Gambling in Wisconsin is becoming a problematic addiction, and college students are said to be the most vulnerable. Experts report that 6-12 percent of young adults between 18 and 20 are addicted to gambling.

Experts say that college students are more vulnerable because they’ve grown up in a society in which gambling is everywhere, such as casinos and huge jackpot sums in the state lottery. People will often spend more money than they can afford to lose in an effort to try and beat the impractical odds. Some gamblers are more cautious about how much money they’re willing to lose. An anonymous sophomore at UWSP says that he plays poker up to three nights a week, betting only small amounts of money. He claims that gambling is a profession, not an addiction. “California decided it’s not a game of chance, it’s a game of skill and they legalized it,” he said.

And I think Wisconsin should do the same.” He claims that he wins more than he loses. “If you don’t plan on luck, and you don’t go in beyond what you can afford to lose, it’s not a problem really,” he said.

But not everyone wins at gambling. John Wenger, a junior at UWSP says that he doesn’t want to gamble because he’s seen the negative effects.

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"Our campuses can be emotionally charged places, not just within classroom buildings, but in public gathering places such as the Library Mall here in Madison," Lyall wrote. "Emotions can run high and it would be tragic if those emotions were to result in the use of weapons to resolve differences."

The student senate of UW-Stevens Point opted for a similar stance, passing a resolution that supported an amendment to prohibit conceal and carry on university campuses. The resolution passed on a voice vote, with only two senators opposing the measure.

"The resolution supports the safety standards we already uphold on our campuses, which students seem to be happy with," said Erin Fay, who authored the resolution.

Fay, the Student Government Association's legislative issues director, began gathering student input in early October, the results of which indicated that more students opposed concealed weapons legislation than supported it.

"Emotions can run high and it would be tragic if those emotions were to result in the use of weapons to resolve differences."

-Geoff Rademacher

We're basically saying that students are not responsible enough to be afforded the right to self-protection.

-Geoff Rademacher

Hearings set for men charged in Lot Q vandalism

By David Cohen

The JFC also approved an amendment to prohibit conceal and carry in hospitals, abortion clinics, and places of religious worship.

People who obtain a permit would not be allowed to carry concealed weapons if they complete a mandatory 22-hour training program and are not mentally incompetent or drug-dependent.

The JFC also approved amendments that would prohibit conceal and carry in libraries, public buildings, schools, and jails.

The Senate will discuss the proposed legislation Thursday. It must be passed by both houses and signed by Gov. Jim Doyle to become law.

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RHA voices concerns over funding for financial aid

Aid drawn from UW System auxiliaries impacts residential living
By David Cohen

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) has mounted a campaign to generate student awareness of changes in the state's financial aid funding for college students, voicing concerns that the new policy will adversely affect campus housing.

The state budget enacted this summer increased financial aid grants by $26.5 million, but has received many complaints, as the money to fund this will be taken out of the UW system auxiliary reserves.

The funds in these reserves are set aside to aid in repairs or improvements and are paid for by residents of the halls or people who use campus food services.

Susan Malnory, Assistant Director of Administrative Services for Residential Living, stated that "auxiliary services are non-segregated fees and are different from segregated fees because they are paid for by user fees instead of by all students out of their tuitions."

Schuler states "We want to make the students aware that they will not be paying any more than they already are, but not all of the money they are paying will go to their dorms or food services."

He also points out that the quality of living may decrease in the dorms due to the restrictions this will place on its reparations.

Schuler also states that University's responsibility to determine how much money will come out of each auxiliary fund.

Malnory states that the initial bill passed by the State Legislature placed a time limit on when this could be done. The governor vetoed this bill and it was revised so that he can take this money repeatedly year after year, placing even more of a financial burden on the universities.

She also stated that UWSP is being vocal in its opposition to the governor's actions and that people in the University are working together to try to lessen the damages.

Rothman states, "The line officers are listening to comments from Deans, directors and other affected groups. In early November they hope to make a decision on what is the most equitable way to distribute this $1.7 million dollar cut. They are also trying to get placed on the Regent's agenda to explain just what these cuts mean to UWSP and to do everything possible to see that they do not happen again."

He also states that repercussions that students may face are, "Programs will be cancelled or scaled back. In the residence halls capital projects such as carpet replacement or computer replacement will be postponed."

Rothman states that he was informed that the United Council had lobby very heavily against this plan despite its approval. He states "we were told that the reason this was passed was that some legislators told the lobbyists that 'college students do not vote enough for us to listen to them.'" He plans to mobilize students to vote and be more active in the political process so that their voices will be heard by legislators.

Gambling

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"My grandfather was prone to gambling and my dad's family because of that didn't have a lot of money, and were always in trouble."

Wenger says.

Like other addictions, symptoms of compulsive gambling need to be identified. Once a gambler begins losing, they may feel they need to get back what they lost, thus losing more than they can afford. Gambling then goes from a pastime to a costly obsession. College students especially need to be careful not to get caught in debt as it could follow them the rest of their lives.

