a war thought up by a bunch of "drunkards," eh? True, I don't like war either. It's ugly, horrible, and destructive. But there comes a time when freedom must be defended for us, and for all others.

And there is one consequence that the American and allied presences had that I simply cannot wash from my mind. It was a picture on the cover of "USA Today" several weeks ago. A picture of a clean-shaven man smiling at the opening of his new restaurant, once closed by the Taliban. But it was more than that. It was a picture of a free man.

Dan Schmidt UWSP Student

# Unfair generalizations made about pro-war political stance

I am writing in response to Andrew Bushard's letter from Jan. 24, 2002. I am not writing to attack Andrew personally, but to question some of his ideas.

In the letter, a point is made that pro-war individuals are not willing to fight or are not concerned about life. I find this entirely untrue. News reports have shown that enlistments have risen dramatically for not only the armed forces but also the FBI and CIA. Obviously, not everyone that is pro-war is able to enlist in the military and train for war. However, that does not mean one cannot be pro-war.

The letter also implies that many people do not care who dies as long as the terrorists are brought to justice. This is also untrue. I have friends that are currently in the military, and I do not wish that they see the front lines of this or any war. I also realize that members of the armed forces have made a choice to join and serve in the military.

I doubt that many anti-war individuals lost loved ones on Sept. 11. I am certain that if they were in Manhattan on that fateful day they would be singing a different tune. If they were aboard the USS Cole or working in the US Embassy in Nairobi, again they would have different thoughts.

In no way am I trying to endorse war. In this particular case, it is our most effective option. I challenge anti-war supporters to devise a way to rid the earth of terrorism without force. Freezing bank accounts does not stop terrorist organizations with millions of dollars. I do not doubt that the same peace activists that oppose Operation Enduring Freedom are also complaining about the treatment of Taliban and Al Qaeda detainees at Camp X-Ray.

People need to stop giving excuses why we shouldn't defend our great nation and start giving suggestions how to bring justice to the terrorists without the use of our armed forces.

Mark A. Hittner UWSP Student

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# The Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin needs you

By Timothy Damos FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, with 75% percent of the population living in absolute poverty. Most people cannot afford to satisfy the most basic needs of living. We've all heard someone preach to us about the desperate position of Haiti and the horrible living conditions of its people, but there is a group of people who are actually doing something about it.

The Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin is a project created by a group of people from the Sauk County area with various medical backgrounds. Several times a year, groups of 12 people journey to Haiti for a period of ten days and provide free health care for the people of the village of Thiotte. Last year, I volunteered to go on the first mission of 2002. Being a journalism student, I did not bring much to the table in the medical arena. Nevertheless, the group happily accepted me and found a job for me in entering patient data into a computer. We left on Jan. 4 and stayed in Haiti through the 14. Throughout the course of the week we saw about 900 patients, most of which had minor problems, but a few who were in life-threatening condition.

The people of Haiti suffer from a variety of health problems, ranging from a large AIDS epidemic to worms and an inadequate water supply. Still, most people in this country cannot afford health care

Over the years, Haiti has been the victim of many oppressive dictators who were supported economically by the U.S. and other first world countries. However,

saw any of this money. They have been used primarily as cheap labor tools getting

resources out of the country.

Presently, Haiti is run by President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was democratically elected twice by an overwhelming majority of voters. Aristide is a leader with realistic goals; he does not claim to be able to solve all of the country's problems. His goal is to give the people a kind of "dignified poverty." Currently, the U.S. government refuses to trade with Haiti under its democratically elected government, although it had no problem doing so when Haiti was under a dictatorship. While Haiti is not getting much support from the U.S., there are other countries that are willing to help.

When we arrived in Thiotte, I was surprised to find out that there were the majority of the people in Haiti never already several doctors in the community Greenwood at mamg@barraboo.com.

who were medical students from Cuba. Apparently, this is a prerequisite for those hoping to enter a particular medical field in Cuba. Medical students must spend two years in a third world country in order to get real world experience. Ultimately, both countries benefit as Haiti gets free health care and Cuba gets experienced professionals.

Since there is no hope of attaining such high moral standards here in the U.S., the best way for us to help Haiti is through privately funded programs such as the Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining a medical mission to Haiti, you can contact Maureen Murphy-

# Your Music Alternative

By Rachel Hildebrant 90FM PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR

90FM, UWSP's student-run radio station, prides themselves on playing alternative college music.

The general programming on 90FM is a mix of different types of alternative music. 90FM has different categories which include classic alternative, standards, new bands, Wisconsin musicians, soundtracks, singer/songwriter, ska, heavy, medium and light rotation, new music and loud music.

Bands in the classic alterna-

tive category have been around for a while and have made a mark on the music scene. Some of the favorites among 90FM staff are U2 and Smashing Pumpkins.

The standard category is for the mainstream bands Everclear, Weezer and the Cranberries. It is for music that is usually heard on mainstream radio stations all.

Bands put in the New Band category are not necessarily newly formed, but sometimes are more obscure. Only one CD is available in the studio.

Colleen Courtney, music director at 90FM, is in charge of organizing the music that gets sent to the station. She also reports to

different labels how often a song gets played. Music usually debutes in college radio first,

mainstream radio. A big part of Courtney's job is to work on the rotation of brand new music. Music in the heavy category is played two times an hour, new music two

times an hour and medium and light gets one play per hour. Overall, the music spends about two weeks in each category and then gets moved to its designated shelf in the studio.

Courtney gets loads of music every week. In order to choose what gets played at the station, she evaluates the music based on how well it works with the DJ's and audiences' tastes. "The DJ's favorites make up the Top 30 for the week, which gets reported in a CMJ magazine.

> Our DJ's decide what makes or breaks at 90FM. I put in stuff that I don't like sometimes, but it is stuff that I think that the DJs and our audience would like."

