

# Voter apathy plays key role in election season

**By Andy Bloeser** ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Despite the significant implications surrounding Tuesday's elections on both the state and national level, voter apathy remained a prolific trend among college students across the nation, with UWSP students emerging as an exception to the trend.

"Registration and turnout at the polls in the entire city was much better than anticipated and many thought it was because of the impressive turnout of college students," said Student Government Association (SGA) Senator Matt Kamke following the election.

However, while voter turnout among UWSP students proved higher than expected, the apathy trend still remained evident amidst the student body at large.

In the two months prior to Tuesday's gubernatorial election, the Student Government Association registered just 1,200 students as voters amidst a campus of 8,600 students. Though the figure represents the highest per capita registration level of any university in the UW-system, the SGA fell well short of its goal to register at least 2,000 students.

Students show support at Election polls

With concessions made to include students who registered prior to the SGA's campaign or who placed their votes via absentee ballot, current estimates reflect that approximately 30-35% of all eligible voters on campus participated in Tuesday's election, based on past voter turnouts.

According to studies conducted within the past two years, reasons for voter apathy among college students have tended to reflect a general lack of understanding regarding the American political system. A national poll conducted by the Mellman Group prior to the 2000 presidential election revealed that citizens between the ages of 18 and 24 tended to view their state and national government as a distant issues as often as three times a

week, a trend researchers link to a low voter turnout in the demographic.

"I don't really worry about government. I just know that it's there and that I don't have much of a say in it," said sophomore Tom Riha.

The cynicism and political detachment embodied by students like Riha has become a point of interest for politically active groups on campus, such as the SGA, which has asserted itself towards educating students about the potential impact they can have on the political process.

"The students here at UWSP don't realize the potential they have on election day. The sheriff's race this year was decided by about 500 votes. That's about the same amount of people in four residence halls. Last time I checked, we have 13 halls on See Election, page 2



Photos by Patricia Larson

entity that only remotely effects their lives. Another study conducted by the Panetta Institute found that only of 25% of college students discussed political

# Amdahl acquitted on second degree sexual assault charges

## **By Scott Cattelino** ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former UWSP student, and Pray Sims resident hall community advisor John Amdahl was

after she became ill. Amdahl also testified to locking the door in a panic after her roommate opened it and found him there. "It was stupid of me to lock

then spent a couple of hours drinking in Amdahl's room. After the victim had spent over a hour vomiting in the bathroom, the roommate, Amdahl and one of his friends took her back to her room, laid her on her side on the floor and came back to check on her about an hour later. "I saw a guy on the floor on one knee, buckling his pants, and my roommate was on the floor," she said. The roommate then proceeded to close the door and walk down the hall but then quickly decided to go back to the room, thinking that her roommate was in no position to make the decision to have sex. She went back to find the door locked from the inside. She unlocked the door and found Amdahl behind it. "He



acquitted of second-degree sexual assault charges last Thursday. It took the 12 members of the jury only one hour to render their decision regarding the Sept. 29, 2001 incident.

Amdahl, 22-year-old a Minneapolis native, admitted in court last Wednesday to serving White Russians and beer to an underage student but denied sexually assaulting the woman in her dorm room later that night. He also admitted to being in the girl's room on the night of the alleged assault, but claimed that it was merely to check on her condition

the door," he said of the incident. "I would have known she'd have a key."

The 19-year-old woman testified Wednesday that she awoke from an alcohol-induced sleep to find a man sexually abusing her. However, she was unable to identify the man who she claimed assaulted her in two different ways. She also added that both her pants and bra had been unfastened but that she had not undone them herself.

The victim's roommate testified that after starting the night drinking in their room, the two

kept repeating, 'It's not what it looks like, it's not what it looks like," she said. "I basically told him to get out."

After that, Amdahl and the woman's roommate went back to his room to discuss the situation. Amdahl said that he was just checking on her condition but the roommate was not convinced.

"I wanted to know why he was in my room and why her pants were undone," she testified. "When he said 'I'm not a rapist,' it was set in my mind."

After returning to her room,

she found the victim awake an obviously upset. The two gir then proceeded to report the inc dent to another community adv sor who then called the police.

Jurors seemed to site a lac of convincing evidence and cor flicting testimonies as their re son for acquitting. "There wası enough information provided find a guilty verdict," said ju member Gloria Ortiz. "There w barely any evidence, and all t witnesses were jumbled up." Amdahl's attorney, Ga See Amdahl, page 2

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campus. That's amazing power that the students of UWSP have on election day here in Portage County. The question is, when will we start utilizing it," said SGA Senator Kamke.

One problem to date has centered on the fact that many students lack fundamental political knowledge orare dissatisfied with the current results of the system in place.

"A lot of college students go to school out of state and are unfamiliar with their new state governments," said Emily Teachout, a sophomore originally from Minnesota. "I also believe that many students don't see immediate changes in politics, so they feel their participation doesn't really matter," she added.

Historically, these types of mentalities have translated into a lower turnout on election day, resulting in a pronounced effect on the nature of the American political system.

"Candidates spend less time on a college campus because they realize that few of these young people vote. As a result, public policy that is more favorable for young people takes a back seat to other public policies that may favor voter groups that turn out at higher rates," said UW-Stevens Point professor James Canfield.

As result of voter apathy at the college level, students can expect that issues such as Medicare and social security will continue to take precedence over federal loans and grants for scholars, and that the conservative direction of the nation will continue forward, regardless of typically liberal sentiments embodied by the majority of the college demographic.



Something for Everyone



# Lot E Wednesday, Oct. 30 9:55 p.m.

A complaint was filed in regards to vandalism of an academic custodian's new utility vehicle while parked in Lot E.

# Lot Q

•Thursday, Oct. 31 10:32 a.m.

A Wisconsin license plate was reported stolen from the rear of a vehicle while being parked in Lot Q.

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Campus security was called concerning a disorderly conduct situation.

Lot Q Friday, Nov. 1 3:25 p.m.

A complaint was filed stating that a tail light on a vehicle was vandalized.

Roach Hall Saturday, Nov. 2 2:56 a.m.

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Kryshak, had argued that the testimony of the two women didn't add up as well as sighting that Amdahl had told two other community advisors of his intent to check on the woman.

"If he wanted to sexually assault somebody he sure as heck wouldn't have said, 'I'm going into this room,' and then the next morning, when the person said she was sexually assaulted, you'd know he was in there."

During his closing arguments, Portage County District Attorney Thomas Eagon claimed that there were inconsistencies in Amdahl's testimony that proved his guilt, focusing on his admitting to being in the room and locking the door. "He knew it was the roommate," he said. "He knew she had every right to be in that room and he knew he shouldn't have been doing what he was doing."

Upon hearing the verdict, Amdahl and relatives rejoiced and hugged each other, while on the other end of the court the 19-year-old woman was consoled by friends as she put her head on a desk and wept. Had Amdahl been convicted he would have faced up to 30 years in prison.

# Portage County leads Wisconsin in green votes

Portage County voters showed their support for the Green Party yesterday. Portage County had the highest percentage of votes in the state for Green Party candidate Governor Jim Young, at 6.1%. In the city of Stevens Point, 10% of the voters supported Young in the gubernatorial race. Young's statewide total was 2.5%.

Portage County also led WI counties during the 2000 presidential campaign, when 6.9% of Portage County voted for Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

11% of the voters in Portage County voted for Green Party candidate Paul Aschenbrenner for State Treasurer. In the city of Stevens Point, 15% of the voters supported Aschenbrenner.

"This community feels time to start looking at true progressive solutions at our state and our local level," said Amy Heart, co-spokesperson of the Portage County Greens. "Green Party candidates, whether in partisan or non-partisan offices, are bringing issues to the table that would normally not be part of the discussion."

The Portage County Greens will be working to bring those issues forward in local elections, as they host a candidate workshop next Thursday, November 14. The Candidate Workshop is open to anyone that may be interested in running for local offices such as city council, school board, or county board. The workshop is at 6:00 at the Portage County Public Library, downtown Stevens Point.

"So often there are no contested races for local offices." said Heart. "We need more diaoffice, it is important to meet with the residents of this state," said Heart. "But more importantly, Young was an accessible candidate who actually listened to citizens' concerns."

Young came to Stevens Point several times, meeting with citizens, university students and high school students.

The Four Pillars of the Green Party are non-violence, ecological integrity, social justice and human rights, and grassroots democracy. "These ideas are

essential to creating a sustainable future that balances environment, economics and social issues," said Heart.

Paul Aschenbrenner received roughly 113,000 votes. This is the most votes ever received by a Green candidate in Wisconsin; the old record was Nader/LaDuke's approximately 94,000 votes in the 2000 presidential election.

