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UW-SP TV offering new program

Democracy Now! newscast now part of Channel 10 line-up

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

This semester UW-SP's Channel 10 became one of three TV stations in Wisconsin to regularly offer the news program Democracy Now!, and independently run and financed news program that presents itself as offering perspectives and issues that often do not appear in the mainstream media.

The programming was made available at the request of Professor Chris Yahnke, who had listened to the Democracy Now! radio program and thought that the depth of its news coverage would be a good fit for the university.

"I was listening to the radio broadcast of Democracy Now! on WOJB and I was impressed by the type of stories that they were discussing and the amount of time they were giving to issues that you rarely hear about on the news, such as the crisis in Sudan," said Yahnke.

He said that the quality of

the news broadcast was greater than that of the larger media outlets.

"On Democracy Now!, they recently conducted a 40 minute long interview with Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner (Shirin Ebadi), an interview that would likely be only five minutes long on another network if they took the time to conduct the interview at all."

According to Yahnke, those that are not big fans of the amount of "fluff" content on major media outlets will find the broadcast a refreshing change of pace. "They don't cover reality shows, sensational murder trials, just news presented in a progressive format."

Yahnke stated that he did not believe that there is no slant to the news presentation of the program. "It is news presented in a progressive manner, or a better way to put it would be it is news unfiltered. In fact, a member of my church, a very conservative person, was one of the people who helped bring this to air."

After gathering more information about the network, Yahnke approached UW-SP TV about the possibility of adding the program to the Channel 10 network.



Photo by Liz Bolton

The Democracy Now! newscast is now being offered to students twice a day on UW-SP's Channel 10 cable network.

According to Denise Deering, multimedia designer for UW-SP TV, Yahnke's suggestion was greeted with enthusiasm as it was coinciding with a move to make the channel content more receptive to input from the community. "Prof. Yahnke brought it to our attention, and the steering

committee in charge of the channel approved it."

Deering said that the Democracy Now! newscast was offered for free by the DISH network, a satellite provider that airs the program. "They are giving us the programming for free see **Democracy Now**, page 2



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Room changes continue

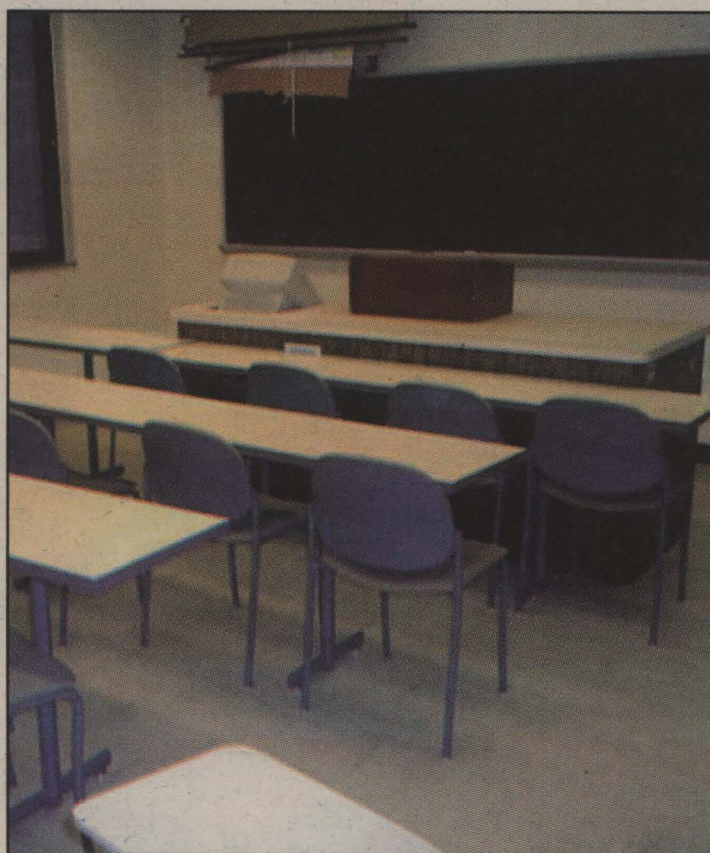


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The amount of students that can fit into a classroom, such as this one in the Collins Classroom Center, has been reduced due to fire code enforcement. Whether or not earlier sections will be created to compensate for reduced section sizes is still being discussed.

