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Budget reductions project grim forecast for UW System

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

Gov. Jim Doyle will unveil his budget proposal next Tuesday in what promises to be no Valentine for the UW System.

Current estimates indicate the UW System will face cuts of between \$100 and \$300 million over the next biennium due to the state's \$3.2 billion shortfall.

The budget reductions, which could amount to as much as 30% of the overall general purpose revenue support received by the system from the state, will likely raise tuition rates by as much as 15%.

A tuition increase of that magnitude would mean UW-Stevens Point students could expect to pay \$255 per semester above the current tuition rate before adjusting for inflation.

The impact of the increase will have an especially pronounced effect upon working class families, who often see a quarter of their yearly income go toward college related expenses, even after receiving need-based

ple who that increase will effect, you are talking about people who probably did not get raises during the last biennium with the rate of inflation and who will probably not be getting raises this semester," said Student Government President Beth Ann Richlen. "So they're paying more money on less money."

Concerns have also risen regarding the future of financial aid for middle-income citizens, as legislators have begun to consider changing financial aid requirements to benefit lower-income households. Less aid would be offered to those who can afford to put more of their income toward higher education, resulting in a disproportional burden on the incomes of

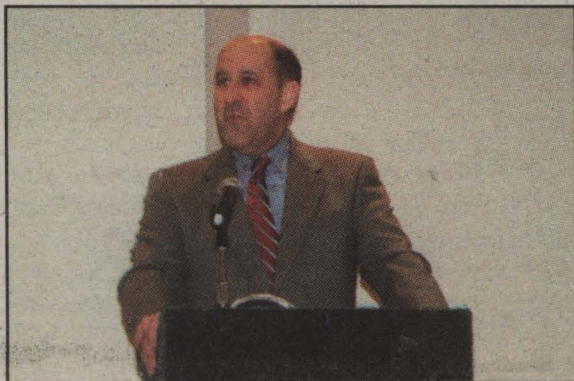


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Gov. Doyle has cautioned all recipients of state funds to prepare for the inevitable, as his pledge not to raise taxes will result in major cuts.

grants. Families who fall in the lowest income bracket can expend as much as 50% of their income to meet college expenses for one year.

"When you look at the peo-

ple who that increase will effect,

The United Council, a student advocacy group, has sought to gain full implementation of a link between tuition and finan-

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Union members protest for contract settlements

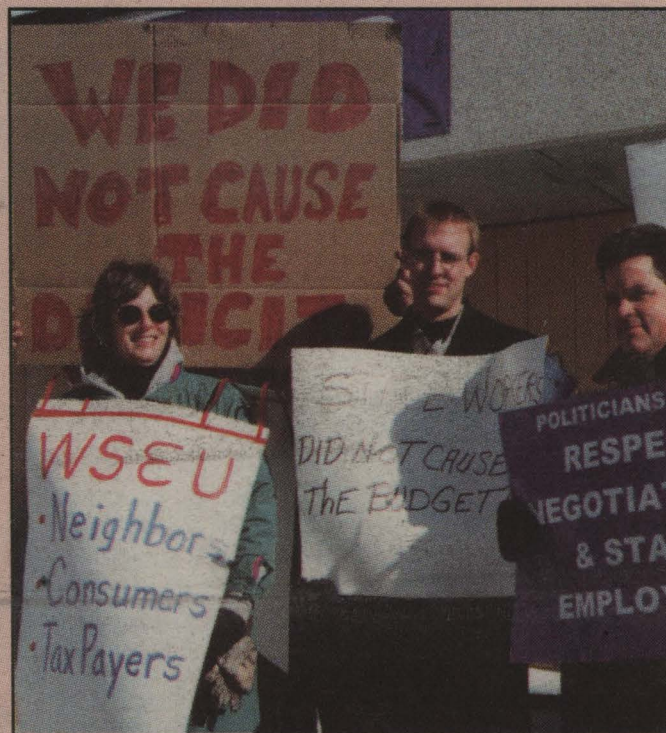


Photo by Kent Hutchison

Local 584 members demonstrated their frustration over unresolved contract negotiations in front of the University Center last Thursday, aiming to gain the attention of state legislators. The Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU) organized demonstrations around the state last week in an effort to bolster the negotiation process.

Wausau to host rally against military action in Iraq

By John Baeten
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The "largest anti-war rally in the history of the world," is slated for Feb. 15 and members of the Northwoods Peace Initiative have organized the event to be held in Wausau, chosen because of its central location.

The rally is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. and is to be held at the 400 Block Park in downtown Wausau. The protest is in coalition with "peace groups" across the globe, occurring in every continent except Antarctica.

According to the organization United for Peace and Justice, "People in more than 300 cities throughout the globe are organizing protests this weekend against the Iraq war."

The international peace rally is in part due to the European movement that has called for action in the United States.

According to Elias Rashmawi, Vice President of the International Campaign Against U.S. War on Iraq, "On February 15th the European movement has called for people throughout the U.S. to answer their call for mass actions that day. We can stop

the war by turning up the heat with local, regional, national and global action."

Campus coordinator Robin Hillestad states, "I find it humbling that out of so many destructive forces, hatred and darkness in the world, so much beauty can be created in reaction to it. The rally in Wausau will be a phenomenal event."

The protest organizers are hoping for turnouts similar to the

Madison demonstration, which reached a high of around 8,000 participants, but they are estimating closer to 2,000 to be in attendance. Approximately

200 students from UWSP are to attend the demonstration.

However, UWSP student Mark Beske claims, "All you Americans that are against



Protests against U.S. military action in Iraq have begun to mount both nationally and internationally, as illustrated by this rally in London.

this military action must remember the men and women who died in the past to make this country the super power that it is

today, and if you have forgotten the freedoms you take for granted today, relocate to Iraq."

Mike Miles, organizer for the Northwoods Peace Initiative states, "Students, grandmothers, farmers, and teachers are all out in force demonstrating that support for war with Iraq is being manipulated by the Bush administration and its minions in the corporate media."

Beske states, "Do all you liberals remember 9/11?"

Hillestad states, "I've received emails from people outside the U.S. and the common thought is Americans are in favor of the war, or at least indifferent, because this is what their media is telling them. Hopefully the rally will bring this message home to the world's citizens."

Beske insists, "The U.S. must and will defend the freedoms of all peace loving people, and this doctrine will and always has required military force. I am forever grateful as a father and a taxpayer to be blessed with a President that will stand for what has made America great."

UWSP student Matt Oldenberg states,

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SGA launches senate recruitment campaign

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) launched the most extensive recruitment campaign in its history last week, aiming to fill the half vacant student senate by the end of this semester.

SGA senators distributed applications to over 10 students at last Wednesday's Student Involvement Fair, marking the group's initial efforts to fill its 15 vacancies.

"I want a full senate by April," said Speaker of the Senate Matt Kamke. "If we can get a full senate by tax day, I'll be happy."

Achieving a full student senate has long remained an illusive objective for the SGA, as the organization has operated with a less than full membership since its establishment.

The current senate identified the recruitment campaign as a top priority at its first meeting of the semester, after neglecting direct discussion of the issue for several semesters, due in part to a change in leadership.

Sen. Kamke, who assumed the Speaker of the Senate position from Sen. Brendan Tate at the end of last semester, began his tenure by urging the senate to embark on an ambitious recruitment drive with the intent of setting a historical precedent.

"Every speaker throughout the years has always wanted a full senate, but no one's been able to do it. It seems like when a speaker says that they want to see a full senate, it's seen as naïve or wishful think-

ing. I would like to help change that," said Kamke.

The impetus for change, said the speaker, stems from the senate's need for a higher level of efficiency and its desire to broaden the diversity of student representation. A full senate would allow the SGA to meet both objectives, and would also allow some senators to perform specialized roles in handling many issues brought before the senate.

The SGA currently struggles to counteract problems that result from its low membership, which often force the entire body to deliberate over the details of many issues that would normally receive the scrutiny of committees, reducing the efficiency of decision-making. A larger senate body would provide the opportunity for specialized committees to form, allowing the SGA to handle a greater number of issues

while also increasing the organization's attentiveness to the details of legislation.

A successful recruitment campaign would also solve a more crucial problem for the SGA by filling the vacancies that exist on many senate committees. Some senate committees currently have no members, while others have too few members to perform their functions at maximum capacity.

Nearly all student senators serve on more than one SGA and University Affairs committee, despite a clause in the organization's constitution which specifies that senators should only serve on one committee of each type.

"We have senators who are on five total committees, who go to all of those meetings, and

the weekly SGA meeting and who still have to contend with school work after that," said Kamke. "They're putting in a tremendous amount of time and they're being stretched too thin. That's a major problem."

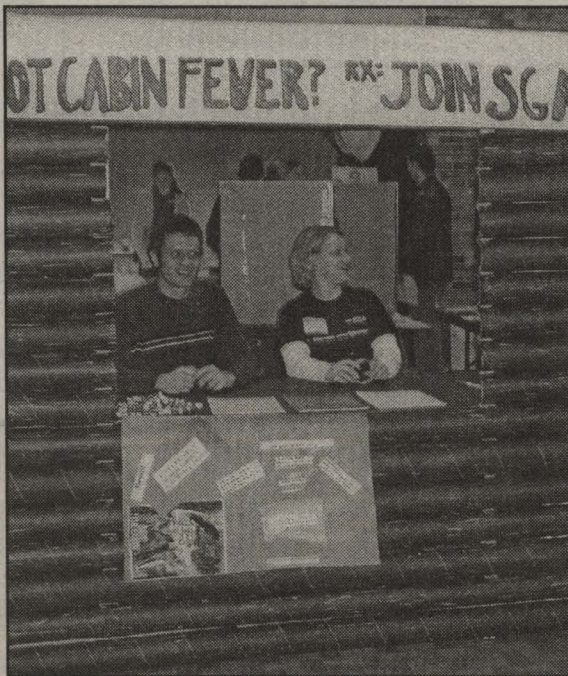


Photo provided by SGA

Student Government Association members recruit prospective senators at the Student Involvement Fair last week.

Campus mayoral debate cancelled

Candidates will consider scheduling another forum

By John Baeten
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A mayoral debate scheduled for March 25 has been cancelled due to time availability of the Incumbent Mayor Gary Wescott.

The debate, which was to be sponsored by SGA and *The Stevens Point Journal*, was in response to an open invitation sent by mayoral candidate Amy Heart.

Heart states, "I sent a letter to Mayor Gary Wescott's campaign indicating that I was committed to participate in at least four debates: one

at a large venue like Sentry Insurance or SPASH, one at the Lincoln Center, one at UWSP and one broadcast on a local radio station."

According to Mayor Gary Wescott, "No one has formally approached me regarding a debate on March 25. I have been committed to a speech for two months at the Lincoln Center, which is also on the 25th."

According to Matt Tennesen, SGA Legislative Issues Director, "Wescott said that with his limited availability, he could only fit these into his schedule. He thought that was enough to satisfy the public interest."

Heart's letter states, "The debates are in addition to the forum on March 13, sponsored by the League of Women Voters. We can coordinate dates that will work for both campaigns."

