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Regents reconsider pay raise decision

By Andrew Bloeser News Editor

The Board of Regents will reconsider its decision to increase executive salaries when it meets in Oshkosh this Thursday and Friday for its monthly meeting.

The decision, made Sept 2. by 11 of the 17 regents via teleconference, adjusted the pay scale for 35 executives, providing the possibility for \$98,000 in raises for 14 administrators, mostly university chancellors.

Board of Regents

Vice-President David Wo
Walsh announced the
board's decision to re-examine the
issue Tuesday, speaking before
the state Assembly's Colleges and
Universities Committee.

"The process of voting during a teleconference, when not all the board members were present, though still a quorum, was a mistake," Walsh reiterated in a telephone interview on Tuesday. "It was a mistake, because it dealt with an issue with a lot of volatility."

Walsh stated that the regents

would "bring the issue out in the open," this week and in discussing the necessity of the increase.

"We will discuss whether the decision was justified, and if it is, we will determine whether this is just such a tough fiscal time that we shouldn't do this," said Walsh.

The regents' reconsideration comes as three pending UW-related bills have have appeared in legislature, resulting from lawmakers' concerns over the openness and accountability of decisions made in the UW System.

Collectively, the legislation centers on the lack of explicit notification to the media regarding the meeting, and the board's decision to take a voice vote, as opposed to roll call vote, on a matter involving executive compensation.

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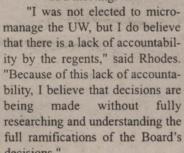
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One bill, sponsored by Rep. Kitty Rhodes (R-Hudson), would require every decision made by the Board of Regents be made through a roll call vote.

The other two pieces of legislation, sponsored by Rep. Scott

Suder (R-Abottsford) and Sen. Tom Reynolds (R-West Allis) respectively, would require legislative approval for future salary range increases and mandate that all System departmental and subcommittee meetings be posted in a state newspaper 24 hours in advance of a meeting.



While agreeing with the need for openness and accountability, Walsh criticized the legislation pertaining to the requirement of a

> voice vote and meeting notification for departmental and subcommittees as unnecessary.

He stated that taking a roll call for such decisions as adjournment and recess would cause inefficiencies in board meetings, while the current open meeting law already requires the

Board of Regents to notify the public before its sessions.

He also felt that legislators don't have the time or the expertise to determine salary increases, because they're not close enough to the situation.

"They're certainly entitled to that authority, but it's inefficient," said Walsh.

Regent Nino Amato has taken a different stance.

"Legislative oversight should not be necessary if we provide

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Homecoming 2003 arrives: Let the games begin

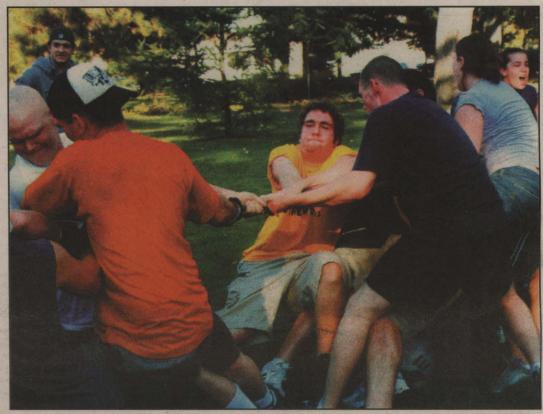


Photo by Patricia Larson

Homecoming week's "Wacky Wednesday," featured intracampus competitions that included chalk mural drawing, tug of war (pictured above), and a pizza bake off.

New System policy places surcharge on excess credits

Students to pay double tuition for exceeding 165 credits

By John Larson News Reporter

Most students dread receiving a message with no subject from Operations, as it often means that they owe the University money, but last Thursday the student body received a strange mass e-mail from Operations.

Without much fanfare and little in the way of press releases, the UW-System Board of Regents approved a plan that would place a maximum 165-credit limit on students within the system, effective Fall 2004.

Any student who is at or over the limit at the start of the new policy will be assessed a surcharge of 100% of their semester tuition, meaning that a student in violation of the policy will have to pay double the semester rate.

There are some exceptions to the 165 credit limit, however; advance placement credits and non UW-System or Wisconsin Technical College System credits do not count towards the cap.

The limit is applied to students working on their first degree, without regard to those who have more than one major or minor.

Should a student decide to return to the UW-System at a later time to pick up a different degree or teacher's certification, the cred-

its that they earned on their previous degree will not count towards the cap.

The move by the Board of Regents comes in response to a plan proposed last year by the Wisconsin state legislature which would have set the limit at 150 credits before the surcharge applied, but were talked out of the plan by UW-System officials in favor of a plan set up by the Board of Regents, which was then mandated to come up with a credit limit with a surcharge penalty.

"The policy was created to generate revenue and encourage students to graduate on time," says Nicholas Crawford, President of SGA.

"The result is a little more

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advance notice and conduct a roll call vote," said Amato. "If we should ever violate that again, that privilege should be taken away."

Amato has emerged among the most critical regents regarding process behind the salary range increase decision, calling it a "violation of the spirit of the [open meeting] law."

He has particularly criticized top System leaders, including System president Katherine Lyall for rushing the decision, due to their concern with setting competitive wages prior to beginning chancellor searches for UW-Stevens Point and UW-Milwaukee.

"There was a bit of the tail wagging the dog in this situation," said Amato. "I understand the System's urgency to get this done, but it was a mistake and it could have waited until the regular meeting two days later."

Students, as well as lawmakers have voiced opposition to the regents' handling of the salary increases.

The Student Government Association senate will vote on two resolutions related to the salary range increase at its meeting Thursday night, which will take place in the University Center's Legacy Room at 6:30 p.m.

The first resolution takes a position against the decision to increase the salary ranges, the second opposes the process by which the decision was made.

Festival of India alters stereotypes

Celebration highlights the uniqueness and troubles of Indian culture

By David Cohen

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday, the 16th annual Festival of India was held at Stevens Point Area Senior High School (SPASH.) The event was set to occur near Oct. 2 in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday.

The event is organized every year in Stevens Point by Scholarship, Home Industry, Activism, Medical & Health, Alliances between Americans and Indians (SHAMA). The organization is the product of retired UWSP Professors Jagdish and Jyotsna Chander who are originally from India. The UWSP Multicultural Affairs Office and the South-Asia Society of UWSP were also instrumental in the event's planning.

Ron Strege, Director of Multicultural Affairs and speaker at the event says that the purpose of the Festival is two-fold. He believes that Stevens Point is very fortunate to have the Chanders holding the festival here as "there is so much to learn about the different kind of people around us. It is important to gain a better knowledge of as many cultures as possible so that you understand why people have the perspectives that they do and make the decisions that they do based on their backgrounds."

Strege, who is also a member of the SHAMA board, says that alongside education, the festival is designed to raise money for SHAMA's charitable projects for India.



Photo by Patricia Larson

Mother and daughter take in the 16th annual Fesitval of India, held at Steven Point Area Senior High on Saturday.

Primary among these is the creation of scholarships for women in India, who without an education are forced to turn to lives of prostitution. Funds also support the school they attend, and promote reproductive health. The event also has resources for attendants to sponsor an Indian child or village

Jagdish Chander says that for the attendees, the festival functions to allow people to have more exposure to this culture and see its members as people rather than stereo-

typical figures, saying "The media in our country portrays only partial segments of life in Indian society that they feel will sell best with their audience. That is what creates fanciful stereotypes. It is impossible to give a total picture of any society in one segment, let alone of Indians who live a life almost as diverse as the globe itself. The Festival is a humble effort in correcting the inadequacies of the media portrayal."

He added, "The Festival provides the

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Roach Hall Friday, Oct. 3 4:55 p.m.

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A male reported his bike had been stolen from the south entrance of the University Center's upper level.

Smith Hall Thursday, Oct. 2 11:59 p.m.

A male student reported his bike had been stolen from the front entrance of the building.

The Campus Beat is compiled by UWSP Protective Servives. All names witheld.

Correction

The article "Delay on UC naming questioned" wrongly stated that the Student Government Association approved the naming of the University Center after Lee Sherman Dreyfus. The University Centers Advisory and Policy Board, not the SGA, approved the renaming. The Pointer apologizes for the error.

United Council pushes to increase refundable student fee

The Issue

United Council and

the Mandatory Refundable Fee

United Council wants to raise the

-Two thirds of member campuses

MRF from \$1.35 to \$2.00,

must approve the increase

-UWSP's SGA will vote on the

increase tonight, at 6:30 in the

beginning in 2003-04.

Legacy Room.

Student senate at odds over fee increase and Counsil's lobbying effectiveness

By Andrew Bloeser

NEWS EDITOR

A move by United Council to increase a refundable fee on student tuition bills, from which the organization draws the bulk of its operating revenue, has generated criticism from campus opponents questioning both the fee increase and the effectiveness of the student interest group itself

The majority of delegates from 15 of United Council's 23 member campuses voted in August to

allow individual members to consider ratifying a proposed 65 cent increase in the fee from its current level of \$1.35 per student.

The delegation from UW-Stevens Point, empowered with five votes, favored this plan over two other alternatives, which would have proposed increases of 50 and 80 cents, respectively.

The increase would allow United Council, which yielded a deficit of \$19,200 in the 2001-2002 fiscal year and another deficit of \$36,000 in 2002-2003, to elevate its revenue base from \$400,000 to approximately \$575,000.

Known as the Mandatory Refundable Fee (MRF), students have the option to request a refund of the \$1.35 by mail, along with reimbursement for the cost of postage within the first 45 days of the academic year.

The United Council now needs two thirds of its member campuses to ratify the adjustment to the fee, which would take effect in the 2003-2004 academic year.

The Student Government Association senate will vote on legislation proposing the adjustment at its meeting Thursday night.

"The MRF increase is needed to sustain the

organization," said Vicki Bomben, United Council executive director. "In order to make the staff more effective, two positions have been added since the fee was last adjusted and eliminating those positions would not be prudent in times of challenges to higher education."

She credited the organization's success this summer in persuading legislators not to allow the use of segregated fees for funding financial aid in part to the larger staff's ability to coordinate a statewide campaign in support of the issue.

The organization added two positions since last adjusting the MRF in 1999, which provide annual salaries of \$26,000 and full benefits.

Bomben also stated that United Council now requires more funds for operational expenses that

have escalated since 1999, which include a 41 percent increase in health care costs and 30 percent increase for office rental.

"In 1999, \$80,000 was set up in a reserve to cover increasing expenses, and the \$48,000 remaining in the account will be exhausted by the end of the year," said Bomben. "That makes increasing the MRF necessary right now."

One student senator at UWSP has already openly opposed the increase,

expressing concerns over United Council's spending practices and the organization's effectiveness in lobbying lawmakers.

