Pointer women's win against Pacific Lutheran a stepping stone to the national championship
By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer women succeeded in keeping their national championship hopes alive this past weekend, winning a pair of games on their home floor to advance to the Final Four of the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time since 1987.

"Every team I have ever coached is unique in its own way and this year's team brings a lot to the table," said Coach Shirley Egner following this weekend's victories. Where Egner is concerned, this year's team stands out for two reasons: intensity and commitment. As she will tell you, "These girls work hard and they win games."

The truth of that statement was never more apparent than in UWSP's 64-47 thrashing of Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) this past Saturday. The Pointer women entered the locker room at halftime with just a two point lead, only to explode in the second half, going on a 14-3 run just three minutes into the second period. From there, the women never looked back, recapturing the record 28th win of the season.

In her last game in the Berg Gymnasium, senior Kari Groshek delivered an inspiring performance, scoring 16 points and grabbing 8 rebounds. The Pointers also benefited from big performances by sophomores Andrea Kraemer and Cassandra Heuer, who each contributed 15 points and 7 boards, respectively.

Tremendously gratifying experience. Said Groshek, "Being injured and watching the team struggle was a very frustrating time for me, and now to accomplish what we have accomplished in my senior year-there's nothing that could be better."

Before defeating Pacific Lutheran on Saturday night, the Pointers first scored a convincing win over Webster University (Mis.) on Friday, by a margin of 71-61. Again, it was Groshek leading the charge, scoring 22 points and pulling down 10 rebounds before a sellout crowd of 1,762 fans. Kraemer also delivered a stellar performance, falling just one assist shy of a triple-double en route to recording 16 points, 11 rebounds, and 9 assists on the night.

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UWSP two games away from Division III crown

Coach Egner cuts symbolic net.

Photo by P. Larson

For Groshek, who suffered both a knee injury and a losing record earlier this season, the Final Four is a "Dream come true."

Photo by L. Zancanaro

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Student sleeps out to protest alcohol

By Mollie Mioldzik
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Andrew Bushard, a senior at UWSP, held a sleep out against alcohol Friday night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Main Street.

"The sleep out was had to promote awareness about all the pervasive detrimental effects of alcohol culture," said Bushard. "Alcohol culture destroys spiritually, economically, politically, socially and intellectually."

The sleep out, originally scheduled for both Friday and Saturday nights, was cut short due to blizzard-like weather conditions. Bushard said that because of the heavy rain on Friday night, they had to seek shelter underneath the ledges of Main Street buildings.

Local officials were skeptical of the sleep out, because it was within walking distance of many downtown bars, and could cause confrontation between students at the event and those walking back from bars. Bushard also asked for extra police protection but found that none was necessary.

"Unfortunately, for the cause, not too many people even noticed us. This was due to us trying to get the sign to stay still, but it didn't stay put, and also because we were semi-hidden underneath the building ledge," said Bushard.

Inspired by the "Sleep out for the Homeless" at the end of 2001, the alcohol sleep out intended to make a political statement. While Bushard and his friend were the only people who attended, he felt the statement was all the more potent, because of the sacrifice made to stay out all night in the 30-degree weather and bad conditions of hail, fast winds and rain.

Aside from protesting alcohol use in general, Bushard strongly favors prohibition.

"A nation should be concerned about the freedom of its citizens. If citizens are enslaved by the shackles of alcohol they never can be free," said Bushard. "People that are dependent on the bottle have no autonomy, a key ingredient of true freedom. It is only a mis-guided approach to suggest that it is a restriction of freedom to take away alcohol."

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"Prohibition is an issue that could merge the love of both progressives and conservatives. Maybe focusing on the utmost importance is key. Alcohol has been responsible for killing millions and millions of Americans over time. When we can finally see how life-destroying alcohol truly is, our society may then be ready for the liberation of prohibition," said Bushard.

Though this sleep out was cut short because of bad weather, Bushard toys with the idea of holding another sleep out.

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Saturday, March 9 1:18 a.m.

Pray Hall

Officials reported vandalism to bikes and residence hall windows on the north side of the building.

Tuesday, March 12 1:17 p.m.

Roach Hall

Five students reported not receiving their mail or theft of mail.

Thomason in hall of fame

Professor receives Conservation Award for environmental work

Christine Thomas, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources and professor of resource management at UW-Stevens Point, was inducted into the (Milwaukee) Journal Sentinel Sports Show Hall of Fame last week.

Thomas received the Hall of Fame's Conservation Award, given for outstanding contributions to the environment, outdoor preservation or conservation.

In addition to her role as a university educator, Thomas is the founder of Becoming an Outdoors Woman, a program that teaches women outdoor skills. The nationally recognized program sponsors three-day workshops and seeks to break down barriers to hunting and camping.

"I am especially honored to receive this award because others whom I admire so much, such as Dean Dan Trainer and former Governor Warren Knowles, have received this ahead of me," Thomas said.

Beginning in 1980, Thomas worked as an assistant to the trainer, an emeritus dean of the College of Natural Resources (CNR), after earning a master's degree at UWSP. She holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a doctorate from UW-Madison and became the first female full professor of the CNR in 1989.

