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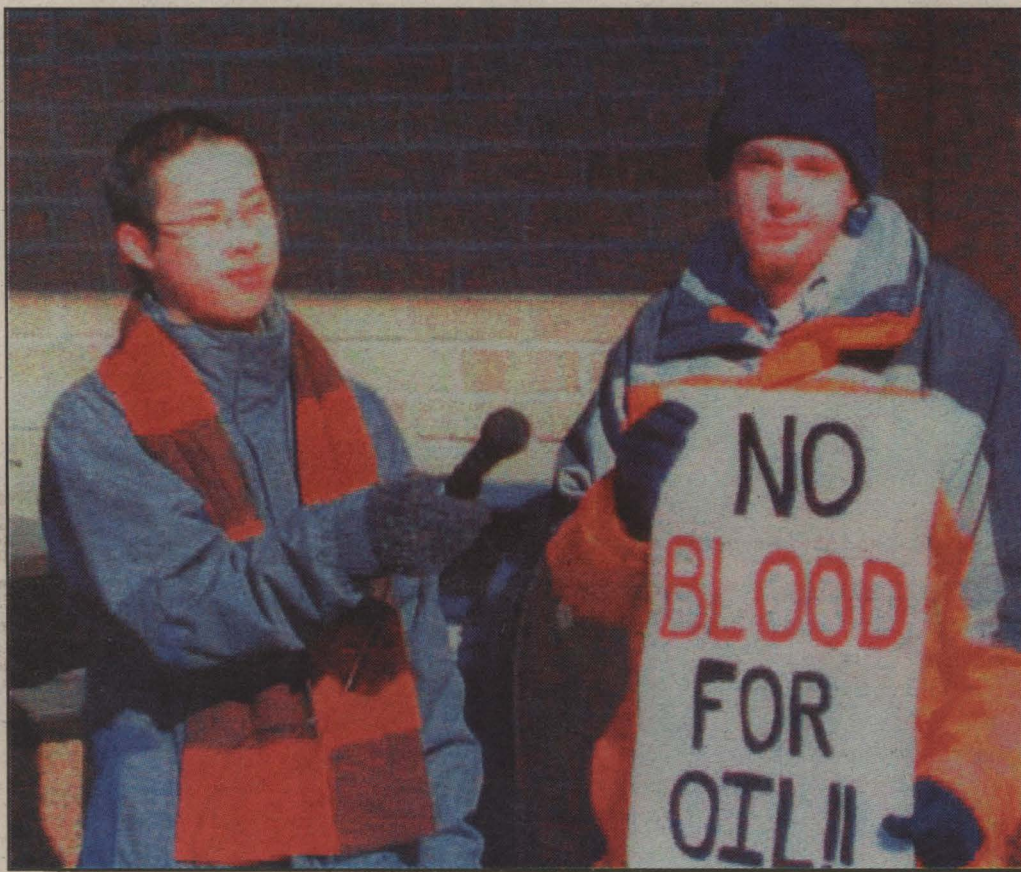


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A protestor takes time to talk to an STV reporter while displaying a sign with anti-war message.

Anti-war efforts
reflect concern over
possible attack against
Iraq

By John Baeten
NEWS EDITOR

A student strike occurred at UW-Stevens Point on Wednesday, March 5, protesting the Bush Administration's push for a war on Iraq. Members of Progressive Action Organization (PAO) organized the rally called "Books not Bombs," which took place outside of the UC.

Close to 100 concerned students and local community members braved the frigid weather to hear anti-war advocates voice opinions on the possibilities of a unilateral military strike on Iraq.

The National Youth and Student Peace Coalition (NYSPC), were the national organizers of the event and close to 230 campuses in the nation participated. UWSP, along with

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University plans to crack down on downloads

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

UW-Stevens Point will soon join the growing list of universities nationwide that plan to crack down on students who use the university computer networks to download copyrighted materials.

Pressure exerted by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and entertainment industry giants, such as Sony, has produced a climate that has forced universities to respond to the recent surge of copyright infringement allegations.

Many universities are now warning students of the legal implications of prohibited downloading activities.

"We're in the process of gathering information to start an educational program that warns students of the legal implications of downloading materials such as songs, games and movies, but we have not yet discussed any means of punishment," said David Dumke, the interim-director of UWSP's Information Technology office.

UW-Stevens Point has maintained a policy prohibiting the use of its network to download copyrighted materials since its network's inception, but like nearly all universities in the nation, has not yet implemented a program to monitor the activities of its students.

Members of the entertainment industry have begun monitoring downloading activities over the past few years, however, and have recently launched a more aggressive effort to notify universities of violations incurred through computer networks accessed by students.

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ACT and Red Cross drive for blood

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

A blood drive coordinated by the American Red Cross and the Association for Community Tasks (ACT) exceeded its goals, receiving donations from 206 students and community members during its efforts that spanned over Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We experienced a smaller turnout than we had last semester, but we've had tons of volunteers and a lot of donors. There's always a good turnout," said Melissa Berwick, ACT blood drive coordinator.

The ACT and Red Cross received assistance and contributions from local sorority Gamma Phi Delta, which volunteered members to donate blood and

facilitate others who wished to donate.

"It's a good cause, so it's worthwhile to put in the time and effort," said Amy Bowers, a UW-Stevens Point sophomore and Gamma Phi Delta member who donated time to the event.

Student sentiments regarding blood donation ranged from altruism to hyper-competitiveness, but typically reflected a sense of charity.

"People need this. It helps save lives and it only stings a little," said sophomore Nikki Vargowe.

Nicholas Hitt, a freshman, offered a slightly different view on the blood giving experience.

"It feels good to lose a little blood now again," said Hitt. "I

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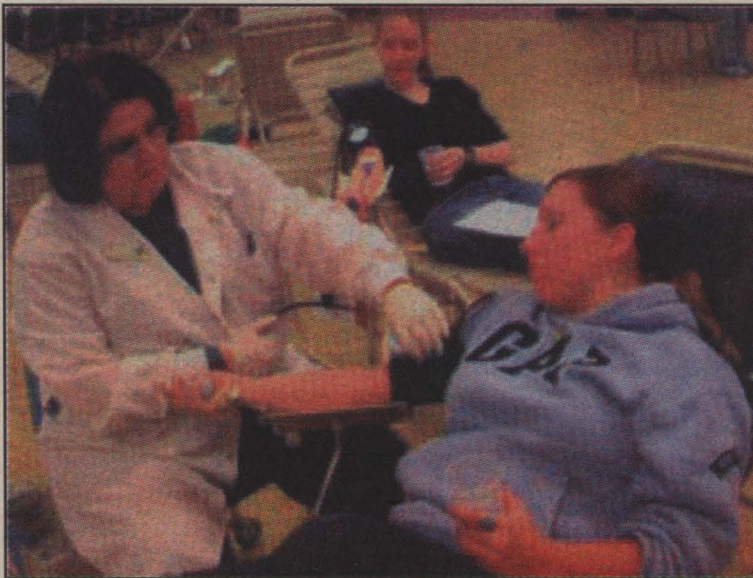



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Over 200 students and community members turned out for this week's blood drive, the third drive held on campus this year. ACT and Red Cross coordinators reported that over 400 pints of blood have been donated this year.

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Stevens Point transit system to undergo changes

By John Baeten
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Stevens Point Transit Department recently completed an ongoing survey in an attempt to improve public transportation. The 1200 surveys were randomly distributed throughout the Stevens Point area and close to 39% have been received.

Abrams-Cherwony and Associates won the bid to conduct the study, receiving \$50,000 from the Transit Department. Based out of Pennsylvania, Abrams-Cherwony is a multi-task corporation specializing in public-bus transit planning and has developed service and capital plans for transit operations nationwide.

According to transit manager Susan Lemke, "So far we have been very pleased with the surveys; very few people were dissatisfied. The majority of people who filled them out do not use public transit, but they feel as if it is highly important in Stevens Point."

After Abrams-Cherwony complete their study a five-year transit development plan will be developed. This plan will include a general strategy of action for service design, financial implications, capital needs, a management and organizational plan and a schedule of implementation.

Currently the Stevens Point bus routes remain rather distant from campus, with the nearest stop at St. Michael's Hospital.

Lemke states, "We want to eventually work better with the University and do a better job incorporating students in public transit."

According to UWSP student Kristen Nowicki, "The Stevens Point transit sys-

tem is not complex, it is a very small system and is extremely user friendly. Unfortunately, most students seem to not want to think for themselves. It is really sad when I hear other seniors say that they don't understand the bus system here, because it means they do not yet, after 22

that the transit system meets the needs of the community. It has to be responsive to demographics and growth and focus on where the highest concentration of demand is."

Urbitrans is a planning firm affiliated with Abrams-Cherwony, who will look at

the results of the operating data gathered from the study.

According to UWSP Professor Joe Passineau, "Filling the busses is the most obvious need."

The Transit Department has also become more environmentally friendly this year, now operating 29-foot busses, the smallest size for mass

transportation. The new busses have improved emission standards and are much more economical than the ones previously used.

According to Lindsay Heiser, President of Alliance for a Sustainable Earth, "I think it would be a great idea to expand the routes and availability of the

Stevens Point transit system. Perhaps as a campus we shouldn't be talking about the parking problem in terms of paving new lots, but instead, reducing car use as a whole."

The Student Life Issues Committee is currently putting together a survey on the city transit program, specifically asking if students use the current system and what could be improved to increase student participation.

Nowicki states, "I ride the bus regularly, and it is one of the cleanest bus systems I have ever seen, and it is always on time."

Students can currently purchase a semester-long bus pass for \$20, which includes unlimited rides throughout Stevens Point and the lustrous communities of Whiting and Park Ridge.

Heiser contends, "Certainly having to abide by the bus schedule instead of one's own personal schedule might deter some people from using public transit, so incentives might be appropriate, such as reduced bus fares. Anti-incentives could be presented as well, in the form of increased parking costs downtown and on campus, in metered lots and in parking permits."

Transit officials will conduct another survey on March 25 and 26 at County Market, Copps south and the downtown hub.

The study concludes in June, when the findings are calculated so the community's needs can be met. Until then, the short bus shall carry UWSP students to their predisposed destinations.



Photo by Patricia Larson

Transit authorities have stated that plans to incorporate the needs of students into public transportation routes are scheduled for the future.

years of life, understand how to think for themselves."

The Transit Department has an operating budget of about \$792,983, with 67% coming from state and federal funds, with an annual revenue of \$67,000.

According to Sam Corbett of Urbitrans Consulting Firm, "We want to make sure

Download

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"As we have seen piracy rise, we are responding aggressively online and have dramatically upped the activities of our Anti-Piracy Unit, increasing our seizures of counterfeited and pirated recordings by 89.5 % in 2002," said Hilary Rosen, chairman and CEO of the RIAA.

The RIAA, which works to protect intellectual property rights and the First Amendment rights of recording artists, has claimed to have lost millions of dollars to file sharing programs such as Kazaa and Morpheus over several years and cites these losses as a pivotal factor behind efforts to stop illegal downloading.

Universities such as Purdue and the University of Indiana have already dealt with requests from the entertainment industry asking for intervention in student downloading activities and have identified and taken action against specific students who have violated copyright laws.

Punishments enacted by universities has varied greatly, with some universities opting to issue a notice requiring students to refrain from downloading copyrighted materials and to delete previous illegal downloads while other universities have moved to revoke the computer privileges of violators.

Details of similar policies

that govern downloading activities on UWSP's computer network do not currently specify what actions would be taken against students.

"Anything along the lines of punishment will still have to be discussed with the Academic Affairs Advisory Council," said Dumke. "We would basically have to get together and share



Dumke

ideas on how to take action."

The punitive measures universities opt to enact may soon come under the direct jurisdiction of the entertainment industry, as companies seeking to protect copyrighted materials recently won a U.S. district court decision in Washington stipulating that Internet Service Providers must relinquish the names, addresses and phone numbers of individuals found in violation of the law.