"The students should not bear the cost of overbudgeting and poor spending by the United Council staff," said SGA senator Jeremy Gorzalski. "The current financial state of the United Council can be traced back to the increase in UC staffing that was ineptly planned for, causing the students to have to pay for salaries and benefits for positions with a questionable return value."

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Surcharge

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revenue and lots of frustration for students that may have transferred schools or changed majors. The truth is that few students will be affected, which begs the question of why propose it in the first place."

He noted that the way the message was sent out was not the best way to inform the student body, stating that "I think most people would appreciate a greater explanation of the policy, and I hope that advisors catch that and bring it up with advisees when advising starts later this semester.

David Eckholm, Registrar for UWSP, stated that "the (surcharge plan) was originated by the Wisconsin Legislature, but they dropped the plan in favor of one that the Board of Regents felt students would more readily

Eckholm noted that the state created the plan to not only raise revenues, but to open space within the UW System. "We did a study on the amount of credits that most students graduate with, and what we found was that most students graduate in just under 5 years with around 140 credits. The idea with the surcharge is not to raise revenue, but to lower the graduation time by making students plan better for graduation and to open spots in the UW-System for students that we currently have to turn away. The study showed that there is only a very small handful of students that should be affected by the policy.'

When asked why the message was sent in a mass Operations e-mail, he noted that at the beginning of the year there is a flurry of new information to be sent out "and we decided to wait a little while for the semester to get going and we felt that this was the best way to get the message out to everyone at once. The plan does have some short notice, but there should be enough time for student to plan accordingly for next fall and there will be instructions about the policy in the new Timetable."

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Gorzalski also found fault in the council's representation of student interests stating, "In June the UC general assembly passed unanimously a resolution to oppose a federal marriage amendment, without any discussion and as a package with election guideline revisions."

"If that isn't misrepresenting the students of the UW System to have an unopposed resolution like that fly through, then I don't know what is."

Gorzalski added that he plans to help orchestrate a campaign, along with other senators and concerned individuals, to discontinue UWSP's membership in United Council when the issue comes up in a biennial referendum

Matt Kamke, a former speaker of the SGA senate, who is no longer with the body, also became activated by the proposal to increase the MRF, and has lobbied a number of senators with the intent of defeating the proposal.

"I realize its only \$2 a student, but that means that its \$16,000 coming from UWSP alone," said

Kamke. "I can think of many better uses for that money here on campus instead of with United Council."

"If SGA is going to raise this fee, let's pull out of United Council and use that money to directly benefit the students here at UWSP because that's not happening with the money we send to United Council."

Not everyone close to the issue on campus has advocated against the fee increase.

SGA Vice-president Renee Stieve stated on Tuesday that talk of discontinuing membership in United Council was premature and that the senate needed to consider the best interests of the organization as long as UWSP remained a member.

"What this comes down to is not whether you like United Council or not, it's a matter of whether you want United Council to be effective because UWSP is a member," said Stieve. "What the senate needs to be thinking is whether students care if they have to pay an extra 65 cents."

A.J. Wieseler, who joined the SGA senate this semester, believes allowing the increase is necessary.

"It's refundable. If students don't

Homecoming **Events Calander**

Thursday, Oct. 9:

"Point Toon Network" talent show in the UC Laird Room

The show will feature student talent and emcee comedian Chris "Boom Boom" Johnson. Admission is \$4 for the general public and free for students with a valid UWSP ID.

Friday, Oct. 10:

Pointer women's tennis match against UW-Whitewater at 3 p.m. in the Health Enhancement Center

Alumni Banquet from 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday in the UC Laird Room, hosted by the UWSP Fisheries Society For information call the Alumni and University Relations Office at 715-346-3811, toll free 877-764-6801.

"Tune Stock" concert in the Encore at 7 p.m. The show features Green Tea, an Irish band made up of UWSP students and faculty members. Three Degrees of Freedom, a bluegrass jam band will follow Green Tea in the Encore.

Saturday, Oct 11:

Alumni Grill Out at Partner's Pub from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., hosted by the Alumni Association.

Volunteers will sell brats, hamburgers, cheese curds and French fries. Proceeds will benefit the Student Alumni

More Homecoming week activities can be found at: http://www.uwsp.edu/news/pr/kyHomecoming03.htm

want to pay it, they can get their money back," said Wieseler. "Supporting United Council works on our behalf, and if the organization has been ineffective it's because students haven't been brining their issues to the staff attention."

Proponents of the increases have maintained some criticism about United Council, however, particularly over the system of representation provided to member schools. Larger schools maintain more votes based on enrollment levels, which has allowed UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee to assert a powerful influence over past deci-

United Council stated that with a potential 146 votes on the floor between all member campuses, the influence of the state's two largest schools can be overcome, an assertion Stieve challenges, noting that at most general assemblies the number of delegates in attendance ranges from 40 to 90. She also stated that larger schools also have an easier time sending a full delegation to the general assemblies, due to their greater travel resources.

Three schools-UW-Milwaukee, UW-Barron County and UW-Marshfield-have already ratified the fee increase.

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opportunity to interact with Indians from all walks of life and from all over the state of Wisconsin and from neighboring states of Illinois and Minnesota. Participants taste and feel the culture at many levels of their experience."

The event includes demonstrations of dance, as well as a selection of Indian foods, and a variety of workshops in topics such as meditation, customs, and lore. Dan Derezinski guided a meditation session at the festival after recently returning from India. He states that although all cultures have a history of meditation, India has offered the world formalized meditation. He says "while the West has advanced in the technological sciences, the East has advanced in the spiritual sciences,"

Chander feels that the activites teach a valuable lesson in that "Those attending the Festival come away with the experience that there is no one 'right' way of being, of dressing, of cooking there is no one way of being an Indian, there is no one way to God. The Festival gives you a feeling of diversity that exists within India. It is fun to experience a culture that still could preserve lot of different ways of lifestyles."

Annie Williams, a UWSP student who attended the festival and the meditation session, says she values the event because of the "concept of seeing cultural diversity. This culture seems under-exposed and not represented a

Chander has concern about the way Indian people are seen. Though many of the activities involve the metaphysical and people are seen in traditional garb, he says "The Festival does not create any mystifying images of India. On the contrary, it tries to dispel what is 'mis-learnt' in the early years of one's growth. By giving glimpses of the South Asian culture it tries to portray that this culture is comparatively an exuberant one. It may at first seem fanciful to others who haven't had an experience of it before. Many students' impressions were that the festival gave them an insight into what India is about in terms of religion, clothes, music, food."



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LETTERS & OPINION

Musings from Mirman

The proper homecoming celebration

By Dan Mirman

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Allow me to flash back to 1998: homecoming week, senior year of high school. There were the cool dress-up days, where you raided your dad's wardrobe for those bellbottoms and psychedelic colored shirts with the funky collars. At the end of the week everyone comes together to sing the school song in the gym and play games, like neckpassing the orange, or feeding the banana. The two most photogenic and popular seniors are then announced as the year's king and queen.

Friday evening meant skit night with each class performing some entertaining play. Of course everybody makes fun of the freshman skit and the evening concludes with the seniors winning. Then on Saturday everyone cheers on the football squad to their second and final win of the season. The week concludes with a nice little dance in the cafeteria, and students have the opportunity to purchase chips and soda.

Back to the present: Monday marked the beginning of my ninth and final homecoming week. In college, homecoming does not provide the same kind of ra-ra environment. Sure, a bevy of games are played throughout the week. A dance does take place on Saturday, and a football game does provide the reason behind the week. But the truth is the people who enjoy these aspects of college homecoming represent the minority. Nope, college homecoming revolves around a single social aspect: drinking. Lots and lots of drinking.

Just look at the traditions. Homecoming Saturday is the only time that a large number of UWSP students will wake by 8 a.m for something other than class. They do this for the sole reason of kicking off the longest drinking day of the year.

Whether you consider binge-drinking a major college problem is not the point. Drinking and homecoming go together like Siegfried and Roy.

Sidenote: I think I speak for everyone (Siegfried especially) when I say that I wish Roy Horne the speediest recovery from the tiger mauling.



Back to homecoming and drinking. The truth is there's a good chance more people will be attending the party at Partner's Pub than the actual football game. The homecoming dance is mostly for the freshman couples who expect the high school atmosphere. Hey, we don't even have a king or queen this year to celebrate the football team returning home.

That's right, this is the first year that UWSP will not have a court to watch over the celebrations. The reason for the elimination of a homecoming court is simple: The majority of students were not interested in the contest.

This is not some groundbreaking statement, as college students enjoy drinking and socializing. They especially enjoy drinking during homecoming. Drive around campus during homecoming and you will see more people outside drinking from cups than on any other week.

Of course, drinking all day requires a certain amount of responsibility. Nobody wants to see anybody out of control. Besides, it's difficult to acquire memories when one blacks out. Situations similar to Mankato State last weekend, where students rioted after losing, should be avoided at all costs.

One situation like Mankato doesn't mean that homecoming partying needs to be reprimanded. If a student doesn't want any part of the excessive celebration, they certainly have that choice. But students should understand that most of campus will partake in the party atmosphere.

Some of my most enjoyable weekends were during homecoming week. Earlier this year I was even considering visiting every campus in the area on their homecoming weekend. I could film the whole thing and make it into a movie, like *Endless Summer*. However, I'm sure drinking at eight in the morning would get old pretty quickly. But for one weekend a year, the idea of eggs and kegs is pretty cool. Although I do kind of miss neck-passing those oranges.

Looking at the Co-op The Little Co-op Shop, child of the Stevens Point A

The Little Co-op Shop, child of the Stevens Point Area Co-op, had existed for almost two years in the University Center and provided an alternative food source for students, professors and staff at the University.

The LCS provided fresh, organic, locally made sandwiches and wraps, bakery items, natural food snacks and drinks and special diet foods such as vegetarian, vegan and lactose free options.

The LCS came to be at the University because of the Universitys forward thinking and ability to recognize the needs of those on campus for a place like the LCS. However, in our two years in the University the University Centers did not allow us a machine for accepting meal points. Every other food service in the University accepts food points, which means that most students (and some faculty) do not carry cash, just their I.D. cards to buy food.

Every day we had to turn away several customers. Last winter plans were made with the University Center to look into the feasibility of getting a machine and to set up a payment plan. It looked promising that we would finally be able to accept all customers who came to us. After waiting many months we had to contact the University Center only to find out that they would not allow us to have a food point machine. No reason was given. The SPA Co-op does wish to be a part of the UWSP centers and to continue to outreach to the students and staff of UWSP, which make up a valuable part of our community.

The SPA Co-op thought students and staff should know the reason that we are no longer there. The good news is, though, that everything at the Little Co-op Shop can be found at the SPA Co-op on 4th Ave. a few blocks from campus

Matt Morrisey SPA Co-op

Some other options for field money

I am writing this letter because I have read articles in the Pointer and in local papers about the concerns with the intramural field's soil. I have to honestly say, WHO CARES ABOUT THE STUPID SOIL? While the concerns over the soil may be valid, I think it is more important to concentrate on the amount of money spent on the project. I have worked for protective services as a student patrol officer while attending college and as such I have had the unique opportunity to see practically every inch of this university and have noticed many things that could be improved upon. For example:

1. The dorms still don't have air conditioning and those who pay to stay in the dorms during the summer months have to practically hang out of the windows for any kind of breeze.

