Concealed weapons legislation raises campus concerns

Students opposing bill suggest amendment to prohibit conceal and carry on campus

By Andrew Bloeser

Proposed state legislation that would allow Wisconsin residents to carry concealed weapons has spurred debate over whether an amendment should be added to exclude university campuses from areas where concealed weapons would be permitted.

Bills before the state Senate and Assembly include provisions that would ban concealed weapons in areas such as elementary and secondary schools, penitentiaries and police stations.

If passed, residents over the age of 21 who have completed a 22-hour firearms training course and who are not incompetent or drug-dependent would gain the right to carry concealed weapons with a permit.

The United Council, a student advocacy group to which UW-Stevens Point belongs, stated its support for an amendment prohibiting this practice on university campuses last month at its September general assembly.

Nineteen of the 33 states that permit residents to carry concealed weapons without informing authorities make exceptions for universi­ities.

"Other states with laws allowing concealed weapons exclude university campuses, and if this legislation passes, it makes sense that Wisconsin would do this too," said Matt McFeasley, communication director for the organization.

Geoffrey Rademacher, a Student Government Association senator at UW-Stevens Point, disagrees.

"I don't see what the compunction is about concerning concealed carry on campus," said Rademacher.

"I don't see how there is an increased danger at the university or anywhere else if a person has gone through the mandated training process."

The legislative issues committee of the SGA began discussing student concerns about the legislation last week and planned to release a survey question designed to measure campus sentiment via email on Thursday.

"Based on the reactions of those I've talked to so far, students are concerned about people with concealed weapons on campus and in the classrooms," said Erin Fay, legislative issues director.

Fay began to relay those concerns to legislators this week, contacting both Sen. Julie Lassa (D-Stevens Point) and assembly majority leader Steven Fott (R-Oconomowoc). Fay said she spoke to each about support students have voiced to her concerning an amendment that would exclude universities from areas that would be permitted for conceal and carry.

She stated that for students opposed to the legislation, seeking an amendment to exclude universities appeared more viable than championing the defeat of the legislation as a whole.

The UW System currently advocates an amendment to exclude universities on campus.

Delay on UC naming questioned

Spy games underway on campus

Intra-campus activity adapted to reduce violent image

By David Cohen

Students in the last week may have noticed other students on campus running, dodging behind buildings and even hurling projectile weapons at each other.

Witnesses to these events may rest assured that these are not acts of terrorism and the projectiles are merely rolled-up socks.

These are a part of the Spy Games, an activity involving espionage and elimination, produced by Centerentertainment. The game has been going for a week and has nine of the original 19 participants, as of the deadline for this article.

Andy Liesener, the organizer of the event, says that because of the social climate, the game, which has been used in the past by various residence halls, had to be toned down in order to be acceptable.

The game is commonly known to people by the name "Assassins."
Bursar's Office to stop cashing student paychecks

By David Cohen
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Student employees of the university will soon not have the service of being able to cash their checks on campus. The Bursar's Office has announced that they will no longer be cashing checks as of January 1.

Anita Godin, the Bursar's Office supervisor, has approved the policy change in order to promote direct deposit in correlation with the payroll office. This decision will also make it possible for the Bursar's office to reduce its hours.

One of the reasons for the change is to save money due to budget cuts to the UW System. Godin says "we will have less dollars available to hire student staff to disburse and cash checks."

She also points out "industry standards estimate that the cost to write a check is now in the neighborhood of $12.00 per check. This includes the time of the people involved in printing to cashing to reconciling statements to storage. Direct deposit would reduce that cost to the UW System.

"Also, each check that UWSP accepts and deposits into our bank has a transaction charged back to the university. By increasing our direct deposits we can reduce that cost as well."

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Susan Lebow Young, the Student Involvement and Employment Manager, has the responsibility of marketing direct deposit to students.

She enforces the idea of security by pointing out that "many students have multiple room mates and it makes it easier for their money to be stolen when they have large amounts of cash in their wallets. People don't always lock the doors to their rooms at night."

Young admits that initially some students may be inconvenienced by the change, particularly if they do not have bank accounts. For this reason, she is going to places of student employment to persuade people to arrange direct deposit for themselves.

Godin, however, does not feel that this will inconvenience students, saying "I do not believe that many students do not have bank accounts. They are managing their student fees."

Lisa Nelson of the Payroll office says that the UW system is promoting direct deposit also because it will save money on printing costs. Direct deposit is done by automated transfer. She adds that "UW-Eau Claire has made it so that all student employees are required to have direct deposit."

