Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld to speak at UWSP

Laird Youth Leadership Day brings hosts of keynote speakers to UWSP

United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld will be the keynote speaker for this year’s Melvin R. Laird Youth Leadership Day, held here at UWSP on Monday, April 23.

The event will be held at the University Center and will start at 9 a.m. Following Rumsfeld’s address lunch will be served in the Laird room at 12:20 p.m. and a question and answer session for Rumsfeld and students will run from 1-1:30p.m.

Laird has hosted the youth leadership event every other year at UWSP since 1965. The workshop includes top students from area high schools and is held in memory of Laird’s parents, the late Melvin and Helen Laird of Marshfield.

"Proud to be an American" is the theme for this year’s conference, which will host a number of other speakers and guests. Governor Jim Doyle will talk about the balance between national security and individual rights, former CEO of Sunrise Medical Joerns will discuss ethics in business, Green Bay’s News Channel 5 anchor and UWSP alumnus Eric Davison will address media relations, and GEM Pioneer Professor and UWSP alumnus Mike Dornbeck will speak on environmental leadership. Other speakers include Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Shirley Abrahamson, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Ann Walsh Bradley and Janet Steiger, former commissioner of the National Trade Commission.

Rumsfeld is a former Naval pilot and Princeton University graduate who first went to Washington, D.C. in 1957 where he worked as the administrative assistant to a congressman. In 1962, he was elected to the House of Representatives from Illinois, and was re-elected again in 1964, 1966, and 1968. In 1969, he decided to resign from Congress in order to serve in the Nixon administration. Rumsfeld then traveled to Brussels, Belgium for a year where he acted as the U.S. Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In 1974, he returned to Washington to serve in the Ford administration and was named the 13th Secretary of Defense, becoming the youngest person to serve in that position in our nation’s history. Rumsfeld was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, the country's highest civilian award.

Beer Fest serves it to UWSP students 4 oz. at a time

By Steve Seamandel

A plethora of micro-brewed Wisconsin beers were on tap during Brews From Wisconsin Beer Fest last Thursday, Nov. 14. The event, sponsored by the Brewhaus, attracted nearly 50 students to the Wooden Spoon to try some familiar local favorites with some new flavors that aren’t commonly found at the bars.

The Fest was designed to give each participant two four-ounce samplings of each of the sixteen different brands and flavors of beer. If a student could manage to drink all of the samples, they would have consumed 128 ounces of beer, which is a modest amount for an $8 advanced ticket.

Vendors at Beer Fest included various types of Central Waters, Point, Tyranena, Sprecher and New Glarus.

There were also various representatives from Point beer, among others, explaining the differences between ales and lagers, dark and light beers, the fermentation process and the kinds of ingredients that go into each type of beer.

"The dark beers were a bit tough to handle, but I did like..."
Students from Northeastern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula are now able to earn a bachelor's degree from Stevens Point by attending courses at UW-Marinette.

Chancellors from UWSP and the UW Colleges signed an agreement on Tuesday, Nov. 12, which allows students to earn a bachelor's degree in general studies through the Collaborative Degree Program (CDP) at UW-Marinette. Credits earned in the program also transfer to other UW System institutions.

The interdisciplinary general studies major brings courses together from many different fields of study within the liberal arts.

"Through exposure to a wide variety of subjects, you build a base of knowledge and a core of skills that serve many careers," said CDP Program Manager Jerry Rous of UWSP Extension.

Students may earn a BA or BS degree with an emphasis in one of two areas: Contemporary America, with courses in history, sociology, psychology, literature, philosophy and the arts; or Exploring the Contemporary World of Work, with courses in business-related courses such as accounting, computers, economics, statistics, social sciences and international studies.

The courses are offered each semester via two-way video in the evenings, which is ideal for students who work and have family obligations," said UW-Marinette Student Services Director Cindy Bailey. "They are also open to students who need upper-division courses that will transfer to other UW schools."

A press conference was hosted by UW-Marinette Dean Sid Bremer on Nov. 12 at UW-Marinette to mark the agreement. UWSP Chancellor Tom George, UW Colleges Chancellor Bill Messner and UW Colleges Provost Margaret Creek signed a formal memorandum of understanding between the two institutions. UW Provost Virginia Helm was not present, but pre-signed the agreement.

Also in attendance from UWSP were Joan Sosalla, UWSP Extension executive director; Rose; Sheila Bannister-Gross, program assistant and Matt Young, academic advisor.

