Winter finally arrives in Point

Students call for tenure resolutions

Student senate to vote on differential tuition

By Andrew Bloesser

The student senate will vote on a proposal Thursday that could raise tuition by up to $25 per semester to pay for new and enhanced programs aimed at improving the quality of the university.

If enacted, UW-Stevens Point would become the ninth UW System comprehensive campus to adopt such a plan known as a differential tuition program, whereby students experience an increase in the price of tuition to generate funds for specifically designated initiatives.

Enacting the proposal would establish a pilot program at UWSP that would remain in place for three years, beginning in Fall 2004 and face a review to determine its continuation.

Although the proposal does not name specific initiatives that would receive funding, improvements to academic and career advising and innovations regarding programs associated with a student's freshman year experience have ranked among the most commonly discussed options.

Whether a differential tuition program would benefit students at UWSP has remained an issue of contention for student representatives and university administrators who have divided opinions regarding its necessity and the timing of its implementation.

"Students I've talked to don't want to pay more money to fund new initiatives or expand existing ones right now," said Adam Wagner, academic issues director for the Student Government Association and chairman of the SGA's differential tuition exploratory committee. "We were hit with a $500 increase in tuition this year, and students just don't want to pay more."

UWSP Chancellor Virginia Helm said Tuesday that while timing for implementation could be better, the necessity of the program remains.

"I can see the student perspective, but we live in an imperfect world," said Helm. "Sometimes we have to do things we shouldn't have to do if things were right and fair, but somehow students at other campuses have found a way to do this when they saw tuition increases coming."

Helm also stated that because most other UW campuses have already adopted a differential tuition program, that UWSP would need to follow suit for the university to maintain its competitive edge within the System.

"This is overdue," said Helm. "Campuses that have adopted differential tuition have additional resources that we don't have." However, even if the current proposal in the senate receives approval, the types of initiatives that would qualify for funding at UWSP would still remain uncertain given the vaguely defined criteria laid out by the language of the proposal.

At issue is the definition of "student success initiatives," which will be used as the primary criteria in determining the eligibility of programs for funding during an allocation process that would be completed by the end of April.

While the proposal clearly states that differential tuition cannot be used to supplement items already funded by tuition such as classes and salaries, or by student segregated fees, concrete meaning remains.

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ty issue because it is a flaw in how faculty
handles tenureship."

Student response in favor of the pieces of
legislation was strong, and at the
December 4 meeting, SGA voted to place
the pieces on the agenda as new business.

Phone calls and e-mails directed
toward senators reflected student support
and concern.

"When the rules committee set the
agenda, it wasn't clear how significant of
an issue this was," said SGA senator
Jeffrey Adams. "I, myself, had no idea how
much commotion this caused among stu-
dents until I started getting phone
calls at home."

Gillespie said she also received a great
deal of student input.

"Besides the urgency of the matter,
what really made a difference was hearing
from students about how important they
feel the Brophy-Baermanns are to this
University," she said. "As a senator, it's
easy to complain about student apathy, but
I am amazed at how organized and pa-
sionate students are on this issue."

Gillespie provided an example of one
particular student who visited her office
and spent 30 minutes discussing the issue
with her.

Feedback such as this led her to state,
"I will be voting yes on both pieces of leg-
islation because I feel it is what my con-
stituents want."

Erin Fay, Legislative Issues Director,
declined to comment about the issue that
precipitated the resolutions, but also noted
that many senators have been contacted by
their constituents.

"I absolutely feel that it is a student
issue and that the outpouring of concern
from students is evidence of that," said Fay.

The level of student activism led to
praise from Dennis Riley, professor of
political science at UW-Stevens Point.

"The response of students and the
extent to which students have expressed
not merely support for Bryan and
Michelle-but the extent to which they have
voiced their concerns about their own edu-
cation, and expressed their desire to partic-

cipate in making the most important deci-
sion, who teaches them, is gratifying to
me," said Riley. "It certainly puts the lie to
the notion that students don't care about
those kinds of things, they'll become
involved when they believe that there's
something they should be involved in."

Both pieces of legislation will come
up for a vote at Thursday's senate meeting.
Discussion will continue followed by a
vote to decide whether or not the resolu-
tions will be adopted. Ample time will be
provided for debate and discussion, includ-
ing time for the gallery to speak. Students
who wish to voice their opinions simply
have to locate a senator willing to cede
his/her time allotted for discussion of the
issue.

Stone and Adams were both pleased
with student/senator interactions and felt it
was a great example of how SGA works
with students to address important issues.

"The fact that it was put on the agenda
was great and it gave us chance to hear
everything through. In that respect," said
Stone. "I think that it shows that you can
be heard on the Senate floor and it encour-
ges students to bring their issues to us so
that we can help."

Adams added "it really shows how
much can happen when you feel strongly
about something. I'm also pleased to see
how the senators have also taken an active
role by adding these pieces of legislation to
the agenda and by seeking out student
input."

In terms of the tenure appeals process,
a written statement of the reasons for
denial has been delivered to both Bryan
and Michelle Brophy-Baermann. Professor
Riley cited the next step in the process as a
formal request for reconsideration. If this
happens, then the meeting will probably
take place some time in January.

Professor Riley also noted that a meet-
ing of the Political Science Department
was scheduled for December 10 at 2 p.m.
Riley discussed the order of business,
which was to involve a briefing from the
Vice Chancellor's office, followed by a dis-
cussion of how the department plans to
conduct the reconsideration meeting.
Under consideration was student participa-
tion, what the Brophy-Baermann's specific
rights will be, and whether or not there will
be formal procedures at the meeting.

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Poetry comes to Point

Photo by Liz Bolton

Peggy Hong, a poet, dancer and yoga instructor, headlined the 2003
UW-Stevens Point Writer's Workshop. The annual program honors writers
at the junior and senior high school level.