In addition to the three statewide candidates, the WI Green Party also fielded two U.S. Congressional candidates (Districts 4 and 8), candidates for State Assembly and State Senate and a candidate for Dane County Sheriff.

"These candidates are bringing issues forward in their communities and at the state level," said Heart. "We expect more in the future."

The Green Party of the United States noted success in Maine, as party candidate John Eder was elected to Maine's State Assembly by a 2:1 margin.

For additional information on the WI Green Party, visit www.wigp.net

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The Poet Laureate of Wisconsin, Ellen Kort, will be reading from her poems and speaking about "Living Poetry" at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 in the Alumni

Room of the University Center. At a reception following her presentation, the public may purchase Kort's books and have them autographed by the author. The UWSP English Club is sponsoring her visit to the UWSP campus.

Kort is currently serving a four-year governor appointed position as Wisconsin's first Poet Laureate. Her mission as our Poet Laureate is to

throughout the state. She



promote poetry Poet Laureate Ellen Kort.

is the author of seven books of River Mall in Appleton. Her poetry. Her most recent book, work has been performed by the Wisconsin Quilts: Stories in the New York City Dance Theater, Stitches, was named the nominated for a Grammy Award, Wisconsin Library Association's and has been included in the

Hospice Poetry Recording Project of Seattle, Washington.

Kort has appeared on Wisconsin and National Public Radio and has traveled widely as a poet, speaker and workshop

facilitator throughout the U.S., New Zealand, Australia and the Bahamas. She has taught at the Oklahoma Art Institute, UW-Green Bay, the Renaissance Fine Arts Charter School in Appleton, the Clearing, the Rhinelander School of the Arts, the Green Lake Summer Writing Program, and the UW Oshkosh Writing Project for Teachers.

Ellen gives to her community in a number of ways, including writing workshops for schools and for at risk teens, for women in prison, for cancer, AIDS and domestic abuse survivors. She carries a bucket of glow-in-the-dark chalk in her car so she can write poems on city sidewalks.



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Heart also attributes the www.co.portage.wi.us strong showing to Young's visits to Stevens Point.

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# Whatever...the world according to Steve

If "survival of the fittest" still rang true, I'd-a been dead after the first freeze.

#### By Steve Seamandel

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While sitting in class on Tuesday, I had a stunning revelation: men have officially begun the beard growing season.

Alas, after months of heat and humidity, the season for which Wisconsin is most famous is finally settling in and forcing men to grow out the facial hair just to stay alive. Well, not really, but back in the day, it would have been cool to have to grow a beard to survive the winter.

I too noted the declining temperature and thought, "Hmm, maybe more facial hair would keep me warmer." I haven't shaved since before Halloween, and you'd think that by now, I'd at least have some sort of a shadow on my face.

Nah. Not even close. Phil Collins can't dance,

and I can't grow. I never could and I'm starting to think that I may never be able to grow the big phatty beard that I've always wanted.

It's not surprising

that a close colleague (there's that word again, "colleague") of mine is taking credit for starting the "Beard Growing Trend", just as he took credit for the "Yellow UWSP Hooded Sweatshirt Trend" back in the spring of '01. Obviously, I say "right off" to him and his "mad trend-setting abilities," but regardless, it doesn't help me out with the fact that I can't grow a beard.

Although I personally think it looks horrible, I've actually received a few compliments about the random stubble on my face. However, I still can't tell if the praise is out of sheer politeness or if people really think it looks decent, or at least "just not bad."

I've decided to turn this into a scientific kind of thing for myself. I started keeping tabs on who says it looks good and who says it looks bad. If they're male, I pay close attention to what they say and if they have facial hair, how good theirs looks. If they're female, I pay close attention to . . . well, I pay close attention to what they have to tell me. So far, all evidence is inconclusive. Damn science. It's just all across the board.

Some males with full beards tell me to keep it up, whereas some with less facial hair than me tell

me that they could grow better beards. On the same note, some females (even good looking ones at that) tell me that I should keep it "for sure," while some of my other female contacts have seemingly stopped talking to me all together since the growth. Inconsistency seems to be the spice of my life.

Then, of course, comes the family. They're completely cool with letting me do what I want, but they do enjoy giving me a little flack here and there. At times, I feel like a dirty politician trying to accept bribes and kickbacks and cover it up to his constituents. My voters (or parents, in my case) won't vote for me again (i.e. buy me groceries the next time I'm home) if I don't tell them what they want to hear (or, look halfway decent by appear-

> ance). Bwa...politics. Even I could have run for governor.

> So, what's my point? It goes far beyond the fact that I just can't grow a beard. Really.

After Halloween, I learned that dressing up is fun. Of course, I knew this all along, but being different for a day can be a major eye-opening experience from the normal pitfalls of life.

I've started perceiving my appearance in different ways since the minute growth of facial hair began. I equate it to Dr. Leo Marvin's advice to Bob in *What About Bob?*, when he tells Bob to "take a vacation from yourself." I'm taking a vacation from myself; my face, to be more exact.

So far, it's been a fun and worthwhile experience. I don't plan on acquiring mass tattoos or any piercings in the near future; that's way more than a vacation from myself. That's like relocating oneself in Nepal to me. I'm fine with meandering around the state, if you will, for now.

Do what you will with it, but I'm enjoying my vacation, even if the aesthetics of my trip are about as beautiful as Gary, Ind. to you. If you're one of the many who runs into me in the Square on the weekend and says, "Hey dude, I read your article, it was great!", please be nice. Compliments may land you a free beverage, but making fun of me will surely result in a swift kick to the groin. You've been warned.

# Got My Vote On thanks to SGA and Campus Greens

As disheartening is the trend for eligible voters not to vote, I want to publicly thank the Student Government Association and Campus Greens for their efforts in encouraging UWSP students to vote. As I contemplated historically what so many U.S. citizens have had to overcome in order to have the right to vote, I wonder now, how can we take that right for granted?

Well, it was obvious on Tuesday that the SGA and Campus Greens did not intend on letting more of the UWSP student body fall into this apathetic trend. Despite the fact that many of our very own professors and administrators cared little whether or not we knew about the election (thanks to those of you that did), these groups were out in full force.

Weeks before Election Day, posters and bulletin boards were put up encouraging students to "Rock the Vote." Information on the candidates was made available and distributed, and speakers representing all parties were brought to campus to share with us their positions.

On Monday, Jim Young, the Green Party's candidate for governor, made his second appearance on campus in less than a month. Both the SGA and Campus Greens had booths in the UC concourse Monday and Tuesday with information about the election.

My two favorites were SGA's "Uncle Sam" handing out flyers encouraging students to vote and the free van rides to area voting booths. These and other efforts left students very little room for excuses not to vote. Thank you, SGA and Campus Greens, for working hard to educate we the students here at UWSP about our own crucial right to vote!

-Mark Valentine, UWSP student

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# UMass Prof speaks about Iraq, terrorism in Milwaukee

Noam Chomsky, professor of linguistics and philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and long time political activist, visited Wisconsin last Friday Nov. 1. He presented 'US Foreign Policy: What Went Wrong' to a group of over 700 people at Milwaukee Area Technical College following the annual Rice and Beans dinner sponsored by the Pledge of Resistance. Pledge of Resistance is an association opposing US military intervention in any country.

In his speech, Professor Chomsky surveyed the Bush administration's "war on terror", discussing the phrase itself, causes of terrorism and the future.

He explained that in the phrase "war on terror" the word 'terror' refers to "terror they do to us and not terror we do to them, which is usually worse."

He elaborated on ways that terror can be increased or decreased. According to the CIA, the administration would be increasing the risk of terror by attacking Iraq because it would spur attacks that may already be planned, spur development of more weapons of mass destruction to deter more US attacks and spawn a new generation of terrorists.

Chomsky remarked that one way to decrease terrorism would be for the "US (to) stop participating in it," which drew concurrent applause from the audience. He also added that an honorable solution to the Israeli occupation needs to be offered to the Palestinians for terrorism to decrease. Overall, "unless the social, political and economic conditions are addressed, terrorism will not be addressed."

Professor Chomsky put the "war on terror" in the context of ongoing trends of globalization and increasing economic disparity that have been occurring since before the Reagan administration. The consequences of these trends will be the demise of democracy, and the increase of terror directed at the US. The recent United Nations vote on outlawing the militarization of space, in which the US disappointingly abstained, was one example he gave to validate the existence of these trends. Chomsky stated that in the US's quest for global dominance, Iraq is a threat; US's intentions there are to gain control over, not just access to, Iraq's oil, which of course has to be accomplished before the next presidential campaign. After Iraq, Chomsky predicted, Iran will likely be the next target of the US's "war on terror".