DJs are required to follow a program wheel, which dictates the types of music that gets played during general programming. However, the DJs get to pick which artists and which songs to play out of each category. Requests from listeners are encouraged.

Music that has been in the Top 40s gets a mark next to it and DJs are only allowed to play

> three of those types of songs an hour. Also, if a Top 40 song is played, DJs have to wait ten days before they can play it on the radio again. This process is used to ensure variety in

the music played at 90FM.

General programming runs and if it does well, it goes to from 6 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering as a DJ at 90FM, contact Ryan Allshouse, the program director at 90FM.

# "Hearth Beats for the Hungry" to raise natural funds for local impoverished people

awareness for the less fortunate of the central Wisconsin community.

The main performer will be Kristine Pamento, an alumni of the UWSP dance program and professional storyteller.

The message in Pamento's programs may vary from multiculturism, to the environment and self esteem. There is a common thread tying her various songs and stories together, and it is found in flowers. She uses the world of flowers to offer

This inspiring event is set to raise money and many lessons: the beauty of diversity, the challenges of growth and the value of the gifts of nature. Pamento will go beyond the scientific identity, opening up the flower's personality through the secrets of theatrics and storytelling.

Other dancers and drummers from the area will be collaborating to make this event a success.

The event takes place in the Encore this Friday, Feb. 1 from 7 – 9 p.m. Admission is free with UWSP ID or \$3 per person. It is sponsored by Centertainment Productions.

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# New exhibit on display at Carlsten Gallery

All photos by L. Zancanaro These are just a few of the works of art on display in the Carlsten Art Gallery. There is no cost to view the art and the exhibit changes every couple of weeks, so be sure to stop by between classes and paruse.

A visit to the art gallery may be all that is needed to color your winter blues.

By Laura Daugherty

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

"The Shape and Color of Research" is now on exhibit at the Carlsten Gallery in the Fine Arts Center at UWSP. The exhibit is unique because all of the work is based on artist research in Special Collections at the Golda Meir Library at UW-Milwaukee. The head of Special Collections, Max Yela, had a vision inspired by the work of photographer and painter, Steven Sellars. Yela invited artists in the Milwaukee area to conduct their own research on a topic of their choice, using the various resources in the Special Collections.

Artists had the freedom to use many forms to express themselves: visual, conceptual, literary, historical or technical. Artists were also able to be creative in the types of media that they used. Over a twoyear period, many artists responded, and 14 are represented in the exhibit. Yela's main objective was to "bring a sharp focus to the connections between active research and the creative process."

When asked what he found particularly unique about the exhibit, Richard Schneider, a former Ceramics Professor at UWSP, responded, "This is so different because this exhibit is not only the work of individual artists, but it is also a reflection of research. This is stimulation that has come from outside sources."

Each artist was able to conduct

research on something that they wanted to and used that to inspire them to create art. Max Yela's idea is so fascinating because the viewer can really see how the research is reflected in the piece and how much that can inspire the creative process.

The exhibit is funded in part by the Wisconsin Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Wisconsin Humanities Council supports public programs that engage the people of Wisconsin in the exploration of human cultures, ideas and values.

If you're interested in checking out some truly interesting and unique artwork from Wisconsin artists, stop by the Carlsten Gallery. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and evenings when performances are held in the Fine Arts Center.

Aside from "The Shape and Color of Research," there are also other exhibits being shown in the gallery. Local jewelry artist Thomas Dailing's "Contemporary Classics," will be featured along with book work by Indiana University graduate student Katherine Ferruci's exhibit, "Who Understands the Pattern," in the Schneider Student Gallery.

"Understanding and imagination are achieved through scrutiny and reflectionthis is the shape of color and research."

-- Max Yella

# John Scofield band to perform with UWSP jazz ensemble

The UWSP Jazz Ensemble will open for the John Scofield Band at Sentry Theater on Friday, Feb. 1, in conjunction with UWSP's annual Jazz Festival.

A multi-dimensional jazz guitarist, Scofield will perform with the UWSP Jazz Ensemble before he and his quartet play pieces from their new release, überjam. The groups will perform two shows, one at noon and another at 7:30 p.m. The programs will be announced from the stage.

Tickets are \$15 for non-students and \$12 for students and are available at the Quandt ticket office or by phone at 346-4100. Tickets also may be available at the door.

A well-known composer and guitarist, Scofield performs and records in a variety of jazz, funk and rock styles and has been voted one of the best guitar artists by readers of JazzTimes magazine. He and his band, whose current members include Avi Bortnick on guitar, Jesse Murphy on bass and Adam Deitch on

drums, released überjam on Jan. 29.

Scofield began playing the guitar at age 11 and went on to study at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. After college he spent two years with the fusion powerhouse Duke Band and three years with the Miles Davis Band.

He signed with Blue Note Records in 1989 and Verve Records in 1995. One of his recent releases, "Bump," features a gritty groove-oriented blend of jazz, funk and rock while "Works for Me," released in 2001, features straight ahead post-bop jazz.

> "I came up in the era when rock and roll and rhythm and blues ruled," he said.

"Even though I play jazz, I enjoy other John Scofield, composer and styles of music."



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# Ever wonder what our Chancellor does?

By Barett Steenrod

FEATURES EDITOR

If you asked most students, they could probably tell you roughly what a chancellor is. If you asked most UWSP students, they could probably tell you his name is Thomas George. However, if you kept inquiring and asked students what he does, most would not really know. The answers I've heard that come the closest are, "he's like the president of the University," and "he is in charge of a cabinet of assistant chancellors." In order to set the record straight, I recently sat down with Chancellor George to find out exactly what he does.

Chancellor George, in a given day, what kinds of things are you doing?

