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**UWSP employees still working without state contract**

**Local 584 Union joins WSEU in voicing concerns to legislators**

By John Baeten

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Over 400 UW-Stevens Point employees are still seeking a contract that has been on the state bargaining table since July 2001. Members of the local 584 Union are voicing concerns along with the rest of the University of Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU), as to when the contract will be approved in the State Legislature.

According to Tom Burkart of UW-Stevens Point Mail Services, who is bargaining delegate for the local 584, "State workers have been working without a contract since July 2001, and have not had a pay raise since October 2000."

The local 584 consists of program assistants (secretaries in academic offices), maintenance personnel (Bursar's Office), computer and electronic technicians and administrative officials.

However, according to Scott Jensen, Assembly Speaker (R), "The legislature cannot in good conscience approve raises of 5.5% for state employees when the state is in a deficit."

**Doyle emphasizes education in address on budget reductions**

By Josh Goller

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

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**Big Wu strikes a chord with fans**

The Big Wu performed in front of a packed Laird Room Saturday, see page 13 for full review.

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Photo by Jen Decker

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Information Technology
cuts computer lab hours
By John Baeten
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Information Technology (IT) recently cut back computer lab hours because of increased operating costs. All computer labs now close at 8 p.m. on weekdays, except for the LRC first floor lab, which will remain open until 10 p.m. last semester.

Last semester, the labs last semester were open until 11 p.m., Monday through Friday. Dianne Smith and Colleen Andrews from IT state, "We were charged with the task of reducing costs. Our first and foremost concern has always been supporting our students and meeting their needs."

Included in all student tuition is a 2% technology fee expenditure, which is used to "provide students with additional services" through IT. The 2% fee adds up to about $396,000 allocated solely to technology. In this $396,000, SGA set aside for its own mistakes, "The 2% fee should concentrate on areas that visibly benefit all students."

According to the UW System Human Resources and Administrative Policies, "The Student Technology Fee (STF) should not replace existing funds intended to support student technology. This fee should concentrate on areas that visibly benefit all students." As of last semester, around 8,667 students attended UWSP. About 3,000 of which lived on campus and the remaining 5,667 resided in the Stevens Point community or were commuters from the regional area, according to Larry Sipiorski of Registration & Records.

This statistic means that potentially thousands of students are affected by the recent computer lab schedule change. According to Smith and Andrews, "After attempting to keep labs open longer hours, using a 'roving lab assistant' system, we realized we were not meeting student needs. To address this concern, we restructured our hours in an effort to provide the greatest support services at any needed time."

According to Richlen, [The decision] is really disappointing, because we are guardians of that 2% fee. However, also included in the STF expenditures are guidelines for "appropriate and inappropriate STF allocations."

One "appropriate" STF guideline states, "Expenses related to general access computer laboratories such as adding staffing for computer help desks and other support services to better assist students and increase hours of operation for computer labs."

The exact budget details of IT were not available on request, specifically the STF allocations and employment reduction statistics.

However, Smith and Andrews contend, "[To further meet student] needs, we now have 14 multimedia workstations available to students for a greater array of hours. This enables those needing to do multimedia work, rendering, etc., greater opportunities."

Retired provost returns
oversee Foundation

Retired provost Bill Meyer will return to UW-Stevens Point to serve as the interim assistant to the chancellor for University Advancement in wake of Bruce Froelchke's resignation as University Foundation president.

Meyer will begin his acting duties next week and will be responsible for the oversight of the University Foundation, Alumni and University Relations and News Services.

Froelchke, who has served as foundation president and head of advancement since 1997, will remain on special assignment, conducting research on university fund-raising, until June 30.

"We have called upon Bill, a seasoned administrator, to provide the stewardship and the leadership needed during this period of transition," said Chancellor Tom George.

"He will work with foundation and advancement staff, faculty, administrators and the foundation board to assist with the transition and to plan for the future. Throughout his long career, Bill has always provided the kind of stability and vision that the university will again be able to rely on during a period of change."

Meyer, who retired last summer after more than 30 years at UW-Stevens Point, began his association with the university in 1968 as a faculty member in the School of Communicative Disorders. He served as director of the Center for Communicative Disorders for six years before serving all the school's associate dean for five years. Meyer also spent a decade as associate vice chancellor for Personnel and Budget and an additional year as acting assistant chancellor for Student Life.

Following two years as acting vice chancellor, he became the provost and vice chancellor in 1997.
Partisan conflict in state capital prolongs confirmation hearings for Doyle appointees indefinitely

By Andrew Blosner
NEWS EDITOR

Christine Thomas, Associate Dean of the College of Natural Resources, recently became one of the 127 new appointees to Gov. Jim Doyle's state government; the question now remains whether she will receive the opportunity to serve the state.

"Before Gov. Thompson left for Washington, he reappointed two of his previous appointees to their seats on the board," said Thomas. "However, the senate at the time was controlled by Democrats under the leadership of Chuck Chvala, and they did not reconfirm any of Gov. Thompson's appointments."

Gov. Doyle withdrew 127 of his predecessor's appointments upon coming to office, raising the ire of many in the state senate, now controlled by Republicans. Doyle appointed Thomas to the state Natural Resources Board two weeks ago, but the Republican controlled state senate has opted to delay confirmation hearings that would allow her and over 50 other appointees to assume their new roles.

State senate majority leader Mary Panzer has publicly stated in recent weeks that holdover appointees from the Thompson administration will continue to serve the state in their current positions if they choose to fulfill their designated term.

That includes Dan Paulson, who Thomas was slated to replace. Paulson recently confirmed that he intends to fulfill the term appointed by former Gov. Tommy Thompson. There have been no confirmation hearings scheduled for Christine Thomas, confirmed Gregg Hubbard, a spokesperson for state senate majority leader Mary Panzer.

