Raids seize $10K in drugs

Drug bust initiates drug awareness in community
By Amy Zepnick

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 house.

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 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 dealers so we can put a dent into the problem.

Gubernatorial forum offers new choices for 2002

By Mollie Mlodzik

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 Thonwson, and current Dane county executive, is seeking the position of Democratic candidate for governor,雁岛, for­mer environmental lawyer­ and current Dane county executive, is seeking the position of Democratic candidate for gover­nor. Having an extensive back­ground in natural resources, Falk held positions as the public inter­venor 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.

"From there I learned how I could really make a difference, not just in land use, and the environment which I have degree from the UW-Madison. She then intended to work on nat­ural resource cases. Five years ago, she ran for political office.

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Faculty mentors for multicultural students

By Amy Zepnick

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."

Eighty 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
could really make a difference.

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environment also in Wisconsin's drinking water.

Sun Prairie is representing the Wisconsin Green Party (WGP).

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 jus­
tice, 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 dis­

trict 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 prac­
ticing 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 co­
chair 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.

"It's always about accountabili­

ty. 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 first 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" occur­
ring. "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 cur­
rently serves on the Energy and Communications Committee.

Talk of a return of the pub­
lic intervenor and an elected head of natural resources depart­
ment 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.

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What was the worst job you ever had?

Anne Consue, Soph. English Ed.
Preparing an estate sale for an old hag woman.

Nina Pekau, Jr. Environmental Ed.
When I worked at McDonald's--lots of burns!

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

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Your only Alternative
Library renovations better accommodate students and faculty

By Morgan Penna
NEWS REPORTER

As many students found out these first few weeks of school, the Learning 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 eliminated 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 inter-library loan desk. The renovation will create more floor 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 said.

According to Carl Rasmussen, the facilities 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 all renovations is $430,000.

"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 think it will look great when its done. 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.

Rights and Responsibilities booklets, 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."

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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 bathroom.

Pray Hall
Saturday, Dec. 21 2:22 a.m.

A student noticed a green Saturn in Lot T that had been struck and pushed into the sidewalk.
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, this does not mean the fact 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. Thave friends that are currently in the military, and I do not wish that they see the front lines of this war. I am also aware 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 faithful day they would be singing a different tune. If they were abroad the USS Cole or working in the US Embassy in Nairobi, again they would have different thoughts.

In no way am I trying to end war. In particular cases, it is our most effective option. I challenge anti-war supporters to devise a way to rid the earth of terrorists without force. Freeing 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 A 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 use of our armed forces.

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By Timothy Damos

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, with 75% percent of the population living in absolute poverty. Most people from the area are not afforded 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 it provides people, but there is a group of people who are actually doing something about it.

The Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin was 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 Thoite. 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 large scale epidemics 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, the majority of the people in Haiti never saw any of this money. They have been used primarily as cheap labor tools.

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 Thoite, I was surprised to find out that there were already several doctors in the community 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 a medical mission to Haiti, you can contact Maureen Murphy-Greenwood at mng@barraboo.com.

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

This inspiring event is set to raise money and 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 multiculturalism, to the environment and self esteem. There is a common thread tying her 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 p.m. Admission is free with UWSP ID or $3 per person. It is sponsored by Centerentum Productions.

By Rachel Hidebrant

90FM has different categories on playing alternative college music.

There are four types of alternative music. which include classic alternative, standards, new bands, Wisconsin musicians, soundtracks, simple dance/Spacer, ska, heavy, medium and light rotation, new music and loud music.

Bands in the classic alternative 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 day.

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

C o l l e n e: Courtney, the 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 debuts in college radio first, and if it does well, it goes to mainstream radio.

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 designateshelf 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 DJs and audience.

The DJ's favorites make up the Top 30 for the week, which gets reported in a CMU magazine.

Our DJs 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 playing, DJs have to wait ten days before they can play it on the air again. This process is used to ensure variety in the music played at 90FM.

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

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New exhibit on display at Carlsten Gallery

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

By Laura Daugherty

"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 Sallars. 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 two-year 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 use and that inspired 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 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 Dailling's "Contemporary Classics," will be featured along with 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 reflection—this is the shape of color and research." —Max Yela

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John Scofield, composer and guitarist

Drums, released Uberjam 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.


"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 styles of music."
Ever wonder what our Chancellor does?

By Barent Steenrod

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 is a whole variety of things, but ultimately, it is being the chief operating and chief executive officer of the institution. 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 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.

What kind of research do you do?