The Stevens Point area League of Women Voters, promotes voter participation and citizen involvement in

governmental process by organizing voter registration opportunities, sponsoring candidate forums and public meetings to present current information and issues."

Mayor Wescott

states, "I committed to the League of Women Voters to participate in a debate last week, and one on March 13 at the Portage County Public Library."

The debate at the library will include members from the school board, city council and other area electoral candidates.

Heart's letter also states, "Voters need to make an informed decision, and participating in a

number of debates throughout the community will ensure the best democratic dialogue on the future of our community."

SGA is now planning a UWSP Civic Engagement Week to take place Feb. 18. The Civic Engagement Week will include a panel discussion with local and regional government leaders, and UWSP students. Some of the panel discussions are supposed to look at the role of UWSP students in local government, and how the University is perceived in the Stevens Point community.

Heart contends, "I am still committed to giving students access to the city's electoral process. It is vital that all citizens of Stevens Point, including University students, have a

chance to compare the mayoral candidates side by side."

Mayor Wescott states, "I informed the League of Women Voters to coordinate with other local candidates to possibly have another public forum."

Heart asserts, "I support the efforts to hold a debate on campus, and I am committed to sharing my ideas with students, faculty, and staff."



Wescott



Heart

Man questioned in sexual assault case

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

Stevens Point police questioned a man suspected of committing a fourth degree sexual assault on campus earlier this week, but have not yet sought charges.

The alleged incident of assault occurred in the Health Enhancement Center (HEC) on Jan. 26 and involved a female student, age 23. The woman reported that an unknown man groped her buttocks while she was standing at a computer kiosk around 6 p.m.

The incident stands as the only reported sexual assault in the HEC under the oversight of Facility Director Jeff Judge and has prompted HEC officials to tighten building security.

"The problem with this

facility is the number of doors located around the building. There's a lot of different places that you can get access to the facility," said Judge.

HEC staff members began internal discussions over how to improve building security last semester and cite the recent incident as illustration supporting the need to monitor entryways and limit the number ways students and community members can access the HEC.

Police identified the suspect on Feb. 1 based on a bulletin distributed by the HEC but have not released the suspect's name or any other details concerning the matter.

If convicted, the suspect faces up to 9 months in county jail and the possibility of receiving a fine of up to \$10,000.

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cial aid increases to preserve access to higher education for citizens with low incomes. Those efforts have been partially undermined by the reality of students staying in school longer, increasing the number of financial aid recipients and causing all recipients to receive less aid.

A tuition increase of 15% would also mean that Gov. Doyle reneged on his campaign proposal to cap tuition increases at a rate of 10%.

Doyle began showing signs of distancing himself from his previous statements on the issue last week telling the *Milwaukee Journal*, "The final decisions haven't been made but we're working very hard."

The statement provided a dramatic departure from earlier and firmer pledges that instilled more confidence in student constituents.

"The request for a 10% cap was very realistic, so I am slightly surprised," said Richlen.

"He had a high student turnout because he made that promise, but students don't

turnout to vote at the rate of other groups, so in his mind breaking a promise to students can't cost him re-election."

Other consequences of cuts to the UW System will also have a direct impact on students. The Board of Regents anticipates that budget reductions will affect virtually all facets of university life including enrollment, class availability and likelihood of graduating on time.

"Students need to know that this is going to effect them," said SGA Speaker Pro Tempore Sara Stone. "It's going to effect student-teacher ratios, technology, academic programs, building access, not just tuition."

Student apathy has traditionally stood in the way of efforts to persuade state legislators to recognize student interests, but the Student Government Association has sought to counter that trend as much possible on this issue.

Several members of the SGA attended the United Council General Assembly in River Falls last weekend designed to instruct student leaders in lobbying government and mobilizing grassroots student movements.

The United Council's efforts to mobilize students over the

budget issue have become the largest statewide campaign the organization has ever sponsored. The SGA has become an extension of that campaign and has announced that it will hold a media event at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 to voice a student response to Gov. Doyle's budget proposal.

The media event, which SGA leaders will hold in front of the University Center, aims to underscore that the UW System cannot continue to shoulder the disproportional burden it has suffered in past rounds of budget reductions.

"The UW System represents 9% of the state GPR budget, but it received 23% of the budget reductions in last summer's budget adjustment process," said Richlen. "The students didn't cause the budget deficit and they should not have to pay a disproportionate cost."

Last summer's Budget Adjustment Bill resulted in reductions to the system budget of \$44 million, which was followed by additional reduction of \$6.9 million due to the governor's Emergency Budget Bill, which aimed to reduce state spending by \$161.5 million this year.

Rothschild claims, "Bush's war could lead to increased terrorism against the United States. Already, the FBI and homeland security officials are on heightened alert, fearing that the onset of war may trigger attacks on our own soil by Al Qaeda or Iraqi agents. That's all the more reason for those of us who see the hideous potential of this war to raise our voices, as loudly as possible, for peace."

Hillestad affirms, "The people ruling this country are listening to their greed, have diffuser lenses over their eyes and have been brainwashed into destructiveness by the bomb tick of capitalism, but what happens when the tick runs out? So much of the carbonated, sugary lifestyle of America has oozed into other countries and cultures, and now our bombs are."

UC event allows students to Get Engaged with government**Panel of community leaders will discuss the importance of civic duties**

Sarah Ceranski
NEWS REPORTER

UW-Stevens Point will host Get Engaged: With Your Local Government, a panel discussion with local and regional governmental leaders Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The discussion will take place in a not yet disclosed location in the University Center at 11:30 a.m.

Panel members will include Doug Carpenter, Matt Filipiak, John Gardner, Jim Hamilton, Jesse Higgins and Jerry Moore. Panelists will discuss their views of civic engagement and explain how students and faculty can participate in the process.

Panel members will also address issues concerning the role of UW-Stevens Point students in local government, the community's perception of the university, methods students can use to get connected with the local com-

munity and current issues in the Stevens Point area.

Each panel member will speak for an allotted time period after which they will be asked a series of moderated questions. The floor will then be open to anyone for questions. Everyone attending will be asked to evaluate the program afterward which will help in the development of similar programs in the future.

The Student Involvement and Employment Office and the Student Government Association (SGA) will sponsor Get Engaged: With Your Local Government, which was designed with the intent of encouraging students, faculty and staff to engage in local and regional civic issues.

The event will be featured as a part of Civic Engagement Week, which consists of a variety of other events including a food drive by the Association for Community Tasks, (a UWSP volunteering organization), and Residence Hall Association (RHA) and a student speak out with the UWSP chancellor, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA).

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"The US has more chemical, biological and nuclear weapons than Iraq, and we actually supplied Saddam with his chemical weapons. Not only that, but the U.S. is going to establish a military dictatorship in Iraq once Saddam has been overthrown. Chances are, since it's a dictatorship, the civilians aren't going to be the number one concern, and I thought the US was fighting to preserve democracy in the world."

Matthew Rothschild, editor of the *Progressive Magazine* will be speaking at the demonstration in Wausau.

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Whatever...the world according to Steve

Tired of mind games? Bad relationships? Look out, answers abound below.

By Steve Seamandel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

The buzz on campus is definitely divided between two camps this week, and I'm not talking about students' stance on the war in Iraq: those celebrating Valentine's Day and those (usually sans significant other) celebrating Anti-Valentine's Day.

What is the key to obtaining a significant other, you ask? That is definitely the age-old question and if I knew the answer, I'd write a book about it, get really rich and never have to work again. Or as my roommate said, if I knew the answer to that, I'd have a girlfriend. Ha ha, very funny, Becky.

But what I have continually noticed is that both males and females (referred to as "guys" and "girls" from here on out, because it'll be easier, trust me) act like complete idiots when it comes to the pursuit, chase or initiation of the relationship, whatever you prefer to call it. It's definitely an awkward phase, that time when you both know that you like each other, but you're not quite sure what to do next. Do you hold her hand? Should I call him?

The answers: maybe, and yes, you should call him, unless he starts referring to you as "psycho stalker" to your face.

See, Dr. Phil ain't all that. The fact is it's easier to set other people up on dates than to work on your own relationship. When it comes to their own problems, people are usually torn between what they should do and what they'd have to do to keep themselves in good standing with said hot desired person.

Why is it that you feel better about making a big decision after consulting with friends? Because it's an outside opinion, and nine times out of ten, the outside opinion always abides.

So, you want simple advice. For starters, just be honest. If there's one thing that annoys me, it's when the girl I like gives me extremely mixed signals or plays hardcore mind games. Mind games are plainly mean and should be punishable by amputation of the heart.

Guys, we're not perfect either. Apparently, we've been known to be distant and non-caring at times and don't always listen and other crap like that. Usually I'm not paying attention to girls when they're telling me my faults, so I can't remember

much more. But I do know that if a guy is seriously interested in a girl, he has to be confident about it, bite his lip and go for it. If you get shot down, regroup with friends and go at it again, in due time.

Now, you're probably reading this and saying, "Duh, your advice is a given and everyone knows this already." OK, but how often does a relationship actually come together as smoothly as possible? It usually never does, sometimes because the guy, or girl, or both get flat out weird about stuff.

Weirdness is one thing that I haven't been able to find a cure for yet, but rest assured, once one person gets weird it's just about done for. Weirdness results from someone not communicating well, and as we all learned, or will learn, in Comm 101, communication is of the essence. Ladies, guys can't (repeat: CAN'T) read your minds. We're not psychic and we never will be. Give him some sort of sign that you're interested, or not interested at all (usually my case), and if you're not into the whole signage thing, just tell him. Gently, of course.

Likewise, for guys, if you really like a girl, she should be able to tell. Don't go over the edge; just give a enough of a sign that she knows. If you feel that she isn't seeing it, she either doesn't care that you think she's hot stuff, or you're being a wuss and not exerting yourself enough. There are a ton of stupid unwritten rules that go into the courting process, so I've learned.

Guys, the ladies need a little bit of attention here and there (as do guys, ladies) and it's cool to take her out and do things. I'm not saying that all females need mondo-attention, but who doesn't like feeling admired? Go out to dinner. Take her to Schmeeckle and show her the treehouse. I hear that's where the magic happens, anyway.

Whatever your plans are on Valentine's Day, don't be bitter if you don't have a date. Remember, when you aren't hitched, you sometimes only feel like you want to be thanks to crummy holidays like Valentine's Day, Sweetest Day and Hallmark's newest holiday, Lavish Your Loved One With A Shoebox Greeting Card and Other Unnecessary Gifts Day.



Smokers need to butt out

Wisconsin has made some great improvements when it comes to how we handle secondhand smoke and yet cigarette smoke is still affecting the health of smokers as well as nonsmokers. I am not against the people who smoke, but I am against the cigarette itself and how the tobacco companies make it seem as though smoking cigarettes is not harmful to smokers or nonsmokers. It is a known fact that the person who is smoking the cigarette does not inhale nearly as many toxic chemicals coming out of that cigarette as nonsmokers do.