Verizon Communication Inc., an Internet Service Provider, has appealed the deci-

sion, but if the ruling stands, entertainment companies would gain the right to pursue legal action against the estimated 63 million Americans who download copyrighted materials online.

"What has caught me by surprise is the possible legal penalties involved for students who get brought up on charges," said Dumke. "To my knowledge, there are fines of up to \$150,000 per song."

Dumke stated that while the severity of the penalty may provide a surprise for many students, the illegality of downloading materials from the Internet should not come as a shock.

"There are many students who are under-informed, but there are also many students who do understand their actions," said Dumke. "If you can buy it at Wal-Mart, people should realize that it's not free because it's on the Internet."

UW-Stevens Point will follow the lead of other universities that have already begun to respond to illicit downloading concerns by working through the Student Government Association (SGA) to provide educational materials to the student body.

Dumke confirmed that communication between Information Technology and SGA President Beth Ann Richlen has been established with the intent of facilitating future efforts to address the current problem.

Campus BEAT

Lot Q
Monday, March 3 3:07 p.m.

A male student reported that the driver's side mirror was broken off the door of his vehicle.

Collins Classroom Center
Sunday, March 2 12:20 p.m.

Campus Security cadets reported that a fire extinguisher had been discharged in the southwest corner of the building.

Lot P
Sunday, March 2 11:37 a.m.

A male student reported that his vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle.

Hyer Hall
Saturday, March 1 1:14 a.m.

A female was found intoxicated and incapacitated in her room.

Student protests quiet hours

Residence Hall Association receives petition to revise its finals week policy

By Sara Stein
NEWS REPORTER

The policy regarding intensive quiet hours, which are observed in the residence halls during finals week, may soon be revised.

Jeremy J. Gorzalski, former president and Residence Hall Association (RHA) representative of Watson Hall, drafted a petition suggesting that the policy be modified to "better suit the current times and concerns of students."

"Finals week is a very stressful period, and I myself as well as many others feel that the current policy adds to, not detracts from, this stress," stated Gorzalski.

"It damages that vital sense of community and creates a hostile atmosphere that is actually counterproductive to effective studying."

The proposal to show leniency towards the Intensive Study Hours policy was brought before

the RHA at Tuesday night's board meeting, yet no decisions were made, as representatives chose to take the matter back to hall leadership teams for discussion.

"As far as the delegates went, there was widespread support for looking into a change, and a majority felt that their halls would like to see it changed," noted Gorzalski.



Gorzalski

"I would like to encourage all residents on campus to talk to their governments and to RHA and make their feelings known, so as to not get left out of this important decision, and I hope that with a strong student response we can see some positive change begin next week."

War protest

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Madison, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, La Crosse and Eau Claire represented the universities of Wisconsin.

According to NYSPC, "As students and youth, the future of this country, we are disturbed by the lack of attention paid to the real needs of Americans, especially higher education. Financial aid opportunities and family income are rapidly losing ground to the rising cost of higher education, all while the U.S. military budget steadily increases 12% from 2000-2002."

Participants in the strike are calling for the U.S. government to end the drive for military action and sanctions that target the people of Iraq and to repeal the provisions of the "No Child Left Behind Act" that requires schools to give out student information to military recruiters.

UWSP student and PAO member Bobbie Webster stated, "This war is oil for blood, and will only increase the threat of terrorism."

According to CBS News, "One day in March, U.S. Air Force and Navy forces will launch between 300 and 400 cruise missiles at targets in Iraq, more than the number that was launched in the entire 40 days of the first Gulf War."

Mayoral candidate Amy Heart stated, "The Bush administration is intent on plunging America into an illegitimate and pre-emptive war in Iraq that will

only increase danger for Americans and the world. At the same time education, healthcare and the economy are being neglected. It's time for youth and students to take a stand for America's future."

NYSPC also calls for University Administrators to declare opposition to the war, disclose and eliminate military research contracts (ROTC, Military Science, etc.), freeze or lower tuition and fees and to stop sending student information military recruiters without consent from parents and students.

Ray Struck, who is a veteran of the Korean War said, "How much of Iraq do we intend to turn into ash? What we need is a globalization of dissent for the entire population of our fragile planet."

According to NYSPC, "The Bush Administration's war on Iraq is a venture for control of the region and its oil supplies, not national security, democracy or human rights. Our campuses provide implicit support for this through military research, recruiting and ROTC programs."

New Zealander Brent Stephenson states, "I would say that most people here are definitely anti-war, and think that President Bush not only looks like a chipmunk but has a brain about the same size. The war isn't all about weapons of mass destruction and caring about the people of Iraq, it's about getting their filthy little mitts on oil that just happens to be in an Arab country."

Blood drive

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thought that if I squeezed the pressure ball hard enough, I might be able to drain my entire system."

The blood drive was the third effort organized in part by the ACT this year and the second involving the Red Cross.

The three blood drives have received a combined 421 pints of blood, with 176 pints donated in the most recent drive.

Collectively, the drives received donations from over 500 people, a number that Berwick finds gratifying.

"This is definitely a success," said Berwick. "I am always astonished by how many volunteers give up a few hours to come and help out."

Lysistrata Project creates new theater of war

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

The old adage "make love, not war" set the tone for a theatrical anti-war performance presented Monday by the UW-Stevens Point Student Players, which served to tie an orchestrated global protest to the campus community.

Students performed an adapted version of Lysistrata, a bawdy ancient Greek comedy composed by Aristophanes, that centers on a group of women who resort to sexual abstinence to prevent their husbands from engaging in warfare.

Dubbed the Lysistrata Project, similar performances were held in 45 countries as a means of protesting a United States-led military action against Iraq, the result of efforts led by New York actors Kathryn Blume and Sharon Bower.

"With the freedom and wealth of our country comes great responsibility, and this war is not a responsible act," said Bower earlier this week.

"If America rushes into a unilateral attack on Iraq, the White House not only drives our country deeper into deficit spending, but also alienates our allies and fans the flames of anti-American sentiment all over the world."

Plans to involve student performers from UW-Stevens Point in the Lysistrata Project stemmed from a suggestion made by Professor Ellen Margolis, which prompted theater students to take action.

Ian Toyozumi, a senior and theater major, coordinated efforts to bring the Lysistrata

Project to the Laird Room. Toyozumi emphasized that despite the satire surrounding the use of sexual abstinence to prevent war, the message of the performance remains serious.

"This show gives people a chance to get together and express their desire to avoid war," said Toyozumi.

"There's also a message that those who are in the minority in terms of power can have an effective voice."

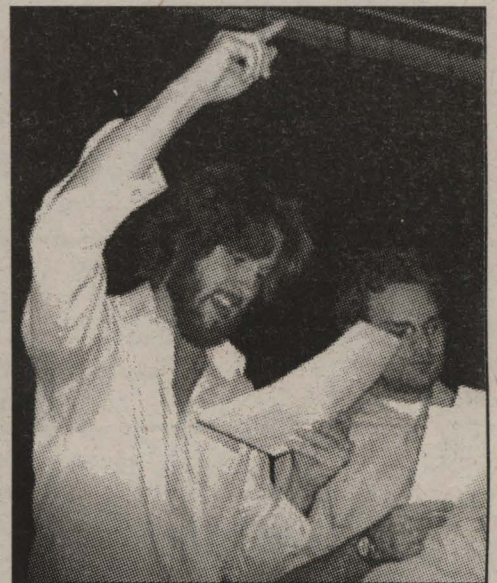


Photo by Patricia Larson

The Lysistrata Project landed in Stevens Point Monday, localizing a global anti-war movement that reached 45 nations.

Mayoral candidate Amy Heart appeared in the audience for the show and expressed her enthusiasm for student involvement in the anti-war movement.

"Stevens Point has been a community where a variety of individuals have spoken out against war in Iraq. It's fantastic to have events like this in the community," said Heart.

The audience for the performance consisted predominantly of students but also included individuals from outside of the campus community, comprising a turnout that pleased show coordinators.

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Whatever...the world according to Steve

Hummers are invading the country. Are these automotive beasts necessary?

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It's funny how my most hated television network has supplied me with my last two column ideas. Last week it was CBS's Dan Rather interviewing Saddam Hussein, and this week, I address the question raised by "60 Minutes": Why are Americans so obsessed with SUV's?

In November of 2002, a Hummer dealership was erected about 10 minutes away from my house in the northern outskirts of Milwaukee County. Every time I drive past it, I laugh.

I've only seen a few Hummers (the H2, in particular) out on the roads since their spike in popularity, and the not-so-ironic twist is that 75% of the Hummers I've seen were in Chicago. I'm talking about downtown-I-94-during-noon-rush-hour Chicago. Obviously, it's a head-scratcher.

I have enough problems parallel parking my 4-door sedan in downtown Chicago, in addition to being really paranoid about getting my rearview mirror yanked off by oncoming traffic. I already feel like a huge overbearing force on Chicago city streets just because I'm driving something bigger than a compact car.

Then, I see a Hummer pull up next to me and I suddenly think I'm in a monster-truck rally. Besides the size issues, why would anyone need an all-terrain vehicle to navigate an area with way more concrete than dirt and trees?

Hummers could seriously pulverize any little car, no contest. If you ever get into an accident with one, good luck to you. Hope that it's their fault, because the odds are that the driver has deep pockets; the price tag on a standard equipped Hummer runs upwards of \$60,000.

The "60 Minutes" piece on Hummers and elaborate SUV's concluded that people like to have them because they feel more powerful as people and higher up on the road, and because other drivers will perceive Hummer drivers as superior

forces. Drivers also thought that sitting higher up in a vehicle would be safer.

Or, Hummers could just make up for shotty self-confidence, low self-esteem and people with small feet. I tend to think that people get Hummers for the latter reasons. And in actuality, SUV's are more likely to flip over than any sports car out there. It's simple physics – the taller you sit, the more prone you are to tipping over.

I obviously couldn't keep up with these trends financially, but I know that even if I had the money, I wouldn't invest in a Hummer or any type of SUV.

Why people need to buy exotic automobiles and other worldly possessions to make personal and financial statements is beyond me. I don't think I've encountered anyone lately who's been telling me

...the national average for number of children per household is roughly 2.3 kids, so those who care enough about trends to buy SUV's usually don't have enough kids to fill them.

about their new gas-guzzling automobile, but if they did, I'd numbly nod in agreement while listening to them, all while having a solo comic-

improv session in the back of my mind. The fans would definitely be calling for an encore after I was done.

While I generally don't agree with any form of gas-guzzling vehicles, I do see a little importance for them; definitely not for the corporately spoiled brats who drive them from golf course to golf course, but for the huge families consisting of four or more kids. Unfortunately, the national average (or "trend" may be a more appropriate word) for number of children per household is roughly 2.3 kids, so those who care enough about trends to buy SUV's usually don't have enough kids to fill them.

It's scary to see so many people buying into the Hummer gimmick. I fear that eventually it will become as gruesome and grotesque as the SUV epidemic. What's next? Full-scale military tanks, complete with rocket launchers and an extra beverage holder to get to work in the morning? At least you'd be taller than those jerks with the Hummers.



State employees deserve a vote

I took a job with the state almost nine years ago believing that I would receive fair and equitable raises when the contracts were renewed. This has happened every time except for now. Joint Committee on Employee Relations (JCOER) has rejected them on the basis that there is "no money" to pay for them. The money has been set aside in the compensation reserves and Governor Jim Doyle has "fully funded" the contracts in his new budget proposal. These contracts were negotiated in "good faith" knowing that the fiscal outlook for the state was not very promising – thus the modest raises.

So, do the right thing – vote on the contract NOW! Just because JCOER made a grave error in turning them down does not put them past the point of no return. Put the contracts back on the table for consideration. They will NOT be renegotiated – they should be approved AS IS right NOW!

—Jeremy Wedige, Madison, WI

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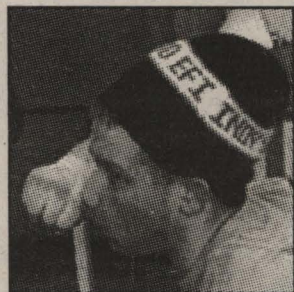
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Pointer Poll

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How would you get a driver's attention if you were hitch hiking?