A flier on responsible gambling suggests that as long you play to have fun and not to make money, it won't be a problem. Start by limiting yourself to how much money you spend. A responsible gambler plays for entertainment, not money.

If you or someone you know has a problem with compulsive gambling, you can easily seek help on campus. Stop by Delzell Hall's counseling center on the third floor for help and more information or contact Delzell Hall at (715) 346-3553.

Got a comment about one we had? Call the news editor.
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Musings from Mirman

Some insightful quotes to help survive the midterm drama

By Dan Mirman

Once again midterms are upon us. For many it will mark the first time this year that we buckle down and put enjoyment on the shelf for a week. The over seriousness of midterms makes me rely on my old standby of movies and television. For almost any situation there is a necessary film or TV quote that can have helped me to survive midterms. Even if they are the modern classic Top Gun.

"You think you're too cool for school. But I've got the most expensive car in the world. Why? Because in ten years, in 1993, it will be worth a billion dollars. You take the wrong turns. I made the right ones. I sold out before it went to shit. You couldn't even buy it. So you're cool. And you're right. I'm wrong. And I'm winning." - Top Gun.

"Pardon my French, but (he) is so tight, if you put an American flag on a brand new Buick, he would have shot you in the foot. This line is spoken when a funeral parlor clerk attempts to charge Walter (John Goodman) an exorbitant fee to prepare his body. Walter is burned alive in an oven. He is the only one we'll be left with is the insurance man. This line is spoken when a funeral parlor clerk attempts to charge Walter (John Goodman) an exorbitant fee to prepare his body. Walter is burned alive in an oven. He is the only one we'll be left with is the insurance man.

"Just because we’re bereaved, doesn’t make us saps." - This line comes from The Big Lebowski. If you haven’t seen this film yet, that’s your fault. Because in my humble opinion this is the best film ever made. Anyway this is a quote that was spoken when a funeral parlor clerk attempts to charge Walter (John Goodman) an exorbitant price for an urn. Walter finds a loophole by buying a coffee can to take the ashes away. The lesson here applies directly to us as students. If you haven’t been prepared for a midterm, argue to have the date pushed back. I’ve had one teacher push an exam to next Tuesday. I didn’t like him then, and I *f**kin hate him now.

"I don’t know what that means. I never got the hang of it. They give off an unpleasant odor. How does this smell in hindsight?" - Zoolander.

"We need to start understanding where we are as a society and what that means for us as individuals. Money might not help anti-American sentiment in the world. Just remember that although beer may be in the fridge, the homework has to get completed first. And no, it’s not possible to do both at the same time.

"So Steve...ever think of growing a moustache?" - In the cartoon Family Guy Stewie utters this phrase. Stewie is a one year old with a British accent and Steve has a hairpit. There is really no lesson or tie-in with this quote, except that people with hairpits should consider growing a moustache. And finally no quote column would be complete without a line from Dumb and Dumber. "They slapped a bullet-proof vest on me and gave me a gun." "But what if he would have shot you in the face?"

Just a reminder that blind luck sometimes beats preparation. So take that study break. Pop in your favorite film and be proud to recite every line.

Students need to discuss politics

We, as students and citizens, need to start investing some energy in political conversation. As we head into the election season, this is an opportunity to represent. I felt compelled to write this because the current President and his administration outrage me. Bush and company have used the combination of fear and outrage the attacks on 9/11/01 brought out in people and the pride people have in their country to manipulate the emotions of Americans to such a degree that just about anything is now being justified under the pretense of "freedom", "national security" and "democratic values".

There have been two wars in two years. Neither of these has turned out at all like we were told they would nor has either of them justifiably been justified in hindsight. (There are no WMD’s. There is no link between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda despite what the President might imply.) What has happened is that billions of dollars have been awarded to US corporations connected very indirectly to the Bush administration in closed, bidding processes, the largest potential market in the middle east has been opened up to US investment and private industry and the 2nd largest oil reserves have been sold out to multinational corporate interests. (Well, at least the rich people are making money.)

Can anyone really wonder why US troops face so much resistance in Iraq on a daily basis? Exclusivity of power for the people is the only way we can react to our actions from others. Exactly what is the benefit to us? Should we feel safer now that a nation already in shambles has no capability whatsoever of attacking us is now utterly destroyed? Does anyone else have the feeling that thousands of civilian deaths, a completely destroyed infrastructure and our planet is now at risk? What is our next move?

"The Bill of Rights and our social freedoms have been stripped away from us through this cynically named Patriot Act and the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security. J. Edgar Huschcr is cracking down on any kind of dissent anywhere. When we relinquish these liberties in the name of security, what freedoms are we protecting? Soon the only one we’ll be left with is the freedom to put an American flag on a brand new SUV. Social freedoms are definitely important, but if we don’t consider the planet we live on as vital to our own survival we are being completely naive and shortsighted. The "Clean Air Act" among other legislation, which will lower our quality of life and shorten the already threatened life of this planet, has gutted important environmental standards for our forests and skies. National Security? What will that matter when there are more nations to protect?" (try www.truthout.org, www.accuracy.org, www.indymedia.org for more evidence on all of this than I could possibly give in a letter to the editor).