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1960 POST ROAD PLOVER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE SUPERBOWL)
UWSP bans late night music

By Rachel Peterson

Music students are struggling to adapt to a September UW-Stevens Point policy change to close Nelson Hall at midnight.

According to UWSP Protective Services, along with the Stevens Point Police Department, are consistently enforcing the building's new policy.

Chancellor Helm revealed a plan last week that would increase the price students pay for each credit hour they take after exceeding 12 credit hours in a semester, which would bring more funds into the university's base budget.

City to celebrate MLK Day with volunteer spirit

By David Cohen

Stevens Point will celebrate its sixth annual Martin Luther King Day event Jan. 19 as a volunteer involvement fair, with five different sites throughout the city where students and community members will have a chance to congregate.

The event is designed to allow people who want to get involved in volunteering a chance to make connections. After a day of working to help the community, participants will join together at UWSP for reflection, socializing, entertainment and sports.

Groups involved in the organization of the celebration are the Department on Aging, the Key Club of Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH), the Boy and Girl Scouts and Jeri McGinley of the College of Natural Resources.

The event is focused toward working with the high school students, but Ron Strege, multicultural issues director for the Student Government Association, and McGinley said this year UWSP students will have more of a presence.

Martin Luther King Day holds different kinds of relevance for various participants. Strege feels that the event "reinforces the message of Dr. King. The values are non-violence, making change, working together, cooperation, and peace."

McGinley emphasizes that for her, Dr. King's message is largely about community involvement. She states, "It didn't occur to me to not to be a part of community service. This is a great opportunity for this."

Strege feels that this is an event which people of all different cultural backgrounds can appreciate. He says, however, "Some students tell me that they think Martin Luther King is too heavy on African-American issues and doesn't pertain to people of other backgrounds. That was the issue of the time, but it could be interpreted to cooperation between all kinds of people. Dr. King's message applies toward cooperation between Black and White, Jews and Gentiles and others."

Various service projects will be held in commemoration of Martin Luther King from 1 to 3, which will be followed by a reception at UWSP at 3:30 p.m. Strege asks that all students who are interested and available contact him through Multi-Cultural Affairs.

The UW-Stevens Point Allen Center is undergoing construction over the semester break, with changes being made to the upper and lower floors and an expansion of the Cardio Center.

"The Allen Center has been in need of renovation because of the limited space in the entire building," said Susan Crotteau, Assistant Director of University Centers. "The Cardio Center is taking up only 20 percent of the limited space in the center."

"I have been going to work out only to find that there are no cardio machines left. Sometimes I have to wait 20 or 30 minutes to get on one," said Jamie Krause, a student member of the center.

Dining services money paid by the student body every year is funding the $500,000 renovation. Crotteau said that the Allen Center was once a dining hall but was closed due to declining enrollment.

The building has been transformed three times but never totally renovated.

The Allen Center is expected to be closed from Dec. 15 until Jan. 21. Crotteau believes that most students will be away for the holidays during this time, so few will be inconvenienced. It is possible for members to use the Strength Center, located in the Quant Field House, during the renovation period.

The Allen Center renovation is taking place to ensure all students want to use the facility have enough room to do so.

The Allen Center is here to help enrich and reenergize students in a convenient and affordable way," said Crotteau.

A male reported the theft of a pair of jeans and a wallet from his room.

Hansen Hall
Saturday, Dec. 6 10:30 p.m.
Type: Trespassing

A male reported seeing an individual on the second floor of the building who is currently banned from entering all residence halls.

Science Building
Thursday, Dec. 4 11:16 p.m.
Type: Theft

A male reported the theft of his bike from the southwest entrance, east wing, of the science building.

Campus Beat is compiled by UWSP Protective Services. All names withheld.
Musings from Mirman

It’s the last issue of the semester, so I’m going back to my sports roots.

By Dan Mirman

Editor In Chief

The Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears provide one of the greatest rivalries in all of sports, or at least they used to. For the better part of my adult life, I have watched my favorite team, da Bears, get smoked by the Packers.

Even worse than the fact that my team gets beat up regularly, I usually watch this stomping with a friend. This situation means that I had already committed myself to a Saturday night party. While thousands more die in the name of sport, I felt contempt for humanity. I kept hoping that some jerk-off Packer fan would get in my face and use oh-so-original line, “The Bears still suck.” That would allow me the chance to snap at him. I would ask him if that was his own material. I would thank him for his originality and ask him to keep me up to date when he comes up with a new saying. But none of that ever happened.

I have yet to meet a rude, obnoxious Packer fan on my trips to Lambeau field. The only time I have seen fights or yelling came when some rude Bears fan instigated it.

I hope that some day I will have the opportunity to visit Lambeau and leave after a Bears victory. However, until that day comes, I will still find solace in cheering for the Bears and whatever team plays the Packers that particular week.

Are our elections popularity contests?

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More support for the Brophy-Baermann's

I do not know much about the tenure policies. Because I don't know much about tenure policies, I should be the last one on earth complaining about them, but I'm going to anyway. Why would I be so bold? Because I'm a distinctive graduate student who has enough problems to deal with, without having to worry about one of his favorite professors being denied "the status of holding one's position on a permanent basis without periodic contract renewals." (That's right I had to look up the word tenure in the dictionary).

Last year I signed up to take a political science class, I don't know why, I think I just needed the credit. I really didn't have a very big interest in politics as long as they weren't harming me. Nonetheless, I took the class and anticipated very little. The small classroom was full of people I didn't know (except my friend Halley) and it was instructed by an enthusiastic lady with two last names, Michelle Brophy-Baermann. The first day she took the time to ask all of our names (a more personal form of attendance) and began a classroom experience I could compare to no other, she began an adventure in politics (oh, it sounds creepy but it's true, it was an adventure as far as academics are concerned).