From the UW Colleges were Jim Veninga and Andy Keogh, deans and CEOs from the Marathon and Marshfield campuses, which also partner in the CDP; Mary LaCasse, UW-Marinette adviser for returning adult students; and Maureen Mollé, UW-Marinette director of University Relations.

Chancellor George strongly endorsed the program saying, "The partnership between UWSP and UW-Marinette through the Collaborative Degree Program exemplifies UWSP's and the UW Colleges' commitment to student access, specifically and to widespread higher education in Wisconsin, generally. The CDP represents our dedication to bringing four-year baccalaureate education to time-bound and place-bound students. UW-Marinette is an outstanding partner in our work toward expanding our offerings throughout central Wisconsin." The CDP has been offered at the UW-Marathon campus for business majors since fall 1997, and general studies majors since spring 1999. According to Nolan Beck, associate dean and director of Student Services at UW-Marathon, approximately 100 students are majoring in business and 40 in general studies.

"The program has nicely augmented our academic curriculum in providing an excellent alternative for students who cannot leave the Wausau area to pursue a bachelor's degree," said Beck. "The community, students, faculty and staff have embraced the program as a model for future endeavors via today's technology."

UW-Marinette and UW-Stevens Point have partnered to create a Baccalaureate Degree Program beginning in January 2003, and Student Services Director Jeff Mewe said that students are taking five classes each semester via two-way video. It is a good concept — one that we want to continue to work on because it allows more offerings at each campus," said Mewe.

For more information on the CDP, contact Rose at (715) 346-3301 or LaCasse at (715) 735-4353.

SGA Correction

In the Nov.14 issue of The Pointer, an article titled "Differential tuition proposal discussed further," it was falsely reported that the Student Government Association would discuss Chancellor George's differential tuition proposal at a Nov. 14 meeting. SGA will discuss the proposal in a meeting in the near future. The Pointer apologizes for the error.

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**Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.**
Baldwin Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 13 7:15 p.m.
A complaint was filed in regards to a bike being vandalized while parked in the southeast bike rack.

Lot Q
Thursday, Nov. 14 10:45 a.m.
A car was reported to be damaged while the owner was attending class.

Hansen Hall
Friday, Nov. 15 2:39 p.m.
A bike was reported stolen from the bike rack in front of the building.

Sims Hall
Friday, Nov. 15 3:25 p.m.
A complaint was filed stating that a burglary took place while resident was at class.

Baldwin Hall
Friday, Nov. 15 2:56 a.m.
A report was made stating that two males were seen tampering with fourth floor fire extinguisher door.

Burroughs Hall
Saturday, Nov. 16 8:36 a.m.
A complaint was reported stating that a bike was stolen from Burroughs Hall bike rack.

Burroughs Hall
Sunday, Nov. 17 7:11 a.m.
A moped was reported being knocked over by a white male by south entrance.

Science Building
Sunday, Nov. 17 9:30 a.m
A complaint was filed stating that a computer monitor was stolen from B338 Science Building.

Campus
Monday, Nov. 18 12:31 a.m.
Two picnic tables were vandalized on campus.
Whatever...the world according to Steve

Homeland Security disclaimer: I voted, therefore I have the right to bitch.

By Steve Seamandel
Editor in Chief

Earlier this week, the new Homeland Security Act bill barely passed through the Senate. Sigh. I always hear the same thing in my head when I think about it... Homer, in a disgruntled voice saying, "When will people learn; Democracy simply doesn't work!"

Seriously, that's adrastic statement, but this new bill has surely furrowed many brows across the nation.

The bill, not unlike many other works of our government, was sloppy from the get-go. It began as a modest 48-page proposal, but by the time the Senate voted on it, it had ballooned to an exorbitant 438 pages, full of sly additions from the Republicans that had little, if any relevance, to the shady Republican add-ons to the bill unsettling, but even the original contents of the Homeland Security Bill are questionable for First Amendment advocates.

The original intent of the bill was to merge 22 different organizations, consisting of 170,000 employees, into one large Homeland Security Department (HSD). One of the many sub-groups of the HSD is the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which is in very close relation to the Information Awareness Office. Their proposal is to create some sort of computer system called "Total Information Awareness," that runs software that makes it really easy to track electronic transactions like credit card use, banking records, e-mail and travel documents.

While I'm hoping the government won't come down hard on me for my "Get Fuzzy" comic e-mails and my daily e-digest of the Disco Biscuits discussion list, it makes me uncomfortable knowing that anything I buy or say, electronically at least, can be tracked. This week, Al Gore nonchalantly called Dubya "Big Brother," and rightfully so. I've always been hesitant to use an ATM card, and now everytime I go, the government has the capability to track it. I don't want anyone up in my banking business besides me and the nice lady behind the counter. I always knew there was a reason why I was so disattached from electronic forms of money and valuable information; it only took Al Gore to remind me why. Al Gore is one rad dude.

