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University speculates on arming Protective Services

Decision will depend on possible Doyle veto and potential override

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

If concealed weapons are permitted on college campuses, UW-Stevens Point may have to require its Protective Services officers to carry firearms, said Greg Diemer, vice-chancellor of business affairs.

Legislation that would end Wisconsin's 130-year ban on concealed weapons received approval from the state Senate on Tuesday, after amendments were made to the version passed by both houses of legislature last month.

The bill now awaits approval from Gov. Jim Doyle, who criticized the legislation following the Senate's vote.

The legislation includes an amendment that would ban concealed weapons from university and technical college buildings, but would not provide restrictions on conceal and carry in other areas, such as the campus grounds, wildlife reserves and other outdoor property.

"I would have liked to have seen the amendment keep conceal and carry off of university campuses entirely," said Diemer. "However I understand the

impracticality of that as well."

He also stated that the possibility of adding armed officers to the current Protective Services staff remains speculative and is currently not receiving much consideration, despite the attention the matter garnered in the Nov. 7 issue of The Stevens Point Journal.

Only Protective Services staff who are sworn and certified law enforcement officers would be permitted to carry a firearm on patrol, and not student officers who comprise the majority of the staff.

All Protective Services officers currently carry pepper spray, but no other form of weaponry.

Diemer stated that any decision to alter this practice would come only after the future of the legislation became more certain, noting that Gov. Doyle has gestured toward vetoing the bill when it reaches his desk.

Proponents of the bill would need to raise 66 votes in the Assembly and 22 votes in the Senate to override the veto. The bill was approved by a vote of 64-35 in the Assembly and 24-8 in the Senate.

"We'll have to evaluate the situation as it unfolds, and if necessary, consider whether we'll need to arm some officers," said Diemer. "But I hope it doesn't come to that."

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Photo by Liz Bolton

A Protective Services officer poses with a can of pepper spray, the only weapon officers currently carry as part of an unarmed campus security staff.

Campus not accessible for disabled students

By Johanna Nelson
NEWS REPORTER

A broken leg forced DeAnna Bublitz to reassess things most college students take for granted, such as navigation around campus.

For example, stairs, doors and sidewalks became obstacles she had to deal with on a daily basis. As a result, her perception of campus changed, leading her to say, "I notice the sidewalk and all its little bumps - it is frustrating."

Her broken leg (caused by an inattentive driver who hit her while she was bicycling), confined her to a wheelchair for two weeks. During this period, Bublitz utilized the available handicap facilities on campus.

Her experiences left her dissatisfied with the available accommodations. "I now notice everything that makes access difficult or impossible."

For instance, the HEC does not have automatic doors to the bathrooms with handicap signs and there is no automatic door leading from the main corridor to the elevator, despite a little sign with the handicap cartoon on it."

Such difficulties led Bublitz to submit a letter to *The Pointer* which was featured in the Oct. 30

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It's hardwood time



Photo by Patricia Larson

Junior Eric Maus (50) goes in for a lay-up during Wednesday's Purple-Gold game. Season preview on page 9.

Severe outbreaks predicted for 2003 flu season

By Sarah Ceranski
NEWS REPORTER

The Mayo Clinic staff is predicting severe outbreaks this flu season, leading public health officials to advise getting influenza vaccinations as early as possible this year.

The health services department at UW-Stevens Point initially planned on offering vaccinations until Friday, however, due to a larger than expected turnout, Dr. Bill Hettler has predicted that the department could run out of serum by mid-day Thursday.

"Students have really been coming in," said Hettler, director of health services. "We're very happy to get the vaccination out there before students leave for break."

Hettler stated Wednesday that health services set a goal of providing 1000 immunization shots before the four-day recess from classes in two weeks, and that because of the large turnout, this goal will easily be met.

In the United States each year, influenza (flu) causes 36,000 deaths and 114,000 hospitalizations.

"It is extremely important for those with chronic medical conditions and older adults to get vac-

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edition. The letter centered upon her dissatisfaction with the handicap facilities available on campus. Bublitz stated that only one of the 14 residence halls contained an elevator, and none had automatic doors.

In her interview with journalist Kate Garsombke of the Stevens Point Journal, she provided specific examples of her struggles with campus amenities. In particular, she made reference to an automatic door meant to facilitate entry. However, according to Bublitz's personal experience(s), it "worked only sporadically."

After expressing her discontent, Bublitz has yet to observe any changes or improvements on campus. She feels that "there does not seem to be much change since Disability Services refuses to admit that they are lacking in certain areas of maintenance and accessibility."

Statements given by John Timzak, director of Disability Services, reflect Bublitz's perception of the present situation.

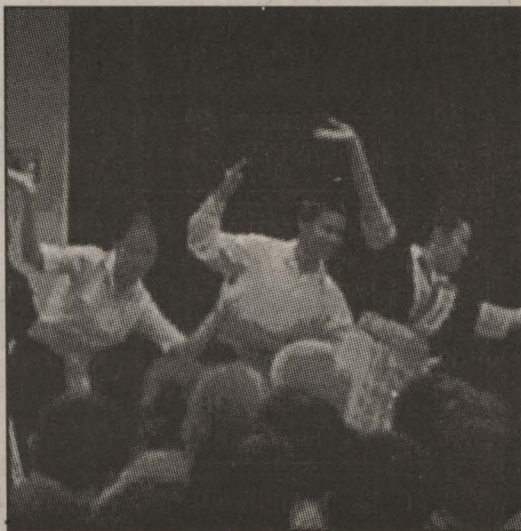
In his interview with journalist Kate Garsombke, he stated that "UWSP meets and even exceeds American Disability Act requirements." Garsombke also cited Timcak as stating that "Pray-Sims Hall is the only handicap-accessible dorm because of the 14 residence halls, it is closest to academic buildings... Accessibility is contiguous to having an accessible route."

Student Government Association, which serves as an outlet for student complaints, had little to say about the issue due to the fact that it lies in the jurisdiction of Disability Services. Renee Stieve, Vice President of SGA stated that "No complaints have come to the SGA office since the year has begun; almost all problems that occur at this university are explored by Disability Services."

She added that "Student Government members are always available for any students to voice their complaints; in addition, members are constantly looking at issues that effect students and making sure this is the best campus it can be."

For further information on UWSP's available facilities, go to the Access for Persons with Special Needs page at <http://www.uwsp.edu/tour/spneeds1.htm>

HaSEAAC to present Taste of Toj Roob



Dancers perform the "Dream Lover" at last year's installment of HaSEAAC's annual dinner to celebrate Hmong culture.

By David Cohen

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Hmong and South East Asian American Club (HaSEAAC) will be offering an evening of traditional Hmong dining and culture on Saturday, Nov. 22. The third annual "Taste of Toj Roob," will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Laird Room. Toj Roob translates as "the Mountains" and refers to the mountainous areas of Thailand, which has been the primary home for Hmong culture.

The Hmong student organization feels that this event is important for a number of reasons, but largely to present Hmong culture to the rest of the community. With the large population of Hmong in central Wisconsin, Sue Kubley Clark, the club's advisor, says that "the relationship between the Hmong and the rest of the community is weak." The club hopes to strengthen that relationship by creating an understanding and background with Hmong culture.

She also states that UWSP currently has an enrollment of 112 Hmong students and hopes that events such as these will be inviting to Hmong students so that the number will be more proportionate to the number of Hmong in this area.

Mei Choua Moua, HaSEAAC's fundraising chair, feels that the rapport between the Hmong and the rest of the community is pertinent because of the Hmong being a growing population in the area. She also points out, however, that an event such as this can educate the younger Hmong as well as others.

"We as the younger generation," she says, "are able to learn more of our culture and learn more of our language so we don't forget where we are from."

This is done by having Hmong of previous generations, who experienced more of the culture in Thailand before immigrating to the US, give presentations on their culture, history and



Photos courtesy of Dianna Moua

A fashion show also appeared on the line up of last year's entertainment, with participants modeling traditional Hmong clothing.

religious practices. Presentations will be given in both Hmong and English with translators for both languages.

Dianna Moua, the club's president, says that the event provides both a gathering for the Hmong and also a meeting between the Hmong and people of other cultures. She says that the theme of this year's dinner will be "Hmong Womens' Issues." She states that the purpose is to promote Hmong womens' growth. She feels this is a very pertinent cause because "In Hmong culture it's a little harder for women to gain success and be recognized for their achievements."

The keynote speaker will be Vilay Her. Her is a graduate of UWSP and is currently a music teacher in Wausau. She is also a national presenter of Hmong cultural music. Her presentation will focus on college and careers after college for Hmong women.

Ted Yang, the entertainment coordinator for the event, says, "there will be cultural food, and performances of dance, Hmong folk singing and traditional instruments." There will also be a fashion show displaying traditional clothing styles.

Clark points out that the club has more plans to promote awareness of Hmong culture by offering a night class for those interested in Hmong language and culture. The class will be offered for a second time next semester and will be taught by Hmong students who are fluent in the language. Josh Ertl, one of the club's public relations officers, illustrates that the culture can be of strong interest to people of non-Asian backgrounds. He says, "I recommend to anyone to take this course. I have learned so much."

The club invites all to attend both of these activities. Students with an ID will be charged six dollars for the food and entertainment, while non-students will be charged ten dollars at the door.

Flu outbreaks

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nated," says Gregory Poland, M.D., director of the Vaccine Research Group at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and president of the International Society for Vaccines.

Anyone can contract influenza. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that flu shots can be beneficial not only for the elderly and the sick, but for healthy adults and children.

Influenza is a viral infection that attacks your respiratory system, including your nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. Some symptoms include coughing, sneezing, high fever, chills and body aches.

It is highly contagious and spreads easily where people congregate- schools, childcare centers, offices, nursing homes, etc. The flu is transmitted when the infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks and sends flu virus into the air, and other people inhale the virus.

Outbreaks are most likely to occur between November and April. October and November are the best times to receive the flu shot but the vaccination will still benefit those who receive it later in the season.

Flu shots are not guaranteed to be effective in all cases. They do however, lessen the severity of symptoms and reduce the risk of hospitalization or death if infection occurs.

Flu shots also do not provide benefits to everyone who receives one.

People who are allergic to eggs, as well as those who are sick, have a high fever, or a history of severe reactions to flu shots, should avoid receiving them.

To ward off infection certain measures should be taken in order to maintain a strong immune system. These include eating healthy foods, exercising regularly, getting adequate sleep and washing your hands before touching your eyes and mouth.

Students in dormitories and others in institutional settings are encouraged to get flu shots because of daily contact with large assemblages of people.

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Skating violations will receive citations

Protective Services stiffen enforcement due to property damage and safety concerns

By Andrew Bloeser
NEWS EDITOR

Skateboarding and roller-blading enthusiasts at UW-Stevens Point will face fines of up to \$181 if they violate university policy governing their conduct while on wheels.

Protective Services issued a statement Wednesday indicating that due to the occurrence of property damage on campus, officers will begin issuing citations to individuals skating in banned areas or harassing other pedestrians.

Banned areas include curbs, benches, bike racks, railings and all permanent fixtures on campus.

"Our concern is that someone might be injured by the activities of skaters and that no further property damage occurs," said Bill Rowe, director of UWSP Protective Services.

