Students react to tenure decisions

By Johanna Nelson
NEWS REPORTER

Two separate 2-1 decisions made by UW-Stevens Point political science faculty denied professors Michelle and Bryan Brophy-Baermann tenured positions, stimulating an organized response from supportive students, as plans to appeal the decision enter their initial stages.

The decisions were handed down at a departmental meeting Nov. 19, after a vote involving the department's three tenured staff—profs Dennis Riley, Edward Miller and James Canfield.

Although the department is not at liberty to comment on the details of the situation at present, Professor Riley was able to state that "there were questions raised about scholarship, how much they published, and there were questions raised about teaching...in terms of style - seminars, discussions, and how they were being conducted." Professors Miller and Canfield, who voted against granting tenure to the Brophy-Baermanns, did not wish to comment about their decision.

"Unfortunately any comment would be based upon information from a personnel file which is confidential under Wisconsin law," said Miller. "Information from a personnel file can be made public record but there is a separate process that must be followed based initially on a Wisconsin Supreme Court case and subsequent clarification by the legislature." Professor Canfield also felt that the issue was a personnel matter and explained that "state law prohibits discussion" of the situation.

Professor Riley, who voted in favor of granting tenure, was surprised about the decision but felt that "it is just a difference in professional judgment and professional opinion and I respect the right of my colleagues to have different opinions from myself."

Professor Bryan Brophy-Baermann also expressed surprise. "The process is a complicated one," he said this week. "You think you are piecing everything together the way you've supposed to and other people interpret things differently...so I think because it was more complicated, it led to the outcome that did and that surprised me." Professor Michelle Brophy-Baermann shared his sentiments, stating "I don't feel I can comment on the details of my denial or my request for reconsideration at this time, but suffice it to say, I was surprised and disappointed." See Tenure decision, page 2

Resolution targets parking appeals process

By Andrew Blooser
NEWS EDITOR

A resolution coming before the student senate Thursday seeks to spur a change in the parking appeals process at UW-Stevens Point, aiming to end a practice requiring students to pay citations before their appeals are heard.

The resolution criticizes the current parking appeals process as "an undesired deterrent against seekers of redress" and calls for a revision of the process that would allow fees to be suspended without penalty until after a citation is challenged.

Parking Services voiced opposition to the measure Tuesday, noting that the appeals policy formerly suspended parking fees charged by students until the 1993-94 academic year, when it was determined that students exploited the process to delay the payment of fees.

"Since then we've seen the number of appeals drop from hundreds down to about 10 to 12 a month," said Anita Godin, director of revenue, liability and parking at UWSP. "In the past, because of the number of appeals the appeals board received, it would take months before a citation could be reviewed, giving students a chance to put off paying the fee," said Godin. "Now, the majority of students who receive citations are paying, not appealing."

Frank P. Gaura, executive director for the Student Government Association and author of the resolution coming before the student senate, feels that students may feel compelled not to appeal if they have already paid their parking fee. "People are unlikely to go through the appeals process because it's a burden," said Gaura. "If you just pay it, it's done. However, right now, the current policy is being used as a weapon to deter the appeals process itself."

The results of an online survey conducted through the SGA's question of the week indicated that students have qualms with the current parking appeals process on campus. Although the response to the survey was not great enough to be considered statistically significant, 69 of the 73 responses the SGA received as of Tuesday voiced opposition to the appeals process.

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Source: Parking Procedures and Regulations

Infectious Disease, this year's flu symptoms are getting worse. "This appears to be developing into an earlier and more severe influenza season than we have had for several years," says Dr. James Zach, a Family Practitioner at Deuel Hall.

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Strong influenza strain to strike Midwest soon

By Ben Wydevon
NEWS REPORTER

Influenza is striking earlier and harder this year. Ten states have already reported widespread influenza activity during the week before Thanksgiving and, according to the National Center for Infectious Diseases, this year's flu symptoms are getting worse.

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Symptoms as fever, headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches. It is highly contagious and is generally passed through the air. A person with influenza can have the virus without having any symptoms.

"The best prevention is getting influenza immunizations before the disease gets started in our population," says Dr. Zach. Zach says that Delszell Hall's supply of flu vaccine has run out, but 500 doses of a new vaccine in the form of nasal spray should arrive by early next week. The vaccines are free to UWSP students. For more information on getting the vaccine you can contact Delszell Hall at (715) 346-4454.

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paying parking citations before the appeal. UWSP remains one of two UW System four-year campuses to require the payment of a citation before its challenge. Eleven of the UW System's 13 four-year campuses do not require students to pay parking fees before granting an appeal.

Among those 11 schools is UW-Milwaukee.

"There is a feeling here that everyone should have an opportunity to appeal and that some might not have the ability to pay," said Donna Boxhom, program assistant for UW-Milwaukee's parking services department. "We don't want to put up obstacles."

Boxhom also stated that known abuses to UW-Milwaukee's appeals process, similar to those described by UWSP's parking services, do arise from the university's student body.

Gaura said Wednesday that he understood the concern over student exploitation of the appeal process, but added that parking services could potentially exploit current practices.

"It's an issue of fundamental fairness," said Gaura. "The current policy just wears parking citations are being avoided."

Godin holds a different perspective.

"From my point of view, if you truly believe you have a valid complaint, payment shouldn't be an issue," she said, noting that students have their fees refunded if they successfully challenge their citations.

The student senate will discuss the resolution when it meets Thursday in the Legacy Room of the University Center at 6:20 p.m.

Gaura anticipates the senate will vote on the resolution during its last meeting of the semester, held on December 11.

If the senate approves the resolution, it will be forwarded to the University Affairs Committee for further consideration.

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Tenure Decision

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pointed by the 2 to 1 vote to deny me tenure and promotion."

Student Reaction

Student reaction became immediately evident as the news of the decisions spread.

A student meeting, organized by UWSP students Tyler Roden, Sarah Monte, Justin Gleicher, and Melissa Cichantek attracted nearly 80 concerned students on Tuesday before last week's four-day recess from classes.

The meeting focused on the decision to deny tenure and ways in which students can express this support for the Brophy-Baermanns. Professor Riley accepted an invitation put forth by Roden to serve as an informal advisor for the group, and began the meeting by discussing the significance of tenure in academia.