Reilly addresses concerns

UW System President answers questions concerning 2005-07 budget

By Ben Wydeven
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UW System President Kevin P. Reilly took questions concerning university issues, including speculations concerning the uncertain fate of the 2005-07 budget, the UW System's Board of Regent's December meeting and Governor Doyle's recent creation of the Wisconsin Entrepreneur's Network. Reilly hosted the statewide media briefing via teleconference Tuesday from Van Hise Hall on the UW-Madison campus.

Reilly, who visited UW-SP on Nov. 17, announced Governor Doyle's effort to invest a \$5 million grant over five years into the Wisconsin Entrepreneur's Network. The program would set up several regional centers across the state to encourage small business owners and other entrepre-

neurs to make use of the university's resources and its partners.

"The point is to help the state develop the jobs of the future," said Reilly, who joined Governor Doyle in press conferences announcing the new investment.

Reilly also discussed the 2005-07 budget, saying it's very hard to foresee the final result. "After the governor makes his recommendations, it goes to the legislature and there can be changes there," said Reilly. "When it comes back out of that process, the governor in Wisconsin, already having a very strong veto authority, can change a lot of what comes back to him from the legislature, so it's very hard to predict."

The largest part of the UW System's operating budget goes to human resources, according to Reilly. "Last time I looked, it was probably around 80 percent in the operating budget devoted to that kind of an expense. It's supporting peoples' salaries and benefits," Reilly said. "We do have to take cuts to the operating

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THE CAMPUS BEAT... IS STILL ON VACA- TION

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR THE CON- TINUING ADVEN- TURES OF THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UW-

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budget. It's tough because people are certainly the biggest expense for any university. With that in mind we are in a talent competition here to hire and retain the best human talent that we can in our faculty, in our staff, in our classes, in our labs and our student services operations, and that does cost money. That's the biggest part of our budget."

Reilly believes that the UW System's purpose is to educate the greatest number of students with the highest level of quality.

"In order to do that, you got to be able to offer salaries that attract and retain the best educators and people who do the educational support work with student services. At the same time, you don't want to raise tuition so high without adequate financial aid so that you're pricing more and more students out of having contact with that talent. So it is that kind of balance operation, you got to keep your eyes on the prize and the prize really has to do with two parts: quality and action."

Among the proposals for the

UW Board of Regents is a 4.3 percent tuition increase, according to Reilly. "The regent passed a resolution in September on the budget and reiterated last month that what they're proposing for the 2005-07 budget is the financial aid package that would hold harmless student and families of about \$40,000 of wealth and below."

"That's the way they've decided to rack it up for the 2005-07 budget," Reilly said. "That's their proposal at the very beginning of the budget cycle. Undoubtedly there will be changes and there certainly will be lots of discussion back and forth about it."

Also discussed at the news brief was the 10 percent budget cut exercise, which Reilly insisted was only an exercise to see what could be cut from the budget statewide. "We don't know how much we're going to have to cut. We're committed to doing it in a way that protects instruction as much as possible," Reilly said. "So you can't take these cuts without paying, we'll try to do them in a way that minimizes the cutting of classes, teaching and instructional mission of the university."

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at the moment, but if it should ever come about that we have to pay for the service and it becomes something that people like, it might be worth being something that we could pay to receive."

According to information provided by its Website,

Democracy Now! broadcasts from New York City and advertises that it is funded entirely through donations from private individuals and makes it clear that donations from major corporations are unwelcome. The program, hosted by Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez airs Monday through Friday on Channel 10 live at 7 a.m. and on tape at 5 p.m.

Democracy Day coming soon

One month after the election, the Student Government Association and WISPIRG are working to keep young people on politicians' radar screens by having them contact their representatives on the issue of tuition increases.

Students will be sending postcards to their representatives asking for a cap on resident and non-resident tuition increases as we enter into the next legislative session, in which Wisconsin's budget will be debated.