Thomas has received three teaching awards, including the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award and Outstanding Faculty Member in the CNR, both in 1992. National recognitions include the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Achievement Award and Budweiser Outdoorsman of the Year. She recently became a member of the prestigious Boone and Crockett Club, serves on the board of directors of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and is secretary of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation Board.

Her book, Becoming an Outdoorswoman--My Outdoor Adventure, was published by Falcon Press, Helena, Mont., in 1997.
Women's Resource Center protests beauty pageants

By Amy Hamann
NEWS REPORTER

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) encouraged members and non-members to protest the Miss America pageant last Thursday afternoon outside of the University Center. They believe that shows like the pageant send a bad message to girls, women and men. Alexa Priddy, the coordinating director of the WRC, said that they disapprove of pageants and the media's image of women because it deals with what women look like on the outside.

A group of about eight met to show why and how media images hurt women's and girls' perceptions and their self-esteem. In addition, they wanted to educate people about current eating disorder trends and support positive body images.

"Judging from the response of people that took our information, most agreed with what we had to say," Priddy said.

There was also an online dialog about the subject, in which many students gave positive and negative opinions about stereotypes of women's bodies.

Though assertive, Priddy is realistic. "I don't see [pageants] going away. I think that they could be reformed, though."

"Beauty pageants are just one event that celebrates the "I think it's good to show respect for a healthy, beautiful body."

woman's body. I think it is good to show respect for a healthy, beautiful body. Also, pageants are not only about bodies; they include talent and intellect. We should not be ashamed to show off and be proud of the way we look or our intelligence," Jennifer Heston said.

"Personally, I do not agree with how the media depict women. I think that many girls have a low self-esteem because they feel that they have to be a certain shape. But I don't think that a few people handing out leaflets in Stevens Point is going to have a significant impact," senior Sadie Deml said.

Student Steve Braatz disagrees. "I think it's good to show what effect the media is having directly on girls and women. The media seem to have a negative influence on women."

Priddy says that we blindly accept whatever the television and magazines show us about women (and men). She thinks that men and women should start rethinking body stereotypes that are thrown at us.

Alexa Priddy is a senior at UWSP. The WRC office is at 336 Nelson Hall and can be reached at 346-4851 or womenres@uwsp.edu for more information.

Derkez retires after 26 years at UWSP

Program assistant completes career after 26 years in academics

A program assistant who has worked with top academic administrators during her 26 year career at UW-Stevens Point will leave her post at the end of this month.

Sonja Derkez, who came to UWSP in 1976, retires as a Program Assistant - Advanced-Confidential in the Office of Academic Affairs, headed by Provost/Vice Chancellor William Meyer. Derkez, who has assisted Meyer for seven years, says she has great respect for both Meyer and his predecessor, Provost/Vice Chancellor Emeritus Howard Thoyre.

"There are still opportunities out there for the college bound." George states that this process could take from a week to longer but, after going to Senate, fully expects the situation will improve.

Vigil scheduled

Who:
You and the Progressive Action Organization

What:
Candlelight vigil

Where:
Allen Center bonfire pit

When:
March 15

Why:
to remember the men, women and children who lost their lives to war
Shunning eccentricity

By Josh Goller
EDITOR

I've often heard that variety is the spice of life, and I have begun to agree with this statement. I know few people who don't enjoy doing something a little different every now and again. That's why I find it so hard to understand why so many people consider odd, unpleasant or at least eccentric. As the fashion, recording and advertising industries conform, the most desirable people are those along with Hollywood) decide for us what is "cool" and "in," our society has begun to become one of conformity.

By Josh Goller
EDITOR

The more I think about it, the stronger I believe that variety is more than the spice of life, but really the actual flavor. Every society needs to be multicultural because we need all different walks of life.

Imagine the scenarios if every different viewpoint grew into a universal way of life. If fundamentalists got their way we'd revert back to a Puritan society, ruthlessly executing evil-doers because Leviticus tells us to do so. Should the National Rifle Association forward a universal policy, every hick in every shack in the woods would be packing a dozen AK-47's and drive to town once a month for ammo in their camouflaged battle gear. On the other side of things, if the animal rights movement became the world's agenda, it wouldn't be long before you could claim the family dog as a dependent on your taxes. If the whole world turned vegan, we'd be subjected to McTofu at the drive-thru window.

I'd like to pay homage to those unique individuals who've made me realize that you don't have to conform to the norms to still be bella cool. First, to the guy who tried to sell me crack on the streets of Minneapolis this past weekend, I thank you. You may not have made a sale by approaching me, but now I get to tell people that someone tried to sell me crack.

Also, the creepy old guy in the pink baseball cap that always hangs out around the bar at Basso's and starts at the dance floor has provided me with a glimpse into what my future may hold should I ever get creepy.

Finally, whenever I come home from school and meet a friend, JV, provides me with an almost Woody Allen avenue of thought by corresponding with me over the past years with nothing but lengthy abstract emails containing more random thought than anything else.

