Annual trivia contest gearing up for weekend

Contest inspires participants to wait in line for several days

By Adam Somers
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 16, Stevens Point will experience the 35th installment of Trivia. Trivia will last all weekend, spanning 54 hours until midnight on Sunday. The theme for this year’s Trivia contest is “Thanks for the Contest.”

Monday was the first day teams could register and it was a record-setting day for Trivia. 90FM station manager Courtney Sikorski reported that 240 teams registered on Monday, setting a one-day record for Trivia. “The first day was phenomenal,” said Sikorski. Jim “Oz” Oliva, Trivia Coordinator, was in agreement. He also added that not only did Monday’s record-setting day top last year’s mark of 209 teams, but by Monday night, 653 players were registered.

Oliva stated that the first team to register was, “The Collective”, who started camping out at noon on Sunday. The second team to register, “Dad’s Computers” also camped out, but pitched a tent for their wait. By the time registration opened at 3 p.m. Monday, a line was wrapped around the corner and down the side of the Communications building.

With Coppus, one of Trivia’s major sponsors in the past, pulling their sponsorship this year, Trivia has looked elsewhere for major sponsors. This year’s returning major sponsors include: Premium Brands (Point Beer Distributor), Bank One and the UWSP Alumni Association. New major sponsors for this year’s contest are: Rice Clinic Medical Center, Portesi Italian Foods and Flatoff’s Gold Key Motors. In past years there has been a grocery bag giveaway for a team at the top of each hour. With Coppus dropping out of sponsorship, County Market will be sponsoring the giveaway this year. Overall, the process of registration and the preparation in the 90FM station have been running smoothly so far. “Barring some unusual circumstances, everything is good,” stated Sikorski. According to Oliva, besides “ironing out computer issues,” registration is going well. Oliva also commented that “The staff has really stepped up to plate.”

An interesting aspect to this year’s contest is that Trivia will be the subject of the movie entitled Trivia U.S.A., with crews filming all over town to cover the event. The executive producer has worked for VH-1 and the cinematographer is from the T.V. show Cold Case. There are plans to show the film at various film festivals, such as Sundance. The contest has been covered in papers nationwide, but this might be its biggest exposure to date.

Trivia is run solely by a group of volunteers that draws its membership from students who work with 90FM, alumni and various people in the community. Sikorski stated that Trivia contest, page 3

It's a great day for a cookout

By Adam Somers
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It’s a great day for a cookout. Fuel prices a growing concern for students

The price of gas almost always rises in the warm weather months as people begin to travel, but this year the sharp increase in the price of fuel might affect some of those plans.

As of Wednesday, April 14, the average Wisconsin gas prices have risen slightly over the national average. The average price for regular unleaded gas in Wisconsin is now at $1.82 per gallon. This is up from last month’s average of $1.75. The price of fuel has been rising steadily since the start of the year, when the price was $1.54 per gallon.

The hike in fuel prices has affected many students’ daily life, as well as their travel plans. Sophomore Val Csiszer, who resides in Illinois, stated, “All I want to say is that gas prices are outrageous!” When asked about how gas prices affect her travel, she said, “I live three and a half hours away and because gas prices are so high it makes me not want to drive home because I don’t want to go broke paying for gas.”

With the current gas prices rising steadily, residents of Wisconsin could see prices reach $2.00 a gallon by the summer months. This could drastically affect travel and vacation plans, as well as everyday travel for residents and students alike. While Csiszer mentioned the current gas prices have not affected her everyday life because she does not use much gas around town, her views will definitely change once summer comes. “I am living in the man-made shade of the apartment, a shade that has been baked by the sun for months. The hot weather is a source of irritation and discomfort, and it seems to be worsening with each passing day.”

Fuel prices a growing concern for students
Students elected to county board

By John T. Larson
News Editor

Two UWSP students were successful in their efforts to win seats on the Portage County Board of Supervisors.

Taniya Fatticci and Philip Peterson, running under the Green Party banner, won the supervisor positions for the 1st District and the 11th District on the April 6 election.

Fatticci, a second semester freshman, said that part of her motivation to pursue the seat was a desire to represent the student body, as no student had held such a position since the early 1980's.

"My campaign was mostly done by putting up posters, by handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them," said Fatticci. "It would be nice to have a place where high school students and college students can come together in an alcohol-free environment." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them." She said that Fatticci was done in a traditional manner. "My campaign was mostly handing out flyers and by spreading word of mouth to other students the message that a student was trying to represent them."
A female reported the loss of her student ID card. Person(s) unknown were reportedly using the card to make purchases from campus vending machines.

Watson Hall

Saturday, April 3 9:57 p.m.
Type: Interfering with fire equipment

Protective Services was contacted by the Stevens Point Police Department with a request to pick up a piece of stolen property. The property in question was a fire extinguisher.

Steiner Hall

Sunday, April 4 12:45 p.m.
Type: Vandalism

It was reported to Protective Services that the southwest entrance cigarette depository post had been broken and pulled out of the ground.

Physical Education Building

Monday, April 5 9:12 p.m.
Type: Theft

A male reported the theft of his wallet from his sweatshirt pocket. The wallet contained $64 in cash, a Social Security card and two gift cards.