2. The doors of the nearly all of the buildings are nearly rusted off, the locks are older than I am (never mind how old that is!) and the keys are constantly getting stuck, bent or stripped.

3. The elevators in the buildings are constantly jamming and people are stuck in them for hours at a time because they're outdated. The elevator doors in the communications building will kill you if you're not quick enough, as they have no safety features to keep them from closing if someone is in the doorway.

4. No one could even agree on who was to pay for a measly lock and two foot chain for the East gate of the Schmeeckle shelter house.

5. Of course the main thing the money could've been spent on is in putting cameras around the campus. Recently we've had reptiles stolen from the CNR building and the theft of computers early this semester, and with the recent fiasco in Lot Q some weeks ago, installing cameras around campus might have preventing these things from happening. We have been trying to get

cameras around the campus for many years, but of course no one wanted to spend the money for it! If I was a parent of one of the students whose car was damaged, or even the owner of one of the cars that got damaged, I would be asking why wasn't there money spent on lot surveillance?

6. The school could've solved the continuing parking problem by building a couple of parking garages that would be able to hold 10 times the number of cars you can fit on a lot.

7. It was recently decided that it is more important to save money than to provide adequate security for the campus. Apparently, we can get by with having only one student patrol officer per shift. God forbid something serious happens in more than one area of the campus, someone will just have to wait! Of course they'll have to wait anyway since we only have one patrol car for the entire department. We couldn't even get the raises we were promised, but the board of regents can give themselves raises under the table.

As I understand it, the lights on the IM field, are only scheduled for 200 hours of use for the entire year. That's not even an hour every other day and the field will only be open from May through October. Which means, as students, will be paying for a field that will be used less than six months out of the year. Instead of spending student money on something very few students will ever use, the school could've used the money to keep some faculty positions or offer more classes that students need. Of all the things nearly \$800,000 could've been spent on at this university, the intramural field should've been at the end of the list. And as usual, decisions on spending at State institutions is either @#\$ backwards, a day late and a dollar short, or just plain bad.

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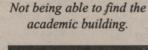
Climbing onto the roof of my

dorm to try and see a tornado.





Kati Koster, Sr., Dance Going to stupid house parties.





Kris Windorski, Sr., Accounting Putting my shoulder through my dorm window while wrestling.



John Byykkonen, Fr., Spanish Rollerblading a half mile to campus and forgetting my shoes.

Looking at concealed weapons

I don't have an opinion about the proposed concealed weapons law: if it passes, we'll see whether the effects are good or bad.

As far as the concealed carry law on campus, if we can't trust 21 year old college students with guns, what other 21 year olds can we trust? Sometimes college students are silly, but as a whole they are the most sensible people their age. They are the people most able to responsibly carry

As far as "threatening learning by stifling debate", I've never seen or heard of anyone in a class threatening anyone else in any

way, no matter how controversial the issue. I don't think this would change with a concealed carry law; it's not like people will be waving guns around shooting into the air.

> Brandon W. Podoll **UWSP Student**

Campus security hours cut in half

I am writing to you about an issue that concerns every single student on this campus: safety. The event of Sept. 11th made everyone across this country aware of their own personal safety.

This was also true on this campus. There was a strong feeling to make sure everyone was safe. UWSP Protective Services did what was within their power to provide this for the campus.

More staff was put on duty for patrolling and securing. Protective Services assisted in the protection of rights and of the safety of the Governor during Laird day. Within the time the country's security level was raised to Red, Orange or Yellow there was an appeal for higher, tighter security within all public buildings. Protective Services responded by adding more staff on, starting a bike patrol program and checking building admittance requests more thoroughly. Over 35 students are employed Protective. at Services, making it one of the highest employers of students on campus along with one of the lowest turnover rates.

The students work at all times of the day providing service for this campus and stu-

It has recently been decided by powers above the staff of Protective Services that there is a budget deficit. The deficit is partially due to all the extra time student cadets, officers and dispatchers have put in securing the campus since 9-11.

It has been decided that over half the patrolling hours have to be cut. The total decrease will go from 80 to 40 hours a week of patrolling and securing buildings on campus. Some students will have to quit because it will not be enough to help them pay for school.

In addition, all student wages have been frozen. Four student workers were to receive merit raises for their time and dedication during the Lot Q windshield vandalism. Two individuals were arrested within a week after the crimes. This was due in great part to the hard work and recovery of evidence on the scene by several student cadets. Now those individuals will not be able to receive any form of commendation for their hard work.

Frozen wages decreased hours mean putting a monetary value on your safety. I am concerned, not only as a Protective Services Employee, but as a student on this campus. I am concerned as a SGA senator that letting this issue slide by for one on-campus job could mean other student wages and jobs to follow.

I am concerned that while students are being asked to pay more in tuition, basic rights such as jobs and safety are going to be pulled out from underneath them as well.

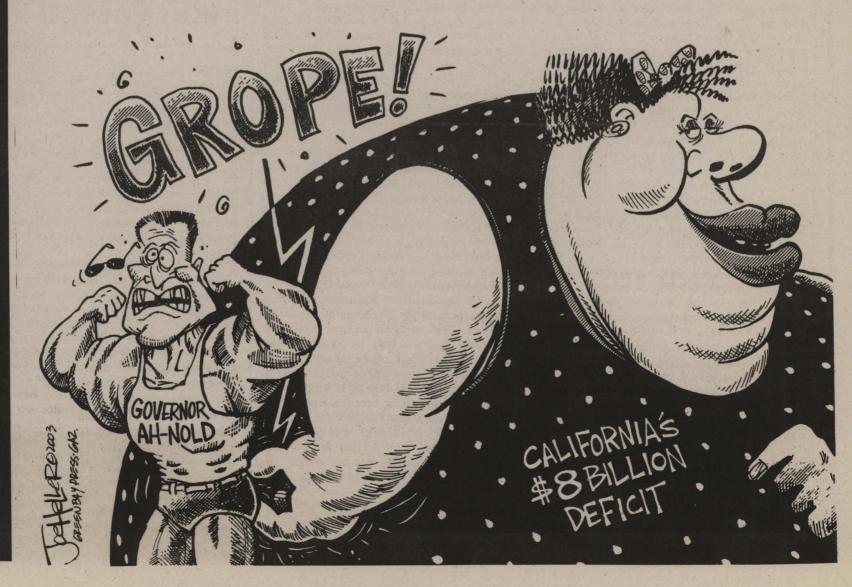
I am asking for your support and your suggestions to this problem. Please email me if you feel the recent events against student employees at Protective Services are wrong.

> Renee Wiedmeyer Dispatch Coordinator UWSP Protective Services

Want Money?

The Pointer is hiring for second semester.

for more information email Dan Mirman



Jazz lovers unite

Turn up the radio next weekend for an enticing jazzfest

By Sarah Dennewitz

FEATURES REPORTER

Calling all Jazz lovers: 90FM is once again hosting a celebration tribute for Jazz music. The Jazzfest will carry on all weekend and includes a variety of entertainment events.

Festivities for 90FM's 21st annual Jazzfest will begin Friday, Oct. 17 and last until Sunday, Oct. 19. Throughout the weekend, 90FM will air 60 hours of nonstop Jazz tunes with regular programming beginning on Monday October 20th at 6 a.m. Since 1982, the first year of Jazzfest, it has evolved into a popular event at Stevens Point. Not only is there a well-known live artist coming to campus, but Jazzfest is also one of the highest rated listening weekends on

The Greg Osby Four is this year's featured artist at Jazzfest, performing on Saturday October 18th at 8 p.m. in Michelson Hall

of the Fine Arts Center. Nostalgia Central, the opening act, will perform at 7 p.m. sharp.

The Greg Osby Four consists of Greg Osby on alto saxophone, Megumi Yonezawa on piano, Mathew Brewer on bass and Eric McPherson on drums. Osby, originally from St. Louis, picked up the clarinet, his first instrument, in 1973. During his high school years, he found his passion through the saxophone. His . college career began at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and after two years transferred to the Berklee College of Music in Boston. After the completion of college, Osby journeyed to New York City with the opportunity to perform with many distinguished Jazz musicians.

Throughout his 20 year career, Osby has performed with Jazz artists such as Dizzy Gillespie, Woody Shaw, McCoy Tyner, Lester Bowie, The World Saxophone Quartet,

DeJohnette and Michael Richard

Nostalgia Central, the opening group, consists of music majors here on campus: Marlin McKay is the band leader, Ryan Biesack is on drums, Gus Sandberg is on tenor, Dave Story is on bass, Dan Mitchell is on piano, and Vinnie Moressi is on congas.

remarkable talent and entertainment. Admission for the general public is \$10 and \$4 for students with an ID. For any more information on Jazzfest call the 90FM office at (715) 346-3755. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Abrams. Osby's newest release, St. Louis Shoes, is currently on sale worldwide. The album consists of nine hits originally composed by other jazz artists, but with his own personal twist on

Jazzfest has turned into an anticipated event on campus, so be sure not to miss out on the

UWSP organization spotlight

Sustaining the earth through ASE

By Kaita Lepore

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Alliance for a Sustainable Earth (ASE) is dedicated to promoting education and an understanding of our world through recognizing the importance of various cultural, environmental, political and social issues around

Currently, ASE is working to promote that the campus switch to 100% Post Consumer Waste (PCW) recycled paper. For every ton of 100% PCW recycled paper used, about 17 trees, 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 7,000 gallons of fresh water are saved, according to the EPA. Think about what an impact this would have if UWSP switched to 100% PCW recycled paper! ASE is also currently working to make the transition from using wasteful paper cups to reusable plastic cups in the University Center's cafeteria. In addition to these projects, ASE will work with the University Sustainable Committee helping with projects around campus.

ASE also participates and organizes city/campus cleanup, and organizes letter/email writing campaigns to legislators and companies. Big events for the semester include International 'Craft Sale, the Organic Christmas Tree Sale and World Food Day.

Keep an eye out for the International Craft Sale, usually held in late November or early

December. For this event, ASE sells handmade crafts such as jewelry, frames, figurines, musical instruments, toys, candleholders and Christmas ornaments that are made by artisans in less developed countries. This is a great opportunity to find unique holiday gifts for friends and family members, and even better, buying these crafts contributes to a great cause! Created by artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or under-employed, profits from the craft sale contribute to payment for food, education, health care and housing for the artisans' families. The handicrafts are marketed by Ten Thousand Villages, shipped to ASE and then sold to UWSP students, faculty and the Stevens Point community.