The potentially infinite delay of the confirmation hearings stems from a partisan backlash due to decisions made by state senate Democrats under Chvala's leadership.

According to Sen. Panzer's office, Chvala played a role in preventing the confirmation of 210 citizen employees over a four-year span.

Current tensions over recent appointments have not deterred Gov. Doyle's optimism for finding a solution to the conflict.

"The governor is confident that things will be worked out," said Doyle spokesman, Josh Morby.

Thomas also remains at ease amidst the controversy and said that she has kept a sense of humor in regards to the situation.

"I'm keeping this all in perspective," said Thomas, "I have a ton of other responsibilities, and I'm not anxious about this, or concerned, really."

Thomas stated that while she acknowledges the possibility that she may never serve on the Natural Resources Board, she remains enthusiastic about her nomination and the chance to provide her expertise to the state.

"I'm in an interesting position by being a professor in the UW System. One of the expectations of professors is to become involved in the areas of public policy where we have expertise," said Thomas.

"I have a lot of different life experiences that I bring to this in addition to my academic experience. My husband and I spent 15 years farming. I'm a hunter and angler. That brings a lot of practical experience along with my knowledge of issues in their theoretical sense."

Thomas holds a doctorate degree in resource policy and law from UW-Madison in addition to the masters degree in water resources she earned at UW-Stevens Point.

She founded Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) in 1991, which in addition to strengthening the political base for wildlife enthusiasts also provided over 20,000 women with an outlet for learning outdoors skills last year. She currently sits on the board of directors for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the board of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation.

Past honors include being named the Budweiser/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Outdoorsman of the Year and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation conserva­tion educator of the year in 1998.

**Police bust weekend house party**

Police state that grants and over­time incentives play a role in law enforcement

By Sara Daehn
FEATURES EDITOR

Police officers broke up a house party last weekend after receiving a call from nearby neighbors complaining of disorderly behavior. Police said that neighbors complained of女人 drinking coming from the house at 10:47 p.m. A neighbor also claimed that a partygoer urinated in his yard.

When police officers arrived, they advised the large group in the house to disperse. According to the police report the crowd cooperated with all instructions and left the premises promptly.

Nea H. Gouin, the occupant of 1932 College Ave., was given a citation for serving alcohol to minors. Captain James E. Dowling, administrative services commander for the Stevens Point Police Department, explained the reason behind the seemingly growing number of college parties being broken up each year.

"Each year, the government gives the police department a traffic safety grant. The grant's main purpose is to prevent accidents caused by drunk driving and underage drinking," he said. However, he also said that the department is not trying to come down harder on college parties this year than in previous years.

According to Dowling, "Hmong Past, Present, and Future," will give participants an opportunity to learn about Hmong gender roles, art facts, and how education is key for Hmong success in the United States. Sponsored by the Hmong and South East Asian American Club (HSEAAC) and UWSP’s Multicultural Affairs, the conference and lunch are free and open to the campus and the public.

Chancellor Tom George will give opening remarks with registration beginning at 9 a.m. No preconference registration is required to the masters degree in water resources she earned at UW-Stevens Point.

Xiong will address the opening and closing sessions of the conference. His 9:30 a.m. presentation will focus on Hmong history, while his closing session at 2:15 p.m. will present his views on what the future holds for Hmong citizens.

His is a life of "firsts" as he was the first in his family to receive a college degree, first Hmong in the nation to earn a doctoral degree in family social sciences, and the first Hmong professor hired in the state of Iowa at Iowa State University. His research focuses on ethnic minorities, especially adolescents in those communities.

"Minnesota is always home," said Xiong. "I think Minnesota is unique because of the growth in diversity. There is a big increase in immigrants and ethnic minorities in the state in recent years."

An assistant professor in social science, Xiong came to the United States in 1982 sponsored by the Lutheran Church. He graduated with honors from Winona State University and by 1994 was ready to enroll in the university's family social science doctoral program. His main emphasis of research today is juvenile delinquency among Hmong youth. "I have a personal passion to help students like me be successful," said Xiong. "I want to show them that if I could strive they can do it too. They can follow my path."
Whatever...the world according to Steve

Instead of walking to school uphill, it's driving around in ten inches of snow...

By Steve Seamandell
Editor In Chief

If you’re a fan of winter, you finally got what you've been waiting for all winter long. The powder. The white. The big "S."

After our first glimpse of snow in early October, I was thinking that we'd really get buried by Christmas, I wasn't utterly disappointed by the der. The white. The big "S."

But then this winter. No such luck. While I'm a fan of white Christmas morning. I knew the snow would come eventually.

And it did. Finally. snowboarders, skiers, snowshoers, sledgers and snowman construction enthusiasts all across North Central Wisconsin can participate in activities that, prior to this week, they couldn't.

However, more people than just me have noticed that after the snow came, the plows didn't, at least on the streets that are predominantly filled by student housing. Take a look for yourself after the next snowfall; College, Reserve, Briggs, Phillips - they're always the last to get plowed, if they get plowed at all.

To the city's credit, after last weekend's snowfall, these streets were actually plowed the day after the snow fell, which is good to see. But still, it's no secret that streets with "real" people living on them (also known as "taxpayers") get plowed first.

I see this as just another slap in the face to the students. Why does the city constantly give the students the short end of the stick? Oh yeah, that's right, because they can.

I haven't done a lot of extensive research on this, but I'll bet a huge part of it stems from the fact that students don't pay taxes, are probably one of the least-prevalent voting age groups in the city and probably account for most of the domestic disturbance calls to the cop shop.