Well, let's run through the day. Today my staff and I started off in the morning by visiting with one of the gubernatorial candidates who was on campus. Just before now, I was at a hospital board meeting. Chancellors are on boards of all sorts. I am on the hospital board, the YMCA board, the Portage County business council and I was just elected president of the Boy Scout Council. There are some other boards that I am on as well. Boy, you start losing track after a while. This is typical of being a Chancellor, though.

Yesterday, I visited the Comm 101 class and was able to visit with half of the freshman class. Also, I spent some time at SPASH high school. I am a Jazz keyboardist, and I actually performed in a concert with some of their jazz singers last night. A lot of time is spent planning and budgeting. It a whole variety of things, but ultimately, it is being the chief operating and chief executive officer of the institu-

When you became Chancellor, did you appoint people for various posi-

The way we typically do it at a university is through shared governence.

For example, I had to appoint a provost. It was a national search that was overseen by a search-andscreen committee. The committee went through a process and recommended some names to me. The candidates interviewed on campus and ultimately, I made an appointment.

I've made a number of appointments since I've been here, but in every case there is a long search process involved before making an appointment.

Do you have any specific funding or revenue responsibilities as a chief executive, like budgeting?

I spend a huge amount of time in fundraising. Just yesterday, I was in a lengthy meeting with the line officers discussing about how we as an institution are going to respond to the billion dollar shortfall in the state's budget for next year.

One of the things I have spent a lot of time with is fundraising. We have been especially successful this past year, raising upwards of \$3 million for the university for a variety of activities: scholarships, contributions towards a building project and all sorts of activities. I am no exception to this, as Chancellors and Presidents nationally are spending more and more time on fundraising.

What are some of your hobbies?

"Jazz. I do that actively, several times a week if I am free. As a chancellor, people ask me to play and I am really happy to

Photo by L. Zancanaro

Chancellor George takes a moment to kick back and relax midafternoon this past Tuesday.

do that. I play for university functions, at the country club, at events like last night at SPASH ... you know, whatever. My other hobby is my research. I am a laser physicist. I am still very active in my research, and I publish papers regularly. That is something that I have kept going; since I have been here, I have published 75 research articles and three books.

Prior to coming here, what was happening in your life?

"Before I was here, I was called a provost, which is the second-in-command, at Washington State University. I was there for five years. Before that, I was a Dean for six years at SUNY-Buffalo. For the 13 years prior, I was a professor of chemistry at the University of Rochester. Before going to Rochester, I did postdoctoral work at UC-Berkeley and at MIT after getting my Doctorate from Yale. Currently, I am a visiting professor of physics at Korea University in Seoul, Korea.

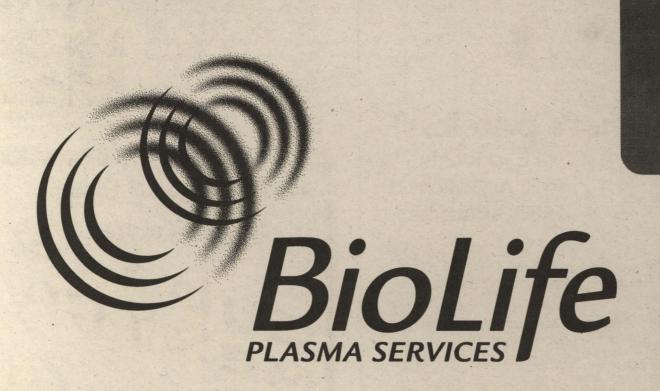
What have you enjoyed the most out of everything you have done so far?

Working with the people on campus: the students, faculty and staff. I guess that is probably the most satisfying for me. We really have great people here on the campus of UWSP. That extends to the greater central Wisconsin community. They have embraced the university and we have embraced them. There are really great people in our community, both on and off campus. That is probably what makes it most pleasurable.

Anything you want to say to the student body?

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# Baldarotta reaches 200th win as men's hockey coach

Victories over River Falls and Stout push Pointers to third in conference

By Lucas Meyer SPORTS REPORTER

Joe Baldarotta and the UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team go together like salt and pepper. By beating UW-River Falls 4-2 last Friday night, Coach Baldarotta became only the fourth coach in NCHA history to reach 200 wins.

"I knew this was coming this season, but didn't think it would come against River Falls," said Baldarotta. "The guys played hard. The biggest prize is to win, though this accomplishment is not just for me, but for my team as well."

UWSP improved their NCHA record to 6-4-0 this past weekend with wins over seventh- ranked UW-River Falls and UW-Stout. The Pointers are 13-8-0 overall.

The dramatic win Friday night, exciting as it was, didn't come easy. Zenon Kochan took it upon himself to get things jump-started in the first period, scoring on a short-handed goal. Jess Johnson of River Falls responded with a goal six minutes later on a power play.

Kochan kept his scoring strike up, nailing his eighth goal of the season early in the second period. However, River Falls wouldn't quit. Evan Stensrud, with help from Rob Novak, scored off a deflection to even the game at 2-2 in the last peri-

Less than two minutes later, the Pointers took the lead. Nick Glander closed in on the puck that was mishandled by River Falls goalie Jaque Vezina. Glander took the free puck and scored in the unattended goal.

River Falls couldn't handle the red-hot Pointers style. Bryan Fricke added a goal with seven seconds left, ending the contest

After riding on a high victory against seventh-ranked River Falls, UWSP looked to cash in on UW-Stout Saturday night.

Stout's record, a mere 2-8-0 in the NCHA, does not show their strength. "UW-Stout is not a team to look lightly upon.



The Pointer's Jon Conboy guides the puck out of harm's way in Friday's contest with River Falls.

They lost most of their games by one goal," said Baldarotta. "This team can be scary."

UWSP snuck out to a 2-1 lead in the opening period after goals by Ryan Feil and Randy Enders. After no scoring in the second period, things started to heat up at K.B. Willett Arena.

