UWSP students give thoughts on talk of war

By Scott Cattelino
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

War and peace. One can't exist without the other. Yet no one ever wants to be at war. And still again we find our nation faced with this potentially deadly dilemma. Although opinions may vary, many UWSP students are demonstrating a variety of views and concerns that many fellow Americans share.

On Monday evening President Bush outlined his case against Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi regime in a speech presented to the American public. Bush claimed that the threat Iraq poses is a direct result of "the Iraqi regime's history of aggression and its drive toward an arsenal of terror." The president cited several cases in which Iraq had violated many of the agreements reached at the end of the Persian Gulf War.

Eleven years later we once again must decide how to resolve this danger. The United States Congress will meet later this week to discuss and vote on the matter. President Bush has asked them to authorize the use of American military force and to enforce U.N. Security Council demands.

"By our resolve, we will give strength to others. By our courage, we will give hope to others. By our actions, we will secure the peace and lead the world to a better day." Must this "better day" come at the expense of thousands of lives and billions of dollars? Can we have peace without first experiencing the horrors of war? How can we confront this recurring threat in the best way possible? These are just a few of the questions that UWSP students are asking.

"Saddam Hussein is a tyrant who needs to be dealt with," claims Matt Tennessen, a senior political science and public administrations major. "I'm not sure that giving the President full war power is the best way to deal with the situation. However, actions need to be taken whether or not the U.N. has enough courage to confront the situation in a proactive form to save us from another Sept. 11." Some students agree with the president whole-heartedly and took a strong patriotic stance. Daniel McCormick, a math major and military science minor had a slightly different take on the situation. "I agree with the president 100%. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion on the issue, which is fine with me, but as far as I'm concerned, I'm behind President Bush all the way."

Other students found the President's methods and attitude toward the matter to be a bit weak and unorthodox. "I think that his attempt at involving the United Nations is feeble at best. He seems to be contradicting himself by saying he didn't want to get involved in other countries affairs when he was elected, and yet we are so quick to set up government in Iraq," said Jack Kelly, a senior communications major. "I think we need to start looking at who our enemies are and who our allies are instead of where our oil comes from."

Bob Heiar, a veteran of the Kosovo peacekeeping, four-year corporal in the Marines, and a sophomore recreation major shared another view on the issue. "I believe that Bush has not made his case to the public sufficiently. If you don't have the support of the people you're not going to win the war. Before any military action is taken he needs to gain the public support."
Blood drive at UWSP saves lives

By Melissa Berwick

Once again the UWSP Blood Drive has come and gone. Tuesday and Wednesday, many volunteers and donors gathered in the UC’s Laird room to support the American Red Cross. This semester’s goal was 150 pints of blood, and 158 were successfully gathered, with 39 deferrals and incompleted donations.

The view from the Laird Room during the blood drive.

The Association for Community Task (ACT) was very impressed to see the large amounts of people who gave blood to help save a life and would like to give special thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to help the drive run so smoothly. Also, thanks should be given to the organizations that helped prepare this event, as well as the local businesses that made donations for it. ACT especially wants to thank all those who came in to donate their own blood!

ACT would like to remind those interested in volunteering about a couple of upcoming opportunities. First, the Portage Co. Groundwater Guardians will need 5th-7th grade classrooms through ground water lessons. This starts during the end of October and goes through the first two weeks of December. Also, the Make a Difference Day Rake-A-Thon is coming up on October 26th at 8 a.m. For more info or to sign up, contact mcnit372@uwsp.edu.

Wisconsin students win major free speech victory

In a major freedom of speech ruling today, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld student control over segregated fees for the support of essential student services and a "free and open exchange of ideas." Complementing the student-developed rules and regulations governing the allocation of student fees, the court ruled that the Associated Students of Madison's (ASM) funding procedures were extremely specific and detailed, exceeding the court’s expectations.

"The student fee process must be controlled by students," the court affirmed today. "Wisconsin's student leaders' dedication to refining the fee process and defending free speech has been rewarded," said Jeff Perl, President of the United Council of UW Students.

In 1996, UW-Madison student Scott Southworth sued the Board of Regents, alleging it is unconstitutional to use a student's segregated fees to fund groups that they ideologically oppose. In 2000, the US Supreme Court ruled unanimously that ASM's funding system was legal as long as it was viewpoint neutral—a stipulation both parties had agreed upon. In 2001, Southworth retracted his viewpoint neutrality stipulation, alleging the ASM funding system failed to meet the Supreme Court's criteria.

Today, the Seventh Circuit handed down a 3-0 ruling, which overturned most of a lower court ruling, but upheld two portions, including a section banning the consideration of an organization’s longevity and previous funding levels in funding decisions. ASM Finance Chair, Rob Welygan said, "Although an organization has never been denied funding based on this criterion, ASM appreciates the court's recognition of the viewpoint as a viable and protected idea, and we will continue to dedicate the funds to the colleges and we will continue to dedicate the funds to the university’s mission to the point neutral."

"Today's ruling reaffirmed the unanimous opinion of the US Supreme Court that student fees, distributed on a viewpoint neutral basis constitute a viable and important aspect of a public higher education," said ASM Chair Bryan Gadov. "Moreover, the court recognized the hard work and dedication by the Associated Students of Madison. The ruling applauded the checks and balances inherent to the student-developed funding process, which guarantees numerous systems of appeal to prevent bias from tainting funding decisions."

"The ruling recognizes that it is not only legal to fund political or ideological groups, but moreover is it illegal to deny them funding on that basis," stated Faith Kurytka, member of the Student Services Finance Committee at UW-Madison. "The ruling holds student governments to the same standards as city and local governments, and acknowledges that ASM has met and exceeded these standards."

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The court also temporarily prohibited the use of student fees for funding travel grants until the university can provide adequate safeguards guaranteeing viewpoint neutral distribution. Rules and procedures on travel grant distribution, which are as rigorous as those previously applied by the court, were enacted in December 2000, but were unavailable prior to the filing of the case in the spring of 2000.