Rowe also stated that there have been several violations on campus this semester, but that no citations have yet been issued.

Adults cited for violating the university skating policy would incur a fine of \$181, while juveniles would pay \$50 for the same offense.

Fines become stiffened if an indi-

vidual's behavior goes beyond skating in prohibited areas and is classified as disorderly conduct-indecent, profane and offensive behavior.

In the case of disorderly conduct, adults would be fined \$274, while juveniles would receive a fine of \$50.

Rowe stated that to date, the only reported incident resembling disorderly conduct involved a group of skaters reported to have uttered profanity at an individual warning them about skating too close to university buildings and entrance ways.

Current policy mandates that while skating, individuals must remain 20 feet from entryways.

Matt Oldenburg, a UWSP student who skates as a hobby, takes exception to the price of the fines and the way skaters are commonly portrayed on campus.

"The fines are really steep as a penalty for enjoying a leisure activity," said Oldenburg.

He also felt that skaters receive more harassment on campus than they dish out.

"It's actually vice-versa from what most people think," he said. "It's actually the big meat-head jocks hassling the skaters."

The policy on skating conduct and the fines have actually existed prior to this semester, but Protective Services felt that it needed to remind the campus community of the consequences for violations before enforcing the policy more rigorously.

Protective Services
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Bill Rowe, director of Protective Services at UWSP, also hopes that arming officers won't become necessary, but acknowledges that the decision rests with the university administration.

"I'd like to see a weapons free campus and I'm certainly not in favor of arming any law enforcement officers on campus," said Rowe.

Rowe cited the working relationship Protective Services maintains with the Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD) as a primary reason that arming Protective Services officers

would not be necessary. He stated that the SPPD has had an "outstanding response time" in the past when handling situations on campus.

He also expressed concerns about the safety of student officers on the

Protective Services staff if concealed weapons are permitted on campus.

"It would raise legitimate concerns and we would have to amend the way we do business," said Rowe. "We'd have to take a long, hard look at how we would respond to various types of calls."

Even if conceal and carry become permitted under law, sworn and certified Protective Services officers may still go unarmed.

"I'd like to see a weapons free campus and I'm certainly not in favor of arming any law enforcement officer on campus."

-Bill Rowe

Diemer stated that before any decision is made final, the University Affairs Committee would review the possible policy change and pass along a series of recommendations to the Faculty Senate and student senate for approval.

The final decision would rest with the chancellor, who would then review the respective decisions of the Faculty and student senate.

Correction

It was reported in the Nov. 6 edition of *The Pointer* under the headline, "STV debuts debate forum for political organizations," that Carla Lorenz is a member of the UWSP College Republicans. According to the UWSP Republicans, Ms. Lorenz has not yet met the criteria to become a member of their organization.

Lot Q
Tuesday, Nov. 11 8:45 a.m.
Type: Theft

A male student reported that his bike had been stolen from where it had been secured.

Hansen Hall
Friday, Nov. 7 8:02 p.m.
Type: Underage drinking

Protective Services officers responded to a call reporting loud music and underage drinking.

Lot Q
Thursday, Nov. 6 1:00 p.m.
Type: Traffic Accident

A parking attendant reported that while on patrol he noticed that three vehicles had been pushed into each other by unknown means.

Lot F
Wednesday, Nov. 5 9:16 p.m.
Type: Vandalism

A female reported that vandalism had occurred to her vehicle. She observed that the driver's side door had been damaged.

University Center
Wednesday, Nov. 5 7:00 p.m.
Type: Theft

A female reported the theft of a large rubber plant stolen just outside of the Wooden Spoon. The plant was described as large enough to require two people to carry it.

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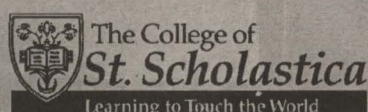
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Musings from Mirman

Textbooks, we don't need no stinking textbooks. Well, maybe for math.

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This semester I have done more reading than any previous semester of college. However, this has not been the most assigned reading I have had in a semester.

The reason for my increased reading: a lack of textbooks and more "real books."

I only have one book this semester that I would describe as a textbook. When I use the word textbook, I am not referring to a hardcover, bigger than a breadbox textbook. That definition is far too limiting. I refer to any book that has dryer-than-sand reading. The books that require a pot of coffee to keep your eyes open. Books that keep everything black and white while ignoring the difficult gray areas.

I never questioned the idea of a textbook until this summer. It was at this time that I read the book *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James W. Loewen.

This book looked solely at the subject of history and focused on how our school system teaches history mainly through dry textbooks that present an oversimplification of the past.

This would provide a fine representation of the past, except that the history of the United States and the world is much more complex. Loewen poses the possibility of presenting all sides to students and allowing them to select the view they believe to have the most accuracy.

Obviously certain subjects require textbooks. Exact subjects with a single solution like math, for example, can only be taught through a textbook. There is no way to get around it. But other classes stifle students' thinking and likewise their desire to learn and read further.

A study released in June by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as the nation's report card, had some intriguing findings when it comes to the nation's reading level.

The study discovered that fourth graders had made a significant gain in reading levels since a study in 1998. However, eighth graders showed no

improvement and twelfth graders actually declined in their levels. Our Education Secretary Rod Paige, in response to the study, stated, "There are no scientific answers as to why our high school seniors have performed so poorly on this reading assessment, but we're still searching for solutions to these daunting challenges."

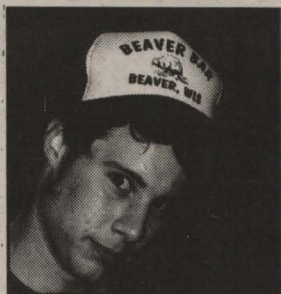
Maybe Mr. Paige should consider this textbook theory. In grade school students must be taught simplified information, therefore the textbook provides a useful teaching tool. It makes things clear without much room for interpretation. By eighth grade students have moved past the basic understanding level and are ready to be challenged a little bit, but they continue to learn from oversimplified textbooks. By twelfth grade the students' minds are certainly ready for more challenging reading, but instead they get updated textbooks. Most students simply don't read them because the class lecture usually covers the basics. Besides, it can take 15 minutes to get through a single page.

I propose that from the high school level on up teachers find alternate readings, readings that grab your attention while still presenting the important facts. If the book is slightly slanted, the teacher can explain that to their students which allows them to think even more when they read.

A well-written book can even keep the interest of students who have little interest in the subject.

The books assigned to me this semester have all presented viewpoints that have caused me to alter some of my beliefs. I have read Noam Chomsky for the first time and that has given me a much better understanding of the middle east than any textbook could. In another class, a John Stauber book has provided insight into the despicable actions of the public relations industry. While these books are slanted, they also give great perspective on their respective subjects.

These books have also given me a desire to pursue similar readings and that's a feeling that a textbook can rarely accomplish.



How to avoid the frosh 15

We all know that eating too much can cause weight gain. But when you are under the influence of alcohol, do you pay attention to how many calories you are consuming?

Many students don't. Becoming aware of your eating and drinking habits can help you to avoid gaining the "Freshman Fifteen" - which we all know does not only affect freshman.

Often students drink to excess and then upon returning home, or on the journey home, eat a large quantity of high calorie foods (pizza, Topperstix, Taco Bell). Sound familiar? If this sounds like a typical weekend for you, you could be at risk to put on quite a few unwanted pounds.

The total caloric intake of a typical weekend binge and after-bar snack can average 1,509 calories (this includes five light beers and three slices of pepperoni pizza).

In order to burn off this hefty load of calories, you would have to run at a pace of ten minutes per mile for two

hours just to break even with the calories in/calories out balance. That is almost an entire day's worth of calories needed for a grown adult!

This excess amount of calories from alcohol and food will cause weight gain if physical activity isn't correspondingly increased.

Now imagine the amount of weight that can be packed on if you binge drink two nights a week and proceed to snack afterwards. At this rate you could put on average of four pounds per month!

Intoxication alone will cause an individual to have impaired judgment. While this can lead to more dangerous outcomes, poor judgment does affect food choices.

So, if you choose not to change your binge drinking/eating habits, you should plan to spend an extra amount of time on the treadmill!

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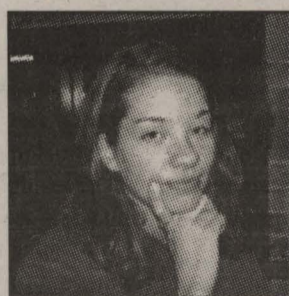
On a scale from 1-10, how do you rate President Bush?



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I give him a 6 for effort.



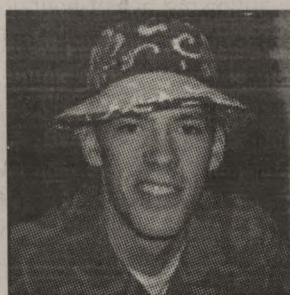
Matt VanZeeland, Jr. Biology
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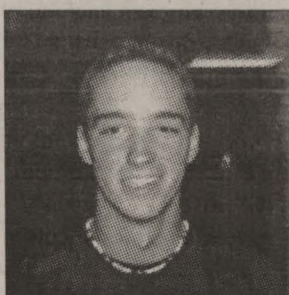
Andrea Weyers, Jr. Communications
I give him a 2 cuz he ain't got good grammar.



Andrea Phillips, Fr. Dietetics
7 because I thought the war in Iraq was a good thing and the economy is improving.



Will Barnett, Fr. Environmental Ed.
5 Action had to be taken after 9/11, but he took it too far.



Matt Schuler, So. Wildlife Management
4 I'm a republican, but he lacks respect for environmental policies.

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Good eats in Point

When dining at Michele's, remember to bring your wallet

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

I must admit that I went to Michele's Restaurant and Lounge for this review because I was somewhat curious. The restaurant sits right across the row of trees at the back of Lot P (which to me symbolizes the borders of the campus). Yet despite the fact that it's next door, I had never been there. Upon dining there for the first time on Tuesday night, I understood why.

That's not to say that Michele's is a bad restaurant. Actually, the truth is that the place is quite exquisite. It's an ideal place to take a date, what with the fancy surroundings, the soft lighting and the flowers on every table and the intercom that blares Don Henley and such all evening. Plus, the large bar at the front, complete with both fish in a large tank at the back and fish mounted on the wall above is very nice. They even have a fireplace in the bar area (and it's a real one, not a prop).

The reason why one should be apprehensive before going to Michele's can be found on the menu. The prices at the establishment are rather high. A filet mignon serving costs \$18.99 to \$22.99. A steak costs \$19.99. Their shrimp, one of my favorite meals in creation, also costs \$19.99. Wine can cost up to \$5 a glass. And if you want a bottle of their most expensive wine, that'll be \$50 a pop, my friend. All of these prices are appropriate for high class food such as they serve, but it's out of most college

students' regular dining budgets.

Being one of those college students, I too was faced with a monetary problem. Even though I had donated plasma that day and had an extra \$20 available, that still wasn't enough to have anything really big without wrecking my budget for the week. So I had the cheapest thing on the menu, a bowl of French Onion soup for \$3.99. That may not sound like much, but they are kind enough to provide a large helping of rolls with it, along with enough butter to give Gilbert Brown heart palpitations. For only \$3.99, I thought that was a good deal.

up rather quickly and defeat their purpose of being warm-up entrees. Perhaps appetizers then should be cheaper and a bit on the lean side, so as to not ruin your appetite.