The Homeland Security Act Bill, according to Time magazine, is the single largest reorganization of federal agencies since the creation of the Defense Department in 1947, which combined the War and Navy Departments. This is something that will definitely be in the history books.

Exactly how does giving the government this power stop Osama from doing anything? It's finally come full circle; we started this "War on Terrorism" to divert attention from the struggling economy. We kicked ass in Afghanistan, then new videos of bin Laden surfaced, which obviously assume he's dead. Lately, it's been all about Iraq, and we're now going to stop bin Laden is still plotting horrible, horrible things in the Middle East? What, or who, are we going to bomb if something goes awry in the Middle East?

I guess I've got a year to start covering my tracks before any government agencies are actually redrawn and fully operational, but many people would argue that a full year's headstart on the U.S. government is more than sufficient.

All I know is that if I get two suits at my desk asking me why I've taken $100 out of my bank account for my registration deposit and why I've bought so much Kraft Macaroni and Cheese and Mountain Dew lately, I'm freakin' moving to Canada.
FEATURES

Recent abductions emphasize need for safety

By Amy Zepnick
FEATURES EDITOR

With the recent abductions of college students, student safety is becoming a top priority among Midwest campuses. To protect yourself both on and off campus, consider the following precautions:

While walking home:
Avoid walking alone at night. Instead, walk with someone in well-lit areas and be alert to your surroundings. Avoid shortcuts through dark places. If you believe you are being followed, quickly go to a place of business or anywhere where people are present. Always let someone know where you are and what time you will be back. If you know you will be walking alone, call Protective Services for a walking escort.

While partying:
Substance abuse, such as drinking alcohol, is a common factor in sexual assaults. Intoxicated individuals have less control over situations and cannot reason effectively. Know your limit! Your body can absorb four ounces of alcohol in an hour. Also, make sure you go with someone who looks out for your well-being.

Besides alcohol, drugs are also a factor in rape. Rohypnol (the date rape drug) is commonly used to create passiveness to the point of unconsciousness. These drugs are tasteless, odorless and cannot be detected. To reduce your risk of substance-related rape, keep your drink with you at all times. Don't accept drinks from anyone you don't know or trust and do not accept open containers from anyone.

While at home:
Most thefts occur from dorms or apartments to which the doors are unlocked. Although it is difficult to prevent, precautions can lower your risk of being victimized. Keep doors locked when you are out of the room or asleep. Also, don't answer the door until you know who's out there. Do not let people in, even delivery drivers, unless you know them.

At home, also be aware of con games from charities or salesmen. Never give a caller your credit card number, bank information or social security number to verify anything. Keep in mind that it is illegal for any business to deny you service if you refuse to give them your social security number. Also, be aware of 800 and 900 numbers. Most of them charge by the minute. Be leery of "easy cash, work at home" ads. Overall, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

While on vacation:
Whether traveling back home or going on a weekend roadtrip, keep safety in mind. Tell someone exactly where you are going and your exact route of getting there. Carry extra car keys and a map. Have a flashlight, blanket, first aid kit and batteries with you. It's also convenient to have some food, such as a box of crackers, in your trunk. If you have problems on the road, remember it is safer in your car than outside. If someone approaches your car, crack open the window only enough to talk.

For more information on protecting yourself, call Protective Services. The department offers a free video on safety and crime prevention.

Student designs risk management pamphlet

By Amy Zepnick
FEATURES EDITOR

What do you do when you can't say no to risky behavior? Give in? Student Lenore Hitchler can't say no to risky behavior? to drugs, alcohol or unsafe sex. This pamphlet is a part of a special project for her English 349 class with Dr. Dan Dieterich.

"I want to make it clear that I am not promoting abstinence from any of these," Hitchler said. "This pamphlet is aimed at students who have a hard time saying no when they don't want to have sex or drink at that moment. It's situational. There are a lot of people who have a hard time saying no. This leads to STDs and pregnancy. The proof is in the pudding."

According to a national survey conducted by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, every year, three million teenagers acquire an STD. If they do not contract an STD, unprotected sex could lead to pregnancy. Approximately 78% of teen pregnancies are unplanned and 78% of births to teenagers occur outside of marriage.