The Blue Devils put up a fight, taking a 3-2 lead in the last period. Kochan, in stylish fashion, tied the game at 3-3, scoring with 11 minutes left in the final period. The game proceeded into overtime.

A Mike Brolsma pass and a Ryan Feil's spark from off the bench was all the Pointers need-

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Coach Miech stays put

Football coach turns down offer from NMU to stay with **Pointers** 

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

John Miech is staying home. The successful and highly-popu-

lar coach of the UWSP football program has declined an offer to coach at NCAA Division II Northern Michigan University.

Miech, whose team won the WIAC championship last season for the third time in four years, was given a formal offer to coach at

Northern Michigan on Saturday afternoon. After meeting with NMU athletic director Dan Spielmann on Monday, Miech announced to his team Tuesday he will stay with UWSP. The Pointers finished the 2001 regular season 5-2 in the WIAC and 7-2 overall. They advanced to the NCAA Division III playoffs with a 30-27 double overtime defeat of Eau Claire in the season finale Nov. 10

Miech's team defeated Bethel College 37-27 in the first round of the playoffs before succumbing to St. John's 9-7 the following week.

has an overall record of 92-45-2 since becoming head coach of the Pointers in 1987. He served as the Pointers' defensive coordinator during the 1985-86 seasons, and had stints at Stephen F. Austin

> University along with two Wisconsin high schools prior to being named head coach at UWSP. Miech's association with Pointer football goes back to 1972 when he first joined the program as an offensive lineman, providing protection for the nation's top passing offense in

both 1973 and 1974.

Miech

Miech's wife, Sheila, serves as head coach of the highly-successful UWSP soccer team.

Last season, the Northern Michigan Wildcats finished 3-7 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and 4-7 overall. Head coach Eric Holm announced his resignation as Northern Michigan University's football coach on Saturday, Dec.





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# Pointer women continue home dominance, spank Eagles

Women's basketball crushes La Crosse by 30 in convincing win By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's basketball team just keeps on rolling through their schedule, as evidenced by their recent shellacking of the La Crosse Eagles by the score of 93-63.

The Pointers received a balanced scoring attack with four players reaching double figures. Leading the way was sophomore reserve forward Cassandra Heuer, who netted 17 points on 6 of11

shooting. The Pointers also received 15 points from insidepresence Kari Groshek, along with 13 from sophomore point guard Tara Schmitt and ten from sophomore swing player Andrea

Getting off to a hot start, UWSP vaulted to a 16-2 lead before the Eagles flew back into the game by hitting their next ten shot attempts to pull within 28-23. Going into halftime with an eight-point lead, 40-32, Coach Shirley Egner made some minor adjustments that allowed the team to bust out in the second half, going on a 18-2 run to squelch any doubt over the final outcome.

Women's hockey chalks up another win

The streaky-shooting Pointers had a hot game from beyond the arch, going 10-18 on threepointers, compared to a frigid 1-8 from the Eagles.

The Pointers, the tenth ranked team in the most-recent Division III rankings, improved their conference record to 9-2, while shooting to 18-2 overall, while the Eagles fell to 2-9 in the WIAC and 6-13 overall.

Next up for the Pointers is a home match-up against a tough UW-Platteville team. The Pioneers are 6-6 in the WIAC and 7-13 overall. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Berg

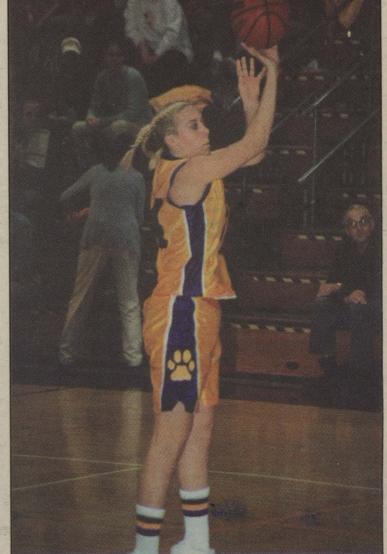


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Amanda Nechuta buries a three against UW-La Crosse Wednesday.

Photo by L. Rice

Freshman forward Emily Teachout brings up the puck against a defender from St. Mary's on Saturday.

By Dan Mirman SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's hockey team (18-1) has gotten downright defensive lately. They have shut out their last four opponents, which included a 3-0 victory over St. Mary's on Saturday.

The victory also marked the fifth time in the last six games that fourth-ranked UWSP has held their opponents scoreless.

"Over the break we really spent a lot of quality time with the goalies just going back to the basics, said Head Coach Brian Idalski. "We also had the benefit of (men's Head Coach) Joe Baldarotta coming in and working with the goalies, too, and just reenergizing them. He has excellent knowledge, especially when it comes the goalie position."

After a scoreless first period against St Mary's, Emily Teachout started the scoring with a power play goal with just a little over a minute remaining in the period. Freshman Ann Ninnemann, Point's point leader, gave UWSP some breathing room when she tallied a short-handed goal (14) about halfway through the third period. Ninnemann then added another goal (15) later in the period to finish

When were shorthanded like that, everybody just works harder and gives an extra push," said Ninnemann. "I never thought I would be the top scorer or point getter, but I've just stepped things up, and I have gotten lucky, too.

Another freshman, goalie Shannon Kasparek, stopped all 20 shots that she faced to improve her record to 10-1. Her shutout now gives UWSP 252

consecutive scoreless minutes and counting.
"We knew we were going to have to play our best period, and we knew that just had to step it up, and we did that," said Kasparek. "Even though we have the streak we can't get cocky, we just have to keep taking it one game at a time.

UWSP will continue their conference play this weekend hosting a double header against UW-River Falls. Then in one week they will face against UW-Superior, who are tied with Point for the conference

"We barely got out of River Falls alive last time and we know if we don't show up and play one of our best games we can lose," said Idalski.