A certain UWSP student has introduced me to the little known language of "pickercull" complete with "clucking." I think for broadening my vocabulary.

Accepting diversity is more than simply tolerated people of different skin color, gender or sexual orientation, its embracing the eccentric members of society that make everything in life more interesting.

As a society we've agreed upon what is trendy, entertaining and desirable and much of the time anyone who deviates from these social norms is considered odd, unpleasant or at least eccentric. As the fashion, recording and advertising industries conform as us what is "cool" and "in," our society has begun to become one of conformity.

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It's time for us to not only accept but encourage folks with the spice of life, but really the actual flavor. Every society needs to be multicultural because we need all different walks of life.
Mystery Writers trip to Great Britain planned

Are you a fan of mystery and crime novels? Would you like to earn credits while meeting famous mystery authors in England? Registration is now open for UWSP Extension's "Mystery and Crime Writers" trip to London and Oxford this summer.

The trip is open to the public and is scheduled for Aug. 19 through September 2, 2002. (Yes, you'll be back in time for classes beginning on September 3!) Participants will attend a private reception at London's premiere mystery bookshop and attend informal talks in London by contemporary British mystery and crime writers. Confirmed speakers include Robert Barnard, M.C. Beaton, Kate Charles, Cynthia Harrod-Eagles, Keith Miles, and Laura Wilson. Kate Charles will host a cream tea in her garden for participants.

A trip highlight will be attending the Ninth Annual "Mystery and Crime Weekend" at St. Hilda's College in Oxford, meeting and talking to authors. The theme of this year's conference is "The Female of the Species."

While in London, most evenings and the first weekend will be free for your own activities. Lodging will be at Passfield Hall in Bloomsbury, with easy access to the British Museum, Madame Tussaud's, Covent Garden, the West End and the shops of Oxford Street. The newly-built Millennium Dome is also nearby.

Credit options are available (English 395 or 595, 3 credits). The program is approximately $2,600 including round-trip airfare from Chicago, lodging with breakfasts, entrance fees, The Mousetrap theatre ticket, St. Hilda's conference fee (including two dinners and two lunches) and Wisconsin resident tuition or workshop fee (graduate fee is extra).

The program leader is Dr. Kathy Ackley (English Department). She has twice led UWSP's Semester Abroad program in London; this will be her fourth Mystery Writers program. She has made over a dozen additional trips to England and is a member of the British Crime Writers' Association.

To register or for more information, contact UWSP Extension (x2426), email kkoepke@uwsp.edu, or stop by 032 Main Building. A nonrefundable $150 deposit is required to register.

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Photos by Lyndsay Rice

If you could be a Sesame Street character, which one would you be?

- Joy Menet, Fr., Pre-Nursing
- Katie Kip, Sr., Biology
- Nick, Soph., Physics
- Jasmin Hanna, Soph., International Studies
- Katie Kis, Sr., Biology
- Kyle Steele, Soph., Ecosystem Restoration
- Snuffy
- Nolan Ott, Soph., Accounting

UWSP Crossword Puzzle

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N. ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Want to break the weekend monotony of going to the bars, drinking crap beer and listening to that same old jukebox? If so, you're in luck because this weekend is your chance for a change of scenery.

The Pointer through time... this week from the 50's

By Lindsay Heiser

With the end of World War II, students saw The Pointer become more light-hearted and entertaining as it progressed into the 1950s with more photos, huge graphics and even a new annual "April Fools" page, similar to our present-day Pointers issue.

Interesting news articles from the era included a feature of the seven students who earned straight A's for the fall semester of 1952 and a story on the nine students who were student teaching at P.J. Jacobs that same year. The traditional roles of women in the 1950s were evident in the story, as two men taught conservation, one woman taught chemistry (yeah!) and seven women taught home economics.

Changes around campus included the building of a new library. Before 1952, the library was located on the second and third floors of Old Main. When this location became inadequate, construction began on a new library, which is now the Student Services Building. When used as a library, the books were all on the main floor, along with a reserve section, circulation desk and the librarian's office. The second floor housed a music listening area, a faculty reading room, audio-visual room and a library science classroom. Textbooks and government stacks were in the basement. Also, a new second-floor wing was added onto Deitzell Hall, providing new rooms for 21 male dormites.

In 1953, school spirit was seemingly at its high, as The Pointer published music and lyrics for "The Purple and the Gold," the university's fight song, which every student was expected to learn. A full-page photo of the football team was also published, as well as a photo of Coach Quandt with his successful basketball team.

As for how students spent their leisure time during this era, fraternity and sorority activities were frequently featured. In 1954, fraternity pledges were required to wear a brightly colored hat and bow tie, carry a paddle everywhere they went, never talk to women and spend all of their free time in the library. Sorority pledges were required to wear ribbons around their necks and hold a tea for the active members of the organization they were pledging.