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Hitchler needs responses from students for her pamphlet. How do you say no to drugs, alcohol or unsafe sex? Males are especially encouraged to respond. Hitchler also wants to know, if you were pressuring someone to partake in risky behavior, what response would it take for you to stop? All responses are subject to publication; however, no names will be printed.

Society gives false impressions. In movies and soap operas, people don't practice safe sex and nothing happens. You never see them getting an STD."

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Hitchler believes it is both easier and harder to say no in today's culture versus previous decades such as the 60s. "It is easier to say no today because the consequences are more severe," she said. "In the 60s, there wasn't AIDS. Having sex didn't mean risking your life. It was easier and harder to say no because drugs, alcohol and unsafe sex are all over."

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. So 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.

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Managing money for people with other things to think about
Your College Survival Guide
Making the Date

b. Pat "Pat Rothfuss" Rothfuss

Pat.

I need some advice. I seem to have a problem that has developed from being rejected by women all too often. Now everyone I want to ask someone out on a date I am so paralyzed with rejection-fear that I simply don't ask.

I haven't had a date in more than two years, and this "disorder" is responsible for that. I have been putting out the "vibe" in my own class and have a lovely blonde prospect, but I am too afraid to ask her on a date.

Is there any way to overcome this fear, and once again go out with women? Is there a pick up line that would help? A book I could read?

The Bizzarro Fonzie

You know what really turns women on, Fonzie? Capital letters. Lots of well-used capital letters.

It's tough being a guy. All the responsibility of starting a relationship lays on our shoulders like some great goddamn heavy ox yoke. As a guy, you really only have two options:

1) Approach women and make desperate, pathetic attempts to wheedle them into dating. Then when they don't want to date us (which is understandable really,) we feel rejected, depressed, and worthless. However, this is the only other option.

2) Don't approach women. On the plus side, there's no rejection. On the minus, it's a hellish, lonely existence which eventually leads to hanging out in comic-book stores during the day, and hunting for a Pokemon go online.

Yup, sucks being a guy. Matter of fact, there's only one thing worse. Being a girl. Women also have two choices and they're worse than ours.

1) Wait for a guy to ask them out. And of course it's always some sleazy guy in a bar. Or some creepy guy in a bar. Or some drunk guy in a bar.

Honestly. Where do you have to go to these days to find a nice guy?

2) Ask guys out. HAHAAHAA. Just kidding. We all know that it's physically impossible for a woman to ask a man out. Really, you women only have one option: sit passively while a parade of jackasses men crow slurry complements and spill beer on you.

Ok, enough cynical mocking. I really do appreciate your problem, Fonzie. Our cocked-up culture has a real problem with assertive women, so the chances of a young lady asking you out are approximately a bazillion to one.

That means it's up to you to break the ice. To quote someone or other. "it's a crooked game, but it's the only one it town." You know what really turns women on, Fonzie?

Theoretically, women dig funny guys. (I say theoretically because I'm funny as hell, and I never get any. Never. Not even from myself.)

"What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?" (You see, it's funny because he'd be asking her in a classroom.)

Pass her a note that says: "Do you like me? If so, check this box."

Honesty.

Sometimes it is the best policy. Believe it or not.

"I don't know you, but I think I'd like to. Want to have coffee sometime?"

Humor and Honesty.

The truth hurts, but sometimes it's a funny hurt. If you can combine these two strategies, they will form a giant robot that will fight crime. Or something.

"I haven't dated in a long time, and I've forgotten how. Is this the part where you say you'll go out with me?"

"I'm not very good at asking people out. Could we skip right to the part where you say 'yes' or 'no'?"

"I've been putting out my 'vibe' all semester. Why haven't you asked me out yet?"

Wait. I lied. There's one other strategy. Write a letter to Pat Rothfuss and hope that he asks the girl of your dreams out.

OK, Here goes. If you are blonde, and female, and have a sociology class. Look around. Is there some guy desperately trying to a) smile b) make eye contact c) generate some sort of "vibe"?

You see him? Would you do me a favor and ask him out for coffee? I'd really appreciate it. Go on. You never know until you've tried.

If you won't do it for me, do it for our society. One small step for a woman. A great leap for woman-kind.

Local bands join forces for experimental tag team show

By Andrew Bloeser

Local bands Sentinel and Self-Proclaimed Nickname will take the stage at the Encore tonight, debuting an experimental new format.

Dubbled the "Tag Team Show," both bands will appear on stage at the same time, joining in on each other's songs and trading riffs.