The thing that students are good for, on the other hand, is local business. I noted this over the summer; bars that are normally packed on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the school year were literally empty over the summer. Not that I'm complaining I guess, because it was nice to be able to snag a pool table without problem every time I went downtown.

But I digress. The problem at hand here is our streets, not how I can't shoot billiards while school is in session. Right. The streets.

You know it's bad when more of the sidewalks up and down College Ave. are shoveled before the streets are plowed. When students can get off their lazy keisters and shovel before the city can do the streets, something isn't right.

Unfortunately, I don't really know what we, as students, can do to change anything. We'll always get the short end of the stick when it comes to crossing paths with Johnny Law. After three and a half years of attending college, bad things do happen to good people. Unfortunately, I don't really know what we, as students, can do to change anything. We'll always get the short end of the stick.

So, after it snows, all of the students can play and have fun in the streets since they're way too snow-faced to drive on. One of the required activities would be to construct at least one snow creature or structure; a snowman, fort, fence or just a big ball will do. When you're done, just leave it in the street. Eventually, some will want to drive down that street, find out that they can't get through because of all of the snow creations and call the city office and complain, forcing the city plows to clear the streets that the students invested so much time on.

OK, so maybe building armies of snowmen in the streets isn't the best of my ideas. But it sure beats looking at a dull covering of snow that doesn't get plowed until four days after the storm rolls through town.

Is something on campus ticking you off? Got something to gripe about?

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McLain, UWSP Student

Student Legal Society:
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Unfortunately, like many fellow students, I am no greenhorn when it comes to crossing paths with Johnny Law. After three and a half years of attending college, bad things do happen to good people.

Whether our legal problems are undeserved, unjust or just plain stupid, we should realize that we have an extraordinary resource at our fingertips.

For instance, I recently found myself in a bogus legal altercation where I needed a helping hand. After paying a mere five bucks to the Student Legal Society, I had a plethora of legal advice at my disposal and an attorney to go with it.

I won't mention any names, but Jan, you went above and beyond what you had to do for my case, and I would just like to say thanks.

As for the rest of you un lucky souls, consider your options and most importantly your rights. The Student Legal Society can help.

Andrew McLain, UWSP Student

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Groshek speaks to UWSP students and community at Berg Gym
By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Actor and equal rights activist Danny Glover read the inspirational poetry of Langston Hughes to a packed audience Tuesday in an event sponsored by Multicultural Affairs in honor of Black History Month.

Known best for his role as Sgt. Roger Murtaugh in the Lethal Weapon series, Glover performed a dramatic reading before a near-capacity crowd, while detailing the history of Hughes’ life and Berg Gym on Tuesday night.

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While the award takes strong consideration of athletic achievements, it was Groshek’s off-the-court academic work that may have clinched her nomination. Groshek, who graduated in May of 2002, had a 3.74 grade point average in Stevens Point to earn hours to attend school to become a psychologist.

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Students still working on New Year's resolutions

By Nora F. Bates

The biggest resolutions of any year include the promises of losing weight and quitting smoking.

Coming back to school after a long vacation usually inspires the resolution of weight loss after the hours of feasting with friends and family over the holiday break.

So, now a month after making our New Year’s resolutions, how are they holding up? Did you make it past the first friends and family over the holiday break.

Some of the things that can be done to help one basis trying to find each student’s individual needs to increase fruits and vegetables or asks students questions like, why do you change facilitation. The health office economic systems the spirit and gallantry of the Polish people.

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Honors Orchestra Festival at UWSP

The 12th Annual Central Wisconsin Honors Orchestra Festival will bring top string players from area high schools to UW-Stevens Point on Thursday, Feb. 13.

A concert that combines honors students and the UWSP Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Professor Patrick Miles will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Michelsen Hall of the Fine Arts Center. In addition, two guest high school orchestras will perform. This year the orchestras from Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School and Shawano High School will be featured.

Admission to the concert is $5 for the general public, $3 for senior citizens, $2 for youth and free the day of the concert for students with a UWSP ID. Tickets are available at the UWSP Box Office or by phone at (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. Tickets also will be available at the door if the concert is not sold out in advance.

During the festival, area students and directors come to UWSP for a day of rehearsals, master classes and the evening concert. Classes are taught by UWSP string faculty members.

"The concert gives all of the performers a unique side-by-side experience," Miles said. "The high school students are exposed to performing in a university orchestra and the college students, many of whom are music education majors, have the opportunity to interact with high school students."

Health Advocate

Dear Health Advocate,

My friends and I like to go out on the weekend to socialize and we usually end up drinking. I was wondering how we could be safer when we go out and drink?

Sincerely,
your average college student

Dear your average college student,

It is important that if you do choose to drink when you go out, to do it with wisdom and planning.

Here are some tips concerning alcohol safety.

- Do set a liquor limit. Have a mindset of how much you will consume in a given outing. It will help keep you in control and spend less.
- Do know whom you came with and whom you are going to leave with at the end of the night. This will help with confusion at the end of the night and will keep you safe.
- Do have a designated driver for the night and or trying walk. Point is small enough to walk anywhere.
- Do check out with people who make you feel uncomfortable.
- Do you know who is watching your back? If something does happen you should know you have someone there, like the buddy system.
- It is also important for you to know at UWSP 75% of students drink once a week or less.

When students on our campus choose to drink, the majority consume four or fewer drinks.

When asked about personal trainers being available he replied that they are available to students for $10 a session or package deals, like six sessions for $50. Personal trainers are helpful in promoting and motivating you along the way as providing you with a work out schedule that will work for you.

Rice said that it often gets discouraging to members who come in the late afternoon or early evening. When it is packed. Frustrated students then tend to give up on the weight loss. Rice suggested coming at off-peak times like early afternoon or evenings of days.