In the last state budget (2003-2005), the UW System was cut by \$250 million, the largest in history, coupled with a 37 percent tuition increase over two years. The rise in tuition has had significant effects on a student population that is already going into debt to go to school. Over 60 percent of UW System resident undergraduates graduate with an average debt load of more than \$16,000, according to the Board of Regents.

The Student Government Association of UW-SP believes that higher education cannot afford such massive budget cuts—and neither can the state. According to the UW System and the System Board of Regents, the University System brings \$9.5 billion to the state economy annually. Furthermore, of the 80,000 graduates that come out the UW System annually, 80 percent stay in Wisconsin.

"I believe this was a cheap and easy way for the government to cover poor budgeting and there has to be action against increases to this magnitude in the future. If students were to band together and show our disapproval of this drastic hike, I think the governor would have to find other sources of funding. Increasing tuition so we don't have to increase taxes, which is still going to be done, is a poor excuse and students should no longer stand for this!" said SGA budget director, Melissa

Samolyk.

WISPIRG intern, Ali Havlik, says, "This event is great. The whole purpose of our get-out-the-vote efforts was to make politicians pay attention to us. This election, 18-24 year-olds came out to the polls in record numbers. Now we are keeping up with our theme and forcing the politicians to pay attention to us by taking a stand on an issue that affects us in a big way."

Here in Stevens Point, students got out to the polls in record numbers this election. The top three polling places in the city were all student polling places: the Fire Station, Recreation Center and Pacelli High School.

"The goal of our democracy day is not only to keep politicians on the minds of students, but also to keep students on the minds of politicians," said Karen Rogers, WISPIRG campus coordinator.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF RUBBING THROUGH THE EGGNOG SEASON

The winter season - that magical time of the year when the nation's eggnog wells spout with joyful fruition - can at times be stressful.

For the typical *Pointer* reader, the eggnog season involves plenty of finals and travel. You might even have to visit with family(ies). And some of you are into shopping for, and giving, the old gift-items. Money's tight. Johnny Bobsledder haunts dreams. It's cold. Carolers. Sweaters. Everything seems slippery. That evil pony returns ... again.

But I'm here to help. You're about to learn my famous eggnog-rub technique.

Start by finding someone

open-minded to share this mystical experience with. Then, go to the store and purchase two liters of grade-A 'nog, a bottle of fine rum and some mood music.

Preferably near a fireplace or heating duct, apply liberal amounts of eggnog and rum to a plastic cup. After a few cheers, spend some time rubbing your friend(s) and chuckling merrily.

The rubbing usually feels better after a few cups of 'nog and rum, and all those evil ponies just melt away. On average, I spend at least half of December and January in this fashion, and I think the results speak for themselves. So, from me to you, have a nice winter, and rub away, young lovers, rub away.

Give the College Greens a listen

In the Green Party, we believe that the many diverse elements of society should be reflected in our organizations and decision-making bodies and we support the leadership roles for people who have been traditionally closed out of them. This is one of our key values. Obviously, one cannot count on any political party alone to adequately represent their interests. We don't expect that