She began by asking us what we know about politics, we knew nothing (at least I knew nothing, but I got the impression that I wasn't alone). So as a result, as any good teacher would do, she taught us. From "Political Me" to "Die and Ziegler" the teach us how politics work, step by step, case by case, quiz by quiz. "Big deal you say "that's what she's paid to do." You are right, that is what she's paid to do, but I don't think she gets paid to do it the way she does, that sounds confusing, I'll explain. Not only did she teach us about politics came to be, and probably will be, she took the time to teach us about that it's truly are in our daily lives. She taught us how we're affected by the decisions that other people make, she taught us the impor­
tance of our political awareness, she taught us more than what a petty text could teach, she taught us about politics and our lives. As the class went on I found myself growing more and more interested in the subject, I actually began to care! This is something special because usu­ally as classes go on I lose inter­est in the subject and grow weary of coming to class. I still liked going to Poli Sci 101, as the classes went on I became more aware of my political feel­ings, as well as those of people around me. It was truly an edu­cational experience and I'm grateful to Professor Brophy-Baermann for it.

Now I hear she and her hus­band are denied tenure, I dislike that. I dislike that because she is a good teacher (and I hear her husband is to) and good teachers are hard to come by. When I filled out the end of the year evaluation I know that I gave nothing but approving marks, and I'm disappointed that my evaluation was not successful in conveying the message that it was, in fact, thoroughly impressed by the class. I hope that this teaching duo will get the tenure they deserve, I'm confused why they wouldn't in the first place. Good teachers deserve to be treated like good teachers and I'm a little frustrat­ed that they're not.

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Tips for being Earth-friendly this holiday season

Simple ways to protect the Earth during the hustle and bustle of the holidays

By Ali Himle

FEATURES EDITOR

We are all aware of the way that holidays get us carried away. They seem to have an effect on us, as we all frantically search for the perfect gift and the most beautiful decorations. However, one area seems to be routinely neglected at a time when it is of the utmost importance -- the Earth. It is my intent to offer you some suggestions and tips for keeping the Earth in mind this time of year, while also having an enjoyable holiday.

Most holidays begin with picking out a tree to decorate. This is something that most of us, or your families, have already done. I would like to offer you an alternative to going to the crowded Christmas tree lots, sifting through half-priced and clearly rotting trees. Instead, buy a live, replantable tree this year, or keep this idea in mind for next year.

Buying a live tree proves to be much more beneficial. Not only will it last you through the holiday season, but you can continue with the spirit of the holidays by later planting it with the family in the spring. A tree will serve as a remembrance of your holidays spent together.

Secondly comes the issue of decorating the tree and house (or whatever your living quarters happen to be) in the spirit of the holidays. Try to use materials around your home for decorations. Use old Christmas cards to grace your wall or use reusable tin tins to string around the tree. Try to use decorations that can be used year after year because these will conserve both the environment and your purse!

Many natural decorations are great because they do not cost anything and are easy to decorate with after the holidays. Pinecones, leaves and berries make great accents for both your tree and your home. Collecting these throughout your yard also makes for an enjoyable experience to remember.

Try to minimize the amount of lighting on your tree and instead compensate by stringing up popcorn or cranberries on it. This adds a considerable amount of creativity to your tree by putting more care into the overall look of it, in addition to saving on the energy bill. The lighting of Christmas lights does in fact contribute a great deal to the high cost of energy that may be represented on your bill.

With the tree in order, and the decorations in place, next comes the issue of filling the tree underneath with numerous packages to dazzle the eye. The point of gift giving is the gift itself, for excess packaging and wrapping products only contributes to the overall stream of waste. Be creative in wrapping. Use bags made of fabric, which can, in turn, be part of the gift. Decorate the bag to reflect the personality of the gift recipient.

Furthermore, you can use decorative baskets or holiday tins as an alternative to going to the Hallmark store. The tins can then be used to store your holiday decorations in once the holidays are over.Scarves or towels also make excellent alternatives to wrapping paper. For kids that you know look forward to the frantic shredding of paper, use old comics to wrap their gifts. Above all else, be sure to keep in mind the three Rs of reducing waste, reusing materials and recycling the paper after the gifts are unwrapped.

Most importantly, be conservationist this holiday season. This is a time where thinking of the environment is of great importance, because consumerism and material waste is a prevalent issue during this time. Give consideration to the environment this year, and influence others to do the same.

In the end, realize that not only must you take into consideration your own actions, but also the actions you wish future generations to take.

As finals approach, so does silence

Intensive quiet hours to begin this weekend in the dorms across campus

By Sarah Dennewitz

FEATURES REPORTER

Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas spirit is slowly filling the air, which only leads a college student to one conclusion. Finals are on their way!

With just a matter of days until finals, our campus is about to see a major change in the relaxed atmosphere, especially in the dorms. A week before finals is the beginning of the policy that most students living in the dorms resent -- the policy of intensive study hours.

The UWSP Residential Handbook states, "Intensive study hours create an environment of total silence, free from sound. During intensive study hours no noise is to be heard from the stairwells, hallways, bathrooms, kitchens, and, of course, student rooms. If noise is heard from any of these designated areas, students will be immediately written up and told to do a variety of tasks, for example cleaning the kitchen."

During intensive study hours, there are also "relaxed hours" which are supposed to give students a chance to unwind. Relaxed hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. During relaxed hours students are allowed to leave their doors open as long as noise cannot be heard from two doors away. Release hour is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., which is another hour where students are "permitted" to talk for hall programming, moving out and stress relief.

This policy was passed by the Residential Hall Association in 1995 with the intentions of creating a healthier study environment during finals week. Since the requirement of living in the dorms is two years at Point, many have experienced the policy of intensive study hours. Many students are very opinionated as to whether or not this is a beneficial policy. The reactions are rather varied, for some students feel that absolute silence is necessary to prepare for finals, whereas others have expressed that they feel they are being imprisoned in their rooms.