If I were to suggest the most convenient time for one who isn't on a date to go to Michele's, it would be on Friday for the fish fry. One may think I'm saying this simply because of my addiction to all things seafood. Yes, I do love fish, but I'm highlighting the Friday options because they're reasonably priced. The fish fry (consisting of fried cod) costs only \$8.99 and even the perch, the most expensive Friday special, costs only \$11.99 (a small price to pay for the greatest tasting species of fish in creation). So if one desires to go to Michele's for a casual dinner, Friday's probably the best option.

I really can't complain much about Michele's. The food was exquisite, the ambience was very nice and the service was exceptional. If you want to impress a date, I can't think of a better place to do so than there. But do so only if you've got a deep wallet and can spare to spend some cash. Michele's is fine dining, but be sure you've got the green to cover it.

On a final note, in case you wish to contact Michele's for dining times and whatnot, you can do so on the Web. Their e-mail address is micheles@charternet. Isn't that convenient? I rather like a restaurant that allows you to do that, regardless of their price range.



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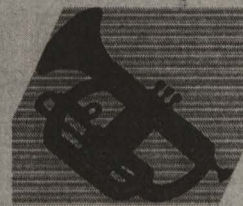
Fine dining to be found at Michele's Restaurant.

It shouldn't surprise you much that the French Onion soup is an appetizer. As it turned out, however, it was Michele's least expensive appetizer. The other appetizers ran from \$7.99 to \$8.99. Such prices for appetizers bothers me a bit. I consider appetizers to be basically a light snack before the main course. What I don't like are appetizers that are practically meals unto themselves. Such appetizers fill you

UWSP hosts Horn Choir Festival

By Maria Lewis

FEATURES REPORTER



Horn players throughout the midwest will gather at UW-Stevens Point for the 13th annual Horn Choir Festival this Saturday, Nov. 15.

The festival attracts up to 116 participants. This is the largest festival of its kind in the U.S.-middle school through professional level. Horn players will learn about their instruments in a positive and festive atmosphere.

This year's horn ensemble guest is Bay Port High School in Green Bay, along with director Luther Appel.

Performers at the afternoon concert include the UWSP Horn Choir, UWSP Quartets and the Festival Choir, which includes all of the participants. The festival choir is conducted by Professor Patrick Miles.

Master classes, clinics and rehearsals will be held throughout the day for all of the horn players. Ending the day will be a concert in the afternoon. Don't fret about parking it is free all weekend

long!

The schedule for the day goes a little something like this; from 10-10:25 a.m. is registration, 10:30-12 p.m. is the massed choir rehearsal. Lunch time is from 12-1 p.m. Sectional classes are held from 1-1:30 p.m. Master class with Pat Miles and the UWSP horn students will go from 1:30-2:30 p.m. From 2:30-3:15 p.m. the massed choir rehearsal will run.

Everyone will have time to practice it up during individual rehearsal time from 3:15-4 p.m. After the whirlwind day, the conclusion will be a final concert at Michelsen Hall, which is open to the public with no cover charge.

It would be a good plan to check out the horn playing that is going down this weekend at the UWSP Fine Arts Center. Music is the rhythm of life, so head down and see some talented horn players rock the house!

Hip hop echoes through the Encore

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Encore was filled with the sounds of hip-hop as various Eminem wannabes gave it their all to impress the audience.

Between 40 and 60 UW-Stevens Point students turned out to see the concert given by rap group Heiruspecs in the Encore. The performance began at 7:00 p.m. following a half-hour long opening act performance by fellow rappers Insanely Beautiful. The act lasted until 10 p.m.

Admission was \$3 or free with a student ID. The Pointer Express was also open for refreshment, including alcoholic drinks, available to all those with a legitimate I.D.

The performance itself was loud and exuberant. Both bands rapped their little hearts out as they tried to get their audience

into the spirit of the evening.

The performers' enthusiasm considerably outshone that of the audience. The somewhat sparse audience gave polite applause at first and varied throughout the night as students slipped in and out of the Encore. A few lonely souls tried to get a dance started in from of the performance stage, but found few takers.

As the performance went on, however, the audience grew more receptive towards Heiruspecs' calls to get involved in the music. By the time this reporter departed, most of the audience was standing and gyrating in front of the stage, which encouraged the performers to rap even harder.

The performance was sponsored by Centertainment. For more information, contact them or search the campus website <http://www.uwsp.edu>.

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The practice of proper etiquette

A presentation on incorporating manners into daily life

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

The issue of proper etiquette was the topic of discussion at November's Lead Dinner Tuesday evening. Professor Dan Dieterich and Career Service's John Zach, led the evening by discussing various ways and common practices of etiquette to impart in our daily lives.

The evening began with Professor Dieterich explaining where the term etiquette is derived from. Etiquette comes from the French language in which it means "ticket." It is referred to as the conventional rules of social behavior. In essence, proper etiquette can be your ticket to business and personal relations.

It is noted that only seven percent of the language that we communicate in our daily lives is verbal, making the other 93 percent nonverbal communication. Realizing this is the first step to a successful interview, Dr. Dieterich noted. Foremost, time is of the essence as far as an interview is concerned. It is best to arrive five to ten minutes beforehand so as not to seem too eager,

yet to convey that you are a punctual person.

Secondly, touch comes into play. Dr. Dieterich noted that people react ten times more strong to touch than to words. A handshake is the first and last form of contact that one has with one's interviewer. Realizing this is key for a simple handshake, which can convey a great deal about you.

Maintaining eye contact, having a firm grasp, as well as allowing roughly two to three shakes of the hand is important in sending the right message to your potential employer.

Thirdly, Dr. Dieterich noted the importance of maintaining eye contact while in your interview. Establishing direct eye contact conveys to your interviewer that you are friendly, sincere and self confident. Dr. Dieterich stat-

ed, "In the U.S., we communicate naturally through eye contact. It is just what we do here." Eye contact says a great deal about your interest in the position, as well as the level of interest the interviewer should take in considering you for the job.

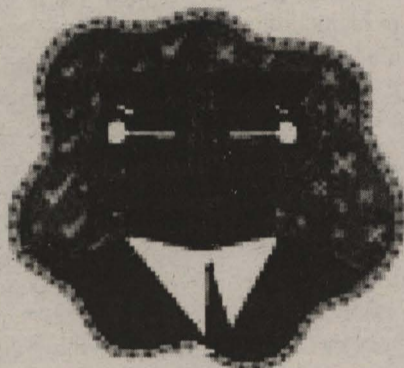
The evening concluded with Dr. Dieterich and Mr. Zach demonstrating to the students how to use proper etiquette at a meal setting. Students were served a meal that was meant to be challenging to eat if they were to impart the skills they had learned throughout the evening. Customary practices such as mashing your potato and buttering your entire roll at one time were discouraged. As you can imagine, this was rather challenging to college students who normally are consumed by filling their face in the

presence of food.

A great deal was learned through this experience, and it was evident that the students took away a new understanding of what proper etiquette fully entails. As Erin Day, a junior at Point who attended the etiquette dinner this year for her second time, noted, "This is something I would definitely recommend that students take advantage of because it gives a great deal of information about the importance of setting a good first impression. This is something that I can say I learned even more at the second time around, for when preparing for a job, you can never be too prepared."

The Etiquette Dinner is an annual Lead program so for those of you that were unable to take advantage of it this year, I would definitely encourage you to plan on attending this program next fall.

The knowledge that you gain from this experience will be more than useful to you when you are planning on taking those first steps into the outside world come graduation day.



The issue of proper etiquette is definitely a trying issue to many.

Fashion... can it truly exist in chilly Wisconsin?

Yes, one can be fashionable in the bitter cold

By Maria Lewis
FEATURES REPORTER

As it gets colder, and it always does, fashion becomes not very functional. As a lover of fashion and also a resident of Wisconsin for the past 20 years, I have found some ways to be fashionable and warm. It is all about the application.

The look for footwear is generally not very warm. The pointed shoes with stiletto heels are not made to truck through snow. However, a fashion alternative this year is fur boots. These kinds of boots come up to the knee and are fuzzy on the inside and sometimes faux furry on the outside. This is an excellent fashion statement, and it also keeps you and your feet warm while hiking to campus. You can pick up these boots at thrift or shoe stores.

Boots are not the only fashion problem in Wisconsin. Outerwear in general is not the most flattering thing for the old figure. No need to go out and buy a new jacket. It is all about accessories. Buy a cute new scarf with fringes on the bottom; remember scarves don't always have to match your jacket. However, make sure that your hat goes with your scarf or vice versa. This will

bring your warm winter look together.

Winter clogs in the event of minimal snow are also a fashionable look when you don't want to slip on your way to class or want the bulk of a boot. Remember, though, to wear thick socks to keep your tootsies warm.

Sweaters can be a look or a faux pas. Sweaters should be warm but also show your figure. Baggy does not always mean warm.

The monogram sweaters which are all the rage this season are not a bad look to strut. The added bonus with the monogram sweaters is that if you forget which letter your first name starts with, well, it's right there on your sweater. Coupling the ever popular long-sleeved collar shirt with a sweater over the top is a warm and fashionable way to go to class or out on the town.

For the fellas it is important not to be afraid of the turtleneck sweater or just sweaters in general. They are fashionable and always a classic. Otherwise, men, you can be warm and pull off the rustic outdoorsman look. Or if you are a rugged outdoorsman, just work the look.

Yes, I realize that fashion is generally not a concern on those

cold Wisconsin mornings, but on those hot Wisconsin nights it is important to dress to party. This sometimes is a task in itself. You want to look hot, but you also want to stay warm.

My advice is to layer. Layering is an easy way to prepare for any condition. A tank, with a long sleeve, and then a sweater can pretty much take you from the chilly outside to the hot party inside. Keep track of your layers; it would be dreadful to lose your prized sweater in an unfortunate hot flash!

Remember to try different colors that are season appropriate like browns, reds, winter white, greens, oranges, purples, and certain deep blues. Be daring and creative. The most important part, though, is to stay warm in this fashion process.



The importance of looking good while staying warm during the Wisconsin winter.

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1. While you are eating, you should try to maintain the same pace as those sitting around you.
2. It is okay to place your elbows on the table between courses.
3. If you are served rolls, you should break or tear them in half with your fingers and butter them before you begin eating them.
4. It is okay for a man to walk in the middle when walking with two women.
5. Men and women should always extend their right hand when being introduced.
6. A man should go around to the passenger side and assist a woman into and out of a car.
7. You should always tip 15% to 20% of the total cost of the meal, even if the service was poor.
8. As soon as you sit down, you should place your napkin on your lap.
9. "Fine" is all that is necessary as a response when you are asked "How do you do?" when being introduced to someone.
10. Crackers, other than oyster crackers, should be placed on the soup plate or bread and butter plate, but never in your soup.

