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

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."

See Protective Services, page 3

Campus not accessible for disabled students
By Johanna Nelson
News Reporter

A broken leg forced DeAnna Bublitz to reassess things 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 issue. See Accessibility, page 2

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 vacci..."
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  
ASSOCIATE 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 relation 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 come 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 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 Women's Issues.' She states that the purpose is to promote Hmong women's 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. He is a graduate of UWSP and is currently a music teacher in Wausau. He 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.

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Skating violations will receive citations

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.

"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 individual'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.

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"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 campus beat.

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.

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Musings from Mirman

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

By Dan Mirman

I give him a 6 for effort.

Lies My Teacher Told Me

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. 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 areas.

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

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There is no way to get around it. But other classes with a single solution like math, for 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 certain 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 up on 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 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

Most accuracy.

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 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.

In order to burn off this hefty load of calories, you would have to run at a pace of ten miles per hour for two hours just to break even with the calories in/out calories out. 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.

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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 streets or portions thereof where no boulevard is located, in twenty-four (24) hours after snow ceases to fall except on those streets and portions thereof where no boulevard is located, in which case snow shall be removed within 48 hours. If such is not done, the City shall cause such snow to be removed or ice sanded and the cost shall be billed to the property owner. If not paid sooner, the cost shall be placed upon the next tax statement of the property owner.

By the Order of the Common Council
Victoria L. Zdrok
City Clerk

Michele's
Restaurant & Lounge
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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 shouldn't surprise you, given 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 to say that Michele's is a bad restaurant. Actually, the truth is that the place is quite exquisite. It's an establishment that I've managed to accidentally drive past many times. I believe it's also right across the street from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, which gives it a certain cachet. Michele's 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 shouldn't surprise you, given that it's next door, I had never been there. Upon dining there for the first time on Tuesday night, I understood why.

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I really can't complain much about Michele's. The food was exquisite, the ambiance was very nice and the service was exceptional. If you want to impress a date, you 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.com. On the Web, you can check out their e-mail address, their names, their phone numbers, their names, their phone numbers, etcetera. But it's not so impressive. I rather like a restaurant that allows you to do that, regardless of their prices range.

Come to the U.C. on Saturday, November 18 at 5 p.m. for the annual cancer walk kickoff for Relay for Life.

Anyone interested in participating or just looking for more info on the Relay for Life cancer walk should come. The kickoff is to get info to team captains for this year's cancer walk which will take place on Feb. 28.

Free food too!

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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 with a variety of experience can participate.

Horn choir members come from throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. The festival is open to any horn player, regardless of ability. The festival is open to all horn players, regardless of ability. Each participant is required to bring their own horn and all necessary supplies.

The festival will be held on the campus of UW-Stevens Point, in the UWSP High School, in Green Bay, along with director Luther Appel.

Performers at the after­noon concert will include horn choirs from UWSP and the Festival Choir, which includes all of the participants. The festival choir is conducted by Professor Pat Miles.

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

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 UW­Stevens Point students turned out to see the concert given by rap group Heiruspecs in the Encore. The performance began at 7 p.m. following a half-hour long opening act performance by local rappers Insanely Beautiful.

The encore lasted until 10 p.m. Admission was $3 or free with a student ID. The Pointer Express was also open for drinks, available to all those with a legitimate ID.

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 front 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.
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 from Career Service’s John Zach, led the evening by discussing various ways and common practices of etiquette to impact 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 of our communication non-verbal. Realizing this is the first step to a successful interview, Dr. Dieterich noted. Foremost, time is of the essence as far as an interviewer is concerned. It is best to arrive five to ten minutes beforehand so as not to seem too eager, and yet to convey that you are a punctual person.

Secondly, touch comes into play. Dr. Dieterich noted that people react ten times more strongly 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 shakes of the hand is important in ending the right message to your employer.

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

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.

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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 only the fashion problem this 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.

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

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.

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

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, hough, is to stay warm in this fashion process.
Points 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 Abby Kirchdoerfer and Oswald helping out on the assist.

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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 deadlock 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.

Points tie Tommies, move up to fifth in national poll

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointers then took over the conference following the Pointers' first weekend sweep of the season as they defeated Hamline and Bethel last weekend.

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 Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

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

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.

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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.

Skaters sweep through Minnesota

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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 traveled to Dubuque, Iowa to take on the Loras Duhawks at 11 a.m. Saturday.
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, as Krause quickly capitalized on the outstanding effort of Romano, who catches 13 Krause passes for 219 yards and four touchdowns to key the Pointers’ 55-21 victory.

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

“This was a good team effort on that side of the ball,” said Romano.

The Pointers’ defense would not stay there for long, as Krause hit Romano from 37 yards out 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 Krause, as Krause quickly capitalized on Romano’s outstanding effort, finishing with 38-27 as Scott Krause.

The Pointers ended by scoring the final points of last year’s game 38-27 as Scott Krause.

Senior on the Spot

NICK HAFFELE - FOOTBALL

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 - “Hell”
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 “Beverlodge.”

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 turkey bowl in Monroe!

If you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - No matter how much you hate practice remember that there is always gameday.
Men’s team looking for five

Despite loss of leading scorer, team ready for WIAC

By Craig Mandidi
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, an NBA talent.