"Cynicism, apathy and consumerism feed each other and are killing us. How can we let this small group of people do so many horrible things that, if they haven't already, will touch our lives and the lives of so many others outside of this country in a deadly way and not simply say "No. That's wrong. We can do that better"? Is it unpatriotic? Is it not worth our time? Is there something more important than our health, our happiness and our freedom?" - John Salliremburg

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The midterm stress mess

Ways to avoid burnout at this oh so critical time

By Alli Himle

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As we all know, this week marks the eighth week of class. If you have not already become familiar with what this means, odds are you soon will be. The exams, the projects, the papers all seem to magically appear at this time and you will quickly find yourself in a whirlwind of work. How will it all be completed without sacrificing your sanity in the process? The eighth week of class. If you have not yet found yourself in a whirlwind of work, it will all be completed without sacrificing your sanity in the process? The midterm stress mess.

In college life, stress most commonly results from what every college student seems to be a master of at some time or another -- procrastination. Most often, we delay those things that appear to be the most unpleasant, not realizing (or not wanting to acknowledge for that matter) that with the passing of time that task only becomes even more dreadful. It is at this time that it is important for one to develop a reward system for themselves, something I firmly believe in. Equate studying for one hour or writing one page of your midterm philosophy paper with a "treat" of some sort. By treat I do not necessarily mean food, it could be going outside and enjoying the weather, taking a nap, or even something as simple as visiting a friend down the hall. A little word of advice: It does not hurt to tell your friend that you are your "treat" for completing homework. If anything, it will definitely bring some much needed cheer to their day.

Most importantly, take time for yourself. Relax, take things in stride and realize that your basket of tasks to be completed will never be empty. Realizing this usually is the first step in dealing with the insurmountable levels of stress that we all encounter on a day-to-day basis. Midterms are stressful, the entire semester itself is stressful, but it is manageable.

Think positive thoughts and realize that you are putting forth your best effort. Laugh and enjoy the simple pleasures of life, but above all else, realize that midterms are a sign that the semester is half over and to get through them is to be one step closer to accomplishing your ultimate goal -- freedom.

For more information on how to manage stress, please refer to the Counseling Center on the third floor of Dell Rapids Hall.

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WI SPIRG wants you

Concerned about environmental issues? WI SPIRG is too.

By Ashlee Theilacker

WI SPIRG, Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group, is a statewide student run and directed organization that was formed in 1989 by a group of idealistic and dedicated students who believed that public decisions should be made in the public interest, and not for special interests. Since then, students have teamed up with professional staff and lobbyists to create a record of admirable accomplishments.

WI SPIRG students learn how to convince the media and decision-makers to pay attention and take action on a range of important issues. The group trains to investigate a problem, develop a practical solution and promote that solution in order to turn it into a reality. Recently, the Milwaukee and Madison chapters have helped to pass the toughest Clean Water Standards for Runoff Pollution, helped convince Staples to phase out the use of paper products made from old growth trees, and have raised thousands of dollars for the hungry and homeless. In 2000, WI SPIRG helped register over 10,000 students for the elections, sponsored debates and helped students research the issues.

This semester WI SPIRG students are working to stop rollbacks of key environmental laws, such as forest protection, the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. They are also dedicated to making sure that facilities and sewage treatment plants stop illegally dumping chemicals like arsenic and benzen into our waterways. By working on these issues and others, such as increasing voter turnout and ending hunger and homelessness, WI SPIRG students have gained an educational experience in democracy; they have learned how to get their voices heard and have been given a chance to face up to society's big problems, take action and win concrete changes that improve the quality of our lives.

Students at UW - Stevens Point will be working to help become a part of this network of students and lobbyists. Being part of a larger network will allow students at Stevens Point to work with students all over the state and country in order to address and tackle statewide and national issues. We will actually be able to change the problems we want to see changed for the long term.

Students for a WI SPIRG chapter meet at 4:30p.m. on Wednesday in the Wooden Spoon. For more information, contact Ashlee at atheil31@uwsp.edu.

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Ailey II Dance Ensemble to perform in Stevens Point

By Sarah Dennewitz

Come enjoy an evening of amazingly talented dancers performing at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point. From abstract ballet to contemporary jazz, the Ailey II Dance Ensemble will leave the audience with a breath taking performance.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. the Ailey II Dance Ensemble will display their talent through numerous choreographed routines. The Ailey II Dance Ensemble, one of the most commended dance companies in the United States, combines the talent of our country's finest dancers and the work of many distinguished choreographers.

Choreographer Alvin Ailey established the Ailey II Dance Ensemble in 1974 with the purpose of offering opportunities for dancers in all areas. As the Ensemble travels to 40 different U.S. cities, they will partake in workshops and offer a variety of opportunities at elementary, middle and high schools.