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Pointers roll through WIAC foes, ready for national tournament

Victorious battle with Malcalester in the sleet opens NCAA tournament

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Stevens Point women's soccer team began what was to be a busy week last Friday as they entered the WIAC tournament against the LaCrosse Eagles. The Pointers were looking for redemption after suffering their first regular season conference loss ever to the Eagles just two weeks earlier, and got it with a 5-0 victory.

soccer

The Pointers came out firing, scoring their first goal less than fifteen minutes in, as Melissa Becker took a Kelly Fink pass and scored her seventh goal of the season. UWSP had several more opportunities to extend their lead, but the Eagles hung tough and the half ended with the score 1-0.

The second half started much like the first, with the Pointers scoring early. Jenny Bruce scored a little over six minutes in to put the Pointers up 2-0. Andrea Oswald and Kim Reese shared the assist. The Pointers kept the pressure on, and it paid off as they scored their third goal of the game when Reese put the ball past the Eagles goalie for her fifth goal of the season with Abbey Kirchdoerfer and Oswald helping out on

the assist.

UWSP was going to leave no doubt about the outcome of this match, as Becker put the Pointers up 4-0 with an unassisted goal at the eight minute mark. Less than three minutes later, Fink capped off the scoring, getting an assist from Anna Van Stippen making the final score 5-0 in favor of the Pointers.

Overall the Pointers dominated outshooting LaCrosse by an incredible 29-3 margin, including allowing the Eagles only one shot in the second half.

Saturday saw the Pointers take on regular season conference champ UW-River Falls in the finals. The two teams played a hard-fought game, with Point emerging victorious in overtime, 2-1.

After a first half that ended in a scoreless tie, River Falls got on the board first on what would be their only shot of the second half, with a Katie Rooney goal at the 74:28 mark.

The Pointers responded five minutes later as Bruce tied the score with her sixteenth goal of the season, with the assist going to Becker. Regulation ended with the teams deadlocked at one.

It took the Pointers until five minutes into the second OT period to finally put in the winning goal. Oswald took a Megan Frey pass and fired it home as the Pointers won their 11th WIAC tournament in twelve years.

With the win, the Pointers got an automatic spot in the NCAA Division III tournament.



Photo by Shea Rollins

Senior Jenny Bruce battles a River Falls defender for the ball during Saturday's WIAC Tournament championship game. UWSP won 2-1 in overtime.

In their first tournament game, the Pointers spent a rainy and windy Wednesday afternoon hosting the Macalester Scots in the first round, beating them 3-0.

The Pointers were once again looking to avenge a regular season loss. On September 14, Macalester handed the Pointers their first loss of the season with a 3-2 overtime victory.

After a scoreless first half, the Pointers started the second half strong. Not even one minute into the half, Fink broke loose and fired a shot that was stopped by the Scots goalie, but Frey was there to get the ball on the rebound and put it in for the

Pointer's first goal.

Ten minutes later, the Pointers were at it again as Becker scored an unassisted goal to put the Pointers up 2-0. With the Scots cranking up the offensive pressure, Fink scored the Pointers final goal of the game by breaking out ahead of the defense and beating the Scots goalie, making the score 3-0. The Pointer defense held strong the rest of the way, preserving the shutout.

Overall the Scots out-shot the Pointers 14-12, but weren't able to finish on any of their scoring opportunities.

For the second round the Pointers travel to Dubuque, Iowa to take on the Loras Duhawks at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Pointers tie Tommies, move up to fifth in national poll



Photo by Patricia Larson

Junior Ann Ninnemann fires a pass during the Pointer's Saturday game with St. Thomas. The teams skated to a 1-1 tie.

Tie is only blemish on early season record

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer women's hockey team played only one game this weekend and skated to a 1-1 tie with the tenth ranked St. Thomas Tommies of the MIAC. Their

record now stands at 2-0-1, and the Pointers jumped two places in the latest national polls from seventh to fifth.

women's hockey

The Tommies opened the scoring in the first period at the 7:47 mark on a power play goal by Maureen Hardwick. That

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Skaters sweep through Minnesota

Pointers prove dominance over MIAC's top teams

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team completed their first weekend sweep of the season as they defeated Hamline and Bethel last weekend.

men's hockey

The Pointers traveled to Minnesota for their first games against MIAC (Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) teams and made sure that it was a successful trip. The team started out Friday by defeating Hamline in a close 3-2 game before stunning Bethel 7-2 to finish the weekend sweep.

The game on Friday night started out slow and left Hamline with a 2-1 lead after the first period. However, the Pointers came back strong in the second and third periods, and freshman Dan Franzen scored the game winner with just under five minutes to go in the game.

Saturday seemed like the same song, second verse as the Pointers got off to another slow start.

"We got off to two slow starts over

the weekend, but played well once we were settled," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta.

The Pointers then took over the game and shocked Bethel 7-2. Juniors Adam Kostichka and Ryan Kirchhoff both netted two goals to help lead the Pointers.

Despite the two wins, however, the team is far from satisfied.

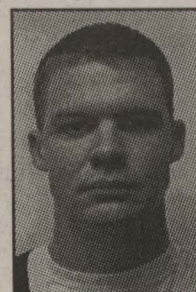
Said Sophomore defender Jordan Blair, "We find a way to play down to the other team's level instead of elevating our game. Once we start putting it together for a full period, and then for full games I think our team will be very successful."

Being that the team is only five games into their season, there seems to be no reason to panic.

"The team is young and still has things to learn, but five games into the season we're starting to see things turn around," said Baldarotta.

The hockey team will face off against two more MIAC teams this weekend as they take on Gustavus Adolphus and St. Olaf at home.

As with last weekend's games, these are also important as they may play a factor at the end of the season.



Kirchhoff



Brolsma

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Krause to Romano connection keeps Pointers in playoff hunt

Pointers roll up over 600 yards of total offense in victory

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Scott Krause has thrown to countless different receivers in his time as a Pointer. However, whenever he needs that tough clutch grab, he knows that he can depend on high school buddy Tony Romano. The dependable receiver broke out in a big way last Saturday, catching 13 Krause passes for a career-best 244 yards in the Pointers' 55-21 victory at Platteville.

football

"One of the things in coaching is to identify poor matchups," said Head Coach John Miech. "They had a new kid out there, and Tony took advantage of that."

The Pointers opened the game quickly as Krause found last week's hero, junior tight end Ross Adamczak, for a 43-yard touchdown pass on just the sixth play of the game. The kicking woes continued for the Pointers, however, as the Pioneers blocked the extra point, making the score 6-0.

The Pioneers quickly capitalized on a poor kickoff, going 60 yards in ten plays and scoring on a two-yard run by Damian Droessler for a 7-6 lead. However, the Pointers scored fast again, and never looked back, as Krause hit Romano from 37 yards on the fifth play of the drive for a 12-7 lead.

The Pointers continued to pour it on, as Krause quickly capitalized on sophomore LaRon Ragsdale's first of two interceptions on the day with a two-yard touchdown run to push the lead to 19-7. Freshman wide receiver/runningback Cody Childs capped the Pointer outburst with a one-yard run to make the score 26-7 heading into halftime.

The Pioneers came out in the second half fired up, quickly punching in a touchdown on Droessler's second score of the day, making it 26-14. The Pointer offense would not stay down, however, as Krause quickly drove them down the field, setting up a five-yard scoring run by Childs to give the Pointers a 33-14 advantage.

Platteville pulled the lead back to 12, capi-



Pointer sophomore linebacker Kyle Korinek wraps up Platteville kick returner Max Seroogy during Saturday's 55-21 Pointer victory.

talizing off a Krause interception with a quick touchdown, making the score 33-21.

The Pointers pulled away as Krause hit Romano for a 30-yard pass on third down to set up a 13-yard touchdown pass to freshman runningback Eric Reible on the next play with 13 seconds left in the third quarter to give the Pointers a 40-21 lead.

The fourth quarter was all Pointers, as Krause quickly capitalized on Ragsdale's second interception of the day with a 22-yard pass to Adamczak to make the score 48-21.

The Pointers ended by scoring the final points with a four-yard run by Childs, giving the Pointers their 55-21 victory.

Krause finished 28-37 for a career high 427 yards and four touchdowns to key the Pointers' fourth highest offensive output in school history.

"In the end, our line played great and gave him time back there," said Miech. "It was a good team effort on that side of the ball."

The Pointers are now 7-2 overall and 4-2 in the conference, but didn't get any help in the WIAC title chase with both La Crosse and Whitewater winning their games. The team now

must win next weekend against River Falls, and hope that La Crosse beats Whitewater in their conference championship matchup. If that happens, UWSP will hold second place in the WIAC, and have a strong possibility at an at-large bid into the NCAA Division III tournament.

"Right now, we are worrying about River Falls," said Miech. "If everything falls into place, we can talk about the playoffs on Saturday night."

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Romano

SENIOR ON THE SPOT NICK HAFEFLE - FOOTBALL



Haffele

Career Highlights

- Being a part of two conference championship teams
- Selected as a first team All-WIAC linebacker in 2002
- Being a captain for the 2003 Pointers

Major - Geography
Hometown - Monroe, Wis.
Nickname - "Hef"

What are your plans after graduation? - Hopefully I can find a job dealing with cartography, but if that falls through I think I'll become a bounty hunter like Lorenzo Lamas on the TV show "Renegade."

Do you plan on playing football after graduation? - Probably not, except for the annual Thanksgiving turkey bowl in Monroe!

What is your favorite aspect of football? - Getting to hit people and not get arrested.

Most embarrassing moment - I have a lot of embarrassing moments, but "freshman initiation" would have to be one of the most embarrassing...we won't get into the details.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Tommy Bushman...so I could feel what a real hangover is like!

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Keith Urban - The Golden Road

What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP? - The friends that I've made, and all the big games we were a part of, whether we won or lost them playing with the group of guys I've played with has been a great experience.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - No matter how much you hate practice remember that there is always gameday.

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UWSP BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Men's team looking for five

Despite loss of leading scorer, team ready for WIAC

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in years, the UWSP men's basketball team is not favored to win the WIAC.

men's basketball

That honor goes to the River Falls Falcons, who sport arguably the most talented player in Division III in forward Rich Melzer, a legit NBA talent.

However, the Pointer's talent is nothing to sneeze at either. Leading the way is All-WIAC power forward Jason Kalsow.

Kalsow, a 6'7" junior, scored 12 points a game last year, and the team looks for him to improve on those numbers this year.

"Jason Kalsow is one of the more complete players in the country, I believe," said Head Coach Jack Bennett.

Also leading the team will be eccentric senior point guard Neal Krajnik. Krajnik, who is the only senior on this year's team, and will be looked to to provide a calming

influence. He led the Pointers last year with four assists per game, along with providing some clutch shooting down the stretch.

"Neal is a competitive guy who loves to be out there," said Bennett. "We're glad he's back for another tour of duty."

Junior Tamaris Relerford will also see minutes at the point guard position, especially against small lineups, when Krajnik will move to shooting guard.

Junior Kyle Gruszczynski will

in tow.

Gruszczynski, a transfer from UW-Madison last season, hopes to replace graduating senior Ron Nolting. Gruszczynski is a big guard (6'6") who provides a match-up problem against smaller guards.

"Kyle is a kid who really found his niche in Division III basketball," said Bennett. "He really loves the game again."

Nick Bennett will start at small forward, and pick up much of the scoring that left the team with Josh Iserloth's graduation.