For 53 years, Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit organization, has provided vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts. Ten Thousand Villages is a large organization that sends these sort of goods to churches and universities all over the US and Canada.

Many people are members of ASE, and we welcome everybody that would like to make a difference. If you would like to get involved, come to our meetings on Wednesday nights in the U.C.in Rm 207 at 8:00 p.m. If you can't make it, you can still get involved by emailing Phil Roberts or Greg Mcguire.

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Good eats in Point

The Keg is sure to satisfy your hunger

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

With Homecoming arriving this week, expect our fair campus to be overrun by visitors. And, trust me, these visitors will have to eat. And if you want food by the sheer volume, there are few finer places around campus than

The Keg is located at the end of Isadore Street, right across from Watson Hall. The building itself is a rather innocuous onestory structure that looks much like a typical bar. The main dining hall of The Keg looks like a typical diner. The bar area dominates the right side of the hall.

The establishment serves numerous dishes from hamburgers to seafood. The all-you-can eat fish fry is available on a daily basis and is highly suggested.

I should warn you, though, be prepared for leftovers. The most striking thing about The Keg is the sheer amount of food that they serve you. The last time I went there, I had the Friday special, fried perch. The perch that came was in three pieces that were as long as my foot and several inches thick. Plus, as is customary at The Keg, the french fry portions were so enormous it made me think the restaurant has an exclusive contract with Idaho for their entire potato crop.

Given the sheer volume of able. My friend and I both ordered the same meal. The perch special consists of three giant pieces of fish, mammoth potato orders, a breadstick and a trip to the salad bar. Yet the entire bill came to only \$20. That's quite a bargain.

So if you have an empty stomach from the Homecoming festivities and need to fill up quick, The Keg is an ideal place to go. The food is great, the service is fine and the ambience is nice and quiet. Bring an appetite, however, because with this much food, you're going to need it.

BUATEURUS

Limbaugh is a big fat idiot after all

And other random thoughts from a cranky student

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Ever since ESPN hired Rush Limbaugh for Sunday NFL Countdown, I knew he would say or do something that would cost him his job. I just didn't expect it to take this long.

As sports fans everywhere know, Limbaugh, the monumental gasbag of right-wing radio, lost his commentator's job over his controversial comments towards Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb. McNabb, one of the elite QBs in the NFL, was deemed "overrated" by Rush. Why, you say? According to Rush, it's because McNabb is black and the media "want a black QB to succeed."

It was almost predictable what came next. A flood of voices raised in outrage over Limbaugh's bizarre comments. tepidly stood **ESPN** Limbaugh, which only increased the outrage. Then Rush's fellow commentator Tom Jackson apparently told ESPN it was either him or Rush. Boom! Like an accordion, Rush folded and resigned.

Limbaugh's comments should not have been surprising. This is a man, after all, who told a black caller on his radio show to "take that bone out of your nose and call me back," and who declared that a Mexican won the NY Marathon because an immigration official chased him for the last ten miles. Unfortunately for Rush, he forgot that while that type of commentary might score big with his "dittohead" radio fans, the rest of us don't take too

kindly to such filth.

What makes Limbaugh's comments so disgusting is that they come at a time when the QB position, long lily-white, is finally colorblind. McNabb is only one of several elite black QBs (including Michael Vick, the NFL's next big superstar). Then Limbaugh comes along to drag up the same old racist views. Plus, Limbaugh's theory that black QBs get a pass from the media is nonsense. Ask Kordell Stewert or Akili Smith if the media has gone easy on them for their on-the-field struggles because of their skin color.

Whatever the reason, ESPN has seen its reputation damaged by this whole sorry affair. You would think the Dennis Miller fiasco on Monday Night Football would have served as a warning not to hire a football neophyte. ESPN didn't heed it and now has paid for it the hard way.

The only one who came out of this mess was McNabb, whose response proved what an intelligent and classy athlete he is. The "overrated" QB, a man who last season threw four TDs in one game on a broken foot, went out onto the field on Sunday and led his team to victory.

Limbaugh, now without his dream job and facing an investigation into his illegal drug use, was defiant. He even went on to claim that he must have been right, otherwise his comments wouldn't have caused such a

McNabb stands tall. Rush wallows in the gutter.

Kindness on campus

Witnessing the generosity of UWSP students

By Alli Himle

FEATURES EDITOR

There is a certain kindness displayed throughout the UWSP campus - a certain feeling of friendliness. This feeling is felt throughout the university, from the halls of the residence buildings to the interactions with faculty and staff. It is this feeling that first attracted me to Stevens Point, this feeling that made me feel like I was at home even when I was 217 miles

The subject of this article almost called to me, however cheesy that might sound. The thing is, it's actually true. I had been debating about whether or not to write an article about this particular topic when I was sitting in class the other day and sneezed. Afterwards, I was showered with people in every direction around me saying "Bless you." Some may view this as a simple impulsive gesture, but that gesture is something we more often than not take for granted. It may only take but a second, but it is something that speaks a great

deal to those you are saying it

To coincide with that, the following day I was in the computer lab feverishly working away when the person next to me casually struck up a conversation with me without knowing me prior to that moment in the lab. With those first few exchanges of words, my level of stress and tension was quickly erased away, for I realized the power of a simple friendly exchange and the tremendous impact it can have on your day.

It is these simple acts of kindness that truly speak larger than words. And the fact is, they are simple. They do not take more than a minute or two, but I think the true gratification you receive from them lasts much longer.

I cannot stress how much a random act of kindness can brighten not only the recipient of your generosity, but you in general. In truth, I think it may have even a far greater impact on you. The impact these friendly gestures have had on me in particular is quite evident. They have had enough of an

influence on me to write an article and challenge others to do precisely what someone did for me. Not only that, they have further instilled within me the importance of carrying on the UWSP tradition of sincerity the same tradition that was carried on far before I ever came

So, I ask of all of you one simple thing, a request that I can almost surely be guaranteed you have already performed unconsciously. I ask you to talk to the person sitting next to you in class whom you have yet to exchange names with. I ask you to open the door for the person following you out. And I ask you to take but a moment out of your day to ask that person preparing your sub how their

But in actuality, I know I do not have to ask any of these things, for they are already in progress. I am a witness to that.

So, I shall alter that request to simply include doing just a bit more. You can be assured the favor and sincerity will be returned to you. It always is.

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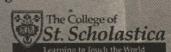
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Conference streak ends Men continue luck at Notre Dame

Stalemate in conference game ends all-divisions record

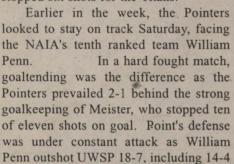
By Joshua Schmidt ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The longest conference winning streak in NCAA soccer history came to an end on Wednesday, but another streak stayed intact for the UW-Stevens Point womens' soccer team.

soccer

The Pointers were in action Wednesday night and fought the Oshkosh Titans to a 0-0 tie.

UWSP controlled much of the match, holding a 20-7 advantage in shots, including a 7-1 margin in the 20-minute overtime period. Melissa Meister made five saves for the Pointers, who still haven't allowed a goal in five conference matches this season. Sara Tomjanovich stopped six shots for the Titans.



in the second half.

Andrea Oswald got the Pointers on the board first with a goal at the 23:00 mark on a penalty kick. The score stayed 1-0 until Cathy Kidder scored an unassisted goal for William Penn shortly after the start of the second half.

With the score knotted at 1-1 and time winding down, Jenny Bruce put the game-winner into the net with Megan Frey on the assist, making the final 2-1 in favor of the Pointers.

On Sunday the Pointers took on Morningside College. Morningside stunned Point early with a Jennifer Patawaran goal at the 2:00 mark, with the

> assist going to Janel Gillies. The Pointers quickly regrouped and turned this match into a rout scoring five unanswered goal before the dust cleared in the first half, including two by Kelly

> The second half featured the teams trading penalty kick goals until Fink completed her fifth career hat trick with a goal late

to complete the rout. Besides Fink, Bruce, Katie Simo and Katie O'Leary also scored goals for UWSP. Tallying Assists were Bruce, Fink, Kim Reese and

Next up for the Pointers, Concordia-Moorhead comes to town to take on the Pointers at the Pointers Soccer Bowl at 3:00 p.m.. on Friday, October 17.

Team now ranked third in the nation

By Tony Bastien SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP mens' cross country team is now ranked third in the nation thanks to another fabulous showing, this time at South Bend, Indiana, winning the lowerdivisions portion of the Notre Dame Invitational.

cross country

With the win, the team will be running in the upper division next year. They also jumped four spots, from seventh to second in the rankings, the highest rank ever for a Pointer team.

As Coach Rick Witt puts it, "Now we're in the 'game," meaning that now the team is up there with the top teams in the nation with a chance to compete for championships.

Senior Curt Johnson continued his sensational season, placing second overall. Following Johnson just one second behind was junior Mark LaLonde.

"I'm ecstatic with how my season's going," said Johnson.

Sophomore Adam Bucholz finished ninth, giving the Pointers three of the top ten runners.

Bucholz had been fighting with a bout of anemia. "Guys were ecstatic that Bucholz was third. It's not like they're competing who's the first guy or the third, that what makes a good team," said Witt.

Only Notre Dame's B team had even two finishers in the top ten, let alone three. Notre Dame's B team placed second behind Stevens Point with a team score of 57, five higher than UWSP's 52.

"They (Notre Dame B) are a very good team, don't get me wrong. A lot of those guys are on scholarship, too." said Witt.

Rounding out the top three was Calvin College, who had the race's top finisher Dave Haagsma, who crossed the

This was just the third race of the year for Johnson and LaLonde, and the third time they have been the top two finishers

"I would expect those two guys to (finish one and two). They are the oldest and most experienced," said Witt.

When asked about some possible friendly competition between the two of them, LaLonde added, "I don't think there's much competition between Curt and I. However, we definitely push each other during races."

Johnson's sentiments were much of the same, saying "Mainly we're just pulling each other along, sooner or later it starts to hurt pretty bad, so when you're hurting, the other guy will just take the lead and pull you along."

Overall, this was the team's fifth competition and fourth time they have won,

> with their only blemish being here at home with a dual meet loss to top-ranked Oshkosh back on September 13. At that meet, most of the team's top runners, including Johnson and LaLonde, were held out.

> This weekend, both the mens' and womens' squads host the Big Dawg Invitational at Lake Pacawa in Plover.

The women had a well-deserved weekend off, having won three of their four meets this year. They have joined the men with a number three ranking in the nation, the highest rank the women's team has ever accomplished.

With just under a month until the WIAC conference meet, both teams are gearing up for the stretch run.

Both LaLonde and Johnson are confident in the team, with Lalonde saying, "This is the best team I've ever been on, and as long as we continue to run as a team I think we'll be in the running at both conference and nationals."

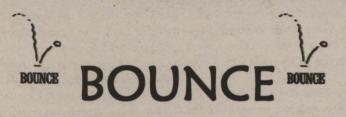
Added Johnson, "I've never been on a team that's this strong. I don't think we even know what we're capable of."