"If you know your job is on line every time you walk into a classroom and say something some lawyer or legislator might not like, [faculty] can't be effective, can't take their students where they need to go," said Riley.

Although Riley played an instrumental role in the student group's first meeting, the group has remained largely a student run affair and has not been directly influenced by any members of the faculty. Monte summarized the intentions of the student group, stating, "our goals right now are to have people reconsider this decision. We want to mobilize students to get involved in this and voice their support, without making the profs who did vote against feel ostracized."

She believed that focus should be directed toward the positive aspects of both the Brophy-Baermanns and stated, "we believe their teaching is good, and that's what is in question here - their teaching."

Cichantek agreed with Monte, stating, "We think it's really important for the students to have a voice and be able to question the decision."

To keep students involved, Roden mentioned plans to start a student Web site. If the appeals process is drawn out, Roden stated, "we can continue to have meetings and allow students to voice their opinions in person or concern. We're always open to volunteers, too... we need the student body to really want to be involved and to offer any assistance they might feel is necessary."

Professor Riley was pleased with the student response, stating, "for 35 years I've been an advocate for more student involvement for every aspect in the university so I was excited by the student response." Professor Bryan Brophy-Baermann expressed similar sentiments, stating, "I am overwhelmed. I am so heartened by the fact that so many students have felt strongly enough to... we do value their contribution to the school."

Students had no contact with the Brophy-Baermann's and organized on their own accord.

Senate response

Student interest in the issue has also been brought to the attention of the Student Government Association, in the form of a resolution supporting both Brophy-Baermann. In order to gain a spot on the SGA's agenda, however, the legislation needed to be approved by the rules committee.

The issue has been postponed for a week. With only two weeks left in the semester, this poses a problem for advocates of the issue. With the fact that legislation is considered new business one week and not until the second week is it voted on.

"I am very disappointed," Clark, the student senator who sponsored the legislation, commented, "I sponsored it, so I abstained from the vote. It was the decision of the rules committee."

The Process

The appeal process has several stages and begins with a request for a written statement of the reasons(s) for denial.

Professor Riley said that in regards to the Brophy-Baermanns, the request has been filed, and a response should come within 5 to 7 days.

A reconsideration hearing can then be arranged if an appeal is still desired, but must be filed within 10 days of receiving the statement. The department then has 20 days to schedule it. The hearing can be made public; in this case there would be two-one for Bryan and one for Michelle.

The three tenured members will be present at this meeting, along with the department chair, and will listen to opinions concerning why the denial of tenure is the wrong decision. Each candidate will then answer, stating why or not why they choose to change their vote.

At this point, it is unclear whether or not students will be allowed to speak. The university doesn't have a set of procedural rules so the department either creates sets procedures or proceeds without them.

If the vote remains the same, the next step involves the faculty mediation sub committee. This committee is designed to handle hearings, and is part of the larger standing committee of faculty mediation.

The candidates and department must appear, and students are free to voice their views as well. The subcommittee takes all the testimony and then makes a recommendation. It can dismiss the appeal, recommend another meeting, recommend another meeting in which certain factors are excluded, or send it directly to the chancellor.

If the chancellor then chooses an independent committee without any individuals from the Political Science department. Again, this happens only if the committee recommends the case to the chancellor. This is the final step in the process, and as Dr. Riley states, "The chancellor is the final arbiter of tenure."


Lot P
Tuesday, Nov. 25 12:34 p.m.
Type: Vandalism
A male reported that the tires on his vehicle had been flattened while parked in the lot.

Lot E
Sunday, Nov. 23 between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Type: Hit and Run
A female reported that her vehicle was sideswiped while parked in the lot, resulting in damage to the passenger-side front door.

Lot U
Saturday, Nov. 22 5:40 p.m.
Type: Disorderly Conduct
A female student backed into a car belonging to a male student, which had been parked in the lot’s fire zone, adjacent to Tomson Hall.

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Student experiences e-mail account theft

By David Cohen
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A controversial email was sent through the UWSP network on November 21 to approximately 4,000 people.

The e-mail contained strong language against God and included a graphic solicitation for sex.

The email came from the account of UWSP student Lori Bohm. However, Bohm, who is a member of the Campus Crusade for Christ, states that the message was not sent by her, but by an unauthorized person who somehow accessed her account.

"I would like people to know that I was not the person who wrote that email," said Bohm.

"I believe that one reason the content of the email may have been what it was, is that the person read emails that I had in my inbox from and about Campus Crusade for Christ, and other ones dealing with faith, God and my Christianity."

Protective Services contacted Bohm and the campus Postmaster after the email was sent. The offense of sending blanket emails throughout the campus is punishable by having the student's e-mail removed.

Protective Services is currently conducting an investigation as to who may have accessed Bohm's account.

She has also received numerous emails from angered people in response to the email sent in her name. Many were from other campus Christian organizations that are not familiar with her, which resulted in Bohm having to have her email blocked off.

This incident has also raised concerns for some students about the security problems of being a part of a network in which such things can happen.

David Olson, a friend of Bohm's, said, "This year the campus has it so that the computers will lock up if you don't log off so that things like this shouldn't happen. They may have to change it so that it will lock up after a shorter time."

Bohm stated that she didn't know how someone was able to access her account, but that two possibilities have been suggested.

One speculates that a person interrupted the logoff process of the computer she was on after she left, because she failed to wait until the computer had completely logged her off.

Another possibility holds that the logoff process stalled in the middle of logging me off and they were able to get in that way," said Bohm.

Olson has also been outraged by the content of the message that was sent in Bohm's name.

He states, "I know that Lori would never write such disgusting and trashy materials to half the campus at 2-45 in the morning."

He adds, "This is also the biggest insult ever to reach this campus on issues such as religion, sex, and the role of women in society."

Olson also challenges the true author of the email "to step up, and claim responsibility for his actions."

He adds, "This immature person obviously does not exemplify any qualities of true manhood or womanhood, and is desperately in need of counseling of some sort."

The message was removed from all email accounts recently by the Postmaster's office in response to Bohm's claim.

Helm the object of UWSP's other chancellor search

UWSP Chancellor Virginia Helm makes an appearance at the Health Enhancement Center as part of the "Where's Virginia?" contest, designed to generate student awareness of Helm's presence on campus.