The hard part of being a nonsmoker is going out to public places, such as restaurants, bars or night clubs. There are public places that have made advancements in establishing a smoke free environment; however, I would like to see all public places, even bars and nightclubs, create a smoke free environment. It is so disgusting to come home from a night out with friends and smell like an ashtray.

I strongly believe that all public places with a smoke free environment would benefit the health of all people. The article "State-Specific Prevalence of Cigarette Smoking Among Adults; Policies and Attitudes About Secondhand Smoke: United States, 2000" states that "each year, an estimated 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 62,000 deaths from coronary heart disease in adult nonsmokers are attributed to secondhand smoke" (p. 1). This statistic shows that secondhand smoke affects and even kills nonsmokers.

All public places need to understand that nonsmokers want to go to public places and not have to put their health, and even their life into jeopardy. It is unfair for a nonsmoker's health to be jeopardized when he/she chooses not to smoke in the first place. When public places use sections to separate the smokers from the nonsmokers, it's not enough because the nonsmoker's health is still in jeopardy. Nonsmokers have a right to a smoke free environment.

-Mindy McCabe, UWSP student

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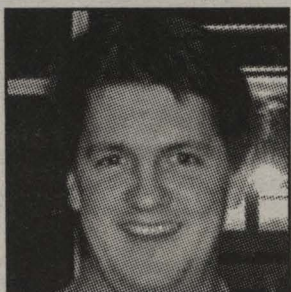
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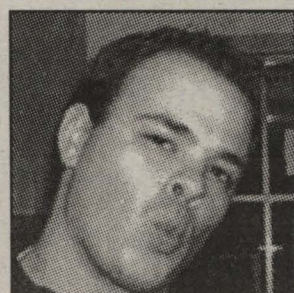
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A look at Valentine's Day throughout the ages

Holiday sprung from ancient Roman festival

By Sara Daehn
FEATURES EDITOR

As Valentine's Day nears, sweethearts all over the world are reminded of romance, love, and the fact that they still have to find a present for that special someone. Flowers, chocolate and cards come first to mind for a great majority of people on Valentine's Day. However, candy hearts and red roses did not always surround this starry-eyed holiday.

The holiday started in ancient Rome as a means to do away with the pagan festival, Lupercalia. This fertility festival instructed all the young girls of a city to place their names into a pot. Then, all the men picked a name out of the pot, and the girl they chose became their sexual partner for one year.

The church soon deemed this event un-Christian. Pope Gelasius decided to allow both men and women to pick out of the pot, but he changed the ritual from choosing the names of girls to picking the names of saints. People were supposed to imitate the behaviors of the saint they drew for one year.

The Pope looked for a suitable love god to take the place of the pagan god Lupercus. He decided on St. Valentine.

Roman emperor Claudius thought married men made bad soldiers, so he banned marriage in his empire. St. Valentine went against the emperor's wishes and continued to perform marriages in secret. Claudius soon imprisoned and beheaded him.

While St. Valentine abided in prison he fell in love with the jailer's blind daughter. She visited him in his jail cell every day. Legend says that St. Valentine cured her eyesight because of his abundance of love for her.

On the day of his death, he wrote the daughter a farewell note, signed "From your Valentine." This phrase is still in use today.

Although the church banned the ritual of drawing girls' names, men still celebrated Valentine's Day by showing their affection to girls they admired. Emulating St. Valentine, men gave handwritten cards to women, signing them "From your Valentine."

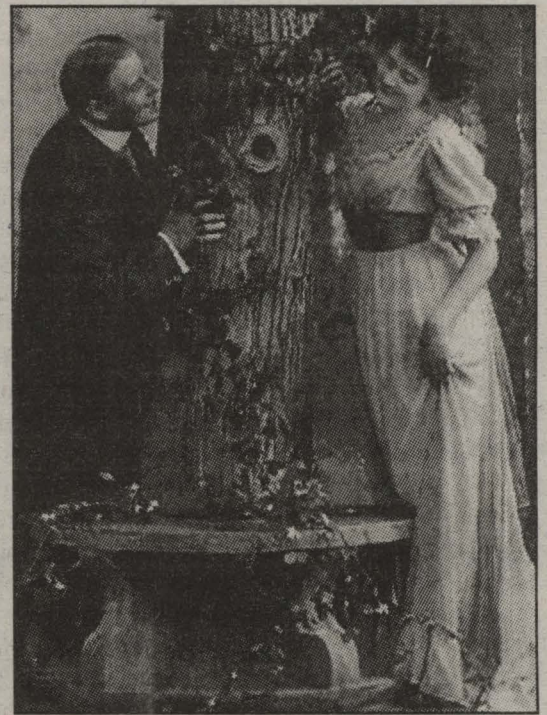
During the Middle Ages, some believed the placement of Valentine's Day did not result from St. Valentine's death. Instead, they say the holiday was placed on Feb. 14 because that date marks the beginning of birds' mating season. This added to the notion that this holiday should celebrate love and affection.

By the nineteenth century, printing technology made available printed cards, making it easier for people to express their opinions.

The American Greeting Cards Association says that every year, U.S. citizens send approximately one billion valentine cards. This makes Valentine's Day second to

only one other holiday, Christmas, when approximately 2.6 billion cards are sent. The Association also states that women buy an estimated 85% of all Valentine cards.

Although the times have certainly changed, this holiday is still considered a day to celebrate love and romance.



Treat your sweetheart to dinner and a movie

By Nora F. Bates
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Valentine's Day is approaching; do you have plans?

Although it is last minute, you still have time to plan for a perfect weekend with your loved one. Valentine's Day being on a Friday this year means you can make it a Valentine's weekend instead of just one day.

Where can you go for dinner? There is a variety of places in Stevens Point to go. The Hilltop Pub and Grill is having a fish fry for \$6.49. Hibachi Joe's serves an excellent seafood buffet for \$11.55. Aldo's Italian Restaurant offers a Fish Fry for \$5.95, Jumbo Shrimp for \$8.95, or Steak and Shrimp for the same price.

Michele's is having a beautiful layout of holiday specials, but as of Tuesday, they said reservations were filling up quickly. They have Prime Rib and Lobster for \$22.99, Parmesan crusted Mahi Mahi for \$18.99, Hartland chicken breast for \$16.99 and a special holiday drink called Cupid's Kiss, a strawberry champagne cocktail. Their full dinner menu will also be available. The Silver Coach and The Restaurant in the Sentry Building will also be having specials.

The most exciting special I wandered across came from the Holiday Inn. The Inn is offering an all-inclusive package for \$149.00. With this, the two of you get a non-smoking tower guest room with champagne and chocolate waiting for you. You also receive two drinks at the bar before your dinner. The package also includes dinner for two consisting of salad, rolls, choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rosemary Skewed Shrimp or Prime Rib, choice of

potato, steamed vegetables and for dessert, either cherry pie or strawberry wave cake. To drink you get a choice of coffee, milk or tea. After dinner, you can enjoy dancing to the music of Charlie Midnight and the Lady. If you are interested in staying another night, it costs an extra \$89.00.

An inexpensive idea for dinner is to create a candlelight dinner at home, which can be very intimate and exciting. You can create a fabulous Italian entrée, chicken or steak dinner, and even macaroni and cheese becomes magical under candlelight. If you do not have a kitchen table, use the coffee table or create one from milk crates or boxes. Be creative, for that lets the other person know you went to great lengths to please him or her.

What is exciting about the movie aspect is that you can do it two ways: you can go to one or rent one. For a list of all the movies playing tomorrow night, visit www.rogerscinema.com or call 341-2700 for Rogers Cinema 6. For the campus theatre, call 341-6161. It looks like the two best date movies playing right now are *Just*

Married and *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*.

At Family Video you will find a wide variety of date movies. Some of my favorites are *Pretty Woman*, *Dirty Dancing*, *When Harry Met Sally*, *Great Expectations*, *Sweet Home Alabama*, *Ghost*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, *Save the Last Dance*, and *The Wedding Planner*.

On Valentine's Day it is not what you do, it is how you do it. Spending time with your sweetheart in love and in appreciation for him or her is far more touching than a day of going through the motions. This is a day to express your feelings and show your partner you care.

With hectic schedules, it may be impossible to share dinner and a movie, so perhaps drop a card and chocolate in his or her backpack, or leave a note on the windshield. It lets your loved one know you are thinking of them even though you cannot be with him or her.

Valentines Day is a day for the two of you. The amount of money you spend does not necessarily reflect the amount of love you share. The thoughts, the words and the time you share create that love.



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Happy Valentine's
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Deadline approaching quickly for L&S research symposium

To Students in the College of Letters and Science:

March 14, 2003 is the deadline for submitting your summary for the Fourth Annual College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Are you currently working on an interesting research project? For instance, are you writing a paper, conducting an experiment, or running study? Did you do some interesting research last semester?

Would you like to have the experience of presenting your research, in order to prepare for graduate school, in order to ready yourself for professional life, or (better yet) just for the sheer intellectual fun of it?

Would you enjoy talking about your work with other students from the College of Letters and Science?

If so, please consider presenting your

research at the Fourth Annual College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium! It's a great chance to share your scholarly work with a college-wide audience, to prepare for the experience of giving professional research presentations, and to meet other interesting students, all in a friendly and supportive environment which includes a free lunch for student presenters! (Lunch tickets will be available for others to purchase.)

Feedback from students who participated in previous years has been quite positive, including, "It was a great opportunity to present to a group," "It was a lot of fun and a really good experience," and "The food was excellent and the speakers were good."

Interested? Here's what to do:

1) Find a faculty member in the College of Letters and Science to sponsor you.

This will probably be the faculty member for whom you did, or are doing, the research you want to present. If you are working with more than one faculty member, that's great. You can have more than one sponsor. Your faculty sponsor will probably know about the Undergraduate Research Symposium and he or she will help you to polish your research for presentation.

2) Write an abstract (a brief summary) of your research.

Your abstract must be under 300 words and should include i) the title of your presentation and whether you will be giving it as an oral or as a poster presentation, ii) the name of author(s), co-author(s), faculty sponsor(s), and department, and iii) a brief description of the research with a statement of the major findings.

3) Submit two copies of your abstract by March 14, 2003.

One copy of your abstract must be laser printed with one-inch, right- and left-justified, side margins using black ink in 10-point Times font. You should send (or hand deliver) this printed abstract to Linda Schmidt, College of Letters and Science, 130 Collins Classroom Center, UW-SP, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

The second copy of the abstract must be submitted electronically to Linda Schmidt at lschmidt@uwsp.edu, in order that it may be published on the College of Letters and Science web page.

The Symposium will be held on April 26, 2003.

If you have any questions concerning the symposium, please contact:

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Comedy groups bring laughter to UWSP students this weekend

The Chicago-based comedy troupe MISSION IMPROVable will bring its fast paced comedy to UWSP on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. in the University Center's Encore.

Admission is free to students with a valid UWSP ID and \$3 for the public.

The one-hour show is a series of games made up by the actors on the spot, often using audience suggestions. Themed around the old television show, *Mission Impossible*, the troupe plays the role of agents, audience members are co-agents, the games are the missions and high jinks and wit are the weapons.