"Nick is a kid who really had a break-out season last year," said Bennett. "He may have been as improved as anyone in the league."

Rounding out the starters is Eric Maus, a 6'9" inside banger that Bennett hopes picked up some of Iserloth's scoring moxy.

The Pointers also sport a strong bench squad, led by the lightning-fast Relerford and the slashing Hirsch.

"Having a strong bench is critical in this league," said Bennett. "When the season gets into the grind later on, it's important to have depth that can come in and give the team some new life."

Probable Starting 5

PG Neal Krajnik Sr.
(The only senior on the team, he's on a mission to lead them to a championship)
SG Kyle Gruszczynski Jr.
(The transfer from Madison is a sharpshooter from the outside, and at 6'6", can go inside)
SF Nick Bennett Jr.
(The coach's kid will pick up much of the scoring the team loses with Iserloth)
PF Jason Kalsow Jr.
(A legitimate WIAC MVP candidate, Kalsow is the most complete player Point has had in years)
C Eric Maus Jr.
(A strong defensive presence to bang with other WIAC big men, but needs to score more)

man the shooting guard position, with redshirt freshman Brett Hirsch

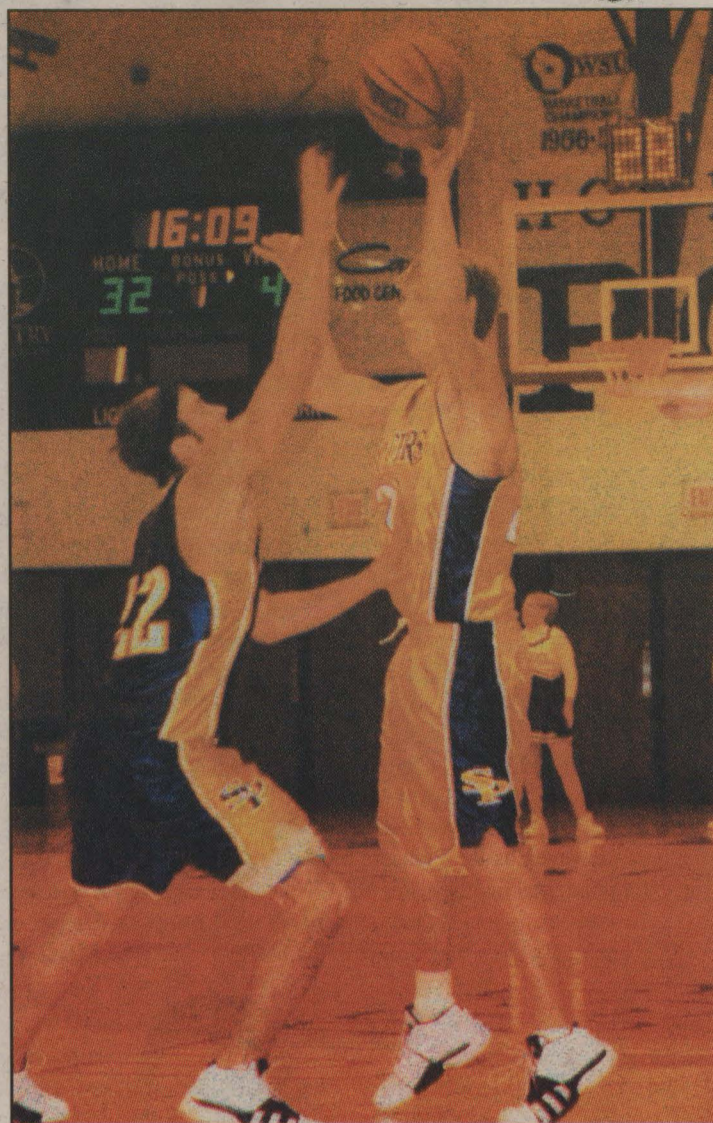


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Brett Hirsch guards one of his teammates in the annual UWSP Purple/Gold game on Wednesday night.

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21	FRIDAY	TERRY PORTER TIP-OFF Viterbo University vs. Kendall College (IL)	4:00 PM
22	SATURDAY	UWSP vs. Northland College TERRY PORTER TIP-OFF Consolation Game	8:00 PM 4:00 PM
29	SATURDAY	Championship Game	8:00 PM
December 3	WEDNESDAY	MARIAN COLLEGE	7:00 PM
6	SATURDAY	UW-RIVER FALLS	7:00 PM
7	SUNDAY	CALUMET COLLEGE (IN) CARROLL COLLEGE	7:00 PM 4:00 PM
January 3	SATURDAY	UW-EAU CLAIRE	7:00 PM
14	WEDNESDAY	UW-WHITEWATER	7:00 PM
21	WEDNESDAY	UW-OSHKOSH	7:00 PM
28	WEDNESDAY	UW-STOUT	6:00 PM
31	SATURDAY	UW-LA CROSSE	5:00 PM
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Women looking for redemption

NCAA tournament slight last year has team motivated

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's basketball team begins their 2003-04 season with high expectations as they try to return to the NCAA Division III tournament after being denied a shot last year.

women's basketball

The Pointers this year feature an athletic team that will look to run and gun their opponents into submission.

UWSP returns a veteran squad that includes all but two players from last year's roster. Senior leadership will be provided by guards Andrea Kraemer and Tara Schmitt, as well as forward Cassandra Heuer. All three played significant roles in the Pointers Division III Championship run two years ago and are eager to make a return trip.

Head Coach Shirley Egner feels that Schmitt is underrated in this conference, saying, "She doesn't get the credit she deserves. I honestly feel that Tara Schmitt is the best point guard, if not one of the best players, in the WIAC."

The Pointers also return the WIAC's leading scorer and 4th team All-American junior forward Amanda Nechuta, who

averaged 16.3 ppg. Also coming back are junior post player Amy Scott and sophomore guard Cassandra Schultz.

Schultz, who started a few games last year, is expected to provide a spark off the bench. She has the ability to back-up at either of the guard positions, and brings quickness and a fiery attitude to the lineup.

Also expected to contribute are recruits Becky Pepper, Rosemary Janeczko, Amanda Roth, and Switzerland native Nathalie Lechault.

Lechault, a 6'2" center, has exhibited a nice shooting touch along with tremendous ball-handling skills for someone her height.

While impressed with Lechault, Egner has seen some

aspects of her game that need work. "Nathalie plays like the typical European player, which means that she needs a lot of strength," said Egner.

The combination of returning talent and incoming recruits make UWSP the favorite to win the always competitive WIAC conference. They will get some stiff competition from the likes of perennial powers UW-Eau Claire, who was undefeated in conference play last season, and UW-Oshkosh.

"Going into last season (after winning the national championship), we had a target on our back," said Egner. "Now, after not going last year, our ultimate goal is to get back."

Probable Starting 5

PG Tara Schmitt Sr.
(The multi-sport star will be counted on to provide floor leadership and a perimeter threat)
SG Andrea Kraemer Sr.
(Great insideloutside player who also has a deft passing touch and outstanding ball-handling skills)
SF Cassandra Heuer Sr.
(WIAC Defensive Player of the Year last year will be counted on to shut down other team's threats)
PF Amanda Nechuta Jr.
(A legitimate WIAC MVP candidate, the key to the Pointers' season rests on her shoulders)
C Amy Scott Jr.
(Rebounding, defense and shot-blocking are the keys to her game. Any offense she adds is gravy)



THE BACK PAGE



The way I see it... The Bucks aren't really THAT bad

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

I was reading through the preseason NBA previews last week, checking out championship predictions, about how the West was going to dominate again.

About how the Lakers, Spurs, Kings and Mavs were going to rule the league again. Nothing that was overly surprising. That is until I checked out our local Milwaukee Bucks.

Now I know the "Big Three" are gone, along with Coach George Karl, but most publications rate the Bucks right up there with the Nuggets, Hawks and Grizzlies. ESPN had them rated 28th in the preseason Power Poll. I know they don't have a big time star, but there's still a lot of solid talent on this team.

First, let's start with the guards. First-rounder T.J. Ford is going to be a good, maybe great point guard. I know he's not very big, but neither was Terrell Brandon or a host of other good point guys in the league. Ford is one of the quickest guards in the league. He's got a first step that rivals Allen Iverson's, something the Bucks haven't had in a long time. Ford probably won't put up a ton of points but he knows how to get the ball to his teammates.

Which brings us to Michael Redd. This kid could become the big-time scorer the Bucks are looking for. The 6'6" Redd averaged fifteen points a game last year off the bench. So far this year as a starter, he's putting up almost twenty-three points per game.

If you add into the mix swingman Desmond Mason, who was picked up in the Ray Allen trade last season, you have three guards who could start for almost any team in the league.

At small forward, the enigmatic Tim Thomas sits. Bucks fans have been waiting for three years for this guy to break

out. Maybe with the overbearing Karl out of the picture Thomas will finally fulfill his tremendous potential. At 6'10", Thomas can shoot over most defenders, and he's quick enough to beat them off the dribble. He just needs to raise his intensity a notch.

Last year's team MVP, Toni Kukoc, will also see a lot of time, bringing championship experience to the team.

At power forward, there's the solid, if unspectacular, Joe Smith. This former first overall draft pick averages close to a double double in points and boards, and brings seven years experience to a young team. Last year's first round draft pick, the promising Marcus Haislip, also will see some playing time.

The center position always seems to be manned by a committee for the Bucks. This year will be no different. Brian Skinner played well in the starting role until a knee injury sidelined him for a month or two this year. A combination of Dan Gadzuric and Daniel Santiago will patrol the paint for the Bucks. Both are young and untested, but have good upsides.

Trying to get the most out of this young, talented team is coach and UWSP Alum Terry Porter. What Porter lacks in head coaching experience he makes up for with almost two decades of experience as a player in the league. Porter has seen everything as a player, from playing with a perennial playoff team early in his career with the Trailblazers, to playing with a team of perennial head cases late in his career with the Timberwolves. This guy should be able to handle the players and teach them a thing or two.

While I don't think the Bucks are going to win the championship this year, I think the ingredients are in place to make the playoffs, and maybe make a good run in a year or two.



UWSP SPORTS UPDATE

wrestling

Cody Koenig opened defense of his national championship at 174 pounds by winning four straight matches on Saturday to capture the Gold Division title in his weight class at the UWSP Open. Koenig beat his UW-Parkside opponent in 3:34 in the championship match.

Yan White, the top-ranked 197 pound wrestler in Division III, lost by injury default in the finals. White won three straight matches, all by shutout, to reach the finals.

David Davila placed second at 125 pounds with a 2-2 record. Matt Lapinski was fifth at 149 pounds and Pete Kuisle was fifth at 184 pounds.

Men's Hockey

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"We are looking forward to this weekend just for the fact that we lost to both teams in their buildings last year and it is vital to

swimming & diving

The Pointer men posted a 135-83 victory over Division II St. Cloud State on Saturday, while the Pointer women's team finished second of three teams as St. Cloud State had 117 points, UW-Stevens Point had 64 points and Northern Michigan had 59 points.

Matt Grunwald recorded two individual first place finishes. Grunwald won the 200 butterfly and the 200 freestyle. He also anchored the winning 400 freestyle relay team.