The question is: Do intensive study hours really improve your performance on final exams? Whether you support or disagree with the policy of intensive study hours, they are on their way. Watch the noise during the week of finals in the dorms. What could be worse than cleaning the kitchen and studying for your next exam?

Students kick the habit

by Cindi Kolb

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This past fall 21 UWSP students took the initiative to stop smoking by joining smoking cessation classes offered by the Student Health Promotion Office (SHPO). The vast majority of participants kicked the habit, resulting in an impressive 90 percent success rate.

Two different classes facilitated by SHPO staff members, certified through the American Lung Association, met once a week for eight weeks. Participants were prepared for "Quit Day" by gaining knowledge in areas related to smoking. For example, they tracked daily smoking patterns, recognized their individual barriers and realized the importance of creating positive social support. Students also gained personalized tools and techniques for incorporating healthy lifestyle change, such as stress reduction and fitness activities.

For more information on stopping smoking, call 346-4313 or stop by the SHPO, 004 lower Allen Center. Additional smoking cessation courses will be offered at UWSP in the spring.

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Two different classes facilitated by SHPO staff members, certified through the American Lung Association, met once a week for eight weeks. Participants were prepared for "Quit Day" by gaining knowledge in areas related to smoking. For example, they tracked daily smoking patterns, recognized their individual barriers and realized the importance of creating positive social support. Students also gained personalized tools and techniques for incorporating healthy lifestyle change, such as stress reduction and fitness activities.

For more information on stopping smoking, call 346-4313 or stop by the SHPO, 004 lower Allen Center. Additional smoking cessation courses will be offered at UWSP in the spring.

As finals approach, so does silence

Intensive quiet hours to begin this weekend in the dorms across campus

By Sarah Dennewitz

FEATURES REPORTER

Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas spirit is slowly filling the air, which only leads a college student to one conclusion. Finals are on their way!

With just a matter of days until finals, our campus is about to see a major change in the relaxed atmosphere, especially in the dorms. A week before finals is the beginning of the policy that most students living in the dorms resent -- the policy of intensive study hours.

The UWSP Residential Handbook states, "Intensive study hours create an environment of total silence, free from sound. During intensive study hours no noise is to be heard from the stairwells, hallways, bathrooms, kitchens, and, of course, student rooms. If noise is heard from any of these designated areas, students will be immediately written up and told to do a variety of tasks, for example cleaning the kitchen."

During intensive study hours, there are also "relaxed hours" which are supposed to give students a chance to unwind. Relaxed hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. During relaxed hours students are allowed to leave their doors open as long as noise cannot be heard from two doors away. Release hour is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., which is another hour where students are "permitted" to talk for hall programming, moving out and stress relief.

This policy was passed by the Residential Hall Association in 1995 with the intentions of creating a healthier study environment during finals week. Since the requirement of living in the dorms is two years at Point, many have experienced the policy of intensive study hours. Many students are very opinionated as to whether or not this is a beneficial policy. The reactions are rather varied, for some students feel that absolute silence is necessary to prepare for finals, whereas others have expressed that they feel they are being imprisoned in their rooms.

The question is: Do intensive study hours really improve your performance on final exams? Whether you support or disagree with the policy of intensive study hours, they are on their way. Watch the noise during the week of finals in the dorms. What could be worse than cleaning the kitchen and studying for your next exam?
A delightful and enchanting performance of Indian dance seen by many at this past weekend

A variety of Southeast Indian dances were on display to a filled Encore Friday night for the showcasing of “Dance India.” Organized by Tanti Lina, a UWSP student, the performance was certainly something that everyone who attended took a great deal from - whether that was an insight into Indian culture, or simply an enjoyable evening.

The evening began with the audience having the privilege of sampling many enjoyable Indian foods including Mango ice cream, Masala tea and Indian cookies. The evening then got underway with the performance of seven Southeast Indian dances, each one displaying a particular message about Indian culture.

Master of ceremonies Shabbar Razvi commented, “Dances usually encompass three groups - crowd pleasers, crowd gatherers, and finally, dances that the audience simply cannot refuse to take part in. It is our aim to present all three groups here tonight. By the end of the evening, you too, will find yourself dancing to the beat of Indian music.”

And yes, by the end of the evening, the Encore was alive with the spirit of many dancing to the drum of Indian culture.

Over five months went into planning Friday night’s performance. This was quite obvious with the beginning of the first dance piece. These dancers not only put a great deal of time into making their performance a success, they also put a great deal of energy and spirit into it as well. As Tanti commented, “I only anticipated 40 to 50 people coming here tonight. I am truly amazed with the turnout. It brings tears to my eyes that so many would come to support this program on Indian culture.”

The purpose of the performance was to allow students to get an insight into the culture of India and, judging from the large number of students that turned out for this event, it was obvious that many would come away with a greater knowledge of the Indian way of life.

As Tanti Fattucci, a UWSP student who attended the event commented, “I felt that the energy the dancers displayed was not only amazing, but beautiful. You could see the energy in their eyes and feel how powerful the music was. It was simply an astounding performance.”

When the time came for the last dance of the evening to be performed, it was evident that the audience did not want the evening to end. For all of those who did attend, you know exactly what I am speaking of.

Dancers to present “Afterimages 2003” on the UWSP stage

“Afterimages 2003,” is a dance concert that celebrates student choreography and dance. Since 1986, “Afterimages” includes works selected by audition before a panel of theatre and dance faculty and students. The student-directed and choreographed show will feature 11 dance pieces in many different styles, including jazz, ballet and experimental dance performed by 39 student dancers. The performance contains many different types of music, from original compositions to live music to some recordings by well-known artists.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for all involved to learn and experience life in the professional world of dance,” stated Kristine Kasper, the production’s director and a senior dance major from Gurnee III.