Photo courtesy of UWSP News Services
Musings from Mirman

Did you really expect me to go a full semester and leave out the president?

By Dan Mirman
Editor in Chief

The December 1 issue of Time magazine offered an interesting picture on the cover. The picture provided a headshot of none other than the leader of our free nation, Mr. George W. Bush. Only, the picture that appeared had two notable differences from most Bush pictures. This one had a black eye on the right and lipstick on the left side of Bush’s head shot.

The title of the Time article was “The love him, hate him president.” The article then went on to explain how Bush is polarizing America. There are no moderates when it comes to the president’s critics. The left side feels that he has single-handedly brought our country into a tailspin and that his cow­no moderates when it comes to the president’s crit­ics. The left side feels that he has single-handedly brought our country into a tailspin and that his cow­

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Holiday gift giving on a sensible budget

Yes, one can give presents in spite of being a poor college student

By Ali Himte
FEATURES EDITOR

Holiday gift giving is in full swing and you do not need to look hard to recognize that. For me, that time is often characterized by the infamous day after Thanksgiving sales. Every year I battle the crowd in search of the best deals — going aisle to aisle, store to store, all to save a dollar or two. And yet, with the passing of each year, I find myself spending more and more money during the holidays. So, in order to aid myself and others in the turmoil of not having the funds to lavish a little more on those we love, I thought I would offer a few suggestions as to how to give without tapping into the ever-needed college fund.

First, it is important to set a budget, regardless of how many people you need to buy for this holiday season. Spending roughly the same amount on each person will make this process a great deal easier. More importantly, it is one thing to set a budget; it is another to follow it. I strongly encourage sticking to your budget, for I would hate to see what would happen otherwise. For if you forget the budget, at the very least, you will be spending a copious amount of money on gifts for those people that are really not all that significant to you.

Secondly, as far as the college friends are concerned, you can never go wrong in exchanging names. Let's face it, we are all poor. Therefore, we all understand what it is like to live off of Easy Mac and ramen. No one really wants a number of pointless gifts that will, in the end, amount to a plethora of body lotion and picture frames. If you do decide to exchange names, have each person make out a short list of a few items that are reasonably priced that they would like. In this way you avoid getting those ridiculous gifts that you got in elementary school. Who remembers those wonderful lifesaver story books that were ever so popular? I swear, if someone ever buys me another one of those . . .

Well, I would suggest not doing so. Lastly, and perhaps the point that I would like to emphasize the most, is you can never go wrong in giving handmade gifts. Nothing excites me more than a gift that is homemade. The thought put into them truly outweighs the amount of money on gifts that you got in elementary school. Whatever it is you decide to do, be creative. Try to match the gift to the personality of the person you are giving to. I can personally testify to the fact that loved ones (especially parents) are quite impressed when they open a handmade gift from their college son or daughter. To them, it signifies that in spite of the miles apart, and the fact that you are now on your own, you are still their kid at heart.

This holiday season, realize that gift giving is not about the amount of money you spend, or about the number of gifts you receive. The holidays are a time to feel good about giving to others, no matter how you choose to show others you care about them. Have fun, avoid extravagant spending, and most important, be creative. Hopefully you have gained some energy. You never know, the true gift may come in discovering the hidden talents within yourself.

“Dancing to the beat for little feet” for a good cause

Be sure to cut a rug at ACT’s first ever dance marathon

By Amy Helgren
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Dancing to the beat for little feet" is ACT’s slogan for the first-ever Dance Marathon, which is being held to raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network.

The Children’s Miracle Network is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping children by raising funds for 170 children’s hospitals across North America. Millions of children are there 24 hours a day to help children of every age and background to overcome every imaginable disease and injury — from asthma and broken bones to cancer, sickle-cell anemia, pediatric AIDS, muscular dystrophy and other serious injuries.

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In order to dance in the dance marathon, you must raise $50 by getting individuals to sponsor you. This money will in turn pay for the dance, and benefit the Children’s Miracle Network.

The marathon is sponsored by ACT and Y108, and begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 6, and lasts until 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. Registration begins one hour prior to the dance. Meals will be served, a trivia table will be set up and themed hours such as "50's and '60s" hour, "Bad Boy Band" hour will be interspersed throughout the night. Contact Missy Miller at ACT with any questions.

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How to survive the Christmas shopping season

All who shopped on Thanksgiving weekend, we salute you

By Geoff Fylde
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

I doubt there are many times of the year that are more stressful and crazed than the Christmas shopping season. The second Thanksgiving is over, it kicks off. I feel bad for Thanksgiving, Once Halloween is over, do stores pay attention to Thanksgiving? No way, they just segue right into Christmas. Thanksgiving is over. After all, who cares about turkey when there’s shopping to be done?

Those of you who actually shopped the weekend after Thanksgiving deserve a medal. After all, who cares about turkey when there’s shopping to be done.

River Mall, I know how insane it be . Good luck finding a parking space. That’s not to say you won’t face crowds, but at least you won’t have to engage in a real life game of Grand Theft Auto III to get a parking spot.

And don’t forget your lists. You always must know who you need to get presents for and what they want. Some of you may have lucked out and only need to get a couple presents for your significant other or something. Others, like yours truly, have a myriad relatives to shop for. If you don’t have a list, you run the risk of forgetting someone and that can cause for rather testy situations on Christmas Day. Do you want to have your little brother plotting an elaborate demise for you because you forgot to get him the latest Harry Potter merchandise? I think not. Bring the list or risk the wrath of loved ones.

I would also advise avoiding certain shopping areas if you can. Stay out of malls unless you absolutely have to. At the Fox River Mall, I typically do my shopping on the outlying stores, not the actual mall. At those stores, the prices are generally cheaper and there’s actually space to move around and breathe. The mall itself, however, is a veritable death trap.

While you should wait until the middle of December to shop, don’t put it off until the last few days before Christmas, or, God forbid, Christmas Eve itself. If you do that, you’ll have to contend with every other schmuck who decided to put off his or her shopping until the last minute. With luck, the item someone really wants as a present will be out of stock everywhere and you’ll have to go on a race across town to try and find it. The lesson is to not go shopping too early in the season or too late. Pace yourselves.