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Johnson

Team gains first conference victory over Stout

By Joshua Schmidt

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

in with a 12-8 record.

Friday afternoon the UWSP womens' volleyball team traveled to UW-Stout in search of their first conference win. They had their hands full, taking on a solid Blue Devil team coming [

The Pointers started off strong winning the first game in what would be a closely contested five game thriller, 30-28. Stout came roaring back in the second, soundly drubbing UWSP 30-10. The teams split the next two games with identi-

cal 30-24 scores setting up game five, in which the Pointers prevailed 15- Lakeland College.

of their big hitters. Melissa Weber led the way with 14 kills, while Nichole Stahovich and Jessica Parker each contributing with 12 kills apiece. volleyball

The Pointers got good production out

Saturday was a different story, however, as the Pointers faced the powerful

River Falls Falcons. The Pointers were outgunned in this match, as they were swept by the scores of 30-15, 30-17 and 30-22. The Pointers were led by Parker with seven kills followed by Karie Zellner with four. The loss drops the Pointers to 8-16 (1-4) for the season.

On Thursday, the Pointers travel to Sheboygan to take on



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Matchup





UW-Stout

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radio with Lee Kluck and
Craig Mandli on the call.
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be broadcast by STV on a
tape-delayed basis and
shown on Charter Cable
Channel 10 during the follow-

Series History: UWSP leads the all-time series 41-15-1 and has won nine of the last 12 meetings. The Pointers have won 14 of the last 15 matchups in Stevens Point since 1971 with UW-Stout's lone victory during the span a 25-22 overtime win in 1997.

Last Year: The Pointers suffered their worst defeat of the year at the hands of the Blue Devils, 37-13 in Menominee. It was the Pointers' only game that was decided before the final possession.

Soaring Eagles catch Pointers napping Late comeback not

Late comeback not enough in defensive struggle

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

In the ultra-competitive WIAC, any little advantage can spell victory for a team. Andy Mocadlo was that advantage for the La Crosse Eagles Saturday.

The senior from nearby Wisconsin Rapids ran up and down the UWSP defense to the tune of 141 yards on 24 attempts, helping to seal the 24-21 victory for the Eagles.

football

The game was a see-saw battle the whole way, with the Pointers controlling the first half and UW-La Crosse taking over in the second half.

The Pointers marched 70 yards in 10 plays to the Eagles' 10-yard line in the first quarter when an interception by Eagle defensive back Jacob Burch halted the drive. The Pointers had another big drive in the second quarter, gaining 84 yards in 16 plays, capped by a nine-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Scott Krause to junior tight end Ross Adamczak.

Pointer cornerback LaRon Ragsdale then picked off an Eagles' pass on the next play and junior halfback Cory Flisakowski finished off a three-play drive with a nine-yard run to give the Pointers a 14-0 lead with 1:59 left in the half.

The Eagles came right back though, getting a 55-yard kickoff return by Matt Pagel to set up a nine-play drive in the final minute. The Eagles got on the board with an eight-yard pass from Tennies to Scott Burnoski with eight seconds left in the half to cut the lead to 14-7.

The Eagles took the second half kickoff and drove 63 yards in seven plays to tie the game on a three-yard run by Matt Pagel. They took the lead on a 35-yard field goal by Jedediah Jensen with 13:38 left in the game.

Freshman Eric Reible returned the ensuing kickoff 47 yards to the Eagles' 45-yard line to set up a go-ahead drive as Krause found Flisakowski for a six-yard touchdown on a third-and-goal play with 9:19 remaining to take a 21-17 lead.



Pointer defensive end Josh VanderVelden bears down on La Crosse quarterback Steve Tennies during Saturday's game. La Crosse came away with a narrow 24-21 win.

After trading fruitless possessions, the Eagles took advantage of Ryan Prochnow's 15-yard punt off a bad snap to start their game-winning drive at the Pointers' 40-yard line. Tennies hit Jason Kettenhofen on an inside slant for the go-ahead score.

UW-Stevens Point drove to the UW-La Crosse 47-yard line with two minutes left, but Khary Jeffers recorded a nine-yard sack and Krause threw three straight incompletions to turn the ball over to the Eagles, who ran out the clock

for the win.

With the loss, the Pointers dropped to 3-1 overall and 0-1 in the conference. The Pointers dropped just one spot in the American Football Coaches Association poll of Division III schools, from eighth to ninth.

This Saturday, the Pointers face 25th-ranked Stout in this years homecoming game. Stout is coming off a tough loss to Oshkosh last weekend. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Goerke Field

5 Things to Watch...

1. Can UWSP snap their homecoming

jinx? The Pointers have yet to win a homecoming game in this century, losing to La Crosse last season, Whitewater in 2001, and Oshkosh in 2000. Something has to give.

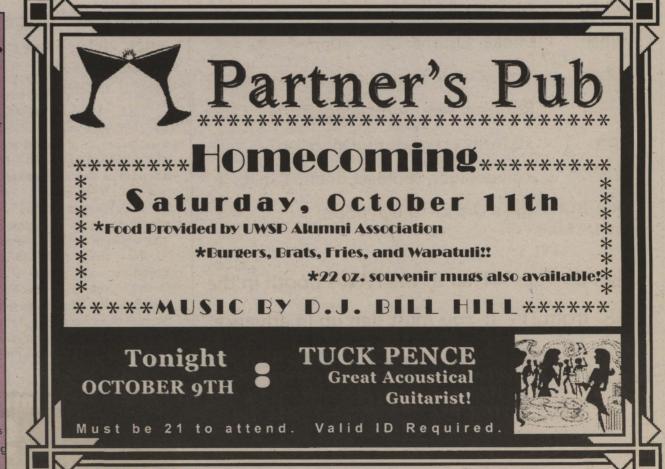
2. Will Stout overcome the loss of two

offensive weapons? Stout's leading rusher Ryan Engelbert and leading receiver Matt Sprester were injured in a car accident last week, and the Blue Devils were limited to 237 total yards after gaining 566 the previous week in a 51-3 rout of St. Thomas.

3. Can UWSP avenge last year's loss? Last season, Stout handed UWSP their biggest defeat, a 37-13 drubbing in Menominee last year. This is a big game for both teams, both projected as preseason favorities.

4. Can the Pointers get the ground game going? Main tailback Cory Flisakowski has had an upand-down season to this point, and the Pointers need to get him on track to be competitive in this league.

5. Can the Pointer defense contain Luke
Bungaard? The Blue Devil's senior offensive captain is
Stouts all-time leading rusher and scorer, and is averaging
108 yards a game last year. UWSP gave up 141 yards
rushing to La Crosse's Andy Mocadlo last week.



SPORTS

Photo by Patricia Larson

Emily Schlender returns a ball during her number three singles match on Sunday.

POINTER SPORTS ROUNDUP

tennis

The Pointers dropped a conference match to La Crosse on Wednesday and a

non-conference match on Sunday 7-2 to St. Norbert to fall to 1-4-1 overall and are now preparing for conference duals with UW-Whitewater on Friday.

Wednesday's top performer for UWSP was senior Emily Schlender. Schlender kept her number three singles match with La Crosse's Louie Dubinski close, falling 6-4, 6-2.

Sunday's match was UW-Stevens Point's first home match of the season. Juniors Tiffany Serpico at number two singles and Kim Goron at number four singles each battled back after losing the first set for three-set victories to post the only Pointer

The pair also played together at number two doubles and battled their St. Norbert opponents to an 8-5 defeat.

golf

The Pointers used a big second day performance to place fourth at the WIAC championships in Platteville. After shooting a 379 on the opening day, UW-Stevens Point totaled a 344 on Sunday to place just three strokes behind third place UW-Platteville.

Senior Andrea Miller was seventh over-

all with a 175, shooting a 91 on Saturday and an 84 on Sunday. Freshman Susie Lewis was just one stroke back and placed 11th overall with a 95 on the first day and an 81 on day two. Freshman Quinn Scarborough had a 96 on Saturday and an 83 on Sunday to place 13th overall with a 179.

UW-Oshkosh edged second place UW-Eau Claire by six strokes for the WIAC team title.

swimming & diving

The season starts on Friday for the Pointers as they take on Division I competition in an all-Wisconsin meet in Madison. UW-Stevens Point will compete with the host Badgers as well as UW-Green Bay and UW-Milwaukee.

The Pointer men's team is coming off its fourth straight WIAC championship, while the women's team has won WIAC titles in two of the past four years. Both teams have a strong returning core from last year's squads.

Point ruggers defeat midwest champion

Team goes to 2-1 on their young season.

By Conner Agnew SPORTS REPORTER

The Point men's rugby team traveled 300 miles to Cedar Falls, Iowa to take on the defending midwest champions Northern Iowa this past weekend.

men's rugby

Point came out ready to play on Saturday, scoring just two minutes into the game as John O'Keefe took a pass from Matt Angerhofer and raced in for the game's first score. Randy Youngs was true on his conversion attempt, giving Point an early 7-0 lead.

The Point team didn't let up in the second half as UNI threatened early and often. However, Point's sturdy defense held the defending champs to only one try, which came late in the half after the victory was already in Point's hands.

O'Keefe raced for two more scores in the second half, giving him three for the game and ensuring the victory for the Point men.

"This was a huge win for us. We still have some things to work on, but this one was huge," said Point captain Youngs.

With the impressive victory, Point improves to 2-1 on the season and comes one step closer to a second straight trip to the midwest playoffs.

The team plays at home this weekend against instate rival UW-Madison. Due to renovation of the intramural fields near Lot Q, the team is playing their home games this season on the football practice field behind Mid-State Technical College, next to the Willett Arena. The game kicks off at 1 p.m., following the women ruggers' annual "Prom Dress" game.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT

Karie Zellner – Volleyball



Zellner

Career Highlights
- Successfully played
every position during my

every position during my career here at Stevens Point...I'm what they call a UTILITY player.

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Major - Communications (Public Relations) Hometown - Green Bay Nickname - "Z"

What are your plans after graduation? - Marrying a hot, rich man, having the CUTEST kids ever, and becoming a super model... or just moving somewhere warm and raising a family while working at a top advertising agency... still married to a hot man. Do you plan on playing volleyball after graduation? I will still continue to play in sand volleyball tournaments in the summers and bar leagues of course. But someday you'll see me playing on the beaches in Florida on ESPN... Pro-Sand Volleyball!! What is your favorite aspect of volleyball? - Definetly being part of a team.. the girls are like family to me!! Most embarrasing moment - Every day I have a new embarassing moment... I can't pick out just one!! If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Beyonce Knowles...because I want to have a BOOTY and shake what my Mama gave me!! What CD is in your stereo right now? A mix CD that my roomie made me for our long bus trips to tournaments... it has a purple troll on it for good luck!! If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? It's a toss up between Justin England or Jake Guenther ... I'll let them decide what our plans would be!! What will you remember most about playing volleyball at UWSP? - Going out with my teammates having a good time (Completing Missions) AND the excitement when someone on the team "Six-Packs" someone from the other team. (Hits someone in the face after a killer hit)... TWIZZLERS!! Do you have any parting words for the underclass-

men? - Keep working hard and NEVER give up... Finish what you've started or you'll regret it later in life. It's

all worth it in the end...trust me!!