Hyer Hall

Thursday, April 8 2:12 a.m.
Type: Underage drinking

Protective Services was notified about a fight occurring between residents of Hyer Hall and Roach Hall.

Several students were arrested for their conduct and underage consumption of alcohol.

Roach Hall

Thursday, April 8 11:50 p.m.
Type: Underage drinking

Protective Services was contacted by a hall official about a beer bottle that had been thrown through a dorm window. Several students were cited for underage drinking.

Smith Hall

Friday, April 9 10:45 a.m.
Type: Theft

A male reported the theft of his bike from the rack located between Smith Hall and Pray-Sims Hall.

The student reported that the bike was unlocked at the time of the theft.

The Campus Beat is compiled by UWSP Protective Services.
All names withheld.

Student election

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Fatticci also intends to fight urban sprawl, which includes plans to create a new shopping center in downtown Plover. "I would like to have the business district kept in downtown Stevens Point where it was intended to be in the first place. If they are going to put energy into a business district that's where they should do it.

Philip Peterson, a sophomore Geography major, said that his decision to run for the 11th District seat against incumbent Bob Woder was based upon his association with the Green Party. "I got really involved with the Green Party on campus," said Peterson. "A lot of my ideals and morals in life...the Green Party really identified with them." Peterson said that after a call for volunteers was made by the Portage County Greens, he decided after some thought to run for the position. Like Fatticci, his campaign was one of inexperience, but on the day of the election, Peterson decided to make an extra effort. "On election day I got on the phone and started calling people in the phone book and asked them if they were going to vote, and if they were I urged them to vote for Philip Peterson."

Peterson said that one of his top priorities as a board supervisor is to work to change the perception he believes is held by members of the board that students are not responsible enough to handle that position.

"What I really want to emphasize right now is that students can be responsible leaders in the community."

There is a lot of animosity generated by the county board towards students. "I want to emphasize that I'm here for the long haul."

As part of his commitment to his new position, Peterson announced that he will withdraw from the university as a full time student in preparation for his new responsibilities.

He plans to take classes during the summer and is considering full-time status in the fall depending on how much time is consumed by his new job. "During the election I was under a lot of academic pressure, and I did not want that to be a distraction to my new position."

SGA to form bus route committee

By John T. Larson

The Student Government Association is announcing the formation of a committee that will decide the new bus route that will be created as part of the new U-Pass system.

Using data provided by the university, the committee will be given the task of forming a route that will best serve student interests.

"We have a map of the university that the geography department put together that shows where students live and a distribution of where the highest concentrations of students are located throughout the city," said SGA Student Life issues director Stephanie Lind.

The SGA is looking to create a committee that will consist of a cross section of students from around the campus that will work with members of the SGA and city transportation officials to make the final decision.

Lind says that the SGA is looking for any and all students who are interested on working to decide the route. "Anyone who wants to be incorporated will be welcome. It would be an opportunity for any student that has an interest in deciding where the U-Pass is going to go next year."

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday April 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Conference Room of the U.C. The Committee will have until the beginning of May to issue their ruling as the contract will be locked into place at that time.

Trivia contest

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There are at least 200 volunteers for this year's contest. Duties performed by the volunteers include distributing the donated food, helping out with merchandise sales and broadcasting the contest.

There are also 18 people who answer calls for 14 different shifts during the contest. Sikorski mentioned that despite the pressure and stressors that they have faced in the month preceding the contest, everyone is really excited this week and are looking forward to this weekend.

There are no changes to this year's contest, with the usual two running questions and the Trivia Stone hunt still intact. However, one change that Oliva noted was the "big push made to expand the rulebook." He said that this expansion will be justified at next year's contest.

Oliva encourages a lot of students to play and pull together all the knowledge and resources they can. However, he did send out a message of caution by saying, "We'll humble them really well."

Trivia will not be recovered by STV this year due to a dispute, so the contest will only be broadcasted over radio by 90FM and through streaming media on 90FM's web site.
Musings from Mirman

Oh no! Too many students are receiving A's, something must be done

By Dan Mirman

I t wasn't a story that caused a lot of conversation. Political pundits didn't debate the merits of the story and there is no tie to the war in Iraq.

This story appeared in the Friday Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and explained that Princeton University now will limit the number of As teachers are allowed to give to one particular class. The new rule requires teachers to give no more than 35 percent of any given class an A or A minus.

This decision by the Princeton administration comes in response to what they termed the "epidemic" of grade-inflation. Apparently 46 percent of Princeton students received As in the last year.

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Edna Calhoun, Sr., Psychology

Fluffy

In the walk-in cooler at The Blueberry Muffin restaurant.

Instead of sitting down next to a classmate and seeing a person in a similar situation, that person now provides a roadblock to your A.

Even if you do your best work, it may not be good enough better if that kid sitting next to you is just a little bit better and brighter. This situation encourages both dirty tactics and cheating.

I've heard stories of Harvard law students checking out books for an entire semester to handicap their competition.