Amy Bennett won the 200 butterfly and claimed two second place finishes. After winning the 200 butterfly, Bennett claimed two second place finishes.

beat these MIAC teams over the course of the year," said Blair.

Game times for this weekend are set for 7:30 Friday night and 4:30 Saturday afternoon.

The View from Section H MIAC-NCHA-- What's all this about???

By The Rowdy Crowd
SPORTS CONTRIBUTORS

Yeah this is week two of the MIAC-NCHA schedule exchange for the Pointer hockey teams. This is a period of the schedule where the teams from mainly Wisconsin go play the private schools from Minnesota in a battle of midwestern hockey supremacy.

The interleague play takes place both at home and on the road for all the teams in each conference. This week the Pointers will host Gustavus Adolphus and St. Olaf on Friday night and Saturday afternoon respectively.

On the women's side of the rink, they find themselves traveling to Gustavus for games on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

As far as the breakdown goes, the NCHA owns the MIAC in overall series play by a great margin going 13-1-2 for the past week, proving time and time again that the NCHA is one of, if not the hardest conferences of college hockey top to bottom in the nation.

The women's battles in the NCHA-MIAC matchups seem to be a bit more even, with the MIAC featuring a few all female schools, whereas the NCHA has all co-ed schools. However, these contests turn out well, as proven by the 1-1 tie from the UWSP-University of Saint Thomas game this past weekend.

Another funny thing about the MIAC is the school's mascot names. Names like the Auggies, Pipers, Tommies, Johnnies,

Cobbers, etc. These names do not invoke fear or intimidation; actually they are pretty open to be made fun of.

This is unfortunate for the Golden Gusties of Gustavus Adolphus and the Oles of St. Olaf who are going to be beaten at the K.B. Willett arena this weekend. The Rowdy Crowd invites all to attend the games: Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. -FREE WITH STUDENT ID!

We hope to see a good number of people out for the weekend games, especially since these games are very critical to our end of the season chances at making the NCAA playoffs. So come out and cheer with us, or at least for the Pointers.

*****This week's 3 stars!!*****

Men's

1. Adam Kostichka - 2 shorthanded goals, this guy is a MONSTER
2. Ryan Kirchhoff - 2 goals in the same game, this guy works hard night in and night out.
3. Ted Eastman - Congratulations on the win and here's to a great season ahead.

Women's

1. Amy Statz - Good work as a frosh goaltender in a tough conference (2-0-1 record)
2. Kim Lunneborg - 1 goal scored, we want at least 9 more!
3. Jennifer Norris - Hard worker, and gritty, perfect for hockey!

That's it for us this week,
See you at the Willett

Women's Hockey

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would be the only goal allowed by freshman goalie Amy Statz, whose only flaws this year have been when the team has been on the penalty kill. Of the four goals allowed by Statz, three of them have been power play goals.

Just before the end of the first period, Pointers' sophomore Kim Lunneborg put one by St. Thomas goalie Becky Kilpatrick at the 18:40 mark, tying the game at one apiece.

That would be all the scoring the fans at Ice Hawk Arena would see in the home opener as Statz and Kilpatrick would hold firm for the final forty minutes of regulation and five minutes of overtime to bring their respective teams to a draw.

"We would have liked to come out of there with a win, but some days, goals are



Lunneborg

hard to come by. Amy kept us in it, she gave us a chance," said sophomore defenseman Kim Chenery.

Lunneborg's lone goal was not only good enough to tie the game, but also good enough to win her NCHA player of the week honors. This is the first such award for Lunneborg, and helped Point complete the men's and women's sweep this week for the leagues POW, with Adam Kostichka gaining honors for the men. Lunneborg is a native of Richfield, Minn. and ended last year with 12 points (7G, 5A) in 23 games as a freshman.

This weekend, the women travel to St. Peter, Minn. to take on the Golden Gusties at Gustavus Adolphus on both Friday and Saturday. Last season, the Pointers had one win and a tie against the Gusties. Then on Tuesday, they head back over the state line, this time to Minneapolis and Augsburg College. UWSP won the only meeting with the Auggies last year.



The Week Ahead...



Football: River Falls, Sat., 1 p.m.*

Mens' Hockey: Gustavus Adolphus, Fri., 7:30 p.m.*; St. Olaf, Sat., 4:30 p.m.*

Womens' Hockey: at Gustavus Adolphus, Fri., 7 p.m. & Sat., 2 p.m.

Cross Country: at NCAA Regional meet (Eau Claire), Sat., All Day

Wrestling: at Augsburg Open, Sat., 9 a.m.

Soccer: at Loras (Iowa) (NCAA Tournament Second Round), Sat., 11 a.m.

Swimming & Diving: Gustavus Adolphus, Sat., 3 p.m.

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Wild matters

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Damn this wretched ice

Last weekend, I ventured north with some buddies to hunt for the elusive musky. One ghostly 'lunge' in particular by the name of Sweet Claudine had been eluding us for several years now, and the timing seemed right for her to make an appearance.

As the cold water and biting air of late autumn set in, we drove north. I had a vivid dream about catching musky that Thursday night, but as we passed Tomahawk, things started looking slightly wrong. A miscalculation of timing had somehow occurred.

We got to the cabin in record time, where we fired the heater and took a walk down to the waiting shore. Since the cabin would need a few hours to warm, we decided to start a bonfire down near the water. As the fire rose, however, the temperature dropped. The air fell to negative five with the windchill underneath that speckled sky, and the ice seemed to multiply and slide away from us with every passing minute.

By morning, the lake had been swallowed up with ice over an inch thick. The lake became too thick to break through with a boat and too thin to walk on. It was pretty clear that this ice had been sent from hell. So we couldn't fish that Saturday, and with Sweet Claudine waiting on her point, we picked up and went home. The moon became eclipsed and we drove in an eerie darkness on barren highways, wondering when we could return to hunt her again. I would damn this wretched ice, but my mind has switched gears with a great swiftness. Because...



Finally, ice has arrived

Although it may be hiding in gutters, potholes and minnow buckets for now, ice has arrived in Wisconsin. Small lakes, ponds and slow river sections are already succumbing to its icy grip. This couldn't have happened at a better time.

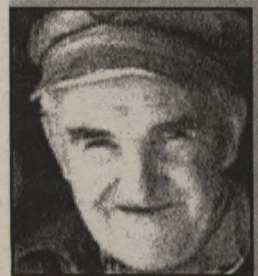
Not as if I need a new reason to skip class and forgo hunting. It is a message, you see. Early ice cannot be ignored. It is like nudity, or a ravioli dinner. Just when walleye fishing was beginning to slow and things outside the realm of water began to whisk at my brain, a new opportunity begs me to go fishing again. Within a few weeks, the waters of Stevens Point will be walkable and the fish will bite eagerly in turn. Trapped underneath the ice for the first time in a year, they seem to intensify their feeding before the lethargic months of winter seal off the light and vigor.

I recommend getting your gear ready now. If your stuff is at home, go home and get it soon. Reels and tip up spools need oil and line. Hook and jig collections need to be replenished along with long underwear supplies. If you're lucky enough to own an auger, it won't hurt to get the blades sharpened. Don't be screwing around neither, 'cause the ice will be here sooner than you think.

They say the early bird gets the worm, and I'll tell you, it goes for early ice fishing as well. On a side note, don't go and be stupid by walking out on ice that isn't thick enough. A two-inch minimum is a good rule, and even then, check with the bait shop or someone who knows their shit before trying out that first ice. River ice is odd, and pockets of thin ice often form due to currents. The same goes for spring-fed lakes. The only way to ruin an ice-fishing trip is to fall through. Hypothermia can take control of your body in minutes when the temps dip. Although the early ice conditions are superb, they are not worth risking your life for.



Mr. Winters' two cents



"Syrup and fire"

Hey-yo, kids! How's things been swinging for you? I'm hoping they've been good. As for me, I'm getting by all right. We got a little taste of warm weather earlier this week, but as you can see, it's not worth getting your hopes up. I think the big freeze is coming up quick. Yip yip yip!

Reminds me of one of my most favorite things to do on a cold winter morning. I tell you, there's nothing I like smelling more than a good breakfast being cooked up in the kitchen. Lord knows, it ain't a breakfast without some fresh homemade maple syrup on the table. I put syrup on my flapjacks, my sausages, my eggs and even in my coffee. If the doctors would let me, I'd rig up a syrup IV or drink syrup with whiskey on the rooftop. Heeey-yooo!

Yep, the good wife makes her very own sweet marmalades and syrup fixin's fresh from the hanging coffee can. A little maple tree tappin' and some doctoring on the stove later, and you'll find me in

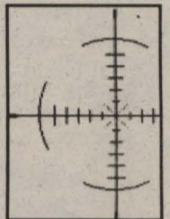
Mrs. Winters' syrup heaven. Please kids, take it from an old feller like me; you won't get anywhere in life when you rely on the commercial crutch of big-money "suck-yup", as I like to call it. Consuming conventional "suck-yup" from that siren flapper-jack-sellout Auntie Jemima or them horse-noodlin' bastards down at The Log Cabin Syrup Trust should be a criminal offense. When I go out to restaurants with the missus, I stash a bottle of the home-grown in her purse. It is the only way to go s'far as I see it, and that's the deadly serious truth, folks.

On another sweet outdoors topic, my buddy Adam and I got to talking a bit about campfires. And hell, wouldn't you know it, even though we see eye to eye on syrupology, we seem to disagree on campfire etiquette. I personally stand by the teepee method. This type of blaze allows for more air to flow through, and thus, a hotter fire. If there's a method to use, when you got some moisture-laden timber, this is it, hands down. The key to a really good fire is to keep the teepee shape intact.

Over the years I've witnessed many a teepee fire attempting to collapse on me. You gotta take that damn rascal by the neck and train that fire to keep this most beneficial shape. You'll stay warmer, which means enjoyment. So next time you're in need of man's simplest tool, build a teepee and then, "Go on and Geeeeeeeect!"

-Mr. Winters

Outlook good for gun season



By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Hunters can expect plenty of opportunities to harvest a deer during this year's gun deer opener.

Wildlife officials are estimating the herd to be 1.4 million animals statewide. One third of the states' 135 deer management units are estimated to be 20 percent over their population goals set by the DNR.

Due to these high numbers a special Zone T hunt was issued for many parts of the state. The first was held Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. The special hunt appeared to be a big success with nearly 38,800 deer being registered. A second Zone T hunt will range from Dec. 11 to 14. Prior to this is the annual muzzleloader deer season from Dec. 1 through 10.

Hunters registered 277,765 deer last year, according to Brad Koele, assistant deer ecologist for the Department of Natural Resources. "The 2003 gun deer opener will be one day earlier than last year, but it is still a late opening date compared to most years," Koele said.

Koele also noted that hunters will be less likely to experience bucks in the rut. Although the peak of the rut is starting to subside this should not discourage hunters from using proven methods such as grunting or even rattling. Bucks will still exhibit rutting activity even into late December. This is commonly known as post rut activity. Many bucks become weary during rifle season due to the high pressure from hunters, but some are successful by using these methods.

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My hot air balloon crashed and I'm lost in the woods again...