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he Man's Take:

How to enjoy your homecoming experience

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

On monday I embarked on my fifth homecoming here at UW-Stevens Point. Now, I've learned a few things about these yearly festivities, both liqueur-istically good and hangover-ish bad.

For example, freshman year I learned that if you are in the dorms, you need to close your window if you want to get those few more precious hours of sleep on Saturday morning while your more-perky peers march through the streets. Sophomore year I learned to never let yourself get railroaded into working security at the parade (especially after a late night.) The list goes on and on.

Well, because I care and I don't want you to make the same mistakes I did, I compiled a list of little tips to make your homecoming experience the best it can be. Casting all journalistic integrity aside, here is your Homecoming Tip Sheet.

1. Never, EVER buy your own beer. If you aren't getting free beer all night during homecoming weekend, you aren't doing something right. Every other house on College, Main and behind Partners has a barrel just waiting for your drinking enjoyment. Take advantage of this. Trust me, it will save you money at the bars in the long run.

2. Bring a little "something extra" to the football game. The weather is supposed to be great on Saturday. The crowd out at Goerke will be huge. Why not start the celebration a little early?

One of my esteemed colleagues thought up the idea of bringing a flask of his favorite choice beverage to the game with him. What an ingenious idea! There is nothing better than a big, rowdy crowd out at Goerke and a few swigs out of the ole' stainless steel beauty ought to be just about right. Heck, if I wasn't calling the game on the radio, I would be

right next to you, singing "Roll Out the Barrel," and spilling on myself. (Editor's Note: If you are a little too "under the weather" to partake in the game, remember to kick the empty cans and passed out roommates away from the radio, and flip on 90FM to catch all the action.)

3. Eat early, drink often. If you are planning on trying to find a restaurant after the game, forget about it. With both UWSP's and SPASH's homecomings going on this weekend, every eating establishment in town (well, maybe not South Point) will be packed with either formally-clad pubescent teens or drunk thirty-somethings spilling their glasses of Point Special down their shirts. My suggestion: Cook your own food. If that is not a viable alternative, order Toppers before the game. Avoid DeBot at all costs. DeBot's cooking just doesn't mesh with sitting through a three-hour game and sipping from your little steel buddy. Trust me, you'll end up spending more time with his wicked porcelain stepbrother. Never a good thing.

4. Hit Partners early, avoid violence, and treat the homecoming dance like the plague.

I can't stress this enough. There are so many viable alternatives to the homecoming dance out there; you just need to find them. Plus, there is a good chance that you will be "slightly" under the influence by then. Showing up to a formal dance drunk can never turn out well (unless you don't mind looking stupid in front of sober students and faculty.) Plus, try not to get yourself killed in the overcrowded bars and basements.

Homecoming can be a great experience, and not just if you are a freshman reliving your high school years. Just follow these tips, and you are guaranteed to make the most of it. Good luck.

Till next time,

GO POINTERS!

The way I see

The Tampa Bay Bucs are in trouble

By Joshua Schmidt

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Bucs are in trouble. Following Monday's nationally televised collapse, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers could be in for a rough stretch.

Before Monday I wouldn't have thought Tampa would give twenty-eight points in a game, much less in one quarter. I seriously considered turning the game off after the Bucs were up 21-0. I know Indy's offense with Manning, Harrison and friends was good, but come on, this is the Buccaneer D, which last year was

the history of the game. This is the same defense that made the potent Raiders offense look as inept as the Chicago Bears just nine months ago.

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After opening the season returning almost everyone from last years Super Bowl winner, Tampa looked like a lock to repeat. Now with a 2-2 record,

with losses to a resurgent Carolina and now Indy, the Bucs look mortal.

Their schedule isn't doing them any favors either. Next week they go to Washington to face a team with similar offensive firepower to the Colts. Follow that with a trip to San Fransisco and then a home game against a very good Dallas team, and the Bucs could conceivably be 2-5.

There's a reason you don't stay on top in the NFL for long.

Eventually someone figures out how to beat you, and then everyone else in

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gets ahold of that g a m e and tape duplicates that strategy. What was once dominant then becomes ordinary.

me wrong, I'm not saying Tampa's going to lose the rest of their games. If anyone can get these guys back on track it's John Gruden.

However, a leak has definitely sprung in Tampa's Pirate ship, and the sharks smell blood.

(as of October 4)

D2 Volleyball

1. Razor Bumps

- 2. Zero Talent
- 3. Quincey's Domain 3. Unknown
- 7 p.m.
- 1. Hobo's

- 2. Home Skillets 3. I-Club Fighters

10 p.m.

1. Jager Bombers 2. The Favorites 3. The Boyz and Us

2. Mmm Wood

1. Ramrod

1. We Can't Score 2. Finger Blasters

D1 Volleyball

- 3. Hot Aces

8 p.m.

- 1. Diggers
- 2. Alabama Slam 3. T-Bone Playas
- 9 p.m. 1. Indigenous Players 1. Hoppin Hooters
- 2. Circus Freaks

Womens Volleyball Soccer

- 1. Hudak Sucks 2. Dirty Dozen
 - 3. Flaming Seahorses
 - - Ultimate Frisbee
 - 1. Tenacious D 2. The Moustaches
 - 3. Thomson

Singles 1. Brad

- 2. Lucky
- 3. Rally Rabbit

Horseshoes

- Doubles
- 1. Ed
- 2. NWL 3. Lazy Pitbull

Flag Football 1. Kush's Killers

- 2. Tecmo
- 3. Late Night Runners

Outdoor Volleyball

- 1. Cory is King
- - 2. Tasteeos
 - 3. The Woo Woos

Tennis Singles

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- 2. Paul Huber
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Fall turkey hunt begins Saturday

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

It seemed like an eternity as I awaited the warm rays of sunlight last weekend. I was cradled in a pine tree with the high hopes of seeing a deer, but was delighted at the sound of a flock of turkeys close by. I had almost forgotten about the fall turkey season that was about to begin, and suddenly my thoughts of deer turned into thoughts of an early Thanksgiving din-

As students flock to the homecoming game this weekend, hunters across the state of Wisconsin will be flocking to the woods in search of a fall turkey. The season is based on permit only, and those fortunate enough to draw a permit will get the luxury of a 30 day season. The season also offers the opportunity to harvest a bird of either sex. This widens the chance at bagging a bird, but it still comes as a great challenge to the hunter.

Observing the food source in your area is extremely helpful in fall turkey hunting. Turkeys spend much of their time in the open hardwoods feeding on acorns. If there is a mast crop of acorns in your area this is a great place to start looking. If this doesn't work, use binoculars to scan fields of freshly picked corn or beans.

The strategies for harvesting a fall turkey can be quite different than those for finding birds in the spring. Turkeys in the late summer, fall and winter months are less vocal, and are likely to tend to be bunched together in bachelor groups, and hens can be found in similar groups as well. It is not uncommon to see flocks of 20 or 60 turkeys in one



A dead Gobbler with nice plumage

field during this time.

Now that you have a flock in sight it's time to begin the hunt. The most common fall turkey method is scattering, or busting, a flock. This is accomplished by running (with your gun unloaded) directly into the flock and scattering them in every direction possible. It seems weird but it works. After the turkeys fly in several directions, find yourself a comfortable spot and sit down immediately. Once things

be found in separate groups. Gobblers settle down you will be able to hear the turkeys trying to regroup. When you hear this give a few short clucks or "kee-kee" yelps to get them back. It might take a couple of hours for turkeys to regroup so be patient and remain still.

> If you're not interested in running through the woods like a crazed idiot you might want to try something else. One method that has worked well for me is to find a flock and anticipate where they will go next. Set up an ambush site and cut them off as they move to different feeding areas. You may have to spend time figuring out their fall patterns but it can be worth it in the end.

> Hunting fall turkeys can be an awesome experience but it can also be dangerous. Be sure to follow common sense, and respect the land that you choose to hunt. Never assume that you are alone in the woods. Fall is a busy time of year for hunters, so be sure of your target and have a safe hunt.

Before you take to the woods this weekend, make sure you read the regulations carefully. The Department of Natural Resources has issued some new blaze orange requirements that could directly affect your area. This is especially true for those who live near areas of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) eradication zone. Anyone who plans to hunt turkeys from Oct 30--Nov 2 will be required to follow the blaze orange requirements due to special Zone T hunts and youth firearm hunts.

Canoe the mighty Flambeau River

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Beginning in 1930, the Flambeau River State Forest was born with 3,600 acres of public ownership. Today the Flambeau boasts 90,000 acres of public ownership and



offers a stunning Wisconsin paradise that can be appreciated by anyone fortunate enough to visit this natural wonder. Through the heart of this massive forest lies the Flambeau River, which is a haven for canoe enthusiasts of all skill levels.

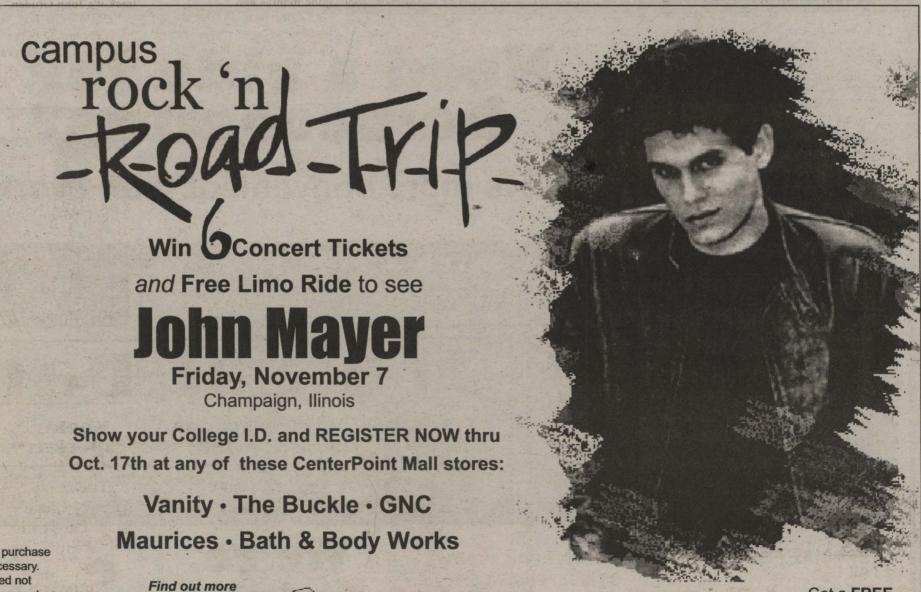
For anyone interested in canoeing the Flambeau River, Outdoor EdVentures is offering a canoe trip in the heart of the Flambeau River State Park.