Rice says, "You would be surprised how picky people are about the machines they use. Rice did point out that the increase in members is not just a result of New Year’s resolutions, but that fitting into swimsuits for spring break 2003 is another big factor in the Cardio Center’s rapid increase.

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From: Mr. Rice

UW-Stevens Point

The biggest resolutions of any year include the promises of losing weight and quitting smoking.

Coming back to school after a long vacation usually inspires the resolution of weight loss after the hours of feasting with friends and family over the holiday break.

So, now a month after making our New Year’s resolutions, how are they holding up? Did you make it past the first friends and family over the holiday break.

Some of the things that can be done to help one basis trying to find each student’s individual needs to increase fruits and vegetables or asks students questions like, why do you change facilitation. The health office economic systems the spirit and gallantry of the Polish people.

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Honors Orchestra Festival at UWSP

The 12th Annual Central Wisconsin Honors Orchestra Festival will bring top string players from area high schools to UW-Stevens Point on Thursday, Feb. 13.

A concert that combines honors students and the UWSP Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Professor Patrick Miles will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Michelsen Hall of the Fine Arts Center. In addition, two guest high school orchestras will perform. This year the orchestras from Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School and Shawano High School will be featured.

Admission to the concert is $5 for the general public, $3 for senior citizens, $2 for youth and free the day of the concert for students with a UWSP ID. Tickets are available at the UWSP Box Office or by phone at (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. Tickets also will be available at the door if the concert is not sold out in advance.

During the festival, area students and directors come to UWSP for a day of rehearsals, master classes and the evening concert. Classes are taught by UWSP string faculty members.

"The concert gives all of the performers a unique side-by-side experience," Miles said. "The high school students are exposed to performing in a university orchestra and the college students, many of whom are music education majors, have the opportunity to interact with high school students."

Health Advocate

Dear Health Advocate,

My friends and I like to go out on the weekend to socialize and we usually end up drinking. I was wondering how we could be safer when we go out and drink?

Sincerely,
your average college student

Dear your average college student,

It is important that if you do choose to drink when you go out, to do it with wisdom and planning.

Here are some tips concerning alcohol safety.

- Do set a liquor limit. Have a mindset of how much you will consume in a given outing. It will help keep you in control and spend less.
- Do know whom you came with and whom you are going to leave with at the end of the night. This will help with confusion at the end of the night and will keep you safe.
- Do have a designated driver for the night and or trying walk. Point is small enough to walk anywhere.
- Do check out with people who make you feel uncomfortable.
- Do you know who is watching your back? If something does happen you should know you have someone there, like the buddy system.
- It is also important for you to know at UWSP 75% of students drink once a week or less.

When students on our campus choose to drink, the majority consume four or fewer drinks.

When asked about personal trainers being available he replied that they are available to students for $10 a session or package deals, like six sessions for $50. Personal trainers are helpful in promoting and motivating you along the way as providing you with a work out schedule that will work for you.

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UW-Stevens Point
Skaters to make last stand of regular season

Team splits pair of weekend games to take season down to wire
By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP men's hockey team continued its up and down season last weekend, splitting a pair of games with rivals Lake Forest and St. Norbert at Willett Arena.

The Pointers put themselves in position for a first round home series with a 5-3 victory over Lake Forest in their first game Friday night. Leading the Pointers was sophomore Adam Kostichka, who scored his second career hat trick in the victory. "We really needed points in this game, so I'm really happy with how the guys played," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta.

Freshman defenseman Jordan Blair broke a 3-3 tie with 3:07 left with a long shot from the blue line that gave the team a 4-3 lead. Sophomore forward Mike Brolsma then scored the final goal, giving him a nine-game scoring streak.

"It was an emotional game," said Baldarotta. "They kept coming back, but we were able to shut them down at the end with a strong line shift."

The Pointers' would not be as fortunate on Saturday night as they took the ice against the St. Norbert Green Knights. The Pointers had a tough battle against the top-ranked team, but ran out of juice at the end, falling 6-3.

Due to a change in the schedule, the Green Knights were playing their first game of the weekend, while the Pointers were coming off the emotionally draining Lake Forest game the night before.

Although UWSP freshman forward Mark Peters scored his first career goal in the first period, the well-rested Knights were able to out-skate the tired Pointers to the tune of a 4-1 score at the break.

The team battled back in the second period as Brolsma scored a power play goal and senior Joel Marshall scored a shorthanded goal in a three-on-five situation to bring UWSP within 4-3. "Once we made it 4-3, I thought we were in control," said Baldarotta.

That is as close as the Pointers would get though, as the Green Knights got very strong play from their defense, especially goalie Chancy Colquhoun, to keep the Pointers at bay. The Knights added a third period shorthanded goal to pull away.

"We played a good game, and now we know we can play with those guys," said Baldarotta. "The next time we face them, it will be in the playoffs, so we are looking forward to that."

The final regular season series of the weekend lies ahead for the Pointers, who need a win or tie against UW-Superior or St. Scholastica on the road, or a Lake Forest loss or tie in one of its two games to clinch the fourth seed and home ice for the first round of the NCHA playoffs.
Pointers stun River Falls

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

It's common knowledge that basketball is a game of runs. Usually the runs are small ones like 8-2 and 6-0 spurts, but the UWSP men's basketball team (18-2, 9-2) decided to bypass all the little runs for one monster run in their game against UW-River Falls on Wednesday.

Trailing 30-40 early in the second half, Point reeled off 20 straight points in the midst of a 33-5 run for the 74-61 victory, effectively ending any hope that the Falcons had of an upset.