The incredibly knowledgeable historian reminded the audience that Americans are highly privileged, unlike people in many other countries on earth who are constantly struggling for freedom of speech and freedom from oppression, thanks to us. "But the good news is," Chomsky prompted, "we have the means to end it." Think about it: Out of context

Sometimes when Christians quote scripture to me, they are shocked that I can do the same back. When somebody tells me I must accept Christianity like a little child I will often quote Paul (1 Cor. 13:11). Sometimes a Christian will quote "the fool says in his heart there is no god", to which I respond with Jesus' words (Matt 5:22) "...but whosoever shall say, thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." What a surprise, that as soon as I am done speaking, I am accused of taking things "out of context".

Out of context? How could you know its context? The Bible is anything but a reliable document. 55 or more of its 66 books are completely authorless and all of the books have been recopied several times throughout history. For example, no one can produce any reliable evidence that Micah actually wrote the book of Micah. Most of the names of these books are assigned out of convenience and tradition.

In addition to being authorless, the times and places where many books were written are also unknown or unproven. How can anyone possibly know the context for these verses? These authors could be credulous liars. Their culture was completely different than ours is today. Things could have been added or changed later when people were recopying the decaying scrolls to new papyrus scrolls. It has also been translated into English. All this and Christians still maintain they know the "true" context of the verses, and even they can't agree on the context of certain verses.

The bible has also been translated from three different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. There are several different versions you can buy at the store: New International Version, King James Version and Revised Standard Version to name a few. Generally, translations fall into 3 categories: word-for-word, meaning-for-meaning and para-phrase.

Word-for-word (King James and RSV) uses the original languages and is the best literal translation of the bible, but is often difficult to read. When I quote any scripture I use King James (KJV) or RSV.

Meaning-for-meaning (NIV) also uses the original languages, but a team of translators interprets what the meaning of the text would be today, and rewrites it. Meaning-for-meaning is often dishonest in its translation. In Isaiah 45:7, God states "I make peace and create evil." The Hebrew word here for evil is 'ra' (tree of the knowledge of good and 'ra'). The translators, knowing that 'of course' God doesn't create evil, rewrite this as "I bring prosperity and create disaster" in the NIV. The NIV is filled with such "disastrous" translations throughout its pages.

If you have a strong stomach, compare Isaiah 3:16-17 in NIV and KJV. NIV misses a whole sentence about God exposing haughty women's vaginas (also see 1 Sam 5:8). The word for vagina is 'poth,' which means literally "a hinged door."

Paraphrased versions like The Living Bible are usually written by a devout Christian who reads a version like the KJV and paraphrases it so that it is readable to all. Most churches do not accept these versions as "true" scripture, and they can be very poor in their translation.

With all of this in the way, how can anyone claim they know the true context of any verse? Think about it.

-Chris Race

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-Bobbie Webster, UWSP student

# Pointer Poll

# Photos by Luke Zancanaro If you were going to die in 15 minutes,

what would your last words be?







# Support Pointer hoops

We are looking forward to meeting the new and returning UW Stevens Point men's basketball players as they gear up for another exciting season of basketball. The Pointers will be pursuing a fourth consecutive conference championship. It has been rewarding to see these scholar athletes mature both on and off the court over the years.

This year's season will kick off with the Purple/Gold game on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Quandt Gym. Pregame festivities run from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. and include an all-you-can-eat cookout. Hamburgers, brats, chips and soda will be served. Prices for the cookout are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students and \$3.00 for children. Come meet coach Jack Bennett, his assistant coach Ken Koelbl and the other coaches as well as the players. Autograph seekers are welcome.

Dennis Gruetzmacher, Fr. Undecided "I would do it again if I could." Kristin Evans, Fr. Biology Tell my friends and family that I love them and enjoyed living my life. Tammy Trzebiatowski, Jr. Psych

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Stacy Albright, Jr. HPW "I like yellow flowers and bike riding is fun.



Nick Bengtson, Fr. Natural Resources "It was nice knowin' ya."



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-Fred and Patrice Boehm Stevens Point, WI

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# FEATURES

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# UWSP saddles up for the Big Men of Country,

#### By Amy Zepnick FEATURES EDITOR

## Adkins and Worley honkytonk their way to UWSP during Big Men of Country tour

Jump into your cowboy boots and grab your lasso. The Big Men of Country tour rides into town Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Quandt Fieldhouse. The stage will feature country greats Trace Adkins and Darryl Worley.

Bred in Louisiana, Trace Adkins held his ground as an oilfield roughneck before jumping into the honkytonk circuit. With a severed finger and a shot in the heart from an ex-wife, Adkins' adversary is the fuel for his musical fire.

Adkins recently released his fourth album for Capitol records. "Chrome" holds tight to its country roots, however, it incorporates other musical ranges with a southern twang. One ditty, "Help Me Understand" holds rap-style



Photo courtesy of Centertainm Tracy Adkins

lyrics and "Once Upon A Fool Ago" laces in Celtic sounds.

Adkins received success quickly with such hits as "The Rest of Mine," "No Thinkin" Thing," and "Every Light in the House Is On," among others.

He recieved the Academy of Country Music's new Male Vocalist title and was nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award.

Accompanying Adkins is Tennessee native Darryl Worley. According to the Official Darryl Worley website, Worley is described as "a successful businessman who turned his back on financial security to pursue ... country music. He has the soul of a poet ... and is devoutly religious yet loves to raise a little hell."

Worley came from a musical family. There were musical teachers and minstrels on his father's side and a few aunts who played the piano and sang. His grandpa would also sing songs that his family wrote.

Worley led a trio with his brothers Barry and Tommy and played in church and sang in youth choirs.

In college, he formed his own country band and performed at various bars. Friends eased him into signing a contract with EMI and eventually with Dreamworks records.

Worley married in May, 2001 and resides on the Tennessee countryside.



Photo courtesy of Centertainment Darryl Worley

His lastest release, "Hard Rain Don't Last," is a compilation of previous work including "Storms of Life," "Killin Time" and "Here in the Real World."

Reserved seating for this performance is available. Tickets for \$24.50 are on sale at the University Box Office in the University Center, Rm. 103.

# Point boasts ACUI art winners

Congratulations go out to Chad Scroggins (1st place - Centers Mug) & Sara Schindler (Honorable Mention - Centertainment Event Calendar), winners at the ACUI (Assoc. of College Unions International) Region 8 Graphic Arts competition, held at UW-Platteville the weekend of Nov. 1-3. The artwork is on display at Nohr Art Gallery, Ullsvik Center and UW-Platteville.

Nine graphic design pieces were entered, including pieces by Kat Jens (Univ. Store Calendar), Melanie Joseph (9/11 Commemoration and CARO Calendar), Hellen Pangadjaja (Spooktacular DeStress Week) & Kyle Niedfeldt (Outdoor EdVenture Series) and Chad Scroggins (DeBot Booth Etched Glass & Performing Art Series).

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# UW professor champions coexistance of Islam and democracy

## Andrew Bloeser

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The intermarriage of Islamic values with democratic political processes in the Middle East stands as a hallmark development of the past quater century, raising the question of whether or not institutionalized religion can effectively coexist with democracy.

Professor Ali Abootalebi of UW-Eau Claire appeared at the University Center Tuesday to deliver a presentation regarding that very question and to provide a history of the socio-political progressions of middle-eastern governments.

"The popularity of Islam is the result of the failure of other options, making Islam an attractive ideology. Islam has certain moral and traditional appeals that have become attractive due to the failure with democracy and have lagged behind in the development of civil societies."

Abootalebi emphasized that the type of struggles now occurring within many Islamic nations are typical of all fledging democracies, stating that the development of democratic traditions necessarily requires time, not foreign intervention.

"The issues [effecting Islamic nations]

need to be resolved from inside [a nation], not from the outside. Band-Aid diplomacy will not be effective," Abootalebi cautioned.

Abootalebi also made reference to the current situation involving the United States and Iraq saying, "Going into Iraq is a mistake. People are talking about a quick operation, putting a new democracy in place and leaving troops behind to

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of modernization," said Abootalebi.

Since the early 1970's, Islamic movements in the middle-eastern political arena have flourished, bringing about critical cultural changes and conflict. As political and religious leaders have struggled to find a common ground between traditional and progressive interpretations of their faith, a number of religious values have undergone reexamination.

The primary source of conflict pertains directly to the concept of individual sovereignty, or personal liberties, which some Islamic leaders view as detrimental to the continuity of religious convictions.

"Middle-eastern countries are at a different place in the development of democracy [than western nations]," reminded the professor. "They've had no experience monitor the new gov-

ernment. [The Bush] Administration, they don't have the foggiest idea of how to remedy the problem. It will take more than an injection of democracy. It will take time."