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# **SPORTS**

# Swimmers look strong at home invitational

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP swimming and diving teams continued their strong showings of late, with top-three finishes by both the men and women's teams this past weekend. The women's team had no individual champions, but still finished second among 12 teams at last weekend's "Get to the Point" Invite, while the men's team was third among 10 teams.

Sophomore Erik Johnson led the men's team by winning the 100m freestyle with a time of 47.86 and the 200m freestyle with a time of 1:43.51. In addition to his personal double wins, Johnson was a part of three

Pointer relay victories, having also swam on the winning 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relay.

Freshman Aaron Marshall was also on all three winning relays and finished second in the 50m freestyle with a time of 22.14 seconds, which was one-

hundredth of a second behind first place finisher Paul Gyorfi of Wheaton College. Senior captain Anthony Harris was on two winning relays and finished

second in the 100m butterfly with a time of 53.37 seconds, which was two-hundredths of a second short of Division II swimmer Torey Melton of South Dakota.

On the women's side, senior Christine Sammons finished second in the 100m breaststroke at 1:07.39 and second in the 200m breaststroke at 2:26.10 to lead the team. She was also on the second place 400m medley relay. Sophomore Alissa Bartz was second and freshman Lindsay Correll was third in the 100m backstroke.

UW-La Crosse won the women's title, while South Dakota took the men's title. UW-La Crosse will visit Stevens Point on Friday for a men and women's



Johnson

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HOCKEY

Brolsma robbed the puck from a Stout defenseman and shot a pass down the rink. Then with 46 seconds into OT, Feil spiced up his game sneaking the puck past Stout goalie Jeff Dotson ending the game at 4-3

With two huge wins under their belt, UWSP couldn't be in a better situation going into Lake Forest and first place St. Norbert's this weekend.

"It's a plus for any team that starts turning a corner in a positive direction. Our team is young and is still learning. This is a plus," said Baldarotta. "We are in as good of shape as anyone could be at this point. We know we can compete with anyone if we want it bad enough."

Point goalie Bob Gould performed admirably, saving 57 shots in two games and earning himself NCHA Player of the Week honors.

# Men's ballers suffer conference setback

# Team falls to Eagles in close shoot-out

Dan Mirman Sports Reporter

UW-Stevens made a solid run against UW-La Crosse, but they came up a little short Wednesday night in an 84-72 loss.

After trailing by double digits in the second half, UWSP made a run to get it down to four. Unfortunately, that was as close as they could get as La Crosse pulled away, keyed by their seniors.

"We outrebounded them and we played decently, but right now they are a little better team," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "They also have a little more experienced team, and sometimes you just get beat."

One of the bright spots on the evening was the play by freshman Jason Kalsow. Kalsow led all of the scorers with 25 points on ten of 16 shooting. He also had the game high in rebounds pulling in 12 to complete the double-double.

Also hitting double figures for UWSP was Kalonji Kadima

with ten and Josh Iserloth tossed in 13 despite going just one for seven on three-pointers.

It was a close contest until La Crosse went on a 24-9 run halfway through the first half to lead by nine at the half.

"I hope we can come back, but its gonna be a tough one down at Platteville next week," said Bennett. "I do believe that the first team to ten or 11 (conference wins) is going to win the league this year."

UWSP will continue conference this weekend with a visit to UW-Platteville on Saturday.

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- -Named all WIAC honorable in mention in 1999-2000

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MEN'S HOCKEY: at Lake Forest, Fri. 7:30; at St. Norberts, Sat. 7:05 p.m.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL: at UW-Platteville, Sat. 7 p.m.; UW Eau Claire, Wed. 7 p.m.

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Who was your idol growing up? - My parents, they are just the people that I admire the most.

What are your plans after graduation? - I would like to teach in the southern part of the state.

Do you plan to continue with basketball after graduation?-Actually I haven't quite decided on that yet.

What is your favorite aspect of basketball? - Just the competi-

Most embarrasing moment - When I was shooting the front end of a bonus and after I made the shot I ran down to the other side of the court and everyone was still at the free throw line.

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

Julia Roberts, because she is a famous actress and she is really

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?

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What will you remember most about playing basketball at UWSP? - All the friends I made with my teammates.

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# **TDOORS**

# New plans for reducing mercury in wastewater

A day after approving comprehensive rules to reduce polluted runoff from farms, cities, construction sites, roads and other sources, Natural Resources Board members on advanced efforts to decrease water pollution from industrial and municipal wastewater treatment plants on Jan. 23.

Board members authorized public hearings for rules to shift the state's strategy for reducing the amount of mercury contained in the wastewater municipal and industrial treatment plants discharge to lakes and rivers.

The shift in mercury strategy is part of continuing state efforts to reduce the amount of mercury entering Wisconsin's environment. It's also part of broader state efforts to continue reducing pollution coming from so-called "point sources," single, easily identifiable sources of pollution such as a wastewater effluent pipe even as regulatory attention shifts to reducing polluted runoff, known as "nonpoint pollution" because it comes from many diffuse sources.

The efforts to reduce mercury in wastewater seek to shift Wisconsin from focusing solely on reducing mercury that enters a treatment plant in wastes from homes, schools, businesses and industries, to a strategy that continues to push such pollution prevention but also seeks to control mercury released from the plants' effluent pipes into Wisconsin lakes and rivers.

Mercury in the environment is a growing human and wildlife health concern in Wisconsin and the United States as a result of widespread mercury contamination of lakes, rivers and soils, predominantly from mercury air emissions from coal-burning plants and other industrial sources. Wastewater contributes less than one percent of the total amount of mercury entering the environment from all man-made

All municipal wastewater, however, contains some level of mercury from sources including dental and medical waste, broken thermometers and human wastes flushed into the sewage treatment system, as well as significant amounts from rain and snow entering the treatment system.