"River Falls has the best scorer in the league in Melzer so you have to concentrate on him, and they shot the ball well in the first half," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "But the 12-13 minute mark on that was as courageous and gutsy a performance as I've seen a team make. Every kid that went on that floor played with instincts and courage and that's the only way to come back against a team like that."

Sophomore Nick Bennett continued his outstanding play by dropping in a game high 21 points to go with seven rebounds. Once again Bennett proved clutch from the free throw line, shooting a perfect nine of nine from the charity stripe.

Another sophomore, Jason Kalsow, also came up with big double digits for the first time with 7:19 to play. Although River Falls jumped out early and led by as much as 12 throughout the opening half, but a pair of Brian Bauer jumpers, including one at the buzzer, cut the lead to six at the break. Bauer had nine for the game.

"We knew Brian Bauer had that in him and I just knew he would find his moment to have his coming out party and tonight he did it," said Bennett. "Even though Izzy didn't have a great game, he had a great five minute stretch and sometimes it's not the quantity it's the quality, and he did that."

Saturday night Point also had to come back from an early deficit to defeat UW-Eau Claire 82-73.

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Sophomore Amanda Nechuta led the Pointers with 10 points and 11 rebounds on Wednesday night.

Photo by Patricia Larsor

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Heuer and Schultz pour in 16 apiece
By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

After spotting River Falls a seven point lead Wednesday night, Stevens Point (16-4, 8-3) battled back to get a hard fought 70-54 road victory.

Back-to-back three point plays by Cassandra Schultz and Amanda Nechuta with 2:30 left to play and a pair of free throws by Nechuta sealed the game in the second half. The Pointers were held scoreless for the first 4:41 of the game until a Cassandra Heuer deuce put UWSP on the board.

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Up next, the Pointers will host UW-Platteville this Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

"We're gonna play one game at a time and take it from there," said Egner.

The UWSP women's hockey team had a showdown against UW-River Falls this weekend with both teams looking for an inside track towards the NCHA regular season title.

After both teams battled to a 1-1 draw on Friday, the Falcons took advantage of two power play goals to come away with a 3-2 victory on Saturday.

"I felt like we dominated play on both nights," said Head Coach Brian Idalski. "But we needed to bury our scoring opportunities."

In Friday's contest River Falls jumped on top six minutes into the opening period as Ah Slenden netted her 14th goal of the season. After a scoreless second period, sophomore Emily Teachout wanted no time as she scored the equalizer just 16 seconds into the final period.

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A radio man's account of a bus ride to Pittsburgh with the UWSP men's basketball team

By Dan Mirman

Every facet of the trip to Pittsburgh went off without a hitch. This alone should have forecasted trouble as we entered LaRoche College for one more game before returning to Stevens Point.

Earlier in the day school officials had assured me that they would have a phone number for the radio broadcast that evening. When I got to the gym, they didn't have one. Even after some mad scurrying and the use of Assistant Coach Dave Adelman's cell phone, the number still didn't surface.

So there I was, 14 hours from home, and all I could do was call in updates to the station. On top of that, right before the end of the first half, starting guard Ron Nolting crumpled to the floor and made one of those faces that a fan never wants to see.

Nolting was immediately rushed to the hospital and, fortunately, x-rays turned out negative, but he will still miss at least a couple of weeks due to a severe ankle sprain. It's a shame too, because Nolting, much like the entire Pointer team, showed nothing but class and courtesy the entire trip.

The longest road trip of the year began at 8 a.m. Friday morning as the Pointer men set out for Pittsburgh to play a pair of non-conference games. The trip also provided a homecoming for Head Coach Jack Bennett, who was born in Pittsburgh, as well as Adelman who graduated from Pittsburgh University and coached at nearby Duquesne.

With the exception of the Nolting injury, things could not have gone better on the court. With friends and family in attendance, Bennett's team crushed both Carnegie Mellon University and LaRoche College with dominating defense.

"All along the trip Bennett preached tough defense and solid play, because even he admitted that these two games were special to him. The same held true for Adelman, who got a little teary-eyed telling the team how proud he felt coming back to town as their coach."

Due to rainy conditions, sight-seeing on the trip was held to a minimum as the team got the abbreviated tour of PNC Park and Heinz field, the new state of the art baseball and football fields. However, they did have time for one quick picture in front of the statue of Roberto Clemente.

The outing for the most part was structured by the coaches, but the team did have Sunday evening to themselves, at least until the 12 o'clock curfew, which I am glad to report almost everyone made.

So where does a team of college guys go on their own time? Well the answer is fairly obvious; Hooters Restaurant. Hey, it's a sports bar and the Packers were playing, albeit poorly, but you can see the rationale.

Because it was Sunday night, options were limited after the Hooters excursion so most of the guys just went back to the hotel to play some cards and relax.

The trip concluded with a 12-hour marathon drive back to Stevens Point that began around 11 p.m. with just one quick break to change drivers in Milwaukee.

In an age where the athlete as a prima donna seems more and more prevalent, it felt good to hang out with a group of players that check their egos at the door; they have an eerie resemblance to Ishmael from the movie Kingpin, got nothing but love.

The Pittsburgh trip will definitely be a memory I can carry with me long after graduation; just don't ask me about LaRoche College and their crummy phone lines.

Wrestling team continues to be top heavy, still wins Eau Claire invite

By Craig Mandll

The UWSP wrestling team continues to be a team carried by three standouts. While a team made up in this fashion can do relatively well in tournaments due to other teams taking points from each other, the Pointers continue to struggle in dual meets, which require more overall talent.

Keeping with this theory, despite being 4-5 overall in their dual meet season, the Pointers captained the UW-Eau Claire Invitational for the second straight year. Sophomore Cody Koenig and junior Yan White both continued their strong seasons, winning individual titles.