Young reports that a recent study shows that UWSP has one of the lowest percentages of students with direct deposit, though it has the second largest student payroll. Many other campuses have UWSP doubled in percentage.

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the government relations section of its website, stating, "A campus environment is much different than the general public environment. The potential of concealed weapons in the classroom could threaten student learning by stifling debate on controversial issues."

Sponsors of the legislation, Sen. Dave Zien (R-Eau Claire) and Rep. Scott Gunderson (R-Waterford), proposed a similar bill last session, which died in the Democratic controlled senate despite passing in the Assembly on a 58-40 vote.

Republicans now control both houses of legislature. If the bill passes, Wisconsin would become the 45th state to permit conceal and carry in some form.

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important task we have ahead of us.

The committee will conduct its work during the fall and winter, and will recommend at least five candidates who could replace George, now chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Lyall and a special committee of the UW System Board of Regents will then conduct final interviews and make a recommendation to the full board.

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the pact from Nancy Ives, the assistant vice president for capital planning for the UW System.

She also added that she doubted any personal involvement by Thompson Regent Gregory Gracz, chair of the physical planning committee which handles naming issues, stated Monday that no such agreement existed and that his committee concerned itself only overlook fund-raising opportunities.

"There is no pact," said Gracz. "The bottom line is, one of the major criteria for naming buildings is a major charitable donation and there is no gift attached to the Dreyfus renaming."

Though the committee has approved four of the last ten building in the UW System for new names, Gracz states that the current economic climate and budget reductions for the System have placed increased weight on the stipulation of charitable giving.

Student government representatives remain frustrated, citing a lack of communication from the Board of Regents regardless of the reasons for the delayed action.

"It's certainly disturbing," said Sen. Nicholas Gorzalski of the Student Government Association, who has followed the issue since the beginning of the academic year.

"In the past we haven't had many problems with the Board of Regents over these types of things, so it's odd that they're so tight lipped over this." Gorzalski became interested in the stalled naming process after reading an email from SGA co-advisor John Diekroeger which began circulating among student representatives and other university committees.

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University Center
Sunday, Sept. 26 2:23 p.m.

A student reported that three tree frogs were stolen from room 410 of the College of Natural Resources building since September 19, 2003—the last time to date anyone reported seeing the frogs.

Lot Q
Sunday, September 26 11:45 a.m.

A student reported that his vehicle had been damaged while parked. The student stated that his vehicle was last seen intact at 8 p.m. the previous evening.

College of Natural Resources
Sunday, September 26 9:15 a.m.

A student reported that his bike was stolen.
Musings from Mirman

If Arnold is qualified to run for Governor, then why not me?

By Dan Mirman
Editor In Chief

I can no longer sit on the sidelines and watch the state of California do this recall thing. A CNN/USA Today Gallup Poll showed Arnold Schwarzenegger leading the gubernatorial recall election, which takes place Tuesday.

Fear not faithful Pointer readers: I have a plan. I am entering the election. Tossing my hat into the ring. Hedging my bets and other cheesy clichés. Dime circumstances call for drastic measures and I'm ready for the challenge.

First I'll get the basic roadblocks out of the way. California requires its Governor to be at least 25 years of age. On paper this appears as a daunting obstacle, but I'm not worried. If a movie star (Arnold), a porn star (Mary Carey) and a has-been star (Gary Coleman) can qualify for Governor; there should be no problem for me. California requires its Governor to be an actual resident of the state. Well it just so happens that I have a Grandma who lives in Sacramento. A one-necessary signatures and the $3,500 entry fee. Hell, in campaign. That way I can toss aside both the 65 over the summer. My late entry into the race will likely late."

My election aspirations revolve around a write-in campaign. That way I can toss aside both the 65 necessary signatures and the $3,500 entry fee. Hell, I can handle both jobs. I'm sure California wouldn't require me to be there very often anyway.

The pieces are falling into place. All that remains is a solid platform on which to base my campaign. Here it is: The End of All Reality TV. Elect me Governor of California and I hereby decree that all production of reality TV shows within the state limits shall be outlawed. Big Brother, Big Brother: The Oshoarsense, pass off. Are You Hot? Not in my state. The Real World obviously gets a free pass because it's filmed outside of the state.

I'm predicting an unprecedented landslide victory. I've got Arnold beat in school; he received his bachelor's degree from UW-Superior and I will be taking time off from grad school when I take office. I have to give myself the edge in common sense; I never told an interviewer about an orgy I participated in. Arnold does have the nod when it comes to movie careers, but you can't win them all.