Tickets for the Ailey II Dance Ensemble can be purchased through the UWSP Box Office by calling 715-346-4100, or at the door if the show is not sold out in advance. Student admission is $4 with identification, $20 for the general public, $16 for senior citizens and $8 for children.

If you are interested make sure to buy your tickets immediately because the Ailey II Dance Ensemble is an event that does not come frequently. Not only will the Ailey II Dance Ensemble perform for the students, they will also work with many dance majors here on campus. A master class will be held for individuals who have been invited through local dance studio directors. Sylvia Waters, the Ensemble artistic director, pushes for the company to offer opportunities for dancers in all areas. As the Ensemble travels to 40 different U.S. cities, they will partake in workshops and offer a variety of opportunities at elementary, middle and high schools.

Back home, one of my favorite places to dine at is the Queen Bee Restaurant, located in scenic downtown Appleton. The Queen Bee reminds me of nothing so much as an old-fashioned diner, a place to go to get a good meal at a reasonable price, read the paper, have some coffee and chit-chat with the staff and the regulars. During my time in Point, however, I've been somewhat stymied in trying to find an equivalent to the Bee.

Well, thankfully, my search has finally ended. The Blueberry Muffin Family Restaurant is an establishment like the Bee in almost every way. Located at 2801 Stanley Street, the Blueberry Muffin Family Restaurant is a perfect neighborhood eatery, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner every day at most generous prices.

At the Blueberry, the "Early Bird" breakfast special is offered Monday through Friday until 9:00 a.m., offering everything from pancakes to waffles to eggs, all for under $5. And of course, there are the ubiquitous blueberry muffins from which the restaurant gets its name.

A moment, please, on these blueberry muffins. I did not have any room to have them, as my lunch was plenty filling as it was, but they were impressive-looking simply from behind the display glass. The blueberry muffins are about the size of grapefruit. Some have warned me that the muffins look better than they taste, but I'll give the muffins the benefit of the doubt until I taste them myself.

For lunch, I had one of my favorite meals in creation, a nice tasty fried fish sandwich with everything on it. This was served with beer-batter fries, another wondrous culinary creation. From the taste of this fish sandwich, I feel I may have to drop by this Friday to try the fish fry.

So if you are like me and want to find that nice quiet neighborhood restaurant like the one back home, the Blueberry is the way to go. The food's good, the ambiance is nice and you may even get some of our very own Pointer staff to service you there. (I won't say who, as not to spoil the surprise.) Now, perhaps, the palpable stomach rumblings for the good old Queen Bee back home won't be so harsh.
Bruce, Oswald key dominating week of games for Pointers

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Friday, the Pointer women's soccer team hosted a strong Concordia-Moorhead team. What started out as a defensive struggle ended with the Pointers gaining control and pulling away late.

Soccer

The first half was marked by seven corner kicks by the Pointers, all of which came up empty due to the tough Concordia-Moorhead defense. The Pointer offense finally got on the board at the 37:07 mark as Jenny Bruce scored her 17th goal of the season with an assist from Melissa Becker.

In the second half, Point came out relentless attacking the Concordia-Moorhead goal. Kelly Fink scored her second goal of the game seven minutes into the half, with Melissa Becker notching the assist. Barely a minute later, Megan Frey scored her third goal of the season, with Bruce getting her second assist of the game. For the rest of the half UWSP kept the offensive pressure on, out-shooting Concordia-Moorhead 16-5, but couldn't get another goal past Concordia-Moorhead goalie Jamie Savage.

Overall, the Pointers kept Concordia-Moorhead on their heels most of the day, peppering their goal with 22 shots, compared to eight against the Pointers. Bruce, with her two assists, was named WIAC all-time assists leader with 48, passing the current leader, UWSP's own Jennifer Davis.

Sunday saw UW-Superior come to town looking for an upset. The Pointers would have none of it, however, as they dominated the game from start to finish.

Kim Reese struck first for the Pointers at the 5:35 mark with an assist from Bruce. Fifteen minutes later, it was Reese doing the assisting as Andrea Oswald scored her seventh goal of the year to put the Pointers up 2-0. A little more than a minute later, at the 20:47 mark Alyssa Souza contributed a goal of her own with both Frey and Oswald helping out on the assist. The halftime ended with UWSP controlling the game 3-0.

The second half saw Bruce take over as she scored three straight goals to extend the lead to 6-0. Bruce was helped out by assists from Reese, Katie O'Leary and Oswald. The offensive onslaught continued with an Anna Van Steppen goal, with the assist going to Katie Simo. Simo scored the next goal herself, unassisted. Azita Zeyghami rounded out the scoring with an unassisted goal making the final score 9-0. The Pointers dominated the game completely, out-shooting UW-Superior an incredible 40-0. The win moves the Pointers to 11-2-2 (5-0-1) on the season.