The inspiration for the show's format comes as the result of the shared history that exists between the bands, as members of each group have played together in the past. Javier Alaniz and Mike Bergy, now members of the punk band Sentinel, and Andrew Mclain and Matthew Robertson, founding members of emo group Self-Proclaimed Nickname previously played together in a nine piece ska band known as the Eskalators.

Since going their separate ways, members of both bands have remained close, playing many of the same parties and engaging in cross promotion whenever possible.

"We've played together so long, we naturally know a lot each other's songs," said Javier Alaniz.

He continued, "A lot of people who watch us come up together are familiar with both bands and know the songs we both do. This show gives those people an opportunity to see us play each other's material and do a few covers together."

Tonight's show will mark the third occasion this semester that the Encore has featured punk and emo music by local bands. Last month, the Encore presented the second annual "Punk in Point" show, which featured Sentinel, and held a Battle of the Bands contest, in which Self-Proclaimed Nickname emerged as the victor.

Despite the recent exposure of local groups at the Encore, Alaniz, who also holds a staff position with Centerentainment Productions, maintains that bands like Sentinel and Self-Proclaimed Nickname are not the origins of the local punk and emo scenes, respectively.

"It would be rude and untrue to say that we created any kind of punk or emo scene. The scene has been underground for a while, but we've brought it to a larger stage," said Alaniz.

The show begins at 7:45 p.m. in the Encore.

Spotlight Trivia

By Aaron Druckenbrod and Rorey Kroening

1. What was the name of the head nurse in 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'? a. Nurse Aikens b. Nurse Hatchet c. Nurse Ratched d. Nurse Betty

2. Where did Charlie Sheen's father work in the movie 'Wall Street'? a. airline b. bus depot c. train yard d. taxi service

3. What was director Fritz Lang's first talking picture or 'talkie'? a. Metropolis b. M c. Cloak and Dagger d. You and Me


7. What is Spike Lee's occupation in "Do the Right Thing"? a. garbage man b. dictionary salesman c. pizza deliverer d. bartender

8. What is the name of the landscape company Dinjan worked for in the movie "Bottle Rocket"? a. Bush Whackers b. Lawn Wranglers c. Yankee Tree Clippers d. Hedge Hunters

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White dominates field as UWSP claims two titles at Augsburg invite

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

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Men begin quest for 4-peat in the WIAC

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

One year ago, the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team had to replace three starters and all they did was win a third consecutive championship in one of the most difficult conferences in America, the WIAC.

This year, the Pointers return five of their top six scorers from a year ago and four of five starters as they go for an amazing fourth straight league title.

While the WIAC four-peat would be impressive, Head Coach Jack Bennett says that it's not necessarily a team goal this year.

"Every year we put more emphasis on performance and quality goals than we do on, say, a conference championship or NCAA bid," said Bennett. "I think those goals and those objectives take care of themselves if you're tough and defend well and take care of the ball."

A big part of UWSP's success this year will depend on Senior forward Josh Iserloth. Iserloth, a two-time WIAC first team selection, started all 27 games for UWSP last year and averaged nearly 21 points a game. He also set the school record for points in a game with 40, a feat that he accomplished twice.

"Izzy had 31 points in the one scrimmage he has played in many instances as long as he can pass the ball out of double and triple teams which I think he's gonna see sometimes," said Bennett.

Another key component to the Pointer lineup comes in the form of 6'7" sophomore Jason Kalnow. Last year, Kalnow led all freshmen in scoring and rebounding, and was also the only first year player, to receive any post-season accolades by being named WIAC honorable mention.

"Jason Kalnow's great value is what he does with the rest of the players and the way he delivers the ball," said Bennett. "But I think that he's gonna score more this year. We also have guys coming off the bench who can score, so we should have balance."

Junior Neil Krajnik, who led UWSP in assists last season and Nolting shot a startling 54 percent on three's a year ago. Sophomore forward Nick Bennett, who led UWSP in bench scoring last year, will round out the starting five.

Off the bench, Bennett plans to use Sophomore Tamaris Relerford to share the point with Krajnik, and fellow sophomore Eric Maus will bring some size off the bench. University of Wisconsin-Whitewater transfer Kyle Gruszczyh, a 6’6” swingman, and Brian Bauer, a redshirt freshman from Auburndale, will solidify the Pointer bench.

"I think we have some good depth, and you really need depth at the college level, especially with the physical play and the inevitable injuries," said Bennett. "I think that we are gonna be an improved defensive team and my only concern is the ultra quick teams that we will face."

UWSP kicks off their season this Friday when they host the Terry Porter Classic.

