Richard appointed student regent

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

Though her term as Student Government Association (SGA) President at UW-Stevens Point may have ended, Beth Ann Richlen's tenure as a representative to the UW System Board of Regents Tuesday, a duty she will begin serving this fall.

"I am truly honored to be able to serve as the student regent," said Richlen on the day of her appointment. "I am going to try my hardest to sit at that table and think about the future of the UW System."

Last month, the RIAA filed separate lawsuits against four college students alleged to be running file-sharing programs through computer networks provided by their respective universities, culminating in a settlement that cost the students between $12,000 and $17,000 each, to be paid in annual installments over the next three years.

Richlen stated that she intends to champion student interests during a time when reductions to the UW System's budget threaten to impair those interests, a task she plans to accomplish by matching student concerns with a face and a voice.

"This is a really exciting time for the Board of Regents, because some really difficult decisions need to be made about the long term future of the UW System," she said.

"The price of education keeps going up while the percentage of students is going to have to stretch to provide," said Colleen Andrews, manager of Student Computing Services at UWSP.

Andrews stated that UWSP currently has a procedure in place to discourage illegal downloading, which consists of contacting students found to have illegally downloaded or traded copyrighted files and discontinuing their access to the university's computer network if the problem continues. Repeat offenders are stripped of Internet access for the remainder of the semester in which the violation occurred. According to Andrews, the university receives emails from piracy investigators working on behalf on the entertainment and software industries on a weekly basis and relies on such notices to locate offenders. She also noted that the number of such notices is increasing, putting a strain on the staff available to respond to the situation.

Further measures aimed at discouraging illicit downloading and file-sharing activities have been considered by the UWSP administration, such as a fee for bandwidth use.

Naked run arouses interest downtown

By John Baeten
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, May 7, the UWSP Faculty Senate voted on an "Anti-War" resolution, and it was defeated through a secret ballot vote 20 to 15.

The resolution, proposed by Senator Neil Heywood, brought up numerous concerns with the ongoing threat of war and a general stance against conflict conveyed by the Senate.

The resolution states, "It resolved that the UWSP Senate, representing its faculty and academic staff, opposes all initiation and subsequent pursuit of armed conflict as a means to resolving disputes."

Members of the Senate brought up concerns with the connotations attached to the word "oppose" and questioned that the resolution would be against such actions as World War II.

According to Heywood, "We are opposed to conflict in principle; however, if it is in defense, then conflict may be inevitable."

Hesitant members of the Senate also vocalized concern as to whether it was the Senate's responsibility to act on a matter as formidable as peace.

However, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Padmanabhan Sudevan stated, "At least four other university senates in Wisconsin have passed similar resolutions."

The resolution also states, "[That the Senate] desires that all ongoing or prospective initiatives for such interventions cease immediately, or as soon as is practicable, and expresses sympathy and support for all non-initiators, of any origin, who face jeopardy as a result of belligerence."

A number of UWSP students were in attendance to show their support for the resolution as well as the peace movement.

The resolution also stated its support for "expanding, publicizing and providing counseling or other necessary services to any member of the campus and surrounding community during and after times of conflict."

Along with its general tone of non-conflict, the resolution also urged for the following:

- Providing counseling or other necessary services to any member of the campus and surrounding community during and after times of conflict.
- Expanding, publicizing, and providing counseling or other necessary services to any member of the campus and surrounding community during and after times of conflict.
- Supporting the missions of opposing conflict.
- Encouraging students to protest the effects that the state budget proposal will have on higher education, which was manifested in a rally in front of the University Center the week the governor announced his budget proposals.

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Differential tuition still a prospect at UWSP

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

Despite concerns over the annual tuition increases promised by the new state budget, Chancellor Thomas George has confirmed that a differential tuition proposal to enhance student programs and advising is still being considered as a viable option at UW-Stevens Point.

The proposal, if approved and implemented, would cause tuition rates for UWSP students to increase by an estimated 5% in addition to the projected 12%-15% increases already being projected for students across the UW System.

"My personal feeling is that this is something that would be beneficial," said George. "It's matter of students paying more in tuition now for things that will enhance their experience and help them graduate on time so they won't have to pay more later."

The chancellor stressed that such a program would allow UWSP to remain competitive with universities in the UW System, half of which have already adopted campus specific versions of differential tuition.

"It's clear that if a school such as Eau Claire has $1 million a year more for academic programs, it gives them an edge," he said.

Eau Claire, which became the first UW campus to adopt a differential tuition program in 1997, ranked fourth in the Midwest on rankings list compiled by U.S. News and World Report. UWSP ranked sixth on that same list.

While university administrators at UWSP looks to remain among the top universities in the System, it has also been argued that new means of maintaining that status must be explored.

"Many students will be drawn to universities that can offer better opportunities," said Assistant Chancellor Bob Tomlinson. "Students perceive that there's a pecking order within the UW System, and it's important that we move toward reducing expenditures, given the current budget deficit, having previously asked the System to further cut expenses from administrative bureaucracies.

A committee formed by the Student Government Association (SGA) has been exploring different possibilities for differential tuition throughout the course of the semester and will await the results of a student survey before making a decision regarding implementation.

If approved by the students and the chancellor, the differential tuition program will face a vote by the Board of Regents before then being submitted to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) for approval.

The prospect of receiving approval from the JFC has also raised concerns, as the state budget proposal stipulates that universities cannot raise tuition above a level equating to $250 per student per semester, which may ultimately make differential tuition unfeasible.

While exceptions can be permitted at the discretion of the JFC, the committee has taken a stance indicating that components of the UW System need to move toward reducing expenditures, given the current budget deficit, having previously asked the System to further cut expenses from administrative bureaucracies.

"Until five years ago, differential tuition didn't even exist, and it's important to remember that," said Maggie Brown, president of United Council.

"Students are being asked to pay something that should be provided, and that's related to declining state support."

Differential tuition could face a vote by the student senate as early as September and could be implemented as soon as spring semester 2004.

By John Baeten
Adjunct News Editor

Governor Jim Doyle signed into law on May 7 a three-year state employee contracts that have been on the negotiation table since 2001, and also declared May 7 as State Employee Recognition Day.