While canoeing this magnificent river you will learn basic canoe handling skills and experience some class 1-3 rapids. You will also learn about Leave No Trace ethics (LNT) and enjoy the surrounding spectaculars of fall.

The trip will begin on October 17th and end on Oct 19. There will be a mandatory meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday October 15th in the OE office, which is located in the lower level of the Allen Center in

Much of the equipment is provided by the OE, and it only costs \$60 for UWSP students and \$75 for non-students. Space is limited, and you need to sign up by Monday, Oct 13 to reserve a spot.

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Wild Matters

There goes Schmeeckle into the fog

By Adam M.T.H. Mella OUTDOORS EDITOR



A view from a bird's eye

UWSP photo archive

The other night welcomed an Indian summer to Stevens Point. The pleasant autumn evening invited me to take a stroll, and so I went. On my bike like a magnet, I peddled north towards the country, until the houses peeled back and tame deer ate grass without acknowledging my presence.

For the first time in a long while, I stepped out into our own private forest oasis, and the great spirit of Schmeeckle said hello.

Along the numerous trails, boardwalks and trees, I peered through a nonexistent fog. Sure, I still found my way and could remember the trails in the dark, but the air just seemed to hang.

As I sipped on a brew over on the north beach with my friends, I realized what was wrong. For all her beauty, I had lost the attachment that I'd forged as a freshman. The first thing I did after I moved into the dorms was explore Schmeeckle. Over the next two years I made a mental map of geography and adventure that would rival that of a world-class cartographer. It was a nice refuge from the residence lockup.

I partied there at night, fished in the morning and swam all afternoon. All along the way I had a blast.

Then, after two years in the dorms, I was free to move out, and subsequently, my Schmeeckle-runs gave way to sitting around the house. Without the hassle of community assistants, I soon forgot about the benefits of those urban woods. I still went fishing once in a while and I have yet to find a beach that is as inviting, but somehow I

frequented that mirage less and less. For the shame of it, I let this fog settle in.

"Was it just me?" I asked myself on the bench. Why, no.

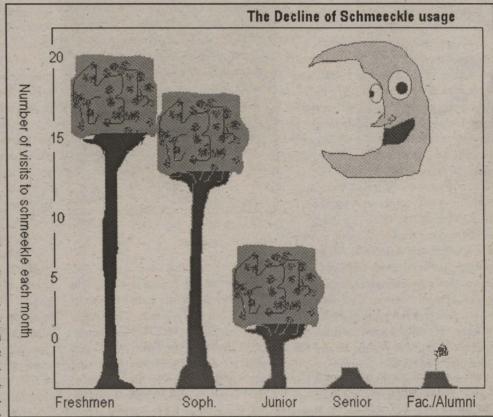
I looked all around me, not to find them laughing in the woods, but only to see these upperclassmen that I called friends wasting their evenings and daytimes watching T.V., sleeping and throwing their money to the tavern-keep. What in the hell had happened to us?

It turns out, this reccurring theme was running deeper than my own backyard. Who wrote this rule that brainwashed all these collegiate thinkers into ignoring their old gracious pal? The culprit that cre-



ates this loss of appreciation for the one rad and distinguishing feature of our flat, limestone campus must either be age or heat bills.

Right then and there I made a promise to myself to reverse this wicked curve. I urge those who've discovered Schmeekle's splendor to grasp it and keep it clear. As for me, I'm making a new effort to climb through this fog, before those rascals in Old Main give me a diploma.



pal? The culprit that cre- The wise crescent moon knows exactly what you have been doing in the secluded woodlands

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you, Mother

winter crappilunge, you just wait and see.

It'll be interesting to see what's going to happen to this autumn walleye run though. Last week I was smoking those Walters like go on these trips again, this time a mahogany pipe. Wife's Buick flat smells of

Anyways, I got an itch I been meaning to scratch, so I'll just go ahead and run it by you folks. The other day I was driving the old International at my brother Art's place out past county trunk K over yonder. An, well this young whippersnapper shoots by me in this souped-up motor car, sounding like a darn horse givin' birth.

Well anyhow, he waves to me... looked like he was giving me this longhaired peacesign for cripe's sake. That's why I have to give you folks a lesson now.

The farmer wave, -that is when you wave to some nice folks in the country-, should go like this: One index finger. One, not two, Mr. FM radio. With your index finger, start at your right eyebrow and come straight out, with a bit of a nervous shake in addition. We old fellas still might not think you're the greatest, but at least I'll have a shred of respect for you, even if you do drive an import. Now honestly kids, turn down the rocking and rolling music and then, Go on and Geeeeeet!

-Mr. Winters

Freshmen find adventure in Pathways to Point program

By Betsy Roznik **OUTDOORS REPORTER**

Freshman year is an adventure, no doubt. I remember it well, and I also vividly recall one particular trip I took that summer as part of the Pathways to Point Wilderness Orientation Program. This year the program celebrated its fourth

summer as 33 freshmen got a taste of college while participating in one of four outdoor adventure trips: canoeing in the Sylvania Wilderness area, backpacking the Superior Hiking Trail, whitewater canoeing and kayaking the Flambeau and Bois Brule rivers and sea kayaking Lake Superior, or fishing in the Sylvania Wilderness Area.

I've been lucky enough to as the student trip leader. Though it's only been two years for me, I still remember the excitement and uncertainty that college held. The Pathways to Point trips introduces freshmen to college with team building,

and physical and mental challenges in a natural setting. I was excited to be on the other end this time, sharing my college experiences with new freshmen.

Memories from the Sylvania canoeing trip include paddling through pristine waters surrounded by majestic old-growth hemlocks and white pines, drifting asleep to the shrill calls of loons and conquering 17 lakes in six days with some menacing

whitecaps and grueling portages.

We put on our hiking boots and backpacked on the scenic Superior Hiking Trail. The trail passes through rugged forests on hilly terrain, with panoramic views of Lake Superior from the summits. We followed meandering streams and witnessed surging waterfalls and the rocky outcroppings from which they emptied.

ing four-foot drops! Memories include the rush of adrenaline just before the rapids, blazing sunsets on sandy beaches and silently observing the dancing beams of the Northern Lights over the crackle of the

I was excited to head back to Sylvania for the last trip, this time to do some fishing! We felt the excitement of

> reeling in a fightin' small mouth bass, and the thrill of a bite of an enormous northern pike. We savored the flavors of our catches as we shared our fishing stories from the day.

As we bonded with each other on the trips, we also felt a connection to the land. The senior trip leader and I led, evening programs that focused on college life and campus resources, but also wilderness appreciation. All week we

learned and practiced the principles of the Leave No Trace philosophy.

Transitioning to college life can be uncertain, but having a support network of friends and faculty makes a big difference in a college experience. I still keep in touch with friends from my freshman trip and I hope to stay in contact with my new friends too.



Pathways to Point Wilderness Orientation takes freshmen to the great outdoors

We spotted some great wildlife, including a glimpse of a beaver hard at work on its dam, but luckily no bears!

Stepping back in time, we followed the trade routes of the fur trade voyageurs for the whitewater trip. The adventure started with some whitewater canoeing, continued with some sea kayaking along the coast of Lake Superior and concluded with some whitewater kayaking, includ-

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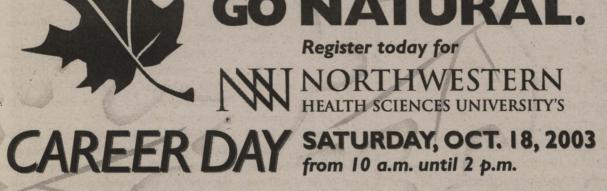
The Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program will fund a statewide deer carcass donation once again in 2003. Last year, the program was a huge success in bringing needy families fresh ground venison through the help of hunters, butcher shops and local food pantries.

In 2002, the DNR gave hunters an option to donate a few bucks to the cause at the time they purchased their licenses. Nearly 5,000 hunters donated over \$18,000 to help pay for deer processing. During the 2002 hunt, 5,646 deer were donated to the program which helped bring hungry Wisconsinites over 250,000 pounds of ground venison. For those hunters that may have an extra deer this season, it is a great cause.

"The process is really very simple," said Todd

Peterson, chief of public services and user programs in the DNR Wildlife Management Bureau. "All the hunter has to do is bring a legally harvested, fielddressed deer to a participating meat processor and sign a log sheet indicating a desire to donate the carcass. The processor will handle it from there. There is no processing cost to the hunter."

Hunters in Portage County have two locations to take their donations. The People's Meat Market in Stevens Point is accepting donated deer and can be reached at (715) 592-6328. In Rosholt, R&R Venison Processing will accept donated deer. Their phone number is (715) 677-3097. It would be a good idea to call ahead in order to ensure the processor has enough room to handle your donation.



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Chicago's Umphrey's McGee will play their first gig in Point on Oct. 15.

Saturday, Oct. 18 Goldman w/Maggie & the Molecules \$5, 9:30 p.m., Witz End

Just announced! Wednesday, Nov. 12 Medeski, Martin & Wood \$25, showtime TBA, Sentry Theater (tickets available on Oct. 15 at the venue)

Movie Review: School of Rock &

By Geoff Fyfe ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Jack Black is a veritable human tornado, so full of energy that he lights up the screen in every film he's in. Too bad, then, that Hollywood has seldom put him in films or roles worthy of his talent (the big exception being his abrasive music store clerk Barry in High Fidelity). Finally, though, Black has found a leading role perfect for his skills, both as an actor and as a showcase for the musical talents he demonstrates with his band, Tenacious D. School of Rock, while at heart a formula comedy, is wrested into something more by the wild man at its

Black plays Dewey Martin, a wannabe rock god who lives for "sticking it to the man" and who dreams of winning the upcoming Battle of the Bands. His band mates, sick of his antics, spit on his aspirations by firing him. To make matters worse, his wimpy buddy/roommate Ned (Mike White, who also scripted), egged on by his harshtongued girlfriend (Sarah Silverman), wants his half of the rent now or out he goes. Up against a wall, Dewey decides to usurp his buddy's next student teaching job at a prestigious prep school to earn quick cash.

Dewey doesn't care about his teaching job-on his first day he admits he has a hangover and sends the kids to recess

for the whole day until he hears them playing their instruments during music practice. In a moment of insane genius, he decides to mold the kids into a rock band that can win the Battle of the Bands. He junks the curriculum to teach "rock history," makes the kids swear an oath to give him "total creative control"



and helps them learn the joys of rock and roll. But can he keep up the charade or will the school principal (Joan Cusack), a seemingly humorless prude, discover his

School seems like an unlikely film from Richard Linklater, the indie film giant best known for Dazed and Confused. Yet Linklater imbues School with the same irreverent, anti-authoritarian spirit that drove his teen flick classic. Dewey doesn't just teach the kids how to rock and roll, he gives them life. Before he comes along, they are stereotypical prep school students, rigid and conformist in their uniforms. After Dewey enters their lives, they come alive and reveal their hidden talents (one shy kid reveals his talent for playing air guitar and writing songs). The situation is rich for comedy and Linklater doesn't waste any opportunity for laughs.