Remaining critical of U.S. intentions in the middle-east Abootalebi stated, "U.S. foreign policy follows the will of special interest groups and not the best interests of the nation as a whole. The biggest threat to these interests in the middle-east is the spread of popular democracies. The U.S. is a body guard for middle-eastern elites, and the middle-east is a gas station for the U.S."

Abootalebi has writen two novels on the interaction of Islam and democracy, Democratization in Developing Countries: 1980-1989 and State Society Relations in Developing Countries: 1980-1994, available for purchase through UW-Eau Claire.

# FEATURES

# Your College Survival Guide

# A Date by Any Other Name...

# By Pat "Gender Bender" Rothfuss

Now! WITH EXTRA SENSITIVITY!

Well, I offered to do a column on the mind games guys play, but I didn't get any letters. So either Stevens Point's men have suddenly become exceptionally genteel, or the women were too busy burning me in effigy to write in.

#### Dear Pat,

Earlier in the semester, a girl came up to me and asked me for unique Stevens Point date ideas. Since I don't date, I had to ask a friend of mine for ideas. He didn't have any. The concept of unique dates stuck in my head, though. In the future, I might actually want to date someone, and it'd be nice to be original and clever with my activity choice.

Pat, you are the most original and clever person I know of in the area. Please help me and other noncreative people out there!

Ms. Flustered

Before I answer your question, Flustered, I'm afraid I have to address a gender issue.

I'm assuming this female friend you mention is over 18, therefore an adult. It's really not appropriate to refer to an adult female as a "girl." It implies that even adult women are immature and effectively degrades all women.

It's not a *huge* deal, but in the future you might want to use a less offensive word such as: "Chick," "Little-Darlin," "Honey-bun," or "Sweet Mamma With a Side Order of Hot Buttered Ass." Now, before I give you my list of Stevens Point Alternatively-Zoned, Zen-Erotic Situations (SPAZZES) you should realize that guys really don't care about cool date ideas. We're still hunter-gatherers at heart. And that means that a good date for us is getting something to eat and then going back to the cave to rest.

You want something more elaborate? Ok. Get something to eat, then go back to the cave for sex. The best guy date of all would be sex, then food, then sex again. (Preferably with you going to get the food, while we have a little nap.)

As you can see, we're fairly easy to please. Still, since you asked for SPAZZES, here they are, Sweetheart.

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**Men:** A good choice. It's close. It's cheap. It makes you look sensitive and nature-loving. Maybe you'll see some bunnies or something; babes love that stuff.

**Women:** An OK choice. If things are going well, you can suggest skinny-dipping. If things are going badly, you can suggest skinny-dipping then throw their clothes into a tree and run away.

#### PLAYGROUND

**Guys:** Not a bad place. It makes you look like you're in touch with your inner child. If she doesn't want to do it monkey-style on the jungle gym, you can push her on the swings. Not only is this an opportunity for you to show off your muscle-y bigness while touching her butt, it's about as close to sex as you can get without actually mingling your icky bodily fluids. **Girls:** This is a win-win place for you. If your guy is one of the heavy-brow-ridge knuckle dragging types, there's stuff for him to climb on if he's bored. Or, if you have one of those lame poet-y guys, you can sit on the swings and talk about emotions and whatever.

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING

**Pimps:** Full points for originality. You can be relatively sure this is their first AA date. Plus, if you're a halfway decent actor, you can make up some sob story and hope for pity sex later in the evening.

**Hos:** There's free coffee; that's worth something. Plus, if your current date turns out to be a dud, you can pick up someone new and be relatively sure they won't ditch you to go boozing with their friends.

#### GRAVEYARD

**Studs:** This is double-or-nothing. Either she'll have goth tendencies and want to romp, or she'll think you're a psycho-freak and run away. If she runs, go ahead and chase her through the graveyard just for fun. Make a lot of roaring noises and wave your arms around. Sure, you'll probably end up in jail, but how many opportunities like that are you going to have in life?

**Sluts:** Spooky is sometimes sexy. It also gives you ample excuse to cling submissively, pressing your heaving bosom against him as you seek protection under the shelter of his thick, muscular arm.

Have a question? Pat Rothfuss has the answer. prothfus@uwsp.edu



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Bethwoodmusic.com, Wood's "writing has

a diverse range of influences, but her lyrical

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**UWSP** The Pointer

# **Point gets folk rocked**

Singer, songwriter Wood to strike a chord at UWSP with her rock and folk style

#### **By Amy Zepnick FEATURES EDITOR**

Musician Beth Wood will bring her mix of rock and folk to UWSP Nov. 8 at

8:00 p.m. in the University Center Encore.

Wood, a Texas native, is classically trained in piano, violin, harp and voice. She spent two years studying voice at Brevard College in North Carolina before moving to The University of Texas. It was there that she picked up her first guitar and taught herself how to play. She graduated with a literature degree.

She joined a band in the Austin music scene and

after a few years of performing, quit and moved to Western North Carolina. There she became a sought after songwriter throughout the Ashville community.

Now as an established singer and songwriter, she resides in Texas and tours often to support her four independent releases, Woodwork (1996), New Blood (1998), Late Night Radio (1999) and her newest Ghostwriter (2001).

hooks give her songs a real pop element." Most of the instruments on her new album are played Wood and her producer Chris Rosser. formed music Steve Winwood, Shawn Colvin, David Crosby and Ellis Paul, among others. She

tv series.

According

voted Campus Activities Club Performer of the Year in 1999.

"Beth Wood's supple voice romps around teasingly, while the melody bounces atop a giddy banjo riff. Meanwhile, the lyrical hook is just deadly," said Performing Songwriter Magazine.

Sponsored by Centertainment, the concert is free to students with a valid ID and \$4 for the public.

Chought for the week Someone's boring me. I think it's me. -Dylan Thomas

# Are you mentally healthy?

This spot features the benefits and techniques to maintaining a mentally healthy lifestyle.

Many people have difficulty saying "no" or asserting what it is that they desire. Non-assertive individuals allow their interpersonal rights to be violated by someone else. Conversely, someone with assertive behavior stands up for his/her interpersonal rights in such a way that the rights of the other person are not violated.

Assertive individuals aim at equalizing the balance of power, not "winning the battle" by putting down the other person. Assertive behavior involves expressing your legitimate rights as an individual, including the right to express your own wants, needs, feelings and ideas.

To be more assertive, you must learn to say what you mean while respecting other peoples opinions. Clear communication that doesn't attempt to place blame is the most effective way to assert your feelings. Assertive behavior also includes keeping to the point and not getting sidetracked by other issues.

Finally, learning other communication skills enhances assertive behavior. Body language, voice tone and good listening skills will aid in gaining respect from and having healthier relationships.

Assertive words accompanied by appropriate assertive "body language" makes your message clearer. Assertive body language includes maintaining direct eye contact, maintaining an erect posture, speaking clearly and audibly, and using facial expression and gestures to add emphasis to your words.

Few people realize that assertive behavior is a skill that can be learned and maintained by frequent practice. Like any new skill, it is learned in small steps. Over time, your self-respect will shine through and those around you will respect you for saying what you mean.

For more information, stop by the Counseling Center on the 3rd floor Delzell Hall.



# Spotlight Trivia

1. How many children does Kurt Russel have in the film Vanilla Sky?

a. 3

b. 1

c. 2 d. 4

2. In Alfred Hitchcock classic, Pvscho, the first victim killed is in a motel room. What is the victim doing?

a. unpacking a suitcase

b. taking a shower

- c. lying asleep in bed
- d. masturbating

3. Which gangster movie does not feature Robert DeNiro is a starring role?

- a. Bronx Tale
- b. The Godfather
- c. The Untouchables
- d. Mean Streets

4. In the Beatles' animated film, Yellow Submarine, what color are the "meanies" in Pepperland? a. black b. yellow

- c. red
- d. blue

5. In Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Ferris' friend Cameron is wearing a hockey jersey throughout the film. What team's jearsey is he wearing? a. Detroit Red Wings

- b. Montreal Canadians
- c. Boston Bruins

d. Chicago Blackhawks

a. Jada Pinkett-Smith

6. In the film Boomerang, who played Eddie Murphy's new boss?







b. Vivica A. Fox c. D.J. Jazzy Jeff d. Mike Tyson victim Robin Givens

7. Which actor/actress did not lend their voice to Dreamworks' Antz? a. Mel Gibson b. Sylvestor Stallone c. Jennifer Lopez d. Sharon Stone

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# Pointers explode for nine goals in WIAC play-off win

## Women's soccer defeats Platteville 9-0 in WIAC quarterfinal **By Dan Mirman** SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team (15-0-2, 8-0) thoroughly dominated UW-Platteville to earn a 9-0 victory over the Pioneer's in a WIAC match-up quarterfinal on Tuesday.