Unfortunately, if I am elected Governor, I will no longer be able to satisfy my duties as Editor in Chief of The Pointer and I will resign. Or, maybe if all it takes to be Governor of California is viewing reality TV and spouting "I'll pump you up," I can handle both jobs. I'm sure California wouldn't require me to be there very often anyway.

Intramural fields used by majority of students

A lot of controversy has recently surfaced concerning the "intramural fields." I would like to clear this issue up and state that the Intrumurals program isn't building any fields.

The readers of The Pointer have seen the term "intramural fields" more than once in this publication, but intramurals are not the reason why the fields were built.

The fields that are on the north end of Lot Q are the Student Recreation Fields. Currently, these new fields are the only athletic fields for the students and not a college varsity sports team.

These are really one of the only green areas on campus that are accessible for student non-varsity athletic use. Student non-varsity athletes use the fields both independently, and under activities organized through intramurals, which is a department run by students for student activities.

There have been some improvements made on the Student Recreation Fields. Not only have lights and a fence been installed, but for once, the students now have a proper playing surface for any activity.

I would like to quote from the editorial from last week, "fields that only a fraction of students use." This is simply not true: intramurals use these fields, but they are for anyone enrolled at UWSP to use. And with over 75 percent of the people enrolled at UWSP participating in intramurals, according to the Campus Activities and Recreation Office, I really think that three out of four is a small fraction.
Symphony season opens with 20th century music and jazz

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

The Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra (CWSO) is celebrating its 55th anniversary season with season opener concerts featuring a variety of exciting 20th century music under the direction of CWSO conductor Patrick Miles.

The first concert is Saturday, October 11 at Sentry Theater (located in Stevens Point) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 12th at 4:00 p.m. at the Wisconsin Rapids Performing Arts Center.

The concert program focuses on music written by 20th century American composers, and is a lush depiction of an era of experimentation with new sounds and exciting contemporary interpretations of composition.

John Corigliano's Promenade Overture was first performed by the Boston Pops in 1981. Its inspiration was Haydn's Farewell Symphony, which ends with the musicians successively walking off the stage, but Corigliano decided to reverse the procedure and the orchestra enters while playing his piece. Morton Gould's Symphonette #2, written in 1938, amounts to three perfect miniatures and the Pavanne movement has become a light-music standard that has been arranged every which way.

One of the most popular American composers, George Gershwin, one of the most popular American composers, wrote An American in Paris which was commissioned and performed first in 1928 by the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Society. Sketches of the work began in New York, but the full piano score was completed in Paris. Gershwin characterized this work as a "rhaphodic ballet", however. Ballet or tone poem, this work is Gershwin - and the American spirit - at its essence. It is a movable feast of tonal imagery.

The concert program concludes with the UWSP Jazz Ensemble joining the orchestra to perform Wisconsin's award-winning composer John Harmon's Field of Dreams for Big Band and Orchestra. Harmon's recent acclaimed recordings include a solo piano album of his own compositions, Rite of Passage, standards and his own compositions on An Evening of Jazz with the John Harmon Trio, and, with singer Janet Planet, More Beautiful Than Planned.

Harmon has been one of America's busiest composers. He is an accomplished jazz pianist, which can be noted by listening to his various compositions. Field of Dreams, commissioned by the Fox Valley Symphony in 1984 (well before the popular movie of the same name) was written for a studio orchestra. Field of Dreams focuses on the theme of baseball, inspired by his own personal love for the game and aspirations as a child for a career in the sport. Harmon states, "Field of Dreams is dedicated to my brother Jim the greatest Cub fan in world."

Tickets are available at the door and at the UWSP Ticket Office, located in Room 103A of the University Center, 1025 Reserve Street (Stevens Point) and at the door. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:40 p.m., or phone 346-4100 (toll-free 1-800-838-3378). Tickets are also available in Wisconsin Rapids at The Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, Daly Drug and Winslow's Hallmark. Senior citizen, student and group rates are available. Student "rush seats" area available for $5.00 the last ten minutes before the concerts start. There is a minimal ticket-handling fee with all ticket purchases based on quantity.

The Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra strives to enrich the lives of all central Wisconsin residents by presenting high-quality concerts, fostering an appreciation of symphonic music, providing a venue for area musicians and developing an educational opportunity for youth. For more information, call the CWSO office at 715-345-2976. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Visit: www.cwso.org

Hypnotist returns to Point

Bruce McDonald to captivate students once again at UWSP

By Geoff Fye
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Bruce McDonald returns to Point on Friday, Oct. 3 to entertain the student body with his hypnotic performance in the Laird Room.

McDonald has appeared at UW-Stevens Point on multiple occasions. He has also performed at numerous other colleges across America, including the University of Nevada, New York University, the University of Alaska-Anchorage and Occidental College.