Jason Diggs, Sr., Fine Arts

Stick my thumb in my mouth and shake my booty.



Lori Mueller, Sr., Fine Arts

I've heard showing a little leg works.



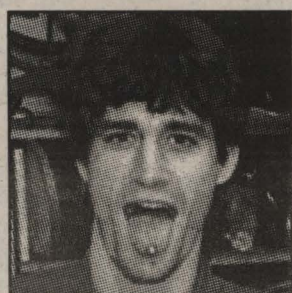
Matias Maffei, Sr., Art

I would show my boobs, but I don't have any.



Mandy Mueller, Sr., Theater

Run around naked.



Jeremiah Anderson, Sr., Art

Lay down in the middle of the road.



Kelly Hagedorn, Jr., Graphic Design

Stand in the middle of the road and wave my hands.

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Fish fries heat up during Lent season

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Friday fish fry, in addition to being an age-old Wisconsin tradition, will experience an influx of attendees in the next few weeks.

Lent, the 40 days prior to Easter celebrated by Christians, amidst other traditions, calls for meatless Fridays and will send record numbers of fish fry connoisseurs and first-timers alike to local establishments in pursuit of the best fish fry in Stevens Point.

Among my trials of fish fries in Stevens Point, I have had many Friday nights single-handedly enhanced or ruined by my dinner. In a survey of who's got the best slaw, choice of 'taters and thickest cuts of fish, I was surprised by the outcome.

The Hilltop Pub & Grill Restaurant -
4901 Hwy. 10 East, 341-3037

The Hilltop Pub, one of Stevens Point's most popular bar and grills, throws together a tough-to-beat meal on Fridays. They offer three different fish dishes: baked lake perch (\$9.99), baked cod (\$7.49) and the most popular request, deep-fried cod (\$6.49). Choices of potato include baked, natural cut fries, brew city fries, criss-cut fries or fruit for the

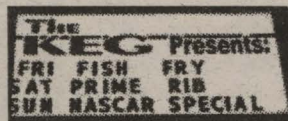
'tater haters. Along with three nice sized filets of fish and an adequate portion of potatoes, you get a small side of cole slaw and rye bread. The Hilltop also has a nice assortment of bottled and tap beers, including many varieties of Central Waters.

The Keg - 200 Isadore St., 344-4946

The Keg's resilience continues to astound me. A few years ago when The Keg became an official business, it remained quiet and seemed destined for a short life. Three years later, it's one of my favorite Friday visits. The fish cuts are large, the potato portions are huge (sometimes I can't finish it) and although the bread strays from the traditional staple of rye bread, the soft white breadstick that comes with the meal is nearly worth the price of admission alone. The Keg offers three different types of fish: beer battered cod (regular or Cajun), baked cod and broiled cod. Each choice is \$6.95 and comes with a pota-

to; French fries, brew fries, homemade chips, baked potato or home fries are offered. Although I usually opt for the brew fries at most fish fries, I can never turn down the Keg's home fries: small potato half-dollars fried with green peppers and onions. They're to die for.

The Keg also has a great variety of beer, including their own microbrewed menu in addition to other bottled and tap beers.



Who's got the best...

Bread: *The Blueberry Muffin.* What I'd call "gooey" bread.

The Keg comes in a close second.

Cole Slaw: *The Blueberry Muffin.* Not too saucy, but enough---just right.

Choice of Potato: *The Blueberry Muffin.* All the choices...

Actual Potato: *The Keg.* No doubt, the home fries with green peppers and onions are the best thing in town.

Choice of Fish: *The Final Score.* Five choices of fish, including walleye, lemon, cajun and garlic dill.

Actual Fish (Deep fried): *The Blueberry Muffin.* *The Keg* comes in a close second again.

Overall: As a whole, *The Blueberry Muffin.* If you want to drink or be in a bar-type atmosphere, then shoot for *The Keg*, followed by *The Hilltop Pub*.

The Final Score -
908 Maria Dr., 343-0533

Of all my Stevens Point fish fry experiences, this is one that I looked forward to the most. "Go to The Final Score," my friends repeatedly told me. I went. I ate. I didn't like it. I left very unimpressed by not only the quantity of food given, but also the quality of the fish. I was served three smaller pieces of fish that didn't appear appetizing at all and the rest of the basket was filled with generic fries. I also had to flag down a waitress for a lemon and

ketchup, which should be standard-issue weapons at a fish fry.

The upside is that you're at a bar, so you're blessed with a wide range of beverages. However, if you're looking for a quiet dinner in a non-smoky environment, this isn't the best choice.

Another perk to The Final Score is that they've got a lot of different types of fish to choose from: Original (deep fried), lemon-pepper, cajun or garlic dill fish for \$6.25 or baked walleye for \$7.25. Each comes with a choice of potato (French fries, "bee-hives" (similar to fried half-dollars) and "pucks," (which are like tater-tots with cheese and jalapenos) and cole slaw.

Blueberry Muffin Restaurant -
2801 Stanley St., 341-1993

I was quite reluctant to go to a bona fide breakfast establishment for a prime-time fish fry, but we were all a little foolish in our younger days. Although "the Muffin" doesn't offer any alcoholic drinks, it does offer a nice sit-down smoke-free atmosphere with a fish fry that's darn near impossible to top.

Their fried fish, similar to that at The Keg, yet perhaps superior, is supple, huge, golden-brown chunks of cod and is complemented with your choice of potato - French fries, beer battered fries, baked potato, potato pancakes, hash browns, wedged fries or American fries - along with some of the best cole slaw I've had in Point and a few slabs of excellent home-baked bread. Besides deep fried cod, they also offer baked cod and lemon-pepper baked cod. All of the fish dinners are \$6.95, or \$7.95 for all-you-can-eat. Go early though; the Muffin closes at 8 p.m. on Fridays.

If the aforementioned fish-houses that I sampled don't tickle your fancy, you've got many other choices for fish. **The Mesquite Grill** at Holiday Inn (Business 51, 341-1340) comes with an option of a salad bar, and **Bernard's Country Inn Restaurant** (701 Second St. N, 344-3365) and **Red Mill Country Inn** (1222 Hwy. 10 West, 341-7714) are also supposed to sling superior catches of the day.

Remember, 'tis the season for a fish fry, so where ever you find yourself this Friday, or next Friday, or the Friday after, remember to go early and be patient.



Week in Point

Thursday, March 6, 2003
Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga Series I and II - Class A, Allen Center, 6:00 - 7:15 PM

Centertainment Productions Presents: Mike McAbee (Comedy Folk Singer), UC The Encore, 8:00 PM

Guest Artist: Tyrone Greive, violin, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Friday, March 7, 2003
Quit-N-Time Series Presents: Maddrum Sonando, UC Basement Brewhaus, 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Centers Cinema Presents: 8 Mile, UC Laird Room, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM

Centertainment Productions Presents: Annika Bentley, UC The Encore, 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 8, 2003
International Dinner, UC Laird Room, 6:00 PM

UWSP Choir Concert, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Centertainment Productions Presents: Tammy Pescatelli, Comedian, UC The Encore, 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 9, 2003
More Than Meets the Eye Planetarium Show, Planetarium/Observatory, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

UWSP Choir Concert, FAC Michelsen Hall, 3:00 PM

Student Recital: Sam Williams, saxophone; Michael Berge, piano, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2003
Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga - Series I and II - Class A, Allen Center, 12:00 - 1:15 PM

UWSP Jazz Ensemble with Matt Wilson Quartet, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2003
Conflict in the Middle East Discussion with Fouad Masri, UCLaird Room, 7:30 PM

UWSP Wind Ensemble, FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2003
Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga - Series I and II - Class A, Allen Center, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

UWSP Jazz Jam Session, UC Basement Brewhaus, 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Centertainment Productions Presents: 18 Piece Swing Band, UC The Encore, 8:00 PM

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UWSP Jazz Ensemble to perform with Matt Wilson Quartet

The Matt Wilson Quartet will perform with the UWSP Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mathew Buchman, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, at UWSP.

Part of the Music Scholarship Series, admission is \$5 for the general public, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for youth and free for students with a UWSP ID. Tickets are available at the door or at the University Box Office, in room 103 of the University Center.

A New York City percussionist, Wilson is in demand as a session player. He also is called upon to work with artists such as pianist Bill Mays, pianist-vocalist Dena DeRose and saxophonist Ted Nash. He's performed on more than 100 recordings as a sideman.

Wilson was a recipient of a Chamber Music America's New Works grant funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and is composing a large body of works based on Carl Sandburg's poetry. An active music educator, he is a popular clinician who writes a column for Modern Drummer magazine. The project involves his quartet with special guest vocalist and guitarist Dawn Thomson.

Other members of Wilson's quartet are saxophonists Andrew d'Angelo and Jeff Lederer and bassist Yosuke Inoue.

Mathew Buchman is an assistant professor of music and director of jazz studies at UW-Stevens Point. He received his M.M. in improvisation from the University of Michigan and his B.M. in composition and theory from Lawrence University. Additional studies have included composition with Lyle Mays and Ken Schaphorst and jazz piano with John Harmon and Ellen Rowe. A native of Wisconsin, Buchman has toured the United States, Canada and Germany and remains active as a jazz pianist in large and small jazz ensembles in the Midwest. As a composer and arranger, Buchman's works include music for piano, large and small jazz ensembles and orchestra.

The 19-member Jazz Ensemble, open to any university student through audition, performs several times throughout the year.

Your ultimate spring break survival guide

By Sara Daehn

FEATURES EDITOR

Sunny skies, water lapping up onto the beach, ocean breezes and drinks with colorful miniature umbrellas floating in them; some students will be reveling in this type of setting in just a little over a week.

Spring break is just around the corner, and for many students that means it's time to pack their bags and travel as far away as possible from the frosty temperatures of Stevens Point for a week.

Students are traveling to exotic places like Cancun, California and the Caribbean, just to name a few. Other hot spots this year include Acapulco, Mexico and Daytona Beach, Fla.

Spring break for college students is often stereotyped to involve two things: lots of drinking and an excess of sun. It's important that students who choose to

drink remember to stay hydrated by drinking lots of non-caffeinated, non-alcoholic beverages such as water or fruit juice. Although it may make spring breakers take twice as many trips to the bathroom, a good way to make sure drinkers stay hydrated is to alternate between alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic ones.

Drinking enough water will also help relieve those itchy painful sunburns that might develop from partying on the beach all day. It's important to remember to bring lots of lotion with ingredients like aloe and Vitamin E to replenish moisture that the sun's harsh rays strip from sunbathers' skin.

Dr. Harder, from UW-Madison, states that "Sunburn can certainly be avoided. And the best way to do it is with the use of sunscreen, preferably 30-45 SPF."

Harder also says that students should try to avoid the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when the sun is highest in the sky, and chances for skin cancer are greatest.

She states that "The ears have one of the highest chances of getting skin cancer. And if you get burned while on vacation take aspirin or ibuprofen on a regular basis to keep the swelling and pain down. Use a mild soap and cool water in the shower and use a lot of lotion."

Gary McMullen, an information specialist with

the American Cancer Society (ACS) says, "It is especially important for people in Northern climates going to temperate climates to be careful. Going from a colder climate to such a warm one can cause a serious burn."

The ACS has adopted a slogan called "Slip, Slop, Slap" to teach people a basic way to reduce their risk of getting skin cancer. It refers to slipping on a shirt, slopping on the sunscreen and slapping on a hat.

Besides sunscreen, there are a few other things not to forget when packing for those spring break destinations. One is an alarm clock. Although it may not be necessary during the week, it will be helpful when it comes time to catch a flight, or wake up on time to drive back home at the end of your vacation.

If traveling out of the country, don't forget a passport and some kind of identification. To avoid sicknesses like Montezuma's Revenge, otherwise known as traveler's diarrhea, bring lots of bottled water and don't eat food unless it is cooked and still hot or fruit you peel yourself.