The Pointers out-shot the Pioneers by a ridiculous 48-0 count in a contest that rarely saw UWSP on their side of the field. Platteville attempted to off-set the Pointers' scoring attack by packing in the defense, but it was to no avail.

"We have seen defenses do that a lot lately to us," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "That's basically what we talked about before the game. We are just trying to play quicker and keep the defenders back to create space for the offense."

Five different players combined to score the nine Pointer goals. Andrea Oswald recorded a hat trick to match her season total coming into the contest.

"I had the easy job. They did a wonderful job of crossing the



Freshman Lori Dunning heads in her first career goal, it was the first ot two for Dunning on the day.

ball, and they led it right through, and I just had to tap it into the goal," said Oswald. "It's always fun when you're playing good soccer, keeping the ball moving, and it makes it enjoyable for everyone."

Platteville was their goaltending. Senior keeper Amy Shuman tied a WIAC tournament record with · 25 saves.

Freshman Lori Dunning scored the first two goals of her Pointer career in the victory. The lone bright spot for UWSP also showed an outstanding balance between halves as they scored four in the first and then came back with five in the second.

"People were really trying hard in the first and second half and that's important," said Miech. "We can't just be nice anymore at

this point of the game because we have to be ready for tournament play, and if we are not scoring that's going to kill us."

Leading goal-scorer Kelly Fink did not have a goal in the contest, but she still put together a solid match recording three assists to tie a WIAC tournament record. Senior Molly scored the final two goals of the game as she was the third player to score multiple goals.

UWSP now advances to the WIAC semi-finals on Friday, and they will host UW-River Falls in the match-up.

River Falls gave UWSP their closest conference game of the season when they lost to the Pointers in overtime by a score of 2-1.

"River Falls is a good team. They have an outstanding keeper and a really good goal scorer," said Miech. "They play a little different, but they pack it in too. We weren't quite prepared for it the first time, but we're ready now."

With a victory on Friday UWSP will host the winner of Eau Claire and Oshkosh on Saturday at 1 p.m. for the WIAC championship.





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Photo submitted by Terry Teachout Sophomore Jackie Schmitt playing against St. Mary's in a contest that saw her score the fastest hat-trick in school history.

# SPORTS Women's hockey scores victories over top ten team

#### By Emily Teachout SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP womens' hockey team picked up right where they left off and grabbed their first two wins of the season over ninth ranked St. Mary's University (Minn).

While it didn't show on the scoreboard, the Pointers dominated the Cardinals en route to a 3-1 victory on Saturday night. The Pointers out shot St. Mary's, 49-14, but only managed to slip three by All American goaltender Missy Meemken.

Meemken bailed her team out countless times before the Pointers finally got on the board midway through the second period. After constant sustained pressure, sophomore Emily Teachout found a hole in Meemken by deflecting a shot from the point by defensemen Nicole Sankey.

The Pointers found themselves tied after two periods, but continued their domination in the third period and blew two more by Meemken. Freshmen Pam Stohr and Tracy Truckey both recorded their first collegiate goals, both coming on the power play, making the final score 3-1.

Head Coach Brian Idalski knew his team could have easily doubled the score had Meemken not stifled the Pointers for most of the game.

"Their goaltender came up huge for them time

and time again. But regardless, we should have buried a few more offensive opportunities. But overall, I was pleased with the effort and intensity."

On Sunday, however, Meemken's luck ran out. The Pointers continued their domination on the shot charts but, unlike Saturday, were actually rewarded for their efforts on the scoreboard. The result was a 7-0 shellacking of the same St. Mary's team that kept the Pointers at bay a day earlier.

Sophomore center Jackie Schmitt provided all the offense the Pointers would need in the first period, netting the natural hat trick to give the Pointers a 3-0 lead going into the locker room after one period.

The Pointer defense, which only allowed 35 goals in 27 games last year, continued to dominate in the second period led by North Carolina native, Crystal Randall, who earned her first career shutout.

"Crystal did an excellent job in net for us. If she hadn't played so well in the second period, St. Mary's could have gotten back into the game. I am excited for her to earn a shutout in her first collegiate game," said coach Idalski.

The Pointers will face off against sixth ranked Gustavus Adolphus College (Minn.) on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m. at the new Ice Hawk Arena located just off Highway 10.

**Rugby makes strong playoff run** 

**By Connor Agnew** SPORTS REPORTER

The Point men's rugby team found out on Wednesday, Oct. 23 that their 6-0 season would be rewarded with a trip to the Midwest playoffs, the team's first playoff appearance since 1994.

Over that weekend the team travelled to Champaign, Ill. On Saturday, Point played against the Division I Iowa State Cyclones.

Point struck first as John O' Keefe used his breakaway speed and a wide array of moves to beat three defenders for a long score. Iowa State came back quickly with a try, but missed the kick, and Point led 7-5. Point added another try in the first half and led the stunned Cyclones 14-5 at halftime.

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The second half was a different story, as Iowa State overwhelmed Point by kicking the ball early and often. Penalties hurt Point further and midway through the second half Point found themselves trailing 20-14. Iowa State added 3 scores in the last fifteen minutes of the game to win by a final score of 39-14.

The weekend of rugby was not over for Point. Playing for nothing but pride in the consolation bracket, Point dominated Grand Valley State (Mich.) in all aspects of the game en route to a decisive 43-19 victory.

Matt Angerhofer and Chad Heimerl scored two tries a piece in the win. The victory landed UWSP in a 4-way tie for ninth place in the Midwest, finishing with an excellent season record of 7-1, the best in several years for the

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men's rugby program.

Point has hopes of a strong upcoming spring season and a return trip to the playoffs next fall, as they are only losing a handful graduates from this season's

# Volleyball team ends season at Whitewater

**UWSP drops WIAC** quarterfinal to Whitewater

#### **By Dan Mirman** SPORTS EDITOR

**UW-Stevens** Point The

women's volleyball team (8-26) saw their season come to an end **UW-Whitewater** at Tuesday night. The fifth ranked Warhawks were too strong as they defeated UWSP in straight sets in a WIAC quarterfinal match.

The Warhawks com-

match they used all their hitters, and it took us a game to figure it out blocking wise, but they were just on and not making mistakes."

mitted a single error in the first

game and nine total for the

match, compared to 25 total

Whitewater they mainly used

their outside hitters," said Head

Coach Stacey White. "This

"The last time we played

errors for the Pointers.

Seniors Mindy Rockwood and Alicia Schwan had solid performances to finish their

Pointer careers. Rockwood was tops on the team with six kills and Schwan led the way with 13 digs.

"I think our seniors really set the precedent for next year's



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team as far as work ethic and their mentality to go hard every game," said White. "Next year we have a good group coming back, and it will be a step up with the young athletes getting more experience, and we are definitely headed in the right direction."

UWSP had a key victory on the season over nationally ranked UW-Stout, and they also defeated UW-Platteville twice to make it into the WIAC tournament.

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# SPORTS

# Men's hockey victorious in season opener

#### By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team (1-1) opened their season with a 4-1 win over UW-Stout before falling to eighth-ranked UW-River Falls 7-2 on Saturday.

Senior forward Nick Glander scored the first two goals in Friday's win on assists from Jordan Blair and David Scott, while senior Zenon Kochan and sophomore Nick Molski each added goals as the Pointers built a 4-0 lead after two periods. Junior goalie Ryan Scott totaled 27 saves for the victory.

"It was the first game of the season, and I think that everyone was excited to get back at it and play," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta. "We were all kind of interested to see what kind of team we were going to bring out with all the new guys."

Coach Baldarotta was originally disappointed in the thirdperiod play of his team, but changed his mind later, saying "At first, I didn't think they played too great, but after looking at the films I realized that our guys played really, really well up to the end."

The Pointers, flying high after their opening game victory,

came crashing back down to earth after the Falcons clipped them by five goals on Saturday. After giving up an early goal to River Falls, sophomore forward Adam Kostichka tied the score in the second period. After River Falls scored again, sophomore forward Mike Brolsma again tied the score adding a power play goal with two seconds left in the period to make the score 2-2.

The Falcons came out on fire in the second half, posting five unanswered scores to put the game out of reach. Baldarotta felt that his team was in the game until they were down 4-2, when they had to bring their defensive players over to the offensive side to try to get back into the game.

"Usually when a hockey team gets to four goals in a game, they win," said Baldarotta. "I gambled, and it backfired on our team a little bit, so hopefully it doesn't affect them too much."

The Pointers travel to face a hated rival in NCHA champion St. Norbert on Friday, a team that they have a 1-3-1 record overall against during the last two seasons. On Saturday, the team travels to Lake Forest, Ill. to face a team that they have had much better luck with recently, going 4-0 against the team over the last two seasons.