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The funny part of the whole situation is that grades are completely blown out of proportion in the first place. Don't get me wrong they carry some importance, but not nearly as much as some students believe. I recently took a resume class and was told it didn't really matter if I put my GPA on the resume. I learned that extra-curricular activities are much more important than grades.

Regardless of a grade's importance, every student in the class should have the potential to earn an A grade.

Hopefully this requirement stays in the snobby environment of the Ivy League. Because if this policy comes to UWSP, you better keep your eyes off your notebook. I don't want you taking my A.

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Eating contest distasteful

I am disturbed as to why there is an eating contest this Friday sponsored by Centertainment, right here at UW Stevens Point—one of the best colleges for Wellness and Natural Resources?

In the past, I have been thrilled with what Centertainment does for our campus, but this event goes too far. It seems to me that this contest goes directly against all that our campus strives for; in fact I believe this contest is supporting the American fat machine.

According to The Complete Idiot's Guide to Saving the Environment, obese Americans have increased from 1 in 8 in 1991 to 1 in 5 in 1998 and that in the United States obesity is the second-leading cause of preventable deaths after smoking. What kind of lifestyle is our campus supporting?

If you think you are up to the challenge and can keep up with eating contests, I have some advice for you. Don't get me wrong they carry some importance, but nor nearly as much as some students believe. In the past, I have been thrilled with what Centertainment comes in response to what they termed the "epidemic" of grade-inflation. Apparently 46 percent of Princeton students received As in the last year.

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Balancing grades amidst the warm weather

Motivation to study dwindle as green grass and warmer temperatures beckon.

By Alii Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

S p r i n g fever is now upon us. As the temperature rises, it is not uncommon for any college student to be caught up in the excitement of the season and forget about the responsibilities at hand. This phenomenon, known as spring fever, can lead to a decrease in motivation to study and complete assignments.

Sitting outside, enjoying the pleasant weather can be a welcome change from the confines of the classroom. However, it is important to remember that spring does not mean that grades are no longer important. To avoid letting spring fever take over, it is essential to develop effective study habits.

One effective method is to create a study schedule. This involves breaking down large assignments into smaller, manageable tasks and setting realistic deadlines. This helps to prevent procrastination and ensures that important assignments are completed on time.

Another useful strategy is to use study breaks. During breaks, take a walk, stretch your legs, or engage in a light activity. This helps to prevent burnout and maintain focus.

In addition to these strategies, it is important to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Regular exercise, proper nutrition, and adequate sleep are crucial for maintaining mental clarity and focus.

By Geoff Fyfe
ASST. FEATURES EDITOR

Eating contest slated for this Friday

This Friday, students will have the opportunity to put on a show of their own for a chance to win $100. The event, which will take place on Friday night in front of the University Center, is sponsored by Centertainment and is open to all students.

Starting at 6 p.m., the contest will feature 16 students competing to see who can eat the most food in a limited amount of time. The students will be given a variety of food items to choose from, and they will be judged on the speed and quantity of their consumption.

The winner of the contest will receive a $100 prize and a year of free food from Centertainment. The contest is open to all students, and there is no cost to enter.

The time to get into spring fashion is now

As the weather gets nicer, it’s time to begin thinking about the clothes that will be necessary for the spring season. This includes everything from lightweight jackets to bright-colored accessories.

One trend for this season is bright colors. This includes everything from shade to white to red. These bright colors are perfect for the spring season and can be paired with darker colors to create a cohesive look.

In addition to bright colors, another trend for spring is the use of layers. This includes everything from cardigans to scarves to hats. These layers can be used to create a variety of looks and can be easily changed up to suit different occasions.

The best way to get into the spring fashion trend is to shop for clothing that is comfortable and stylish. This includes everything from lightweight jackets to bright-colored accessories.

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Uncovering Hidden Connections
Earth Week 2004

Saturday: April 17
Earth Week Kick-off
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Panelists: outdoors discuss
Kathy Michael
Nelson and other
prominent campus/ community speakers
Room 116 CPS

Sunday: April 18
3:00 p.m.
Campus Clean-up
Meet at Knutzen Porch
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Waterfall Day Hike
Contact: Outdoor
Education TBA - Highway
TBA - Bike Rally

Monday: April 19
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Man, Nature and Spirit: Comparing Ecological and Spiritual Visions from Past and Present*
Room TBA
7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Lumberjack Living
Schmeeckle Reserve
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Drum Circle
- Waterfall Day Hike
Contact: Outdoor
Education Firepit

Tuesday: April 20
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 pm
- Environmental Justice and WI Native
Alumni Room
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Green campus and UWSP

Wednesday: April 21
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Sea Kayak
- American connections
Allen Center
- Take Back the Night!
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Jackson Katz Lecture,
Legacy room
6:00 p.m.
- Take Back the Night
front lawn of Old Main
7:00 p.m.
- March around campus
8:00 p.m.
- Jen Porter Concert
Encore
Appreciating the natural side in art

Experience nature in art now through May 16 at the Riverfront Arts Center

Leonard and Martha Fieber packed a sliver of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and delivered it to the Riverfront Arts Center (RAC) in Stevens Point. Their beaver-chewed furniture and nature-inspired fiber art is on display from April 2 until May 16.