Remember to bring plenty of money



for traveling expenses, food and drinks, entertainment and souvenirs. Travelers' checks or check cards are great when going out of the country or even out of state.

Vacationers should remember to fill any needed prescription medications before leaving. If flying, it's a good idea to pack extra medication in carry-on bags in case of delays or luggage getting lost. And don't forget the Advil for those sunburns and recurring hangovers.

Spring break is what students throughout the nation have been waiting for since the beginning of the semester. If you plan ahead and practice a few common sense safety tips, it will definitely have been worth the wait. And the good news is, after spring break there are less than two months until summer vacation.



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Students reap benefits from UWSP credit union

By Nora F. Bates

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Did you know that the university has a credit union? Did you know that this credit union is available to students? Well it is, and it has great benefits waiting for you.

So what is a credit union? According to the UWSP credit union's website, it's a non-profit financial cooperative, owned and operated by its members.

The UWSP credit union was established in 1965. The 809 Division location was originally a house, and just earlier this year it became a full credit union facility. The new facility is now available to students whereas before it was only available to staff and faculty of UWSP. The credit union has now updated its computer systems to hold 10,000 members.

Why switch from your financial institute to the UWSP Credit Union? Well, the credit union is right off of campus, within walking distance. It has great interest rates, low fees, no monthly services fees, great loan opportunities and your checking account requires no minimum balance. There are also no ATM fees. You just need \$25.00 to open an account. They offer overdraft protection on your

account, and they also offer direct deposit from your place of employment.

Not only do they work for you, but they also offer incentives for those who are prompt with their loan repayments. If you are on time with your loan payments 48 times they will reduce your interest rate by 2%. The UWSP Credit Union wants you to know that you are not disadvantaged by your age, income or employment when applying for loans with them.

The credit union offers other financial opportunities such as Christmas club savings, Salary Stretcher savings, and certificate deposits (CD's)

Their Mission Statement is:

To encourage thrift among its members.

To create a source of credit at a fair and reasonable cost.

To provide an opportunity for each of its members to improve the member's respective economic and social conditions.

The Credit Union is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The UWSP Credit Union is looking to lengthen its operating hours one day a week, and they want to know what day of the week you would like them to stay open longer, so email them at uwspcu@uwsp.edu.

Visit us on the web!

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/pointer>

Alumni donate to L&S spring fundraiser

College of letters and science campaign raises money to support funds that will suffer from budget cuts

By Holly Voll
FEATURES REPORTER

The college of letters and science will kick off its spring fundraising campaign on Friday, March 7, with an event that includes a speech by former professional baseball player Steve Foster. Foster is currently the coach of the Wisconsin Woodchucks, based in Wausau. If his name sounds familiar, it is because Foster is a 1998 UWSP graduate and helped coach the college's team. Foster pitched for the Cincinnati Reds in the mid-1990s.

At the kick-off, Dean Justus F. Paul will announce the total of gifts raised to date from the campaign through faculty and friend contributions, as well as a phone campaign. The phone campaign began Feb. 17 with student workers placing calls to the college's alumni throughout the country. The students will call alumni through next Wednesday.

"We will have a very exciting announcement Friday," said Holly Voll, the college's development officer. "Our total campaign goal is \$100,000, and I am very optimistic about achieving our goal by the campaign's end, which is August."

In August, a drawing will be held to award prizes gathered from departments within the college and baseball teams including the Milwaukee Brewers and the Wisconsin Woodchucks. The top prize is a baseball autographed by Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame player, Johnny Bench. Donors giving \$100 or more are eligible to be in the raffle.

"A great big thanks has to go out to our alumni and faculty donors," Voll said. "They have been extremely receptive to this campaign. It seems that every day we have dozens of donors. This campaign has been tremendous."

The money raised from the campaign will be used to fund projects that will or have already suffered from the budget cutbacks, including field study experiences, travel to present student/teacher research and speaker opportunities.

"Our donors are showing their support for higher education as they give gifts to allow the college to excel," Voll said. "I do hope students see that they have support from their teachers, college support staff and the alumni. It is truly amazing what alumni can do and have done to help current and future students prepare for careers. I also hope current students see the advantages to contributing to their university after graduation. That link is special and very important."

Spring fundraising campaigns are set for each of the four colleges, with phone solicitations continuing for the college of natural resources, college of professional studies and college of fine arts and communications after spring break. The four colleges seek a total of \$162,000 this spring.

Comm honor society raises money for scholarship by selling T-shirts

By Kathy Leick
FEATURES REPORTER

UWSP's Lambda Pi Eta chapter, an honor society for communication majors, is selling uniquely designed T-shirts highlighting communication studies in the CAC building this week.

The long-sleeved white T-shirts feature a colorful back listing various communication activities, such as "Speak It...Write It...Broadcast It..." The front side is accented with a matching miniature graphic in the upper left corner. The design concept represents all emphases within the division of communication. Lambda Pi Eta member Chris Revie, a senior communication major at UWSP, created the artwork.

Liz Van Lysal, UWSP's Lambda Pi Eta President, said the group hopes the shirts will give communication students an easy avenue for expressing pride and unity in their chosen field of study. Van Lysal also noted that proceeds from the sale will support a communication scholarship at UWSP. Lambda Pi Eta expects to select a scholarship winner in late April.

Lambda Pi Eta is promoting and accepting shirt orders in communication classes until noon on Friday, March 7. Cash or check payments are required upon ordering. The T-shirt price is \$15, except for size XXL, which is \$16. The shirts will be produced during spring break and delivered in late March.

Lambda Pi Eta, The National Communication Association Honor Society, has nearly 300 college chapters worldwide. It was founded in 1985 at the University of Arkansas. The society name represents Aristotle's reference to the three means of persuasion in his book, *the Rhetoric*: Logos (logic), Pathos (emotion) and Ethos (ethics and moral character).

The UWSP chapter, Nu Omicron, was established in 2001 and functions under the advisement of Dr. Rhonda Sprague, assistant professor of communication. Membership is available to juniors and first-semester seniors with at least 12 completed communication credits averaging a minimum 3.25 GPA. Current membership is 23 students.

More information is available at their website, www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/lpe.

A YEAR IN EUROPE!

Students have, in the past, combined a semester abroad, i.e. Germany and Britain, or Poland and France, but UWSP International Programs now introduces a *Year in Europe*. This program is designed specifically to couple with existing fall semesters in Europe: Britain, Germany: Munich and East Central Europe: Poland.

Students in London, Munich and Krakow can continue on to Szeged after the end of their fall term. Though it is not imperative to sequence Hungary with one of these trips, International Programs does enforce previous international experience for participation in the Hungarian program.

After your fall program ends you may stay on in Europe for personal exploration/ travel. In this way you will save the costs of airfare and the Semester in Hungary program can be done for about the same cost as spending a term in Stevens Point!

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- ☒ **UWSP tuition for Wisconsin Residents** (Minnesota students qualify for reciprocity. Surcharge for other out-of-staters.)
- ☒ **Study tours within Hungary throughout the semester**
- ☒ UW-System Health and Travel Insurance is provided.
- ☒ Plan your budget to cover international airfare and/or ground train to Szeged, passport, and personal expenses. If you are flying to Europe to start the program, International Programs can help you find a flight.
- ☒ A UWSP International Programs staff member will fly to Budapest approximately three days before the Szeged program begins; though not part of the program package, students are welcome to travel along from Chicago to Budapest and then on to Szeged with her/him. After seeing that the program is running smoothly, that staff member will return to the States.

CLASSES: Upper division classes concentrating on the Humanities and Social Sciences: Conversational/Survival, Intermediate and Advanced Hungarian Language (no prior knowledge of Hungarian is required), Art History, Culture, Civilization and History of Hungary; East European Politics, Geography, Literature, International Studies. **Small classes, taught by Hungarian faculty in English, provide individual attention.** Easy transfer of UWSP granted credit.



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Pointer men finish third in Peter's Cup for second straight year

Loss to St. Norbert ends playoff bid

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

Going against NCHA Player of the Year, Evan Stensrud, and Coach of the Year, Steve Freeman, the Pointer men's hockey team finished their season Saturday at the Cornerstone Community Center in Green Bay by beating the UW-River Falls Falcons in the Peter's Cup Consolation Game for the second

consecutive year.

Going into Saturday's game, UWSP had lost both previous matches with the Falcons including a 3-2 overtime thriller in River Falls just over a month ago, but Saturday proved to be different.

Staking claim to a 1-0 lead after one period on senior Zenon Kochan's eighth goal of the year, the Pointers gave up the tying goal just 52 seconds into the second period. Answering the call for Point just 15 seconds later by means of a blistering wrister from

just inside the blue line was sophomore defenseman David Scott, registering his first collegiate goal.

men's hockey	
Pointers	1
St. Norbert	3
Pointers	5
River Falls	2

The score remained 2-1 into the third period, but it would be

the Pointers playing the final period as if they had a possible NCAA berth on the line rather than the Falcons. A shorthanded goal by Justin Micek, a power play goal by Jordan Blair and an empty-netter put in by Derrick Johnson capped a special teams clinic that would put the dagger in UWRF's season winning by the final margin of 5-2.

"Our guys went out there and just gutted out a win after a dis-

appointing and disheartening loss Friday," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta. "They came out ready to play."



Kochan

Both the Pointers and Falcons were in the consolation game due to losses against St. Norbert's and UW-Superior respectively.

St. Norbert's, the consensus number one

team in Division III, beat UWSP 3-1 on Friday afternoon. The Pointers crept out on top after one period 1-0 on sophomore Nick Molski's first goal since Dec. 13, but unlike Saturday were held scoreless from there on out. With just over three minutes left in the game and the Green Knights leading 2-1, SNC put the game out of reach with a power play goal, the result of a late whistle on Ryan Feil.

"I can't comment on the refs, but in a championship series maybe some calls shouldn't be called all the time, especially in a game where there hadn't been calls throughout," said Baldarotta.

Despite the loss, Junior Goalie Ryan Scott had a tremendous game stopping 31 shots from an unrelenting offensive juggernaut.

In the championship game St. Norberts defeated reigning Peter's Cup and NCAA Champions UW-Superior 5-2, to clinch an automatic bid for the national tournament.

Winning the third place game for two years in a row was no consolation for the men though. After another sluggish start to a promising year (preseason ranked seventh in the nation), UWSP went into the Peter's Cup Tournament needing to win the championship for a berth to the NCAA nine team field.

A final record of 15-12-2, including a non-conference record of 5-5-1 is too bleak for one of three possible at-large berths. One of which the Pointers probably stripped from the Falcons with the consolation victory. Bids will be announced March 8.

With the victory over UWRF five seniors on the squad can leave on a win, an accomplishment that not many players have had the luxury of. Zenon Kochan scored a goal in his finale. Other seniors on the team include: Captain Nick Glander and Alternate Captain Joel Marshall, Craig Busse, and Josh Strassman. Their record posted over their four years at UWSP was 73-40-5.

Post-season awards were given out this past Monday and three of the men earned honorable mention All-NCHA; sophomore F Adam Kostichka, sophomore D Sean Leahy and junior F Justin Micek. Micek also received NCHA All-Academic honors, as did junior G Ryan Scott, sophomore Joe Behn and senior Joel Marshall.

UWSP men's hockey final leaders

Scoring

1. Adam Kostichka



Games	Attempts	Points
19	8	27

2. Mike Brolsma

Games	Attempts	Points
11	16	27

3. Andy Corran

Games	Attempts	Points
9	18	27

4. Justin Micek

Games	Attempts	Points
11	10	22

5. Ryan Kirchoff

Games	Attempts	Points
9	9	18

Goal Tending

1. Ryan Scott

GAA	SV Pct.	Record
3.03	.895	13-11-2

2. Joe Behn

GAA	SV Pct.	Record
2.25	.919	2-1-0

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Reversal of fortune



Photo by Kent Hutchison

Amanda Nechuta battles for possession on Wednesday.