Also featured was a sleigh ride for the college's three foreign exchange students, from Guam and Peru, who'd never seen snow before. Advertisements for local soda fountains and Coca-Cola products were published in every issue, as Coke was formerly bottled and Coca-Cola products were published in every issue, as Coke was formerly bottled and was distributed by the student society. Coke was formerly bottled and distributed by the student society.

The "April Fools" page in the 1954 issue of The Pointer contained a wide variety of bizarre articles, including one describing a teachers' strike. According to the story, the teachers were indeed granted a higher salary, allowing them to eat three meals a day instead of the usual two and purchase coal to heat their homes instead of student exams, papers and projects. The danger project's music is a combination of model jazz-fusion with heavy influences from funk, blues and even some folk music, however the festival features all types of music from punk to bluegrass.

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The Legal Corner- Advice on navigating through laws of the land

"I am a student interested in living off-campus next year, and signed a lease last fall which requires me to pay 100% of the rent and security deposit before I move in during August. Was this a smart thing to do? Am I being discriminated against because I am a student?"

Dear Student,
I hate to say it, but you fell prey to landlord-induced hysteria regarding student housing that comes to campus every fall. Many students feel that they have to sign a lease by October, or the housing will be gone. Students agree to all kinds of provisions in leases that no other segment of the population seems to have to put up with, such as paying nine or 12 months of rent before they walk in the door. The only way that landlords will stop demanding prepayment of rent (and when you think about it, why do they assume that college students are more irresponsible than everyone else?) is if students refuse to sign leases with absurd and discriminatory provisions. I am not aware of any other targeted population in this area which is routinely asked to prepay rent like UWSP students are. Is it discrimination? In my opinion, yes, but unfortunately it is not illegal discrimination. Students do not have "protected" status under state and federal law regarding discrimination in housing. I hate to sound like Nancy Reagan, but just say no the next time. Become a smart consumer. Don't let yourself be taken advantage of.

Dear Student,
My suggestion is that the roommates should get together and request that the lawbreaking roommate stop the manufacture of marijuana in the rental premises, and get rid of the marijuana. You could go a step further and turn in the roommate to the police. A roommate puts the other roommates at risk of a criminal charge by that kind of conduct. Inconsiderate and reckless conduct, to put it mildly. Even if you have nothing to do with the marijuana, but permit it to be grown in premises that are rented by you, you risk being charged with a felony. By permitting the illegal manufacture of marijuana on premises rented by you, you also risk being evicted by the landlord. Penalties for possession, distribution, and/or manufacturing of marijuana are extremely stiff. I am certain that several students who have been prosecuted for growing, possessing, and/or growing marijuana would tell you that it wasn't worth it. The worst part of it (not the potential jail time, probation, fines, cost of a legal defense, etc.) is that a drug conviction might prevent you from entering the profession that you are preparing for with a college education, and is a serious stain on your character and personality that will affect you for the rest of your life.

The Legal Corner is sponsored by Student Legal Services. We offer UWSP students legal advice with a qualified attorney. If you have a legal question you would like to be answered, stop by our room, which is located down the hall from the Pointer Express on the second floor of the UC or check out our website at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sls/index.htm.

The Health and Wellness Spot
Dear Health Advocate,
A couple of my friends are really into meditation. I really don't understand what the big deal is and why they do it so much. I would like to try it if it is good for me, but I don't know where to get started.

Thanks,
Wondering

Dear Wondering,
Meditation is an excellent and easy relaxation technique. Meditation has many benefits for your mind and body including better mood, less stress and enhancement of overall health, so if you are willing to try it, there is no reason not to. Where and when a person meditates is very important. To start meditating, follow these easy steps:

1.) Put yourself in a calm and comfortable place and position. Many people sit up with their legs crossed and others prefer to lie down. Keeping the spine straight allows for better flow of energy.

2.) Often it helps to close your eyes or focus on one thing in your surroundings like the flame of a candle.

3.) Controlling your breath and thoughts is also a concept important to meditation. Try to concentrate on a flame or on the air flowing in and out of your body. When other thoughts enter your mind, let them go and relax.

4.) Start by meditating for a short time and work up to meditating for 30 minutes each day.

This is just a quick overview of what meditation is all about. There are also some great classes offered on campus for meditation and stress management. Good luck!

So you need help with that nagging bad habit or you want to learn what the best combination of exercises is to get yourself in the ideal shape for freestyle flamenco milking. Well, email the Health Advocates at kbechd@uwsp.edu and see what kind of advice she can dispense for you.

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Eagle Walkers prepping for 200 mile Spring Break hike

By Barett Steenrod

What's 200 miles? While not a short distance by conventional standards, it is a little bit of a trip for most people. Usually a 3-hour car ride will cover that distance. That is a one tank, one-day trip for most folks. How about instead of driving that distance, walk that far… in a week, regardless of weather while shouldering all your food and clothing you'll use in eight day's time. Oh yeah, let's forget the sleeping bag and personal hygiene supplies to get one through 200 miles on foot. The list reads like this—tape, moleksin, molefoam, ointment, bandaidas, ace wrap, Ben-Gay, antibacterial soap and cream as well as the usual, i.e. tooth brush, toothpaste and deodorant. Sounds like fun, eh? Well it is! Nine students and one alumna from this environmentally-minded campus will be sacrificing a week's worth of sand and sun over spring break to instead, sacrificing their feet and bodies over a 200-mile hike to raise money for the benefit of our national symbol, the bald eagle.