“The response, in numbers of visitors in this first week, has been phenomenal,” said Brenda Gingles, director of the RAC. “This is a must-see exhibit as we usher in spring and reacquaint ourselves with the beauty and genius of nature.”

This exhibit has natural tranquility—it is as if the northwoods has been planted indoors and adapted to its new environment. A chair, table, lamp and bench have sprouted and taken root in the RAC.

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The display pays tribute to the life-cycle of the young aspen, poplar, white pine and maple. Felled by the beaver, these trees serve as shelter and food only to be discarded in rivers, lakes and streams once he has stripped them clean, satisfied his appetite and established his residence. Leonard Fieber has rescued this floating beaver refuse and recycled it to create his beaver-chewed furniture. He has preserved the natural beauty of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. As I collect the sticks, I am visualizing how they will create my next piece,” explains Leonard.

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The Man's Take
Opening Day Odyssey

By Craig Mandul
Sports Editor

Opening day.
What more is there? Bubbly brews, steaming sausage and smoking grills. Not bad for a first opening day.

When my buddy (STV sports personality Shawn Kozlowski) suggested an opening day trip to Miller Park, my practical side showed through.

"We don't have tickets, and it's a sellout," I said.

"Don't worry, my dad works for the Brewers ... we'll have tickets," retorted my friend (proving once again that it's always nice to have connections).

Bling-Bling ... we were off.
Friday morning, 8:15 a.m.
- Ugghhh!
Snooze alarm.

8:45
- Phone call. "Doofus, you ready to go?" "Yeah, been waiting for ya," (lies, all lies).

9:05
- On the road finally, beat-boxing to some tunes suitable for Bruisers.
Not my bag, but Shawn works there, so he must like it.

9:15
- I amuse myself by watching Shawn devour a McDonald's deluxe breakfast (the one with the flapjacks) while driving down Highway 51. Simply an amazing feat of driving and eating. After nailing a couple low shoulders, I can't believe I'm still alive.

9:50
- The music has now switched over to country-western. Somewhat depressing, but nothing can drown the buzz of opening day. Sing away, Toby Keith!

10:45
- We arrive at the local Pick 'n Save in Delafield to stock up on tailgating fare. Minnun, bratwurst and Shlitz.

11:00
- After picking up some choice beverages from the booze department (and meeting a beer-can stacking mad man) we are on our way.

11:15
- There it is, the house that disgruntled Wisconsin taxpayers built. Makes me wish I was from Minnesota. Actually, no, it doesn't.

11:30
- The grill is going, the brats are ready to go on, we're in the shadow of the park, life is good.

11:31
- Grill goes out. Relight.

11:32
- Grill goes out. Swear a little.
Relight.

11:45
- Brats and choice beverages. Oh yeah!

12:30
- We decide to walk around the parking lot, filming anything we find interesting. This includes touring an RV, playing bean-bag darts and getting offered our share of beverages and unhealthy food products.

1:00
- GAME TIME!!! GO BREWERS!!! (yeah, they lost, oh well.)
Winning week has Pointers on a roll

Strong offense has team surging towards top of WIAC
By Steve Reeland
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer baseball team has been on an offensive surge for the past few weeks, leaving the opposition in their wake. UWSP has not lost a game since the first contest of the Mar. 31 doubleheader against UW-Oshkosh.

The stretch of six games in five days this past week couldn't stop the streaking Pointers. With sweeps of UW-La Crosse and Lakeland College, UWSP increased their winning streak to nine. Pointer head coach Pat Bloom attributes the team's recent success to the timeliness of UWSP's performances. "We did an excellent job of performing in the clutch," he said. "We performed well in all facets of the game." Bloom added that timely hits, quality pitching and sharp fielding helped his team battle from behind in several games and to win nine in a row.

The first session of last week's six game stretch was a Thursday-Friday set of two doubleheaders at La Crosse, where the Pointers captured all four victories, outscoring UW-La Crosse 18-2 in the first. "I was not surprised at all," Bloom said of the "team's offensive production. "We went in having a good approach and put the ball in play."

The first match-up on Friday was a decisive 12-2 UWSP victory. In the win, the Pointers' Matt Peterson went one for three with a three-run home run and Matt Peetz went two for three with three RBIs. Aaron Achterberg pitched six and one-third innings and struck out six in his win for UWSP. The Pointers jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first, holding a 6-0 edge after two innings played.

The nightcap on Thursday was a bit closer, with the Pointers edging the Eagles 9-6. UWSP scored seven of their runs on home runs, which were launched off the bats of Peetz, Chuck Brehm, and Joe Waksmonski. Both Brehm and Waksmonski had two hits on the day and drove in three runs.

Friday's contests were both one-run victories for UWSP. A 4-3 win by the Pointers was the result of game one and a Poitner win in a 13-12 slugfest was the result of game two. Brehm and Peetz delivered for UWSP, with both of them going two for four with an RBI. In his two for four day, Brehm included a home run, his fifth of the year. Waksmonski and Greg Treml, whose RBI was the game winner, drove in a run apiece to move four for four for the Pointers. The Pointers trailed in the game 3-2 after seven and a half, but UWSP scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth to take the lead and the win.