According to the Wisconsin State Employees Union, "The signing of these contracts is the result of the dedication and persistence of our members."

The contracts, which went into effect immediately after Doyle signed them, cover close to 35,000 employees, of which about 330 are employed by UWSP.

According to Jerry Naczek, President of the Local 584 Union, "It's a bittersweet victory, and the contracts should have been signed in December."

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State contracts approved after two years of negotiations

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Questions? Contact University Relations at 346-3811.

Correction

In the May 1 issue of The Pointer, the picture accompanying the page 1 article "Highway 10 closes for construction" actually depicted construction occurring on Highway 96, not Main Street as reported in the caption. The Pointer apologizes for the error.
Senator-elect Julie Lassa, a 1993 graduate of UW-Stevens Point, will be sworn into office for the 24th State Senate District on Thursday, May 8, at 5:45 p.m.

The ceremony will be held in the courtyard of the UWSP Fine Arts Center. The Honorable William Babitch, retiring justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, will preside over the ceremony.

Lassa will be the second person in UWSP’s 108-year history to take the oath of office on campus, following former college government service leader Lee Sherman Dreyfus, UWSP chancellor from 1967-1977, who was sworn in as Wisconsin’s 40th governor on the steps of Old Main in January 1979.

A political science and public administration major at UWSP, Lassa continues to pursue a master’s degree at UW-Madison’s La Follette Institute of Public Affairs.

First elected to the State Assembly in 1998, Lassa has served on the Assembly’s Colleges and Universities Committee. "We are honored to host Senator-elect Lassa’s swearing-in ceremony here at her alma mater," said UWSP Chancellor Thomas George. "Julie is a longtime supporter of higher education and the critical role the UW System plays in Wisconsin’s academic and economic future. She has not forgotten the value of her education and how it helped prepare her for the rigors and demands of public service."

Lassa was among the first in the Assembly to urge that student financial aid increases keep pace with student tuition hikes. She supported legislation creating an income tax credit for businesses that pay tuition for their employees to attend a university, college or technical college in the state.

Two years ago, Lassa co-authored a bill to add a second student regent to the UW System’s Board of Regents. To that end, she brought the committee to campus for a public hearing in May 2001.

Faculty Senate passes security camera policy

By John Baeten
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On April 16, the Faculty Senate at UWSP voted unanimously to approve the installation of security cameras at UWSP. The initial policy was passed by the University Affairs Committee and then sent to Faculty Senate, who in turn, sent it to Chancellor George for approval.

Some questions were brought up at the Faculty Senate meeting about the initial policy and how it would affect University routine.

According to the Faculty Senate, "A discussion followed which raised the following concerns: is there enough theft to warrant the policy, and will the policy violate academic freedom in the classroom? It was pointed out that security cameras would only capture images, not audio."

SGA President Nick Crawford was also at the meeting and answered questions regarding student concerns.

According to Crawford, "There were two students on this committee. Drafts of the policy were also presented at SGA meetings as drafts of the policy made their way through the committee."

Crawford further stated, "That overall the [student] response to the policy was positive."

The security camera officer, who is responsible for the equipment, will be appointed on the cameras, will be appointed after the Chancellor approves the policy.

According to Provost and Vice Chancellor Virginia Helm, "I expect the policy will be ready for implementation by July 1. Prior to that time, we will select a security camera officer and begin discussing legal and other necessary guidelines for implementation."

According to Padminarayan Sudavan, chair of the Faculty Senate, "Anything approved by the Senate becomes university policy when the Chancellor signs the item. It takes a couple of weeks, typically."

Students concerned with the policy and security cameras in general are urged to contact the chancellor. The chancellor can be reached by phone at 346-2123.

Richlen
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The United Council recently honored Richlen as its President of the Year for her efforts, and she has also received James H. Albertson Award for outstanding leadership, scholarship and campus citizenship.

In addition to serving as the student regent, Richlen will also attend UW-Madison, where she intends to study law.

File-sharing

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also been considered and could see implementation as early as this fall.

"The most viable deterrent seems to be charging folks continuing to use large amounts of bandwidth for illegal or any other activity, just like we try have suggested the move by the

large amounts of bandwidth for future abuses, others outside the indus-

try have suggested the move by the RIIA may be a precursor of things to come.

"While it's easy to blend in with millions of others, this wired world leaves traces that will eventually catch up with you," said Nicholas Crawford of

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used to trade copyrighted files.

Academy also disciplined 85 students

with file-sharing software on its campus, a factor in its decision.

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for ambulance attendants tending to an

injured victim in the hall basement.

At

"Events on other campuses

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nie, college or technical col-

lege in the state.

We're still celebrating Easter

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection

5 PM Saturday | 10:15 AM Sunday | 6 PM Sunday
St. Joseph Convent Chapel 1300 Marie Drive (Just west of K mart)

9 PM Wednesday | Newman Center (Next to Pray-Sima)
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11:30 AM | Sunday 11 May | Newman Center Lunch and a gift for all students

NEWMAN - The Roman Catholic Parish at UWSP
www.newmanuwsp.org

Catholics for Christ
Training to Leave the Toilet Seat Down and Clean Up

The temps are increasing. Focusing on homework is becoming more difficult while tossing the disc suddenly becomes a huge priority. Spring is in the air, finals will pass in no time and before you know it, we'll be in the wonderful college downtime known as summer.

It's safe to say that we've all just about made it. Surely, we'll have to cope with the perils of finals and exams. In my case, the latter will involve weeks of vagrancy, drifting from city to city, sleeping on random couches and floors. There ain't nothin' quite like college.

While I lived in the dorms, all of the older students told me that every semester goes by more quickly than the previous one. I'm not sure if I buy that, but this year certainly flew by rather quickly. The daily rigors I faced this year were certainly unique.

For starters, I lived with seven female roommates this year. The opportunity pretty much fell into my lap, mostly because I was in the right place at the right time. At first I had my doubts, as I'm sure the seven ladies did as well. However, I can honestly say that this was an experience that I wouldn't trade for the world, and it's made me a better person in the process. Now I'm pretty sure that being a female roommate is the best thing I've ever written. Just because you hate it as an author doesn't mean that others can't, or won't, enjoy it.