Women taking on all challengers after national championship

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

After completing the 2001-02 basketball season 30-3 and capturing the Division III National Championship, coach Shirley Egner and the women Pointers enter the upcoming season knowing that every opponent they play will be gunning for them.

"As defending champs, we expect every team's best effort. Teams will measure their success on how they do against us," said coach Egner. "For so long we've been fortunate to be the hunted, but now we're the hunter."

The Pointers, who lost three four-year starters from last years national championship squad, Kari Groulhek, Carrey Boehning and Annie Schultz, realize this is a new year and a different team.

"We have a whole new team now," said Egner. "Our biggest loss with those kids is their leadership."

This year, the Pointers also appear to be smaller, as Groushek, Boehning and Shultz were all six feet tall, but still stress the importance of having an inside game.

"We are quicker as a whole this year. We will try to stretch the floor and press a bit more, but we will still try to establish an inside game," said Egner.

Leading the quicker, more up-tempo Pointers will be returning starters Andrea Kraemer and Tara Schmitt.

Kraemer, a junior from Waushara, did a little of everything for the Pointers last year, scoring 10.5 points and grabbing 5.1 rebounds per game, and leading the WIAC in assists with 4.5 per contest.

"She has to learn how to score being a marked person," said Egner. "She is our floor leader. Our point guard position. "She is our floor leader. Our point guard position."

Schmitt, who just joined the team Monday after finishing her season as a starter on the soccer team, is the spark plug for the Pointers at her point guard position.

"She is our floor leader. Our defense starts with her," said Egner.

The Pointers are not entirely without height this year however. 5'11" Junior Cassandra Heuer and 5'10" Sophomore Amanda Nychuta both step into the starting lineup and provide height at the forward positions. Heuer averaged 9.6 points per game last season and Nychuta scored 8.8, both coming off the bench.
SPORTS

Tommys too tough for Pointers in regional

By Dan Mirman
Sports Editor

A story book season ended a few chapters early when the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team won against Loras College on Saturday, but then fell to St. Thomas 3-0 in a regional final match-up on Sunday.

Saturday, the Pointers, who scored two or more goals in all but two games this year, were shut out for the first time in 30 matches. "We were flat, and it hasn't happened all year, obviously, we had it lost all year long," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "It came at a time you didn't want it to happen. But you just have to realize that we lost as a team and St. Thomas just outplayed us that day."

St. Thomas took a 1-0 advantage a little over 19 minutes in when MIAC player of the year Tessie Thompson slipped a shot by goalkeeper Kortney Krill. The Tommies added two goals later in the second half to secure the upset. "It has happened to us frequently and we have always been able to respond," said Miech. "But chances are when you roll the dice it's not always going to come up your number."

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In the second, Senior Molly Cady put home a penalty kick after Porter had netted her second of the game to stake Point to a 3-1 halftime lead. Sunday's loss also marked the end of four great Pointer careers as Macy Mory, Andrea Spiel, Cady and Porter all played their swan song. Those four leave with a career mark of 75-12-2.

"It's toughest for the seniors because they wanted it so bad; they started as sophomores and have been playing since freshmen and they're a special group of people," said Miech. "We had one off game out of 23 games and that's pretty incredible and that's how I want us to be remembered."

Pointers put Blugolds on ice

By Emily Teachout
Sports Reporter

Answer: 21. Question: How many individual and team records did the UWSP Women's Hockey team set or tie during the steamrolling of Eau Claire this past weekend? The Pointers extended their conference winning streak to 14 games in convincing fashion, beating UW-Eau Claire 11-2 and 8-0, last Friday and Saturday nights respectively.

It didn't take long for the Pointers to start their barrage on the record books. Actually, that's an understatement. It took Ashley Howe only eleven seconds to put the Pointers on the board. In doing so, Howe set the record for fastest goal to start a game (and a period), and recorded the Pointers' first of a team record five assists on the night. Six other forwards besides Truckey recorded multiple point nights, including Howe (3 goals 1 assist), Jackie Schmitt (2 goals 2 assists), Pam Stohr (2 goals 1 assist) and Ann Ninnemann (2 goals 1 assist).

Head Coach Brian Idalski is pleased to see the offense spread amongst the team instead of localized on several players. "We have three lines that can score. On any given night, one of them can step up and lead our team offensively. If you look at the score sheets from the [game,] everyone is contributing."

Saturday saw the same domination by the Pointers. Emily See Women's hockey, page 10
Women's hockey
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Teachout sparked the offense just over three minutes into the first period on what would turn out to be her first of her record tying four goals on the night. By adding an assist to Jackie Schmitt's goal in the third period, she also tied the school record of five points in one game set last year by Schmitt, and coincidentally matched a night before by Truckey and her five assists.