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Soccer

Bruce

Oswald

Senior Andrea Oswald and junior Molly Kreibich try to beat a UW-Superior defender to the ball on Sunday. Point won the game 9-0.

Runners continue solid conference performance

Women still yet to lose to a Division III opponent

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

For the second consecutive week and fifth time this season, the Steven's Point women's cross country team won the team crown, this time at Oshkosh. The men on the other hand couldn't quite get the edge on top ranked Oshkosh, or fourth ranked Calvin, placing third.

CROSS COUNTRY

The women held strong at number three in the nation and made a big statement holding off fifth ranked Oshkosh and sixth ranked Calvin.

With the new ranking coming out, Coach Len Hill felt good about where his team stood, saying, "The new ranking came out and they (Oshkosh and Calvin) are still fifth and sixth, so that makes me feel pretty good about where we're at. Our third is probably fairly honest."

Unfortunately the men didn't have quite the same success against either of those two squads at Oshkosh. Though their team didn't get the victory, senior Curt Johnson did race to the individual title at Oshkosh, but he'll be the first to tell you he'd rather have had the team placing first.

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VanderVelden leads way for Pointers

Despite sloppy fourth quarter, team hangs on for victory

By Craig Mandli
Sports Editor

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SPORTS EDITOR

Every game the Pointers play for the rest of this season is a "must-win." After dropping their first two conference games, they need to win out and hope for some help with other conference opponents if they want their goal of a conference championship and postseason play.

football
The team played the first three quarters this past Saturday against Eau Claire like a team with their back against the wall, getting out to a 31-0 lead. However, they must have then forgotten their goals, allowing the BluGold's to nearly steal away the game. Time finally ran out on the furious BluGold offense, with the Pointers winning 31-28.

"The whole fourth quarter was our football team relaxing, saying 'Oh, they can't score 31 points in one quarter against us,'" said Head Coach John Miech. "But you see teams making huge comebacks all across college football this season. It happened here."

The Pointers opened the game with a 12-play drive that ended with a 29-yard field goal by place-kicker Dan Heldmann. After holding the BluGold's, the Pointers' senior runningback Jason VanderVelden rushed for a 50-yard touchdown on the first play of their next drive for an early 10-0 lead.

Quarterback Scott Krause continued the onslaught in the second quarter, throwing two touchdowns in the second quarter - a nine-yard pass to big freshman tight end Andy Stern and a 26-yard pass to junior wide receiver Tony Romano - to make it 24-0 at halftime.

The Pointers opened the second half with an 80-yard drive in eight plays as VanderVelden caught a 24-yard touchdown pass from Scott Krause to build the lead to 31-0. However, this was the last time the Pointers would garner anything offensively, as the momentum was totally reversed, swelling the BluGold's way the rest of the game.

Eau Claire picked up two quick touchdowns, first when quarterback Nels Fredrickson threw up an 11-yard prayer that looked to be picked off by sophomore Jared Flesch. However, Eau Claire's Matt Eveson wrestled the ball away, and the referees ruled it a catch, giving Eau Claire a touchdown. Then, at the end of the quarter, Eau Claire blocked a Ryan Prochnow punt and returned it for a touchdown, reducing UWSP's lead to 31-14.

Eau Claire scored twice more in the fourth, but UWSP was able to pounce on an onside kick with 1:25 left to seal the victory.

UWSP's VanderVelden set a team record for carries in a game with 43. VanderVelden also had a career high 204 yards, after only having 115 yards on 42 carries coming into the game.

"We went into the game with the plan that Jason was going to get 15 to 18 carries," said Miech. "But when the line is blocking so well, you have stick with what is working."

This weekend, the Pointers travel to Oshkosh to face a 4-2 Titan team that's coming off a tough 56-14 loss at La Crosse this past weekend.

The Pointers beat Oshkosh narrowly 12-10 last season in Stevens Point after falling to the Titans in Oshkosh the year before.

"For us to reach our goal this season, we have to win out," said Miech. "Oshkosh is just the next hurdle in our season."

You Know Want To...

Stop smoking tips of the week

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5 Things to Watch...

1. Will Fisalabowski be back?

UWSP's top tailbacks, Cory Fisalabowski, missed last weekend's game with a shoulder injury. With freshman Jason VanderVelden had a career day against Eau Claire, the offense needs Fisalabowski's game-breaking ability.

2. Can the Pointer defense contain Andy Stern?

At The Three Top Tailbacks, Stern is averaging 4.7 yards per carry and 97 yards per game. The line and linebackers have to contain this breakaway threat.

3. The Pointer DB's will have their hands full

The Three's hanging Ghosts (Undeshi and Laluzerne) are both threats on special teams. Undeshi is huge (6'3", 255 lbs) tight end with speed, while Laluzerne is a 6'4", 195 lbs. freshman wide receiver with speed.

4. Where is Cody Childs? The Pointers' second leading receiver, a transfer from UW-Madison, only had two catches for 23 yards last week. He is the future of the UWSP passing game and needs to be involved more.

