Voter apathy plays key role in election season

By Andy Bloeser
ASSISTANT PUBLISHER 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 short of its goal to register at least 2,000 students.

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 turnout.

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 entity that only remotely effects their lives.

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 acquitted of second-degree sexual assault charges last Thursday. Amdahl, a 22-year-old Minneapolis native, admitted to court last Wednesday to serving the 19-year-old 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 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 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 pans and bra had been undressed but that she had not undone them herself.

The victim's roommate testified that after starting the night drinking in their room, the two 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 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 he's not a rapist, it was set in my mind."

After returning to her room, she found the victim awake and obviously upset. The two girls then proceeded to report the incident to another community advisor who then called the police.

Amdahl's attorney, Ga...
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Historically, these types of mentalities have translated into a lower turnout on election day, resulting in a pronounced effect on the 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 SGA Senator Kamke.

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Portage County, Wisconsin, leads the state 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 Wisconsin in the green vote for State Treasurer. In the city of Stevens Point, 15% of the voters supported Aschenbrenner.

"This community feels 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.wgsp.net.

For a detailed breakdown of votes in Portage County, visit www.co.portage.wi.us.

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NEWS

Wisconsin's Poet Laureate to speak at UWSP

The Poet Laureate of Wisconsin, Ellen Kort, will be 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.

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.

FREE FLU SHOTS

Flu shots are being given at the Health Service in Delzell Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 12, 2002 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 13, 2002 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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Additional flu clinics will be arranged at a later date depending on the availability of vaccine. For current clinic information, check our Flu Shot News website at http://wellness.uwap.edu/flushotnews/.

Health Services
Let me start by saying that I am not a fan of beards. In fact, I find them unattractive and, on the whole, I believe that they should be discouraged. However, I do understand that some men may feel a need to grow a beard in order to survive the winter and, if that is the case, I would say that they should go ahead and do so. After all, I am not here to judge others. I am here to help them make the best decision for themselves. And if that means growing a beard, then I am fine with that. As long as it doesn't interfere with my life or the lives of others around me.
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 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 US 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 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."

-Bobbie Webster, UWSP student

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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. Admission for the cookout are $5.00 for adults, $4.00 for students and $3.00 for children. Pointer Basketball has a winning heritage. Come be part of the tradition.

-Fred and Patrice Boehm
Stevens Point, WI

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Want to gripe about something? Write a letter to the editor.
E-mail it to pointer@uwsp.edu
UWSP saddles up for the Big Men of Country

By Amy Zepnick  
FEATURES EDITOR

UWSP saddles up for the Big Men of Country, the Quandt Fieldhouse. The Trace Adkins and Darryl Worley into town Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in stage will feature country greats.

With a severed finger and a shot Adkins held his ground as an oilfield roughneck before jumping into his musical fire.

in the heart from an ex-wife, fourth album for Capitol records. Southern twang. One ditty, "Help quetzal crocodiles, coat1s, sloths and maybe even a leatherback turtles, howler monkeys, quick with such hits as "The House Is On," among others. His lastest release, "Hard Killin Time," and "Here in the Real World."

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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. In college, he formed his own country band and performed at various bars. Friends eased him into signing a contract with EMI and everybody with Dreamworks records. Worley married in May, 2001 and resides on the Tennessee countryside.

UW professor champions coexistence of Islam and democracy

Andrew Blesser  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The intermarriage of Islamic values with democratic political processes in the Middle East stands as a hallmark development of the past quarter 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 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 renegotiation.

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 with democracy and have lagged behind in the development of civil society."

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

"The issues [effecting Islamic nations] require time, not foreign intervention. 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 monitor the new government."
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 non-creative 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.

SCHEMEECKLE - A UWSP CLASSIC

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.

SCHMEECKLE - A UWSP CLASSIC

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 boosting 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.
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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.

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).

New Blood made the top 20 at the national Adult Album Alternative (AAA) radio charts and the single "Geometry" from Woodwork graced the "Party of Five" tv series.

According to her website, Bethwoodmusic.com, Wood's "writing has a diverse range of influences, but her lyrical and melodic hooks give her songs a real pop element." Most of the instruments on her new album are played by Wood and her producer Chris Rosser.