In the second and final game of the two day double-header series the Pointers, despite committing seven errors, managed to pull out a victory. With one out in the bottom of the ninth, UWSP's Mike Hall collected his first hit of the game in a timely fashion. His RBI single up the middle drove in the game winning run and the four game sweep of UWL. Kevin Pankow collected the win for the Pointers, his fourth of the year.

After Easter weekend, the Pointers got back into it again, facing off against Lakeland College in a double-header on Monday. The Pointers never looked back, winning the game 9-3. Jake Frombach was a perfect four for four in the game for UWSP. He also drove in a run in the eighth. UWSP's Matt Mehne collected his first career win in game one, while Lakeland College's Steve Plucinski received the loss despite striking out 14 Pointer batters in six innings pitched and only surrendering one earned run.

In the nightcap, the Pointers fell to an early 2-0 in the first, but scored five runs in the bottom of the opening frame to take the lead. The five runs came with two outs and the bases empty. Hall drove in three runs on a double and Matt Polomis drove in two on another double for the Pointers, all of which were launched off the bats of Peetz, Chuck Brehm, and Joe Waksmonski. Both Brehm and Waksmonski included a home run, his fifth of the year. Waksmonski and Greg Treml, whose RBI was the game winner, drove in a run apiece.

"Top to bottom, the conference might not be as strong as it used to be. But Brehm, Waksmonski, and Polomis are still good programs," said Bloom.

The Pointers fell to the Titans 16-11 in the first game, and 4-1 in the second - C.M.
Track teams stand out at only home meet

Women finish second weekend meet

With another stellar showing, the UWSP women's track team finished second out of the nine teams competing at the Coldman Invitational, their only home meet of the season. The men's team finished first.

track & field

The men's team had 294 points and UW-Oshkosh was second with 199.5. The Pointer women's team had 224.5 points, while the Titans had 206.5 points to win the meet.

Kent Hutchison and Andrew Schlepp each won two events for the men's team. Hutchison won the long jump at 21 feet, six inches and the 55-meter hurdles at 14.99 seconds and the 440-yard relay won in 3:28.61.

On the women's side, Marie Burrows followed up last weekend's second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with an identical finish in a spot that is becoming quite comfortable to the Pointer sprinter.

Unsurprisingly, the steady performance of Burrows, Coach Len Hilboll complimented his athlete saying, "She is our most consistent performer on the track. Week in, week out, she does an excellent job of competing."

In the 400-yard run, Megan Craig and Isabelle Delanney claimed the top two spots in the extended solo sprint with times of 2:23.09 and 2:25.91.

A week ago, Hill was very adamant about his athletes' sub-par performances, but with all of their hard work, they've been able to mount a rally in the fourth inning, taking advantage of a couple of Eau Claire errors to score four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

UWSP didn't waste any time scoring four runs in the first inning scoring on hits from Bauer, Van Cuyk and Boothecher.

The Pointer onslaught continued in the third as Carlie Zipperer and Jenny Feidt knocked in three more runs, making the score 7-0. Rebekah Bauer finished the scoring with a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth. Stephanie Anderson was a little shaky in the fifth inning allowing three walks before finishing off Northland with an 8-0 final.

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Pointers have up and down week

By Joshua Schmidt

Assistant Sports Editor

After winning six out of their last eight games, the UWSP softball team looked to keep their hot streak going as they traveled to Eau Claire last weekend to take part in the Eau Claire tournament.

The Pointers started the weekend with a tough 14-2 St. Scholastica squad. The Pointers got the scoring started in the fourth inning, Rebekah Bauer led off the inning with a double. Lynzi Lowenhagen followed with a RBI single. UWSP had two more batters reach base but couldn't get any more runners across as the inning ended with the bases loaded, and the Pointers nursing a 1-0 lead.

The lead looked like it would hold as pitcher Stephanie Anderson cruised through the first six innings allowing only two hits and no runs. She couldn't quite close the door, however, as St. Scholastica rallied in the bottom of the seventh, scoring two runs on four hits, making the final score 2-1 in favor of St. Scholastica.

The Pointers looked to get back on the winning track later that day against Viterbo. The game was scoreless until Viterbo scored four runs on five hits and two errors in the top of the fourth inning. UWSP looked to rally in the bottom half as Lowenhagen scored on Jemmy Van Cuyk RBI single, making the score 4-1.

The Pointers tied the game with a big sixth inning. Jessica Cook, Abby Bartz and Amanda Jellish all had RBIs as the Pointers tied the game at four. Once again, however, the seventh inning was kind to the Pointers as Viterbo's Krista Crystal hit a two out two run homer. The Pointers couldn't answer in the bottom half of the inning and fell 6-4.

Saturday saw the Pointers take on Northland College. Pitcher Stephanie Anderson dominated the Northland line-up allowing three hits and no runs in a five innings of work. The Pointer offense also gave her plenty to work with. UWSP didn't waste any time scoring four runs in the first inning scoring on hits from Bauer, Van Cuyk and Boothecher.