Goaltenders Crystal Randall and Amanda Senn split time in the net to record the shutout for the Pointers stopping all 11 Blugold shots. While the Pointer offense racks up the tallies up front, it should be known that the Pointers pride themselves on their solid defense and have only allowed five goals in six games so far this year.

After facing two of the top teams in the West to open the season, and making defense the priority, the Pointer offense finally managed to get a little room to show what they're capable of. While 11 is a team record for goals scored in a game, it's hard to figure out where to draw the line offensively and still remain respectful of the opposition.

"I never want to run the score up on someone or embarrass them; but we want the team to stay hungry and not get into any bad habits," said Idalski. "There's definitely a fine line between the two. [In games where you're the superior team,] it can be difficult [to remain focused and motivated], but our leadership was excellent this past weekend. The team was very attentive to the little things and played hard every shift."

Blugolds dash pointer playoff hopes

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Any time a team starting 16 freshmen and sophomores goes up against a squad featuring 18 senior players, their chances won't be very good. Although they gave a valiant effort, the young UWSP Pointer football team was unable to put together another dramatic fourth quarter rally, losing their season finale to UW-Eau Claire 21-16 on Saturday at Carson Park in Eau Claire.

"Our kids played a good game," said Head Coach John Miech. "Our team made a couple of mistakes that ended up costing us the game. That's what happens when you have young kids playing against old kids."

After Eau Claire took the early lead in the second quarter, the Pointers cut the lead to 7-3 at halftime on a 32-yard field goal by freshman place kicker Dan Heidmann. The kick was the first by Heidmann this year.

The Blugolds got the ball back after halftime, and looked sure to extend the lead when linebacker Nick Haffele hit Blugold quarterback Nels Fredrickson on an attempted quarterback keeper from one yard out, knocking the ball into the air and into the outstretched arms of senior Dillon Maney, football

"Dillon was our lone senior defensive leader on this team," said Miech. "He made a great play with his athletic ability. You can't replace a kid like that."

Maney's return set up a one-yard touchdown by halfback Jason VanderVelden to give the Pointers a 10- 7 lead . However, the Blugolds added two unanswered touchdowns in the third quarter to push the lead to 21-10 and they didn't look back.

The Pointers struggled defensively all day against the experienced Blugold defensive line with just 161 total yards. Miech reiterated that there were some positives to come out of the year and season, especially with the young players who gained valuable experience. Said Miech, "A lot of young guys played quite a bit this year, and next year they will come back even better."
Let's go Fishing

Late November fishing report

Adam Mella

Well folks, we're at that point of the year where the shallows are freezing up and the fish are taking notice. Deeper inland lakes and the faster water on the rivers are your best bets for getting a line in this week.

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Ice is too slippery
Tyler Raeder
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Every winter, people get injured, tricked and beaten by ice. It is really sad when you think about it, but frozen things in general have been embarrassing the entire animal kingdom since day one.

Now granted, we do utilize the power of ice in numerous ways to our advantage, but we need to realize that those seemingly friendly liquids can turn downright aggressive and frozen at the drop of a hat.

Ice is way too slippery. If you haven't grasped this concept then go on, pick your things and follow the geese down south immediately. I really mean it.

Slippery ice is not to be taken lightly. Every year hundreds of elderly citizens fall and hurt themselves on the treacherous ice.

These poor roots of family trees. When covered in frozen precipitate, steps, walkways, paths and the students' sidewalks (it wouldn't hurt to shovel once in a while, kids) are constantly an obstacle of peril for the average city dweller. Ice infests the windows of houses and cars. It wedges itself so slyly into the ground, making cracks in our public roadways and foundations. It ruins plants, shingles, gutters and power lines. That slippery tration of water just has no respect for us or the world we live in.

Therefore I contend that we shall dump oodles of salt all over the place. I know it may cause rust, but we really must draw a line in the snow and make a few sacrifices now and then.

I also recommend a good pair of galoshes and a good walking stick for the winter. Put chains on your tires and rivet screws into your boots or perhaps invest in a good pair of snowshoes. Whatever it takes to reduce the risk and to liquify this outrageous killer should be done in the name of ice safety.

Take it from me; I've been on the wrong end of an icy encounter, and will do everything in my power to beat ice back, if it means paying a tax on my patience and a lot of luck in order to lure a deer in close enough to take a shot. The deer has a better sporting chance with a bow hunter than with a shotgunner barreling down the animal at 250 yards.