Yep. I learned lots this year, like not to let grades get you down. Believe it or not, profs aren't always right. Just because you can't even buy an A in a class doesn't mean you're a horrible writer. And never let your self-confidence, or lack thereof, get in the way of something you want to do, write or say.

All sap and preachiness aside, have a nice, relaxing summer, or post-college life, and I'll see you in the funny pages until next fall, when you'll see me on the page before the funny pages.

The Pointer's 2002-2003 Staff

Congratulations to the graduating members of The Pointer staff. You will all be missed.

John Baeten
Assistant News Editor
“The Dork Outreach Program: Helping you help yourself. Thank you, Laura Ketchum-Cifci.”

Lindsay Heiser
Copy Editor
“Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes. Practice restraint. To my colleagues, much love, and as they say on the East coast, mad respect.”

Mandy Rasmussen
Copy Editor
“Bring me a drink. Whiskey on the rocks. Only I want the rocks made out of pills.”

Leigh Ann Ruddy
Outdoors Editor
“I find subversive honor in being a part of the loyal opposition...”

Nora F. Bates
Assistant Features Editor
“Be yourself, never compromise who you are for what others want you to be. Life’s too short, be happy with who you are and what you have.”

Graduating Members of The Pointer

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THE POINTER

America’s involvement

At the end of World War II, America was a nation beloved by the Arab world. At this time in history, the Zionist nightmare was about to hit the Arab world. When it did, with the birth of the State of Israel, courtesy of American intimidation of certain members of the UN, the respect for America and regard for Americans began to vanish from the Arab nations of the Middle East.

How did this happen? The answer lies in the power the friends of Zionism had in the administration of President Truman, who pointed out to his advisors that he had a constituency very much interested in the Zionist cause in Palestine but no constituency with a concern for Arab interests.

In the Eisenhower administration, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles tried to reverse American policy by making the observation, “The Israeli Embassy is practically dictating to the Congress through influential Jewish people in the country,” (Walters at Suez, Donald Neff, p.433).

Zionist control of the executive branch came back with a vengeance with the advent of the Johnson administration when the 34 Americans killed by the Israelis during the attack on the USS Liberty resulted in no congressional investigation with Israel receiving more monetary and material aid from America.

Israel's American friends have increased their stranglehold on American Middle East policy over the years to where today we are hated in the Middle East because American-supplied weaponry to Israel is murdering Palestinians on a daily basis.

The Iraqi war cost at least 100 young American lives. How many Americans will die in the next war concocted by Bush’s lackeys of the State of Israel?

-William Garthland, Raq, Wu.
President Bush's favorite Iraqi - an embezzler

Why has President George W. Bush chosen a convicted embezzler, who stole $78 million from the Petra Bank of Jordan, as the future ruler of Iraq?

I have reference to the head of the Iraqi National Congress, Ahmad Chalabi, who is the darling of the JINSA (Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs) "chicken-hawks" Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz and others who are now running America's foreign policy in the Middle East.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher pointed out to Tim Russert in an April 27 "Meet the Press" interview that Ahmad Chalabi has been convicted in absentia of embezzlement of the Petra bank funds mentioned above which led to the bank's collapse. Mr. Muasher cited the fact that Ahmad Chalabi is now a fugitive from Jordanian justice with a 22-year extradition sentence hanging over his head.

The Bush-appointed Chalabi is not only an obscuring crook from Jordan. Jordan's foreign minister also pointed out that our president's favorite Iraqi also bankrupted two banks in Lebanon and is now in trouble with the banking authorities in Switzerland.

The Swiss media has reported that "Chalabi-linked finance firms" loaned "millions of pounds to companies controlled by the Chalabi family, including Ahmad Chalabi himself..." (The Guardian-Reuters April 18 <http://www.smb.com.au/articles/2003/04/17/1050172780630.html> -).

The Chalabi controlled Swiss banks Socoefi and Mebeco also experienced the same fate as the Petra bank of Jordan, Ahmad Chalabi's premier exercise in embezzlement.

Is this why some 130 young Americans died? Did they die to replace the despot of Baghdad with a professional swindler?

These are questions which should be addressed to our representatives in Congress. These are questions that should be addressed to President George W. Bush himself.

-William Herzinger, Neenah, Wis.
Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m., the staff of Barney Street will sponsor a release party at the fire pit outside of the Allen Center, which will include poetry and fiction readings of student works, free food, T-shirts, prizes and a free copy of Barney Street.

"What the hell is Barney Street?" you ask. "And what is it releasing?"

Barney Street is UWS's literary magazine, showcasing poetry, fiction and art. The magazine, which was written, edited and steered through the publishing process by UWS students, is released annually each spring. This year, the release will be celebrated with a party for the staff, submitters and their guests and anyone else who is interested in literature, art or even just likes to toast marshmallows over a campfire.

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

Currently, the staff is working to publicize the literary magazine to gain more readers and also to encourage more writers to submit their work.

Kat Klingbeil, Barney Street staff member, said, "We really want to reach those outside of the English department. There are plenty of outstanding writers on this campus who may also be natural resource majors, business majors or music majors."

The release party, along with the new t-shirts with the words "Sea Salt & Malt Vinegar" printed on them, (the product of a mistake in the chip aisle and a Barney Street member with unusual taste), is just the beginning of Barney Street's quest to build a new, more friendly, image. The magazine is really a serious literary work. Students and staff are very proud of it. "I don't want it to be demeaned in the public's mind."

Next year, the staff of Barney Street plans to launch a huge ad campaign to gain submissions (due in December) for its 2004 edition. "We've put a lot of work into asking for submissions. We're hung up posters, posted in the SMOD and have even harassed the professors to support us," said Chris Klingbeil, staff member.

"We had a lot of trouble getting submissions this year," said Ringelspaugh. "We had only 13 submissions by the end of January and the deadline for submissions was Feb. 15. We worked our butts off making posters and spreading the word, but it paid off. By Feb. 15, we had 206 submissions."