MISSION IMPROVable has performed at venues across the country, including the University of Massachusetts, Georgetown University, the Orlando Fringe Festival and Improv Fest '98 to name a few.

Eric O'Shea will also bring laughter to UWSP this weekend. A veteran performer at more than 300 universities and colleges, O'Shea will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14 at the University Center's Encore.

Admission is free to students with a valid UWSP ID and \$4 for the public.

O'Shea's humor will appeal to young

and old alike as his comedy performance ranges from original stories to celebrity impressions. He is a two-time National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) comedian of the year.

Both events are sponsored by UWSP's Centertainment Productions.

Health Advocate

Dear Health Advocate,

I am a female and I like to go out on the weekends to house parties. The press is always talking about sexual assault and people getting hurt. I am afraid that something may happen to me. What, if anything, can I do to protect myself?

-Obviously Scared

Dear Obviously Scared,

There are many things that you can do to reduce your risk of getting hurt and avoid sexual assault. This is something that everyone should know about and everyone is at risk of.

One thing that you can do is go with a group of people. Make sure you go with people you know well and that you trust. Also, make sure that you leave with the same number of people that you came with. Be aware of how many drinks you have. Alcohol plays a huge part in the number of sexual assaults committed. If you are going to be drinking, keep a close eye on your cup and NEVER give it to anyone; 80% of sexual assaults are committed by people you know. Leaving your drink increases the chance of it being mixed with the date rape drug.

Also, be aware of your surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, get out of it quickly. Find a friend and tell them that you want to leave.

If you are at home and there is someone in your room that you don't want to be there, tell them firmly to go away. Make sure that you are very assertive and that the perpetrator knows you are serious.

Sincerely,
Health Advocate

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Five second-period goals key NCHA victory

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The advantage of playing on home ice can't be understated. The UWSP men's hockey team (13-11, 8-6) has held a sizable home ice advantage this season, with eight of their 13 victories coming at the Willett Arena.

Pointer Coach Joe Baldarotta stressed before this past weekend's two games that his team needed to win at least one to clinch a first round home series in the NCHA playoffs. The Pointers' chances didn't look too promising after the first game, as the Pointers dropped a sloppy 5-1 game to WIAC power Superior.

The Pointers never stood a chance as the game turned into a battle of depth, featuring 84 combined penalty minutes. Sophomore defenseman Sean Leahy scored a rare goal halfway through the second period, giving the Pointers their lone score of the game. The Pointers never were able to get the offense going, continually stymied by Superior goalie Nathan Ziemski, who put up 46 saves on the night. Each team fired 47 shots on goal.

"We played a good game against those guys," said

Baldarotta. "Ziemski just proved that he's one of the best goalies in the division. It's not many times that a team gets 47 shots and only scores once."

Needing a win on Saturday against St. Scholastica, the Pointers inexplicably came out of the gate very flat, trailing 2-0 midway through the second peri-

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od. However, the team soon sensed the urgency of the game and came alive, putting up five unanswered goals in the final 7:28 of the period. Junior Justin Micek and sophomore Adam Kostichka each scored two goals during the outburst to ice the 8-2 win for the Pointers.

"We just came out flat, but once we put it together, we got eight unanswered goals," said Baldarotta. "We feel that if we can continue to play the way we did in the second half of that game, it'll be tough for any team to stay with us."

With the win, UWSP will host an NCHA quarterfinal round playoff series this weekend as the fourth seeded Pointers take on the sixth seeded Lake Forest Foresters on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Willett Arena.

"We got what we wanted, which was home ice in the first round," said Baldarotta.

The Foresters are a team that UWSP is very familiar with, having already matched up with them three times this season. The Pointers took the two conference battles, while the Foresters took the lone non-conference match-up.

Baldarotta stresses that having a large crowd this weekend is very important. "I think [a large crowd] is worth a couple of goals for us both nights. It's our last chance to play in front of the home crowd, so hopefully a lot of people will turn out to support us."

This weekend's series will be best of two with a possible 15-minute mini-game after Saturday's game if the teams split. The quarterfinal winners advance to a final four at the highest remaining seed on Feb. 28-March 1.

Men see conference streak stretched to 38

Point has no problems in dual with River Falls

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's swim teams finished up their final dual meets of the season in impressive form as both squads dominated UW-River Falls.

UWSP won a startling 20 of 22 events as the men won 147-62, and the women were not far off winning 161-70.

"We knew what the outcome of that dual would be before it happened," said Head Coach Al Boelk. "The River Falls dual was just one last chance to sharpen up before

Swimming

conference."

The victory on the men's side pushed their streak to 38 consecutive WIAC dual victories. In fact they have not lost a conference dual in the past seven years.

"Well, the number 38 does not mean a lot to us," said Boelk. "The men are aware of the streak and take pride in it but as with all things in life, we

feel it important to focus on what is real. The process of the season, rather than statistics that make you look good."

The women's victory gives them dual WIAC victories in 24 of their last 26 meets.

Berit Fahrner was the lone member of either squad to be a double winner. Fahrner was victorious in the 100 yard breaststroke as well as the 200 yard individual medley.

Once again Point dominated in the relays, winning all four of the relay races.

"Our relays are indeed a strong point for us," said Boelk. "Our team has a lot of depth and that depth is our key strength to doing well at the [WIAC Conference] championships."

UWSP now has one week off to prepare for the WIAC championships. Point will host the championships this year on Feb. 20-22.

Boelk is confident heading into the stretch run.

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Pointers take giant step towards four-peat

With victories over UW-Whitewater and Platteville, Pointers are one win from WIAC title

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

When a team loses a starter during the pre-game shoot-around, it's rarely a good sign.

But that couldn't have been farther from the truth as the UWSP men's basketball team (20-2, 11-2) overcame the loss of Nick Bennett to defeat UW-Whitewater 71-53 Wednesday.

Freshman Brian Bauer received his first career start and responded with the first basket of the game. By the time the final horn sounded, Bauer had put together his best game as a Pointer with 15 points, five rebounds and four assists.

"This feels real good," said Bauer. "I was more focused than any other game, and I know Coach said last week was my break-out game, but this one topped that."

Fueled by a defense that held the Warhawks to just 23 first half points, the Pointers held a seven point advantage at halftime.

In the second half, the Pointers were able to build the lead to 11 before the Warhawks made one final surge.

Keyed by clutch shooting and strong inside moves by Aubrey Lewis-Byers, the Warhawks narrowed the deficit to four with six minutes to play.

But that was as close as they would come as Point closed out the game on a 19-

3 run as they received a standing ovation from a packed Quandt Fieldhouse.

"They put on hard pressure and they dropped some shots," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "We took a timeout and said either we meet this now, or we'll look back and wonder what happened, and we met it with some shots and big free throws and got stronger as the game went along."

Senior Josh Iserloth was the leading scorer for Point, dropping in 18 points with five rebounds. Neil Krajnik also put together a quality evening amassing 17 points, including shooting 9 of 10 at the free throw line.

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Pioneers	62

Pointers	71
Warhawks	53

Saturday the Pointers earned a clutch road victory as they downed UW-Platteville 73-62.

Iserloth once again was the high man as he recorded a double-double with 23 points and 10 boards. Sophomore Kyle Gruzynski had the hot hand off the bench as he drained 19 points.

Point heads to UW-La Crosse Saturday and a victory there would give them at least a share of the fourth straight conference title.

"We would like to win the title outright this year," said Bennett. "This is so much more valuable, a four-peat in this league with the balance would be an accomplishment, but we didn't win it yet."

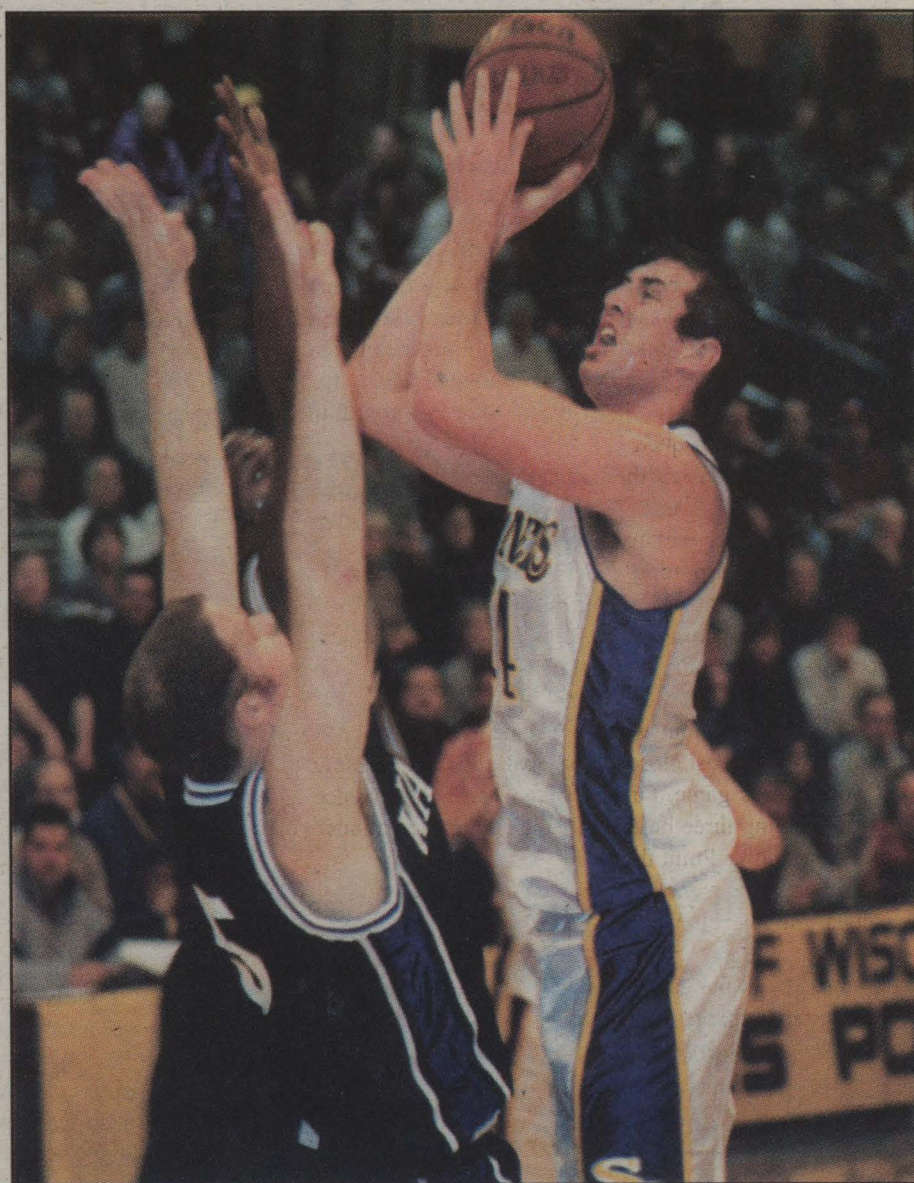


Photo by Kent Hutchison
Senior Josh Iserloth raises up for a jumper against UW-Whitewater in a WIAC conference showdown Wednesday evening in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Nechuta lay-up caps clutch WIAC comeback