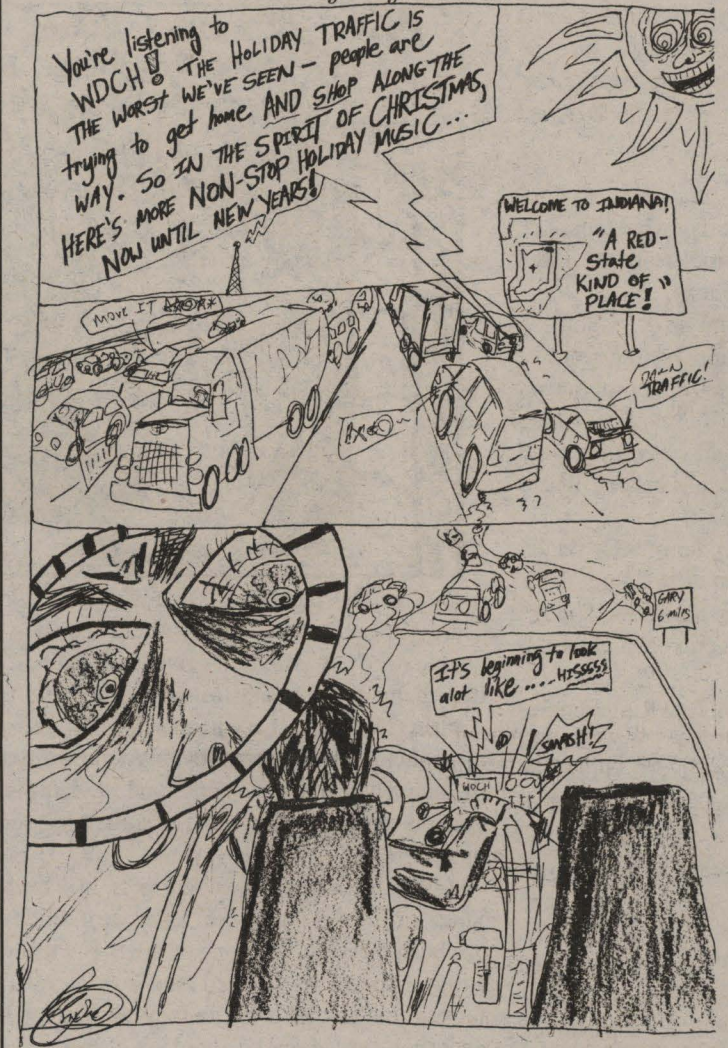
any political party composed of able bodied heterosexual white men should speak for all as public servants, statesmen, elected officials or whatever, even if they claim to value diversity. The Green Party aims to break the cycle of marginalization by empowering people to speak for themselves and their own respective identity groups in government regardless of whether our other key values align with their own world view or not. We provide the tools and support needed to run a successful campaign. Rather

than opening doors to the decision-making process, why not break down the walls? If you are interested, or interested in becoming interested in running for a local office, please join the Portage County Greens on Tuesday, December 7 at 7p.m. in the University Center room 113 for a Candidate Training Workshop.

Dan Pearson
Co-Spokesperson UW-SP
College Greens

Damnation

By John T. Larson and A.M. Mella
"Over Thanksgiving Weekend"



Pointer needs more cross country coverage in future

I am astounded and appalled at the lack of coverage of the UW-SP men's and women's cross country teams this year. The coverage of this sport has always been dismal, but this year is one of the worst. More recognition should be paid to these athletes, as it is a thankless sport. (There aren't huge crowds, cheerleaders, and a band at every event.) Not only do we have great individual athletes at this university, we also have two great, nationally-ranked teams. The women's team won the regionals meet last weekend, and will face off a tough field of competition to vie for the national title. This season, the Lady Pointers were ranked the highest in UW-SP cross country history at second place. The men's team is ranked 11th. It seems to me that there is plenty of room in *The Pointer* to cover one more sport, especially when it is this successful.

Rita Traxler

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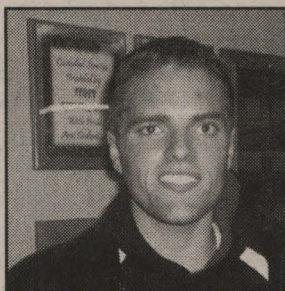
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Pointer Poll

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What's your favorite animated Christmas TV special?



Greg Richard, Fr. Undecided.

Garfield.



Bryan Wuerker, Soph. Pre-Dentistry.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.



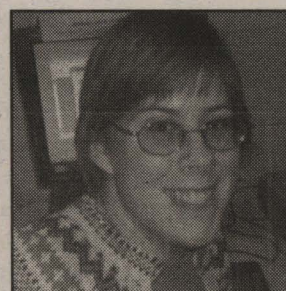
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A Charlie Brown Christmas.

Your College Survival Guide: Teacher-y Goodness.

By: Pat Rothfuss

AKA: TOM BOMBADIL.

WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

Well, I had this week's column all planned out. It was going to be about surviving the holidays. Jokes about Santa, turkeys, methadone.... Good stuff.

But I got the following letter earlier this week, and realized I'd have to put the Holiday Survival Guide on the shelf for now. (Sorry Theresa.)

Pat -

I'm a big fan of your column, and now I finally have a reason to ask a question of my own. Our campus supposedly prides itself on promoting diversity, looks to its student body to become active members of society, tries to foster feelings of efficacy in students, and brags about its ranking among top schools - So why do we deny tenure to the best and brightest faculty?