I also hope that you don’t have to find the latest popular toy (the “It Toy” as I like to call it) for someone. If past crazes like the Cabbage Patch Kids, Tickle-Me Elmo and those damn Furby’s have taught us anything, it’s that people will turn into savage packs of wild animals to get that “special toy.” In order to acquire the toy that will make their Parent, Sibling or Relative of the Universe in some kid’s eyes, some will bite, crawl, trample and riot to get it. If you have a relative or someone else who requests a very popular item, get it now. I mean right now. Don’t be stuck a few days before Christmas feeding off a pack of ravenous parents who are acting like the 28 Days Later zombies in order to get possession of a Pokemon doll.

Yes, the Christmas shopping season is a stressful time. But just remember, with the right planning and strategy, you can pull it off with little stress or noticeable scars. Hey, it’s worth it just to see the faces of your loved ones on Christmas Day when they open their gifts. You’ll make it through the holiday season yet.

Submit to Barney Street

And get your literary work published

By Leigh-Ann Balthazar
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

University Writers will be accepting submissions through Monday, Dec 8 for their 2003 edition of Barney Street.

Barney Street is UWSP’s literary magazine, which includes works of poetry, prose and art. Anyone in the community may submit work, the magazine is compiled, edited and steered through the publishing process exclusively by a small group of UWSP students.

Barney Street, originally titled Portage, was first published in the 1970s. The title was changed in the early 1980s to commemorate the legendary Barney Street, a road that used to run down the center of campus. The College of Letters and Science and the Fine Arts Center now reside in its place, leaving the literary Barney Street the job of bringing together those who write and those who make art.

Last year, the magazine began the process of renovation, beginning first by increasing campus awareness through a massive ad campaign that succeeded in doubling submissions. This year, the group plans to continue spreading the word with posters and SMODA postings, but adds a modern twist.

“We are opening a website accepting submissions by email for the first time. We will be publishing last year’s magazine on the web and offering a first hand look at writing and publishing on the website,” Erica Ringelspaugh, Barney Street president, said.

Students can contact Barney Street at barney@uwsp.edu.

The website will soon be up and running at www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad/uni-writers/barney_street.htm.

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Women garner close win

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's hockey team played only one game in the past two weeks, but made the single game against Augsburg College in Minneapolis count. They skated past the Auggies by 2-0 after opening and again the penalty kill was unable to hold the lead. On the year, the Pointers are allowing a power play goal 22.2% of the time, clearly they still have room for improvement.

Fortunately for UWSP, Pam Stohr scored her second career game-winning goal in the third period at 11:53. The rest was left up to the defense and young goalie Amy Statz. Statz has been solid in her first year, compiling a 4-1-1 record with a 1.82 goals against average in her first six games.

After spending the majority of the early season on the road (five of six games), the Pointers have held the lead and with top notch goaltending from both teams, it became a battle, said Scott.

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Men skaters prepare for conference season

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team is looking for their strong non-conference start to carry over as they open conference play this weekend.

men's hockey

The team had the weekend off for Thanksgiving, but took on the University of St. Thomas in their final game against MIAC teams. Senior goaltender Ryan Scott led the Pointers, stopping 21 of 22 shots.

"The St. Thomas game was a battle of the goaltenders. Both teams were playing their systems great and with top notch goaltending from both teams, it became a battle," said Scott.

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The St. Thomas game gave the Pointers added confidence in their defensive play as they get set to roll into conference games. "Defensively we looked a lot better. STU was really good at moving the puck and we shut them down, for the most part, which say some good things about our defensive zone," remarked Broslama.

This weekend will mark the start of NCHA play for the hockey team. After opening up 6-3-1 in non-conference games, going 5-1-1 against the MIAC teams, the Pointers are pleased with their start.

"Our success in the league will come from hard work and everybody knowing the d-zone and neutral zone systems. The team has been working hard on the ice and off the ice. "This is what led to our success facing MIAC schools this season," said Scott on the beginning of the season.

The Pointers will be on the road at UW-River Falls and UW-Stout this weekend before returning home the following Saturday.

Thunderous takedown

By Joshua Schmidt
SPORTS REPORTER

UWSP sophomore Joel Burdick attempts to pin Lakeland's Nive DeLeon during Tuesday's wrestling meet in the Quadra gymnasium. Burdick won the match 13-1, helping his team take the meet 40-3.

"I don't know that I can really put it into words because I haven't had much time to really sit down and think about everything. I will say though, that when Sheila [Miech] told me, it was a bit surreal because we were still discussing the all-conference selections. I was also very honored to be selected among the nation's top, considering the academic and athletic levels of all the other athletes." A three time Academic All-American selection, Bruce is the first WIAC athlete to receive this honor in any sport. The award winner, selected by the college sports information directors of America, is chosen from a large pool of NAIA, Division II, and Division III athletes.

Bruce, who carries an impressive 3.94 grade point average in sociology, credits her family and friends for her success both on the field and in the classroom.

Swimmers continue success at relays

By Jon Henseler
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's and men's swimming and diving teams continued their success over the Thanksgiving weekend, both placing well at the WIAC Relays.

swimming & diving

The women's team placed second out of six teams and the men's team placed first out of six teams.

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Women's basketball

The Pointers came out of the chute fast and hard and never looked back in an all-around dominating performance. UWSP scored the first eleven points of the game and continued strong, building a 35-9 lead midway through the first half. As if that wasn't enough, Point went on to post a 56-9 lead near the end of the half.

Junior Amanda Nechuta set the tone for the Pointers in the first half, as she scored 18 of her team high 24 points.

When asked about the play of her forward, Head Coach Shirley Egner had nothing but positives, saying, “What can I say about Nechuta? She is a tremendous athlete, she comes ready to play every game. She is so explosive. Last night she had 24 points, six rebounds, two assists, a block, a steal and a turnover in 21 minutes. Now that is a productive night. She is getting better at reading defenses, making free throws and committing fewer fouls.”

The Pointers didn’t let up in the second half, as if a 57-14 halftime lead wasn’t enough, to take an incredible 70-20 lead barely four minutes into the second period. From there the Pointers coasted the rest of the way.

Coach Egner seemed especially impressed with the team’s defense, which contained the Falcons top three scorers and held the team to under 30% shooting for the game.