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Hypnotist McDonald says students come are also expected to be aware that McDonald may choose them to be subjects for his hypnotism demonstrations. McDonald is sponsored, as usual, by Centertainment Productions.
Need money: come to BioLife Plasma Center

Sell your "bodily fluids" for fun and profit

By Geoff Fyfe

For the student who is looking for a way to earn a little extra cash and isn't squeamish, BioLife Plasma Center is the place to go.

Located at 3325 Business Park Drive off of Highway 39, BioLife offers students the chance to earn some extra money as well as help save peoples’ lives.

"Donating is a good opportunity to earn extra cash while attending college," says Doug Amberson, assistant manager at BioLife. "Regular donors can earn up to $50 a week."

Donors are allowed to donate plasma at a limit of two times in a seven day period. A donor receives $20 for their first donation and $30 if they choose to donate a second time that week.

Before they can donate, students have to take a physical to prove they are fit to give plasma. Also, before every donation, the staff must take the donor's blood pressure, heart rate and temperature as well as a blood sample. The donor must then answer a series of questions to confirm that they prove no health risk in donating. A word of advice: "Yes" or "No" are the only answers accepted. "Nope" doesn't make the cut.

"For students, it is certainly a good chance to study, given that you are stuck in a chair for an hour," says Amberson.

If one is not inclined to study, one can simply read or relax until the procedure is complete. Music is provided over the loudspeakers and the staff is there in case of any requests or problems concerning your donation. Amberson added, "The staff is friendly and makes it an enjoyable experience."

The center is open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, from 6:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Friday and from 6:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Students may donate at any time during those hours.

To donate, an appointment must be made. Donors must make appointments via the center's website http://www.mytime.bioplifeplasma.com. A username and password is required to enter the site, which will be provided upon your physical and first donation.

The center is open 24 hours of the day, so students can watch the construction at any time they choose. If you wish to view the area in the dead of night or see the dawn rise over the Point skyline, all options are open. Have fun and enjoy watching the progress unfold!

Camera on the construction

Big Brother is watching you

By Geoff Fyfe

The camera can be controlled by anyone who logs in. To control it, simply click on the "Control Camera" button and you will have control of the camera for a limited amount of time (20 seconds at least, longer if no one is waiting to use it behind you). If your time runs out, click on the button again for more.

The camera allows you to zoom in and out or pan around to get a closer view of the construction. To zoom in and out, move the bar line on the far right up and down. To pan around, move the bars bracketing the screen from side to side.

Get a bird's eye view of the construction currently going on at the Fine Arts Center, feel free to go online and check it out.

Available on the UW-Stevens Point web page, the Fine Arts webcam allows students to view the construction and possibly spy on their friends to boot.

The camera itself is located atop the Learning Resource Center and provides a view of the Fine Arts Center and the fenced-off Sundial. The camera can be moved to get a view of the Specht Forum and the Stevens Point skyline, which is rather spectacular to observe as the sun sinks below the horizon.

To work the camera, simply click on News and Events on the main UW-Stevens Point web page (www.uwsp.edu) to go to the News and Events page. The camera link is located in the upper left-hand corner. Clicking on it takes you directly to the camera.

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The Man’s Take: It's just a game, guys

By Craig Mandli

SPORTS EDITOR

Editor’s Note: This message goes out to all you intramural superstars out there. Yeah, you know who you are.

What is the deal with some guys? Bad day? Crappy food? Not enough loving at home? I don't get it. Why do some guys have to let out their pent-up rage on the intramural field?

Tuesday night—I was out with my buddies playing a game of intramural football when all hell broke loose. A guy on my team scored a touchdown on a nice catch and leisurely flipped the ball on the ground. However, the ball didn’t hit the ground, but rather the leg of one of our opponents. This sent the opponent into a fit of rage, where he grabbed the ball and chucked it back at the head of my teammate. After a scuffle, the guy who chucked the ball got tossed from the game. Totally classless.

One on one, a call went against our opponent, and immediately one of their players started calling our female referee a few very inappropriate names. He was tossed for two games. Totally classless.

Now, I'm all for hitting and hard play, as long as its sportsmanship. What happened Tuesday crossed the line. I think a few of these guys forgot that this was an INTRAMURAL football game. Granted, emotions can run high sometimes during these games, but that is no reason to go all Terrell Owens out there.

Next time, guys, remember you are not on Lambeau Field, making millions for your toughness and talent. You are playing intramurals, games meant to be fun. Heck, you can’t get nootroti. We can’t even get the intramural rankings in this paper!

No one is out to get your team. There is no vendetta against you. Just grow up.