Having said my piece, how does a student that cares about their education survive a campus willing to tolerate a "Good Ol' Boys" mentality within departments, and how do we fight against losing such incredible people? Please identify me as...

- Saddened over the Politics of things

Now, for those of you that don't know what tenure is, let me explain. The word "tenure" comes from the Latin *tenere* which means "to hold." Tenure itself...

No, there is too much... let me sum up.

All professors want tenure. Tenure is the gold at the end of the rainbow. Or, perhaps more appropriately, it's the secret fraternity handshake at the end of a long and vicious hazing process that includes attending grad school, self-flagellation, and so much ass-kissing that it would make a Danish sex-worker blush.

Ultimately, tenure is power. When a professor finally gets tenure, it's almost impossible for them to get fired. Tenure is the brass ring all professors aspire to. Though actually, it's more like the One Ring. You know, like from the *Lord of the Rings*?

Work with me here. Everyone wants the Ring (tenure) because it's super cool. But ultimately the Ring (tenure) is under the control of Sauron (Academia). If you're one of the wise, like Gandalf or Galadriel, you're afraid of the power that the ring (tenure) grants. They refused the ring because they knew that if they used it to strike down Sauron with all their anger, their journey to the dark side would be complete.

Anyway, when I contacted SOTPOT, she explained that the specific shiny examples of faculty-ness she spoke of were the Brophy-Baermans in the Poli-sci department. That reminded me of another letter I got a while back that I never had the chance to respond to:

Dear Pat,

What the hell is wrong with our University? We're here to learn, right? And for that we need good teachers, right? So why are so many teachers so shockingly bad? Some are arrogant asses who abuse students. Others read out of their textbooks or give endless numbing PowerPoint presentations.

I understand that you'll always have a few bad apples. But what I can't understand is why two of the best teachers I've ever had are getting fired! Michelle and Bryan Brophy-Baermann, a husband and wife team in the Poli-Sci department, have been denied tenure. What they hell? They're the reason I decided to declare a Poli-Sci major in the first place!

How can the Administration let this happen?

P.S. Please, PLEASE don't use my real name. The professors in the Poli-Sci department have shown themselves willing to ruin the careers of their co-workers over differences in political beliefs. That means there's nothing to stop them from punishing me or any other student that publicly disagrees with them.

Okay, as a brief aside here. Teachers that read out of textbooks and rely exclusively on PowerPoint would be like ringwraiths. This analogy is working out way better than I'd intended.



Now, for me to get two letters dealing with the same subject is rare. But for me to get two letters from people who are afraid to give their names.... It shows that there is something rotten in the state of Denmark. And by Denmark, I mean the Poli-Sci department. And by "rotten" I mean "FUBAR." When faculty make shady, ill-founded tenure decisions, and students are afraid of voicing their opinions, there is something seriously, seriously wrong.

Now some of this wrongness has been tended to. Since I received Nameless' letter the Poli-Sci department has been forced to give one of the B-B's tenure. However, Bryan's appeal was denied, and now there is nothing left for him but to make the journey to the Grey Havens and over the western sea.

So what can SOTPOT and Nameless here do? Well, believe it or not, I received a *third* letter just yesterday, talking about a resolution.

Esteemed columnist,

Thursday night, the student senate will vote on whether or not to commend Dr. Bryan Brophy-Baermann for his contributions to the lives and educations of UW-Stevens Point students.

For those students who support this resolution, the senate's vote will be a telling indicator of whether our student representatives understand the foundation of student interests---the substance of our education.

We believe that Dr. Brophy-Baermann should be commended. This is based on the experiences of many students, myself included, who have learned from Dr. Brophy-Baermann during his time here. We have expressed time and time again over past year just how much this has meant to our education. We had hoped he would receive tenure so he might stay and engage others as he has engaged us. A number of us have come to see ourselves not just as political science students, but as political science students of Dr. Bryan Brophy-Baermann, for we find his contributions to our endeavors here so great.

That sense of identification is something special. You can scour this campus and find few educators who inspire this level of enthusiasm in their students. Such inspiration deserves commendation. Those of us who now support this resolution only wish that we would have had the forethought to put it before the senate it before November 19, 2003 and not on December 2, 2004.