The staff of Barney Street was incredibly impressed by the quality of submissions, and expects to get even more next year. They are also looking to recruit new members. With a bigger staff, the organization hopes to hold more fundraisers to raise money for a larger magazine.

"With more pages comes more student work that will be available to the university," said Kirschner.

To get a start on this plan, there will be a donation jar available at the release party. In case of rain, the release party will be held at the Mission Coffeehouse following the English Department awards ceremony.

If you are interested in joining the editorial team for next year or would like submission information, please e-mail Barney Street at lbalt936@uwsp.edu.

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### Organization of the Week: A.C.T.

**By Nora F. Bates**

**Assistant Features Editor**

The Association for Community Tasks (ACT) is a student volunteer organization. The group places students in volunteer positions throughout the community to gain experience in their major or minor. This also allows them to have fun and make new friends. Most important, the group's goal is to make a difference in the community.

ACT's executive members are President Sara Gardiner, Vice President Stephanie Muehlbauer, Budget Director Kristen Nehring, Director of Agencies Leigh Wurm, Director of Computer Operations Eric Lieven, Director of Hunger Clean-up Katy Steeno, Director of Newsletter and Public Relations Bethany Krombholz, Director of Schools Missy Miller and Blood Drive Coordinator Melissa Berwick.

This past year ACT has spent time cleaning up area parks and painting agency buildings and has raised money for the community with such programs as Operation Bootstrap and the Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. Coming up yet this semester is the Relay for Life of Stevens Point, sponsored by the American Cancer Society to be held May 9 and 10.

If you would like to be a part of this organization or are interested in any of their community involvement projects email them at act@uwsp.edu.

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### Health Advocate

**Dear Health Advocate,**

I am a not a smoker, but I have a friend that smokes. She frequently smokes around me and I am wondering, what are the risks of being around second-hand smoke?

Sincerely,

**Pondering Point**

**Dear Pondering Point,**

Your concerns are definitely justified. Second-hand smoke (SHS), otherwise known as Environmental Tobacco Smoke is a recognized carcinogen, meaning it has been proven to cause cancer. SHS is categorized as a class A carcinogen, which means it is in the highest group of cancer-causing agents. The Environmental Protection Agency has done research on SHS and has found that 3,000 non-smokers die annually from lung cancer.

As you can see, there are definite risks to being around SHS. I would suggest sharing this information about SHS with your friend. It will help her see that she is not only putting herself at risk, but she is also compromising her health and well-being when she chooses to smoke in your presence.

It is very important to be aware of health risks like SHS. Being aware and taking action to protect yourself can help to ensure a longer and healthier life. If you would like more information, contact the Student Health Promotion Office, located in the lower level of the Allen Center in Room 004 or call ext. 3415.

Sincerely,

**Your Health Advocate**

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### Graduates get ready for spring commencement

About 1,100 graduates will receive their diplomas at the 2003 spring commencement at 1 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at UWS's Specht Memorial Forum (Sundial).

The program will open with the national anthem sung by Jessica Pagel, a senior voice major, who also will lead the singing of the alma mater.

Chancellor George will present diplomas and degrees within the College of Letters and Science. The 3:30 p.m. ceremony would confer diploma for all associate degree and baccalaureate degrees within the College of Letters and Science.

Graduating senior Beth Ann Richtlen of Milwaukee will address the audience as Class of 2003 Representative.

In the event of inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to the Quandt Fieldhouse and split into two separate ceremonies. The 1 p.m. ceremony would conferring diploma for all associate degree and baccalaureate degrees within the College of Letters and Science. The 3:30 p.m. ceremony would confer all master's degrees and baccalaureate degrees for the Colleges of Professional Studies, Natural Resources and Fine Arts and Communication.
Students represent UWSP in Kentucky

By Nora F. Bates
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Early last month, two graduating UWSP seniors attended the 14th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Science and Culture at Kentucky State University in Franklin.

Katherine Spalding, a philosophy and environmental ethics major, presented "The Role of Science and Culture at Kentucky University."

That same evening, Brickman and Spalding have also been requested to present a poster regarding their work for the UW-System Board of Regents meeting held here on campus.

Both students are employed for the summer at Ft. McCoy in archaeo- logical tech positions. Brickman will be doing graduate work this fall in Environmental Studies at the University of Illinois-Springfield through an assistantship with the EPA. Spalding will be pursuing independent research and studies.

Infinity Syndicate provides students with alternatives

The group encourages creative and critical thought. They promote action and individual empowerment in a society that is in desperate need of positive change. They encourage people to be critical, to resist and disrupt the norm, to focus their dissent, to destroy that which needs to be destroyed, to have vision, to create something new and beautiful and to celebrate life.

Infinity Syndicate has implemented a documentary screening in the UC Encore and has published a magazine, called the Paper Brick, that has already begun to unite several sectors across campus, including artists, writers and philosophers. There will be a second issue of the magazine available before the end of the semester. The group is still taking submissions for issue two of Paper Brick.

The group has a lot of other ideas that will hopefully manifest themselves next year, focusing on multi-media, art, video and audio forms of expression. If you are interested in submitting or attending meetings, contact Ryan Drum or Matt Oldenburg via email. The group meets Monday evenings at 9 p.m. in the room adjacent to the Brewhaus.

Summer cookout recipe: grilled corn on the cob

What you need:
- 1 sheet (18x24") heavy duty aluminum foil or Reynolds cooking packet
- 4 ears corn on the cob, husked
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- salt & pepper to taste or seasoning salt
- 2 ice cubes

What to do:
Preheat oven to 450° or build a medium-high fire in barbecue or grill.
Spread margarine on corn. Sprinkle with seasonings. Top with ice cubes. Place corn in aluminum foil. Double fold top and ends to seal making one large foil packet (see photo) or place ingredients in an aluminum cooking bag and seal carefully. Leave room for heat circulation inside. Bake 35 to 40 minutes on a cookie sheet in the oven or grill 15 to 20 minutes. Turn packet over once during cooking. Open carefully to avoid steam and enjoy.

Makes 4 servings.