School is Jack Black's show. Black is at the front and center of everything, hogging the scenery with those crazed eyes flashing. Black seems to know that this is his star-making role and he runs with it. The eternally funny Cusack is a delight as a repressed old maid with a passion for Stevie Nix when drunk and no one plays evil shrews like Silverman. The kids all do fine jobs as well, especially Miranda Cosgrove as Summer, the class brain and grade grubber who becomes the band's ruthlessly efficient manager (after turning down her original job of "groupie").

Yes, School is formulaic. Yes it's another "rags to riches" story like The Bad News Bears. But you know what, Bears was a pretty terrific formula movie and so is this one. School of Rock rocks. And so does Jack Black.



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The Wookie's Corner:

How to get your New Year's Eve groove on



It's October, and if you're a typical student, you're way too busy to take any trips to see concerts right now. Summer is always prime time for extended trips, but New Year's Eve is like a jamband fan's holy time of the year.

Many bands have announced their plans for bringing in 2004, including Phish, moe., Widespread Panic and The Disco Biscuits. Other bands like The String Cheese Incident, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Yonder Mountain String Band and The New Deal are expected to release a location for New Year's celebra-

When undertaking a massive trip from the Midwest to foreign parts of the country, the biggest obstacle can be simply getting started. Variables in transportation, lodgings and tickets can all be speedbumps in your trip, and when dealing with shows on New Year's Eve, perhaps the craziest of nights in the jamband world, it's essential to plan early.

Transportation is usually the biggest problem amongst college students. If you're lucky enough to have your own car, odds are that it may not be capable of making a 4,000 mile pilgrimage to New York, Miami or the west coast. Flying can be expensive, and then you're stranded in a huge city with no means of transportation. Rental cars are a great way to travel, though. Find a small group of people to bum a ride with you, split rental fees, gas and driving shifts, and you'll be there in

the best parts to going; all-night drives before a show are a way to adapt to the nocturnal life of living on the road and seeing concerts. Many car rental companies have a minimum age of 26 for renting a vehicle, although some companies will let someone over 21 rent for a higher rate. It's best to shop around, especially online, for good deals and see what different companies have to offer.

Directions usually aren't much of a problem. Grab a somewhat recently pub-

no time. The drive there is often one of best to shop around, especially online, to find cheap specials. Websites like www.travelocity.com, www.orbitz.com and www.expedia.com offer cheap deals on not only hotels, but plane tickets and car rental. Rates can change by the day, so it's best to check back often. If you're going by the hotel route, you might as well pick something close to your venue so you won't have to worry about driving in a huge city on a crazy night and parking (both finding a spot and paying for it).

Tickets to the show are, in some

cases, easier to get than others. Phish tickets, for example, will be as difficult to get as Super Bowl tickets, whereas tickets for be somewhat easy to obtain. Be careful when booking hotel rooms, plane flights and car rentals because some of them will not be refundable if you're unable to find a ticket.

Going to see a concert anywhere on New Year's Eve will not be cheap. If you're seeing a show somewhere in the Midwest, plan on spending at least \$100 to get there and in the doors. If you're traveling farther, it's good to plan on spending at least \$500, depending on how far you're going, how many people are with you and how much you'll "live it up." Remember, everything is more expensive on New Year's Eve, and as





time goes on, prices for hotels will surely climb.

Now you know how, but who? Phish, despite heavy rumors of no more shows in 2003, will be playing at American Airlines Arena on Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31. This will follow a brief Thanksgiving run through the Northeast. Tickets will be near impossible to score, but go on sale on Friday, Oct. 17 at 10

moe. was the first band to announce their New Year's plans this year. They'll be in Philly at the Electric Factory on Dec. 30 and across the river at the Tweeter Center on the Waterfront in Camden, NJ on New Year's Eve.

Widespread Panic will play their usual stomping grounds at the Philips most other bands will Arena in Atlanta, Ga. on Dec. 30 and 31. These are rumored to be Panic's last shows for a while.

> The Disco Biscuits will play at The Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City on New Year's Eve. Other dates are on the way, but still unconfirmed. There are strong possibilities of shows after New Year's Eve leading to Florida, where the Biscuits will participate in JamCruise, a 10-day all-jamband hosted cruise.

> Keep your eyes peeled for other bands like The String Cheese Incident, Robert Randolph & the Family Band and Yonder Mountain String Band to announce dates soon.

> > Until next time, get a job, sir!

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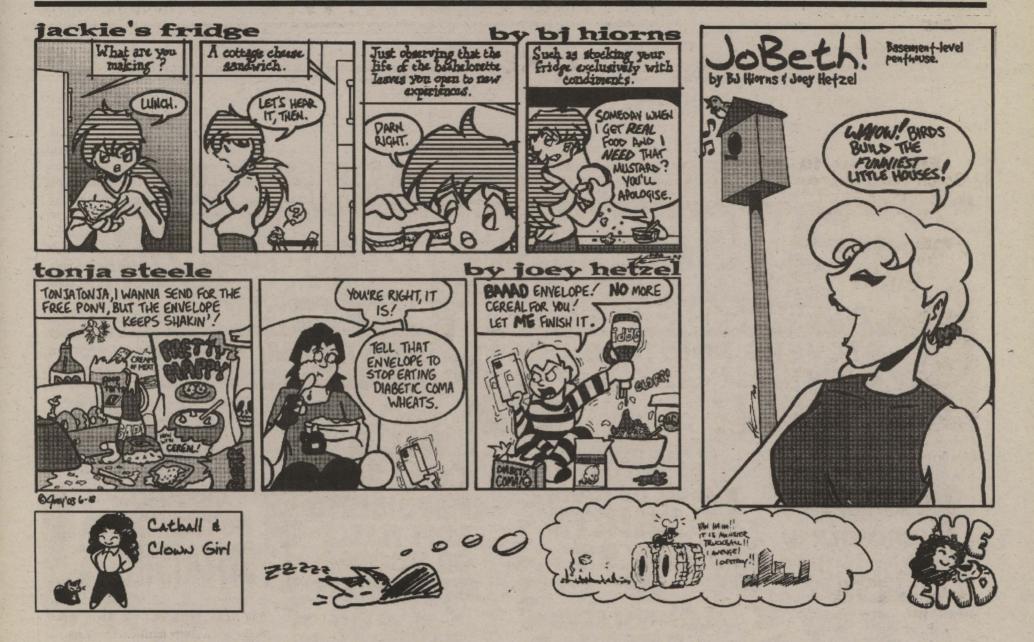
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lished atlas and directions from yahoo.com or mapquest.com (or any of the other prominent directions-based websites out there) and you're on your way. It's always fun to plan your own trip too. Hit the cities you'd like to see, avoid places like Gary, Ind. and Cleveland, Ohio, and actually see the country while you're on your way.

Hotels and lodgings can also be a major snag in planning a trip. Again, it's

COMICS



College Survival Guide: Tears of a clown

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium

With Help from GottaHavaJava E-MAIL YOUR LETTERS TO PROTH@WSUNIX.WSU.EDU

Dear Pat,

I've been a fan of your column for sometime. Your advice has helped to accelerate my academic progress, elevate my social status, and perpetuate my debilitating insomnia through indiscriminate abuse of caffeine products. However, a recent trend I've noticed in your writing has left me feeling a bit disturbed: your obsession with clowns.

As a clown, I'm extremely offended by the defamatory representation of my people. I can't believe such a progressive publication as The Pointer would allow such derogatory, vocation-ist slang as "clown" to be printed. Jester-American is the preferred nomenclature; "clown" is our word.

What I'm particularly concerned with is your well-documented obsession with clown sex. As a Jester-American who has engaged in many a lustful roll in the sillystring with a buxom, red-nosed clowness, I'd like to dispel a few stereotypes that seem to persist. Sex between two consenting clowns (or one clown and one "normie") is a beautiful, beautiful thing; the union of two funny souls into one hilar-

ious being. Unlike the common misconception, we generally don't make any unusual honking noses while doing the deed, and no, confetti doesn't burst out of us if we get too excited. Clown sex is just like any other kind of sex, albeit with a bit more whoopie-cushion for the pushin'.

If the Circus Rights Movement is teaching us anything, it's that these stereotypes must end. Shame on you, Mr. Rothfuss for your debasing treatment of clowns. Maybe if you could walk a mile in my ridiculously oversized shoes, you'd realize that clowns have feelings too.

-Winkie the Clown

First off, Winkie, I have to straighten you out on a misconception you seem to be laboring under. Sex is not beautiful or funny. Sex is a filthy, disgusting act that should only be shared between married heterosexuals who love each other. Even then the only reason to have sex is to make a baby. Preferably a manchild.

Clowns are a whole separate issue entirely. Clowns are, to put it simply, pure evil. There is so much proof of this that I could write a book about it, but there's no need because someone already DID write a book about it. It's called the BIBLE, and it was written by GOD!

1. In the creation story of Genesis, you'll notice that God does not create clowns. That means that they must have been made by the Devil. Or perhaps spawned from the loins of that brazen hussy Lillith after she was thrown out of Eden for back-sassing Adam and demanding oral sex.

2. Leviticus 18:21 reads: "Thou shalt not lie with livestock as with womankind; it is abomination." But this was recently discovered to be a typo. It's not "livestock" it's "laughing-stock." So sex with clowns is abomination. And yes,

fig7 CLONN SEX.

that does mean it's OK to have sex with animals now. Because God is never wrong.

3. Lastly, as you must be aware, young children often cry at the very sight of a clown. This is because their pure little souls, as yet untainted by the liberal media and Henson's damned pagan Muppets, can sense the dark, sticky evil lurking underneath that too-bright painted smile that you people hide behind.

In closing all I really have to offer you is a choice. Either accept God's infinite love and forgiveness by changing your sinful ways; OR burn forever in the fiery pit of hell.

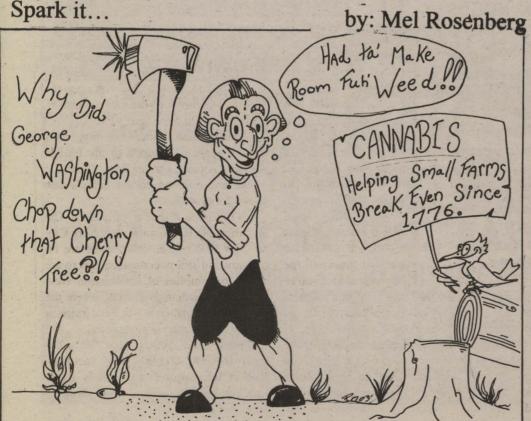
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