This ruling sets a national precedent, reaffirming that the university is a marketplace for all viewpoints and ideas, and clearly demonstrates that the ASM funding system distributes fees fairly and legally," said Perl. "This is a tremendous victory for students and we will continue to dedicate ourselves to preserving the power of student governance and advocacy."

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support of the U.N. and take on Saddam not as a single nation but as a coalition."

Erin Yudhicz, a senior communication major, brought yet another approach to student understanding. "I don't see any need for a resolution that gives the president total control over the situation," she stated. "To imply that opposing this resolution is unpatriotic is insulting. If military action is required there is no reason why it shouldn't go to congress for approval."

War, what is it good for? That is the question that almost every American is asking. With that question come others. Not all of them can be answered, but by the sharing of opinions and discussing the views of others we can try to come to a suitable resolution and a better understanding.
SGA joins in statewide campaign to get out the vote

By Elizabeth Nelson
News Reporter

The UWSP Student Government Association (SGA) is joining with student governments across the state to "Get Out The Vote". SGA will be focusing on the election this November for Governor of Wisconsin, which will take place on November 5. Students to the polls by educating them on the candidates so that they feel prepared to make a decision," said Betsy Nelson, Communication Director for SGA.

Phase one of SGA's plan to get out the vote is to register as many students as possible. To do this, Matt Tennessen, Legislative Affairs Director for SGA, has set up booths in various locations across campus where deputized SGA members can register students to vote. Next week, students can register in the CPS from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, and Wednesday, Oct. 16. If students cannot make it to the booth during these times, they can register in the SGA office (Room 026 lower level UC) any time between now and Oct. 16. Students may also register at the polls the day of the election.

SGA has asked the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) to help them with phase two of the "Get Out The Vote" campaign, which is to actually get students to the polls. PRSSA will be working to come up with ideas and promotional materials to help SGA. PRSSA will complement the SGA strategy to educate students by creating fact sheets that will state the candidates' positions on certain issues, and answer questions relevant to students at UWSP. PRSSA will also be planning events during which students can educate themselves on candidate platforms.

SGA senator Casey Davis said, "it's every student's right and responsibility to vote, so get out and make your contribution to our community."

For more information about the "Get Out The Vote" campaign, or about how to register to vote, contact the Student Government Association at 346-4592, or stop down to room 026 of the lower level UC.
Letters & Opinion

Whatever...the world according to Steve

Beatings and snipers and nukes, oh my... Seriously, should I be shakin’ in my boots?

By Steve Seamandell

Editor In Chief

Perhaps one of the world’s most famous clichés was coined on January 13, 1964 when Bob Dylan released, “The Times They Are A-Changin’.” I always find myself saying this, but in the last few months it seems that this is more true now than it ever has been in my lifetime.

Of course, the times have been a-changin’ since way before I was ever around. I even recollect events that my parents were concerned about, i.e. the Viet Nam war. It’s just that this is more true now than it ever has been in my lifetime.

For the first time in my life, I’m substantially scared of the world I’m heading. Where is it heading, you ask? Well, not directly to hell, in my opinion, but probably somewhere within a couple hundred miles, or feet if you’re super-cynical, of the current home of that old reliable Lucifer.

We’ve all heard about the juveniles from Milwaukee (my hometown, of all places) who savagely beat and killed a man. And just this week, I’ve been hearing in the news stories about “The Beltway Sniper,” who’s picked off at least eight, possibly nine people and another was “inconclusively dismissed as a suicide.”

Former businesses are being turned into “The Beltway Sniper”’s hideouts. Where is this heading, you ask? Well, not directly to hell, in my opinion, but probably somewhere within a couple hundred miles, or feet if you’re super-cynical, of the current home of that old reliable Lucifer who calls home.

кции of kids beating adults to death with baseball bats, rake handles, baby strollers, and other commercial products is an attack ad serving to “kindle a twist of irony that the two parties that have such animosity toward each other are able to team up successfully when a third party comes to the scene. Everyone knows that Iraq possesses chemical and biological weapons and is currently pursuing materials to construct nuclear weapons as well. However, it seems as if Hussein is dangling these facts in front of our faces, much like I’d dangle a string in front of my cat’s face, taunting it, trying to get it to swat. The second the United States swats Iraq’s strong, all hell could break loose. Saddam could utilize his crazy weapons and really cause a ruckus in the world, or, he could sit on them and let the United States strike, creating a sympathetic, “poor Iraq, the United States is obliterating them for no reason,” feeling throughout the world, which is exactly what the United States does not need right now.

Old advice rings true for general elections

We are reminded every day when we look at the dollar bills in our wallets that Mr. George Washington’s first president, is a prominent figure in our nation’s history.

Washington offered advice today that we are seeing the consequences of not following his Farewell Address, where he warned against the danger of party and faction. He believed in the virtues of a nonpartisan government, in which patriotic citizens of different views would be willing to serve together. Referring to political factions, he said, “It serves to distract the public councils, and enfeeble the public administration...agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms....kindles the animosity of one against another.”

His foresight is blatant today as I see his warnings come to life in our fall elections where every other commercial is an attack ad serving to “kindle animosity” between the two parties, thereby agitating the community with “ill-founded jealousies and false alarms.”

Unannounced to the media, there are many other candidates running for governor. Jim Young is running for governor for the Green Party, Mike Mangon is running as an independent, as well as a few others. However, the media is willing to make exceptions for those third party candidates who have tavern backing and famous brothers. Still, all of these third party candidates are kept from participating in most televised debates because the main two parties remain in power, influence media bias and legislate the laws that make it virtually impossible for anyone who is not a millionaire to run for office. There is a name for a system like that: Plutocracy.

The State Election Board, which makes many of these rules that hold third parties down, is not surprisingly made up of four Democrats and four Republicans. Why don’t we adopt a proportional representation elections system, which is supported by the Wisconsin Greens and already practiced in Europe?