“Our defense is our best offense. We shut down their top three scorers. Effie was averaging 18.7 and we held her to four points; Olson was averaging 13.3 and we held her to three points; Sickels was averaging 14.0 and we held her to nine points. We were able to score easy baskets in transition, which is what we want to do. Our sets worked well too when they played us man to man. Being able to force 37 turnovers without applying full court pressure says a lot about our half court D. We put on good ball pressure and we get into the gaps.”

Besides Nechuta’s big night, the Pointers had four other players in double figures. Senior Andrea Kraemer added 13 points; junior Amy Scott had 12, while sophomore Cassandra Schultz and freshman Natalie Lechault each chipped in 11. Schultz also distributed the ball well, tallying eight assists on the night.

With the win, the Pointers stay undefeated at 5-0. This Saturday the Pointers travel to Ripon College and on Tuesday head to Menomonie to face conference rival UW-Stout.

Juniors on the Spot

Fun-loving Nechuta ready for spotlight

By Dan Mirman
Editor-In-Chief

How do you begin discussing Amanda Nechuta? The junior forward for the women’s basketball team has accomplished a ridiculous amount athletically during her first two years in school.

On the basketball court she performed a key role in a national title her freshman season. Then last year she took the WIAC conference scoring title as a sophomore. This year she was named a second team pre-season all-American by D3hoops.com.

The hoops accolades are impressive, but Nechuta has also found time for the shot put. She was the WIAC outdoor champion in the shot put her first two years and, and she finished sixth national last season. Nechuta would have been the indoor champion as well, but that season interferes with basketball. However, during a bye her freshman season she qualified for nationals at one meet. She was unable to attend nationals due to her participation in the national title run with the basketball team.

Yes, all these accolades tell you that Nechuta is a superstar. But they don’t reveal her personality as a self-confessed goonball. Gooball is the word Nechuta uses, coach Shirley Egner uses, and teammates and roommates Diane Hawkins uses when describing her style.

“Her favorite saying to me is, ‘Coach it’s all good,’” said Egner. “When they’re scoring early and having a great time and I give them to an incredible night. Nechuta’s always the first to pop up and say it’s all good.”

It’s all good off as Nechuta’s personal mantra. She even owns a t-shirt with that phrase spilled out. It’s all part of a mentality where Nechuta tries not to take herself too seriously. In fact, she’s constantly finding ways to make her teammates laugh.

Hawkins remembers one particular Nechuta line. “One saying that stands out is when sometimes girls on the team miss their friends from back home. Hula will ask ‘Why do you need any other friends?’ She’ll say they have 14 best friends right here on the team, so why do they need anyone else.”

Four years ago it seemed unlikely that Nechuta would even consider Stevens Point. She was getting looks from Division I schools in both basketball and track. But after visiting a few larger schools, she made up her mind to go somewhere a little smaller.

“The summer going into my senior year I was at the AAU stuff and I saw the politics of Division I,” said Nechuta. “I didn’t want to go to a school and have them own me. At Point, I knew a bunch of girls on the team and it seemed like I was going into a program that was similar to my high school. Everyone wanted to get along and it was a family atmosphere. It was kind of comforting coming from a smaller town.”

Nechuta decided to come to UWSP, Coach Egner considered it a major coup for her program. What made Nechuta’s decision even bigger for Egner was that she considered the Mosinee native a lost cause earlier in the year.

“Realistically did I think we had a shot at her? No,” said Egner. “We really thought after her junior year of state track and field that there was no way we would get her. But she came for a campus visit in October and we were just elated when she decided to come to Point.”

This season even greater things are expected for Nechuta, and she has not disappointed. Through the first five games she has topped 20 points three times and was named the MVP of the Pointer tip-off classic.

How good can Nechuta become? In the pre-season press conference, Egner said that she is the best player in the WIAC. Some would see that statement as hyperbolic, but Egner simply sees it as fact.

“Everybody in the league knew who was getting the ball when we needed to score and they still couldn’t stop her. When she’s scoring 16, 20, whatever points a game while she’s double-teamed, she’s the best player in our league.”

All this talk of potential and greatness may make it difficult for some players to try to keep their heads on straight. But staying grounded and loose has never been a problem for Nechuta and with her perspective it’s easy to see why.

“There’s always a lot of things going on, on and off the court. You got school. You got a couple jobs. If I let that bother me it would totally affect my game. So no matter what, it’s all good.”

When you have Nechuta’s talent and sense of humor, there’s little doubt that this season will stay “all good.”
A game of defensive excellence

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Three field goals in 14 attempts, seven points, six rebounds.

men's basketball

Hardly the stat line for an NBA hopeful. But this horrid line is what Eric Maus and the UWSP Pointers held WIAC pre-season Player of the Year Rich Melzer to in Wednesday night's 56-38 Pointer win.

Maus, a junior center, shut down the highly-touted Melzer and limited the senior star to just seven points. Melzer entered the game averaging 29.8 points per game, but had just four first half points and three points in the second half.

"Eric (Maus) did such an excellent job, basically one-on-one, that we didn't have to go to our trap play, which opened up other options," said Head Coach Jack Bennett.

In the battle of pre-season all-star post players, UWSP's Jason Kalsow easily got the better of the matchup, putting in 17 points while grabbing 14 rebounds.

It was Maus, though, who was the most valuable player on this night. The Green Bay native had 10 points while grabbing 5 rebounds, in what Bennett termed as the junior's best performance as a Pointer.

"Eric is such a smart, instinctive player," said Bennett. "He was capable of shutting down probably the most explosive player in the conference."

The Pointer's stingy defense shut down a River Falls offense that entered the game averaging 81.2 points per game, and was favored to win the WIAC coming into the season.

"We've had stretches in other games where we played great defense in the past, but never the whole game like this," said Bennett. "This game was special."

The win improves UWSP to 1-0 in the WIAC and 4-6 overall.

Swimming

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butterfly and a time of 2:39.1 in the individual medley. Also of note was the men finishing in second in the 800 yard freestyle relay, with a combined time of 7:13.17.

The women placed second to UW LaCrosse in every event with the exception of the 300 yard individual medley relay in which they placed third to UW LaCrosse and UW Eau-Claire.

Both the Pointer women's and men's teams will be in action this week when they travel to Wheaton for the Wheaton Invitational on December 5-6.