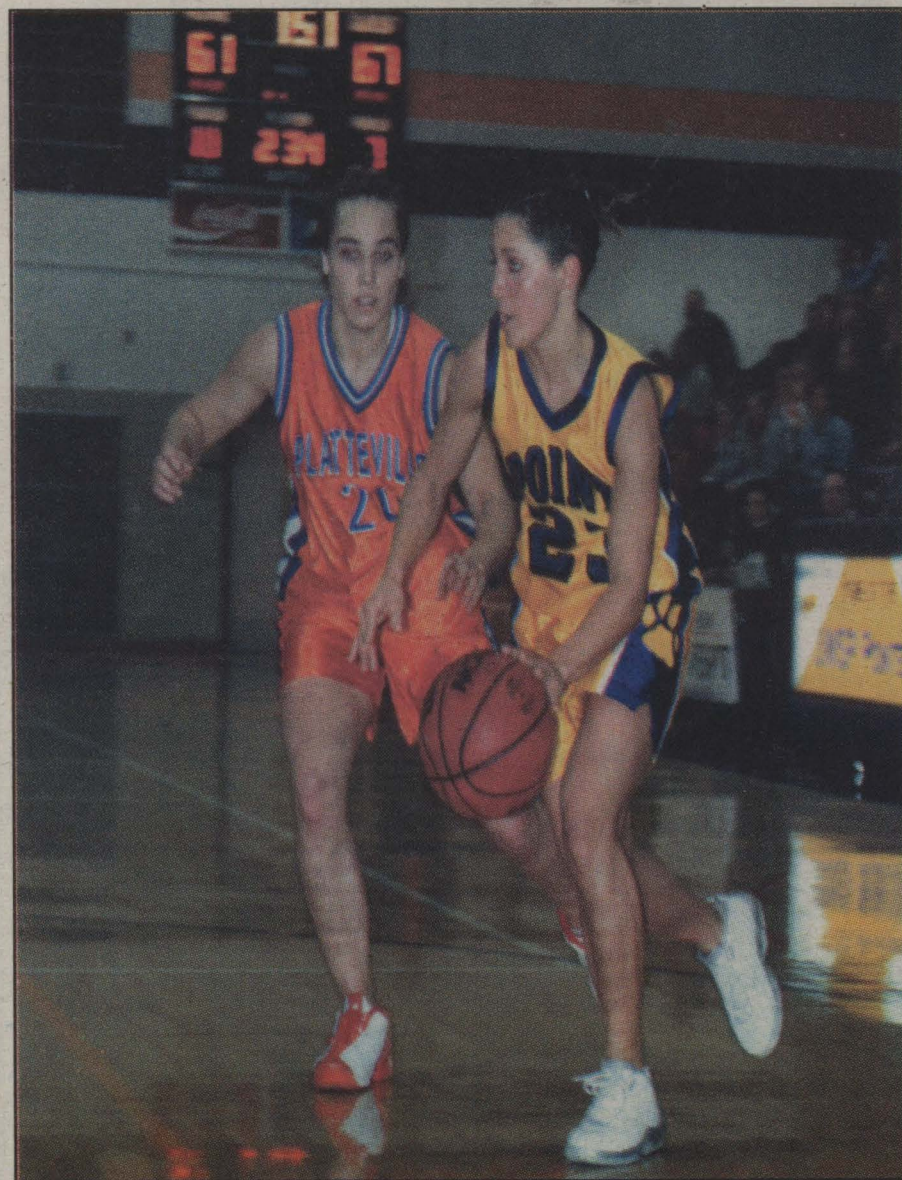


Photo by Kent Hutchison
Junior point guard Tara Schmitt drives the baseline as Point battles from 13 down to defeat the UW-Platteville Pioneers on Saturday afternoon.

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

Just four days after scoring a dramatic game winner at home against Platteville, sophomore Amanda Nechuta was back at it again Wednesday. At Whitewater, Nechuta poured in a game high of 34 points as UW-Stevens Point (18-4, 10-3) battled to a 72-62 victory over Whitewater.

Nechuta scored points on a variety of off balance lay-ups, spin move post-ups and added two three point baskets for good measure. She finished the game 12-19 from the field, grabbed seven rebounds and collected four steals.

"She stepped it up and brought the total package tonight," said Coach Shirley Egner.

The Pointers jumped out to an early 10 point lead and never looked back. On the strength of a 12-3 run fueled by nine Nechuta points, UWSP took a 22-12 lead.

Playing without junior forward Cassandra Heuer, the Pointers were able to turn up the defensive intensity to make up for her absence. They forced Whitewater into committing 31 turnovers.

"Our defense was solid," said Egner. "This was a total team effort. Our kids pulled together and did what we needed to do."

The win puts Point one game ahead of UW-Oshkosh for second place. UW-Oshkosh fell to conference leading Eau Claire, 62-58.

On Saturday the women may have played perhaps their worst basketball along with some of their best basketball of the season, all in the same half.

On the strength of a 16-2 run to finish the game, the Pointers climbed out of a 13-point hole they had dug themselves into to claim a thrilling 70-69 victory.

Trailing by one with eight seconds remaining, Egner put the game in the hands of junior forward Cassandra Heuer. Heuer drove the lane and elevated to take the poten-

tial game winner when at the last second she zipped a pass down low to a wide-open Nechuta who made an uncontested lay-up with 0.9 seconds remaining for the victory.

"I didn't see Nechuta slip free and when C didn't shoot I gasped," said Egner. "I guess she saw something I didn't."

After jumping out to a 50-39 lead with 14 minutes left in the second half, the wheels completely fell off. Platteville went on a 28-4 run over the next 10 minutes as a result of numerous Pointer turnovers and fouls as well as some very poor shooting. In one three

Women's Basketball

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Pioneers	69

Pointers	72
Warhawks	62

minute stretch Point had five turnovers, three fouls and no shot attempts.

With just over four minutes left to play Andrea Kraemer sparked the turnaround by hitting a three from the corner.

"I told them [in the timeout] to regroup and that we need to have stops," said Egner of the last minute charge.

Kraemer finished with a game high of 19 points, as well as seven assists and five rebounds. Freshman Cassandra Shultz chipped in 11 points, all in the first half, including three 3-point baskets.

Besides hitting the game-winner, Nechuta also finished with 19 and pulled down seven rebounds.

"We were so careless with the basketball I don't know what to think," said Egner.

The women next take to the hardwood Saturday at home to face UW-La Crosse. It is alumni weekend and tip-off is set for 3 p.m.

THE BACK PAGE

View from a Pointer: Of hoops and hardwood

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

This is the time of year that any self-proclaimed hoops fan absolutely relishes. There is great basketball being played right here in Stevens Point as the Pointer men and women both look to make a final push towards a conference title.

Looking around the state, Marquette just beat Wake Forest to give themselves some national respect. Any time a team beats a ranked team from the ACC it looks huge, and since the ACC is by far the sexiest league in America, it feels good to knock them down with a cheeseland squad.

Don't forget about the Badgers, either, as they just beat Michigan State for their first significant victory this season. The announcers were already dubbing it their signature win.

Speaking of putting a signature on a basketball season, the Pointer women's team played in one of those games that just gives you goosebumps. You know the ones I'm talking about, because your memory, as if it knew the importance of what you were witnessing, recorded all the details.

I'm talking about when I watched Kirk Gibson hit a 3-2 fastball off the best closer in baseball, Dennis Eckersly, to win a world series game. Or last year when St. Lawrence had a game-winning three bounce off the rim in the national championship to give Point the title.

I know this game had nowhere near the importance of the contests in the above paragraph, but the goosebumps were there all the same. On Saturday, Point trailed Platteville by 13 with three minutes left in the game. I looked over at a colleague and suggested that this would be nearly impossible to come back from.

The bench started stirring as Andrea Kraemer hit a three. Then a couple turnovers

and the lead continued to shrink. After a couple defensive stands Point came all the way back to grab the lead by one with less than a minute to go.

Platteville went back by one and it seemed this amazing comeback would fall short, but Point inbounded with six seconds and Amanda Nechuta received a beautiful pass from Cassandra Heuer to score with less than a second left.

I'm telling you, I nearly fell over jumping off my seat. While the Berg Gymnasium may not be the biggest venue, it allows the fan to see and hear everything going on in the game and feel a connection with the team.

The Quandt also has a similar feel to it. When it's packed and everyone is on their feet shouting, it provides the men's team with a home court advantage that few WIAC teams can match.

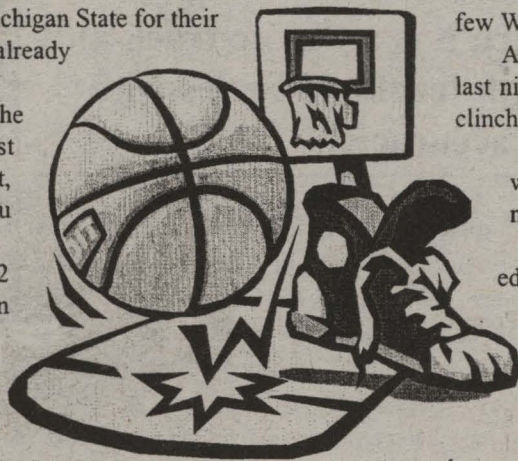
And speaking of the men, they picked up a signature victory as well last night after finally beating Whitewater at home and almost certainly clinching at least a share of their fourth straight conference crown.

The crowd they had for the showdown with the Warhawks was amazing as well. There were more people in the Quandt last night than the Wallflowers show...I heard.

Finally, what college hoops fans can have their hunger satiated without the weird? Every year stuff occurs that could only happen in college. Earlier this year, Indiana Head Coach Mike Davis ran onto the court late in a close game and started bitching out officials, then was subsequently tossed.

However Mr. Davis has been upstaged by a battle between Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State. This is how it went down: a brawl broke out on the court and a total of 19 players were ejected. The teams finished the game four on four and then three when one man fouled out.

Now I don't condone this rough play, but it sure is fun to watch the highlights on Sportscenter. Ah yes, now all I have to do is figure out what excuse I'm going to use to get out of classes during the NCAA tournament.



Pointers victorious in conference finale

By Emily Teachout
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP Women's Hockey team (18-4-2, 12-3-1) rebounded nicely after a tough series last weekend against River Falls. The Pointers travelled to Eau Claire to face the Blugolds, to whom the Pointers have never

Women's Hockey

Pointers 5
Blugolds 2

Pointers 5
Bluegolds 0

lost. Their winning streak was extended to 15 games as the Pointers racked up convincing 5-0 and 5-2 wins.

The line of Jackie Schmitt, Ashley Howe and Emily Teachout wasted no time getting

the Pointers on the board less than two minutes into Friday's game. Teachout knocked home her 20th goal of the season with assists going to Schmitt and Howe.

That was just the start of things for that line, as they provided for three of the Pointers' other four goals in the game. Schmitt knocked home all three goals, finishing the game with three goals and an assist. Howe and Teachout both kept pace with three assists, and a goal and three assists of their own, respectively.

The UWSP defensive core never gave the Blugolds a sniff, limiting them to only eight shots through the entire game.