Wood performed with music greats Steve Winwood, Shawn Colvin, David Crosby and Ellis Paul, among others. She toured many campuses promoting her albums and was 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.

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 people's 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.

Thought for the week

Someone's boring me. I think it's me.
-Dylan Thomas

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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 quarterfinal match-up 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 offset 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 ball, 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."

The lone bright spot for 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. 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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Women's hockey scores victories over top ten team

By Emily Teachout
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women’s 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 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 as 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.

Volleyball team ends season at Whitewater

UWSP drops WIAC quarterfinal to Whitewater

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

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

The Warhawks committed a single error in the first game and nine total for the match, compared to 25 total errors for the Pointers.

“The last time we played Whitewater they mainly used their outside hitters,” said Head Coach Stacey White. “This match they used all of their hitters, and it took us a game to figure it out blocking wise, but they were just on and not making mistakes.”

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 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.
Men's hockey victorious in season opener

By Craig Mandll
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 Njpk 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 be as well as all the new guys."

Coach Baldarotta was originally disappointed in the third-period 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.

"Usually when a hockey team gets to four goals in a game, "

..."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."

SENIOR ON THE SPOT
EMMA-KLARA PORTER - SOCCER

UWSP Career Highlights

- 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.

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 32 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 embarrassing 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.

What is your favorite part of being a part of 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.
**SPORTS**

**Football stunned by Stout**

By Craig Mandll

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 back half of the season.

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.

Stout and La Crosse will face stiff competition for the conference championship and had five runners in the top 10 for the title.

Women finish 2nd in men's and men's championship races looking to stay focused and run their own race.

The Blue Devils answered back with 1:19 left in the half when Krause hit halfback Kurt Kieblock across the middle for 58 yards and then hit tight end Roni 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 completed three passes and rushed for 21 yards on the drive.

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 Meich.

The Pointers are not totally down. "We play two quality teams, and we need two wins plus a little help," said Meich.

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.

*Sports Reporters*

Cross Country teams hang tough at conference meet

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 championships looking to stay focused and run their own race. They did not want to dwell on what 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 but 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 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 intensity 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 25:33. "I was very pleased with the finish," said women's Coach Len Hill. "I thought the team ran very well. The intensity level was very high, and there were some very good performances out there."

Senior Eric Fischer led UW-La Crosse in fourth place as a team 37 to 10 points to overcome as they finished fourth 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 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)

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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!

As the Brits would say, Kind Regards,

Kala Friedli," (UWSP, Communications Major)

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**Cross Country teams hang tough at conference meet**
'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 non-students.

"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 Lake Louise 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 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.

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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OUTDOORS

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 county coroner across the board...and not just a giant walleye in disguise, 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, you assure me. 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 for you folks, real smooth like.

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 inch 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 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 staying 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 sun down. 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 your 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!"

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 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 slash 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 above the water.

I told the wife last night as we sat by the fireplace, that the time is near, and she believed every word. I spent the next morning eating bacon and corned beef hash, sharpening my hand-auger, and putting around looking for pleasant scenery. Oh yeah, I can't wait for the fishing season to begin! I brought home a lot of fish for your family, and the rest for my family...

"...and for my meat supply, oh yeah!"

Mr. Winters

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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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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 bonking 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 Schwarzenegger 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 unappealing as magic spells, ogres, and the broomstick sporting event Quidditch would have been to me when I was a youngster, I really find it

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By Josh Goller

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ous romantic comedy - if it can the end product is indeed stranger. That? Well, the answer is yes, for plays Barry

Thanks to his acting stretch

disappoint. His
disappearance. One is 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.

Then, Lena Lewis (Emily Watson) walks into his life. She is just smart 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 

give away, he can receive over a million frequent flyer miles if he buys $3,000 worth of pudding. 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 charac ters can be when they're not viewed through the distorted lens of mirth.

Watson doesn't have as large a role as Sandler, but she is luminous in this film. Since this is essentially a two-character movie, Anderson regularly elements life and leadership opportunities are available as a Doctor of Chiropractic.

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