Kasper choreographed “Moonlight Cafe,” a modern and jazz piece set in the 1940s. It is reminiscent of an exuberant night seen through the eyes of an unromantic guy. The piece is electrifying and sometimes hilarious.

The 12 dancers in the piece move to “Sing, Sing, Sing” from the Swing Kids soundtrack. This is sure to be an event to remember.

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Good eats in Point

You can never go wrong with fried fish at the Hilltop

Ffew restaurants have names that describe them as perfectly as the Hilltop. Perched atop the hill overlooking Highway 39, it reminds one of nothing else but a medieval castle towering over its serfs. Inside, though, is one tasty restaurant.

If I had to think up a catch phrase to describe the Hilltop, I would say it's like Applebee's with better prices and considerably better food. The food must be good, because the crowd on Friday night was rather exceptional. It took half an hour to get a table, so I'd recommend getting there early.

The Hilltop's service is friendly and even puts up with morons who spill their drinks in front of them. (All right, it was just one moron and it was me.) And, of course, they have a fish fry. Yes, once again my intense, almost drug addict-like craving for all oceanic food drew me to the Hilltop.

The fish fry costs $6.49 for four good-sized pieces and your choice of sides. You can also get an extra piece for $0.99. What was even better was the inclusion of rye bread with the meal. Rye bread is no more exception- al than any other type of bread, but it always seems to go well with fish fries. It's one of those great unexplained mysteries of the culinary world, like what goes into the Milwaukee Brewer's Secret Stadium Sauce.

I must not forget dessert either. Since it was my birthday dinner (and feeling ancient), I got a free dessert. However, I had to take it home to eat over the weekend. Why? The dessert I got is called “Chocolate Suicide” and that's not an exaggeration. There's enough sugar contained within to put Gilbert Brown into a diabetic coma. Consume with care.

I admit it really should start going places where I can eat stuff other than fish. I try, but the siren’s allure of seafood is difficult to resist. At least the Hilltop is out of the way. While I'll be dropping in on the Hilltop in the future, perhaps it's time to broaden my palate a little bit. It's something to think about. Maybe. Possibly. Someday...
SPORTS

Women continue to climb up the rankings

Reserves get the job done in pair of weekend wins
By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's hockey team used this past weekend's series against Lake Forest to give some rest to goaltender Amy Statz.

women's hockey

On both Saturday and Sunday, coach Brian Idalski started Statz, then for the final two periods put in the reserves. And in both contests, it didn't matter who was in net because the Pointers outshot Lake Forest twice, 20-7 and 19-4, and shutout the Foresters both Friday and Saturday at home.

Storz, along with senior goalie Diane Sawyer and sophomore Crystal Randall combined for the Pointer's scoreless first period on Saturday, then added some insurance late in the third period. Assisting Goergen on her second goal of the weekend, were Ann Ninnemann and Kim Lunneberg. Sawyer on the victory faced only four shots thanks to a fabulous defense in front of her.

Again on Sunday it was a scoreless first period and UWSP made a switch in net at the intermission. The modest crowd at the arena not only had to wait through the first period for a goal, but also the second and half of the third before Hilary Bulger scored her second goal of the weekend, unassisted, on her way to the team's Player of the Week honor. Randall faced five shots in the final forty minutes for the win.

On the year, the women improved to 6-1-1 overall and 4-0 in the NCHA. This weekend the women continued to play their conference schedule playing Eau Claire both Friday and Saturday at home.

Those will be their final games until after the New Year when they travel to the East Coast to take part in four very meaningful games against the likes of Elmira, Plattsburgh, Middlebury and Williams College. All four of those teams are currently ranked in the top ten in the nation, including Elmira sitting at the top of the rankings at number one.

Pointer grapplers end five year drought with La Crosse

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP wrestling team earned its first wrestling victory over UW-Lacrosse since 1999 and snapped the Eagles' 24-match WIAC winning streak with a 19-17 victory Tuesday in the Beng Gym.

wrestling

"We didn't come into this meet thinking we had a chance to win," said Pointer head Coach Johnny Johnson. "We came in expecting to win."

The Pointers started with a jump with their light weights, opening up a 10-0 lead after the first three matches. David Davila posted a 14-5 major decision over LaCrossc's Derck Hebrink to turn the tide the Pointer's way.

"Ed really stepped up when he needed to," said Johnson. "Instead of wrestling not to lose, he was wrestling to win." Big wins by the Pointer's top veteran wrestlers, Cody Koenig and Yan White, sealed the victory.

"This win is basically for bragging rights, but it still feels good for the guys," said Johnson.

The Pointers turn around and travel to Platteville to face a tough Pioneer.

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Swimmers have strong showing at Wheaton

By Jon Henseler
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer swim team met with continued success last weekend at the Wheaton Relays, with both the men's and women's team placing third out of eight teams.

swimming & diving

This does, however mark the first time in many years that the men's team failed to place first, and this is only the second time this season that the women's team has not finished in first place.

The third place finish does not bother the team though, mainly because there were different goals that the men's team had going into the Wheaton Relays.

"The goal of the Wheaton Relays is for the team to achieve fast times. This relay is a chance for all of the swimmers on the team to race against fast competition," said sophomore swimmer Alex Anderson.

Anderson added, "The overall goal of the Wheaton Relays is not to win the meet, but instead to improve and race as individuals and as a team."

Swimmers and men's and women's teams from UW-Milwaukee both placed first and Wheaton's men's and women's teams each placed second. UW-Stevens Point was the only team from the WIAC to compete in the meet.

Both the men's and women's teams get a break before they compete at the Aileen Soule Classic in Honolulu. Neither team competes in Stevens Point until the Get to the Point Invitational on January 23rd and 24th.