Infinity Syndicate strives to perform a valuable service on this campus. The group says, "We live in a time of accelerating social and environmental crises, and a time of great denial. Corporate media and the rhetoric of fearless leaders do not always portray the facts accurately."
**SPORTS EDITOR**

**By Craig Mandl**  
**Sports Editor**

*The Pointer* sports department has named sophomore wrestler Cody Koenig and senior soccer player Molly Cady the first ever Pointer newspaper athletes of the year. Selection was based on not only individual athletic achievements, but on what each athlete brought to their respective teams, their academic prowess and their standing as ideal student-athletes.

Koenig, a native of Underwood, Iowa, had his second straight outstanding season for the Pointer wrestling team during the 2002-2003 season. After finishing as a runner-up for a Division III title as a freshman, Koenig came back this season on a mission, going a perfect 36-0 and capturing the NCAA Division III title at 174 pounds. Koenig used a miraculous comeback finish to beat top-seeded and defending champion Eduard Aliakseynka from Montclair State in his title match. Trailing 8-4 after Aliakseynka had four takedowns and Koenig had four escapes, Aliakseynka again had Koenig down before Koenig reversed him with 10 seconds left in the second period and pinned him with three seconds remaining.

Koenig's win also helped the Pointers capture a school-record third place as they edged out fourth place Montclair State by just two points. Although still a young athlete himself, Koenig sees himself as a leader. "I always work hard, which I think is important for the young guys to see," said Koenig. "Towards the end of the season things get tough, so I try to be joker of the room. I think that it's important to keep things light."

The Pointer seniors have majored to go into environmental law enforcement or the Department of Natural Resources as part of his college career. "[My academics] are very important to me. That is really what you go to school for," said Koenig.

Cady, a midfielder from Cottage Grove, Wis., led her team to an 18-1-2 record overall during the 2002 season. Cady also garnered regional second-team All-American honors for the third straight year, along with being named the player of the year in the WIAC. She became the only player in Division III history to reach 40 goals and 40 assists in a career, ranking third in school history with 129 career points, third in career assists with 43 and fifth in career goals with 43.

"Molly is a great senior as far as leadership ability," said Head Soccer Coach Sheila Miech. "The kids that came in really looked up to her as a role model for the type of player she's been these last four years."

Cady also has excelled in the classroom, garnering honors throughout her four years at Point. She is a physical education major who will graduate in May 2004. "I think that academics are really important, because as a Division III athlete, you need to be realistic on what you are going to do with the rest of your life," said Cady.

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**Pointers Spotlight: Bowling for love of the lane**

By Dan Mirman  
**Sports Editor**

When walking into Skippi's Bowling alley on a Wednesday night, it does not require much skill to pick out the table where The Dirty Hippies are sitting. The pitcher in the center of the table contains Point Amber, however that name has no bearing on the Dirty Hippies. If you ask them what they're drinking the only answer you'll get is "muster oil." While the brew does have an eerily similar look to engine lubricant, many more items lay on the table also. At first glance the pint glasses don't seem unique, except when staring around at the plastic cups the other tables hold. Each glass has a separate bead bracelet encircling it so that each member can recognize their own personal glass. A jar of chili nuts and a blue ashtray, both brought from home, also help the table stand out. Toward the front of the table sits a water bottle; the hippies won't say exactly what's in the bottle, only that "It's not water."

Of course the Dirty Hippies stand out just fine all by themselves. This four-man bowling team has competed in Skippi's Wednesday bowling league the last seven seasons, or three and a half years. Their co-founder, Chuckwagon, has seen quite a change since he began the legendary team nearly four years ago. "When we first started there were no women and eight teams, but now there's 35 teams that are about 30 percent - women and two separate leagues."

While the expanding number of teams required a 9 p.m. league in addition to the 7 p.m. league, hippies member JEB wants to make it clear that while the leagues are separate, they are not equal. "7 o'clock is the pro league. We call the 9 o'clock the 12 year-old league because it's a bunch of girls who look like they're 12 and apparently are in college."

Peco and Fast Eddie fill out the Dirty Hippies four-man team, although C h u c k w a l l e y remains the lone original member. In all, 14 different men can consider themselves a Dirty Hippie at some point during the last seven seasons.

The original four included Squiglet, Mr. Frumples and Pauly Wolly. In this bowling league, names quickly give way to the name on the bowling shirt.

The Hippies are the only league team with legitimate, collared bowling shirts. The turquoise shirts proudly display the team name on the back with corresponding nicknames on the front; of course the shirt also shows off some style as well. "Not only are we the best looking team, but we have the coolest jerseys in the league," said JEB modestly.

Fast Eddie is the lone hippie without his name stenciled on the front pocket, instead his shirt proclaims the name "Lincoln" on the chest. Unfortunately, Lincoln's tenure on the team was short-lived due to differing commitments. "Lincoln's a great guy, but he wasn't committed to the Dirty Hippies," said JEB. "He had to commit to work and school rather than the Dirty Hippies. That's a perfectly acceptable decision to make; now Eddie's filled the void."

On this night, the Hippies are batting the team Throwing Rocks, and Peco is on fire. He's tossed six consecutive strikes and ends up with a near career best of 257. After a victory in the opening game, the Hippies drop the final two games to the Rocks, but the mutual respect is obvious. "When a member of either team throws a strike or spare, both teams give the man high fives."

Al of Rocks, enjoys playing against the Hippies more than any other team in the league. "We yell at these guys every single time we're out here. It's the coolest. They're our favorite guys to play league against."

Despite the influx of new players, the Hippies always have one common trait. Well it used to be two common traits, but Chuckwagon has since changed the requirements.

"You've got to love the lane and have a passion. It started that you also had to have long hair, but that rule has been thrown out. We'll have all short hair this season." After this season the Hippies must replace the graduating Chuckwagon and departing Fast Eddie. But the team stands firm. "We're the Rolling Stones of bowling. We may be geeks but we still know how to bowl," said Chuckwagon.

You might think that, after seven seasons, Chuckwagon may get a little misty-eyed in his next to last league game, but nothing could be further from the truth. The Hippies' co-founder only concerns himself with one thing: "I just want to bowl, I'll always be bowling."
Senior pitcher Karen Guckenberger's work ethic inspires brilliant career

By Tyler Drummond and Alexis Sustman

Sports Reporters

In sports, there are two types of athletes: the athletes that are born with natural talent and actually play their respective sports and the athletes that work overtime to gain the valuable skills needed to compete. UW-Stevens Point softball player Karen Guckenberger is the best of both worlds, combining her awesome natural talent with her incredible work ethic.