The Eagle Walk, started 21 years ago by some socially responsible UWSP women, continues on into 2002 with the goal of providing some extra cash for the important, and often under funded, work relating to one of Wisconsin's most "visible" species. To participate, each person taking part in the walk is responsible for raising one dollar for every mile that they walk, for a total of... (come on, do the math)... $200.

The walk is going to take place on many of the state's quiet and scenic back roads, with overnight lodging and the occasional meal provided by some good Samaritans along the way. Eagle Walkers will begin their trek outside the University Center on the morning of March 22 and will make their way through places like Wisconsin Rapids, New Lisbon and Richland Center as well as several others, before arriving at Eagle Valley along the Mississippi river in southwest Wisconsin eight days later on March 30.

The UWSP students involved in the walk this year are: Lindsey Jordan, sophomore; Justin Gleicher, freshman; James Rodweig, sophomore; Alan Carter, alumni; James Rodweig, sophomore; Tara Matthews, senior; Kristen Wild, sophomore and Barett Steenrod, senior.

While it is too late for additional people to sign up for the walk, donations are always welcome. Checks made out to the Environmental Council are eligible for matching funds from a state grant. Checks made out to the Nature Conservancy are tax deductible.

The 21st Annual Eagle Walk is sponsored by the UWSP Environmental Council. For more information, contact Lindsey Carter at lc2750@uwsp.edu or by stopping by her office at the Student Involvement and Employment Office.

Athletic Training Program flexin’ to be accredited soon

By Barett Steenrod

So you've been following the sports teams this year? You know all the star Pointer athletes on every team and you've even bought tickets to ride on the Fan-Support bus as the girl's head to Indiana to play at the door if the performance isn't sold out in advance.

Come fellowship with us! March 21 at 7pm In the LC Laird Room Sponsored by: Unity Mennonite Church Theme: In God We Trust Message Title: God, Our Unshakeable Tower Presented by: Dallas Witmer, Augusta, WI Fellowship begins with gospel singing! Everyone Welcome! For program or information call 715-223-4893
NCAA Tourney time: Ladies and gentlemen, start your brackets

Hey guys and girls, it's NCAA tournament time again. This is easily the most watchable sporting event of the year... just ask the guys who skip class on Thursday to watch opening-round games. Continuing with tradition here at The Pointer, we've asked our panel of experts to pick their favorites for each bracket. Here we go:

SOUTH

By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS REPORTER

It's that time of year again when numerous students (you know who you are) miss class due to the March Madness flu bug.

With a quick overview of the South region, here are our picks:

Alabama is probably the weakest number-two team out there. I see them losing to 3rd ranked Pittsburgh in the Sweet 16. With no tourney experience and being on a freshmen guard, the Crimson Tide's streak will end. Pittsburg's (3) Brandon Knight is one of the East's top players. Watch for them to win their way into the Elite 8.

Notre Dame (8) and Charlotte (9), two of the closest ranked teams in the NCAA tournament, will put on a great show. I choose Notre Dame on a toss-up.

Also, the Quakers of Pennsylvania (11) recorded some impressive victories this season. Watch for them to put up a dogfight with California (6).

Let's finish with everyone's favorite, the upset specials. Oklahoma State (7) and Kent State (10)-For starters, Kent State will prevail over LSU, but their streak ends in the second round.

The biggest upset of the South Region will come in the third round, when Indiana (5) upsets number one Duke. To many, this could be a biased decision on my part, but with Jeffries and Covedale leading the way, Indiana will upset the Blue Devils powerhouse. When I say win, I mean upset Pittsburgh in the Elite 8 as well. Big Ten's Indiana is your Final Four team of the South Region.

WEST

By Nick Brilowski
ASSISTANT SPORTS INFO DIRECTOR

When discussing which region is the toughest in this year's tournament, the debate is short-lived. Simply put, the West is best.

The West Region is loaded with as many as five logical teams that could state its case for reaching the Final Four. There are teams from seven of the major conferences and 12 overall that won their conference tournament in the West.

Cincinnati enters as the region's top seed and is coming off an impressive performance in the Conference USA Tournament, including a dominating championship game win over Marquette.

Bob Huggins' young but talented squad is headed by a senior leader in guard Steve Logan. However, if UCLA is able to get past Mississippi in the opening round, the Bruins could make the Bearcats run a short one.

Jason Kapono, Dan Gadzuric and the rest of the Bruins have shown the talent to beat teams such as Kansas, Alabama and Arizona this season, but no one ever knows which UCLA team will show up.

Gonzaga was downright hosed by being dropped to a number six seed despite being ranked sixth in the polls. Anyone agree with the committee's decision?

Still waiting. Didn't think so.