5. Can the Pointers get pressure?

End Craig Johnson leads the team in sacks with five on the year. The team needs to find another pass rushing threat. Maybe freshman Jake Nornal?
SPORTS

CONFERENCE ROLLEROASTER CONTINUES

Despite career night from Parker, team still falls to Eau Claire
By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team played host to conference rival UW-Superior Friday night.

Volleyball

UW-Superior looked ripe for the taking as they came into the match with an eight-match losing streak. The first game was a hard-fought battle, with neither team able to take control. In the end Superior came out victorious, getting the 34-32 win.

The second saw Superior leap out to a 6-1 lead and never looked back as they coasted to a 30-22 win.

The Pointers were looking for redemption in the third game of the match. Going on a 7-2 run to end the Pointers come-back hopes, and ultimately taking the match 3-0.

Leading the way for the Pointers were Melissa Weber with 13 kills, followed by Kelli Rydeen with seven. Nichole Stahovich and Kim Palminter tallied three aces apiece.

On Saturday, the Pointers were in action at home, finishing out their WIAC schedule against the always-tough UW-Eau Claire Blugolds.

The Pointers played Eau Claire hard all afternoon, but in the end came up short.

After bowing out of the first game 30-26, the Pointers looked to take control in the second, fighting Eau Claire to a 27-27 score late. Eau Claire was just too strong, putting an end to the Pointer hopes with a 3-0 run to end the game 30-27.

The last game was most of the same, with the Pointers staying close but falling in the end 20-25.

Jessica Parker had a career night, averaging 27 points, 27 kills, and 27 aces. Stahovich also contributed eight kills of her own. Rydeen was sharp with her serves recording four aces. The loss drops the Pointers to 8-20 (1-7).

Next on the schedule for the Pointers, a trip to Menomonie for the UW-Stout tournament this weekend.

TEAM HOPES TO SHOWCASE AT CONFERENCE

Optimistic attitudes abound despite poor record

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point women's tennis team gave their best effort Saturday against UW-Eau Claire, but still could not capture their second team victory of the season.

Tennis

"We had a difficult time against Eau Claire. They are in first place going into the conference championship this weekend, and we had a very hard time winning games," said Pointer Coach Nancy Page.

And a hard time winning games is exactly what the Pointers experienced. The team was shut out 9-4 and only four players were able to win a game.

Angie Brown put on the best show at number six singles, as she gave Allison Tepke of Eau Claire a run for her money falling only 6-2, 6-0, while Tiffany Serpico garnered one point in her number two singles match.

The Pointers are now turning their full attention to this coming weekend where they will enter the WIAC tournament in Madison. The team is very positive about the weekend as it seems due time for something good to stem from all their hard work.

"We will have to play our very best tennis this weekend. Everyone is working hard in practice and we are optimistic that we can improve on our last place finish of a year ago," said Page.

Seniors Amber Wilkowick and Emily Schledner also have an upbeat attitude for the upcoming weekend.

Said Schleder, "I believe we have the talent, all I forget about is our record and play each team as if we have never competed before. I know if we play like we do in practice and play as if we expect to win, we will."

Individually, Schledner, who is new to the team this year, just hopes to continue to have fun. "I had high expectations for myself at the beginning of the season that only frustrated me. I had to

See Tennis, page 10
I'm boycotting the World Series this year. Why? Well, it's not because I'm a Brewer fan, I know that the chances of the Brew Crew going to the series during my lifetime is virtually nonexistent.

Really, the only reason I'm not watching is because I utterly, with total respect, just think it's a money grab.

I mean, who wouldn't watch a Red Sox/Cubs series? There is so much history with the Cubs "goat curse" and the Red Sox "Bambino" curse. That series would have more drama than an episode of the Real World.

Don't get me wrong, I love baseball. I'm a stat dork. I actually keep score while watching games on TV. But I just can't get into this series...not with the Yankees and their $160 million payroll and All-Stars at every position. It's not right, and it's not fair.

GO BREWERS!!!

The Man's Take:
The World Series? Who cares!
By Craig Mandll
Sports Editor

I'm not watching the World Series because I'm a Brewer fan. Of the Brew Crew going to the series every year? As my esteemed colleague Joshua Schmidt says in his column to the right, the sports world is becoming more and more driven by money. Each playoff game is more money in the pockets of the owners, networks and sports.

What I don't get is why Major League Baseball let a Yankees/Marlins series even happen. They had the perfect opportunity for the most-watched series of my lifetime if the Red Sox and Cubs were in it.

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GO BREWERS!!!

The quest for the almighty dollar is causing the downfall of sports
By Joshua Schmidt
Assistant Sports Editor

Money. You either have it, want it, or are trying to figure out how to get it. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the world of sports. The endless labor disputes between the owners and players in the NFL and MLB. The mind-numbing spectacles during pre-game and halftime of NFL games. The ill-conceived BCS of college football. These are all examples of how money is degrading the self-esteem of the most-watched sports league.