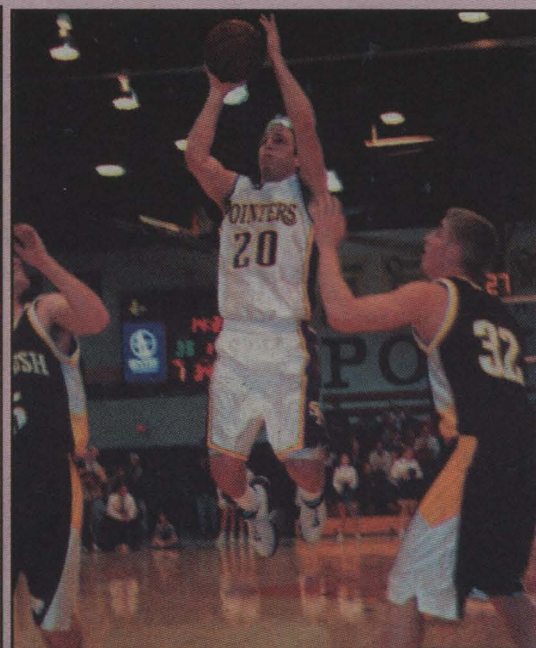


Photo by Patricia Larson

Neal Krajnik goes up for a jumper against Oshkosh

Despite championship last season, women's team snubbed

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

In a scene very reminiscent of last year, the UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team sat in Room 146 of the HEC hoping they would get to play another game this season.

Saturday night when the NCAA announced the pairings for the 2003 NCAA tournament UWSP was not among the 50 teams called. This year there will be no celebration, and there will be no NCAA tournament for the Pointer women.

women's basketball

"It was a difficult situation," said Coach Shirley Egner. "A majority of our kids were pretty shocked."

The Pointers finished this season 22-5 and were denied a chance to defend their 2002 National Championship assuring there will be a new champion in 2003.

"It was tough. You don't deserve to get in just because you're the defending National Champion, but I would've like to see what kind of noise we could have made," expressed Egner.

Last week UW-Oshkosh defeated Point 83-76 in the second round of the WIAC tournament, leaving the Pointers fate in the hands of the NCAA selection committee. With only seven at-large bids available for the entire field UW-Stevens Point knew their chances were slim.

"When Eau Claire won (the WIAC tournament) that gave us a 50-50 shot, but there are no guarantees," said Egner.

Thirty-seven teams automatically qualify for the NCAA tournament by winning their conference tournament. Six conference champions are selected from conferences that do not have

Men's team receives one of seven at-large bids and home tournament game

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Pointer men's basketball coach Jack Bennett knew the routine well. He hoped that the regular season would outweigh a conference loss, and on Sunday it did.

The Pointers (24-3) not only received a bid to the tournament but were also awarded a first round bye and second round home game to be played Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

mens's basketball

Pointers	57
Oshkosh	62

Despite the tournament bid, Bennett's first reaction might surprise some.

"Well it's relief, what was recognized is what we did over the course of the season. Tournaments are for Cinderella teams, but the regular season and sustaining great effort should be rewarded and it was."

Thursday Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) will host Whitworth (Wash.) in a first round game match-up, and the winner will advance to play UWSP.

Due to conference legislation Point is not allowed to scout the match-up, however they will receive a game tape of the winning team's previous game.

The Pointers were forced to put their hopes on an at-large bid after falling to UW-Oshkosh in a WIAC semi-final game on Thursday.

Sophomore Jason Kalsow had a potential

Women

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tournaments leaving seven spots available for teams, like Stevens Point, that were conference runner-ups.

"I think we are bitter at ourselves for not winning the conference tournament," said Egner. "If we do that we take away all of the guess work."

Conference champion UW-Eau Claire will be the only WIAC in this

year's field of 50 as UW-Oshkosh (22-6) was also left on the outside looking in. It is only the second time since 1986 that only one WIAC team will be in the tournament. The Pointers finished conference play in second place with a 13-3 record with two losses coming at the hands of #1 ranked UW-Eau Claire. UW-Stevens Point's other losses

were overtime defeats at UW-Stout and Wheaton (Ill.) and the conference tourney loss to Oshkosh. All five of the losses came against ranked opponents. The Pointers are currently #19 in the D3hoops.com poll and third in the latest central region rankings behind UW-Eau Claire and Washington (Mo.) both of whom made the tournament.

"I am real proud of our kids. We had a great year," said Egner.

This was the first time in ten years that the defending National Champ failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament and only the fifth time in the 22-year history of the women's tournament. In 1993, Alma (Mich.) did return to the tournament after winning the 1992 title.



Egner

Kriewaldt signs with Steelers

Former Pointer standout makes free agency splash

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

It was reported on www.pittsburghsteelers.com late Wednesday night that the Steelers have signed former UWSP linebacker Clint Kriewaldt to a three-year contract. UWSP Head Coach John Miech confirmed the report.

Kriewaldt, who starred at UWSP from 1995-1998, was a sixth round draft pick by the Detroit Lions in the 1999 draft.

Kriewaldt registered a personal-best 31 (15 solo) defensive tackles in 2001, while ranking second on the team with 19 spe-

cial teams stops. He tied for Detroit's team-lead with 22 special teams tackles in 2000. Last season, Kriewaldt played in 10 games and recorded 11 (six solo) defensive tackles and six special teams tackles.

football



Kriewaldt

"He said that (new Detroit coach) Steve Mariucci told him he wanted to go in a different direction," said Miech. "So he took the first good offer that came along, and Pittsburgh was it."

Pittsburgh's quest to improve their special teams was a big reason for signing Kriewaldt, but it wasn't the only one. He also brings depth at linebacker and although he would be pegged to play inside, he has experience outside as well. Pittsburgh's defense is different than the one that Kriewaldt

was used to in Detroit, playing a 3-4 with two inside linebackers instead of Detroit's 4-3 with one inside.

"It's going to be an adjustment for a while for Clint, but he'll get it," said Miech. "In the mean time, he'll give them good special teams work."

Pittsburgh has long been known for their standout linebacking groups, including Jack Ham, Kevin Greene, Greg Lloyd, and more recently Joey Porter and Jason Gildon. Miech hopes that Kriewaldt can live up to their rather high standards.

As of now, Kriewaldt is behind starters James Farrior and Kendrell Bell on the depth chart, but with the release of fellow backup Clark Haggans, he stands a better chance of breaking into the line-up.

The Steelers finished 10-6 last year, making it to the second round of the playoffs before losing to the Tennessee Titans.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT CRYSTAL SLIWICKI - CHEERLEADING



Sliwicki

Career Highlights

- Three-year United Performers Association All-Star
- UPA first place collegiate all-girls small group competition in 2002
- Two-year team MVP

Major - Elementary Education

Hometown - Wausau, Wis. (But I've lived 11 other places)

Nickname - "Cris"

Idol while growing up - My Dad. He has alot of energy and is a good leader. He's one of a kind.

What are your plans after graduation? - Teaching in an elementary school somewhere and coaching cheerleading.

Do you plan on cheerleading after graduation? - No, I'm not the Dallas Cowboy cheerleader type, but I will coach.

What is your favorite aspect of cheerleading? - My team...they make everything an adventure.

Most embarrassing moment - Well, this one time our van started on fire...

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - A kindergarten student, so I have no responsibilities and can take naps.

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 17 team members
2. 18 Army cots (and all that they include)
3. The UPA trophy (it had 101 uses)

What will you remember most about cheerleading at UWSP? - Cheering at the games, because there is never a dull moment.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - Enjoy college while you can, because afterwords life is tough.



Photo by Patricia Larson

A young fan is greeted by Stephanie Pointer during Thursday's men's basketball game against Oshkosh. Despite the Pointers' 62-57 loss, they still made the NCAA division III tournament.

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game-tying three-point shot bounce off the front of the rim with five seconds left as the Titans were able to pull off the 62-57 upset.

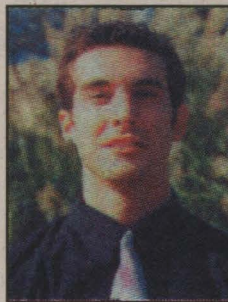
Neither team shot well to open the game, as the Pointers held a 14-5 lead over halfway into the first half. The Pointers were able to create some breathing room up 22-12 with five minutes left, but Titan senior Scott Sowinski took over the rest of the first half.

Sowinski had 11 straight points, including three three-point baskets as the Titans closed out the half on a 13-0 run for a slim three point half-time lead.

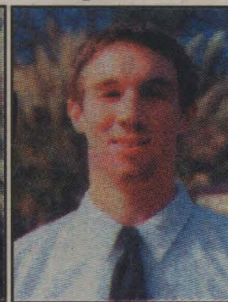
"Give Oshkosh credit, they didn't want their season to end," said Bennett. "I also thought we didn't finish plays tonight, we didn't on Tuesday either, but tonight it really cost us."

In the second half Point was able to tie up the score a couple times, but they were never able take the lead back from the scrappy Titans.

Despite making four more field goals, the Pointers could not overcome the disparity at the free throw line. The Titans visited the charity stripe 19 times, converting on 13 of those trips. The Pointers conversely had just seven free throws, sinking six.



Bennett



Kalsow

Bennett specifically pointed to a play with two minutes left, where Kalsow went up hard for a lay-up and nothing was called.

"I thought we were going to have a 3-point play. Then not even a whistle and we got called for a touch foul on the other end, that was a big turning point."

Sophomore Nick Bennett came off the bench to lead the Pointers with 17 points on seven of nine shooting. Kalsow and Junior Neil Krajnik joined Bennett in double figures with 13 and 11 respectively.

The lone senior, and leading scorer Josh Iserloth had one of his toughest nights from the field, hitting just one of eight shots for a season low of 3 points.

"Josh scoring three points was part of it, but it is my hope that justice will be done," said Bennett. "Because he has had to great a career to end with this performance."

Justice has been done for the Pointers, the only question left is: How far can they go?

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The Man's Take: Pre-March Madness jitters

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

I don't know what to do. I start shaking uncontrollably every time I hear Dick Vitale's voice. I hear college basketball scores and start to salivate like one of Pavlov's dogs. I actually had a dream last night in which God strangely resembled Bobby Knight. This can only mean one thing: **March Madness!**

Now, the madness is going to be a little different for me this year. For some reason, the gods are punishing me by starting the NCAA tournament during our spring break. Which means that I'm going to have to make one of the most difficult choices I've had in years: lying on the beach watching scantily clad young vixens and soaking up some much-needed rays vs. hiding out in my girlfriend's uncle's basement to catch the Duke/Sienna game.

Now, to some this seems like a no-brainer. The last time it was warm enough to sit of the beach here, "American Idol" was just a figment of someone's imagination. Plus, college basketball is on TV all the time. Surely it wouldn't kill me to miss a few games for the sake of a vacation.

That's the problem, though. I'm somewhat resistant to change, and for the last six or seven years, my eyes have been glued to at least the early round coverage of the NCAA's on my TV. Something is going to have to give. Either I miss my beloved tournament, or I face a blacklisting of epic proportions from my girlfriend, who will never understand my fondness for March Madness.

I'm also not going to be able to take part in any tournament pools either. Now, I'm not a big gambler. You need money to do that usually. But every year I scrounge up enough cash to enter at least a few office pools. I guess doing so makes me feel like a big spender in

Vegas. It also gives me an excuse for watching every game I can in the tourney.