The new strategy for reducing mercury in wastewater capitalizes on the federal government's recent approval of a new, sensitive testing method that for the first time allows plant operators and regulators to accurately and reliably measure the small amounts of mercury contained in wastewater. "This means we can focus on making sure plants meet permit levels as well as work with citizens, businesses and industry to reduce mercury entering the treatment plants in the first place," Mugan says.

For the last 12 years, wastewater treatment plants have had permits that set standards for the amount of mercury and other toxic contaminants allowed in the wastewater released to lakes and rivers. Mercury limits are set to protect human and wildlife health but are so low - 1.3 parts per trillion - that samples collected for testing were easily contaminated, and as such were not reliable enough to use to enforce the permit limits for mercury.

"We assumed that the mercury levels coming out of the end of the pipe had some impact on whether the wastewater met water quality standards, but we didn't know for sure - or know by how much a plant needed to reduce its mercury levels from the end of the pipe," Mugan says. "As a result, our original strategy hinged on reducing the mercury that came to the treatment plant in the first place."

That strategy triggered voluntary efforts by some municipal treatment plants, DNR and participating communities to collect thermometers, school, medical and dairy equipment, and other mercurycontaining products. Through the end of 2002, they collected 8,000 pounds of mercury, decreasing the risk of spills to the environment, and allowing the mercury to be recycled.

The new strategy, developed with an advisory committee of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials and representatives from the dental association, municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plant operators, environmental groups and laboratories, requires plants to start using the newly approved testing method, which will allow DNR to assess whether they meet the mercury standard. .

Most municipal and some industrial plants probably won't be able to meet those water quality standards because it's technically and economically infeasible to treat wastewater to remove mercury down to the necessary levels of 1 part per 1 trillion, Mugan says. So the committee has created a process to allow operators to apply for a variance to meeting the mercury standard in exchange for creating and carrying out a mandatory pollution prevention plan.

Pollution prevention plans for municipal treatment plants would require them to collect mercury from their users and to recycle mercury-containing products and prevent spills.

Industrial treatment plants would be required to improve their operations, maintenance or management practices, change their processes or the materials they use to reduce mercury.

Both municipal and industrial treatment plants would have requirements to monitor programs for reducing mercury levels and adjust pollution prevent activities.

# Don't be fooled, it should be snowing

By Leigh Ann Ruddy ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I admit it, I went outside this weekend, excited to get out and play a round of disc golf, but in the back of my head I became worried about what the weather really means for the plants, the wildlife, our water quality and our way of life. So many people partook in the spring-like weather we experienced over the weekend: walkers, bikers, football players, ultimate Frisbee players, you

What we Wisconsinites don't realize is that our land may be in peril, and the exact things we like to enjoy outside when it's nice out may disappear. I wonder if we may be experiencing something quite drastic and we're taking this warm weather thing for granted. Global warming, a

possible cause for such drastic climate changes, occurs when greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide are emitted into the Earth's atmosphere. A good source of carbon Disc golf courses lay dormant now dioxide stems from the that the weather has returned to its population's daily use of wintry ways. automobiles. In direct con-

sequence, temperatures rise, ice caps melt, precipitation levels rise and many ecosystems are endan-

We've all been thinking about it. Should this weather really occur in Wisconsin at the end of January? Every year we see warmer weather, shorter winters, more humid summers including severe thunderstorms and tornadoes, and we decide to put it aside, thinking that it's just weath-

er, it's Mother Nature, it's not our fault that it's warmer outside.

Perhaps it is, and we can do something to change the current pattern before detrimental damage occurs and we can no longer preserve the things necessary for life in our world.

The U.S. Global Change Research Program summarized climate change in all regions of the United States on Nov. 11, 2000. Various experts in the fields of science, government and business helped form the summary, "Climate Change Impacts on the United States: The Potential

> Consequences of Climate Variability and Change."

The Great Lakes region assessment, prepared by Peter Sousounis, Ph.D. (University of Michigan) and Patty Glick (National Wildlife Federation) includes potential signs of global climate change in the region, "...the climate models used in the assessment suggest significant increases in the number of days above 90°, winters will be warm, cool summers may not occur as frequently as they do now, and impacts from shortterm, extreme weather such as floods, tornadoes, and blizzards may also increase in the region, particularly heavy precipitation

Carpooling to a job or school helps reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the air as well as other pollutants that create smog and unhealthy air for animals and plants. Hopping on the bus to get to the grocery store or to get downtown, riding your bike, cross-country skiing and walking serve as feasible alternatives to automobiles.



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# OUTDOORS

# We're just flushing our water supply down the toilets

What you can do to combat the war on wasting water

By Steve Seamandel **OUTDOORS EDITOR** 

To balance out my other twelve Comm. credits, I decided to take an Environmental Political Science class this semester. I've always been a CNR student at heart - I just elected to major in communication instead.

The class, thus far, has really lived up to my expectations. The first reading has been a book entitled "Every Drop For Sale; Our Desperate Battle Over Water in a World About to Run Out" by Jeffrey Rothfeder. I'd find this book to be very interesting outof-class, and having to read it and getting a grade for doing so is even better.

However, I'm not writing a review about the book. I'm only three chapters into it, and I'm already finding myself conserving more water than usual. It's raised my eyebrows a few times and made me realize that even though I try to do other little things to save water, I am still a rampant waster.