There's no better example of money ruining a sport than Major League Baseball. Look no further than the New York Yankees. They play on a different playing field than most of the league. While the Yankees are paying 150 million plus for their talent, you have the Detroit Tigers, Tampa Bay D-Rays and Milwaukee Brewers of the league, who in a good year have payrolls topping 40 million, maybe.

These teams have basically become farm teams of the league. Year after year I've witnessed the Brewers develop some decent players only to trade them away before their contract is up, because they can't afford to keep them. So year after year, we're stuck watching the Yankees or some other team that's trying to buy a championship ala the San Francisco Giants, Arizona D-Backs or 1997 Florida Marlins.

Then there's the Bowl Championship Series in college football. You know why the powers that be don't want a real playoff format? Because the Northern Illinois of the world might mess up and make it too deep and get into one of the big bowl games. You think the Orange Bowl Committee wants NIU in their bowl? I don't think so. They'd much rather have schools with big time drawing power, like Nebraska or Michigan. Why? Because a bigger audience means more money.

With the BCS format, the big bowls can pick and choose who plays where. In a playoff format, there's a chance that NIU or TCU could get to the National Championship and intercept that precious cash flow.

And finally, there's my beloved NFL, arguably the healthiest league in the country financially. With the salary cap, they manage to keep all the teams on the same financial plane.

Unfortunately, they're not in search of more advertising dollars so they're staging ridiculous pre-game and halftime shows. Is there really any good reason to have Britney Spears kick off the 2003 NFL season other than to draw more 20-something male viewers and therefore get more companies to sponsor the event.

I'm surprised they didn't come on with the Britney/Madonna kiss before MTV. And who actually watches those intensely middlebrow Super Bowl halftime shows? You're going to have to do better than Michael Jackson or Aerosmith to keep me from my annual halftime beer/pizza run.

I know, whether I like it or not, money is a part of sports, and always will be. But please have a little respect for the fans, who make so much of that money possible.

The Week Ahead...

Football: at UW-Oshkosh, Sat., 1 p.m.
Volleyball: at UW-Stout Tournament, Fri., 4 p.m. & Sat., noon
Tennis: at WIAC Championships (Madison), Sat. & Sun., 1 p.m.
Cross Country: UW-Oshkosh, Fri., All Day
Swimming & Diving: at UW-Oshkosh, Sat., 1 p.m.
Soccer: UW-La Crosse, Sat., 2 p.m.*; at UW-Whitewater, Wed., 3 p.m.

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Oct. 24 is National Pumpkin Carving Day

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

One of the best ways to enjoy the grand Hallowed Eve every year is to take a ride to the old pumpkin patch, select a ripe fruit and gutted and carved into a spooky face. This Thursday, Oct. 24, is National Pumpkin Carving Day.

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To the right is a wonderful walleye Jack-O-Lantern design for the outdoors lover.

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

For those who aren’t inclined to drive a country mile in order to get their holiday pumpkin you might want to take a drive over to the local Kwik Trip and take a gander at their plentiful selection. Another great way to check out the selection of pumpkins in the area is to take a little drive east of Stevens Point on Highway 10. Here you might find a more variety of pumpkins that haven’t been picked through by the masses.

Another unique spot I stumbled upon is Casey’s Orchard. This quaint little spot is located a few short miles east of Stevens Point. Just take a right off Highway 10 onto old Highway 18. Stay on 18 for about two and a half miles and you can’t miss the signs. They not only have a wide selection of pumpkins but other items such as apples, apple cider, honey and maple syrup. This is a great time of year to enjoy the countryside, so get out and enjoy it before the snow flies.

Good places to purchase your carving pumpkin

You can’t really celebrate the spirit of Halloween unless you have the perfect pumpkin. If you drive along Highway 51 or highway 29 you may have noticed the variety of places that sell pumpkins by the truck-load.

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OUTDOORS

Mr. Winter's two cents

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I carefully observed a doe last week as she chomped on fallen acorns near the edge of a river bottom. After the doe disappeared she suddenly reappeared out from the thick cover while a small 8 pointer trailed close behind. After a short chase the doe slowly walked out and the buck proceeded to make a rub on a tree just 10 yards away. I decided to pass on this little scraper, knowing that the week before will possibly bring larger bucks.

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A good set of rattling antlers is a burden to carry, but don't tell anyone where they reappeared out from the thick cover while a small 8 pointer trailed close behind. After a short chase the doe slowly walked out and the buck proceeded to make a rub on a tree just 10 yards away. I decided to pass on this little scraper, knowing that the week before will possibly bring larger bucks.

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I shouldn't have to even say anything, but I will out of respect, and the fact that you can't keep your mouth shut about the belligerent pachyderms. If you don't have a pumpkin or Jack-O-Lantern for Halloween, you're probably a Red who stomps puppies to death for some obscene personal pleasure while laughing at the ordeal and cancer patients. God, what where you thinking? 10 out of 10. Painted pumpkins are for lazy folks and they suck. 5 out of 10.