Sophomore David Lee handles the puck during UW-Stevens Point's 7-2 loss to River Falls on Saturday night.



# Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some

of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno **Was afraid of getting eaten alive.** So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for

him and less for the monsters.



<u>UWSP Career Highlights</u> - Scored 15 points in 15 matches as a junior.

- First Pointer player ever from outside of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

- Started in every game this season.

Porter

Major - Biology Hometown - Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada Nickname - Porter House

Most memorable moment - During the celebration following my goal against Macalester, whom we beat 1-0 to end their 52 game winning streak.

What are your plans after graduation? - I intend to earn a masters and doctorate degree... and travel.

**Do you plan on playing soccer after graduation?** - The thought of going back to England and playing for a semi-pro team has crossed my mind, but if that doesn't pan out then I'll surely find time to play with friends in a local park. What is your favorite aspect of soccer? - I enjoy the team effort, connection and skill that is vital in making a winning goal a reality. Most embarrasing moment - Not being able to keep my balance during my first hour snowboarding.

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

choose? 1. My boyfriend 2. My guitar

3. Food

What will you remember most about playing soccer at UWSP? -I'll remember those certain smiles and tears that are only triggered whilst being in the presence of soccer teammates.

**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** - Be honest with yourself and your teammates and remember that living is experiencing so why not create experiences that will never be forgotten.



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**UWSP** The Pointer

# Football stunned by Stout

#### By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

After having to come back in all their wins this season, the Pointers dug the hole too deep and suffered their worst loss of the year with a 37-13 loss to the Stout Blue Devils in Menomonie on Saturday.

The Pointers were able to keep the score close at 23-13 at halftime, but were unable to overcome a Blue Devil second half onslaught in the matchup between two of the five teams tied atop the WIAC entering the game.

A veteran Stout offense gained 504 total yards, including 276 yards in the first half, while the beleagured Pointer offensive team managed only 298 yards against a Blue Devils'

defense that ranks fifth in the NCAA Division III.

"They are just a better football team," said Pointer Head Coach John Miech. "Everyone in this conference knew that Stout would be a pretty tough team to stop [going into the season] with their new stadium and facilities. They have the best

team money can buy right now."

The Pointers took the early lead, capitalizing on a missed Stout field goal. Junior quarterback Scott Krause drove the team 79 yards in 10 plays, finishing the drive by hitting freshman wide receiver LaRon Ragsdale for his first career catch from 22 yards out for a 7-0 lead. Ragsdale would finish the day with four catches for a team-high 85 yards. Krause finished with a solid day, connecting on 18 of 27 passes for 234 yards, while also rushing for 41 yards to account for 275 of the Pointers' 298 total yards.

The Blue Devils countered

on the final play of the first quarter when quarterback Nick Ohman plunged in from two yards out. The quarterback added another score on the Blue Devils' next drive, bootlegging around the left side and finding a wide-open field to run 40 yards for a touchdown, giving Stout a 12-7 lead.

The Blue Devils made one of the game's biggest plays with 6:13 left in the half when Pointer linebacker J.J. Chaudoir fielded a Blue Devil punt and fumbled the ball after a big hit by Jordan Sinz. Jake Rider recovered for the Blue Devils and

two plays later, Ohman found receiver Julio Vargas for a 16-yard touchdown. Ohman then hit Dan Austin for the two-point conversion and a 20-7 lead.

The Pointers answered back with 1:19 left in the half when

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Krause hit halfback Kurt Kieblock across the middle for 58 yards and then hit tight end Ross Adamczak for a 10-yard touchdown with 53 seconds left.

However, the Pointers were unable to stop the Blue Devils as the team drove 47 yards in the final minute for a 38-yard field goal by Evan Larsen to take a 23-13 halftime lead. Ohman com-

pleted three passes and rushed for 21 yards on the drive. The sophomore quarterback had a huge day with 233 yards on 22-for-33 passing and 125 yards rushing on 11 carries. The Blue

Devils added a fourth quarter touchdown when Ohman hit Matt Schaeuble for a seven-

yard touchdown pass. "Stout simply dominated the game in the trenches," said Miech.

Krause

The Pointers are not totally out of the race for the WIAC title yet. "This isn't over yet," said Miech. "We play two quality teams, and we need two wins plus a little help."

Stout is now in a three-way tie with La Crosse and Eau Claire for first place in the WIAC. The Pointers host Platteville on Saturday and need wins in their final two games and losses by Stout and La Crosse to gain a share of the WIAC title.



Women finish 2nd and men place 4th at conference championships By Jason Nihles SPORTS REPORTER

Last Saturday afternoon both UWSP cross country teams went into their respective conference championship races looking to stay focused and run their own race. They did not want to dwell on what team faced three very difficult challenges; racing national powers UW-Oshkosh and UW-La Crosse as well as a very good UW-Platteville team that was running on its home course. All three proved too much for the men to overcome as they finished in fourth place as a team 37 points behind champion UW-Oshkosh. Oshkosh bumped out La Crosse by 10 points for the title.

"We were disappointed

"We were disappointed with fourth, but we ran really well. We ran very close to as good as we can run. We just weren't good enough on that day."

## Rick Witt (Men's Coach)

the other teams around them were doing, but concentrate on what they could control: their own actions.

The women's team may have come out a little anxious at the beginning of their race because at the mile mark they had five runners in the top 10 spots. As the race progressed they settled in and ran to a second place team finish losing to UW-La Crosse by 27

points,who had individual conference champion Julia Rudd (23:20).

"I was very pleased with the finish," said women's Coach Len Hill. "I thought the team ran very well. The inten-

sity level was very high, and there were some very good performances out there."

Sophomore Leah Herlache turned in one such performance. She led the Pointers with a time of 23:37 and finished fourth overall. Junior Kara Vosters also claimed a top 10 finish coming in at 24:05, good for 10th. The big surprises however were freshman Jenna Mitchler and Ashleigh Potuznik who turned in very solid performances finishing 14th and 21st respectively. "Jenna and Ashleigh stepped up big time," said Hill. "As freshman they stood up to the challenge and intensity and handled it well." In their quest for a conference championship the men's with fourth but we really ran well," said Head Coach Rick Witt. "We ran very close to as good as we can run. We just weren't good enough on that day."

Senior Eric Fischer led the way for the Pointers finishing in eith place in a time of 26:02. "Eric ran very well," said Witt "You expect him to step up and he did."

> Junior James Levash came in close behind finishing only five seconds behind Fischer (26:07) but was bumped out by two La Crosse runners and finished 11th.

"James also ran very well," said Witt.

"He may have went out a little too hard, but it was a chance he took."

Herlache

Ryan Kleimenhagen of UW-Platteville was the men's individual champion with a time of 25:33.

Up next for both teams is



Ragsdale

We've interacted with other Americans studying in London, and Stevens Point has the best program offered by far. You guys rock! Thanks for everything you've done to make it an experience of a lifetime for us all! I hope all is well in Stevens Point. I miss the snow, believe it or not! Take care!

Things in Great Britain are great. I've been to Dover, England; Bath,

England; Calais, France, and, just this weekend, I went to Scotland. It was

beautiful! We hiked in the mountains of the Isle of Skye. It really was so

As the Brits would say, Kind Regards,

Kaia Friedli," (UWSP, Communications Major)

Here's what one recent participant has to say about

her experience with UW-SP International Programs:

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The men will need a fourth place finish or better to move on. There toughest competition for that fourth spot will come from Washington University in St. Louis, Chicago University and UW-Platteville.



# OUTDOORS

# 'Adventure outdoor trip offered for wintertime

## Leigh Ann Ruddy

OUTDOORS EDITOR

Outdoor EdVentures is offering a trip to Banff, Alberta, Canada for four days over winter break. The trip includes four nights at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, a castle-like building from the late 1800's, coach bus fare from UWSP to Banff and breakfast at the hotel. The cost of the trip is \$690 for UWSP students and \$725 for nonstudents.

"It's an incredibly gorgeous part of the world. There aren't a lot of skiing opportunities in Wisconsin, so why not take advantage of this trip to the Canadian Rockies?" said Kyle Niedfeldt, promotions coordinator for Outdoor EdVentures.

Banff, Alberta and the surrounding area is Canada's largest ski area, including Sunshine Village, Norquay and



Photo courtesy of Outdoor EdVentures

The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel draped with a blanket of snow.



Photo courtesy of Outdoor EdVentures

activities in and around Banff include: canoe trips on the Bow River in Banff, Lake Louise and at Moraine Lake, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and dog-sledding trips in Banff National Park and horseback riding and sleigh rides through Banff back-country.



Photo courtesy of Outdoor EdVentures

Lake Louis ski resorts. Ski all three of the resorts for around \$120 for a three-day package. The package includes unlimited, all-day use of lifts and shuttle service between the resorts and Banff.