I'm going to miss those male bonding experiences that only the tournament can bring. I remember my freshman year when Wisconsin made their improbable run to the final four. They were a team full of mostly over-achieving white guys who, for the most part, came from the state of Wisconsin. Maybe that's why my buddies and I were so excited. We could relate to those guys that were out on the floor for Dick Bennett's team. My most vivid memory of that tournament was watching the Badgers upset Purdue in the Great Eight to make the Final Four. After that game, we were so psyched that we

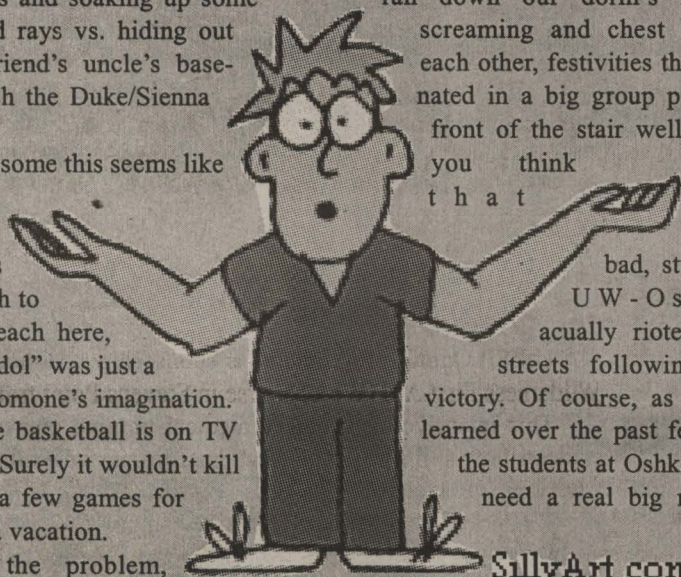
ran down our dorm's hallways screaming and chest bumping each other, festivities that culminated in a big group pile up in front of the stair well. Hey, if you think

that sounds bad, students at UW-Oshkosh actually rioted in the streets following UW's victory. Of course, as we have learned over the past few years, the students at Oshkosh don't need a real big reason to riot.

But alas, I will miss it all this year. The blowouts. The upsets. The nailbiters. Everything! Let me tell you, it was a sad day when I looked at the calendar and noticed that a conflict was inevitable.

I guess it's not the end of the world. I'll be back in time for most of the Sweet Sixteen games, so I can still get my fix of college hardwood action. It's just going to be different not hearing Vitale yell out obscure references. It's going to suck not being able to gloat to a buddy whose money pick for this year fell in the first round. Oh well, better luck next year I guess.

GO POINTERS!!!



View from a Pointer: Mighty Ducks? I don't think so

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Pointer seasons came to an end this weekend, but under strikingly different circumstances.

The women's basketball team finished 22-5 and did not receive an at-large bid to the national tournament.

The men's hockey team finished at 15-12-2, and their hope of post-season play came to an end when they lost to St. Norberts on Friday, thus ending any hope for an automatic tournament berth.

Neither women's coach Shirley Egner, nor men's coach Joe Baldarotta were surprised by the finish. But they had hoped for more. That's where the comparisons come to an end.

For Baldarotta's team, this season marked one of the most disappointing in recent memory. After closing last year with an impressive second half run, the Pointers took eventual national champion UW-Superior to overtime in an NCHA semi-final before downing River Falls in consolation play.

With most of the roster intact and a pre-season top 25 ranking, the Pointers looked poised to return to the dominance that their fans saw through-out the 90s.

Instead they saw the ultimate version of inconsistency. The Pointers never moved over the .500 mark until after the Christmas break. It seemed all year the fans were teased with brilliant hockey, only to see the team struggle to string together three solid periods.

Even the Mighty Ducks turned it around once Gordon Bombay got his act together.

There were reasons as well; injuries, as they always tend to do in seasons like this one, played a big role. And the Pointers rarely saw a completely healthy or

eligible line-up.

But I think the team's struggles go past that reason. Anyone who watched the Pointers take the ice this season, saw a team that simply did not pass the puck. Freshman Andy Corran had a team high with 18 assists and was one of only two Pointers to crack the top 20-list in the NCHA.

Individual numbers can often mislead, especially when an entire team contributes evenly. But that wasn't the case for the Pointers this season.

Overall they placed fifth out of eight conference teams in assists this season. The three teams below them totaled just

five conference

wins, and their

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However, the

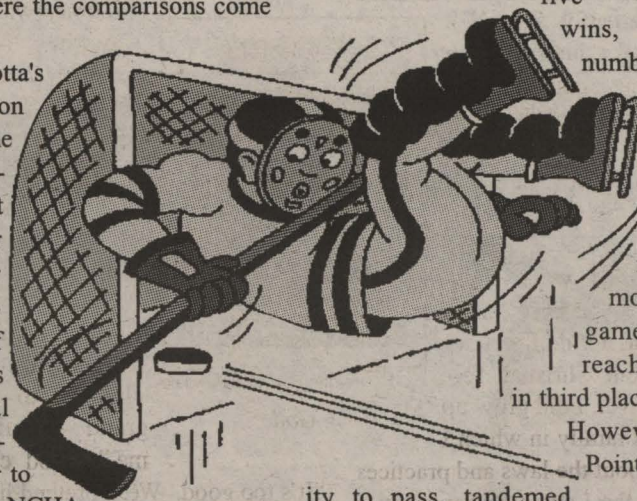
Pointers' inabil-

ity to pass, tandemed with their struggle to play three good periods early in the season, doomed Point to a year of mediocrity. Even when they picked up momentum they could never get that season defining victory.

The Pointers were a combined 1-7 against the top three teams in the NCHA (St. Norbert, UW- River Falls and UW-Superior). Ironically the one victory came in the final game of the season, a consolation game.

Anyone who witnessed a Pointer game this season viewed some amazing talent; Justin Micek and Mike Brolsma, among others, showed breathtaking skating ability and stickwork that drop the jaw. Sean Leahy provided the enforcer a contending team needs.

Too often though, those individual skills never seemed to work as a unit.



Hey you! Yeah, I'm looking at you!

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The Week Ahead...



Men's Basketball: NCAA Division III Tournament - Gustavus Adolphus or Whitworth (Wash.), Sat., 7 p.m.

Track & Field: at WIAC Championships (Oshkosh), Fri. & Sat., All Day

Wrestling: NCAA III Championships (Ada, Ohio), Fri.-Sun., All Day

Men's Baseball: at St. Thomas (Minneapolis, Minn.), Mon., 5:15 p.m.

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Mr. Winters' two cents



Say, ya'll, guess it's looking like spring has not come quite yet, and this means that late ice will not save us from these wintry depths of hell. However, the light snow we've been receiving this past week has been to my liking. My father would allow my brother and I to take the team of horses and the sleigh into town on just such days of my youth.

One thing you kids don't experience driving around in your loud-ass motor-cars is that special solitude. The sleigh ride was cold and the snow would sting our faces red, but we felt like we were a part of nature, and that was important. It still is!

Anyways, I got to go fire up the snow engine and clear my lazy neighbor's walkways again. Then I got to kick back before the Badger game with a couple of "talls" (why drink a small when you can drink a tall?). Anyhoo! "Go on and Geeeet!"

Let's go ice fishing

Lent: God must've been a fisherman

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

As I patiently filleted a few crappies for the frying pan I was thinking about my life, the day of fishing and the great Almighty. I began to think about the season of Lent that is now upon us and the significance of the beloved Friday fish fry that follows this holy season prior to the Easter holiday. I am not, nor do I pretend to be a devout Christian follower. However, I did grow up in a religious family in which I learned all about the laws and practices that go with the Lenten season. I was thinking the other day, as I enjoyed a fresh batch of fried crappie, that these laws of fasting didn't really make much sense.

In fact, a lot of fish-eating practices don't make any sense. I was thinking the other day... and then it hit me like a ton of bricks: God must've been a fisherman.

We all know Jesus Christ was a fisherman, or at least a fisher of men. For me, that's close enough to back my theory. The "Big J", if I remember correctly, once threw out the nets when all those other losers couldn't catch a cold...and brought in a feast! This king of the Jews could walk on the water. He turned a few fish into a feast. Do you think that he just performed a miracle? Think again. Big J and his apostles went out on the Wisconsin River and kicked some ass with a jiggin' rod and some fathead minnows while the flock was napping. Need I say more? All the evidence points to Jesus as a great angler. Who taught Big J how to catch all those fish? That's right, the Big Man Himself, God Almighty.

I'll bet God was a kick-ass fisherman in his day. Think about it; he created all the fish, so of course he would know how to catch 'em. Any fish that denied His Holy Bait would spend the rest of his former wet life in a fiery hell. If you think about it that way, though, it wasn't really fair to the fish, but hell, we're talking about GOD!

So if God is the best fisherman of



Painting by Michelangelo

God

"It's too good. We'll pretend like steak is soooo special to eat, and then for forty days every year before Easter, we'll agree to give up 'meat,' and only eat fish!"

"But you love fish Sir," St. Peter says, "and isn't fish technically a meat anyways?"

"I DO love fish, but honestly, I don't think we'll have any problem fooling the humans. Even some vegetarians eat fish," God replies as he reaches for his tackle box. "We will designate the whole forty days before Easter as 'Lent.' People will think they are fasting, their local economies and fundraisers will flourish

by hosting fish-fries and all the while we'll be up here eating the best animal that I ever provided these tiny humans. We'll throw in Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as well. Hell, if they want to really impress me, they can eat fish all month long. It's brilliant! My finest hour since the flood."

"Very clever. Sir."

"Thank you, St. Peter. Now, why don't you close up those gates for the afternoon? I heard from Moses the other day that the pike are biting like wild banshees!"

"Sounds like a plan, Dude," as St. Peter locks up the pearly gates with a shiny key. "Should I grab some wine?"

"Come on St. Peter, surely you know me better than that, dear friend. I already have a cooler full of High-Life waiting in my chariot. Grab your tip-ups and Let's Go Ice Fishing."



UWSP Adopt-A-Specie Program

By Serene Granstrom
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Meet the lemurine night monkey (genus: *Ateles geoffroyi*). These wide-eyed, nocturnal creatures are native to Panama, Costa Rica and Columbia. Their habitats include subtropical and tropical moist rainforests. The night monkey is most threatened by destruction and deforestation of their habitat due to human actions.

To ensure the survival of these primates, the Republic of Panama has secured 45 islands off its western coast and is taking former pet and confiscated monkeys from illegal trade and relocating them on these islands for rehabilitation and reintroduction.

The refuge allows for research and education of five endangered and threatened species, including the night monkey. A released, formerly captive primate in a national park has only a small chance for survival. The xenophobic (negative) responses of the same specie towards the newcomer form the largest barrier to success in the reintroduction process. Reintroduction requires specialized attention, knowledge and management.

What you can do to support the Primate Refuge and Sanctuary of Panama (PRSP) is to make a generous donation of \$20. This money will provide the PRSP with extra



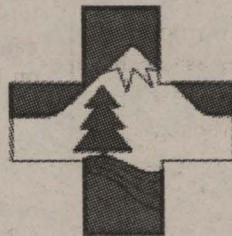
A nocturnal photo of a lemurine night monkey.

funds that will be used for food (four bananas a day), veterinary supplies and a small part of the salary for the rangers who feed and work with the monkeys every day.

With your donation, you will receive an adoption certificate with the name of your adoptee, a description of the monkey's family history and a picture.

Please drop donations to The Wildlife Society off in room 359A of the CNR. Include your name, address, email address and telephone number so you can be reached once the adoption certificate arrives. Please make checks payable to the Primate Refuge and Sanctuary of Panama. For more information, contact www.primatesofpanama.org or email questions to sgran184@uwsp.edu.

Backcountry first aid certification



UWSP Outdoor EdVentures is sponsoring a 16-hour, hands-on Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course in Stevens Point from April 5-6.

This intensive backcountry medical training course will show students how to deal with medical emergencies when they are miles from help and dialing 911 is not an option.

Wilderness medicine differs from traditional first aid in three respects. First, transport times are measured in hours and days rather than minutes, so many phases of patient care that usually occur in a hospital must be carried out in the field. Second, severe environments dramatically increase the complexity of any emergency and heighten risks to patients and rescuers alike. Third, limited equipment makes improvisation and resourcefulness essential.

These issues and more will be addressed by SOLO Outdoor Professionals, leaders in the field of wilderness medical training. Classes are fast paced with an emphasis on practical skills. Mornings are devoted to lectures, while afternoons and evenings are spent outside working on everything from stretcher construction to full-scale rescue simulations. A number of realistic simulations, complete with fake wounds and stage blood, will be conducted. Past students commonly report of real-life rescues that "felt just like a simulation."