The way I see it...

By Joshua Schmidt

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

By the time you read this the Cubs will probably be up 2-0 on the Braves and on their way to their first World Series Championship in almost 100 years. Yes, that’s right. The Cubs. After picking up their first division title in 14 years, these Cubs look ready to bring the city of Chicago a championship, something it hasn’t had since the Bulls went on their memorable run in the mid 90s.

What makes this year’s Cubs stand out from the rest of the contenders in baseball? In a word, pitching, especially the starters. This team has not one, but three starters that could be the ace for any staff in the league.

The “old guy” of this trio is Kerry Wood at the ripe age of 26. Wood leads the league in strikeouts with 266 and was among the leaders with a 3.20 ERA. Add to that his first All-Star Game appearance and you have the makings of a pretty solid year.

Then there’s 23-year-old Mark Prior, who’s been brilliant for the Cubs, avoiding the sophomore slump, posting a miniscule 2.43 ERA. Prior has been especially dominant since a brief stint on the disabled list with bruised shoulder. He’s lost one game since then.

The youngster of this group is Carlos Zambrano. At the tender age of 22, Zambrano has picked up a 10-6 year, running up a 13-11 record along with a 3.11 ERA.

Behind the big three you have the unsung hero, Joe Borowski nailing down the closer role. Zambrano’s had a rough year with a toe injury that sidelined him for a while, along with a ten game suspension for the bat-corking incident. Despite all that Sammy still had his typical 40 home run, 100 RBI season.

So there you have it. You want the World Champion Chicago Cubs. You’ll finally hear that phrase outside the world of Playstation baseball.

Editor’s Note: The Cubs dropped game two of their series in the Bronx 5-3. The series now moves to Chicago.

Women continue strong showing

Men also continue to run well at Ripon

By Tony Bastien

SPORTS REPORTER

Competing against Division II opponents at the University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invitational, the UWSP women’s cross country team fulfilled Coach Len Hill’s goal by placing in the top five with a third place finish.

Some familiar faces carried the bulk of the load for the Pointers in sophomores Teresa Stanley, Jenna Mitchler and junior Megan Craig.

The ladies finished third behind defending champion Northern Michigan and South Dakota with a team score of 123. With that score, the team finished ahead of fellow WIAC squad and higher-ranked La Crosse.

Stanley, this week’s runner of the week for Coach Hill, was the highest finishing UWSP runner with a time of 18:47 to finish fifth. Just behind her in a very close knit group were Craig (eighth-18:52) and Mitchler (tenth-18:55).

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The Week Ahead...

Football: at La Crosse, Sat., 1 p.m.

Soccer: at William Penn (Iowa), Sat., 5 p.m.; at Morningside (Iowa), Sun., 1 p.m.; at Oshkosh, Wed., 4 p.m.

Volleyball: at UW-Stout, Fri., 7 p.m.; at UW-River Falls, Sat., noon.

Golf: at WIAC Championships (Platteville), Sat. & Sun., All Day

Tennis: at St. Norbert, Sun., 11 a.m.; La Crosse, Wed., 3:30 p.m.

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No relief in sight for young Pointers

By Joshua Schmidt
Assistant Sports Editor

The UWSP Pointer women's volleyball team spent last weekend at the UW-Eau Claire tournament. It was an all or nothing weekend as the Pointers were swept twice and did some sweeping of their own, dominating the other two matches of the weekend.

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The Pointers started the weekend with the host school, Eau Claire. After losing a nail-biter 31-29, the Pointers went quickly in the second two, 30-19 and 30-20. Nichole Stahovich led the Pointers with seven kills. Tom Johnson helped out with two aces.

The story was much better in the second match. The Pointers took care of business as they swept Superior out of the building 3-0. Once again, the first game was close, this time the Pointers prevailed 32-30.

**Cross Country**

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Herlache in 45th and freshman Ashley Earney in 55th. Herlache excited Coach Hill with her performance, her first of the year, after a bout with anemia. "She had to spend a lot of time not training, and that's not a good thing when it comes to running," said Hill.

Just one minute and two seconds separated Herlache and Earney from Sunday as the Pointers continued their team strategy of running together in a pack.

The men also had success in their race at Ripon this past Saturday, claiming the crown on the Ripon Invitational course. Adam Bucholz, the men's number of the week, came in second overall as the men had four of the top six positions and five of the top ten.

"We accomplished exactly what we wanted," said coach Rick Witt. "It was not a very easy course and we were not too concerned about times. The nice thing about cross country is it's not about times, it's about place."