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**SPORTS**

Ballers continue roll through early season opponents

Team raises record to 7-0 with big win at Stout

By Craig Mandli

In tough road games, sometimes you are happy just to escape with a win. The UWSP men's basketball team had just those feelings after UW-Stout made a valiant attempt to come back on them on Wednesday night, falling nine points short, 73-64.

**men's basketball**

The Pointers used a solid shooting first half to jump out to a 43-23 halftime lead. The Pointers hit 55 percent of their first half shots, including 8-of-15 3-pointers, to bury the Blue Devils. Junior Jason Kalsow led the way for the Pointers with 14 of his game-high 20 points in the first stanza.

The first half was one of our best of the year," said Pointer Head Coach Jack Bennett. "We shot, rebounded and ran the floor very well." However, as many games are, this one became a tale of two halves as Stout began to chip away at the big lead. The Blue Devils cut the Pointer lead into single digits with 1:13 left in the game as Nate Temperl blocked a shot on the defensive end, and seconds later drained a three pointer for a 67-59 Stevens Point lead.

Stout's Jeff Vandenbergh cut the lead to six points, 70-64, with five points in the final minute, but the Pointers got three free throws followed by a layup from Brett Hirsch to wrap up their seventh straight win. Chipping in for the Pointers with solid games were junior Nick Bennett and senior Neal Krajnik, with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

"I was very pleased with the overall effort," said Bennett. "With this being our first road game, I was a little concerned going in." The win over Stout capped off a perfect week for the Pointers after wins on Saturday and Sunday against Calumet College and Carroll College. The Pointers upended Calumet on Saturday, 96-60, and then came back to beat Carroll 80-68 on Sunday.

In Saturday's game, the Pointers opened up a 54-22 half-time lead while shooting 70 percent in the first half. The hot-shooting Kalsow had 26 points in just 19 minutes played and freshman Jon Krull, in his first extended playing time of the year, added 11 points.

"I was happy with our performance on Saturday," said Bennett. "We put together two solid halves of basketball." On Sunday, Carroll College gave the Pointers a little more trouble, with UWSP having to rally from behind for the win. Kalsow scored 26 points for the second straight day, while Bennett added 20 points. The Pointers trailed 45-37 at halftime, but shot 67 percent in the second half while stepping up their defensive pressure to earn the victory.

With the three wins, the Pointers improved to 7-0 on the season (2-0 in the WIAC). Next up they travel to Las Vegas to take part in a holiday tournament.

**Fourteen years of frustration over**

**Record still unblemished on young season**

By Joshua Schmidt

The UWSP women's basketball team finally put an end to fourteen years of frustration Tuesday night in Menomonee. The Pointers, keyed by strong performances by Amy Scott and Cassandra Schlutz, beat Stout 76-75, winning at UW-Stout's Johnson Fieldhouse for the first time since 1989.

**women's basketball**

The hard-fought win that saw leading scorer Amanda Nehuta limited to 5 points in just eight minutes of playing time due to foul trouble, showed the balance and talent of this Pointer team.

While Nehuta languished on the bench, three of her teammates picked up the slack, lead by junior Amy Scott, who poured in a career high 27 points, including going 11-12 from the charity stripe. Sophomore Cassandra Schlutz also established a career high with 19 points, and was clutch from the line, going 7-8 in the last three minutes. Rounding out the triple threat was senior Cassandra Heuer, who chipped in a career high 14 rebounds to go with her 13 points.

UWSP started strong in the first-half, going into halftime with a comfortable 43-31 lead. Stout, however, wasn't going down without a fight. The Bluedevils clawed their way back into the game and eventually took the lead at 67-64 with three and a half minutes to play.

The Pointers weren't going to let history repeat itself on this particular night, and tied the game at 72 with .46 left on the clock. Schultz then stepped to the line and hit two clutch free throws to give the Pointers a two point lead.

See Women's Basketball, page 10
My girlfriend has been on my case all week, asking me what I want for Christmas. I guess I am pretty tough to buy for. 

If it is expensive and/or electronic, I will probably break it. Jewelry? Same if it is fragile. Jewelry? (thanks professors).

So here is my list of affordable, practical Christmas gifts:
1. The Milwaukee Brewers. They're cheap, look kinda messy, and make you feel sorry for them. Somewhat like a stray puppy. They will look nice next to my singing Big Mouth Billy Bass.

2. Orlando Magic tickets. They are probably giving these puppies away right now. Plus, I have always wanted to see Zaza Pachulia in person.

3. Antonio Freeman. Okay, I'll have to get him on layaway till the end of the NFL season, but he ought to come pretty cheap, considering he is now the world wide receiver in the NFL.

4. Rock-em, Sock-em Robots. I don't know what it is about those little plastic guys, but every time I looked at the JC Penney catalogue as a kid, I wanted them. But my mom didn't like violence, so no robot mayhem for me. Oh drat! Merry Christmas everyone!

Women's Basketball

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UWSP never relinquished the lead after that point and posted the 76-75 win, putting an end to the Johnson Fieldhouse curse.

Coach Egner was pleased with the way the team responded to adversity.

"It was a huge win for us, a total team effort," said Egner. "If anybody would have told me we were going over there and Nechuta was going to foul out in eight minutes and score five points and we were going to win the game. I would have said they're crazy."

With the win, the Pointers move to 7-0 on the season, 2-0 in the WIAC.

Saturday the Pointers travel to Waukesha to take on Carroll College. After Christmas UWSP travels to sunny San Diego to take part in the Surf N' Slam Hoops Classic.

Wrestling

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The Pointer way the team responded to adversity. The women's team swept the Lake NCHA.