Ice should be enjoyed
Adam Meola
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Ice is a rare gift that should be enjoyed, dear fellows. For only a few months out of our solar year Wisconsin is lucky enough to be graced with the offering of smooth, frozen water from our wonderful mother nature.

Yes, of course, we need to take a few precautions when dealing with ice because it can be dangerous if not respected. However, we can indeed use ice to our advantages for recreation, pleasure and countless other positive methods that overshadow the minute possibility of harmful results.

Remember, pessimism never advanced the thinking of a generation.

As an outdoorsman, I always think of ice fishing first when pondering great ways to enjoy the coldest months. If there were a way to make regular fishing better and more relaxing, the answer would be ice fishing. Nothing can beat sitting on a bucket with good friends, catching fish and having a few shushy beers, especially during those gray, frigid, depressing months of winter.

Ice cubes are far the best things to happen to refreshments since the bendable straw. Ice water, ice swords, icicles, Popsicles, ice cream, iced tea, ice hockey, ice sculpture, Ice-Capades (admit it), ice shanties, ice skates, the gladiator named with ice, walk with smaller steps, drive with courtesy and caution and keep an eye out for potentially dangerous situations.

As long as we all do our part to be aware of the minuscule risk associated with ice, we will have no problem enjoying a safe winter, living in harmony with the glorious ice that permeates this land.

Take it from me, I've been living a better life because of ice since the day I was born and will gladly defend its good name with intelligent debate until next winter appears.

The non-hunter’s take
Bow hunting versus gun hunting: Is there a sporting chance?
Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Thinking about the upcoming gun-hunting season made me realize that I don’t like it that much. Although I think it’s a necessary evil, my heart goes out to those patient bow hunters who know what it means to be in the woods and hunt under the natural law of the land.

It’s like this: the bow and arrow were constructed out of necessity for sustenance and life. The gun was manufactured for war, for immediate killing, requiring little to no skill.

When a hunter enters the woods in search for a deer, he or she enters the realm of the natural world, ruled by natural laws that he or she must abide by. With bow and arrows in tow, a hunter becomes the deer’s equal; he or she must use skill and ingenuity to hunt the animal.

Gun hunters bring a man-made technological advantage to the woods. Their skill is to be quiet long enough to scope out a deer 250 yards away, lay the crosshairs over the shoulder area and put a shotgunner barreling down the animal at 250 yards.

On the other hand, a bow hunter needs the skill of patience and a lot of luck in order to lure a deer in close enough to take a shot. The deer has a better chance at running away from the bow hunter.

Also, I think the gun hunter would have to spend less time out in the woods during the pre-season to scope out the best location for deer. There’s no need to search for scrapes and bedding areas because all a gun hunter needs to do is wait for the first deer to appear. With a high-powered scope and maybe a pair of binoculars, the gun hunter can stalk an animal and kill it before the deer can even smell him or her.

So, gun hunters aren’t all bad. I know it takes some skill to shoot a gun straight, and it takes a lot of perseverance to dress up in an all-blaize-orange snowsuit at 4 a.m. Regardless, I just have to argue that the deer has a better sporting chance with a bow hunter than with a shotgunner barreling down the animal at 250 yards.
Cell phones are going to bring about the apocalypse.

By Josh Goller

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

They occupy numerous kiosks at nearly every American shopping mall. They erupt into a frantic tone when the slightest of sounds -- a whisper in a room, a scraping of a chair -- signals their presence. They are the new telegraphs of the day -- like electric wires, they percolate and propagate throughout the entire social infrastructure of the planet.

But that is not the only way to view a cell phone. Another, more sinister way to look at it is this: the drenched cell phone is one day going to take over the world, eventually leading to the apocalyptic scenario of the ultimate battle between good and evil.

I hadn't really noticed this clandestine plot of world domination until I recently saw a cell-phone commercial where a pair of giant hands on it) wakes up, washes the stink off you. You might have to take multiple showers to get through the viewing of this film.

MST3K. If you don't, you may not live to see the end.
**tonja steele**

Well folks, we were gonna have a really, really good joke today, but it seemsワンナ rider has stolen it.

"Allegedly" stolen.

**jackie's fridge**

I wanna soak up some souls.

I wanna upset my books and poop a lot.

EHH... I DON'T HAVE IT DONE BUT MAYBE YA THINK I GOT A HAT?

I'm not mocking Sheryl Crow... wait, yes I am... *sigh*

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by BJ Hiorns & Joey Hetzel

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