The reason is because there is one thing that the two parties in power fear more than each other: different parties and candidates with appealing ideas that give the people the power to oust them out of power. What a swirl of irony that the two parties that have such animosity toward each other are able to team up successfully when a third party comes to the scene. The two party system hurts democracy and hurts us when we are falsely presented with limited options for a better future. Apathy and ignorance are its byproducts. I urge people to do a little research and vote in this coming election. Vote for a candidate that you have hardly ever seen on television or in the newspaper, and remember George Washington. Tell the main two parties that you want a system where people of all different views are willing to serve together.

-Julia Milliren, UWSP, forestry student

Letters readers ought to give feedback

A good newspaper is an irreplaceable asset. When quality journalism is present, the entire community glows with the power of the well-informed.

It is impossible for any newspaper to properly serve its readers if the readers do not tell the news staff what they are doing well and what they are doing poorly. If Pointer readers feel they deserve the best newspaper possible, they ought to demand it.

The Letters & Opinion page is the place to start. Informal feedback is good, too. As young journalists, those students depend on reader input just as they will throughout their careers.

Another dreadful example of reader ambivalence is the weekly absence of corrections. Mistakes are made in the New York Times and in the Pointer, too. Readers who recognize mistakes need to come forward so the record can be set straight.

The next time you can, be sure to give a student journalist feedback on their work and be sure to thank them for committing so much to your lives.

Viva Liberty.

Jeff Decker

UWSP non-grad

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Viva Mexico with UWSP’s Study Abroad program

For ten weeks this past summer, ten students, majoring and minoring in Spanish, had the opportunity to study in Southern Mexico. This beautiful city, Oaxaca (pronounced “wa-ha-ka”), was our home away from home. We were taken to our homes, introduced to our school and explored the city. Oaxaca has many amazing sites to see from the Aztec and Zapotec ancient ruins, to street vendors selling anything and everything under the sun. To street vendors selling anything and everything under the sun.

The culture that many of us fell in love with was colored by everything from dance lessons offered through our school to street vendors selling anything and everything under the sun. If you decide to travel to Oaxaca, you will be bewildered by the many differences between our culture and theirs. In Oaxaca, there are gorgeous mountains surrounding the entire city, very little pollution, many chances of being hit by a bus or car (cars have the right of way in Mexico, which at times can be very scary and dangerous) and hundreds of new types of food to try.

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Of course, being in Mexico, you have the chance of becoming sick from the water and/or food. Water was sold door to door in large truck that honked loudly to announce itself. Becoming sick at least once was just part of the trip for all of us, unfortunately, at one time or another.

Even though we were in Mexico and enjoying everything mentioned above, we did have classes that we attended daily. These classes led to homework, studying, reading, writing papers and taking tests.

The ten students had three classes Monday through Thursday and field trips to surrounding pueblo (small towns around the city compared to our suburbs) on Fridays.

Our hotels were in Oaxaca. Our host families came to the airport to welcome us. The next week was amazing yet overwhelming. If everyone was exactly like you, what would the world be like?

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Overall, the trip from Chicago to Mexico and back was very short indeed.

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Elephant Man tromps its way to Jenkins Theatre

By Andy Bloeser
Assistant Features Editor

The power of illusion to constrain human perception provides the theme for the UW-Stevens Point theatre department's first production of the season.

Written by Bernard Pomerance and directed by theatre and dance department Chairman Kenneth Risch, "The Elephant Man" illustrates the biography of Joseph Merrick, a man disfigured by a rare skin disease who utilized the unique and tragic circumstances of his life to inspire others to overcome their limitations.

Known to the world as "The Elephant Man," Merrick served as a champion of humanism during his lifetime, an ironic twist of fate in light of his distorted physical appearance which cast the illusion of a creature that was less than human.

Portrayed in the play by freshman Adam McAleavey, the character of Merrick serves as a vehicle to illustrate how disfigured the human perspective can become, as Merrick's inner humanness is consistently contrasted with the distorted personal perspectives of other characters.

"The play focuses on judgment and the perception of normalcy, and my character is the catalyst for a lot of self-examination in the play," said McAleavey. The irony of the drama rests with the notion that while outwardly disfigured, Merrick's inner humanness is consistently contrasted with the distorted personal perspectives of other characters.

On a more intimate level by exploring Merrick's sexuality, Long since resigned to sexual isolation and repression, "the Elephant Man" finds himself infatuated with London actress Portrayed in the play by of "the Elephant Man," not through elaborate stage make-up, but through the reactions of supporting characters and McAleavey's use of isolation, or body gestures, to indicate deformity.

Graphic visual images of the real Joseph Merrick, however, are used in one scene to evidence the severity of his condition.

The production opens in the Jenkins Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Center, on Friday Oct. 11, at 8 p.m.

United Campus Ministries closes its doors to UWSP

By Amy Zepnick
Features Editor

Since 1962, United Campus Ministries has reached out to UW-Stevens Point students, stressing Christian values through meals, bible studies and mission trips. However, due to a lack in funds, United Campus Ministries will close its doors at the end of October.

Supported by area churches including St. Paul United Methodist and Peace United, primary funding did not meet budget this year, forcing United Campus Ministries to dissolve.

"This is a national ongoing trend," said Pastor Greg Reist of United Campus Ministries. "The money comes from the regional churches, and the Board for Directors chose to close the program. Funding has been spiraling downward for a while."

According to Reist, United Campus Ministries is considered the most liberal Christian group on campus, making its disappearance hard on students.

"A lot of the students involved in the program are disappointed," he said. "Students feel comfortable here because we do not discriminate. We accept every part of a person's identity. Here, people can feel welcome. It will be difficult for students to find another ministry where they feel this comfortable."

Faculty members working for United Campus Ministries came from supporting churches and will migrate back to their respective congregations after United Campus Ministries closes.