The only team that may have been hosed even more royally is third-seeded Arizona, who would have to face the Zags in what could be one of the best second-round games in recent history.

Second-seeded Oklahoma is a talented but Jekyll-and-Hyde team. Despite the loss to Oklahoma year, Kyle Korver, who gives them the experience factor. They also have a good draw taking on mediocre Florida (5) in the first round. Another reason to look for the upset is Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) player of the year, Kyle Korver, who gives them a go to guy down the stretch and that's very important when it comes to the big dance.

Pepperdine is a lot better than people give them credit for. During the regular season, they defeated UCLA, USC and Gonzaga to earn their at large berth. They have a good chance of knocking off not just Wake Forest (7) in the first round, but also Oregon (2) in the second, and they are my surprise pick for the sweet 16.

Midwest

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

With no tourney experience and When discussing which region ranked Pittsburgh in the Sweet 16. They became the first team ever to have an undefeated regular season in the Big 12, and they have the inside track to the Sweet 16. If you're looking for a darkhorse, this region features a pair of them in Illinois (4) and Mississippi State (3). Illinois has been an up- and-down team all season long, but they have the talent to match anybody in the country and could make the Final Four if Frank Williams can put together some big scoring games.

MSU is coming into the tourney on an eight game winning streak, including winning the SEC tournament to earn the automatic bid. They are really playing solid basketball right now, and if they continue to play like they did in the SEC tournament, they are capable of going deep into the field.

If it upsets you're looking for, then it's Creighton (12) and Pepperdine (10) are prime candidates. Creighton has been to the last four tournaments, which gives them the experience factor. They also have a good draw taking on mediocre Florida (5) in the first round. Another reason to look for the upset is Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) player of the year, Kyle Korver, who gives them a go to guy down the stretch and that's very important when it comes to the big dance.

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Pointer preview: Women dancing in Terra Haute

Friday night, the Pointers came from behind to defeat Webster (Miss.) 71-61. Andrea Kraemer had a great all-around game falling just one assist shy of a triple double as she scored 16 points, grabbed 11 boards and dished out 9 assists. Kari Groshek also had a big night with 22 points and 8 rebounds.

Saturday, the Pointers went on a 17-4 run early in the second half and never looked back, defeating Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) 64-47. Groshek once again led all scorers with 16 points on the evening.

Coach Egner was not too concerned with the matchups; instead, she was more focused on her team's performance.

"I think the matchups are good ones for us, but mostly I am worried about dealing with our strengths and how we can do what we like to do," said Egner. "It doesn't matter if we win or lose as long as we play Pointer basketball for 40 minutes." 

A victory on Friday would put UWSP in the championship game Saturday at 7. Even with a loss they would still play in the consolation game at 4:30 on Saturday.

Groshek named academic All-American

Groshek earned Academic All-District honors as a senior and a junior and was named one of the 10 finalists for the Jostens NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Player of the Year this season. She was also the recipient of this year's Judy Kropcman WIAC Scholar Athlete award.
Kochan, Brolsma receive NCHA honors
By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer men's hockey team's season came to a close this past weekend. The Pointers (18-9-2) finished third in the NCHA Division III tournament after beating UW-River Falls 2-1.

UWSP forwards Zenon Kochan and Mike Brolsma earned All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association first team honors. Kochan (junior) finished the season with 14 goals and 15 assists while Brolsma (freshman) ended with 22 goals and 17 assists.

Three Pointers were named honorable mention for their season efforts. Senior goalie Bob Gould ended his UWSP career second in school history with all-time wins, games played, saves and shutouts. He finished the season 11-7-2. Freshman defenseman Sean Leahy recorded three goals and 11 assists, while senior defenseman Randy Enders ended with five goals and 12 assists. Enders was also named to the WIAC men's hockey first team.

Five skaters earned All-WIAC honorable mention honors. Among those players were Bob Gould, Zenon Kochan, Mike Brolsma, Ryan Kirchhoff and Sean Leahy.

Head coach Joe Baldarotta was named the 2001-2002 WIAC Coach of the Year. Baldarotta recorded his 200th victory against UW-River Falls on January 25.

Brolsma finished the season with an impressive record of 206-106-24. The Pointers entered the NCHA tournament with hopes of a championship. However, UWSP dropped a 4-3 overtime heart-breaker to tourney champ UW-Superior. After edging out UW-River Falls 2-1 on Saturday, the Pointers earned third place in Division III.

In the final 11 games of the season, UWSP finished with a remarkable 8-1-2 record, though not enough for a bid to the NCAA tournament. If all goes well going into next season, the Pointers lose just six seniors.

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After all the dust settles and the upsets are done, I think that this will be the year that Kansas returns to the final four due to their size inside and the excellent guard play they are getting out of Jeff Boschee.

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

and Kirk Heinrich.

Yeah, I'm a homer. I'll be rooting for Wisconsin and Marquette in the tourney, and since they are both in the East, I get to write about them too!

Despite sharing the Big Ten conference title, Wisconsin was housed on their seeding, coming up as an eight seed. If they can somehow get past an athletic St. Johns team, they will likely match up with number one seed Maryland. Don't look for Wisconsin to continue their luck against a hungry and talented Tarheel team.