Many of the top runners were held out of this meet for Witt as he was preparing them for this week's Notre Dame Invitational and looking to solidify the remaining lineup.

The other top finishers for UWSP were Josh Knapka in third, Matt Legal in fifth, Jake Rhyner in sixth and Joe Bertsch in tenth.

"It was good experience for those guys to get a chance to be up towards front," said Witt.

This weekend the men will send nine runners, the teams' top six runners and the top three from this weekend, to South Bend, Indiana to take part in the prestigious Notre Dame Invitational, where "realistically [the team] is looking for a top three finish," said Witt.

Once Witt expects the same inclement weather that has plagued them their last few trips south.

The women are taking a well deserved break before the Pointer Big Dawg Invitational on October 11th. Hill is giving the women the week off too, hoping they'll rest and run.

"We're giving them this week off, hopefully they'll rest and run."

"We're giving this Saturday to hopefully not run. I don't know how many guys won't but that's what I'd like to do," said Hill.

Both teams are still ranked in the top ten in the nation, with both teams poll seating the women fourth and the men in seventh.

Both squads are entering the second half of the schedule looking to either even further in the polls and take a horn of steam into the conference meet on November 1st and the nationals in the weeks following.

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Krause's seven scores lead Pointers in Spud Bowl

By Craig Mandli
Sports Editor

The Butler Bulldogs must have had a lot to think about on their eight-hour trip home on Saturday afternoon.

Foremost in their minds surely was how a Division III team that they handled a year ago could come back and do that exact same thing to them a year later. Coming off a tough 43-29 loss to Butler in 2002, the Pointers came out on fire and never looked back, defeating the Bulldogs 56-7 on a rain-soaked Goerke Field.

Football

Despite the poor field conditions, the Pointer offense immediately came out firing, with senior quarterback Scott Krause finding junior halfback Cody Flisakowski running all alone down the right sideline for a 44-yard gain. Four plays later, Krause hooked up with junior tight end Ross Adamczak on a 30-yard bullet from Krause to junior Tony Romano to put the Pointers their margin of victory.

Overall, Krause hit 20 of his 29 pass attempts for 372 yards and seven touchdowns, one short of the school record of eight, set by Kirk Baumgartner against UW-Superior in 1989.

"One of my coaches called down from upstairs and told us about the record during the game," said Miech. "In my opinion, records are meant to be broken, and that's why [Scott] was still out there in the fourth. Our starters earned the right to play most of the game, so I'm not going to pull them if we are up by a lot in the third."

"That was as close as the score would get," added Miech. "As the Pointers piled on two more scores early in the fourth quarter on a-yard run from Flisakowski and a 30-yard pass from Krause to junior Tony Romano to put the Pointers up 35-0 at the break."

"They make things happen and are able to make people miss," said Miech. "Anytime that you have two weeks to prepare for a game, there shouldn't be any surprises.

The Butler offense, a group that ran up over 500 yards of total offense in last year's game, never got on track against a stingy Pointer defense. After forcing a punt on Butler's first possession, the Pointers again attacked through the air, with Krause hitting freshman wide receiver Cody Childs on a 33-yard scoring strike.

"Both Cody and [junior wide receiver Kurt] Kielblock are very fast and know what to do when they get their hands on the ball," said Miech. "They make things happen and are able to make people miss."

Krause was able to hit Childs with another scoring pass in the first quarter as the Pointers were up 21-0 after one period.

It was more of the same in the second quarter, as Krause hit Kielblock with a 21-yard scoring strike and later hit Adamczak with his second touchdown, this one an eight-yarder with 1:06 left to put the Pointers up 35-0 at the break.

After the half, the Pointers came out and continued to build on their lead, with Krause hitting Kielblock with his second touchdown of the day, a nine-yard strike to put Point up 42-0. It was then that Butler's offense finally came alive, with Adam Webb hitting receiver Robert Leonard with a 29-yard pass to pull the Bulldogs within 42-7.

Butler served Pointers an effortless victory

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Pointers fall to Maroons

By Joshua Schmidt
Assistant Sports Editor

The UWSP women's soccer team made the trip to Chicago last Saturday to take on the undefeated, tenth-ranked University of Chicago Maroons.

The Maroons came out of the gate firing, scoring the first goal of the game barely 20 minutes in. Christi Carqueville got the goal assisted by Renee Nueen, making the score 1-0. The teams held each other scoreless for the rest of the first half.

Next up, the Pointers face bitter rival La Crosse on the road, a game where they have won only four times in the last 100 years. "They have a good team, and we have a good team," said Miech. "In this league, home-field advantage goes right out the window."
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And so I did. A couple of nights at the Izak Walton Inn, each week with the instruc­tor and a room full of 12 year olds later, I had my green and orange patches. A real-life certified hunter. Yet another big step towards being Boostrom-esque.