Saturday saw more offense from the Pointers as freshman Kim Lunneborg caught fire and registered her first career hat trick. Fellow freshman Jennifer

Norris had a hand in all of Lunneborg's goals, racking up three assists on the evening.



Lunneborg

started both games in the nets for the Pointers, turning away a combined 20 shots while allowing only one goal in five periods of play.

The Pointers round out their regular season on Sunday at 5 p.m. against non-conference opponent, Hamline (MN).

SENIOR ON THE SPOT MELANIE LUKE - SWIMMING

Career Highlights

- Conference champ in the 1650 meter freestyle.
- Named hardest worker on the team three consecutive years.
- Part of the conference team the previous three seasons.



Luke

Major - Elementary Education
Hometown - Stillwater, Minn.
Nickname - Smell

Idol while growing up - My mother; she was perfect at everything, and she always knew what to say to make me feel better.

What are your plans after graduation? - To be a fifth grade teacher and hopefully coach my own high school team.

Do you plan on swimming after graduation? - Maybe masters but not for a couple years I need a little bit of a break.

What is your favorite aspect of swimming? - The competition and the intensity of big meets; there is nothing else like it. The feelings you get are unexplainable and very satisfying.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Jennifer Lopez, I would love to have her talent, her body, her life, her ring and her boyfriend for a day. What a DAY!!!!

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and could choose only three things to bring with you, what would you choose?

1. My boyfriend
2. A radio
3. Skipbo

What will you remember most about swimming at UWSP - Swimming in lane two with my girls, the friendships and the silliness that goes on in the pool everyday.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? Enjoy it while it lasts because it goes by way too quickly!



The Week Ahead...



Men's Hockey: vs. Lake Forest* (NCHA Quarterfinals) Fri.- Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Women's Hockey: vs. Hamline*, Sun., 5 p.m.

Men's Basketball: at UW-La Crosse, Sat., 7 p.m.; UW-Oshkosh, Wed., 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: UW-La Crosse, Sat., 3 p.m.*; at UW-Oshkosh, Wed., 7 p.m.

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Let's go ice fishing

Three-dimensional fishing logs

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

Fishermen and weathermen have more in common than most folks would think. To be a really good angler, one must have an understanding of fish behavior and their seasonal patterns, while also possessing a keen sense for the ever-changing world of meteorology. A one-dimensional approach to fishing may land the "lucky" angler a good day once in a while, but the fisherman who understands and interprets all of the factors for each day will consistently enjoy success on the lakes and rivers.

What I've come to learn over the past few years about fish is that they feed because of several factors combined. Each species can be triggered into biting using certain techniques that mimic that fish's natural prey. Pike like flashy, wounded prey, whereas perch might prefer a small grub floating in the current. These are basic methods of fishing that have been passed down through the generations, which have always worked, and will continue to do so into the future. My grandfather has been using the same summertime crappie jigs to fill the live-well for countless years; however, the only real constant is change. Use what you know will work for the fish that you are targeting, but always remember to keep an ear out for new advice and fresh schemes.

The second dimension to catching fish all year 'round is to remain in tune with the seasonal patterns that all fish develop. There are hundreds of books available on almost every variety of fish. Learn the cycle of the fish you want to catch. Depending on the time of year, fishing for predators or panfish requires extensive knowledge of the fish's range, feeding habits and natural food sources. Mastering

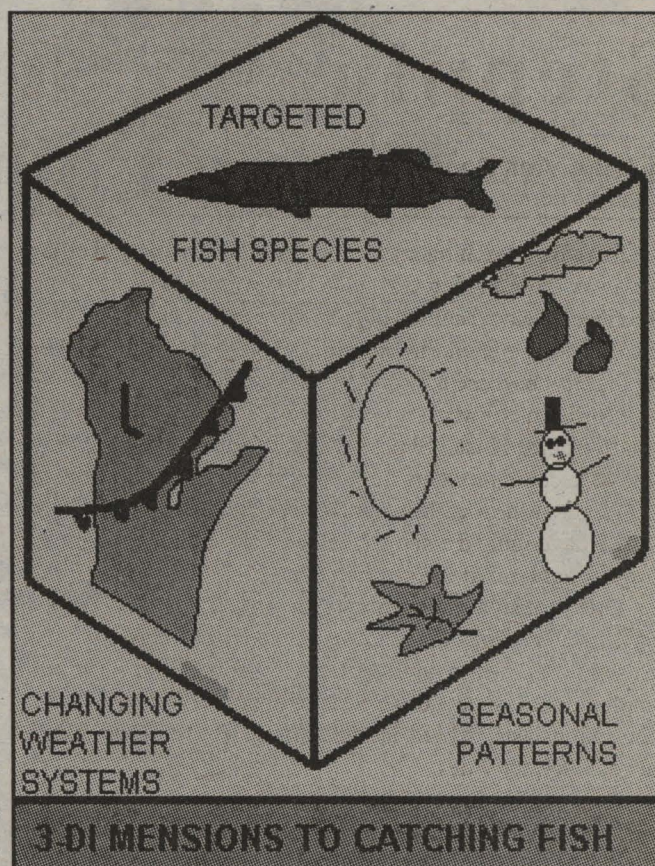
these genetically implanted blueprints of each different fish will help you to find and catch them with greater consistency.

The factor that separates the lucky anglers from the pros is understanding short-term weather systems and how they affect the fish's behavior. By knowing the way in which a fish will react to barometric pressure and impending cold fronts, the fisherman can turn an average day into a full stringer event.

"Three-dimensional fishing is not only an art, it is a way to track and predict fish feeding frenzies with stunning accuracy."

The purpose of this article really isn't to fully explain these factors (which in themselves could fill several books), but rather to help anglers in recording this kind of fishing data. Work spent this year documenting fish movements and hot fishing days will assuredly pay off in the long run.

What I have been trying to do over the past year or so is keep an accurate fishing log of all the times I go out fishing and do reasonably well. I try and record all of the little facts that were present at the time of such success. Most people would vaguely remember that in mid-February of last year, the crappies were biting well on Lake Joanis just after sunset. Imagine looking back into a fishing log from 2002 to find out that those crappies were suspended over slight weeds in 20 feet of water. Also, the ice was just over one foot thick with an air temp in the mid 20's. That evening, a weather system moved into town



bringing with it several inches of snow.

Match those conditions and I guarantee that the advantage will be decidedly yours this year as well. Three-dimensional fishing is not only an art; it is a way to track and predict fish feeding frenzies with stunning accuracy. Over time, distinct patterns will begin to emerge from the pages of those old notebooks, and you will find yourself fishing smarter, more successfully and more consistently as well. So then, I reckon it's about time you stop relying on luck to fill the fryer, and start writing yourself a three-dimensional fishing log. Until next week folks, "Let's go ice fishing!"

Outdoors, adventure, experience...

Students learn of alternative options for summer employment



Photo by Patricia Larson

Who wants to work in a sweltering factory for a 12-hour shift during the summer, when you could be enjoying a tranquil outdoors setting and getting paid for it?

Students attending the annual summer camp and outdoor recreation job fair in the Laird Room found the answer to that question and many more on Wednesday.

Summer camps and outdoor recreation employers from around Wisconsin and other states doled out pamphlets and applications to anyone who seemed interested.

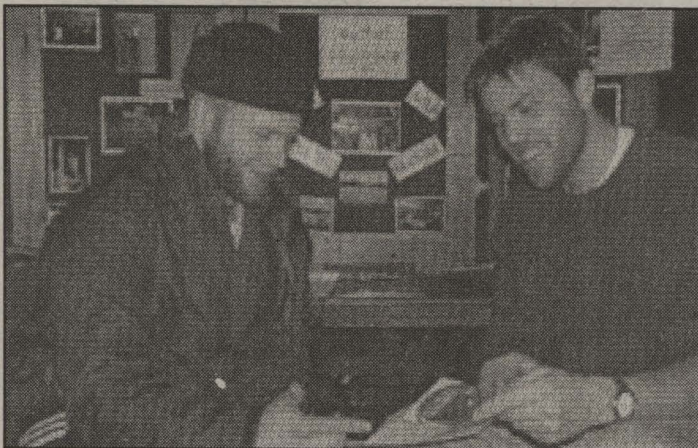
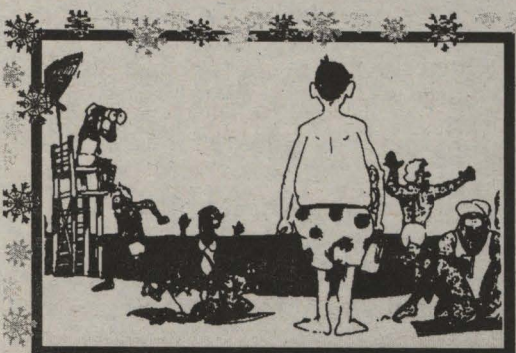


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Outdoor Top Ten

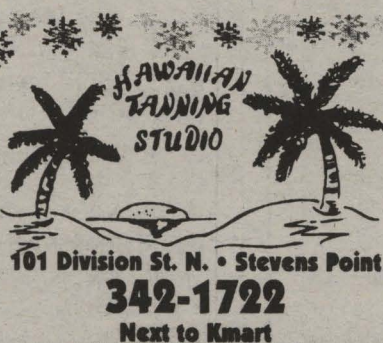
"Best things to do by yourself, outside"

1. For the lack of a better term: pee.
2. Umm...Masturbate.
3. Shoot darts laced with Dran-O at the overpopulation of squirrels in the area.
4. Find out that you've just eaten deer shit.
5. Watch your frostbite turn black.
6. Majorly slip and fall on the ice.
7. Mistake a boulder for a deer.
8. Cry because you're tired.
9. Poop. (Sorry)
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Stepping in the footprints of history

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Imagine crunching on top of a new fallen snow, drifting closer to serenity and further away from human existence; this is snowshoeing. With as much ease as primitive Americans weaved animal guts between wooden frames, so do contemporary Americans take each step in modern snowshoe apparel, appreciating the ingenious creation of necessity that has become a discovery of enjoyment.

"It's a go anywhere type of sport," says Jessie Bostic, customer service representative at the Hostel Shoppe. "We've carried [snowshoes] since the mid-90s and they've become more and more popular throughout the years."

Winter-fitness enthusiasts, backcountry hikers and others that just want to get outside have ignited a snowshoeing renaissance with additional thanks to hi-tech designs, lighter materials and ingenious marketing.

Different styles and features of snowshoes may deter you from buying a pair, but Bostic reassures that choosing a snowshoe comes down to what the shoes will be used for and what types of activities you like to do. Snowshoe styles range from simplistic snowshoes for novices to the more extreme snowshoes for hardcore snowshoe enthusiasts, which include stronger cleats and specialized frames for certain backcountry activities.

As snowshoeing evolved from an activity of necessity to enjoyable pastime, snowshoes have seen little change in form; however, new additions to the style of snowshoes have opened up opportunities for backcountry snowshoeing and extreme snowshoeing in mountainous regions.