Karen Guckenberger, the senior Pointer softball ace, has been involved with softball for as long as she can remember. Guckenberger started playing softball when she was nine but it wasn't until she was 11 that she found her niche as a pitcher. Not to say that Karen doesn't put in a lot of her own personal time into becoming the best player she can be. Guckenberger jokes that her parents tell her "if she put as much time into school as she does into softball, she'd have a 4.0 grade point average."

"Usually during the off season I lift four times a week and do cardio workouts four times a week. During the fall season, I pitch every day, but when the fall season starts (October to December) I'll pitch about twice a week. How do I do that? After the second semester starts, I go back to pitching everyday," said Guckenberger.

"Karen is a hard worker, and she pushes others to do the same," added senior teammate Caroline Hermen.

"I didn't want to have a senior letdown," said Hill.

Women's track & field

It was a weekend to write down in the record book as the Lady Pointers came within three points of dethroning UW-LaCrosse from their now sixth straight outdoor track and field championship title. The Eagles finished with 192 points while the Pointers trailed unexpectedly closely with 189.

Head Coach Len Hill shared this quote from "Bagger Vance" the day before the meet: "Don't hold nothing back." And they did exactly that.

"I can't say enough about the team and how they performed. As a coach, I expect great efforts. Great efforts don't always result in great performances, but this weekend they did. If you really want to know how great our performances were, ask the other eight schools in the WIAC. I think we caught them all by surprise," said Hill.

Pointers women competed strongly on Friday, giving the team a solid start. "It's difficult to believe that track and field can be a momentum sport with all the different events at different venues, but once we got rolling, nothing was going to stop the Dawgs," said Hill.

La Crosse and Oshkosh spoil home track advantage

By Tony Bastien

Sports Reporter

It was favorites UW-LaCrosse and UW-Oshkosh leading the thrill, battling for the crown with the same result as the indoor championship just two months earlier. Final team scores were: LAX-209.5, OSH-204 and SP-139.5. The five and half points separating LaCrosse and Oshkosh was the slimmest margin since Steve Reid and LaCrosse tied with 74 points back in 1974.

"It was pretty much what we expected. We realized third was about the best we could get and that the meet was going to be pretty close between those two (LaCrosse and Oshkosh). It turned out it was closer than we actually thought," said Coach Truck Win.

Witt was not disappointed in his team's efforts though, adding, "We were proud of our kids. We think we performed as well as we could have done. All in all, I thought if we had our best meet we could score 150 points."

Injuries hampered the men as it had all spring long. "The men, with their sprinters in the 100m, 200m and 400m posed problems, as did foot injuries to the team's second-best hammer thrower, Mark Hermsen."

Photo by Patricia Laros

The Pointers hosted the WIAC track meet on Friday and Saturday.

The Pointers

The Pointers had a remarkable seven champions in the two day meet. Sophomore Teresa Stanley had two brilliant performances and was named conference champion in both the 3k steeple chase with a time of 11:19 and in the 5k with a finish in 18:20. Junior Kara Vosters took home the title in the 10k with a time of 38:31. Sophomore Amanda Nechuta, who's enjoyed a highly successful season, won the shot put by over a meter with an automatic qualifying throw of 46' ½", giving her a second straight title. And senior Jody Butkowski claimed the triple jump title with an automatic qualifying distance of 39' 7 ½".

The 4x100m relay consisting of Liz Goergen, Butkowski, Kim Klosno and Tara Schmitt was the first to cross the line with a season best time of 48:63. The 4 x 800m relay with runners Isabelle Delamay, Leah Herlache, Jenna Mitchler and Megan Craig also claimed the conference title with a finish time of 9:30.

"We had a lot of outstanding performances by individuals with more than eight national qualifying performances, three of which were automatic qualifiers," said Hill.

The 4x100m team was set in the triple jump, steeple chase, shot put and 4 x 800m relay. The field place finishes came from Butkowski in the 200m with a time of 25.66. Nechuta in the discus with a throw of 45.12 meters, Melissa Seefeldt in the hammer with an automatic qualifying throw of 172" and Becky Clarke in the javelin with a distance of 34.57 meters. Craig finished second in the 1500m in a time of 4:41 as well as in the 5k with a time of 18:36. Goergen came in second in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:05.23 as well as third in the 100m hurdles in 15:35.

"What the team accomplished this weekend was a major upset. Even losing to LaCrosse by three points is a major victory knowing their tradition and what they had to offer coming into this meet," said Hill.

Addition to the Lady Pointer's breaking that nine year third place barrier, Butkowski won the WIAC Judy Kruckman Scholar Athlete Award. "The competition for this award is more contested than any of the events on the track. This is a great honor," said Hill.

And to top of the astonishing weekend, Coach Len Hill was named WIAC women's coach of the year, by vote of the WIAC coaches. Coach Hill humbly said, "The credit goes to this group to student/athletes who came to compete." And did they ever.

Several athletes will continue to compete for the NCAA championship meet in Canton, NY on May 22-24.
Pointers lose three of four, take third seed for WIAC Conference Tournament.

Pointers drop two to end season

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite their best efforts, the UWSP Softball team ended their season this past weekend as they fell to UW-River Falls and UW-Lacrosse in the WIAC Conference Tournament.

Both games took place on Friday with the Pointers opening against the Falcons from River Falls. The game was a battle of hitting with both teams having three runs scored in the first two innings. The Pointers then went on to win the game 12-10 to secure their place in the WIAC tournament.

The second contest Sunday the Titans scored six first inning runs to propel Oshkosh to a 9-4 victory. Pointers starter J.C. Reniker (2-2) lasted only a third of an inning as he allowed four runs, all earned, in his shortest start.

The Pointers struggled to drive in runs, standing runners on third base in four different innings, including the seventh when they left the bases loaded. Number nine hitter Jake Frombach had three hits in the game as he singled in the second and fifth and consecutive at-bats over the weekend before having the streak snapped with a ground out in his final plate appearance.