Charlie Boostrom was a wildman.

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Charlie's fireplace with monster lake trout overhead

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Website addresses urban deer problem

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The population of deer in Wisconsin is continually rising. While many deer hunters appreciate the bounty, it is becoming clear that the urban deer population has become a problem, especially in the Stevens Point area. As a result, an informational website based on research has been developed to accommodate these concerns.

The website was created by wildlife Professor Tim Ginnett and 27 students who studied the urban deer problem. The project was launched during the spring of 2003 as part of Professor Ginnett's Wildlife 305 course in Ungulate Ecology. "The project is basically in stasis until I either teach the course again or until I find some students willing to carry things on as an independent study," Ginnett explained. The website has also received much attention from the city of Stevens Point and the media. The City Council will be taking up the urban deer issue this fall, and may consult this web site to make a decision for the next step.

Professor Ginnett explained that "The students did an outstanding job and can be very proud of their product and the attention that it is receiving." This is a fantastic website for anyone interested in deer management and the urban deer problem. You can find the project at www.uwsp.edu/wildlife/deer.

Hey...that’s a really nice rock bass

Next time, outfox the submergent pickpocket

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

If you're reading this, you know the story. You're sitting onshore watching something in that slithering river tells you that's the moment when you realize that you've been duped by a rock. A snag has made a fool of you once again.

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The lead industry (now heavily lead-free), is leading the way with several types of sinkers that improve the fisherman's chances when dealing with hungry inter­river boulders. Standing sinkers serve to hold the line off the bottom and come in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes. These can be teamed with hooks or jigs; either directly to the main line or as part of a Wolf River rig or three-way swivel rig (figure 1).

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This doesn't ever happen to me any­more. I've since learned to foil those bas­hard rocks from stealing my precious, pre­cious tackle. Honestly, I use an ancient form of wizardry combined with sound juice from bat-hearts. I'm lying. You got me, Sherlock.

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Movie Review: The Rundown

By Geoff Pyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

For a guy who comes from pro wrestling — an event not known for great intellects — Dwayne Johnson, a.k.a. The Rock, is one smart guy. His plan for a successful movie career is proceeding like clockwork. The Scorpion King is not his first movie, while not very good, established him as a bankable name. Now comes The Rundown, his first good movie; a frantic and funny action flick that should establish him as a true movie star.

The Rock plays Beck, a hard-nosed bounty hunter/debt collector with a knack for getting his man despite his refusal to use guns. Beck’s the best in his business (in the smashing prologue, he beats up an NFL team’s entire line to collect a debt from their QB), but he really wants to get out and open a restaurant. To get the cash he needs, he accepts one last retrieval assignment from his boss. His quarry is the boss’s son, Travis Walker (Seann William Scott), a wannabe treasure hunter who’s in Brazil at the mining town of El Dorado trying to find a priceless artifact.

Beck soon finds his mission is complicated by two factors. One is Travis himself, as the rebellious young man has no desire to be dragged back home when he thinks he’s no closer to the treasure he seeks. The bigger one is Hatcher (Christopher Walken), the Col. Kurz-like strongman who rules El Dorado and exploits the natives as slave labor for his gold mines. Hatcher wants the artifact Travis is seeking so he can use it to crush the rebels fighting to overthrow him. Before long, the reluctant pair of Beck and Travis must help the rebels, led by bartender Mariana (Rosario Dawson).

In the style of many great action films, The Rundown doesn’t take itself too seriously. Beck and Travis, for example, take a plunge down a mountain, hitting trees along the way and emerging unscathed. Director Peter Berg knows the tongue-in-cheek style of the film and lets the humor flow naturally. The antagonistic relationship between Beck and Travis is well done and the action scenes are superb. Numerous great set pieces abound, from the duo’s struggle with a horned monkey to the final battle, where Beck proves that he knows how to use guns although though he doesn’t like them.

The Rock proves he has what it takes to be an actor. He has terrific screen presence, is charismatic and has a natural sense of humor. He pairs off well against Scott, as the American Pie teen icon proves he’s a natural comedic actor even when not playing Stifler. Dawson is a tough, beautiful heroine and even Bremer gets a few laughs as Beck’s language-mangling Scottish pilot. And then there’s Walker, who dives into playing another of his quirky psychos with gusto. The scene where the former delivers a cracked monologue about the Tooth Fairy could only come from Walker.