Banff also boasts hot springs for an enjoyable soak in natural hot ponds, Bow Falls, a 30 foot waterfall, and Crowfoot Glacier. These and many other attractions are just a few of the adventurous outings available near the city of Banff.

"Banff is a winter retreat where you have the chance for great skiing, shopping, walking through a historical center, and spending time in hot springs. You'll never experience it anywhere else," Sheryl Poirier, coordinator of recreational programming, Outdoor EdVentures.

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel was modeled after a Scottish baronial castle when it was finished in 1928. It is "Canada's Castle in the Rockies" and one of Canada's world-renowned places for hospitality. The Fairmont Banff Springs was declared a historical site by the Sites and Monuments Board of Canada in March 1992.

Shopping in Banff consists of a two block area of the

downtown. Many shops boast historical souvenirs, high-fashion clothiers and Canada's oldest department store, the Hudson's Bay Co. Most shops are open-air and have entrances on the street; however, there are also indoor malls in the area.

Celebrate New Year's Eve in the heart of historical downtown Banff, where the legal drinking age is 18. Enjoy one of the 100 restaurants in the area and spend a night with friends in the Canadian Rockies to ring in 2003.

Other attractions and



The trip leaves Dec. 27 and will return on Jan. 2. The coach bus has a TV/VCR hook-up and bathrooms. People going on the trip will stay the at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel for

Photo courtesy of Outdoor EdVentures four nights.



# Trek mountain bike raffle



The Mountain Bikers of UWSP will be holding a raffle this month for a Trek mountain bike. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for 3. If you win, your mountain bike will be custom fit by our sponsor, Campus Cycle.

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Let's go fishing

Walleyed Pike Party across the board

## This election I voted a straight ticket

#### Adam Mella Assistant Outdoors Editor

Another snowy morning marked Election Day in Wisconsin. With so many candidates to choose from, I went to the polls partially undecided. However, without proof of residence, I was sent out into the cold with my vote kept from the ballot box. A real shame, I gathered, until fluffy white snow-flakes melted thoughts of a third, more sensible party to vote for this Election Day. I went out to the river and cast my line for the up and coming Walleyed Pike Party all the way across the board.

"...I actually pondered the possibility of a government run exclusively by legged, pseudo-sapien, walleyed pike."

Who should lead this fine state as our new governor? I may have voted democrat, GOP, green or independent at the local fire station, but out on the flowing river, I cast my vote for the wisdom of a beautiful twenty-incher. What in the hell does the county coroner actually do, and why is it an elected position? Mark my vote down for the progressive Mr. Sauger. In the hotly contested battle for



county treasurer, I decided that I would rather see a fat keeper, keeping the books, rather than the unopposed incumbent. And the new sheriff in town is no longer Gillespie or Wyatt Earp, kids. His name is Walter, and he sports a badge and a shiny pistol and has a mean streak for those rowdy minnows that have been disturbing the peace.

As I stood on that big granite boulder of a voting booth overlooking the Wisconsin River, pitching jig heads into the slow current, I actually pondered the possibility of a government run exclusively by legged, pseudo-sapien, walleyed pike. Now granted, walleyes don't understand the first things about politics, phonetic-oration or cam-

Photos submitted by author

paigning tactics. They do, however, excel in bringing happiness to the community, challenging conventional thought and tasting great with potatoes and cold refreshments, which is good enough to earn my vote this November. So this Election Day, I cast my line for my fantastical Walleyed Pike regime, and then before the clock struck eight, I cast a ballot for the real candidates after I miraculously found an old telephone bill lodged in my favorite rocking chair. Sure, it's fun to dabble in an exclusively fish-controlled government, but it's also fun to be a part of the democratic process too, if you can prove to those election officials that you are, in fact, a resident of district three, and not just a giant walleye in disguise, attempting to embezzle someone's precious identity. So after all the votes are counted, folks, "Let's Go Fishing!"

# Superfly fall fishing beat-box

# Big walleye on the stringer, oh yeah!

#### Adam Mella

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

With only a few weeks of open water fishing left in the year, autumn walleye fishing is beginning to taper off. However, those toothy predators aren't done fattening up for the winter by a long shot, I assure you. The current on those backwaters may have slackened a little, but the cold water and early snow-melt are keeping old Walter in a late-fall feeding frenzy, oh yeah! Let me break down the latest reports from around the county



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The first thing you got to do is dip your finger in, and get the water's degree. Then, hook a fat minnow, cast 'er on in, and let that minnow swim free. With a couple of lead weights, she'll float down on

the bottom. And when the hungry walleye spots 'er, it won't be long 'til she got 'um. Give that Walter a little slack, to nibble down that tasty fathead. Then with the snap of your wrist, bury the hook in, and your walleye's as good as dead. A fifteen incher is a snack; a full stringer is a whole meal. Walleye fishing the Wisconsin River in the snow, is the true super-fly real deal, oh yeah!

Now catching clever walleyes is not an easy task. So when they aren't biting really well, don't forget to pack a flask. But when those hungry walleyed pike are fiendishly on the feed, don't drop your line or look away, for they'll be slamming super speed. When the gales of November come early, those



Photo by author

spinning reels will be a-zinger. Drop 'em down, throw your tips up, and come home with the number one stringer, oh yeah!

There you have it, fishing folks, the low down on the walleye scene. I suggest, as your friend, to tap your foot on the gas pedal and start slaying those walleye this coming week or so. Any river with a steady current and deeper water will be holding hungry walleye for at least a week or two, with the best activity being in the morning and two hours before sundown. This may be your last chance to fill up the freezer on river walleye for the year with much consistency, and with the greatest of ease. So get out of bed, put off studying for another day, chill out, and then folks, "Let's Go Fishing." oh yeah!

# Mr. Winters' two cents

Well, it's been a great week for fishing and professional football. It's a time of transition around these parts, and for what it's worth, I



Mr. Winters

really believe that nothing compliments transition better than an ice cold High Life.

Not only does it go good with a Packer victory, but soon it will be drank on the ice in mid-winter slush form.

On the water out there, floating ice sheets and chunks are indicating that the lakes and backwaters will soon be frozen, with the river to follow soon after. First ice looks to be a lot sooner this winter, more than likely within the next few weeks here, which will make for some spectacular fishing as soon as we get the two inches needed to hold my old bones

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department

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Then I went out on the river and caught me some walleyes and drove around looking for pleasant scenery. Oh the joys of retirement! There I go again. So anyhow, let's not forget that Brett Favre, Todd McBride, and the folks who make easy flow sarsaparilla are gods, and never forget to, "Go on and Geeeeeeet!"

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# Need skills?

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# A discussion on ecotourism and conservation A CNR Colloquium Series presentation

An environmental educator from the RARE Center for Tropical Conservation in Guatemala will discuss "Making the Jump from Ecotourism to Conservation" at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13 at UWSP.

John Kohl's presentation, part of the College of Natural Resources (CNR) Colloquium Series, will be held in Room 170 CNR. It is open to the public without charge.

The manager of public use planning for the RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, Kohl holds degrees in environmental management from Dartmouth College and Yale University. He has worked in Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and Ecuador, in addition to serving as a communication consultant to the Smithsonian Institution and as a naturalist with the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

"Promoters often tout ecotourism as a major conservation solution," Kohl says, "especially this year, the International Year of Ecotourism. Yet, few successful examples exist. When we look a little deeper, we find significant challenges. To get around the problems, we examine some of these challenges and introduce a technique to help understand how ecotourism jumps the gap to conservation."

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a bit, I've been able to travel probably more than I ever will again, and like I said before, I've made so many friends, including a few really close ones, that I hope to keep for the rest of my life! Thank you again!

Amber Froland, (UWSP, French Major)

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# **Words of Wisdom From the Senior**

# The reasons why sequels suck (Part 2).

## **By Josh Goller**

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

With the immensely popular Harry Potter series continuing its film saga with the upcoming Chamber of Secrets, I felt that I needed to take the time to address the Hollywood phenomenon of "the sequel." It seems that successful films (especially comedies and action/adventure flicks) can rarely avoid this perilous pitfall. Movies that may have been good (or at least successful at the box office) the first time around are often slapped together with a similarly bland plot and even cheesier dialogue.

One needs to look no further than American Pie 2, Rush Hour 2, Spy Kids 2, Blade 2, The Santa Clause 2, Jason X, Blair Witch 2, Scary Movie 2 or Men in Black 2 to see what I mean. American Pie 2? So he superglues his hand to his dong instead of boinking baked goods ... it's the same ludicrous coming-of-age sex romp. Santa Clause 2? I don't even know anyone who liked the first Santa Clause. And in case you were wondering, Jason X resurrects the infamous Jason Vorhees 400 years in the future and yes, the knife-wielding slasher film legend goes on a murderous rampage while in the depths of outer space. Now that's good movie-making.