Reist is seeking another ministry position.

thought for the Week

If at first you don't succeed, find out if the loser gets anything.

- Bill Lyon
Features

Stress less: a guide to avoiding burnout

By Amy Zepnick

You have more than enough "to-do's" on your list while running out of money and only having one Ramen package for the next week and, hey, isn't the rent due tomorrow?

Let's face it. Handling stress deserves a spot on your resume. But what constitutes harmful stress, and what can you do about it?

Harmful stress takes its impact on you physically, emotionally and mentally. You may have a headache or loss of energy, become irritable or restless and lack memory or concentration. As your blood pressure goes up, work productivity goes down and nothing seems important.

A recent study from Case Western Reserve University indicates that students who procrastinate in studying for exams, though enjoying brief periods of low stress, tended to have poor health and grades in comparison to students who took on more. For instance, if you are getting less sleep because you are up doing homework or work, make adjustments.

Secondly, to deal with stress, some confront it head-on. Let's leave this for the overachievers. Lastly, some walk into battle with no weapons, get hit a lot and leave wounded.

Stress can develop into a more severe form called "burnout" when you have an inability to cope because too much has been added to your plate. You have over-committed yourself and are now feeling constantly exhausted and drained. This is when the body begins to shut down. During burnout, many victims get sick, which commonly includes mono.

When people are stressed, they do one of three things. First, some people may escape from their problems, or ignore everything. Most of the barflies will tell you they have a test to study for, a paper to write or a presentation to compose.

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Stop procrastination ... tomorrow

By Andy Bloeser

Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow?

With midterms soon approaching, the answer to that question may be to avoid the possibility of turning your life into a veritable hell.

A recent study from Case Western Reserve University indicates that students who procrastinate in studying for exams, though enjoying brief periods of low stress, tended to have poor health and grades in comparison to students who didn't procrastinate.

The act of procrastination has been found to have many roots, ranging from poor study habits to excessively grandiose expectations. A study conducted by counselors at the University of Texas suggested procrastination is often a proximate cause of stress that results from a student becoming overwhelmed by the size and complexity of future task or failing to allot proper time to complete such a task.

Alternatively, procrastination can also result from a student placing perfectionistic expectations on himself or herself, causing anxiety that can potentially delay a student from beginning to study.

Suggestions to overcome procrastination problems include setting priorities, eliminating distractions from the study area, and creating a system of rewards and punishments for progress and failures. Information on improving study habits and information retention skills is currently available at the Counseling Center in Delfzull Hall.

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Your College Survival Guide

Simple Pleasures vs. Stupid Expenses

Pat "Big Bang" Rothfuss
As in "BIGGEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK." SICKO.

Dear Pat,

I’m living on my own this semester (out of the dorms) and it’s not nearly as cheap as I thought it was going to be. I’m trying to live inexpensively, but I’m constantly broke. Do you have any advice on how I can pinch a couple pennies?

Kae

Well Kae, the real secret isn’t pinching pennies. A better plan is to find smart places to spend your money. Inexpensive luxuries. That’s the key.

Actually, it’s only half the key. The other half is avoiding stupid expenses. Let’s start with those, shall we?

STUPID EXPENSE #1: CAR

The biggest, stupidest expense you can have here in Stevens Point is a car. The truth is, you just don’t need it. I know this for a fact because I lived here for nine years without a car, and I got along just fine. I live here right now without a car. I just walk everywhere.

"Walk?!?" I hear you whine, "But what about when I need to go to the store or rent a video?"

Hmmm, that’s a tough one. How about this? Walk your pale, bloated, Midwestern ass over to County Market. Then, on your way back, stop off at Family Video. I’ll admit there are a few times when I need a car. When that happens, I borrow a friend’s. In return I pay for a full tank of gas.

STUPID EXPENSE #2: CELL PHONE

You think it’s high-tech, but the reception sucks. You think the “free” phone is a good deal, but it isn’t free, and it isn’t a good deal, and it gives you brain cancer. You think it will help you to get important messages right away, but nothing in your life is so important that it can’t wait for an hour or two. Trust me, you’re not going to miss a huge business deal on your way to Piggly Wiggly to buy Funyons.

STUPID EXPENSE #3: GIRLFRIEND

Guys, you know what I’m talking about, right? Ok. ’nuf said.

INEXPENSIVE LUXURY #1: QUALITY TOILET PAPER

I usually buy cheap toilet paper. I mean, why shell out extra cash for something that’s going down the toilet, right?

Wrong. Recently I bought some ultra-fine stuff. Charmin double roll – quilted, for my pleasure. It cost, like, 50¢ more than the cheap stuff. But it is pure luxury. It’s like rubbing my butt with a fluffy cloud, or some very soft, friendly, magically lubricated sheep.

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Cross Country teams run well at Platteville

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

While thousands of alumni and current students guzzled beers, watched football and celebrated UWSP’s homecoming Saturday, some other UWSP students took care of other business. With most of the students busy partying back home in Stevens Point, the men’s and women’s cross country teams ran their hearts out in Platteville on a very soggy course.

With Saturday being a rest day for both teams’ more experienced runners, the younger Pointers used the opportunity to turn in very solid performances of their own.

The women placed fourth out of six teams, beat­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
Top two region teams collide in classic battle

2nd ranked UWSP ties 15th ranked Wheaton 2-2
By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The two top-ranked teams in the Midwest region met Tuesday at the Point Soccer Bowl in a match that lived up to all the hype. The UW-Stevens Point women’s soccer team (9-0-2, 5-0) tied the Wheaton College Thunder 2-2 in a classic battle.

"It was just two great teams battling it out and it was fun," said UWSP Head Coach Sheila Miech. "It was a great game for the audience to watch, a great game for our players to play in and both teams learned a lot."

UWSP came into the match ranked 2nd in the nation, with the Thunder not far behind at 15th. The two teams met twice last year with Wheaton winning both match-ups, including a playoff contest that moved them to the final four. In fact, those were the only two losses for UWSP last year, and Miech admitted that there was a little revenge factor.