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Mr. Winters' two cents

Well Pointers, it's getting real damn nice out there in the natural world. And once again, I hear them fishies are biting like mad as a result. Of course, I'm stuck at home doing spring cleaning and housework. Whoever devised such a rotten system of existence?

Ya, you guessed it. I'm feeling sorry for myself. The wife keeps giving me chores to do and if I don't do them, I don't get my allowance of high-life and smoking tobacco.

So in order to get free for an afternoon, I came up with a simple plan: I'll tell the wife that my good brother, Art, needs some tobacco.

That arrangement went alright, and I headed out to Art's place. Now you kids might think she'd be checking up on me, to make sure I was going to my "intended" destination. Wrong!!

We're talking about my wife. I knew she'd be checking up on me, to make sure I was going to my "intended" destination. You know what, I drove right out there in the old Lincoln, planning to stop at Art's for a small visit. After she called and talked to Agnes (Art's wife), I still figured I could be on my way to the fishing hole, scott free. Wrong!

Well my friends, this sweet little plan went off without a hitch until my old brother Art started rambling on about all the plowing and planting he had to get done. So once again, my damn sympathetic heart prevented me from getting to the fishing hole and the two of us got a heap of spring work done instead. All in all, I can't say I've felt that good in years, and hell, there's always next week. So for now, enjoy your youthful freedom, hit the spring fishing run, and then, "Go on and geeeceeeeeeet!!"

-Mr. Winters

The walleye run is on

By Adam M. T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Well folks, in case you haven't heard yet, the spring walleye run is in full swing. Forget waiting for the first weekend in May, because the real fishing opener is starting this weekend.

With water temperatures in the river pushing into the mid-50s, a good majority of the male walleyes have already moved up to the spawning grounds and the fat females are starting to follow. Like our state bird, the robin, the arrival of the golden Walter to its' spawning grounds marks the end of winter and the beginning of the fisherman's new year.

The majority of fishermen will be spending their time on one of the surrounding flyways. For simplicity and local convenience, I'll focus on the Stevens Point flyway. Walleyes can be caught as close as Bakotl Park in the city limits, within the various backwater sloughs north of town and most obviously, at the hydroelectric dam below Lake Dubay.

While all these options hold good promise to the persistent angler, I find the most productive spring fishing for the shore fisherman to be the rocky banks below the Dubay dam. Any spot that draws a dozen boats and a small army of shore fishermen on a weekday afternoon has got to retain a healthy fish population. It is simply the walleye's nature to swim against the current.

It is not uncommon to hit fish after fish when the spring run is on, even from shore. The boats may look sexy, but there are plenty of advantages to lurking on the rocks. Try starting a bonfire and fishing with more than one friend in a boat. It isn't going to happen.

What will happen is going to be amazing. The tip of the rod gives a small "twang-twag." Alerted, you retrieve the slack line and wait until that slippery walleye makes its move... then WAMM, a stunning hook-set sends your pink jig back deep into the mouth of the fish's mouth. The whole episode is enjoyed with the cold-blooded beast flopping in your hand, knowing that it will happen again within five minutes.

"Is this heaven?" you ask.
"No, this is the spring spawning run." you reply.
"You were supposed to say Iowa," you reply.
"Get lost, kid."
DNR holds hearings on changes

Extended deer hunting season, musky length limits among key issues

By Marty Soeger

Portage County residents as well as UWSP students attended the Conservation Congress meeting on Tuesday in order to vote and voice opinions on proposed wildlife and fish rules changes.

The spring hearings are held annually on the second Tuesday in April in each county across the state. The DNR organizes the hearings to make rule change decisions on the basis of public opinion and counted votes.

Nearly 150 people attended the hearing, and each participant received a booklet that contained 78 detailed proposal questions. The questions were grouped into two categories: those with statewide impact, and those with local impact.

One of the highlighted questions of the evening was a cause for some debate. The statewide board advisory question asked if hunters would support a proposed expansion of the deer season to 23 days. Although the season would eliminate the much debated Zone T and Earn-A-Buck seasons, some hunters stressed opposition to the elimination of the separate early season, so why can’t we?”

Another issue that raised a few eyebrows was centered on the muzzleloader season is only my chance to enjoy the woods without any pressure from other hunters,” one man said. Another man exclaimed that he would like to see “a nine day muzzleloader season one week before the regular gun-deer season.” He went on to say that “the bowhunters get the chance to hunt an early season, so why can’t we?”

Nearly 15 minutes passed before the advisory question was put to a final vote. In the end, 37 people voted in favor of the order to vote and voice opinions on proposed wildlife and fish rules changes.

Another issue that raised a few eyebrows was centered on a fisheries management rule change. It asked if people were in favor of increasing the minimum length limit on musky from 34 inches to 45 inches on the Wisconsin River.

Before the question could be put to a vote many opinions were raised. Much of the argument was based on the issues of trophy management, and the effect it has on children. “What if my child catches a 44 1/2 inch trophy and can’t keep it?” one man said. “That’s a fish of a lifetime.”

Another man countered this argument and explained how his daughter “gets a kick out of throwing fish back in the water.”