Soon the American public will be subjected to a new batch of sequels including X-Men 2, The Whole Nine Yards 2 and The Fast and the Furious 2. The king of the crappy movie, Arnold Schwartzenegger himself, is even returning to combat a female villain in Terminator 3.

Many other sequels are trying to shake the standard policy of affixing a number behind the title. Not content to get out while he could after the

abysmal, Chris Tucker-less sequel Next Friday, Ice Cube returns to his third Friday film, ridiculously titled Friday After Next (Isn't that clever?). Meanwhile, Robert DeNiro and Billy Crystal are following up their moderately successful mafia boss in psychotherapy comedy Analyze This with Analyze That.

Which brings me back to Harry Potter. I realize that Chamber of Secrets isn't a true sequel because it's part of a planned series, but I honestly don't understand the attraction that so many adults have to this fantasy series. As appealing as magic spells, ogres, and the broomstick sporting event Quidditch would have been to me when I was a youngster, I really find it hard to relate to this prepubescent, spectacled British wizard school student.

Meanwhile, The Matrix and Lord of the Rings have followed suit by planning trilogies of their own. While planned trilogies are definitely preferable to sequels, these mega-blockbuster productions will most likely overshadow some of the small, quality movies that will be released around the same times.

I even have some beef with my favorite premeditated movie series, the honorable Star Wars saga. While I actually strayed from the critics' negative reaction to Attack of the Clones and thoroughly enjoyed that film, I must say that the advertising strategy for its upcoming DVD release is nothing short of blasphemous. "Who's da man? Yoda man." What the f\*\*\* is that? I could come up with a better ad campaign after taking horse tranquilizers.

So instead of shelling out seven bucks to go see the newest sequel, save yourself some money and rent the original again. It's almost guaranteed to be better anyhow.



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The Reverend Eddie Danger

Saturday, Nov. 9

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## Witz End

Friday, Nov. 8

Sloppy Joe

Saturday, Nov. 9

Burnt Toast & Jam

#### **Clark Place**

Friday, Nov. 8

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Thursday, Nov. 7 "You Saw It First" Tour featuring: Kazzer Kill Hannah July For Kings Carbondale Revis

**Quandt Fieldhouse** 

Saturday, Nov. 9

Trace Adkins & Darryl Worley

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# **RPO** orchestrates ghoulish Halloween Party at the Witz

**Reptile Palace Orchestra** provides chilling grooves at Witz End frightfest

**By Josh Goller** ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

A clown riding a tiny bicycle. A cloaked skeleton wailing on the electric violin. A giant

polar bear sipping a Point Special while intently watching a fire dancer in the parking lot. All these





The versatile RPO (whose six band members

#### alternated between at least 12 different instruments) possesses a unique genre-bending style that lent itself perfectly to the Halloween atmosphere. Draped in a thick, eerie fog and surrounded by glowing jack-o-lanterns, RPO blended classical, rock, jazz and folk rhythms with Mediterranean dance numbers that kept the eccentric band of Halloween revelers hop-

ping. Lead vocalist Anna Purnell joined in the Halloween fun by alternating her attire from tie-dyed clad Rastafarian to sadomasochism gear (complete with leather whip). Meanwhile, fiddler Biff Blumfumgagne plugged in

to create an eerie sound that tied in beautifully with Timm Gould's haunting clarinet stylings.

I'm not venturing that far out on a of limb by saying that Witz End's Halloween Party was the place to be in Stevens Point for an All Hallow's Eve celebration, but if you missed the chance to see RPO in person, don't fear. Just check out one of the eight CDs they have on their resume.

# Movie Review

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PUNCH DRUNK LOVE

## **Punch-Drunk Love**

**By Geoff Fyfe ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER** 

Adam Sandler in a serious, possibly Oscar-worthy role? From the director of Boogie Nights and Magnolia? Can it get stranger then that? Well, the answer is yes, for the end product is indeed stranger. Paul Thomas Anderson's Punch-Drunk Love is one strange, moving, twisted and ultimately glorious romantic comedy - if it can even be called a comedy.

Sandler plays Barry Eagan, executive of a company that sells exotic plungers, who can be politely described as "disturbed." Thanks to his seven domineering sisters

(whose affectionate family nickname for him is "Gayboy"), Eagan suffers from severe emotional repression and is given to bizarre behavior. He breaks down crying one minute, and flies into a fit of utter rage the next. He is almost inarticulate around women and lives a nearly solitary life, other than being intruded upon by his sisters.

found love. I won't reveal what it is, but let's just say this film makes phone sex look like a risky endeavor.

Does this all sound strange? That's understandable. It's bizarre, yet it makes sense. It's frustrating, yet beautiful. It's also clear that we are dealing with a unique filmmaker, someone who continues to surprise. Anderson, whose Magnolia was also bizarre (Remember the frogs?) tops

himself here.

Punch-Drunk Love is basically Sandler's show and he does not disappoint. His character isn't as much of an acting stretch as advertised. Barry is like

many of Sandler's other characters, an angry man stuck in an arrested emotional and social stage, but without the goofy humor of the rest. It's striking to see how disturbed and enraged Sandler's characters can be when they're not viewed through the distorted lens of mirth.

# "You Saw It First" tour to hit Encore

# Kazzer, Kill Hannah, July For Kings, **Carbondale and Revis** scheduled to play

Five rock bands will bring their "You Saw It First" tour to the UW-Stevens Point on Thursday, Nov. 7. Sponsored by **UWSP's** Centertainment Productions, the event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the University Center's Encore.

The five featured bands include Kazzer, Carbondale, Kill Hannah, July for Kings and Revis.

Kazzer (Mark Kaspryzyk) hails from Canada and records for Epic Records. "Just put it on and let it rip," is his debut CD. His music mixes rock, acoustic and hip-hop. He took to hip-hop as a teenager in Ontario and soon gravitated to the urban music scene in nearby Hamilton.

"I am a product of the 1980s and I love all music," says Kazzer. "Here's a record that's so different from what's out there, there's nobody that you can really compare it to."

Based in New York, Carbondale formed in 2000 while singer Leroy Pelicci and bassist Lee Nadel were attending New York University. The band has been touring throughout the east coast for the past two years. Joining Pelicci and Nadel are drummer Markus Dorfmann and guitarists Jared Scharff and Art Hays. Last year, the band signed a recording contract with RCA, and an album is due out this fall.

Kill Hannah recently signed on with Atlantic Records. The Chicago-based band has opened for several major acts including The Goo Goo Dolls, Westward, Placebo and many others. Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins described the band and its musicians a year ago. saying "They may have sexually ambiguous nature-like me. They may sing in a high nasal voice-like me. But unlike me, they are the future of Chicago rock."

July For Kings includes vocalist and guitarist Joe Hedges, Travis Delaney on guitar, Sam Dobrozsi on drums, Jason Morgan on bass and T. Miller playing both cello and guitar. Their just released MCA debut album, "SWIM," gives their Midwest fans a first-hand taste of the band's style of rock music. All the band members up in small-town grew Middletown, Ohio. After touring Ohio and surrounding states these past years (then known as Swim), the band built a fan base in southern Ohio and produced two CDs which drew the attention of both music critics and major recording labels, including MCA. The Cincinnati Enquirer (May 23, 2002), called the band's music, "An intelligent blend of progressive alternative rock."

Revis has signed with Epic Records. A hard rock band, its members plan to release their first CD in the new year.

Admission is free to students with a valid UWSP ID and \$5 for the public.



# **Tops at the Box** Office

1. The Santa Clause 2 2. The Ring 3. I Spy 4. Jackass: The Movie 5. Ghost Ship

> Upcoming Releases

Femme Fatale 8 Mile Far From Heaven

could endanger him and his new-

Then, Lena Leonard (Emily Watson) walks into his life. She is just wounded enough herself to like this sad, damaged man and Barry feels like he's finally found someone who he can open up to.

However, Barry's life is complicated by two events. One is his discovery that, due to a special give away, he can receive over a million frequent flyer miles if he buys \$3,000 worth of pudding. The other event is much darker and

Watson doesn't have as large a role as Sandler, but she is luminous in this film. Since this is essentiala two-character movie, ly Anderson regulars Luis Guzman and Philip Seymour Hoffman are reduced to extended cameo roles.

In the end, Punch-Drunk Love defies characterization. Yet, this strange and wonderful movie can be narrowed down to one thing: the story of two damaged, lonely souls searching for love and contentment. Oh yeah, and the message that phone sex is a bad idea.

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Spark it ....

by Mel Rosenberg





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