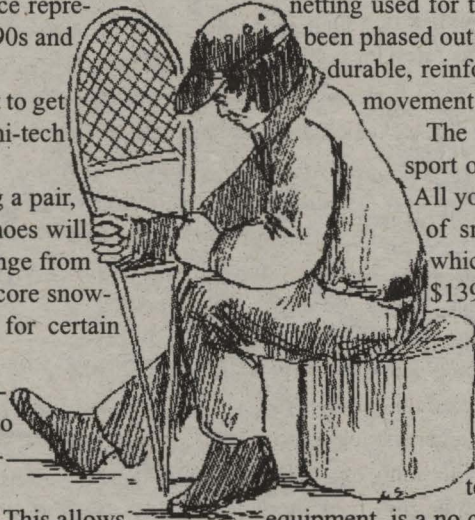
Snowshoes distribute a person's weight evenly on the surface of snow. This allows a person to "float" on top of the snow. The shoe's shape is distinct and every facet of the design has a purpose.

Talons or cleats are a new addition to most models, which help in ascending steep terrain and crossing icy paths. Most new technologies have made snowshoeing an easy sport to enjoy and have made snowshoes durable, stronger and more reliable.

"Recreational shoes don't have big cleats for people who just want to hike in the woods," says Bostic, "but people who want to snowshoe in the mountains need bigger cleats and a wider shoe for more flotation."

Crampons and bindings hold the snowshoe to your boots. Some contemporary designs resemble snowboard bindings, while other designs maintain the traditional straps and buckles.

Newer styles of snowshoe frames are made of lightweight, aircraft-quality aluminum. Traditional frames of wood are still prevalent, however. The cross-weaved gut netting used for the deck in more traditional designs has, for the most part, been phased out; rather, a continuous deck of Hypalon is used. Hypalon is a durable, reinforced, polyethylene plastic that creates a smoother floating movement over the snow.



The minimal equipment it takes to be a snowshoer makes this sport one of the most accessible and easy-going winter activities. All you need is a pair of shoes and warm snow boots (and a layer of snow on the ground, of course). Unlike a skiing package which costs \$170 for skis, \$100 for bindings and installation, \$139 for boots and \$30 for poles or a snowboarding package which costs \$339 for a board and bindings and \$114 for boots, snowshoeing is very affordable. On average, a basic set of snowshoes will cost \$175 and a good pair of snow boots will average \$75-\$100. The cost of skiing or snowboarding also is increased by lift tickets and transportation to and from a ski hill. Snowshoeing, after the purchase of equipment, is a no cost activity.

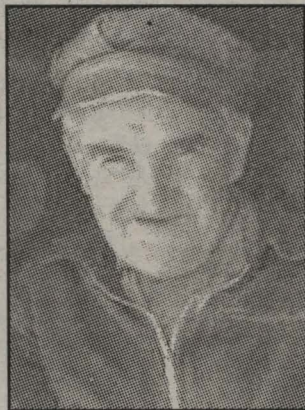
"Most people are looking to just get outside to hike in the woods," says Bostic.

Recent interest in snowshoeing can also be attributed to the nostalgic qualities snowshoes and the activity hold. The mystic wonderment of the trappers and fur traders of old and the necessary ingenuity of the snowshoe comes with every step. So, as a snowshoer takes each step, it is a chance to step back into a time out of mind.

Mr. Winters' two cents

Well, kids, get ready to freeze your keesters. The groundhog was right again, and I don't think that I'll ever be able to figure out that critter's voodoo. It's going to continue to be dangerously cold for a few more weeks, and I'll tell you that at my age, I ain't about to go out there to save a kitten or an arthritic postmaster general. Well, at least we got a few good blankets of snow to soften the mood around town, and to keep them country folk happy on them new-fangled speed sleds for a spell. Hopefully the snow lasts a bit longer this year than the last, seeing as how I'd like to get my money's worth out of that motorized shovel spew that I bought from the hardware store.

Anyways, the fishing has been lousier than the sloppy pigeon noodle soup I once ate as a young sprout, and it isn't looking to improve none with this icy witch of a Canadian polar air-mass draping herself all over my dear home place. Shuck a 'tater! Late-ice *esox luscious* still haunt my naps and night sleeps, though, reminding me of the famous "Blitz-Pike" of '89. For those of you who don't speak in German tongues, that translates into "lightening-pike," or as the kids would say "Rad fishing... man." Oh hell, enough with the Germans and trying to be hip. So until next time then, "Go on and Geet!"



Snowmobile safety course offered

The Student Law Enforcement Association of UWSP is offering a three-day DNR Snowmobile Safety Course starting this Thursday from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Consecutive classes will be on Monday, Feb. 17 and Thursday, Feb. 20. All classes will meet in room 120 of the CNR. The price of the class is \$10.

If you are interested in taking this course, contact Josh Mars by calling 346-4167, or email jmars247@uwsp.edu.

Hey! Did you know...

Bear cubs are born during late January and February while the sow is in torpor. (Torpor=A dormant physical state, not quite hibernation). According to Dr. Tim Ginnett of the CNR, bear cubs can weigh less than one pound at birth. Also the cubs are bald and their eyes are closed.



During the remainder of the winter months, the cubs will nurse and grow rapidly before spring thaw. Bear cubs will weigh close to ten pounds by this time.

Dr. Ginnett is currently involved in a research program in Northern Wisconsin to study the factors that influence black bear survival and reproduction.

"We currently have about a dozen bears with radio collars that allow us to track their movements. During the next month we will be visiting their dens to count cubs, record survival of last years cubs, and take measurements and body weights," said Ginnett via e-mail.

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And another thing...

When it comes to romance and entertainment, we're all a bunch of peeping toms.

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Not surprisingly, as the calendar reaches Feb. 14, the number one film in America is a romantic movie. *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* grossed a hefty 23 million at the box office and finished in the top spot, just as the Ashton Kutcher/Brittany Murphy farce *Just Married* had a few weeks earlier.

These are obviously not good movies, and their plots are about as far-fetched as Bush's State of the Union address. Yet millions of Americans pour into the theater to see these films, leading me to wonder why the hell romantic

movies are always so successful. Americans seem to be fascinated by the topic of romance and it's a pervasive force in nearly every form of

entertainment. In addition to movies, pop stars drone on about unrequited love, while entire TV show storylines are based on the passionate relationships between their characters.

For some reason, Americans seem drawn to the romances of other people, real or fictional. While movie star marriages demand headline news coverage, the imaginary romances of TV and movie characters can sometimes be even more compelling to John and Jane Q. Viewer. Soap operas feed the sleaziness of romantic conquests to their viewers one hour at a time. Sitcoms and dramas can't help but at least dabble in romantic links between characters. Meanwhile, it isn't rare for ill-conceived romantic subplots to be worked into otherwise romanceless movies.

Furthermore, romantic entertainment all too often concludes with a predictable happy ending. Hollywood, pop music and television portray an unrealistic image of romance that causes some people to expect unattainable romantic standards, and others to feel dissatisfied with their comparably lackluster love lives. Problems are resolved all too easily in the movies but in reality, love doesn't always con-

quer all. In entertainment, love is too often given lopsided importance, sending the message that the only real necessity in life is romantic love. Hollywood rarely acknowledges that there are different types of love, but chooses to focus on Eros as the exclusive key to bliss.

In the meantime, reality TV seems to have created an even more disturbing trend in entertainment: the sinister desire to see love fail. Many Americans salivate at the chance to watch stupid contestants battle for the hand of a millionaire, an Adonis or even a complete stranger.

Viewers are attracted to *Joe Millionaire* because they want to

see that meathead Evan get his construction worker (and former underwear-modeling) ass stomped by whom-ever he

picks. *Married in America* will rake in huge ratings because the American public wants to on-line vote the most incompatible couple into matrimony just to see what happens.

However, the most frightening aspect of our obsession with romantic entertainment is that it too often substitutes for the excitement that taking risks, reaching out and opening up in real romance are all about. Instead of watching another "reality" romance in the making, we should be fortifying our own relationships and seeking out new ones. Instead of absorbing ourselves in Ross and Rachel's ups and downs, we should be spending time with our friends and creating memories of our own, the kind you can't find in syndication.

With Valentine's Day upon us, I suggest you put down the remote and, instead of peeping into the romantic lives of people on TV, nurture your own relationships. Because in the real world, there aren't always happy endings, there'll never be 25 eligible bachelors or bachelorettes fighting over you and you're not going to be united with your life partner via on-line poll.

Movie Review

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Even if you've never heard of Chuck Barris, you've surely heard of the many TV game shows he created (*The Dating Game*, *The Newlywed Game*). Barris' career high (or low) point was *The Gong Show*, his late 70s celebrity wannabe freak show that can be seen as the granddaddy of all the insipid "reality" shows of today. Now, George Clooney, in his directorial debut, with help from screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (*Adaptation*, *Being John Malkovich*), brings to life

Barris' own biography, which supposedly reveals Barris to be even more eccentric than expected.

Mind showcases Barris' seemingly absurd claim that, while he was creating TV series and

hosting *The Gong Show*, he led a double life as a CIA assassin who killed a total of 33 people. The story begins with Barris (Sam Rockwell in a breakout role) as he rises from a guy who couldn't get a date to the creator of *The Dating Game*; also meeting his lovely girlfriend Penny (Drew Barrymore). One day, however, his fate takes a strange turn as Jim Byrd (Clooney), a cool-as-ice CIA agent, recruits him into the spy life.

Soon, Barris sent on missions around the world from Berlin to Helsinki, ostensibly as a chaperone for *Dating Game* winners, but secretly carrying out contract hits and dealing with mysterious spy types like Patricia (Julia Roberts), an alluring CIA ice queen. Meanwhile, he's living the good life with Penny (despite his serial philandering) and riding even higher as *The Gong Show* becomes a ratings smash. However, when his shows start getting cancelled and Byrd informs him of a CIA mole out to

kill him, both sides of Chuck's life begin to spiral out of control.

For his directorial debut, Clooney

obviously took advice from friend/partner Steven Soderbergh (who also produces). The film is most

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impressive in providing Barris' addled point of view, showcasing his fears, hang-ups and secrets. Dark humor is nicely balanced with moments of dramatic tension, and the cinematography, again similar to Soderbergh's work, adds to great effect.

Rockwell, who has been hanging around the edge of stardom for years, makes the most of this star-making role, portraying Barris as a liar, charmer, twisted genius and ultimately a man haunted by the belief that he'll never amount to anything special. Barrymore is adorable and lovely as always, while Clooney tempers his star charisma to play his ice-water-for-blood CIA man. Roberts, in a rare supporting role, embodies the alluring femme fatale CIA operatives dream about working with. Also catch Rutger Hauer as a world-weary fellow CIA assassin and blink-and-you'll miss them cameos by Brad Pitt and Matt Damon as rejected suitors on *The Dating Game*.

In the end, it doesn't matter whether Barris' claims are true. Clooney takes Barris' "confession" and turns it into a truly strange and wonderful movie. A showman like Barris would be proud.