It's rare that students request their representative body officially commend an educator. The shows they've felt a real effect on their education and their lives.

Esteemed columnist, I write this, and it all seems clear to me. This resolution should pass. Still, I worry that certain student senators feel this gesture may be inappropriate, that making such a gesture interferes with "matters of faculty discretion." I wonder how one could hold that position and still feel that one deserves a seat in the student senate. Giving a commendation is, in many ways, asserting what an education should be. To commend is to stake claim to your education.

I also wonder, esteemed columnist, could you offer any wisdom that might put things into perspective?

Andrew Bloeser

Okay, here's my words of wisdom:

First, quit kissing my ass with this "esteemed columnist" bullshit; it makes you sound like Sméagol. Second, congrats on having the nuts to put your name on your letter. I respect that.

Thirdly and lastly, if any of you out there think Bryan B-B got a raw deal and deserves to be commended for his contributions to the campus, you should go to the SGA meeting Thursday night and make yourself heard. Call the info desk at x4242 to get the time and place.

Games People Play will have the new Star Wars figures in on Friday, so if you're into that you should stop by. Otherwise you should just swing on in to check out there cool games, CCGs, models, hobby supplies, etc. etc. As always they're right next to family video. The sign outside reads "Jadeco Hobby" but don't let that fool you Games People Play is in there.

Also, for those of you that are over 21, Green Tea is going to be bringing their Celtic bad-assedness to Clark Place this Friday. Why do I mention this? Honestly, because I'll be there, and I'm hoping each and every one of you will show up for the sole purpose of buying me a drink.

Tune in to 90 F.M.'s ninth annual Radiothon auction, this weekend

It's that time of year again-you ate too much turkey, feel Thanksgiving Break wasn't nearly long enough to be called a "break," finals are nearing, and now you must begin compiling your list of family and friends to go holiday shopping for. Mom, dad, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, Great Uncle Sal, the neighbor's third cousin removed....It seems like the list is never ending and you'll have to budget at least \$50,000 to cover the presents this year.

But wait! Before you go to the bank to sign the loan to cover those expenses, be aware that

our own college radio station, 90 F.M. WWSP, will be hosting their ninth Annual Radiothon Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

What exactly is a "Radiothon" you ask. A radiothon is an on-air auction full of goodies for listeners to bid on. Some of the packages this year include gift certificates from local restaurants and hotels, sporting goods, Milwaukee Brewer and Green Bay Packer paraphernalia and a wide variety of other items. A complete listing of this year's packages is available at the 90FM Web site www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wwsp.

The concept is simple and fun. At the top of each hour a new package will go up for bid, with new packages going up for auction every 15 minutes after. Each package will be up for bid

for one hour. Listeners can call in a bid on a particular package by calling the 90FM office at 346-3755. The on-air DJ will break in between songs to update listeners on the current bids.

So if packing your pepper spray with you to go shopping to fight off the crowds does not sound appealing, get your dialing finger ready! You can shop from the comfort of your home, or really wherever you happen to be with a phone and a radio. No crowds no lines. Only the chance to get deals on some really cool gifts for the holidays and help out your college radio station at the same time. Maybe you'll even find something for Great Uncle Sal.

Courtney Sikorski

Keep active in politics with the written word

Are you satisfied with giving your two cents, or do you want a whole lot of change? Record numbers of younger voters hit the polls Nov. 2, widening the eyes of Americans to a younger generation's enthusiasm towards democracy. This is something we should be quite proud of; yet, we possess so much more power than the cast of a vote. Our representatives must hear our needs; otherwise they will proceed assuming we have none. A surprisingly loud message can be sent with the written word. By sending letters to our state representatives, our message will be spelled out more clearly, and our weight in

the political agenda will grow. One topic that concerns us college students is that 90,000 Pell grants won't be sent out this year to low income college students, and at the same time state tuition is increasing. The decision to cut off grants was done at a federal level, but we can still act to influence our state representatives. We must also protect our state tuition from inflating. One of the most powerful resources a nation has is its own educated public, and giving people the opportunity for higher education ensures a brighter future. So whether or not you're satisfied with who's in office, there's still a lot to be said in the next four years. Get out there and let it be heard!