The Pointers do not return home until January 23-24 for the Get to the Point Invitational.

Runners make school history

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

While many individuals in the state of Wisconsin were in the woods chasing their trophy bucks, the Stevens Point men's and women's cross country teams were chasing history in Hanover, Indiana. At the NCAA Division III championships, both squads placed higher than any other teams at UWSP ever had.

cross country

The men were more of the surprise than the women's team, placing second in the nation behind top-ranked Calvin. The Pointers were ranked fourth going into the weekend behind Calvin, UW-Odoshkosh, and North Central.

Sven Point was able to climb past two of the three teams ranked ahead of them on the very warm November day, but fell short against a Calvin squad that was clicking.

The national champion Calvin had their top five runners all in the top 16 of the 215 in competition of which nine weren't even able to finish the course.

Odoshkosh was the biggest disappointment. The Titans had been ranked among the top teams all season long and fell all the way to ninth.

Familiar faces for the men lead the way for UWSP. Junior Mark LaLonde was the top finisher in 12th overall, eighth among DIll runners, with senior team leader Curt Johnson, hampered by a knee injury, right on his heels in 18th overall and 12th in DIll.

Both LaLonde and Johnson received All-American honors for their performances. Rounding out the field were: Adam Bucholtz (40 overall, 26 DIll), Andy Bednarek (51, 37), James Levash (60, 45), Brad Wick (122, 87) and Jake Krajnik (183, 139). The second place finish eclipsed their prior high of third in 1996.

For the women, they were third in the nation going into the weekend and left Indiana with the third place hardware. Facing the same warm temperatures and rugged course as the men, the women matched the 1981 Pointer team which also finished third at the national meet for the highest in school history. Top ranked Middlebury won the championship finishing ahead of fourth ranked Trinity.

Junior Leah Herlache and sophomore Jemma Mitchler finished 1-2 for UWSP and 19th and 20th respectively among Division III runners. Closely following them to the line was sophomore Teresa Stanley in 27th. The other finishers for Pointer were: Megan Craig 61st, Ashleigh Potuznik 66th, Isabelle Delamany 104th and Kara Vosters 156th.

Both UWSP cross country teams had phenomenal years that ended up not necessarily as ideally as they could have, that being a national championship, but an expected and even exceeded both coach Witt's and Hill's expectations going into the weekend.

Senior on the Spot

NEAL KRAJNICK - BASKETBALL

Career Highlights
- Member of three conference championship teams

Major - Spanish and Communications
Hometown - Manitowoc, Wis.
Nickname - "Belly" or "OMK"

What are your plans after graduation? - To begin the process of becoming a big time Spanish speaking movie critic.

Do you plan on playing basketball after graduation? - I might play a game of horse every now and again.

What is your favorite aspect of basketball? - The different rushes you get-like before tipoff, or when we need to score a basket, etc...

Most embarrassing moment - Once, while I was on my way to check in at the scorer's table, the ref was making a foul call near the bench and basically backhanded me to the floor. I got a bloody nose and a spot back on the bench.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Brett Favé - or maybe Steve Buccemi, that's tough a one.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Jon Spencer Blues Explosion - Plastic Fang

If you could talk to anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? - I would take Brandi from Joe Dirt camping down south.

What will you remember most about playing basketball at UWSP? - Hanging with the guys, and the team.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - Chance favors the prepared mind. -Louis Pasteur & Steven Segal
The view from the Rowdy Crowd

The time has come for the REAL games!

By The Rowdy Crowd
SPORTS CONTRIBUTORS

Welcome back everyone, swallow that turkey you got off yer arse, cause' the real hockey games start now! NCHFA conference games start this weekend with Point playing at fifth-ranked UW-River Falls on Friday and UW-Shout on Saturday. It'll be time to see which teams are for real and who's just a bunch of charlatans. Now here's this week's articles as submitted by Rowdy Crowd member Comerman.

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Passing hunting on to future generations

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

"Take it! Take it!" I whispered, as I crouched behind Kyle, my 13 year old cousin. His iron sighted .223 seemed to shake uncontrollably as a huge doe stood alert no more than 20 yards away. My heart was beating erratically, and I could only imagine what he was feeling. The snow had covered the limbs of the trees, making it difficult to see, but the doe presented a perfect shot.

I waited patiently for his rifle to crack the silence. If he didn't shoot soon the deer would bolt into the snow covered timber. Suddenly, the doe scurried away just as it appeared. "What happened?" I asked. "I couldn't get the safety off," Kyle whispered. "I couldn't help but to smile at his reply. The same experience had happened to me ten years earlier, and ironically it was in the exact same spot.

Although he didn't get to bag his first, deer it was a hunt that he will never forget. It was definitely a learning experience for both of us. The rest of the hunting party assured Kyle that it happens to everyone. On that same morning I had missed a nice eight point at only 150 yards away—or maybe it was 100 yards. Whatever the yardage was, it was a clean miss.

In my first year of hunting I harvested a button buck. The following year I harvested a fine four pointer. It took at least five misses to get one, but I eventually got the hang of it. My first buck is still notched firmly on my wall—hunters never forget their first deer.

Since those days I have begun to let the smaller bucks go. This year I passed on four smaller bucks opening day. This not only ensures the quality of deer for the next year, but it also gives me the opportunity to glass a few of the cornrows that were located around my uncle's property. As I snuck quietly around the perimeter of the cornfield, I spotted a large chump of brown near the center of the cornfield. A closer look revealed that it was a nice six pointer. This would be the perfect opportunity for one of my cousins to get their first buck.

Dusk was beginning to take over the day, so I knew I had to act quickly. As luck would have it, my uncle. Del and his son Tyler were coming out to hunt for the evening. Tyler was eager to take a buck with his gun. The only thing he had to do was make the shot count.

However, the situation was not going to be easy. The buck was bedded more than 100 yards away and only the head and neck of the deer were visible. As the father and son team chambered rounds of ammo, I promptly carved a shooting stick to steady Tyler's gun. Together we near­ly crawled to where the buck was bedded and prepared for the next step. My uncle's face seemed to show a nervous excitement, and mine was no different. Tyler, on the other hand, was as cool as the freshly fallen snow.