Starting a campfire

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

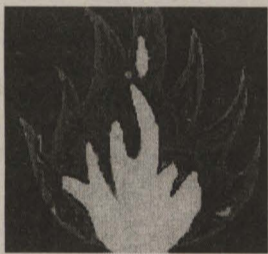


Riding atop the vast Canadian jetstream in your brand-new hot-air balloon, you probably think you've attained some sort of twisted, gaseous nirvana. Little did you know this airborne excursion could possibly end in tragedy. The Calgary to Ottawa trip can be disastrous in early November, if the proper pre-flight preparations are ignored.

Of course, you've managed to ignore every safety rule of wintertime balloon travel, and when that ice storm kicked up over central Ontario, you panicked. The first rule of balloon travel is "don't panic." But you did. The gas lines froze up because you decided to tough out the storm. The balloon cooled and lost its flight properties so fast you never saw it coming. Luckily you narrowly avoided the jagged rocks and crash landed in a soft fir tree. It could be days before the Mounties even begin to search and all you have is a hatchet. What do you do?

Seeing as how the weather is below freezing and sure to drop once the sun sets in a few hours, it is essential first and foremost to start a good fire. Warmth must become a priority over food and water right now. Fire and shelter mean the difference between life and a miserable hypothermic death. Waterproof matches or a lighter would have been nice. Even the ignition switch on the balloon would have been great if you hadn't crashed so hard. Good one, Manfred von Richthofen.

However, it sure is a good thing you read *The Pointer* Outdoors section regularly. Now, even without the use of matches, you are prepared to start a fire in any condition. Stay calm and follow the steps. The first step is gathering the necessary ingredients to get the fire started.



Luckily you have your hatchet handy. This will serve as the perfect tool for creating a spark. Even though the flint was lost in the confusion of the jagged rocks and trees, it is still possible to find a new "natural" flint. Hard stones like quartz, jasper, iron pyrites, agate and native jade are suitable for bashing hatchets against.

Once you are able to generate ample sparkage, it is time to gather the oh-so essential tinder.

Tinder is the uranium of the campfire world. These highly combustible substances are great for starting fire in the worst conditions, like this god-awful ice storm you crashed into. Old mountain men carried tinder material in pouches, boxes or horns when out in the country. When in a pinch, tinder can be made from several tree barks, mainly birch and cedars. Dry moss, grass or needles can be powdered and ignited. Also, pussy willow fuzz makes for great tinder. Almost anything in nature can be dried out and crushed, from bat poop to bird nests, and mushrooms. In your case, I'd suggest some birch bark.

Now that you have the means to produce flame, it is time to gather some wood before the numbness grasps your feeble hands. Using your trusty hatchet, find some dry wood and split it up real nice and thin. My grandpa used to say, "When starting a nice campfire, split that wood as thin as a shiny crappie." Cedars, pines and peeled birch are all great burners that pack a sweet smell as well.

I would recommend a solid box fire. You see, it is not wood that actually burns, but rather, the trapped gases that are emitted from the wood when it is heated. Once oxygen and the proper spark are added, fire will ignite every time, no matter the weather. A good woodsman will succeed in this goal.

Box design, or Lincoln log cabin type fires are a great choice. They don't collapse like teepee-style fires do. The bottom layer burns evenly to coals as the new layer begins to heat and release flammable gas. By adding a new layer every hour or so, the fire can renew itself, while building a good base at the same time. The continuous ovenization is ideal for cooking, heating and all around suitability. It's the Brett Favre of campfires.

So, after the fire is taken care of and you're all warmed up, go ahead and kill a few rabbits with your hatchet and find some sheltering material. Hunker down, sing some Nelly Furtado songs, and wait for those Mounties to rescue your sorry ass. And you call yourself a hot air balloon pilot!

Keeping your deer carcass fresh

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

If you haven't had much time to check out the news lately, you might be thrilled to learn that the price of beef is expected to rise seven percent. This means that a pound of burger might cost up to \$3 to \$4 a pound. Holy cow! This is great news for beef farmers Wisconsin deer hunters as well.

With the gun deer season less than two weeks away and beef prices accelerating, it would only seem logical to pack the freezer with a good store of venison. Venison steaks and tenderloin are what most hunters live for, but to ensure the quality of the meat, the entire process must begin in the field.

Field dressing the deer is an important step to guarantee quality venison. The faster you remove the entrails of the deer the better the meat will be. It will not only aid in the cooling process, but it will prevent the entrails from contaminating the flesh. With the threat of CWD it might be wise to use protective gloves to get the job done.

One of the most difficult aspects of field dressing a deer is the dreaded breast bone and aitch bone. Rocks, knives and wrists are injured each year due to this inconvenience, but it doesn't have to be this way. In fact, if you have to drag the deer through the woods the meat will stay cleaner if you leave the bones intact. Keep a small hatchet or saw in the truck and you can finish the job once you get there.

Weather is probably the most important factor in keeping the meat fresh. So far, it appears that the weather will stay cold throughout the season, but as

we all know Wisconsin weather can be unpredictable. Fill a couple of milk jugs with water and freeze them overnight. If the weather creeps above 50 degrees you may want to place one in the body cavity of the deer to prevent spoilage. Try not to use snow or stream water to wash out the body cavity. Moisture will quicken the process of spoilage, so keeping the meat dry is a good way to prevent this.

The next step usually involves hanging the deer in a secure place in order to be butchered. Those who do the meat processing independently will want to hang the deer in a shady area, where the temperature stays below 40 degrees. Some hunters choose to hang the deer by the antlers or the neck, while others choose to hang it from the hocks using a gambrel. Both methods work great as long as the deer has a chance to cool.

Those who intend on getting their trophy mounted are advised not to hang the deer by the antlers. The hide tends to stretch which may make it difficult for taxidermists to work with.

Some hunters will choose to butcher their game the same day it is harvested. Others might choose to let the deer hang for up to a week. Both methods work well but if you intend to leave the deer for up to a week, the hide should remain intact to prevent it from drying out. Weather conditions will greatly affect your decision.

Using common sense is usually the best way to ensure quality venison. The methods are simple, and they will greatly improve the flavor of your game for many months after the hunt.

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Changing Lives

Channel surfing

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

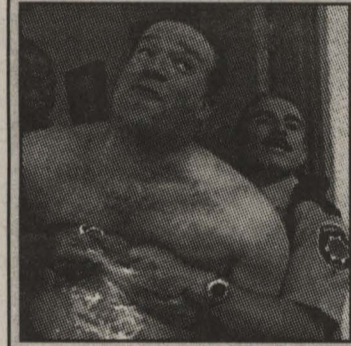
Fall programming is underway. With all the reality shows featuring hosts like idiotic yet hot Jessica Simpson or Ted Nugent on a VH1 *Survivor* spinoff, it's difficult to pick out the stronger programs. Here are my top four primetime picks, old and new alike, through November.

1. **Arrested Development.** (FOX, Sunday, 8:30) FOX pushed *Arrested Development* hard before the first show. I reluctantly tuned in and actually found the pilot for the show amusing. It definitely wasn't one of those overrated-by-the-media-disappointments. The show is based around a rich, dysfunctional family and the figurehead of the family, George Bluth Sr., is arrested and jailed for shady business practices. George actually comes to like thug life in jail and befriends a few of the inmates. Meanwhile, his family struggles with frozen assets in the real world. The family is forced to consolidate and move into a single house, providing the major shtick for the show thus far.

In short: *AD* uses different camera techniques (shakier and quick cuts, which makes it look more home-made) to create a feel different from most other sitcoms. The humor is current, sarcastic and most importantly, funny. While *AD* shows promise, the jury's still out on this one.

2. **Viva La Bam.** (MTV, Sunday, 8:30) *Viva La Bam* definitely out-does Steve-O, Pontius and the other *WildBoyz*. The last episode of *Viva* featured Bam declaring a "Don't Feed Phil" day, where he prohibited his largely-obese father from eating for an entire day. Bam hid all the food in the house, plastered the greater-Philadelphia area with billboards and posters of Phil and even did a radio interview to spread the word. Phil was denied service at several public restaurants in what turned out to be a difficult 24-hour period for him.

In short: You'd think that Bam terrorizing his family would get old quick, but he uses an impressive amount of variation to keep things fresh. As if home life with Bam isn't crazy enough, next week's show follows the fam on a trip to Las Vegas for an all-night bender.



each other, do drugs and have no morals, and incorporate that into their daily work routine. The end result is a hilarious spoof that's been flying quite low under the radar so far.

In short: This may be my favorite new show of the year. The comedy is fresh, and the actors display their lack of values and morals with such sincerity. Unfortunately, the show doesn't seem to have a set slot on Comedy Central, other than being replayed during the late-night time period. Looks like I'll have to keep surfing to watch *Reno*.

4. **The Simpsons.** (FOX, Sunday, 7:00) Many fans of *The Simpsons* have complained regarding the decline in quality since seasons four through seven. To all the naysayers, I say this: stop watching. The show has changed. You can't expect a program that's been on the air for 14 years to brainstorm consistently genius ideas for plots. Thus, the show's format shifts from more plot-oriented to more random, political, take-a-stand wise-cracks. Some say they're ripping off *The Family Guy*; I say the transition was inevitable after season seven. The show changed drastically from seasons one to four, and changed just as much from season seven to the present. The first two episodes this year have been entertaining and have made me laugh on multiple occasions, so it's good by me.

In short: Enjoy the new episodes now because *The Simpsons* are near the end of their television track. The end is near, but long live *The Simpsons*. There's always the DVDs, even though we don't get any syndicated episodes in Stevens Point.



movie review: Matrix Revolutions

So hyped, we reviewed it twice
"The One" is tardy

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The first *Matrix* was a landmark classic. The first sequel, *Matrix Reloaded*, had wickedly cool stunts, but sagged under an overcomplicated plot with too many twists. The third chapter, however, is a major league disappointment. Instead of ending the trilogy with a bang, *Matrix Revolutions* finishes with a whimper. Those who thought *Godfather III* or *Return of the Jedi* were disappointing concluding acts (and I didn't) will consider *Revolutions* an epic-scale disaster.

Revolutions picks up right where *Reloaded* left off, with Neo (Keanu Reeves) seemingly in a coma. In reality, he's stuck in a limbo-like train station between the Matrix and the real world, where the only way out is controlled by the Trainman (Bruce Spence, the gyro captain in the *Mad Max* trilogy), a servant of the evil Merovingian (Lambert Wilson). Neo's beloved Trinity (Carrie Ann-Moss) and his mentor Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) need to get him back. The army of the machines is nearing Zion, the last human city, and the city's defenses aren't enough to stop 250,000 squid-like Sentinel robots.

Fun, but not worth the hype

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Few movies receive a significant amount of hype and live up to expectations. *Matrix Revolutions* falls into that category.

However, the film isn't a complete waste of time like I've heard so many other critics say since its release last week.

Historically, epic trilogies have received horrible reviews; even the latter *Star Wars* movies fell victim to the critics. While *Matrix Revolutions* isn't deserving of any Oscars, it was worth my \$6 to sit up front and feel the seats shake during each explosion.

Although Keanu Reeves' acting follows suit from the first two installments, he, and many other characters, are noticeably less present in this movie. Instead, there's a shift to more general war scenes instead of focusing entirely on Neo and his quest to save the humans from agents and the machines.