Neil Donovan

A day full of experience in Kraków, Poland

By Stephen Hittner
and Arturo Viguera
FEATURES CONTRIBUTORS

Every day in Krakow - one of Europe's most changing cities - is full of excitement and new experiences.

I wake up at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, get ready for class and then run to the commons room to throw together breakfast. From here I have to choose: Do I take the elevator or truck down six flights of stairs?

By 9:45 I approach a nearby market and buy some fruit to save for a snack later on. It is now time to jump on the tram. Some are sleek and modern while others have seen the days of communism; both make for a fun ride to school.

I reach the school at 10 and spend some time in the computer lab until my Culture and Civilization class begins. Today we will discuss the Polish underground literature written while the country was under the rule of communism.

After an hour of class I have a 15 minute break during which I eat the apple I bought in the market. I also buy one of Krakow's



photo by Maggie Kulesza

Students studying abroad get the opportunity to learn about another culture through personal experience.

reputable pretzels from one of the bakery stands found on every street corner.

On my way back to the school, I pass a group of nuns headed for daily mass at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Religious people and churches are as common as the street-corner bakeries.

I am typically done with classes by 1 p.m. but occasionally

have one more to attend. Some such classes include political science, history, Polish language, art history and photo journalism.

Lunch begins at 1:30. There are many choices of cafés, pizza shops and Turkish Kebabs (a dish similar to a gyro). However, for a true Polish experience, one would head to the nearby milk bar, a place with a large selection of Polish foods. What makes the

milk bars special is that they are subsidized by the government, so at any given time you will find students, business workers and even bums at them because of the cheap prices. A large meal and drink will cost less than 10zl (\$3).

While you sit there and eat bigos (a cabbage and sausage stew) or pierogis (large pastas stuffed with cheese and meat)

you are accompanied by a picture of the Pope which seems to be watching over you. Napkins too, are a nuisance. They always seem to be too thin and resemble wax paper.

I leave around 2 and make my way back over the cobblestone walkways of the old town square. Mimes and street performers of all skill levels and talents crowd the area. Pigeons amass as you hear the Krakow Trumpeter play that familiar tune which marks the hour.

If you don't have any more classes, you could spend the afternoon touring around the city, drinking coffee in cafes, using the computers at the school or internet cafes, reading a book or enjoying one of the many monthly festivals (film, photo, jazz, holiday-themed or medicine).

When 7 p.m. rolls around and evening falls over the city, I get ready to go out to the jazz clubs for which Krakow is known. Sometimes I like to find a more quaint bar in Kaszmiere, the old Jewish district of the city, and wait for the next day of experiences.

Emotion-filled dancing found in *Afterimages*

Student choreographed work will be showcased on Dec. 9

By Rebecca Buchanan
FEATURES REPORTER

What do you get when you combine dancers, choreographers, and music? A dazzling performance you won't want to miss, filled with thought-provoking and entertaining dance!

Afterimages is a showcase of 10 dances entirely put on by students. Each dance is choreographed by students in the Theatre and Dance department, and the dancers for each piece

were selected through an open audition process. The chosen dancers, some non-theatre and dance majors and one sixth grader from the community, have been in rehearsal since September.

The show's 10 dances are themselves a product of a competitive audition in which a total of 18 dances fought at the end of October for a spot in *Afterimages*. The faculty chose what they felt were the best dances to perform in the production. After the finalists were chosen, rehearsals con-

tinued as the choreographers and dancers worked tirelessly to achieve perfection.

"The show is very well put together. Everyone has done a great job, and the effort that has been put into *Afterimages* really shows," says Katie Canada, dancer and choreographer for the show.

Afterimages is a combination of ballet, modern and jazz dance and each piece carries an emotion along with the music and mood of the piece. They range from funny to dramatic, and even thoughtful. The choreographers have lots of freedom when deciding what type of dance and music to use in the piece and they put a lot of thought to the crafting of their work.

The show is run completely by students. The general director, Amanda Telischak, and assistant director, Kim Pieronek, keep everything from auditions and rehearsals running smoothly to solving any problems that arise when preparing for the show. "The directors have done an incredible job pulling all of the different aspects of the production together," says Susan Gingrasso, faculty advisor for the show.