This course is recommended for all outdoor professionals and enthusiasts who spend time in remote areas. Graduates will be certified by SOLO Outdoor Professionals. Call UWSP Outdoor EdVentures and ask for Megan Pfeiffer at (715) 346-3848 for logistical and pricing information or visit the web page, <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/outedven/WildernessFirstAid.htm>.

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Applications may be picked up Monday through Friday from 7:30am - 4:00pm at the Stevens Point Parks and Recreation Department office, 2442 Sims Ave. or at the K.B. Willett Ice Arena east entrance lobby, 1000 Minnesota Ave.

Call 346-1531 for more information. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

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Dwelling in nature's icy bosom

A beginner's guide to winter camping

By Adam Mella

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

George Carlin, a famous American standup comedian once said, "Some national parks have long waiting lists for camping reservations. When you have to wait a year to sleep next to a tree, something is wrong."

And something may be wrong these days. While camping has long been a favorite pastime of this author, I have begun to notice my beloved secluded spots to be drawing more and more attention. The American frontier keeps pushing further with each passing year, a constant, hungry cycle. I'm not here to preach, however; I'm here to tell how I found that once-lost seclusion again.

You may ask, "Why on earth would you do that? Have you gone completely MAD to let more of them in on the secret?" Simply put, the last frontier of Wisconsin's hideaways is too much for the average person to pay. It is too remote, and it is too far a distance to go. For those who are willing to take the extra step, however, winter camping is right in your own backyard.

Winter camping can be just as fun or better than regular warm-weather camping, but the catch is to be prepared with the proper gear. Nobody is going to have fun if things go wrong or people are getting frostbitten. A cold Wisconsin day is no match for the toughest man or woman.

To start with, you'll want to select a spot that is suitable to your plan. Any regular camping spot will usually do, and some will be more remote than others. Once you know where you are going, and for how long, the rest of the trip can be designed.

Unfortunately, human beings lost something along the way that the rest of the animal kingdom decided to keep. Since we don't have fur or feathers anymore to

keep us warm, we must rely on our ingenious textiles to shield our naked bodies from the harsh tongue of winter's wind. The most important thing on your body to keep warm is your feet. A good pair of boots with wool or fleece socks is essential for winter camping.

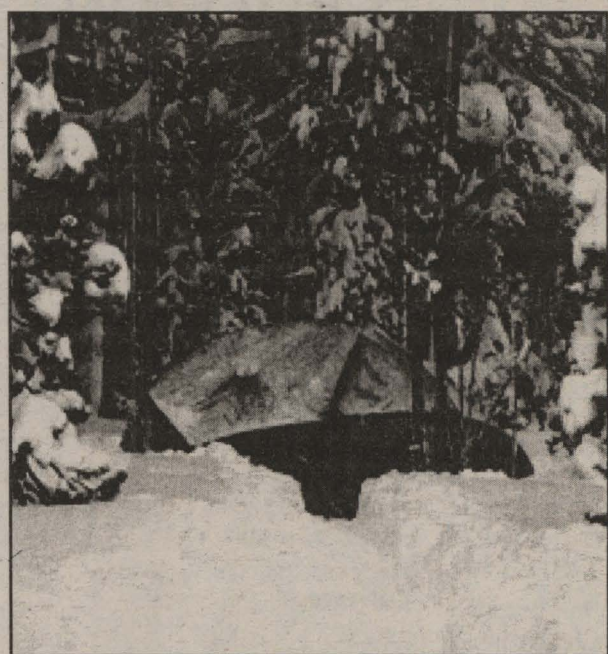
Next after that are your hands. I like to wear a pair of thin fingerless gloves under a large mitten. When it comes to keeping your paws warm, nothing does the job on the digits like a hefty mitten.

On your head, a good fitting hat will prevent all the warmth from escaping, while a larger hat, or a good hood/face-mask will work great for doubling up in really cold conditions.

For the body, it is no secret that long underwear is the way to go. Old fashioned cotton will work fine in regular conditions, but the newest thing out there is the fleecelined style. The key to staying warm is multiple, thin layers, which help to keep you ventilated, dry and versatile. On the outside you'll want a good heavy coat and some nice wind-resistant pants or bibs.

Other gear you'll need is a sturdy tent that is easy and quick to set up (be familiar with your gear prior to taking it into the field). A hardcore sleeping bag is a must. Most bags in stores come with a temperature rating, so pay attention to the weather and what you have for a sack. Try to get an inflatable pad to sleep on, because the icy cold ground is the number one heat robber during the night. By keeping your bag off the floor, you will save a lot in body heat.

Transportation is another big factor to consider. If



An ideal winter camping setup, among snow blanketed pines.

you are planning on going far into the backcountry, skis or snowshoes would be a good idea. Remember also to bring proper food, water supplies and fire starting equipment. These are the basics for winter camping and are by no means a professional guide. Each situation is different, and therefore calls for close personal examination and planning.

For those who do give winter camping a try, I'm sure you'll have a blast for the effort. Not only is it a bit more secluded than regular camping these days, but it is also a decent way to spice up the gray haze of a Wisconsin winter.

National premiere book signing



File photo

Author, Michael Dombeck

Michael Dombeck, former head of the USDA Forest Service, will sign his new book, co-authored with two other nationally known conservationists, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, at UWSP.

Dombeck, now Pioneer Professor of Global Environmental Management (GEM) and UW System Fellow of Global Conservation at UWSP's College of Natural Resources, will greet guests and sign copies of his book, *From Conquest to Conservation: Our Public Lands Legacy*, in the University Store in the UC, 1015 Reserve St. Copies of the book, published by Island Press of Washington, D.C., will be available for purchase in hardcover for \$40 and softbound for \$22.50. This will be the first in a series of similar events throughout the country.

From Conquest to Conservation is a new work from three of the nation's most knowledgeable experts on public lands. As chief of the Forest Service, Mike Dombeck became a lightning rod for public debate over issues such as the management of old-growth forests and protecting roadless areas. Dombeck also directed the Bureau of Land Management from 1994 to 1997 and is the only person ever to have led the two largest land management agencies in the United States. His co-authors, Chris Wood and Jack

Williams, have similarly spent their careers working to steward public resources. The authors bring insight into the challenges facing public lands and how those challenges can be met.

They examine the history of public lands in the United States and consider the most pressing environmental and social problems facing public lands. Drawing heavily on fellow Forest Service employee Aldo Leopold's land ethic, they offer specific suggestions for new directions in policy and management that can help maintain and restore the health, diversity and productivity of public land and water resources, both now and into the future.

Also featured are essays from leading writers, thinkers, and scientists—including Bruce Babbitt, Rick Bass, Patricia Nelson Limerick and Gaylord Nelson—about the importance of public lands and the threats to them, along with original drawings by William Millonig.

Dombeck, who received the 2003 Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Conservation Biology, came to UWSP in 2001. He has also received the Audubon Medal, the fourth Lady Bird Johnson Conservation Award from the LBJ Foundation, and the 2001 Presidential Rank Award as a Distinguished Executive for his role as chief of the Forest Service from 1997 to 2001. He was recently named to the boards of the National Wildlife Federation, Aldo Leopold Foundation and the Johnson Foundation. A native of Stevens Point and a 1971 graduate of UWSP, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1997. He earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota and a doctoral degree from Iowa State University.

One of the most renowned and respected of contemporary conservationists, Dombeck dedicated a quarter of a century to managing federal lands and natural resources in the long-term public interest. His leadership in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and as former chief of the Forest Service impacted nearly 500 million acres. He is most noted for significant efforts toward watershed health and restoration, sustainable forest ecosystem management, sound forest roads and roadless area protection. He affected a moratorium on road building in 58.5 million acres in the national forests, and focused on the importance of old-growth forests and water.

Dombeck's journey on the path to conservation has been life long. From his summers as a fishing guide in Wisconsin's lake country, through his advanced studies in biology, to his acclaimed career in natural resource management, Dombeck has made protecting wildlife and wild places a priority, both personally and within the organizations he has served.

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CD Review

Feast of Wire Calexico

By Mike Kerkman
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

From Tucson, Ariz., amidst the heat of the Sonora Desert, comes *Feast of Wire*, the fourth full-length release from the duo of John Convertino and Joey Burns. The locale is key, for this is the sound of the south-west. Mexican and North American cultures mix among the sand and saguaro there and Calexico has marked such beauty with an aural homage.



being "Close Behind", or "Attack El Robot! Attack!" Yet towards the end, there's the fantastic straight-up jazz of "Crumble," messing with my movie analogy but fitting perfectly on the album. The vocal contributions are stronger than ever, as is Joey Burns' voice. Similar to other albums in Calexico's history, the lyrics present imagery of missions, canyons, cactus and borders. Again, this music has a strong sense of place.

Feast of Wire is Calexico's most consistent and accessible album yet. The more ambient experimentalism of previous works is relegated here to component parts of songs of more traditional formats, though it should be said that mariachi is hardly considered traditional in indie rock and so standard fare this is not.

The instrumentals here provide the soundtrack for the coolest and weirdest western never made, with the strongest

Feast of Wire is ironically still one-upped by the fantastic EP "Even My Sure Things Fall Through" that was released a couple years back to placate the anticipation of a proper album. Yet the new release still remains a strong and beautiful work in itself. Take special note: the band will be braving the antithesis of their home climate by playing a Wisconsin show at Luther's Blues in Madison this Sunday night. Warm yourself by it if you can.

Movie Review

Dark Blue

By Geoff Fyfe
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

What is it with those naughty L.A. cops? Even before O.J., Rodney King and the Ramparts scandal, the media has always portrayed the LAPD as eternally up to no good. It was what drove *L.A. Confidential*, *Training Day*, and TV's powerhouse "The Shield" and it's also what drives *Dark Blue*. Set during the stormy days of early 1992 before the Rodney King verdict set L.A. ablaze, it's a flawed but often compelling story about L.A. cops and how their behavior helped turn the city into an inferno of violence.

Eldon Perry (Kurt Russell) is the epitome of the corrupt L.A. cop; brutish, bigoted and willing to bend the rules to take out criminals. The son and grandson of cops, he roams the streets of L.A. as head of the elite SIS squad, shaking down suspects, planting evidence and often shooting perps rather than waste time bringing them in. But his gunslinger act is starting to fall out of favor in the department. His home life is a wreck, with a wife (Lolita Davudovich) who's fed up and a son who fears him. And the reform-minded Deputy Chief Arthur Holland (Ving Rhames) is out to take him down.

Perry and his rookie partner, Bobby Keough (Scott Speedman), are soon investigating a grocery store robbery that ended in the murders of four people. They discover who the two perpetrators are, but the assailants are key informants for their boss, the vena Jack Van Meter (Brendan Gleeson). Van Meter orders two ex-cons framed for the job, which Perry, ever the good soldier, carries out. What neither expect is the guilt-ridden Bobby going to Holland with the truth. As the verdict comes in and the city goes up in flames, Perry's world crumbles apart and

forces him to confront his sins.

Dark Blue is not a perfect film. Director Ron Shelton, best known for sports films like *Bull Durham*, is on unfamiliar ground and it shows. The film is often simplistic with its portrayal of all the white cops as brutish racists and all the black cops as virtuous do-gooders. On the plus side, the film is hard-nosed, violent and refuses to let up on its high intensity level. The climax, set against the riots, is especially potent.

...*Dark Blue* is Kurt Russell's show...the actor gives one of his best performances as Perry.

The acting, like the film, is a mixed bag. The always-welcome Rhames turns in another fine performance as the crusading Holland, while Gleeson personifies the LAPD's corruption as the scheming Van Meter. On the other hand, Speedman is rather lackluster as the golden boy rookie corrupted by Perry, bringing a pretty face to the role, but not much else. The ex-"Felicity" star is especially out of his league against the lovely Michelle Michele (*Homicide*, *E.R.*) as his girlfriend who happens to be Holland's assistant.