Marquette is quite possibly the most intriguing team in the East this year. This veteran team is capable of setting the world on fire (see the upset over Cincinnati earlier this year), or stinking up the joint (see loss to Eastern Carolina). If the team's top two performers, point guard Cordell Henry and swingman Dwayne Wade, can step it up, look for Marquette to go far.

This region also features the most intriguing 2-15 matchup, with tiny Hampton from Norfolk, Va., battling perennial power Connecticut.

Hampton, the surprise of last year's tournament after their surprising upset over Northern Iowa, won't be sneaking up on anybody this season. Look for UConn to win it again.

UConn is my money team. Well, they better be, cause I picked them to win it all in the office pool. You never know, stranger things have happened.

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The Man's Take: Random thoughts from the curious sports observer

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

I'm tapped out. Sorry. I just can't come up with anything coherent enough to write a whole column on. Well, what's the best thing to do in this situation? Ta-Da! I get it! A bunch of random thoughts for your reading pleasure. Here, here ya go:

- If any of you were at the women's basketball games this past weekend, you know that the house was rocking. Do you think that any of the Pointer players were a bit nervous seeing a packed house for the first time all season? People that don't even acknowledge sports at this university are gaping on the bandwagon. WOW!

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Schmeeckle Reserve offers variety of spring programs

From herbal remedies and composting to searching for flying squirrels, a variety of programs will be held this spring at Schmeeckle Reserve on the UW-Stevens Point campus.

Open to the general public for free or a nominal fee, the workshops are led by UWSP students and take place at the reserve's Visitor Center, located on North Point Drive near the Michigan Avenue intersection.

For more information or to register, call the reserve at (715) 346-4492.

The workshop schedule begins Thursday, March 14, with "Nature's Cure" from 7-8 p.m. Discover how to use the natural world around you to stay healthy.

Learn about indoor composting with worms at "Vermicomposting" on Friday, March 15, from 7-8 p.m.

On Saturday, March 16, from 12:30-3 p.m., joint "Plowing Thru the History of John Deere" with a trip to Plainfield to compare vintage tractors to today's mighty machines.

Discover how different cultures have celebrated the Spring Equinox throughout the ages at "Spring Into 7 visions" on Tuesday, March 19, from 6-7 p.m.

Revisit the age of bootleggers, moonshine and fast cars through slides and stories with "The Bad Boys of Wisconsin" Wednesday, April 3, from 7-7:45 p.m.

Embark on a trip down the Wisconsin River and discover the rich history behind the names of cities along the way on Thursday, April 11, from 6-7 p.m.

On Saturday, April 20, from 1-2 p.m. walk the Schmeeckle Reserve as you explore the natural history of aspens during "Pulp Fiction."

Discover the mystery behind the frogs that live in the surrounding waters of the Schmeeckle boardwalks during "Amphibian Symphony" on Wednesday, April 24 from 8-9 p.m.

Schmeeckle Reserve is one of the favorite haunts of the elusive flying squirrel. Learn more about this unique creature of the night then join a hike to search for the gliding mammals in "Feeling Squirrelly?" on Thursday, April 25, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Explore the sights and smells of wildflowers in Powers Bluff County Park during "What Smells at Skunk Hill?" on Saturday, April 27, from 1-3 p.m.

Schmeeckle Reserve is a 275-acre natural area set aside to preserve the natural plant and animal communities of Central Wisconsin.

Supported by UWSP as a research and teaching resource, the reserve also offers inspiration and recreational enjoyment for the general public.

The center is also the home of the Conservation Hall of Fame and The Browse Shop, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.
Backpacker Magazine gears up students for future trips

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Backpacker Magazine, the magazine of wilderness travel, visited UW-Stevens Point's Outdoor EdVentures Tuesday as part of the Get Out More! Tour. Backed by outdoor gear sponsors such as North Face, Tamron and After Bite, the tour encourages people to "Get Inspired, Get Infirmed, and surely - Get Out More!"

Amy and Brent Anslinger, the Get Out More! team, travels nationwide to inform campers and backpackers of the essential items needed for trips and handy guidelines for backpack travel.

The newlywed couple just finished a five-month backpacking honeymoon, covering the whole Pacific Crest Trail. The trail covers 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada along the Pacific coast. Both are avid backpackers and brought their personal knowledge to the table presenting the tour's mission.

The tour emphasized gear needs and tips on buying equipment. The couple presented unique ideas for backpacking trips, giving helpful hints on calculating miles and travel time while hiking. They also taught a basic system for meal planning and preparation while out in the wilderness.

Sleeping bags, important to camping, were covered first in the gear discussion. Amy, standing at five feet three inches, informed us that sleeping bags come in smaller sizes. Size is important. If the sleeping bag is too big, it takes energy from the body to warm up.

Tents, essential to camping, require maintenance if they intended to last long. UV rays break tent material down, so if possible camp in a shady area. Also, folding tents can break down material. Always stuff it in the bag and store loosely.