It's the little things. Rothfeder says that an average human needs roughly ten liters of water per day for drinking, sanitation and bathing in order to survive. To put into perspective how much ten liters really is, imagine a nice tall two liter bottle of Mountain Dew. Fill that with water, and multiply times five, and try to live on that amount of water for a day. Drinking and cooking alone

would account for much of the doubt that you've flushed much water, but try to take a bath or shower with only ten liters. In many places throughout the world, people don't even get the luxury of ten liters of water per day. And this isn't just a thing that's happening in third world

...as Americans, we have been subconsciously trained to waste water..."

countries, or even across seas for that matter. It is already affecting farmers in many regions of the United States who depend on now-depleted rivers and aqueducts for their failing crops.

Think about how many times per day you flush the toilet. By the end of the day, there's no more than ten liters of water right down the drain. I'm not saying "Don't flush the toilets." By all means, please do. But the fact is that as Americans, we have been subconsciously trained to waste water; it's in our daily habits.

> Whether it's running the water in the sink or shower to obtain a desirable temperature or leaving the water on while brushing your teeth, we all

waste a horrible amount of water in one way or another. We use way more than our fair share of ten liters per day.

It's quite scary to think that while our water supply is constantly decreasing, our population is exponentially increasing. We will eventually run out, and when we do, we'll have even more people around to worry about than we do now. Out of all the water on earth, less than 3% is freshwater. Of that 3%, 0.8% is readily available to us - that meaning it's not polluted or frozen in glaciers. To us in Wisconsin, this figure isn't as staggering to someone suffering from a drought in California. However, soon we'll have to make ourselves more aware of this figure and act on it.

Scientists say that our freshwater supply may dwindle to nothing in as soon as 50 years from now. I'd like to think that I will be able to live my life without ever saying, "I remember the days when you'd turn the faucet and limitless, clean, cold water would come out every time." At times, I fear that I will find myself saying that sooner than

While saving two or three liters of water per day may make you feel better, it won't do much to save our overall supply. Awareness and knowledge is the key right now. Of course, conserving water and using low-flow sinks, showers and toilets are all very important in the grand scheme of things. However, the people who are already conserving need to educate those who aren't aware of this growing epidemic in order to discourage wasteful water practices.



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# ARTS & REVIEW

# Music Interview

with Moon Theory's Kaeti O'Ghara

By Colleen Courtney WWSP MUSIC DIRECTOR

Moon Theory's self-titled debut album peaked at the number four position on the 90FM charts. The first track "Feed Your Master" exploded on the airwaves, and the album will be released nationally on Feb. 12. Lead singer Kaeti O'Ghara says the band aimed for "electronic music structured for radio," and the instrumentals are indeed a good mix of electronic and new age music. I caught up with O'Ghara after she had finished up footage for the "Feed Your Master" video.

Does TSO (musical accompaniest) prefer a secret identity? What do the initials stand for? TSO is one of those mysterious characters that's never in pictures. If he is, he's dressed in disguise. He does all his shows in his NASA space suit [featured on the back of the album]. The initials stand for Translational Systems

How did you think of the band name?

Officer.

Well, TSO thought of the "theory" part. We ended up with "moon" as the first part. I liked the sound of it. But it's really appropriate with the themes of

our songs. When did you and TSO start writing songs?

We started working on the record in 1999. The songs were pretty much written really quickly. We were only working about two nights a week because we were working [at other jobs] full time. The hard part was actually putting the music together. We released the record for the first time in June 2001, but we are having an official release on February 12. But for now, you can buy it online on our website and amazon.com.

Where is Moon Theory based? We are based in the San Francisco Bay area, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. We're hoping to do a West Coast tour in the spring. What cities are you hoping to

We hope to focus on college campuses. We have an event called Biologic where five DJs, dancers and performance artists come together at once. It benefits college organizations and local organizations if they want to get

Who are the members of Moon

Theory, and who does the songwriting?

**Essentially Moon Theory consists** of myself and TSO. TSO is a producer and my songwriting partner. He produced the album and played most of the instruments on the record. We do use other musicians for our live performances. Our music is electronic, so we sequence most of the keyboard work.

You're making a video for the fourth song on the album, "Feed Your Master." What was that like?

We originally wanted to do a 30second promotion, but it looks like we have enough footage for a full-length video. We worked with some wonderful editors from The Matrix and Jim Henson Productions. We'll have it on our website Feb. 12.

Are you considering touring the rest of the country after your West Coast tour?

I'd really like to see the rest of the country. It depends on how the record does.

For more information on Moon Theory visit www.moontheory.net.

# Review

Los Angeles By Zack Holder

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Thank goodness for the fine people at Rhino Records who have decided to re-release the first three full-length albums by legendary Los Angeles band X. These albums were originally released on Slash Records, but since the record label went defunct in 1998, these albums have all been out of print. You may be asking yourself, "Who or what is X?" Simply put, X is one of those bands that can not be pigeonholed easily. They were, and still are to some degree, labeled a punk band. Yeah, maybe a little. But, to me, they were always more than that. They are at various times, and often at the same time (which I always found to be the magical thing about the band), a punk band, a country band, a rockabilly band, a straight up rock and roll band and some kind of beat poetry reading with really cool music behind it.

Los Angeles, their first album, was originally released in 1980 and showcased the classic X lineup. Exene Cervenka and her now exhusband John Doe (who also plays bass) share lead vocal work. Exene's totally unique voice changes from a wailing bansheeesque howl to a low growl in a heart beat. When the two of them sing together, especially live, the ways the melodies melt together is enough to send shivers up a listeners spine the way that good sex can. Guitarist Billy Zoom is the definition of what the "cool" guitar player should be. His slicked hair and 50s style of clothes give him the

image, and the boy can flat out play his ass off. D.J. Bonebrake is the little guy on the drums, who gave up a life of classical music to play in the early 80's L.A. music scene.

This album was produced by Ray Manzarek of The Doors fame, who also played on four songs on this record, so that should say enough about the immense talent in this quartet. This re-release also contains five songs that are from demo and practice recordings.