But none of this really matters since *Dark Blue* is Kurt Russell's show. Rebounding from stinkers like *Soldier* and *3000 Miles to Graceland*, the actor gives one of his best performances as Perry, refusing to sugarcoat his portrayal of a deeply flawed man who more than one character describes as evil and "on the road to hell." Russell goes all out, portraying Perry as he goes from hot shot modern-day gunslinger to bitter self-loather over what he's become. The ride through *Dark Blue* may be uneven, but with Russell at the helm, it's never boring.



Green Tea to open at Macaw benefit concert

Celtic band to lead charge in benefit for endangered Great Green Macaw

The Point-based band Green Tea will open the benefit concert for the Great Green Macaw at The Mission Coffeehouse on Friday. Since performing before a full house at The Encore last fall, the Irish Dance and Celtic World Beat musicians have been emerging as a refreshing alternative in the Point live music scene. By bringing their unique brand of cultural music to the stage, Green Tea promises their audience one thing: "good times, good times... and dancing."

Composed of UWSP students and faculty, the band is working on recording an album by the summer and in the mean-

time are happy to be able to help out the Great Green Macaw.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Great Green Macaw, a non-profit group of UWSP graduates and students working to "preserve, protect and rehabilitate the population and habitat of the endangered bird."

Donations for the event will be added to a fund for establishing a reserve for the bird in Costa Rica.

The Chicago-based Family Groove Company will follow Green Tea in a show that will begin at 7 p.m. A donation of \$5 is requested for this event.



Entertainment week in review

Compiled by Josh Goller

The Good:

Pop music legend Madonna for branching out into children's books. After shocking the world with her provocative stage presence, not to mention challenging a few taboos with her explicit sex book, it's good to see the mother of two shock the world in a way that benefits children.

Honorable Mention:

West Wing star Martin Sheen for helping lead a "Virtual March on Washington" last week that flooded the White House with thousands of anti-war e-mails. This week he's publicly spoken out against war despite NBC executives professing uneasiness about his political views. Way to let your voice be heard over those corporate big wigs, Sheen.



The Bad:

Primetime TV mogul FOX for beginning the process of phasing out sitcoms and dramas from its programming. *Married By America* pushed the powerful drama *Boston Public* out of its Monday slot this week while yet another episode of *American Idol* was aired on Wednesday instead of the usual *That 70s Show*. Before long, all that'll be left of FOX is *The Simpsons*, *24* and reality TV.

Dishonorable Mention:

Producer Gary Binkow and the entertainment company Threshold TV for suing Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne. The plaintiffs claim they each came up with the idea of turning the former Black Sabbath member's family life into a TV show.

The Ugly:

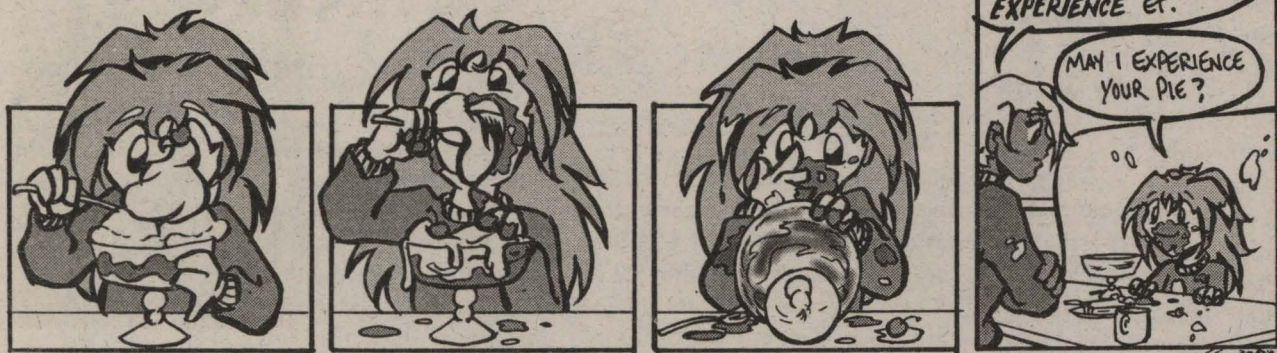
Child star turned horribly demented pop icon Michael Jackson for allegedly paying \$150,000 to an African voodoo chief for a hex on the lives of Steven Spielberg and David Geffen. The chief, who was said to have slaughtered 42 cows in the ritual, promised Geffen would die within the week. This revelation came after news was released that in a separate voodoo ritual, the King of Pop ritualistically bathed in sheep blood (something he paid six figures to do). According to an upcoming article in *Vanity Fair*, Jackson also wears a prosthesis that makes up the tip of his nose. According to the article, without this prosthesis, his nose consists of only two nostril holes like "a mummy."



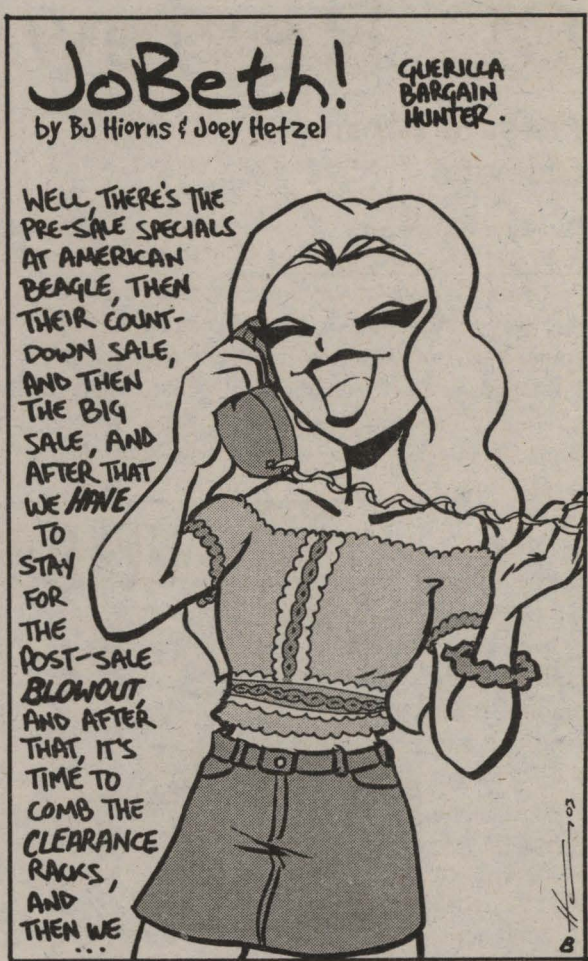
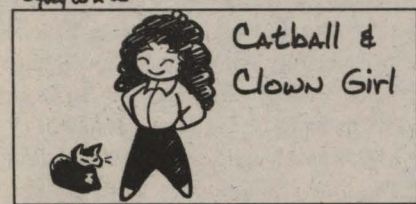
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Your College Survival Guide: Coffee Gods.

By Pat Rothfuss

CAT-FIEND.

Hey Rothfuss!!!

Where is the column? Why aren't you writing it? I need college survival advice!!!!

<anonymous scrawled note>

Sadly, I get a lot of letters like this. Folks mewling for advice, but not asking for anything in particular. It forces me to resort to free-form advice, which, to the untrained eye, looks a lot like unwarranted abuse.

First: if you're in "college," don't misspell "college." It makes you look like a witless gimp.

Second: don't use multiple exclamation marks. It makes you look like a pimply twelve-year-old posting to a Lord of the Rings message board.

If you are, in fact, witless, pimply, twelve, or a gimp, then hey, don't sweat it. Keep on truckin'.

Where is the column? Well, obviously I'm on the comics page now. Why? Well, because I belong on the comics page. Why? Because this is a humor column.

Sure, sure. I try to give some good advice, but I also talk an inordinate amount of shit here. Your job as a fully cognizant and intellectually articulated human is to winnow the trash from the truth. If you take any of my freakishly deviant advice, it's your own damn fault.

Why haven't I been writing the column? Well, you know. I've been busy. My schedule is pretty full with all my sitting around naked while watching "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and working on my novel. Lately though I've been putting more time into buffing the book in the buff than buffing up on buff Buffy. (Think about it.)

I firmly believe that if I keep working on my novel, it will eventually become such an overwhelming and powerful piece of literature that anyone who looks at it will die. However, I still have some work to do, right now people who see it just fall down and vomit. Still, it's better than my first weak-ass novel. When people read that they just sneezed and their pants fell off.

Hmmm. This is the other problem with these sad, unfocused letters I get. Since there's no real request for advice, I end up answering the questions and having a lot of space left over.

To round things out, here are a few nuggets of caffeine-related wisdom that I've managed to gather over my many years of college living. All of these things really happened.

However, I know some of you won't believe me. You'll try these things and have the same traumatic learning experiences I did. Go ahead, I can't stop you. That's what college is all about.

DON'T PUT WATER JOE IN YOUR HUMIDIFIER.

I thought it would be a good idea for a movie night in the dorms. You know, all of the perkiness with none of the troublesome movie-disrupting urination. However, what

really happened is that the next day everyone who had been there felt sluggish, and the day after that we were all struck down as if we had angered some sort of vengeful caffeine-related Greek god. Everyone's symptoms were a little different, but I lay in bed for 16 hours of fever delirium. Normally I'm all for delirium, but this was the non-amusing kind where I had to pee but I couldn't get out of bed because my arms wouldn't work and I couldn't figure out where "up" was.

DON'T BOIL DOWN COFFEE TO MAKE "ESSENCE OF COFFEE."

When you're a caffeine junkie like me, it can be a real hassle getting your fix. Drinking six or seven cups to get a little buzz is a little time-consuming.

So I made a pot of really strong coffee and boiled it down in a saucepan until all that was left was about an ounce of black, viscous fluid. I was going to use it for ice cream topping, but after I was finished realized I didn't have any ice cream. So I just made a normal cup of coffee and added, the dark, sticky coffee-bile to it, hoping to achieve some super-powered coffee with extra-coffee flavor.

I drank it. Five minutes later I felt buzzed. Ten minutes later I felt jittery. Fifteen minutes later I began to get sour-tummy. Then I threw up for about an hour.

DON'T USE MOUNTAIN DEW TO BREW COFFEE.

The coffee that you produce this way isn't that bad, really. But it destroys your coffee maker, really gums it up. If you really feel the need to do this, use a French press.

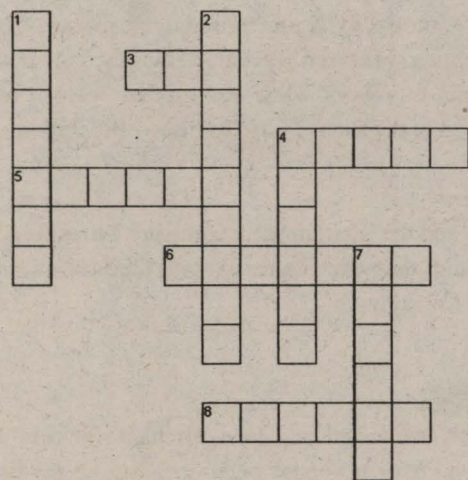
DON'T MAKE A COFFEE BONG. (BEER-BONG, NOT THE OTHER KIND.)

I don't drink.... wine. Or any alcohol as a rule. This means that occasionally when I'm at a party some knuckle-dragging date-rape-in-waiting calls my masculinity into question. Now really, I've got nothing to prove, but I [italics] hate being talked down to by someone with a brow-ridge and an Abercrombie and Fitch baseball cap.

Anyway, to make a long story short, I agree to do a coffee-bong. The results were a badly scalded esophagus and an event which one of my friends still refers to as the "grande mocha eruption."

Send in your letters asking for college survival advice. Do it. Now. prothfuss@uwsp.edu

ME/Rosen Word



Across

3. South American Revolutionary.
4. The Kings guard(point guard that is).
5. Badu say's you betta' call him!
6. capitol of Sri Lanka.
7. Uncle Phil's profession.

Down

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2. Othello's ill-fated lover.
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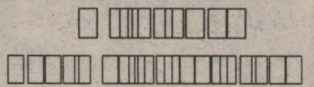
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