I do research at the University of Rochester. Before I was here, I was called a Provost 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?

They are getting as outstanding an education as here they will at any institution. I am speaking from experience too, having served on faculty boards at some of the more expensive institutions around the country. The students can hold their heads high when they leave here confident in what they have learned.
Baldarotta reaches 200th win as men’s hockey coach

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

By Lucas Meyer
Stevens Point Press-Republican

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 the fourth coach in NCHA history to reach 200 wins.

“I knew this was coming this season, but it didn’t come as surprising as it was, didn’t come easy,” 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 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.”

After riding on a high against seventh-ranked River Falls, UWSP looked to cash in on UW-Stout Saturday night. Ryan Feil’s spark from off the bench was all the Pointers needed.

Coach Miech stays put

Football coach turns down offer from NMU to stay with Pointers
By Craig Mandell
Stevens Point Journal

John Miech is staying home. The successful and highly-popular 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 in the second season, was given a formal offer to coach at Northern Michigan University on Saturday afternoon. After meeting with NMU athletic director Don Spielmann on Monday, Miech announced to his team that he is staying home.

With NMU’s offer to coach at Northern Michigan University and an offer to coach at NCAA-Division II Northern Michigan University, Miech said he has no plans to coach at Northern Michigan University.

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

Last season, the Northern Michigan Wildcats finished 3-3 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. 8.

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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 of 11 shooting. The Pointers also received 15 points from inside-presence Kari Groshek, along with 13 from sophomore point guard Tara Schmitt and ten from sophomore swing player Andrea Kraemer.

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.

The streaky-shooting Pointers had a hot game from beyond the arch, going 10-18 on three-pointers, 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 Gym.

Women's hockey chalks up another win

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.

Leading the way was sophomore reserve forward Cassandra Heuer, who netted 17 points on 6 of 11 off the scoring. Leading the way was sophomore reserve forward Cassandra Heuer, who netted 17 points on 6 of 11

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 game, 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 lead.

"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 Kasparek.

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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 Erin 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 win, 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 Torrey 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 Lindsey 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 dual meet.

Men's batters 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 rebounded them and we played decently, but right now they are a little better team," said Head Coach Jack Bremseth. "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 Kalow. Kalow 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 helping double figures for UWSP was Kalenj Kadaima with ten and Josh Isertloth 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.

"If 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.

The Week Ahead...

WRESTLING: at UW-Eau Claire Invitational, Sat. 9 a.m.

WOMEN'S HOKEY: UW-River Falls, Fri. and Sat. 7:35 p.m.

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

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: UW-Platteville, Sat. 3 p.m.; at UW-Eau Claire, Wed. 7 p.m.

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

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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 to Zero Discharge.

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 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 sources.

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," Mungan 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," Mungan 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 mercury-containing 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 trillion, Mungan says. So the committee has created a process to allow operators to apply for a variance to meet 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.
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 World About to Run Out" by Jeffrey Rothfeder. I’d find this book to be very interesting out of 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 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 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 doubt that you’ve flushed much 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 every time. 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 later.

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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Music Interview

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 instruments 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 accompaniment) prefer a secret identity? Does TSO (musical accompaniment) ever Dalmatian mouse, Richie The Pointer

How did you think of the band name? Were TSO thought of the “theory” part? We ended up with “moon” as the first part. I liked the sound of it. But it really is 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 working on a special 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 hit? We focus on college campuses. We have an event called Biologic where five DJs, dancers and performance artists come together at once. It helps college organizations and local organizations if they want to get involved.

Who are the members of Moon Theory, and who does the songwriting? Essentially Moon Theory consists of myself and TSO. TSO is a pro­ ducer and my songwriting partner. He produced the album and also played most of the instruments on the record. We 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 30-second 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 record 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.

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 movies with as much star power as The Royal Tenenbaums (although they never foot­steps were calmed right away in the beginning), but with grudges and emo­tional baggage to overcome, even then it won’t be easy. …

The family yields three genius children, Margot (Weinstein), Richie (Luke Wilson), and the narrating voice of Alec Baldwin. They are so intelligent that you can almost feel the air. In the space of the first 10 minutes, the Tenenbaums pull off a marriage, a tennis match and even Margot falls upon hard times and a broken marriage. Only the declaration of Royal Academy Award voters. I’m sure that they put on a live show that makes you forget that they’ve been around for over 20 years. Get this up a life of great music and you can get your hands on. They are truly a reminder of what great music is and should be.

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