"Our only losses last year were to Wheaton twice and obviously you don’t want to lose to them. It was a goal; this was the only team to beat us, so we wanted to go after them."

Wheaton took an early advantage when 3-time All-American Rebecca Mowgott scored in front of the net and scored off a pass from Jenny Binger. UWSP then responded midway through the first half when leading scorer Kelly Fink received a pass from Emma-Klara Porter and then got behind the defense to knock in the equalizer.

The score stayed that way until Wheaton’s Jessica Olsen used some nice moves and put a shot past goalkeeper Kortney Krill to move back in front. UWSP then found the same combination as during the first half, as Porter once again found a streaking Fink who scored the match’s final goal.

Both teams had some opportunities in the final minutes and overtime, but neither team was able to notch a game-winner.

"A tie is fine with me. You know we have not lost a game," said Miech. "Also, we came back twice. It seems like whenever we really need a goal this team turns it on and we have done that all year round."

UWSP will now have a week off and then will return to conference action Tuesday when they host UW-Stout at 4 p.m.

SPORTS

Third time is no charm for Pointers
Young defense eaten up by veteran
La Crosse offense
By Craig Mandl
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point football team disguised their green, relatively inexperienced defense secondary so well earlier this season that the young unit was generally considered an afterthought heading into this past weekend’s homecoming game against the UW-La Crosse Eagles.

A strong pass rush and a zone defense had taken pressure off of a secondary that featured two first-year starters: one was a true freshman, and the other a sophomore, and the other a true freshman. For us how young we are," said Head Coach John Miech. "We have some things we need to work on."

The Eagles (2-2) showed right away that they didn’t need any work, as they put together four scoring drives of 11 plays or more, vaulting out to a 24-13 halftime advantage.

The Eagles took the opening kickoff 56 yards in 14 plays and scored on a 3-yard field goal by Bryan Morris for a 3-0 lead. On the ensuing kickoff, La Crosse made the mistake of kicking right to wickedly fast sopho­more Cory Flisakowski, who broke two tackles early on, then streaked up the sideline 99 yards for a touchdown, tying a school record for longest kickoff return.

On the Pointers’ next possession, Eagle lineman Robert Letzer returned an errant Scott Krause screen pass 46 yards for a score to put the Eagles ahead 10-7.

The teams then traded scores, as the Eagle halfback Ross Moline added a three-yard touchdown to cap an 11-play, 80­yard drive, while Point wingback Kurt Kielblock scored on a 13-yard touchdown to pull the Pointers to within four points.

However, the Eagles swooped down on the Pointers one more time with an 11-play, 73-yard drive that culminated in a Matt Makaryk/Matt Rizzo touchdown strike with just 22 seconds left in the half. The craft senior Rizzo finished the day with nine catches for 76 yards, while Makaryk was 20-for-30 passing for 238 yards. The Pointers came out of the half with their spirits high and a new focus on their power running game, utilizing fullback Jason VanderVelden and Flisakowski. This led to a six­yard touchdown run by the unable-to-be-denied VanderVelden to cut the lead to 24-19 in the third quarter.

An undaunted La Crosse team again put together a lengthy drive in the final minute of the quarter as Makaryk scrambled 28 yards on a fourth down play to cap an 11-play, 65-yard drive.

The Pointers stayed close as Krause connected with Flisakowski on a 27­yard touchdown to pull the Pointers to within 31-25 with 9:56. But that was as close as the team would get, as UWSP was forced to punt on their next possession and then fumbled a punt and threw a game­ending interception on the last possession.

Special teams continued to be a problem for the Pointers, as freshman Ryan Mullaney missed three of four extra point tries and his only field goal attempt. Said Miech, "We have no one to go to, so we have to stick with [Ryan] for now. He’s gonna have to do the job for us."

Next up, the Pointer travel to UW-Whitewater to face a 2-2 Warhawk team. "We have our backs against the wall," said Miech. "For us to be back in the hunt, we have to beat Whitewater."
The Man's Take:

Sportscentury and Beyond - Stevie Pointer

By Craig Mandl
SPORTS EDITOR

During halftime of this week-end's football game, I had a little time to ponder.

What, you ask? Well, the only excitement I had to look at at halftime was our mascot, the enigmatic Stevie Pointer, so I pondered Stevie, while watching him wrestle with one of his canine friends over a stick (I swear, this was the homecoming halftime show).

Well, I figured that since this marvel of canine ferocity was good enough for a whole halftime show, the student body should get to enjoy some of that, too.

The Man: So, how did you get the halftime entertainment gig for homecoming?

Stevie Pointer: Well, after spending a fortune on the alumni picnic, the school didn't have any money left for halftime. I work very cheap. They just gave me a buscard and a "No Limit" CD to chew on.

TM: You have a sidekick, Stephanie. Where was she during your halftime escapades?

SP: Step's my bitch. She just told me what she's told. She was off getting me a hotdog and a Stroh.

TM: Rumor has it that your halftime playmate may have relieved himself on the La Crosse sideline? Is this true?

SP: Hell yeah. I told him to, man! Pissed right on the head dude's head. Nothing like a little canine urine in your ear to break your concentration.

TM: Now you perform some stunts with the cheerleaders. That's what I like.

SP: Oh, man, that's great! Have you seen them chicks? Hubba, hubba! How's it to Kelly

TM: You really think the cheerleaders here are sexy?

SP: Dude, look at me. I'm a dog. Not exactly a whole lot of hum- nesses knocking down doors for an overweight labrador with a drink- ing problem. Tearing up.

TM: Come on dog, you seem pretty dopy. You have problems with the babies?

SP: Evidently Point gurls don't like the strong, silent type. Although they do like the whole lifting leg thing.

TM: So you ever go trying clubbing?

SP: No, but I'm thinking about it. I hear "Bruisers" is a neat market. Nothing like fresh, prime- meat cut.