"The guys that we expected to wrestle well wrestled well," said Coach Johnny Johnson. "Yan and Cody continued to carry us."

Koenig, who is a strong contender for a national championship, cruised through four matches last week at 174 pounds and improved to 26-0 with his first season competing for the Pointers. He decided to come here.

Other top finishers for the Pointers at the invite were junior Brad Marten placed second at 197 pounds, running his record to 23-2 for the year. The junior from Antigo posted two pins and a major decision to claim the title.

American Rory Hering 8-3 in the finals. Marten is just starting to round into form in this, his first season competing for the Pointers. He competed at 141 pounds before transferring to UWSP.

On Marten, Johnson added, "It's great to get a guy [of his caliber]. His was a weight class that we needed, so it was nice that he decided to come here."

Other top finishers for the Pointers at the invite were Sophomore Justin Geitner, who was second at 149 pounds, junior Jared Esala, who was third at 125 pounds and freshman Jon Burdick, who was fourth at 141 pounds.

The Pointers have a pair of home duals this weekend against Augsburg and Eau Claire. The Augsburg match is at 7 p.m. on Friday, while the Eau Claire match is at 4 p.m. on Saturday.
Let’s go ice fishing
Weekend recap and buoyant debate

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Lake DuBay Tournament Results

Somebody better call David Duchovny or Danny Glover because things have been getting mysterious on the lakes around these parts.

After several hours of intelligent conversation with my ultraclear, mind-reading, one-eyed, snazzy-ugly-fisheating friend, "Lil’ Tycho Brahe", we came to some startling conclusions. The sun never shone on our spot and the fish were not interested in the great American way of the bobber. It was our first tournament of the season and it was no way to start things off. We did manage to catch a few minnows on our first attempt, but that was it.

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Where Did All the Crappie Go?

On a most surprising note, the entire tournament passed without a single crappie being caught. Reports from other sections of the lake told us all the best crappie fishing was done on the eastern side of County Highway DB, which leaves me scratching my head as to why the whole tournament got skunked last Saturday. Double biscuits!

An Enjoyable Sunday Afternoon with Mr. Winters

After sleeping through the Big Wu show Saturday night, I awoke on Sunday thirsty for a Bloody and still eager to teach those fish a lesson. I strolled over to Mr. Winters’ house to discuss the fishing options with my friend, neighbor and outdoors guru. With more snow coming that evening, we decided to go out to Lake Joanas for a few hours before the flakes flew.

While we were setting up, we got to talking about floatation options for winter jig fishing. The old man is pretty stubborn, so it made for a really good debate. Mr. Winters will go on and on about his precious slip bobbers if you let him, while I, on the other hand, prefer the simple clip-on float.

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HEY FOLKS! NEXT WEEK’S OUTDOOR OPINION SUBJECT IS: THE BEST CLIP-UP BAIT.

GOT AN OPINION ABOUT IT?
EMAIL ADAM M.T.H. MELLA

Mr. Winters’ two cents

Well folks, another week’s gone by us and finally Mother Nature grants us the greatest winter time gift in the way of good, wet snow. It makes me smile just to mess up my galoshes several times in a week. For all of you who favor the white stuff, I recommend you go on and enjoy it, because it can go just as soon as it comes these days.

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Are you interested in working for a camp this summer?

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OUTDOORS

The gazelles of wintertime
Cross country skiers in Stevens Point enjoy fresh powder

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

With an ample base of fresh snow finally upon Central Wisconsin's sweet bosom, the fastest Nordic athletes in the state, along with many ama­teur skiers, have taken to the trails with great anticipation. The Stevens Point Area has several cross country ski trails within a thirty minute drive of campus, with both beginner and advanced courses to test the gliding masses.

Cross country skiing is as much a part of Wisconsin's past as it is of the present. Every new winter brings out more people seeking to try the exciting thrill of Nordic flatland skiing. All one really needs to try the fun activity is a set of used skis, poles and boots, and clothing that gives warmth while allowing for maximum movement and exertion. Two words, folks: wind suits. Skis, poles and boots can be purchased new or used at several area stores, or simply rented from Outdoor EdVentures. Right now, on-campus Outdoor EdVentures is offering free rentals every Tuesday from noon until six, so get out there and take advantage of the opportunity. Also, the UWSP

"You don't need to be a finely tuned athlete like these guys to have fun on the flat land in skis."

Cross Country Skiers Club is holding an introductory ski outing that is scheduled for Feb. 8, with a Statewide Deer Management Unit review meetings start this month

The public will have an opportunity to discuss results of the 2002 deer hunt and the deer population status of Deer Management Units (DMUs) at local public information meetings scheduled across the state.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife managers will discuss deer harvest results by DMU, population estimates, and proposed antlerless quotas for the units and the historic likelihood of reaching those quotas with the regular nine-day hunting season framework. Meetings may have an initial informational presentation followed by a question and answer session or may be an initial informational presentation followed by a question and answer session or may be

"We won't have final harvest quota recommendations by the time of these meetings, but the information the field biologists have is pure joy in life. I'm convinced that you, as well as your counterparts that smash little kids' jack-o-lanterns, are destined to be challenged with shaken baby syndrome (SBS) or some other domestic abuse violation when you become grown-up boys."

"There's no question to your pent-up rage and I feel sorry for the females in your lives, especially your mothers. I guess I just don't know why people would be intent on wrecking something that another person created. Is it because your grade school art teacher told you that you would never be an artist, and that your finger painting was crap? Is it because you got your snowman kicked down as a kid? I guess I don't care about any of your excuses because it was heartbroken, not only because my hard work was ruined only after a day of standing, but also because of the fact that it could have been a sweet 5-year-old girl that had made the snowman for the first time in her life. It could have been more traumatic than it was."