"Jake has improved more than the last month than anyone I have ever worked with," said Nelson. "He's a hard worker and being a true freshman he had a lot to learn and he is performing at a high level."

In the first Sunday tilt, the Pointers held a 2-1 advantage into the bottom of the ninth inning when the Titans rallied for two runs in the final frame for a 3-2 victory.

Senior Vince Mancuso started the ninth with his 16 homerun of the season to tie the game. Later in the inning David Young blooped a Jared Zeuz (1-2) pitch over the head of shortstop Dan Mirman to drive in the winning run.

Mike Hall to drive in the winning run from second.

On Saturday the Pointers lost up Titan pitching in the opener for 22 runs on 17 hits. The Pointers scored seven runs in both the first and second innings as they destroyed Titan pitching. Titan starter Jeremiah Gowey was removed after the first inning as he was lifted from the contest.

After four walks and a wild pitch, third baseman Matt Peterson hit a grand slam to give the Pointers an early cushion. Rightfielder Greg Tremil followed with a 3-run homer to complete the first inning onslaught.

Junior Josh Blaha (4-2) threw a complete game five-hitter, shutting down a Titan offense that came into this weekend with a .383 batting average.

The Pointers and Titans will match up again at noon on Friday in the first round of the WIAC tournament held in Whitewater.

Despite the tough weekend Coach Nelson still likes his team's chances this weekend. "There's no doubt in my mind we will win this tournament."

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The frozen sandy loam stung my bare hands with every shove of the roots. I hated my father that day. I cursed him every time I reached my hand in the cold bucket filled with seedlings as he dug another hole. I stopped counting after over the last 14 years, I've watched those spruce seedlings grow taller than me and now they create a thick mass of green needles. The trees block noise from the road and provide privacy, and now I can be grateful to those trees for providing so many life lessons.

Realm. We are all connected to the grass, to the animals to the connection that everyone has with the natural paths of Schmeeckle and should remind us that we're not all that different from one another.

I want to thank you all for helping me through two of the hardest years of my life: Steven, Dan, Josh, I love you guys like brothers and it's heartbreaking to have to say goodbye. So I won't say goodbye, I'll just say "see you later" so maybe in another time and another place our paths will intersect again.

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Standing Rocks Open for advanced throwers
The Stevens Point Area Flying Disc Association is hosting the fifth annual Standing Rocks Open (SRO) Disc Golf Tournament this weekend, May 10 and 11 at Standing Rocks Park in Stevens Point. Throwers of all professional and advanced players will be traveling from at least nine states to compete on two 18-hole courses set up just for this event.

Players play two rounds on Saturday and one on Sunday with a five-hole skins match for the top four on Sunday afternoon. Sunday's round and skins match offer a great opportunity for spectators to watch the action.

Last weekend on May 3, the amateur segment of this popular tournament took place and set a state amateur record of 181 players. In 2001 the SRO ranked 10th in number of players out of the 600 events worldwide sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA). In 2002, the tournament was plagued by winter weather conditions and ranked only 18th since some fair weather players stayed home. Stevens Point has a reputation of hosting fun, quality events; the tournament held for three years (1996-1998) at Mead Park set state records for attendance.

Although Standing Rocks Park only has nine disc golf targets permanently installed, 27 additional baskets will be set up for the weekend. The ski trails offer ample opportunities for great disc golf holes. Organizers are able to set up a very extreme course which features dramatic elevation, nasty rough and longer par four holes. One of the signature holes for which the tournament has become famous is the 540-foot, hole 14 on the East Course. This hole drives down the ski hill behind the lodge and is as much fun to throw as to watch. This hole, incidentally, was aced in 1999 by Troy Campbell of Stevens Point, is the four-time reigning champion. Barry was the 2001 National Champion and also won a gold medal at the 2001 World Games in Akita, Japan. Barry has had the best 2003 season on the national tour so far, winning 20 events already. Several other top pros will be attending this week's tournament, offering Barry some tougher competition than in the past.

For more information about the tournament, call Randy Schukar at 715-341-5240.
Let's go fishing
Summertime notions and storytelling

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

I am so pleased to know that summer is only a week away. I can trade my books for work boots during these warm months and retire my mind to those personal pursuits I have been tinkering with since January. Most important is the extra time I will have, as I'm sure most of you readers will feel the same. I am pleased summer is near, for the great fishing stories that will follow.

Last weekend I should have been doing a million things, between papers and studying. I spent the weekend up north fishing instead. I sat in a rowboat in the great Northwoods and cast my new Zebo into a lake of worry-free beauty. We only caught a few keepers, but the experience was as perfect as any fishing tale I could ever imagine. The sun was shining just so and gentle winds carried us along. Sometimes I don't know what I like better, going fishing, or just shooting some stories around over cool refreshment. Either way, the summer will provide a full livewell of both.

In the end, I like to think that the outdoors is a transforming creature in itself. A hallowed thing that always finds a way to keep you interested and smiling. I hope that, through stories, I can bestow the beauty I see to others, and while my summertime yams are mine to keep, those stories might find an ear come fall.

The finest buds blooming on campus

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

Our skilled photo editor caught up with some of these beautiful buds blooming throughout campus during the past week. The Pointer outdoors staff would like to congratulate these humble plants for showing us their wild side, if only for a few precious days. Those gorgeous plants and buds pictured will receive an extra dose of "Pointer Outdoors Fertilizer" and an honorary membership to the UWSP Fine Buds Association.

Every spring three plants around campus are bestowed with this title. All UWSP students should aspire to achieve such successes, as we should also expect great things from the leaves and flowers these spirited buds will become in the near future.

Crafting a natural loincloth for the hot summer months

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

Now that we have only a week until summer vacation, it is time to reevaluate your summer wardrobe. Most folks will pull out their shorts and tank-tops out of the hatch-attic to combat the sweltering heat. For those who seek a closer and more intimate relationship with the outdoors, a handmade, natural loincloth may be a wiser choice.