Lyrically this band shows slices of life in turn of the decade America with a poetic spin on uncensored realism. They drag up the ugly underbelly of the "City of Angels" in the title track, explore the mind of a rapist in the completely anti-rape song "Johnny Hit and Run Paulene," failing relationships in "Your Phone's Off The Hook, But You're Not" (quite possibly the greatest title of a rock song ever) and the effects of a night of drinking gin and strawberry soda mixers called "Nausea." I could never have enough space to express how much this band means not only to me, but to so many other bands that came after them.

This band still plays together occasionally, and if you ever get the chance to see them live, they put on a live show that makes you forget that they've been around for over 20 years. Get this album, hell, get every X record you can get your hands on. They are truly a reminder of what great music is and should be.

# Film Review

The Royal Tenenbaums By Josh Goller

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Initially, I thought that a film with as much star power as The Royal Tenenbaums couldn't possibly pan out to be a quality movie. We've seen it before with the pairing of Pitt and Roberts in The Mexican, Roberts and a host of other big names in America's Sweethearts and the trio of Damon, Law and Paltrow in The Talented Mr. Ripley. These films were put in an unfair position (granted they were poorly executed as well) by simply being insurmontably overhyped.

My fears about Tenenbaums following in their crappy predecessors footsteps were calmed right away in the opening credits. This stacked cast, including Gene Hackman, Anjelica Huston, Ben Stiller, Gwyneth Paltrow, Luke and Owen Wilson, Bill Murray, Danny Glover and the narrating voice of Alec Baldwin, gels to form one of the most solid blends of characters I've seen in recent film. Written by director Wes Anderson and actor Owen Wilson, Tenenbaums delivers an even stronger punch than their previous collective brainchild Rushmore (which also starred Bill Murray).

The dysfunctional Tenenbaum family yields three genius children, Chas (Stiller), Richie (Luke Wilson) and an adopted daughter (Paltrow). As children, Chas breeds the first ever Dalmatian mouse, Richie becomes a tennis star and Margot (in addition to running away and mysteriously losing a finger) writes Pulitzer Prize-winning plays. The family

members soon go their separate ways, and even Royal (Hackman) and Etheline (Huston) engage in a 15year separation (although they never officially divorce). Chas eventually loses his wife and mother of his two children to an airplane crash, Richie suffers a nervous breakdown that involves removing his shoes during a tennis match and even Margot falls upon hard times and a broken marriage. Only the declaration of Royal's terminal illness can bring the family together, but with grudges and emotional baggage to overcome, even this won't be easy.

The similarites between Tenenbaums and Rushmore are difficult to miss but don't overlap enough to lack originality. This star-studded cast shines as a unit without trying to outdo each other. Each big name assumes his or her role, no matter how small. Even when the film branches into different directions, it all pulls together into true brilliance in the end.

Tenenbaums originally only played in select cities, and, of course, Stevens Point was not one of those cities. Through a little extra effort, I viewed the film and it surpassed the minimal hype that it received. I have yet to see a film this year as Oscarworthy in so many different categories as Tenenbaums. But I'm realistic and I know that box office gross is more important than quality to many Academy Award voters. I'm sure that Russell Crowe and Lord of the Rings

# Review

Shaggy hotshot ultramix By Zack Holder ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Let's see here, 12 tracks of remixes and live tracks, nine of them that are previously released. Ho-hum, another instant classic offered by those geniuses at MCA Records. Buy this if you lay awake at night and worry about when Shaggy's "new" album is coming out. Otherwise do what I did and write MCA Records and tell them to sign some new artists. If you really want this, wait a couple weeks and I can guarantee their will be a copy on sale at Wee-Bee CD's. I can guarantee this, because it will be the copy that MCA sent me.

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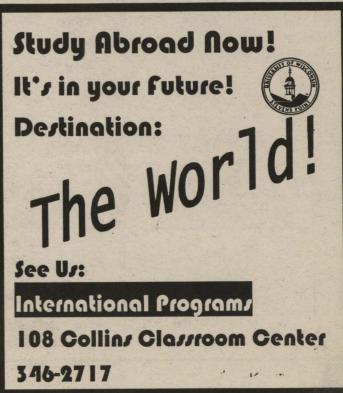
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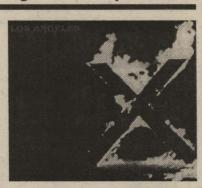
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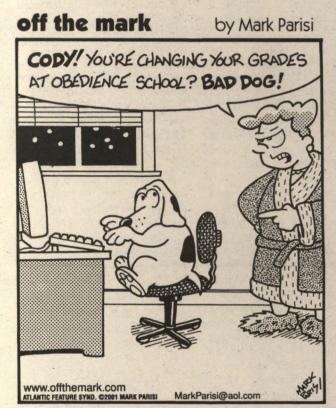


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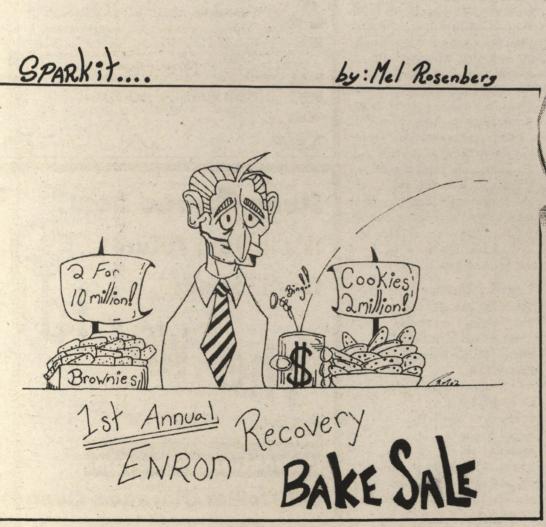
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