TM: But other than that, life is good.

SP: Oh yeah! I have a bitchin job, sweet digs, fly friends. What more could a dog want?

TM: Dignity maybe?

SP: Ehh, it's a hard-knock life, right? holyoke

TM: Uhh, sure.

SP: Hey man, if you're done, I'm heading down to the pound. I have a lounge act there, "Stevie and the Wondermutts."

TM: Never heard of 'em.

SP: Check it out, dude. Tom George plays piano in it. We sing Ozzy covers and John Denver.

Cross Country

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seven of the top 12 finishers. Justin Andrews, Point's top finisher, placed 8th in a time of 28:06. Freeman David Bell finished 38th in 28:47.

On Friday the older runners of the men's team traveled to South Bend, IN to compete against some very good division one competition at the Notre Dame Invitational.

The Pointers stayed together as a team and ran extremely well. They finished 6th in a 22 team field beat- ing such DI teams as Western Michigan, UW-Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, and UW-Green Bay.

Senior Jesse Bauman led the men finishing 12th in a time of 26:01. The rest of the team did a real good job of running as a pack, which has been the goal of coach Rick Witt all season. UWSP's 2nd through 8th runners all finished within 23 seconds of each other proving that they ran together.

Senior Eric Fisher came in at 26:15 in 26th place. Adam Bucholz and Steve Gillespie finished 28th and 29th and Junior James Lavash fin- ished 30th.

The women will compete next Saturday at St. Olaf College, in a Pre-National meet. The men will take this upcoming weekend off before competing at the UW-La Crosse Invitational, October 19th.
Mr. Winter's two cents

Hey folks, back again with the simplest, most useful two cents yet! 'Tis the perfect time to get out for those 'walters, wallys, or walnuts.' That's right, man's second best friend (and the tastiest), the walleye. This week I'd like to tackle the most simple technique for fishing these beauties. Before depth finders or trolling motors, this method always did the job, and still does. Starting off with bait; a live bait rig would serve you right, fitted with a lively minnow, leech or worm, depending on the walleye's preference that day. A six to eight pound test should work well, attached to a spinning reel and a light action rod. I like to throw a few lead weights on the line about ten inches from the jig when fishing in swift current. Toss him in the water and like Ron Popeil says, "Set 'em and forget 'em." However, in this case, don't completely forget your rod, but simply watch carefully for any slight movement, tip ding, or slackening of the line. These tell-tale signs of a walleye's sneaking bite must be detected if you want to cash in on simple fishing schemes. If you suspect a bite is on, let the fish have a little slack to run with, and then slam that hook into the rascal when you feel him tug. Using this classic technique will have you hooking into more walleye, but for now, I've got to take a nap. So until next week kids, "Go on and Geeeeeet!"

--- Mr. Winter

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY
Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of rain.

SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of rain.
Highs steady in the lower 50s.

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LET'S GO FISHING!

Simple pleasures, frog rodeo and a fine evening on a bridge

Adam Mella
Assistant Outdoors Editor

All week long, it's been busy this and busy that. Can't a fellow just have a minute or two to just... reminisce? My plea was answered the other night after two exams and a week that has offered only problems, hectic engagements and a schedule full of work and lacking fun. My roommate came home and offered this tasty morsel out to me: "Smells like they [walleye] are moving up to feed, so I reckon we ought to let 'im have it." Sounded good to me.

We hit the road with some big fathead minnows, a couple of jigging poles and the bluegill screaming. Singing along to the tunes and "preparing" ourselves for a relaxing trip to the pond in other ways, we were flying along behind the trusty Duster. The ponies were roaring, and the head­lights were illuminating pavement at speeds unheard of, with the river at our side. We were heading to the backwaters, towards a little bridge that crosses a modest little stretch of water that was just filled with walleyes. We arrived at the end of a nice ballad by the Osborn Brothers, con­vening another session of the Church of Late-Night Fishing. I smell the fish indeed, and it only takes a second or two to fire up the lanterns, to have a nice fire at our backs, and to toss the lines into the water.

The feed is on.

The Lord works in mysterious ways, it is said, and our church is no different. We have chosen to honor Him, with sacrificed walleye and diligent fishing. The night is spooky, with a fresh rain put into the stream and a warm front moving through. A gentle breeze moves by, and foggy dev­ils attempt to skew our vision from the greater goals. Mysterious, undoubtedly, for even in these peculiar weather patterns we manage to find a few walleyed pike that are interested in a late night snack. A few Red­Dogs later, we notice an odd road sign down the way that appears to be a man holding a gun or elongated tote. We give a holler to the big fella; and go about our

by a feeding demon. Eating one bug after the other, he hops off the can, eats the bug and then back to the can. The dang thing is going so wild it is like watching a frog rodeo (if such a thing ever existed). He didn't seem to mind us watching, and he just kept on eating until he had filled up right. We probably missed a few bites watching the spectacle, but hell, some­times the nature around you is more excit­ing than the fishing.

We managed a few keepers and had a fine time getting our minds of the hustle and bustle and onto the simple things that make life so pleasurable. I may not go to the steeped sanctuary every Sunday, but between God and me, sitting on a bridge with good buddies and enjoying the won­ders of nature that He provides is about all the reflection a busy gentleman like me needs to feel blessed and completely redeemed. So I say to you, vitiated reader, "Let's Go Fishing!"
Lapas chattering in flight give a reason to fight

Rebecca Guenther
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The rainforest truly is a brilliant place, a place full of magic and wonder. Waking up to the call of the howler monkey and the various species of parrots makes a perfect alarm clock, just about the right time for a morning birding trip. The heat and humidity took a while to adjust to, but now that I am back, I seem to be perpetually cold. The insects were vicious and poisonous snakes plentiful. The invigorating feeling of rain in the middle of a hot day felt amazing, and the sound of it on the metal roof made the house seem more comfortable. Life was simple, as simple as it's ever been for me. A few months that were nearly devoid of technology, lights and endless stress. The excitement of seeing a new bird, snake, mammal, plant, reptile or amphibian was the motivation for each day. Finding adequate words to describe three months in the rainforest is a challenging task.