Too bad for you, snowman wreckers, that my sweet roommate put his head back on and gave him stark, glaring, Point Special eyes instead of those foggy charcoal eyes I gave him the first time. Now he's got an advantage, and the next time you try to kick him down, he's going to run after you and deflate your balls.

Kudos, to all of my fellow college-aged folk that enjoyed the snow and made artistic creations out of it.

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Snow demons ruin fun

By Leigh Ann Ruddiy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

It was calming to me, as I opened my shades on Friday morn­ing, to see the shower of snowflakes brush past the panes. Unfortunately, I had to wake up early that morning, but for some reason, after I stepped into the fringy, unmoved snowland I became euphoric for snow. This is a rare thing in my life, since usually I head into a torpor-like state for most of the months that end in -ber and -ary.

All things aside, I couldn't resist the urge to build a snowman over the weekend. So Sunday, as the last snowfall was about to cease, I geared up in my snowpants, lobster-finger gloves, toasty snowboots (not moon boots) and jacket. Man, was my inner child screaming. I hadn't made a snowman for over ten years, and here I was squatting in the fluffy snow, carefully rolling snowballs over the lawn to make the three necessary body parts.

The hour I spent packing snow and creating my snowman was the most juvenile yet liberating experience I've had in my four years of being a college student. I couldn't help but giggle to myself in pure delight as I meticulously created my snowman.

This just proves to me and everyone else who made a snow­man or snowcreature over the weekend that you're never too old to enjoy the simple things about life. I haven't been more proud of a personal creation.

"So to you obnoxious bastards that kicked my snowman down, you ruin everything that is pure joy in life. I'm convinced that you, as well as your counterparts that smash little kids' jack-o-lanterns, are destined to be challenged with shaken baby syndrome (SBS) or some other domestic abuse violation when you become grown-up boys."

"There's no question to your pent-up rage and I feel sorry for the females in your lives, especially your mothers. I guess I just don't know why people would be intent on wrecking something that another person created. Is it because your grade school art teacher told you that you would never be an artist, and that your finger painting was crap? Is it because you got your snowman kicked down as a kid? I guess I don't care about any of your excuses because it was heartbroken, not only because my hard work was ruined only after a day of standing, but also because of the fact that it could have been a sweet 5-year-old girl that had made the snowman for the first time in her life. It could have been more traumatic than it was."

Too bad for you, snowman wreckers, that my sweet roommate put his head back on and gave him stark, glaring, Point Special eyes instead of those foggy charcoal eyes I gave him the first time. Now he's got an advantage, and the next time you try to kick him down, he's going to run after you and deflate your balls.

Kudos, to all of my fellow college-aged folk that enjoyed the snow and made artistic creations out of it.

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And another thing...

Celebrities are the opiate of the masses.

By Josh Goller

In my extensive efforts to distance myself as much as possible from the mainstream, I often lose touch with the latest celebrity gossip, allowing myself the opportunity to view this odd genre of entertainment from an outsider's perspective from time to time.

I began to become acquainted with celebrity gossip as I stood in line at the grocery store, preoccupying myself with tabloid front pages before purchasing my weekly ration of ramen noodles and bouillon cubes. Then, after visiting some entertainment websites, reading an issue of People and sifting through some boy band posters at Wal-Mart, I confirmed the theory I've been recently proposing: America's official religion is celebrity worship.

The average American is a confirmed and baptized "celebritist." These "celebritists" aren't concerned about the latest word from Hans Blix or Colin Powell, but salivate at the chance to hear gossip about movie star marriages or celebrity arrests. With their elevated status, most often based on sex appeal rather than talent of any sort, the most worshipped celebrities have become transcendent deities to young and feeble-minded Americans alike.

Never before have the rich and famous been exalted to such a ludicrous degree. Stars with countless hours of TV (and even entire channels) are dedicated to promoting the stars themselves with personal lives. Celebrity marriages, deaths command an almost "stop the presses" hysteria in our media, and often these heralded stars have really accomplished little more than looking, acting or sounding a certain way. The personal lives of most Hollywood stars are often spent bingeeatingin extravagant excesses, sometimes to the detriment of others. However, celebrities remain America's most exalted commodity.

Meanwhile, in an even more disturbing trend, stars falling from grace acquire a greater amount of attention among "celebritists." The horrible images of Michael Jackson's synthetic face collapsing into disrepair received national attention. While it was granted daily coverage, the world paused for a moment when it became apparent that The Who's own Pete Townshend might think the kids are a little more than all right. Hell, if a celebrity happens to pack on a few pounds we usually hear about it (is Oprah fat or skinny these days, anyhow?)

The details of celebrities falling from grace seem to ease the inferiority complexes of the "celebritists" that the unrealistic standards of the stars advocate by transforming the notion of "celebritists" into the need for us to create our own gods. It's karma. Yin and Yang. As the poverty and unemployment rates increase, we choose to pay attention to the most revealing dress at award shows. As people are starving all over the world, we celebrate actresses who starve themselves for sex appeal.

That's why I chose to admire movie stars like Danny Glover, who came to Stevens Point. Wisc. on a bitterly cold night to share a refreshing piece of largely ignored African American culture. It's for this reason that I respect Robert Redford for using his fame to promote solar power, an energy source alternative that our country so desperately needs. This latest tour, which follows their summer call to arms, the Counting Crows booked for Quandt

Tickets to be available within weeks for April concert date

The moody music of the Counting Crows will radiate through the Stevens Point area on Tuesday, April 15 when the band is scheduled to perform at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Breaking onto the popular music scene in 1993 with their August and Everything After debut, the Counting Crows coupled roots rock with soul-searching lyrics. The heartache in Adam Duritz's haunting voice struck a chord with many, and the band's music quickly received widespread acclaim. They followed this release with their successful Recovering the Satellites album and solidified themselves as a musical mainstay.