Your clothing choice is vital. When backpacking, cotton clothing is the enemy. It soaks and retains water. Polypropylene is recommended for a first layer because it is light and dries quickly.

To carry all these items, one needs a backpack. Amy and Brent suggest that before buying a pack, you should measure your torso. A person should never buy a pack that is too big. Too big of a backpack could lead to serious back, neck or knee injuries. Hip straps of a backpack should cross the belly button and not rest on the hip. Resting the weight of the pack on your hips could cause bruising.

Other fundamental items used in backcountry travel are stoves, water filters, bear rope, sleeping pads and hydration bags. Amy and Brent remind us we don't need all the top-of-the-line equipment to enjoy a backpacking trip, just a passion for going and the bare essentials.

Amid and Brent suggest using a topographical map while hiking. It will be helpful when calculating a distance equation, and it useful in determining elevation and inclines. The distance equation takes in the fact that the average average hikes about two miles per hour. You may want to add an hour or two depending on how many breaks you want for meals. Elevation takes about one hour for every 1,000 feet. This is where the topographical map comes in handy. Also add on occasional variables like rocks, boulders and muddy terrain that can slow you down.

The couple presented a handy way to plan for trail meals. They set up a grid for breakfast, lunch and dinner for the planned days out. On average, a hiker demands 2,500-3,000 calories per day. A good mix of 30% fats, 30% proteins and 40% carbohydrates should provide the energy needed for days out.

The presentations ended with a short lecture on "leave no trace" camping and packing ethics. Amy and Brent remind us that we should pack out whatever we pack in. Never dump and leave trash or human waste. If there is no path to follow, weave your way through, taking the most beaten way possible. Never create another camping site if you don't have to. And always be courteous to the other living creatures around you.

Amy and Brent will travel to Northland College next in Ashland, Wis. They will be spanning the nation until mid August.

Anticipating a trip for spring break? Log on to www.backpacker.com and link to destinations. A composite map of the U.S. suggests numerous places to camp and pack.

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CD Review

Uncrowded house live and with friends
Neil Finn and Friends

*Live At St. James*

*By Colleen Courtney*

WWSP Music Director

New Zealander Neil Finn, former lead singer of Crowded House, is probably best known for the hit single, "Don't Dream It's Over." But that's soon to change: Finn is the proud papa of two albums this month. *One All* includes guest spots from Sheryl Crow and Lisa Germano, and *Live At St. James* breathes new life into live shows. Guest stars include Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder on four tracks and Radiohead's Ed O'Brien and Phil Selway lending a hand on vocals and guitar. Some might say Finn's talent is overshadowed, but all the contributors lend an equal hand vocally and instrumentally.

While listeners are rediscovering Finn's talents, they'll notice *Live* is also a must for Pearl Jam fans. "Take a Walk," the first song with Vedder's vocals, is made from material the Dave Matthews Band would be envious of. The sassy strut features the beautiful duo vocals of Finn and Vedder crooning the chorus, "I could take a walk again/ On a mountain stream/ Standing on the open rock/ Looking over the sea/ Funny when we move ahead/ Never know what we leave behind." Fans reaching out for heavier Vedder will appreciate the punked-up version of "I See Red." "Parting Ways" cools down to a slower-than-"Better Man" experience, and Vedder even gets out the ukelele for a version of "Paradise (Wherever You Are)."

If you love live albums, look no further than *Live at St. James*. Neil Finn shines with his performing friends.

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- Daisies
- Jake
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- The Rake of the Vampire
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CD Review

Timeless in more ways than one

Various Artists

Timeless: Hank Williams Tribute

By Zack Holder

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Tribute albums are usually hit or miss. For every album like the I Am Sam soundtrack (not an "official" tribute album, but close) that is great from start to end, there’s clunkers like Burning London where the Clash tribute from 1999 (311 doesn’t even deserve to carry the Clash’s name at all) that is great from start to finish, and the Clash tribute that accompanies this life, with nothing to get you by but your guitar and a sympathetic audience. Although the artists on this album aren’t poor by any stretch and don’t live in the rural South, Williams songs tug at anyone’s heartstrings and these interpretations of them do it well.

Stand-out tracks on this album include “I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry” by Rob Mo, “Alone And Forsaken” by Emmylou Harris with Mark Kooper and “Long Gone Lonesome Blues” by Sheryl Crow. Mike Ryan Adams also add their efforts to this album.

Hank Williams’s songs always remain timeless as long as people have to fight the daily rigors of life. Not only is this the best named tribute album of the year, it might also be the best. Timeless won the Grammy this year for Best Country Album, showing that the Recording Academy sometimes knows what they are doing. Although, if any of you Recording Academy people out there are reading this, there is absolutely nothing about the Trains’ song “I’m A Long Gone Daddy” by Hank Williams III, grandson of the man honored here. Hank III’s voice and appearance is so similar to his grandfather’s that it’s eerie and it almost seems that Hank Sr. is speaking from beyond the grave on this track.

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Tonja Steele

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