On Saturday night the Pointers traveled the Blue Devils of UW Short n' Stout, and lost a close game 3-2. A tough loss, but look for the Dawgs to be up for this weekend's games.

On the other side of the ice, the women's team swept the Lake Forest Foresters, 2-0 both nights. Finally fans got to see the veteran goalkeepers Diane Sawyer and Crystal Randall get some playing time. Way to go ladies. Coming Attractions!

This week sees the Pointers continue in conference play against the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds. Oops! I mean Blugolds. (If you know what a Blugold is, and can provide evidence, please let us know!) The home and home series sees the Pointers travel to Eau Claire for the Friday night game and then, at home, in the K.B. Willet Arena Saturday night. This game will be taking place after EVERYONE in the residence halls has to observe "quiet hours." So come to the Willet and cheer with us, get that finals-week stress out and cheer on our Pointers to victory!

This weekend also sees the women's team at home both Friday night and Saturday afternoon with both games against the Blugolds. Make the trip out to Ice Hawks Arena and cheer on the women to victory and help keep them first place in the NCHA.

OK now that things are settled, the Rowdy Crowd wishes everyone a good holiday season and encourages YOU, the reader, to attend the games that are coming up in the second half of the season. The games start back up on January 9, so stop by and work off that post-holiday poundage and cheer with us. EVERYONE is welcome.

The view from the Rowdy Crowd

Ho, Ho, Ho...The Holiday Edition

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed last week's tales of the road as experienced by Caveman. Often members of college life. It's a chance to hang with friends, invade other towns and cities, and just cause a general ruckus. This will be our last article for the year of 2003 and before the holidays we have some ground to cover.

The week that was... The Pointers traveled to River Falls to engage in a well fought game against the fifth-ranked Thunder Chickens. The 1999-2000 season was the last time that the Pointers had won in UWRF's barn, so it was a long time coming. The whole team showed, through their play, that this conference season is going to be a battle within the eight-team NCHA.

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Coming Attractions!
Wild matters

Gearing up for ice fishing season

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR

1. Tip-ups

Nothing in ice fishing is as exhilarating as looking across the wind-swept ice to see a bouncing orange flag that signals your fish is coming. As you scan across the wind-swept ice, you can make it possible to fish a large area of ice with only a few people on guard. Tip-ups come in dozens of designs, from the classic Beaver Dam Arctic Fisherman, to the simplest of ice fishing rigs. Tip-ups come in dozens of designs, from the simple fish traps to the more advanced ice fishing systems.

2. Jiggin' rods

These rods are capable of so much more than their initial appearance. They can be used to fish the whole show is a must, unless you plan on clearing that trash with your life.

3. Scoop

All the tackle in the world won't make a difference without a scoop to clear the ice from your hole. Like anything, you can spend a little or a lot on this product, and like anything, you get what you pay for. In any case, a scoop is a must, unless you plan on clearing that trash with your life.

4. Tackle

The essential equipment for a good day on the hard water. Picture by Tycho

5. Pliers · and Gaffs

If you're not looking hard enough, you'll never experience the joy of catching your own fish. I cherish this time of year. I take pride in the fact that the ice is slippery; the water is your theater, the hook and stick a hook of glory into your little friend. "The water is your theater, the hook and stick a hook of glory into your little friend."

6. Auger

The most important tool of the ice-fisherman is the auger, or ice pick. You can't afford one, it usually isn't too hard to find a buddy with such luxuries; however, this can become a real pain in the ass over winter break when people are gone. For under $50, you can get a sweet-hand auger, which makes a great holiday gift to give, or receive. I once asked an auger, "What is your favorite thing to do?"

7. Bait

You don't want to forget these little kamikaze critters. Be it a shiner or a wax worm, the bait is the glue that brings the whole show together. So, say thank you, give them a drink of the emperor's milk and stick a hook of glory into your little friend. "The water is your theater, the hook is your chariot and the pike's mouth is your intended target little warrior!" Banzai!

8. Extra fun

In between bites, it is always good to have some fun on the ice. Listening to the Packers or some tunes on the portable radio is always a bonus. If that isn't an option, a football is good fun to toss around, especially if the ice is slippery. The last component for fun is refreshments. Sandwiches, meat and blooms are definitely a must for a good day of fishing, or any outdoor activity for that matter.

Enjoying winter in Point

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR

I've always thought that the first good snowfall of the year is one of the best days to be alive. The scenery around town is so peacefully perfect, life begins to settle down and all the wintertime activities I've been waiting for since last March come rushing back into my cozy little head. As a UWSP student and Wisconsin native, I view snow and winter in general as the best season of the year. The other seasons have their own charms; however, real winter weather is a treat that a good majority of the earth's population simply never experiences or understands. I take pride in that fact. I cherish this time of year.

And why not? Point arguably has more to offer in the winter than during any other time of the year. Wisconsin has its own Badger State Winter Games every year up in Wausau that features dozens of winter sports and activities unique to cold-weather climates. Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hockey skating, sledding, downhill skiing, curling, ice-fishing, snowmobiling, making snowmen, snowball fights and sleigh-rides are all things that I will do over the next few months.

I just don't understand why people groan about snow and cold weather all the time. Living here is a privilege, and if you can't find something in this season that gets you excited, it might just be that you're not looking hard enough. If not, quit your griping and move down south, because variety, not cajun, is the real spice of life.
Mr. Winters' two cents

Hey kiddies! How the heck is that Christmas break doing for you? I hope you're all enjoying the winter break. There was a time when I was a kid, things were much different. In those days over any Christmas today, I would be sleeping in the cold and silent land. I was a little older, when Christmas day, the family went to church, came home, and that was that. The winter wheat grew and the forecast for winter continued. My best Christmas was when I was a little older, when I was given an erector set. I did nothing else but play with that set. I take those days over any Christmas today. Fancy-sanitary electronic gifts can't replace those tasty fruits. So this Holiday season, take a step back, enjoy the break, and then, "Go on and Geeeeeeeecceee!!!"