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Friends of the Great Green Macaw of UWSP will present the history, efforts and goals for the organization on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Room of the UC.

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To learn more about the Costa Rican Tropical Ecology Winterim Trip contact International Programs or Nancy Turyk (CNR 216, 346-4155) or Sue Kissinger (CNR 180, 346-4081).

Ag-fest

An organic explosion for your taste buds

Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

This Saturday, Oct. 12, Environmental Educators and Naturalist Association - National Association for Interpreters (EENA-NAI) of UWSP will host Ag-Fest at Pfiffner Park on the Wisconsin River, just past downtown on Highway 10 West.

Ag-Fest is a day long event, intended to create awareness about the environment in the community. The festival is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free organic produce has been donated from local organic farms, including: TAZ farm, Sunnysky farm, Malek farm and Oakridge organic farm. Members of EENA-NAI and other community volunteers will prepare and grill the food.

Various bands are scheduled to entertain the attendants of the event at the bandshell in the park. There will also be a chance for open mic.

EENA-NAI is an organization that educates local children on environmental topics, they also do various environmental projects on campus, as well as in the community.

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To attain enlightenment, one must embrace the nerd within.

By Josh Goller

As I was sitting in my basement bedroom, writing in my personal journal (a big boy’s equivalent to a diary), listening to tunes from popular culture and the integral aspects of being “cool” by rather than buying a belt.

So I’ve fortified the walls of my secluded basement bedroom and established it as my official hermitage where I may meditate on the sacred teachings of the great nerd masters, composed mainly of Dale Lamont Louis, Gilligan Peindexter and “Booger,” taking care to stray away from the Neo-nerdistic teachings of Urkel, which have caused a great rift in the nerdist community, by the way.

Luther’s Blues in Madison. They don’t make it to Wisco much since they hail from the Big Apple, so this show will surely be a treat. Next Sunday, Oct. 13, Derek Trucks Band will play at Luther’s as well.

Also in Wisco this Friday, uhu will play a few sets at Thai Joe’s in Milwaukee, and Wisconsin home-grown boys Del Mar will bring their act to the Keg right here in heady Stevens Point. Big ups to the Keg for booking some of the smaller local talent on the jamband scene, because you’re sure not going to find too many booked anywhere on campus.

Wisconsin’s best kept secret, The Westfall will funk all night long on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Popcorn Tavern in LaCrosse. If you haven’t seen these guys, they’re worth the trip and are getting better show by show.

Drawing heavy influences from the now defunct Greyboy Allstars, The Westfall has been making a name for themselves and just might be Wisco’s claim to fame in the jamband world.

Vulgar

By Josh Goller

It’s a rare thing to find a film with Kevin Smith in the credits that isn’t located in the comedy section at video rental stores. So when I flipped over the box to Vulgar the other night, I was shocked to see that this movie with a trench coat clad, gun totin’ clown on the cover was produced by View Askewn, Smith’s own production company.

Featuring Clerk star Brian O’Halloran as Will Carlson (a.k.a Flappy the Clown), Vulgar starts in similar fashion to every other work that Kevin Smith has a hand in. The film begins with the same subtle, well-articulated humor about daily life lamentations as most of Smith directorial efforts, however director Bryan Johnson soon adds a twisted dimension that carries throughout the rest of the film.

Will’s pathetic life revolves around the joy he receives from working as kid’s party entertainer Flappy the Clown for only a few hundred dollars a month. His infrequent visits to a nursing home to spend time with his invalid mother result in brutal verbal attacks on his character, as his loveless mother declares his life an utter failure. The drifters around his trashed residence sleep in the backseat of his car at night.

His listless life is changed forever when he decides to cash in on his heroic rescue of a young child, an act that lands him his own children’s television show. As his attackers recognize their victim on TV, Will is plunged into a world of terror as his relentless pursuers infiltrate every aspect of his life.

Stars other View Askew regulars such as Ethan Suplee, Jason Mewes (smoochie-boochies) and even Smith himself. Will regards this movie as a passing phase brought on by a few too many compliments, or the delay suppliments or the delayed result of that nasty blow to his head a few years back, but I think I’ll stay committed to my new belief system.

One thing for sure, however, I should really lay off the philosophy classes.

Opening this week

White Oleander
Brown Sugar
Punch-Drunk Love (Ltd.)
Tuck Everlasting
Rules of Attraction
The Transporter

Upcoming DVO Releases
Beauty and the Beast
Forcage (Season 2, Vol. 4)
Scoby Doo
Saturday Night Fever
Grave of the Fireflies

Local Live Music Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 10 @ The Encore
Irene’s Garden

Friday, Oct. 11 @ Clark Place
Pat McCurdy

Saturday, Oct. 12 @ The Mission Coffeehouse
Teague Alexy
w/Medication

@ Witz End
Marques Bovre
and the Evil Twins

Wednesday, Oct. 16 @ The Keg
Self-Proclaimed Nickname

Friday, Oct. 18 @ The Mission Coffeehouse
Ivan Okay
(a.k.a Ivan Klipstein)

@ Witz End
Samoni

Saturday, Oct. 19 @ The Mission Coffeehouse
Alpha Dog
Ditz

@Witz End
Irene’s Garden
What a Spanking

An interview with Wammo and Christina from The Asylum Street Spankers

By Juanis Baetronis

The Asylum Street Spankers are a seven member, totally acoustic vaudevillian musical act hailing from Austin, Texas. On Oct. 2, I had the opportunity to interview two of the members before their miraculous show at Witz End. I conducted this interview with Wammo and Christina Marrs in an unruly manner with poor taste and schizophrenic ranting, so take it with a grain of salt.

What’s the meaning behind the name The Asylum Street Spankers (A.S.S.)?