One of the board members jumped into the discussion as well and explained how much money is spent on raising a healthy population of muskies in the Wisconsin River and all over the state.

In conclusion, 111 people voted in favor of lengthening the size limit to 45 inches, while only 17 voted against the proposal.

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At a glance...

News and notes from the and Nick Variety Show

Jessica and Nick, but I was intrigued enough to flip over to the show. There's no chance I'd ever give up the likes of Homer and Bart for entertainment industry

However, the show did so well in ratings that ABC is considering turning it into a regular Holiday special.

Speaking of "the good Simpsons", The Simpsons: Season IV will be available for purchase on DVD on June 15. The days won't move quickly enough. The fourth season will follow the suit of the third season and immediately become "the best season on DVD"...until season five comes out. Season four will feature 22 episodes over four discs, including time-honored classics like "Kamp Krusty," "Itchy & Scratchy: The Movie," "Mr. Plow," the story of Lisa's first word, Homer becoming a monorail driver, "Whacking Day" and Krusty's Komeback Special, prompted by his mortal enemy, Gabbo.

Kill Bill Vol. 1 became available for purchase on Tuesday. Like many others who rushed out and bought it, I was slightly disappointed to hear rumors that when Vol. 2 becomes available for commercial release in December, it will be released with Vol. 1 in a double, uncut feature combining the two. Oh well, I'll certainly get my money's worth out of Vol. 1 before December.

concert review: Elph Lettuce @ The Encore

By Steve Seamandel

Art Stevenson and High Water

Stevens Point's very own Elph Lettuce was all smiles onstage at their free show in The Encore last Thursday.

And they had every right to be. The gig was their first legitimate one outside of a bar, they experienced a good turnout of nearly 100 people and as the night progressed, so did the quality of their jams.

The band looked as if they were comfortable onstage, a step that many young bands have a problem surpassing. Joking and witty stage banter from the band made it seem as if they were having as much fun as those in attendance, without losing their focus and seriousness in the process.

Their cover of The Grateful Dead's "Little Red Rooster" and encore performance of "U.S. Blues" were honest replications that strayed a little from the song's normal paths. Elph's take on The Velvet Underground's "Rock and Roll" (with an extended jam) was perhaps their best cover of the evening.

Elph does have a growing arsenal of original tunes which they planted in the setlist amidst covers. Guitarist and vocalist Jake Lison shone on his tune "Down in the Slums" and the band excelled during other originals like "Lettuce Funk" and "Stolen By the Breeze". Keyboardist Matt Ruder especially turned it up throughout this show in perhaps his best performance that I've seen to date.

One of the major highlights of the evening included an impromptu rendition of the theme from the first level of Super Mario Bros. I've heard a few bands play it before; Elph's rendition was just varied enough from the original to call it their own, but true enough to form to make everyone feel like chasing mushrooms and stomping on turtles and goombas.

The only thing that could have made this show better was perhaps bassist Alex White thumping out the bassline to Mario's level 1-2 over drummer Rich H ankinson's tight snare snap coupled with a dose of the hi-hat. Maybe next time.

Elph Lettuce will be playing in the area throughout the next few weeks, including gigs at Deuces Wild on April 16 and April 22, and at UWSP's EcoFair on April 23.

movie review: The Alamo

By Geoff Fyfe

Given the legends and myths that surround it, the siege and battle of the Alamo during the Texas Revolution in 1836 has been difficult to film. John Wayne's 1960 epic version is now considered an overblown embarrassment, marred by historical inaccuracies and Wayne's jingoistic, simplistic worldview. The Alamo, the new version of the battle, is an improvement, but still falls way short of classic status due to faults of its own.

There's little to tell about the Alamo that people don't already know. In 1836, the American settlers in Texas revolt against the rule of Mexican dictator Santa Anna. While Sam Houston (Dennis Quaid) attempts to raise an army to win Texas independence, a couple hundred men face off against 6,000 Mexican troops at the Alamo. While nominal commander William Travis (newcomer Patrick Wilson) and legendary fighter Jim Bowie (Jason Patric) battle for control, the men take heart from the presence of Davy Crockett (Billy Bob Thornton), a living legend bemused by the stories told about him.

Frankly, I have to wonder if the editor of The Alamo was drunk at the wheel, because this film desperately needs a more thorough chop job. Scenes have a tendency to either drag on too long or, at critical points, like Travis' speech on the eve of the final battle or Houston's climactic victory at San Jacinto, are rushed and feel incomplete. And the film doesn't seem to know if it wants to be a sober American depiction of the Alamo myth, opting instead for middle ground that is unsatisfactory.

The Alamo received

Events Calendar

Thursday, April 15
Down By Dignity @ The Encore
8 p.m., FREE SHOW

Friday, April 16
Stealin' Strings @ Clark Place
8 p.m., $5

Friday, April 16
Elph Lettuce @ Deuces Wild
8 p.m., FREE

Saturday, April 17
Art Stevenson and High Water @ Clark Place
8 p.m., $6

Thursday, April 22
Shannon Lawson @ The Encore
8 p.m., Free Wild, $5 without

Saturday, April 24
Battle of the Bands @ The Encore 7 p.m., Free with UWSP ID

The Alamo

Director John Lee Hancock does give us some beautiful scenery and well done battle scenes, but they can't overcome the film's flaws.