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Vegas comedian visits Point
By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Comedian Benny Baker will host four shows this weekend at Buffy’s, running daily from Thursday, Oct. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 26.

Baker has a long-lived history in comedy. His late-night comedy show is ranked as number one in Las Vegas, where he plays regular shows at the Palm, Caesar’s and the Flamingo.

Baker has toured extensively with Carrot Top, was a contributing writer for Comedy Central’s Politically Incorrect, and has also written for shows on HBO and CBS.

He also briefly appeared in Eddie Griffin’s latest film, Foolish.

The four-hour show at Buffy’s on Thursday and Friday will be 10 p.m., and Baker hits the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door. Comedians Jake and Wendie will warm up the crowd before the main set.

Cicero Band at Van Halen’s “Panama” Teases Like This Are Common—Umphrey’s McGee show so appealing. Their general rock sound, mixed with elements of jazz, bluegrass, blue, electronics and a cover song here and there is tough to beat. The first set was worth the drive into the wooded confines surrounding The Wit End, the second set was the highlight of the show. After a brief dedication to Steve Barnett, the Cubs fans accused of single-handedly starting the sainted in the late innings of Game 6.

UCWSP concluded with a happy cover of Paul Simon’s “50 Ways to Leave Your Lover.”

Leave Your Love.”
College Survival Guide: Ars Locusia (The art of the prank)

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium
With Help from GottaHavaJava

Halloween: for one magical day it's socially acceptable to dress up like a freak, gorge yourself on candy, and engage in a little healthy civil disobedience.

Unfortunately, the art of the prank seems to be lost. It used to be that colleges took pride in their pranks. But lately, nothing. I'm forced to conclude that the majority of the student body is comprised of flaccid, apathetic, soulless little healthy civil disobedience.

What's the big deal? Well, let me give you an example. You are going to get. I've got one of those landscaping rocks in my jacket pocket: smooth, round, and slightly bigger than an egg. The next time one of you assholes honk at me, I'm going to crack your back windshield with it and pray, just pray you stop your car.

Because as soon as you step foot on the pavement, I'm going old testament on you. I'm talking some serious pillar-of-salt wrath. I'll give you a Super Steens Point, eventually converging in some manner of my garden wrath. I'll give you a Super Smoot's doubles team.

Hold on. What was I talking about again? Oh yeah, the three rules all good pranks follow:

1) IT MUST BE CLEVER
My rule of thumb is to ask the following question: "Would a group of drunk frat boys do this?" If the answer is "yes," then the prank is not a good one.

You need to consider what reaction you want to provoke. Surprise isn't anything special. You can surprise people by jumping out from behind a door. There's no style to that, no class. What you want is people to be genuinely amused and amazed. You want wonder and delight with a dash of confusion. For example, you could figure out parking services' schedule, then precede whoever gives out tickets through their route, putting nickels in all the expired meters. Preferably you should do this dressed as a mime.

Regardless, I'm in some manner of happy place, minding my own business. Then someone drives by, blows their horn, and drives away laughing like a third-grader who just hit a fart. I'm sick of it.

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You could give vitruvian man on the CNR mural pants, or a tuxedo, or a gimp suit. I've always wanted to put a bunch of arrows all over campus. They would wend several separate circuitous routes through Stevens Point, eventually converging in a remote location. Then I'd rent one of those porta-a-toilets, put it there, and sit in it all day waiting for people to stop by and open the door.

I don't know what I'd do when they opened the door. But no matter what it was, it couldn't help but be funny.

2) NO PERMANENT DAMAGE.
Permanent damage can occur in many ways. Obviously, you shouldn't do pranks that can physically hurt people. This seems like common sense, but it's easy to get caught up in the moment and pour a bucket of goat's blood onto an interstate overpass without thinking through all the potential consequences.

Other types of damage need to be avoided too. A broken leg may last months, but psychological trauma is the gift that lasts a lifetime. Just remember, Your funny prank might be someone else's psychotic episode. If you aren't sure where your idea falls, make sure you get a second (and maybe a third or fourth) opinion and err on the side of caution.

Lastly comes property damage. It's one thing to temper-paint a large piece of public statuary. It's another thing to spray-paint it. Not only is property damage terribly impolite, avoiding it puts you on better legal footing so that...

3) NOBODY GOES TO JAIL.
Good pranks usually don't involve any lawbreaking beyond a minor trespassing and mischief. Ideally, you want to brag about your prank without worrying about the police knocking on your door. Rearranging your neighbor's lawn ornaments or defacing the ceramic reindeer seems to be molestation the pottery gnomes is funny. A wheelbarrow load of raccoon feaces in the municipal pool is criminal.

E-mail your questions, comments, and smart ass remarks to prank@excuave.wisc.edu. If your letter appreciates how, you'll receive a gift-certificate for GottaHavaJava, which you can use to purchase hot coffee, cool smoothies, or fresh bakery items handmade by Gotta's own lovely Baker Sarah.
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