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The WISys Technology Foundation, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization that manages intellectual property created at the 25 University of Wisconsin System campuses other than UW-Madison, has received notice from the U.S. Patent and Trade Office that a patent will soon be issued on an invention from UWSP. This is the second patent for the university.

According to Browne, the essence of this process is extracting natural and man-made gases out of any existing body of water using a simple pumping process. Unlike existing approaches to measuring gases in surface and groundwater, which typically require different extraction methods depending on the gas, Browne’s device collects multiple gases at once. Browne has used the device to quantify emissions of global warming gases when agricultural pollutants in groundwater enter streams; to study historical nonfiction to humorous fiction.

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Winter Commencement

Do you have questions about the December 13, 2003 Commencement program? Have you visited the Commencement web page yet?

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Events Calendar

Friday, December 12
Tony Brown & The Landing Crew @ The Witz End
9:30 p.m., $8 cover

Saturday, December 13
Michael Johnson @ Clark Place
8 p.m., $10/advance, $12 @ doors

Saturday, December 13
Moon, w/guests Tree of Woe @ The Witz End
9:30 p.m., $5

Friday, December 19
Coma Savants @ The Witz End
9:30 p.m., $5

Saturday, December 20
Diggstown @ The Mission
Coffee House
9:30 p.m., $5

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Celebrity news and notes

All I want for X-mas

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Christmas has become a holiday of "what do you want?" as opposed to kindness and giving for me. And I'm not talking about generalities. Nowadays, relatives want specifics. What size, color, brand, style, or—my favorite—widescreen or full screen? Things can get so difficult in my house, that the gift of music or movie reigns supreme. After all, it's the gift that just keeps on giving...until you scratch it, at least.

Trying out new music can always be fun, and after all, it won't cost you a dime, and is more way ethical than downloading it? Right? The in-between-Christmas-and-New-Year's purgatory can then be transformed into a new-music listening session. A few really acclaimed discs from 2003 that are worth a listen:

- Outkast (hip hop) and Jackpot! by Chingy for starters. Stay away from the trendy hopped-up throwbacks from lil' Al & Michael B (rap rock), though.
- DVDs are also perfect for the holiday season, and when you live in Wisconsin, good movies are essential to make it through the winter. Try out Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Indiana Jones Trilogy, and no collection is complete without The Simpsons or The Family Guy. Any season will do.

But, I'm guilty. I'll try something intellectual, time-honored tradition of reading. Cruise around Barnes and Noble (or a smaller indie store, as suggested by a colleague) for a few hours. You won't feel as dirty as you would after cruising around Wal-Mart, and you'll probably come out a little sharper in the end. But I will give a quick shameless plug to Michael Moore's new book Dade: Where's My Country? To quote Krusty the Klown, "Give me your best shot!"

I'll try to remember the important things this Christmas, as usual. But, I'm guilty. All I really want is music and DVDs.
Dear Pat,

Well, I see in the Pointer that if we have something to piss and moan about, we are supposed to let you know. So here we go.

The other day I was walking past the UC. I was cold, but I knew I had to get to the next building for my next class. I was tired, but I knew I had to keep going and make it through the day. I was hungry, but I knew I would have to wait until I got home because I had no money.

While I was approaching the UC building (dreaming about what kind of food I wish I could go and buy) I heard a bell ringing and thought to myself, "No way, they don't have a Salvation Army guy here at the college." But sure enough, I got a little closer and I saw that friendly old guy waving his bell in front of his cute little collection pole. I couldn't help but glare at him in the way that said "I hate you" and did, at that moment, hate that man, whoever he was. I glared at him the whole time until I was passed him. I made damn sure he saw me glaring too, I don't care what he thought.

I am broke. Isn't everyone here at the college???

I am a full time college student (who happens to live alone) and I work close to 40 hours per week at some cheesy restaurant trying to pay my bills and get an education. Rent, car payment, bills, you know what I mean. No matter what, I never can get ahead enough to even feel like I can treat myself to a nice hot meal. All the money we students are spending here at college, not to mention the (expensive) parking meters, and yet the bell guy would then go away.

Well Marie, I had a strong response to your letter. Actually, I had two responses, each of them utterly irreconcilable with the other. Luckily, due to an end-of-the-semester psychotic break, I have two fully formed personalities willing to give their opinions on the matter.

NICE PAT'S RESPONSE

I know for a fact that the Salvation Army guy isn't a new thing. I used to see him there in front of the UC every year, and I'll admit my reaction was somewhat fortunate when we are the less fortunate. You're just indulging in certain luxuries beyond your means. However, there are people in the country that are genuinely poor. People who don't have a support network of friends or family who are willing to help them out if something bad happens. What those people do have is The Salvation Army. They buy toys for poor-kids and shut-ins for chrissake. You can't find any fault with that story—that's great. I feel confident that you know what I mean here and I hope you help in writing something up on this in your paper, maybe the bell guy would then go away.

Pat Rothfuss Consortium

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2) Use money to buy things.
3) Use things to achieve happiness.

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How did I achieve this miracle? Well, I never had a car for one thing. I survived nearly a decade in Point without one, walking to my various jobs and carrying my groceries home.

I never had the luxury of living alone either. Well...that's not really true. For a year I lived in a one-room apartment with a bathroom down the hallway. It cost me $140 per month, everything included. My friends called it "The Pit." I stayed there because it was cheap, and that freed up my money for other things, like nudie magazines, leather pants, and grain alcohol.

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Most importantly, those people don't have a support network of friends and family who are willing to help them out if something bad happens. What those people do have in The Salvation Army. They buy toys for poor-kids and shut-ins for chrissake. You can't find any fault with an organization like that.

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