Nothing says "natural" like the stunning beauty of the naked. The Pointer's own Adam Mella sporting human body. The comfort and breathability of a handmade summertime is made loincloth. The best chance we, as furless mammals, have to enjoy the outdoors in this ideal native state. Those of you who have tried the winter-time, nude-bobbed at Iverson Park know what I mean. While summer nudity may be the most agreeable for comfort, it still contradicts our societal norms. Therefore, it may be necessary to explore the happy medium offered by a fine loincloth. This ancient, but not yet forgotten staple of worldly fashion allows people to experience the wonderful feeling of wild nakedness, while still remaining within the acceptable legal limits of society's ridiculous laws.

Crafting such a loincloth is actually quite simple. All that is needed is a handful of large, soft leaves, a length of rope or vine and an open mind. For a genital-covering cloth, use one or two leaves, or for a secure buttocks and genital swathing loincloth, use two or three leaves. Just weave the desired leaf coverage onto the rope, vine or some other type of cord. Adjust the coverage to suit your needs and enjoy. Using a clasp or pin can be useful for multiple-use loincloths, however, it is usually best to construct a new loincloth every day to combat leaf-shrinkage... and in turn, genital and buttocks exposure.

So go on and give it a try. Loincloths are attractive, allow ample breathing in humid environments, require no laundry and most importantly, let the human body experience hot summer weather in a natural, yet acceptably semi-naked state...even moreso than a Speedo.

Mr. Winters' two cents

Well, it's been a hell of a time getting on with you kids this year. I hope that I've been able to key ya'll in to some of life's lessons, not to mention, talk a bit about where and how to catch my own buddy, the goggle-asaurus (Walleye). Anyhoo, before we take separate trails for a spell, I'd like to give you folks some summer insights.

Number one, if you want big walleye, find some deep water. Then fellers are just like me in that they like a cold, quiet environment on them sweltering summer days. Course, sometimes I still got to get out in the field. Speaking of the field, here's suggestion two: if you're going to bailing hay this summer, get your ass on the tractor, not the wagon. That is a lesson in life just as much as it is a reasonable idea.

Well, I'm getting off the subject again. Here's the final and third summertime premonition. Get out and enjoy your break. Don't go working too damn hard... oh, well, since I won't be around to tell you this until next fall, I'll tell you now. One last time right now: "Go on and Geeeeet!!"

Term for the walleye first coined by my good friend "Pike," otherwise known as "Shit-Pike."

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By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Well, we had a good run. With only a handful of academic obligations left to complete, I've come to terms with the fact that the glorious four year stretch known as college will soon come to an end. Frankly, I've just can't be tied down. Frankly, I've come to terms with the fact that I've only had space and I've even been thinking about seeing other universities...

For my fellow graduates out there, I think we can all agree that it's time to break it all off with UWSP, I feel that I can offer some advice. When it comes to something as life-changing as college graduation and the eventual assimilation into the fabled "real world," it's important to approach such an event with the right frame of mind.

Most college grads will celebrate this event by binge drinking until they black out and vomit on themselves. While this certainly constitutes an acceptable graduation event with the right frame of mind.

As an increasingly introverted and the land of the grown-ups.

The dancers of UWSP have outdone themselves once again with Danstage 2003. Featuring seven very unique pieces, Danstage is a guaranteed good time and a fantastic addition to any weekend plans.

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**Performance Review**

**Danstage 2003**

**By Amanda Rasmussen**

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**Local Live Music Schedule**

**The Mission Coffeehouse**

**Friday, May 9**

Brainerd, Shutdown

**Saturday, May 10**

Alpha Dog
Scarlett
Den Mothers

**Witz End**

**Friday, May 9**

Michael Hurley & Sloppy Joe

**Saturday, May 10**

Burnt Toast & Jam
Wow. End of the semester already. Time sure flies when you don’t have a job and just sit around all day looking for new places to scratch yourself.

Anyway, I’ve got a bunch of letters to deal with and this is my last chance this semester. So I guess I better skip my ordinary witty patter and dig right in.

Pat,

Two weeks ago you mentioned that you’d been writing for The Pointer for four years. That means I’ve missed two years of your stuff. Have you ever thought of putting all of it in a book or something? I’d buy it.

Fanboy (Or Maybe Fangirl)

Pat,

I am graduating in May so this will be my last letter to you. This one is actually serious.

I heard through the grapevine that you may be ‘calling it a wrap’ on your column. This is a bad idea. With all the crap going on in the world, people need humor and need to laugh.

Philip Kauth

Yeah, I was thinking of giving up the column for a while. When you get as old and crotchety as I am, sometimes you turn the crank on the funny machine and nothing comes out.

You’ve helped out a lot with your letters. (For those of you who don’t follow along all that closely, Phil has written in some great questions, including my favorite of all time, the “Snake with Stapler” question.) It’s a lot easier to make with the funny when someone out there primes the funny pump for me.

Uh… don’t read too much into that last statement.

But no fear, Phil. I’ve decided to hold onto the column for at least another semester or two. (If next year’s Pointer crew will have me)

And when I can’t get my funny on, we’ll have some new Rothfuss blood to pick up the slack….

Pat,

Jamie’s bar column rocked. Where have you been keeping her? She rocks. Unless you made her up. In that case she still rocks, but differently than the aforementioned rocking. And you rock too. Will she be writing more next semester?

Kelly

Even after the confusing votes like this one are tallied, everyone seems to have liked Jamie’s column. In fact, she’s been mooching free drinks all week from the bars she didn’t slander too badly. Apparently, I’ve never realized the full potential for grift that this column provides.

In response to your letter, Kelly: Yes she does rock. No, I didn’t make her up. I keep her in a shoebox under my bed, and yes, she’ll probably be making guest appearances next semester provided that I can still find said shoebox.

Hell, maybe we’ll make this into a regular brother-and-sister show. The Flying Rothfuss or some shit like that.

If you feel the burning desire for a little extra Pat Rothfuss before your summer starts, feel free to stop by at Café Le Grande in Wausau on the 29th of the month. (on Grand Ave. near the fire station.) Pat Rothfuss will be reading a collection of his poetry to a room full of sycophants and sybarites. Trust me, you’ll fit right in.
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