The Rundown is a film with no pretensions of art or a serious message. All it wants to do is entertain for two hours and it does in spades. And it proves The Rock has what it takes to be the silver screen’s next action star. In a nifty touch, a cameo by a certain floundering gubernatorial candidate serves to pass the action torch. Rest assured, with The Rock in charge, it’s in good hands.

CD Review: The String Cheese Incident

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

The String Cheese Incident’s (SCI) fourth official studio release Untying the Not explores more territory and touches more nooks and crannies than any previous SCI album. While not their best release, it’s still a noteworthy effort.

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When you were really young we don't have any emotional calluses covering up our tender spots yet. Everything is fresh and new. Your first crush back in grade school is a pure, pure thing because we haven't learned how to be careful with our hearts yet. The love you feel for your mom when you're little is pretty near perfect. Mom's kisses make everything better.

Do you remember the sort of hugs you got when you were still small enough to fit on your mom's lap? Do you remember how that felt? Hell, I can't describe it properly. I guess you either remember that feeling, or you don't. I hope you do. It wasn't all sunshine and roses though. Embarrassment was a thousand times worse back then. Little things like giving a wrong answer, or wearing the wrong skirt were humiliating. I still cringe at the memory of the time I pucked on a field trip to the zoo.

And fear. There is no fear as sharp and horrible as a child's fear. The dark basement, the under-the-bed at night. Nightmares. I'm not talking about oh-no-it's-test-day-and-I-didn't-study-and-oh-god-where-are-my-pants? Nightmares. I mean the real nightmares with monsters that scare you so bad that when you do wake up you spend hours laying still and quiet in the bed, afraid to move.

When I was little Ronnie Regan was president and we still had the cold war. That meant that when I was starting to learn about the world, there was a lot of talk about nuclear missiles, and how it would be really, really easy for everything to get blown up forever. I remember laying awake at night, not wanting to go to sleep because there might be nuclear war and my family would die while I was asleep.

Well, I'm pretty much grown up, and those too-sharp emotions are mostly a thing of the past. Oh sure, I try to keep a kid's sense of humor and bring some sappy, silly, immature funny into this column whenever I can.

I try to be trusting and loving too, but honestly, I've had some real train-wreck relationships. They've made me too cau­tious and calloused-over to have that butterfly-tummy really-good first love feeling again. Mom's love never goes out of style, but I use band-aids now instead of kisses. And I still hug her, but I've gotten too big for her lap.

On the plus side, I've left that whole childhood embarrassment thing firmly behind me. What a relief. I can't begin to tell you how nice it is not giving the slight­est damn what you think of me. I'm free to do whatever the hell I feel like.

I thought I was through with that little kid fear too. That hopeless, helpless feeling that hangs over you all day like a cloud. The feeling that presses down on you when you try to sleep at night and all you can think is, "Please. Please. I'll do anything. Just don't let there be a nuclear war." Well that's how I've been feeling late­ly. It's been building up for weeks and weeks, pressing down on me harder and harder with every little piece of news I hear. I honestly think that this country's falling apart. $150 million budget cuts for the UW system and $2 billion a day for the war in Iraq. Corruption and Lies, and Bush suppresses the truth, and slats on the bill of rights, and leaks CIA information, and waves the flag while 3 million more people go unemployed, and his buddies drill for oil, and CEO's rake in the stock options, and investigation are called off concerning the polls in Florida.

Bush forced a war because of Weapons of Mass Destruction, right? Except we didn't find any. And we wanted Al-Quida. Except we didn't catch them. And we wanted Saddam. Except he got away too. And we wanted the entire world to hate America. Oh goodie, at least we got something out of this.

Our military has killed between 6,000 and 9,000 Iraqi civilians in the last several months. (We don't know exactly how many, because, well, apparently the mili­tary doesn't care enough to count.) Every one of those Iraqi men, women, and chil­dren were as innocent as the 2792 people killed in the WTC attacks. Funny how we seem to be really careful about counting our own people.

History books will refer to this point in America's history as "The New McCarthyism." The beginning of the end of America. The beginning of a hundred years of terror and war. The last days of our freedom. And when they teach it in history classes, grade school children will look confused and raise their hands and say, "Why? Why did they do it? Couldn't they see what was happening?"

I'd like nothing better than to brighten your day with something funny. Jokes about clown sex, or... I don't know...something about a monkey. But I just don't have any funny left right now. These are grim times. So sober up and think about what you can do to fix things. Get informed. Get angry. Go home. Hug your mom.

Pat Rothfuss will try to be funny next week. You could help out by asking him for advice at prosthumpaul@uwu.edu. If you zone your home, the kind folks at GottaHavaJava will give you free coffee. Promise.

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