The wind was perfect as Tyler steadied his gun. Del calmly whispered where to shoot and Tyler let the bullet fly. At that instant the buck seemed to disappear into the cornfield. For a minute it appeared that the buck had fled the cornfield. Del traversed the corn to see where the buck went, while Tyler and I waited for the buck to move. Thankfully the buck hadn't moved an inch; Tyler made a perfect shot.

Overall, it was a successful hunting season for most of my hunting party. It was a great year for all of the young hunters, regardless if they shot anything or not. Everyone has come home with a memory that will stick with them forever. Participating with the younger generation as they continue the tradition of hunting is always a worthwhile endeavor.

Wild matters
Hunting a ghost in my mind: Year one.

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The great state of Wisconsin has a special place in my heart. While I have spent the majority of the past 22 years fishing Wisconsin's waters, I decided to change gears and spend the Thanksgiving week (Deer Hunting Season) in the Nicolet Forest searching for whitetail deer with a bolt-action rifle. Most folks prefer to hunt private land that is plentiful in game and lacking in FIBs, drunken lunatics and poor people. The aforementioned unfort­unate souls, myself included, have the pleasure of exploring Wisconsin's vast public lands in search of a soli­tude that never comes. During deer hunting sea­son, the public lands of Wisconsin get worked like a Billy Joel CD on the Friendly Bar jukebox. Owch-chaa-chaa!

So being a landless peasant, I traveled up north on Friday night with my buddy and his dad to the realms of the Nicolet Forest. After getting to know the guys at deer camp over a few hands of sheepline and some root sodas, I hit the hay around five a.m. Not surprisingly, I wasn't in my blind come sunrise. Around ten I finally dragged my ass out to the woods where I sat in the snow, waited and looked for a ghost in the swaying trees.

Day two held more promise. We beat the sun out of bed on Sunday and snuck out to a new blind in the pines. There I sat, eating Pop Tarts, waiting and freezing my ass off in the rain. The warm chili and the folks up there made it worth all the sitting and waiting. The ghost had passed me by. I managed to go a full week without spotting one live deer.

On the ride home, I narrowly missed five deer with my Maza.

My first year of deer hunting was a failure in hunting deer, but in every other aspect, it was a suc­cess. Deer camp was everything I had hoped for. The deer were so easy, it was almost too easy. The deer season went by so fast that it seemed to fly. The deer season went by so fast that it seemed to fly. The deer season went by so fast that it seemed to fly. The deer season went by so fast that it seemed to fly. The deer season went by so fast that it seemed to fly. The deer season went by so fast that it seemed to fly.
DNR calls ‘03 gun season a success

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“Can’t feel my left ear” Venison Chili

Ingredients:
- 2.5 lbs. venison
- 1/2 cup tabasco
- 3 cups noodles
- 1 diced onion
- Assload of cheese
- 1 T. garlic
- 1.5 cups habaneros
- 1 T. salt, pepper
- 1 cup jalepenos
- 2 large cans of chunky tomatoes
- 1 large can tomato paste

Instructions:
- This is a good winter recipe for those who love spicy stews to keep warm and full.
- Simply brown the venison in a skillet over some butter.
- Add to crockpot on high, along with other ingredients. Let heat for 45 min.
- Prepare noodles on side. Add cheese, noodles and serve with cold refreshments.
- Left ear should tingle within 15 min. of consumption if made correctly.
By Geoff Frye
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

There's no doubt that the record of former Saturday Night Live star making the transition to the big screen is a spoty one. For every Bill Murray, there are at least five Joe Piscopo's. But Will Farrell, perhaps the most talented SNL cast member of the last decade (you don't believe me, look at how the show has dropped off since he left), is succeeding with aplomb.

After stealing the show in Old School, he scores once again with Elf, a funny and touching film that has the potential to become a Christmas classic.

Elf begins with Santa (I'd Ansin) accidentally bringing something back to the North Pole following one Christmas -- a baby who crawled into his toy tack. Adopted by Papa Elf (Bob Newhart), employing his trademark nervous Nellie tics), "Buddy" (Farrell) grows up believing he's an elf, never wondering why he's twice the size of the other elves and is the only bartender in the elf church. Finally, Papa and Santa reveal the dark truth to the obvious Buddy. Not only is he human, but his father Walter (James Caan), a workaholic book publisher who neglects his wife (Mary Steenburgen) and one, is on the naughty list. Horrors! What's an elf to do?

Determined to connect with his roots, Buddy sets off for New York City to meet his father. He doesn't exactly get a warm welcome, as Walter isn't too keen on connecting with an apparent lunatic in a green cap and yellow tights. But Buddy charms his way into his father's house and even tries to help his dad at work, where he must deliver a new book or be fired. He also finds work at Gimbles Department Store (a role which inspired his move to Miracle on 34th Street) and starts romancing store elf Jovie (the enchanting Zooey Deschanel, showcasing her32 slapdash wit) in the end, Buddy must not only help his father regain his inner goodness, he also has to save Christmas when Santa gets into a tight jam in Central Park.

Like all truly classic holiday films, Elf is one for the whole family. Kids will laugh at the various fish out of water jokes and Farrell's juvenile antics, especially his mania for sugar (his ideal meal is spaghetti and syrup and he downs 2-liter soda bottles in one gulp). Adults will dig the references to past Christmas films, including some stop-motion animated figurines inspired by the Rankins-Bass TV specials like "Rudolph" and "Frosty," as well as some wickedy-funny asides, such as Buddy screaming at a department store Santa that he's a fraud and that he "ain't on a throne of lies.

Yet despite the humor, the heart is always there and the film is heart-warming without being sappy. It's no wonder that Farrell is often compared to John Belushi. Like Belushi, Farrell will do anything for a laugh and he always conveys an endearing boyish evenness to his roles. The role of Buddy is tailor-made for him and he makes this eternally handsome, obviously innocent man-child into a comedic gem. He's able to support a top-notch supporting cast, particularly Deschanel, who also reveals her singing voice, and the perfectly cast Anner as a gruff but kind Santa who worries about kids losing faith in him and fears the paparazzi ("They've been after me forever!"). Even Caan scores as the modern-day Scrooge who needs reconciliation with his softer side. One would not expect Sonny Corleone to be in a film like this, but Caan pulls quite a surprise on us.