Unfortunately, the film takes awhile to get off the ground. I expect the third film of a trilogy to begin with a bang, then recoil and prepare for the

But there's a bigger danger and it comes in the form of Neo's old adversary Agent Smith (Hugo Weaving). The rogue Agent is steadily repopulating the Matrix with copies of himself and has even taken over the body of Zion soldier Bane (Ian Bliss). The Oracle (Mary Alice, replacing the late Gloria Foster) tells Neo only he can stop Smith from destroying both worlds. Once again, the world's fate is in "The One's" hands.

All of the originality of the original *Matrix* is nowhere to be found this time around. Yes, there are great effects, including the spectacular battle between the machines and Zion's inhabitants and the "Super Burly Brawl" final fight between Neo and Smith. But there's a been-there, done-that feel to everything. The plot is sloppy and uneven, as Neo and Trinity are sidelined for the battle for Zion, thereby disappearing from the film for half an hour, and much of *Reloaded*'s myriad plot lines are either half-explained or ignored. And the climax is an



anti-climax that leaves things open for another sequel and raises the trilogy's Judeo-Christian imagery to ludicrous heights.

The characters, for the most part, feel tired and underused. Reeves is really out of his league in this one. The original played to his strengths, but in this one he has to act and his limitations as an actor are glaring. Moss and Fishburne are equally underused (Morpheus seems almost irrelevant this time around) and Jada Pinkett-Smith doesn't get enough screen time as Morpheus' ex-lover Niobe. Some characters from the first are barely utilized (Monica Bellucci's Persephone gets one line of dialogue), while others, like the Architect, are uninteresting. Collin Chou gets a welcome extended role as Seraph, the Oracle's deadly bodyguard, but he can't save the picture himself.

The one saving grace remains Weaving as Smith. The sardonic Aussie actor stole the first *Matrix* and he still makes an impression. Just hearing him greet Neo once again as "Mr. Anderson" is a thrill. But even he can't save *Revolutions*. For all but die-hard *Matrix* fans, *Revolutions* is a disappointing end to a trilogy that began with such promise. If, as the tagline states, "everything that has a beginning has an end," let's hope the *Matrix* saga is truly over.

final battle. *Matrix Reloaded* nearly followed that format, although the third took a good hour to build up before any major action. Third movies in an epic trilogy should be past the build-up phase.

As if the poorly-placed build-up wasn't annoying enough, the theme of love that prevailed in the dialogue was nearly laughable. In a period of about 30 minutes, three or four characters refer to love, and how all living things must love to survive. After Neo, the Oracle, and a few others blabbed from the heart, I expected Smith to come out from behind a corner and give Neo a forgiving smooch on the lips.

However, the second half of the movie dominates the slowness and mediocrity of the first half as the action and special effects become downright wicked.

While entertaining, the action isn't enough to classify *Matrix Revolutions* as a good film. The ending, while clear in outcome, leaves many questions regarding the fate of men and machines unanswered, something that an epic trilogy should cover.

Matrix Revolutions should give a definitive answer to anyone questioning how great this trilogy is: entertaining, but definitely not all it's been cracked up to be.

Events Calendar



Thursday, Nov. 13

Green Tea @ Clark Place, 8 p.m.
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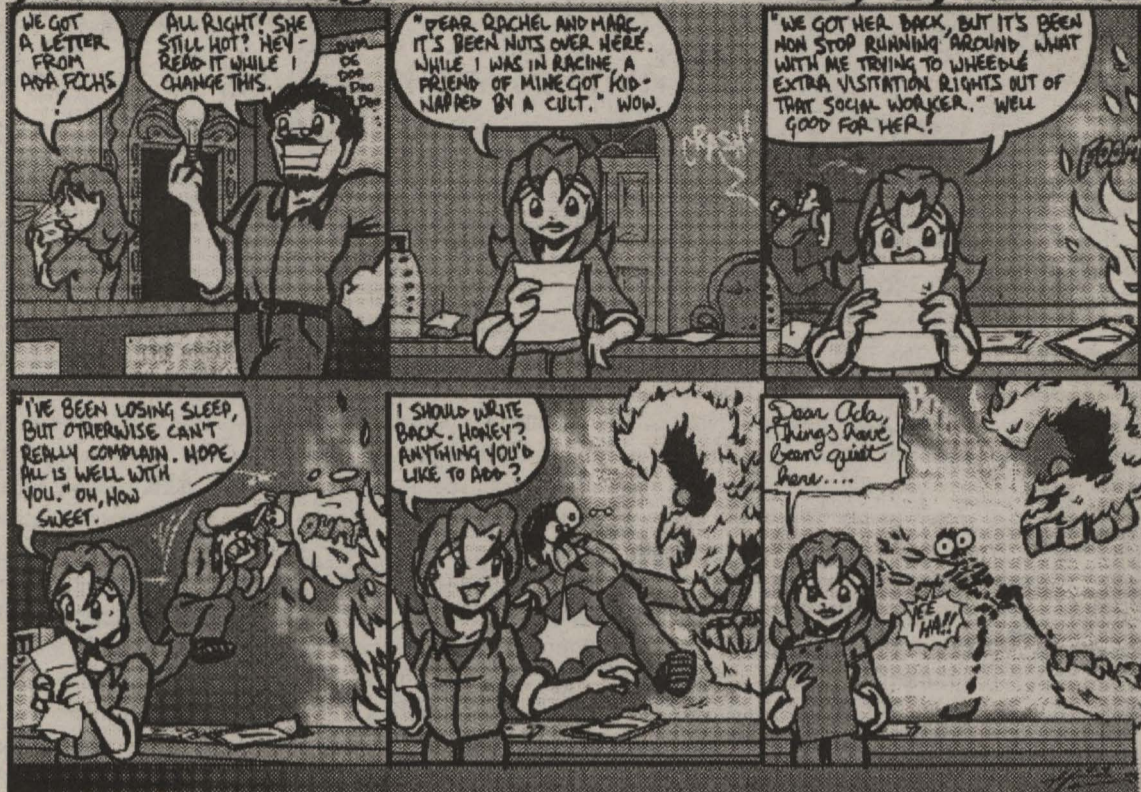
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by bj hiorns



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Your College Survival Guide: No Gnus is Good Gnus

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium
With Help from GottaHavaJava

CHAMPION OF THE ILLITERATI

I'd just like to start out this week by giving a shout out to the lovely ladies at the UC info desk. Not only are they always helpful and cheery. They also look "SO GOOD!!"

For all the hopelessly uncool and out-of-touch folks out there who don't understand the extreme cleverness contained in the mural behind the Info desk, let me just advise you to check out <http://homestarrunner.com/tgsmenu.html>

Now that I've brought culture to the unwashed masses, I guess I can spare the time for a letter.

Pat-a-rat-a-ding-dong,
What's up with the halls giving us newspapers free for a month and then cutting our supply? You see, newspapers are like sweet, sweet heroine. They can't expect us to quit cold turkey like this, I'm getting jittery! Daddy needs his medicine!

Like typical dealers they give you a free trial, get you hooked, and then charge you exorbitant amounts of money to feed your addiction. And we play by their rules: no weekend papers, only three flava's, and now we need to wait for a new supply or they may even cut us off completely! I haven't had a fix since October 27th, HELP!

Paperless in Pray-Sims,
Mike Schiebel

I'm afraid you've lost me, Mike. Has some devious super-villain stolen your frozen turkey? If so, I can understand your desire for a sweet heroine to come to your rescue. Perhaps Wonder Woman, or Gene Grey. But what does any of this have to do with the newspapers? I expect you're having hallucinations, Mike, and I suggest getting your medicine from someone like Florence Nightingale, another well-loved heroine.

I hate to break it to you Mike, but you've got to give that newspaper shit up, man. It's bad for you. Seriously. It's messing up your mind. Think of all the time and money you waste on newspapers, and what do you get in return? At best it's vaguely entertaining, one-sided, sensationalist, fear-mongering bullshit. At worst it's like drinking cold soup made from someone else's puke.

Now I'm not saying things used to be perfect, but at least they used to be semi-respectable. The phrases "accurate and unbiased" and "journalistic integrity" didn't used to make me laugh so hard Jello shot out my nose. Back then, the news looked like Walter Cronkite, like that friendly, fat uncle you trust to tell you the truth about your parent's divorce.

Uncle Walt let you know what was going on in the world. He'd pull up a chair, take a deep breath, look you in the eye and say, "Alright America, there's some troubling things going on in the world. You're not going to like hearing all of this, but it's best you know the truth."

"And that's the way it was." The face of today's news is different. Walt is long gone and in his place is a teenage girl wearing a pair of low-riding cutoff jeans, shouting: "I'll show you my tits for ten bucks!"

But when you get closer she whispers, "Help me. There's this guy named Rupert, and when no-one's paying attention, he and his friends do terrible things to me." Only then do you notice she's got dark circles under her eyes, and her hands are shaking. "Sometimes...."

But before she can finish, you see a big Australian behind her. He's wearing a Philip Morris baseball cap and shaking his fist in her face, saying, "I don't pay you to talk, bitch. Are you going to turn some tricks, or am I going to have to go put my rings on?"

She smiles a dazzling smile, throws her shoulders back, and says, "We're winning the war! Everyone loves America! New evidence suggests secondhand smoke will protect you from terrorism!"

If my cunning analogy doesn't persuade you, Mike, how about this? Disney owns ABC. General Electric owns NBC, and FOX.... Well, FOX is owned by Satan, but he lets Rupert manage it for him.

Now I'm not saying that you shouldn't care about the news, Mike. What I'm saying is that you should care enough to get GOOD news, and that isn't necessarily delivered to your door. Good news takes a little bit of tracking down.

Here's something that will help you kick your unhealthy newspaper habit, Mike. It's like a mini newspaper you can read every day just to get your fix.

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Natural disaster kills thousands!
Politician caught in scandal! Certain foods will kill you!

Entertainment:
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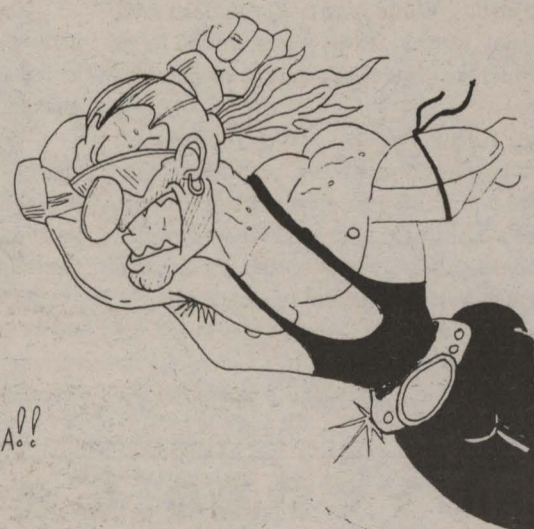
The comics:
Oh no! Marmaduke refuses to get off the couch! Look out, Cathy's buying shoes! Garfield eats too much! How funny!

If you E-mail me your questions at proth@wsu.wsu.edu and I'll probably just make fun of your spelling and make you cry. But on the plus side, you'll get a gift certificate to GottaHavaJava, because the people there are nice, and they want you to be happy.

SPARKIt...

by: Mel Rosenberg

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