Entertainment week in review

Compiled by Josh Goller

The Good:

Actor Richard Gere for speaking out against the possible war with Iraq at the Berlin Film Festival. "America has never paid any attention to other people, so it's absurd for Bush to say that it's all about the best interests of the Iraqi people," Gere said. Hats off to another celebrity for using his clout to advance a message of peace.

Honorable Mention: Actor and director George Clooney for attacking U.S. television by claiming that TV has been "dumbed down." Clooney stated that it was dangerous for other people's misery (in reality TV shows) to become a source of mass entertainment. He also attacked news sources for focusing on their entertainment value more than informative duties.



The Bad:

Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones, 33, for filing a lawsuit against a tabloid magazine for allowing a paparazzi photographer to take pictures of her wedding to 58-year-old Michael Douglas that she felt were of low quality. The *Chicago* star claimed the photos were grainy and made her look "big." Zeta-Jones particularly objected to a photo that showed Douglas inserting a forkful of cake into her mouth. "It looks as though all I did that day was eat," the Welsh actress pined. Neurotic much?

Dishonorable Mention: The cable network E! for running an episode of celebrity *Star Dates* featuring the miniscule Gary Coleman. Hasn't the little man been persecuted enough?

The Ugly:

Benjamin Curtis, better known as the "Dude, You're Getting a Dell" guy, for his arrest on marijuana possession charges Monday. Curtis was apprehended after purchasing a "small bag of marijuana" from a drug dealer in Manhattan's Lower East Side. Perhaps his new catch phrase should be "Dude, you're getting the dank."

The Homely: American Idol semifinalist Frenchie Davis for her elimination from the contest due to the revelation that she appeared on an adult website several years ago. This is the second time in the last two weeks that a reality TV star has been linked to porn. *Joe Millionaire* finalist, Sarah, starred in a handful of bondage films and a foot fetish flick. Reality TV really brings out the cream of the crop.



Like stuff?

Hate stuff?

Want to be a critic?

If you're itching to throw your two cents in about some form of arts or entertainment, email Josh at jgoll992@uwsp.edu to find out how take part in the joys of being critical.

Local Live Music Schedule

The Mission Coffeehouse

Friday, Feb. 14

Valentines Day Party!
Anonymous
Imaginary Friend
Mr. Crispy
Wobbler vs. Filament
Dustin Zahn
The Butcher

Saturday, Feb. 15

This Time
w/
Sentinel
Loves Despair
Only to Remain

Sunday, Feb. 16

Sunday Flood
w/
Sounds Like Braille

Witz End

Friday, Feb. 14

Moon

Saturday, Feb. 15

Burnt Toast and Jam

UC Encore

Thursday, Feb. 20

Natty Nation

CD REVIEW

Blue Wild Angel: Jimi Hendrix Live at the Isle of Wight

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Jimi Hendrix has been dead for 33 years but his music continues to live on. The late 2002 release of *Blue Wild Angel: Jimi Hendrix Live at the Isle of Wight* is proof of that. The full-length 120-minute album is a must for Hendrix enthusiasts, but the single CD version may be more appropriate for the average music fan.

The Isle of Wight festival was held only weeks before Hendrix's passing, which may add to its relevance. This electric album features a Hendrix's 49-second cover of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band" along with a nearly 19-minute version of "Machine Gun" that extends into a mesmerizing electric guitar jam, a staple of Jimi's music. Other highlights include a brief rendition of "God Save the Queen" tailored to his British music festival audience, which



carries the same distinctive flare of his renowned "Star Spangled Banner."

But it's his finale, "In From the Storm," that stands out above the others. This new composition encapsulates the same feverish groove of Hendrix's earlier *Experience* days, something much of his later music failed to do.

Blue Wild Angel may not be a live greatest hits album, but it offers a balanced blend of favorites and lesser-knowns that make it an important part of music history.

Places to go... people to see

On-Campus

Friday, Feb. 14

Comedian Eric O'Shea
UC-Encore 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Mission Improvable
(Improv. Group)
UC-Encore 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Jazz Repertory Concert
Michelsen Hall 7:30 p.m.

Off-Campus

Friday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day DJ Party
Mission Coffeehouse 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Burnt Toast & Jam
Witz End 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Aquila Theater's Presentation of
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
Sentry Theater 7:30 p.m.

The Wookie's Corner

Phish tour prompts the resurgence of "ph" phad

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Is anybody home? I guess not. I've received a hefty handful of e-mails from friends this week notifying me that they're about to embark on the holy pilgrimage known as Phish tour.

Starting in Los Angeles on Friday, Feb. 14, many fans will reaffirm their love for Trey, Mike, Page and Fish, and continue to Las Vegas, Denver and Chicago afterwards. Phish's only true "area" performances are in Chicago at the Allstate Arena on Thursday, Feb. 20 and in Cincinnati on Friday, Feb. 21 and 22.

Unfortunately, my extra for Chicago fell through, but that's OK by me for multiple reasons. For starters, tickets on this tour are \$50 a pop! That's simply outrageous. Second, Phish's setlists from their New Year's run at Madison Square Garden and the Hampton Coliseum looked bland and boring.

Upon listening to the shows over break, I discovered that they're far from tight and perfect, but that's somewhat expected after a two-year break. Surely, I'm expecting to see more segues and less flaws on this tour.

However, if this tour produces any more botched "YEM"s or "Antelope"s, Phish may want to consider a second, and permanent, hiatus after 2003.

In other news, spring tour plans are shaping up for a few other up-and-comers.

String Cheese Incident just announced a Midwest run, including a stop in Carbondale, Ill. on April 24, Chicago on Friday, April 25 and two nights at the Orpheum Theater in Minneapolis on April 26 and 27.

The Disco Biscuits are rumored to bounce into the Barrymore on Saturday, April 19, and then move on to destroy Chicago for two nights, possibly on Easter Sunday, April 20, and the night after either at the House of Blues or the Vic Theatre

Steve Kimock Band, **Galactic** and **Sound Tribe Sector 9** are all set to appear in Madison in the near future, and keep your eyes peeled for acts like **moe.**, and **Keller Williams** to make possible local spring appearances.

Finally, I smell a "The Dead" (see <http://www.dead.net> for a description of their name) and Phish tour coming up this summer. Stay tuned.

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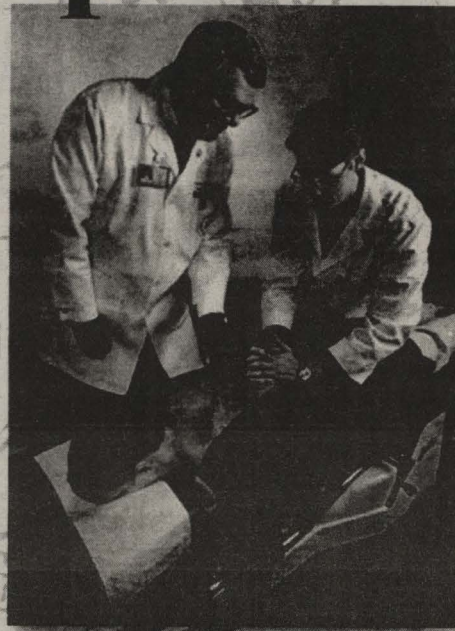
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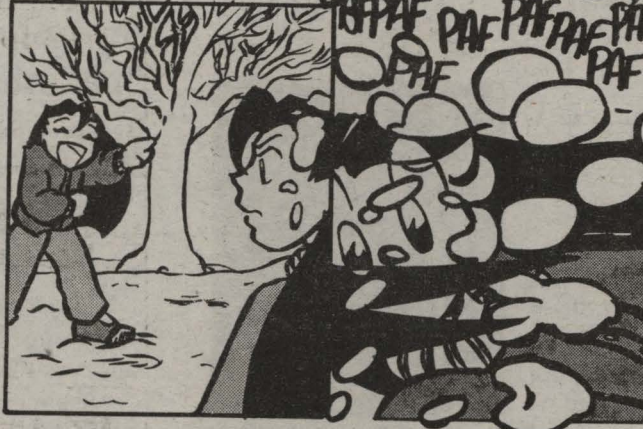
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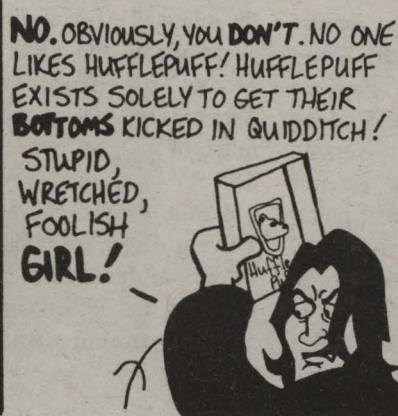
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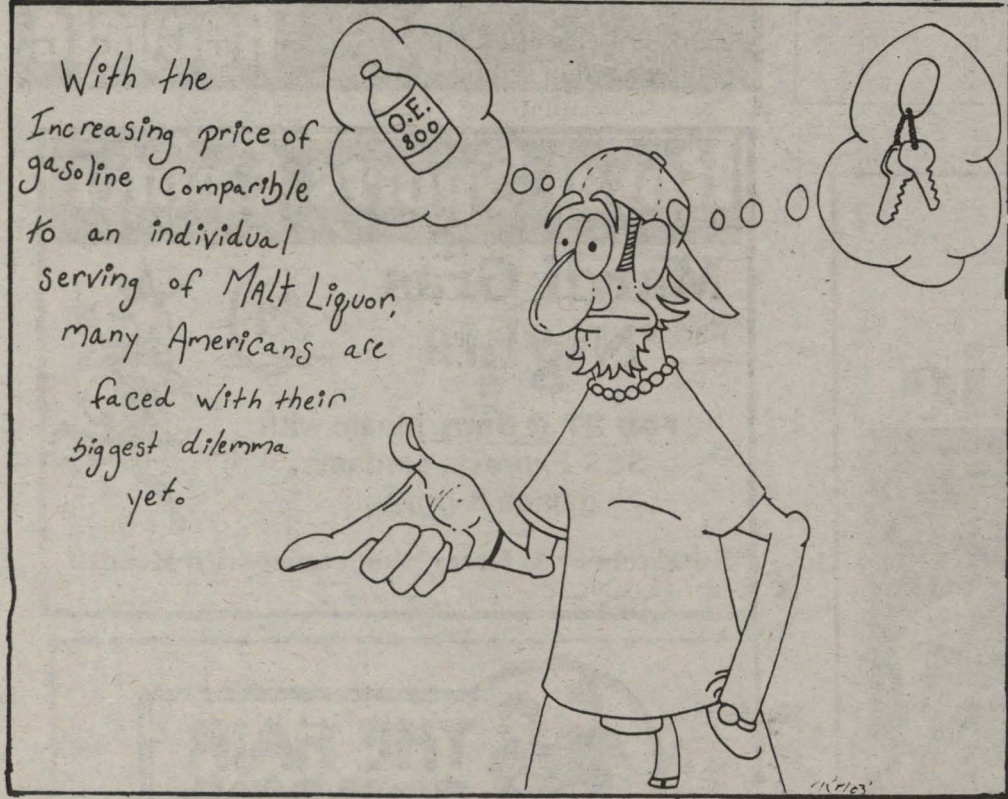


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