However, the Pointer’s talent is nothing to sneeze at either. Leading the way is All-WIAC power forward Jason Krajnik, a 6’7” junior who provides a match-up problem against smaller linups, when Krajnik will move to shooting guard.

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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 Gruszczyk, Jr. (A strong presence alongside Krajnik who provides a match-up problem against smaller linups)
SF Nick Bennett, Jr. (The coach’s kid who can play a variety of positions)
PF Jason Krajnik, Jr. (A legitimate WIAC MVP candidate, Krajnik is the most complete player Point has in years)
C Eric Maus, Jr. (A strong defensive presence to play with Krajnik)

The Pointers also sport a strong bench, with high expectations as they try to return to the NCAA Division III tournament after being denied a shot last year.

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.

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

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 Swissrland 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 last season, and UW-Whitewater.

“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.”
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 by 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-round T.J. Ford is going to be a good, maybe great point guard. I know he’s not a very big, but neither was Terrell Brandon or a host of other good point guards in the league. Ford is one of the quickest guards in the league. He’s got a first-round body and 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 is going to be a good, maybe great point guard. I think the Bucks haven’t had in a long time. This kid could become the big-time scorer the Bucks are looking for. The 6’6” Redd

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The point position always seems to be manned by a combination of having two or three this year. A combination of Dan Gadzuric and Daniel Santiago will patrol the paint for the Bucks. Both are young and untested, but they have good upside.

Trying to get the most out of this young, talented team is coach UWSW Alum Terry Porter. What Porter lacks in 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.

The Counter Update

Men’s Hockey from page 7

"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 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 the MIAC 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 margin great 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 UWSW-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 a battle 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 these 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 us on, or at least for the Pointers.

******This week’s 3 stars!******

Men’s
1. Adam Kosticka - 2 shorthand goals, this guy is a MONSTER
2. Ryan Kirchoff - 2 goals in the same game, this guy works hard in and out of the rink
3. Todd Eastman - Congratulations on the win and here’s to a great season ahead.

Women’s
1. Amy Statz - Good work as a fresh goalie in a tough conference (2-0-1 record)
2. Kim Lunneborg - 1 goal scored, we want at least 9 more!

That’s it for this week, see you at the Willett

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 Augustsburg Open, Sat., 9 a.m.

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

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

All home games in BOLD

* Game can be heard live on 90FM

** Update at the end of the week, please check our website.
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.

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I recommend getting your gear ready now. If your stuff is at home, go home and get it soon. Reels and tip up spoons 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

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 sausage, my eggs and even in my coffee. If the doctors would let me, I’d rig up a syrup IV or drink syrup with whisky over rooftop. Heeey-yo!

Hey, the good wife makes her very own sweet marmalades and syrup fixin’s fresh from the hanging coffee can. A little maple tree tapping’ and some docin’ 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 crunch of big-money "suck-yup", as I like to call it. Consuming conventional "suck-yup" from that sirin flapper-jack-sellout Auntie Jenama or dem home-goodlin’ 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, as 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 about campfires. And hell, wouldn’t you know it, even through we see eye to eye on synology, 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 Geeeeweeeeeet!!!" - Mr. Winters

Outlook good for gun season

By Marty Seeger
Assistant Outdoors Editor

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.

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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 walleyes were beginning to slow and things outside the realm of water began to whisk at my brain, a new opportunity beckons 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.

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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 flight properties so fast you never saw it coming. Luckily you are ignored. 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.

If you have a hatchet, 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 matches against.

Once you are able to generate ample sparkage, it is time to gather the oh-so essential tinder. Tinder is the precursor 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 orneedles can be powdered and ignited. Also, pussy willow fuzz makes for great tinder. Almost anything in nature can be dried out, 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 even if the 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 oxidation is ideal for cooking, heating and all around accessibility. 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!
**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, which was the first show I really followed that was 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 drug 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 shick 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 Five Trucks Bam Bam from "That Don't Feel Phil" did put up. He commercialized himself, but under a well-planned 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 conclu­sions (and I didn’t) will con­sider Revolutions an epic-scale disaster.

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3. **Reno 911!** (Comedy Central, various times) Reno 911! is one of those shows that really sunk up on me this year. I’d stop on Comedy Central while channel surfing and get stuck watching this show instead of surfing back to my original choice. The show is basically a mix between a spoof on Cops and an ER-type drama, although all of Reno is satirical. The cops are corrupt, sleep with 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 a 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 season seven. This year, 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 conclusions (and I didn’t) will consider Revolutions an epic-scale disaster.

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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 Bully 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.

The only saving grace remains Weaver as Smith. The sarcastic 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.

Fun, but not worth the hype

By Steve Seamandel

**ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR**

Several reviews receive a significant amount of hype and live up to expectations. Matrix Revolutions falls into that category. However, there’s a complete waste of time. 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 recite and prepare for the 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 probably be the build-up phase.

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By Geoffrey Fyfe

**ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR**

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**Events Calendar**

- **Thursday, Nov. 13**
  - Green Tea @ Clark Place, 8 p.m.
  - $5, $3 w/student ID

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Your College Survival Guide:

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With Help from GottaHavaJava

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 cheriy. 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://homestar-runner.com/tgsmenu.html

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

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...."

I hate to break it to you, Mike, 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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