Wammo: Well, um, my cat. You know those little magnetic poetry things? My cat likes to mess with them on the refrigerator, and he put those three words together and I thought, “Damn, that would make a great band name.”

I always liked the Shrimp Petters as a band name. What influences, if any, have helped the sound of the Spankers?

Christina: Basically any sound influences the Spankers, any style. We started as a kind of country blues jug band thing, but we like to take our influences from everywhere.

Wammo: Insects, logs, carpet.

Is there any specific cause that the A.S.S. are currently fighting for? Kind of like how Michael Jackson fought for monkeys as pets in the mid-90s?

Christina: Well, we’re all pretty pro-marijuana.

What’s your two favorite past times?

Wammo: Drinking and fornicating.

What’s the craziest thing that has ever happened at a show?

Wammo: There was that guy who got struck by lightning. He was naked, dancing around and decided to climb this pole, and the pole got struck by lightning.

Any quotes that you live by?

Wammo: “Don’t pet the black dog.”

I personally like “Life without vices is like mice without mice.” I think Lord Byron wrote that during his clubfoot stage.

What are your three favorite bands?

Wammo: I have to narrow it down to three? Well, the three that are in my CD player right now are The Beatles, AC/DC and Ella Fitzgerald.

Christina: That’s an impossible question.

What is your opinion on the President’s decision to define Canada and especially Saskatchewan as an ‘axis of evil’?

Wammo: Ha, why did he say that? I haven’t heard of this.

Christina: We’re thinking of asking for Amnesty for Canada.

How do you feel about donkey punching?

Wammo: I don’t hit animals. I only kick them.

Have you ever thought of converting the band name to Spanish, so instead of A.S.S., it would be El Asilo Callejero Aztarones?

Wammo: That sounds good. I never thought of that before.

Would you rather be the bolt-gun operator at a meat packing factory or a feeble-minded altar boy at a monastery?

Wammo: Feeble-minded altar boy at a monastery. Have you ever been to a meat packing factory?

Yeah, the bolt gun is the worst.

Wammo: Yeah, the bolt gun is the worst.

Would you rather be bucktoothed with a baby arm, or a leper with Turrets?

Wammo: Is it a baby’s arm holding an apple?

Well, you know, like a baby arm?

Wammo: Falilimean... falilimeaning... I think that question is in poor taste.

I feel that war is for sissies. What’s your opinion on having Don King organize a pay-per view bout in which George W. Bush would go toe-to-toe with Saddam Hussein, preferably in a “GrecoRoman-kick-you-in-the-balls” type of fight, instead of invading Iraq.

Wammo: If war was really for sissies, man, and there was nothing but sissies in war, there wouldn’t be any war. It would be just like one giant cluster-screw. It would be like penises and vaginas of joy and you wouldn’t have to worry about killing each other.

Overall, the Spankers put on the best show I have seen in 23 years. Well, there was that one Mr. Goodbody presentation in the third grade, which was a rather spectacular event. But The Asylum Street Spankers are definitely the best live act to date. The diverse talent of the group was amazing. Whether it was Christina playing on hand saw or the random German hip-hop, it was a show that I probably won’t forget. To check out some music or read reviews about the Asylum Street Spankers, go to their web site at www.asylumstreetspankers.com.

Weekend in Review

A chronicle of live music in Point

By Josh Goller

Calling their brand of music “dance fusion,” the Minneapolis-based band LEVIT8’s show was one that any jam band lover would appreciate. Despite a low turnout, LEVIT8 didn’t hold anything back and created a sound that blew their already-solid studio album out of the water. Bassist Jeff Westervelt gave an outstanding performance while guitarist and lead singer Matthew Levitt’s high frequency guitar licks gave each song character.

The band enlisted the help of King Freud guitarist Ryan Fred for this performance, and the action proved worthwhile as he sang for their cover of “Ziggy Stardust.” LEVIT8 also paid homage to Pink Floyd with a powerful cover of “Have a Cigar.” Other highlights were extended versions of “Clover,” “Nope” and “Music” from their Tazo Jones album along with some intense bass-centric jams that got the crowd bumping.

Grade: A

Split Habit

Friday, Oct. 4

The Mission Coffeehouse

This pop-punk band from Chicago filled The Mission with their Brit-pop-influenced music. The crisp, energetic vocals of lead singer Travis Brown carried the show, as Split Habit produced music similar to peppier Green Day or more aggressive Weezer. The moderately sized crowd seemed to eat up every tune as Split Habit turned out a show that kept everyone on their feet. Despite a fairly short set, the show was another success for these Chi-town pop-punkers.

Grade: B+

Johnny Toymaker

Friday, Oct. 4

The Mission Coffeehouse

With their aggressive punk tunes, Johnny Toymaker may have been a joy to load music fans. However, despite the energetic play of guitarist Juan Avilaos, the band sometimes seemed like little more than controlled noise. The hearty vocals were nearly impossible to hear, something that was really detrimental to the show. But Johnny Toymaker did manage to connect on some of their songs and, all in all, put together an entertaining show.

Grade: C

Natty Nation

Saturday, Oct. 5

Witz End

Easily Wisconsin’s best reggae band, Natty Nation did not disappoint the sizable crowd at Witz End. Members of Reggae Ambassadors Worldwide (# 665), Natty threw down positive vibes that got the room bouncing. Lead singer Demetrius (Jah Boogie) Wainwright’s Marley-esque vocals elevated the roots rock reggae beats to heights that got everyone in the diverse crowd jiving. This show proved that some of the best reggae music can come from somewhere as unlikely as the Midwest.

Grade: A-
**Catball & Clown Girl**

"I don't think I got channel 18,528. My parents are so cheap."

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**StickWorld**

**Jackie's Fridge**

- Why can't you even make a sandwich for emergencies?
- I barely eat, I'm too old to do it myself.

**Tonja Steele**

- Well, that's weird...
- That my dog shirt made it through another wash?

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