Recent holiday films have proven disappointing, but Elf reminds them all. Funny, touching and infused with holiday spirit, Elf is truly a film the entire family can enjoy. And even if there may be no stopping Farrell in his march to film superstardom. The man is a versatile comedic hurricane and has a long, bright career ahead of him. One only hopes that, unlike Belushi, he won't burn out too quickly.

Young comedian hams it up
Performance at UC delves heavily into college habits and lifestyle

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

At first glance, comedian Tim Young looks more like a Notre Dame college student. Young played up that fact during his routine at the UC two Thursdays ago.

Young hit on most of the main aspects of college life. He talked about everything from the miniscule dorm rooms to stories about his crappy car. In between, he interacted with the audience and showed off the crowd laughing loud and often.

At one point during the show a cell phone rang while Young was speaking. Without hesitation, Young asked the audience member to answer it. After the audience member answered the phone and continued to talk, Young told him to hang up and stopped his routine until the man complied.

One of the biggest laughs occurred when Young did a bit on hunting. He asked a hunter in the audience if he thought hunting was a sport. When the man replied, "Yes," Young retorted, "I always thought that in a sport there was defense." He then suggested that men dressed in camouflage should shoot back for the defense of the deer.

Young also talked about his life growing up in the south, and, along those lines, he had an amazing ability to make you laugh and then grimace. Young touched on family subjects like his father's excess body hair and how he received the nickname "Buddy." Young's college based routine provided a perfect fit for a packed and captivated audience of UWSP students. Hopefully UWSP will continue to provide even more comedians to laugh at in the coming semester.

The Wookie's Corner:
A year end wrap-up

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

News and happenings in the jamband world are fairly quiet, and will remain as such until the New Year approaches. Phish, moe, Yonder Mountain String Band and The Disco Biscuits just completed northeast Thanksgiving runs, all of which received good to excellent reviews.

Allow me to discuss Phish for a paragraph or two. I've been lucky enough to hear the first show (thanks to our friend, the Internet), Friday, Nov. 28 from Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, NY. (For more information on how to snag these shows on your own, point your browsers to http://bt.etree.org)

The first set standouts from Nassau include "Version of Me" and the live debut of "With Disease" gave the show a boost of energy, only to be diminished with three newer songs: "Walls of the Cave," "Two Versions of Me" and the live debut of "Crowd Control". A standard "Mike's Groove" closed the first set, which seemed to negate the sour energy that the newer songs left in the set.

Phish has changed, although they're still worth listening to. They're not the hard-edged Gamehendge hippies they used to be. Now, they seem content with mixing their time-tested, vintage material with shaken, newer songs that work at times, and fall short at others. Phish isn't trying to be the band that they used to, which is why they can get away with this new style.

And finally, a shout out to Brian Ruff and Casey Nelson, hosts of the "Thursday Night Phish Fy" on 90FM. Every Thursday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Brian and Casey will play a few sets of Phish songs by other jambands and talk about what's going on in the area. Tune in!

Until next year, get a job, sir!
tonja steele

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Your College Survival Guide:

Differential Tuition

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium
With Help from GottaHavaJava

Hey Pat,

What's up with all this differential tuition talk lately? Most of my friends are going to hell, and they just want me to pay more and more money for it. It sucks.

Don't Use My Name,

How about I just call you ... I don't know ... Salome. Yeah. I like that.

Here's a funny story, Simone. I was surprised when you mentioned $400 in your letter. But, since I didn't know what the recent tuition hike was, I decided to go ask a student, figuring they'd know.

But when I asked a few, I found out that they [italics] didn't [unitlaix] know. That's when I decided to conduct a little "walkabout poll," partly because I wanted to know what the real tuition hike was, and partly because I wanted to know how many of you short-bussers out there didn't have the first clue. Here's the result of my poll of 20 random students:

3 students said guesses between $300 and $500.
3 students said "a couple hundred bucks."
13 students stared at me with vacant, soulless eyes and shrugged, not even attempting a guess. I swear, some of you people are like Muppets with no hand inside.

One. ONE student said 250 dollars, which is the right answer.

But back to your question, Suzan. I understand. It's a terribly clever acronym that, for saving my soul, you receive the first-year NUMINA award. The Pointer to print. Suffice it to say that it has a lot to do with not having your head in the sand.

The NUMINA award consists of: a ten-dollar Gift Certificate from our sponsor, GottaHavaJava, and the unshakable knowledge that deep down, you're just a little bit cooler than everyone else in the world. Except me.

But why do you right in the middle of this triangle, when someone taps you right in your ovary.ing at your gender-appropriate reproductive paraphernalia, when someone taps you on the shoulder and asks if you'd like to cough up more money? Just a little, you know, maybe 25 bucks or so?

Believe me, Rachel. I understand. It's natural to be pissed off. Just like it's natural to feel like you've been kicked 400 bucks worth, when it's really only $250. The part of me that spent years scraping by as a student thinks, "how dare they ask for more money? How dare they?"

But here's the horrible truth, Josephine. Over the last 10-15 years, the UW budget has been slowly whittled away. A lot of programs have been limping along for years now, doing as much good as they can with the little money they still have available.

For some of those programs, this recent cut wasn't like getting kicked in the nuts. It was like being stabbed in the kidney. It isn't just going to hurt them. It could kill them.

And you're right. The University IS going to hell. But differential tuition has a chance of fixing some of that. Best of all, differential tuition money will be controlled by a committee of students, not administrators, so you don't have to worry about it getting pissed away on mismanaged renovations to athletic fields or re-paving parking lots.

Besides, 25 bucks isn't going to really break any of us. It stings, but it's a small price to pay if it helps things get better around here. $25 bucks from each student comes out to about $400,000 a year. The university could do a whole lot with that money, better advising, improved class availability, more tutoring... you know, more of the things that can really make a difference.

Now maybe all those things won't happen, but [underline] something will. Right now we need to do something, ANYTHING, or this whole place is going to slowly fall apart around our ears. Compared to that, $25 bucks seems like a pretty good deal...

Only one column left this semester. Send your letters to profh@uwsp.edu.

I just discovered that GottaHavaJava is making their enviioments with real fruit these days. Now, I can't say that their strawberry-brain is better than our, since that just ain't true. But I can say with some certainty that it's better than any soy you can try for those dollars. Trust me.
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