On the acting front, Thornton towers over all as Crockett. Unlike Wayne's overblown, larger than life hero, Thornton portrays the legendary frontiersman as human, both bemused by his fame and saddened by the fact that he can never live up to his myth. The scene where he hauntingly plays his violin in concert with the Mexican army's band is the film's best moment. Nobody does as well as Thornton. Quaid captures Houston and all his flaws, especially his penchant for the bottle, but is sidelined for much of the film. Ditto for Patric, as Bowie spends the second half of the film bedridden due to illness and Patric is too reserved for such a flamboyant character as Bowie. And Wilson's Travis is an anal, unlikable novice who only aggravates the siege with his actions.

One cannot fault The Alamo for trying, but for all their good intentions, the film's flaws end up crippling it. Yes, it's better than the Duke's version, but that's like saying Friday the 13th Part 7 is better than Friday the 13th Part 6. Despite Thornton's performance, perhaps the most accurate of Crockett ever given, the film is no classic. Perhaps if Ron Howard had made the film as intended, it could have been. But, like the fate of the Alamo's defenders, it's something we can only speculate about in hindsight.

The Alamo is rated "R" and is playing at Rogers Cinema at 1:20, 3:35, 6:30 and 9:05.

The Alamo

Four stars
Dear Pat,

My friend, Julie, has been hanging around with a guy for about two months. Right now they're 'just friends,' but I know she really likes Josh and hopes that he'll put the moves on her soon.

Here's the problem. I really like Josh too, and I think he likes me. He's been stopping by our place more and more often, and when Julie isn't around he still hangs around and talks, sometimes for hours.

Is it wrong for me to make a move on him? It wouldn't really be stealing, as I think he likes me. But with help from the Mission coffee house, it wouldn't really be stealing, as I think he likes me.

The first time I had the opportunity to steal this incredible girl away from her guy, she was great. Better yet, she thought I was great. Best of all, I hardly knew the guy. But after a lot of soul searching, I took the high road because I knew it wasn't right. It wasn't fair, and it wasn't polite.

That didn't make it easy. I moped around for months after deciding to take the high road. The high road usually sucks.

But it's still better than the low road. I took that once too. Years ago a friend of mine, Dale, invited me to down some of his best moves on a lovely young thing we'll refer to as Trixie. (And by 'thing' I mean a girl. {And by 'girl' I mean a woman}).

Now it's true that Dale's moves were mostly games like, "I've hidden a nickel somewhere on my body. If you find it, you can keep it." But despite this, before too long, Dale was on the couch playing snugglebunnies with Trixie.

So I start throwing down my best moves too. I wasn't supposed to win the guy over. And besides, you're in college, live a little, try something new.

That makes it easy (to be wrong.)

Now, I don't want to come across as being holier-than-thou. I know that it's wrong is because I've been there myself. Twice.

The 'Describe Pat Rothfuss' contest will be ending soon. Send your brief, freakish descriptions to prof@wou.edu. Also, letters asking for advice are always welcome.

Looking for some fun this Friday? Don't miss the trivia parade. Where I will be on the Float for Team FREAK. Look for me in all my dead-sexy splendor. I'll be the pirate with his beard on fire.

After the trivia parade, you should head to the Mission where Ace Fail and Farewell to Twilight will be rocking thejoint with punk and indy tunes. With help from Mannequin Hanjob. Remember, not only are all Mission shows for all-ages, but I have it on good authority that the sheer weight of angst in the music, when combined with the heat of all the cloves cigarettes being smoked, is enough to transform an ordinary charcoal briquette into a sarcastic, patchouli-scented diamond.
### Track

times of 17.56,38 and 18.24.06.

Providing additional team points for the Pointers were Ashley Earney and Nicki VanGheem who also finished first and second in the 10,000 meter run.

Amy Frey, Bethany Richter, Holly Clarke and Jill Tucker controlled the field when that order finished second through fifth in the triple jump, scoring a combined 23 points for the Pointers in just one event.

Finally, Becky Clarke and Stephanie Renk went back out to compete in the Javelin throw where Clarke blew away the field with a toss of 36.40 meters and Renk lobbed herself to a third place finish of 29.68 meters.

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### EMPLOYMENT


### Softball

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age as they fell 6-2. Tuesday the Pointers took on conference rival UW-Oshkosh in a double header. The Pointer offense was a one woman show as Robsah Bauer cratered a two run homer in the first inning and a grand slam in the second, making the score 6-0. The fourth inning saw Oshkosh intentionally walk Bauer, but it didn't do much good as Carlie Zipperer hit a two run single, followed by a RBI single by Jessica Cook. Amanda Maus finished off the Titans by holding them scoreless in the fifth, making the final 9-2.

The Pointers tried to get the sweep in game two, but Oshkosh pitcher Cassie Goodspeed had other ideas, getting the complete game shutout. The Titan offense gave her plenty of help, tallying eight runs for the 8-0 win.

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