This latest tour, which stops in a half dozen Midwest cities, follows their summer 2002 release Hard Candy featuring the hit single "American Girls."

According to the band's website, tickets will go on sale Feb. 24 and are available exclusively at the UWSP Ticket Office.

Entertainment week in review

The Good:

Danny Glover for bringing his message of equal rights to Stevens Point through his inspirational performance of poetry by Langston Hughes. Glover boldly addressed issues that aren't often discussed at this overwhelmingly white university.

Honorable Mention: Centertainment for bringing The Big Wu to the Laird Room on Saturday. Finally, UWSP sponsors the type of musical act that many students had been calling for.

The Bad:

Ben Affleck for announcing in a Vanity Fair interview that he's contemplating a future run for a congressional seat. Despite his ambitious goals, Affleck has voted only once in the last 10 years and, even after touring with Gore to convince America's youth to vote in 2000, he didn't even bother to cast a ballot himself. But hey, Reagan was an actor. Maybe one day, former fly-girl J.L. will be our First Lady.

Dis honorable Mention: Hole lead singer Courtney Love for disgracing herself once again with an arrest following an altercation with flight attendants in which she was verbally abusive.

The Ugly:

ABC for broadcasting Are You Hot? The Search for America's Sexiest People. Apparently, the personality and talent ratings in beauty pageants have become too complicated. This new reality series promises to judge contestants (who will wear nothing but bathing suits) on "face, body, and overall sexiness." The American Idol-esque panel will include a supermodel, fashion designer, and "tough guy" movie star. The American public has the ultimate decision by voting on an online poll. This show could quite possibly be the most soul-less, superficial piece of garbage ever to deface the small-screen. Nothing like blatantly engaging in a glorified version of "hot or not."

The Happening: CBS for broadcasting the Price Is Right Million Dollar Spectacular. And just when you thought million dollar game shows weren't trendy anymore. Then again, it may be the first time that a primetime audience will be reminded to have their pets spayed or neutered.
Mixed feelings about The Big Wu’s first Point appearance

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Anticipation, as well as intoxication levels, ran high on Saturday, Feb. 1 when The Big Wu rolled into Stevens Point for their first performance ever in the area.

The Centertainment-sponsored show, which was moved from the Encore to the more sizeable Laird Room, was capped after 500 people, giving a few students and non-students alike the proverbial shaft. People waited in a line that stretched from the entrance of the Laird Room all the way to the Pointer Express for up to an hour before the doors opened at 7:30.

The Big Wu stormed the stage promptly at 8:00 and began the show with a semi-poppy version of “Break of Ground,” performed by both Stevie Wonder and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and “Good Lovin’,” a classic popularized by the Grateful Dead.

Cover songs performed by the Wu included “Hard to Handle,” “U.S. Blues” by The Grateful Dead, “Higher Ground,” performed by both Stevie Wonder and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and “Save Our Ship” have lost a handful of keepers that Fladager wrote and can obviously no longer be performed, like “Two Person Chair” and “Handle the Spam.”

Having been seeing The Big Wu since 1999, and have definitely noticed them taking a step back from the direction that they were headed in at that time. It’s not like the band hasn’t faced their hardships though; last fall, original band member and guitarist Jason Fladager left the band, citing personal reasons for his departure, and The Big Wu hasn’t quite been the same since.

Noticeably, a lot of the Wu’s “heavy hitting” songs lost a fair amount of their punch as the Laird Room was after the show.

The Wu is credited for being one of the up-coming jambands in the Midwest. However, I was impressed very little jamming taking place in the Laird Room. I’d classify The Big Wu as more of a “state, worn-out soloband.”

They considered holding him back a year. Then they discovered a communication disorder was already doing that.

Apart from the surprises warranted by the selected covers, the Wu showed little creativity throughout the rest of their sets by noodling through their aged songs just enough to coax applause from the energy hungry crowd that filled the Laird.

Attempts at old Wu standards like “Oxygen,” “Kangaroo” and “Kensington Manor” plainly fell short of what the Wu is capable of accomplishing. “Oxygen” simply fizzled out and when guitarist Chris Castino couldn’t think of what note to strum next, he began the chords to “Kangaroo” while the other bandmates, bassist Andy Miller, keyboardist Al Oikari and drummer Terry VanDeWalker, began to play along to Castino’s lead.

There were a few musical standouts throughout the evening, though. The first set closer of “Rhode Island Red,” a fairly new Wu song in retrospect, blazed through a bluegrass-tinged segment that built with a climaxing guitar solo belted out by Castino. In the second set, “Take the World by Storm” and “Shuntownies” grabbed the fans’ attention the most, although neither version was spectactularly different from their studio efforts.

The Big Wu’s show was definitely not lacking in the “fun” category. Nearly everybody told me that they had a good time in one way or another. However, you can only see a band so many times before the novelty wears thin and the fun becomes more inconsistent. After seeing The Big Wu play “Kangaroo” the same exact way and time and time again, recently minus my favorite member of the band, I’d say that I definitely have a hard time finding fun at a Big Wu show.

An all-too-predictable encore of “Minnesota Moon” sent me, and many more, on their way home, or downtown, for the evening. Perhaps the Wu has lost focus, initiative or that creative spark that differentiates “regular” bands from a truly talented jamband. Whatever their problem may be, the future of The Big Wu is about as cloudy as the Laird Room was after the show.

They tried not to feel let down by the show, I kept on reminding myself what a friend had told me earlier during the first set. “Just remember man, they’re playing in the Laird Room for free.” I guess the old statement rings true: you get what you pay for.

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