The costumes are made completely by student design tech majors and the lighting is done by the student lighting designers. As the time draws closer to opening night, stage rehearsals will help orient the dancers with the theatre



Two students perform Escaping Entrapment, a dance from the 2002 Afterimages show.

environment, technical rehearsal will include lightning and sound, and dress rehearsals will include costumes and make-up. Chris Huber, the stage manager, directs these aspects of preparation.

"The audience can expect a wonderful evening. Every year, *Afterimages* is different than the previous one. This year, we have many more thought-provoking works than last year. Each

year, however, the students reach new highs in their work," said Gingrasso.

Afterimages dance show opens Dec. 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater. Tickets are \$9 for adults and seniors, \$5 for youth and \$3.50 with a student I.D. Tickets can be purchased at the box office located in the University Center.

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The importance behind World AIDS Day

Now is the time more than ever to educate, motivate and mobilize against HIV/AIDS

By Alli Himle
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Dec. 1 marked the annual global event dedicated to remembering those who have died of AIDS. World AIDS Day is a time to educate the world about the devastating effects of this disease while committing to fight this epidemic.

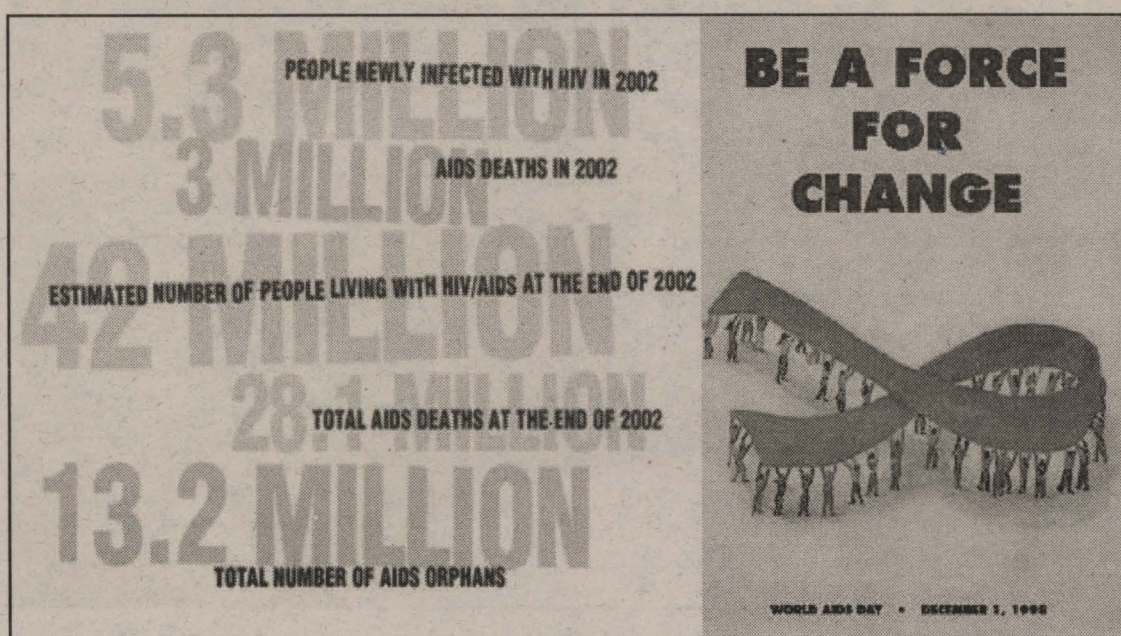
AIDS, an acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, has killed more than 20 million people since the first cases were diagnosed in 1981, including 2.9 million in 2003 alone. It is estimated that 37.8 million people were infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, at the end of 2003, with 4.8 million new cases reported that year. Odds are if you yourself do not have AIDS, you know of someone who does.

Each year a particular theme is given to World AIDS Day. This year, the theme is "Women, Girls, and AIDS." There are a number of ways in which women and girls contract the HIV virus, which include mother-to-child transmission, and sexual violence. Discrimination against women who have HIV is an alarming issue since they are open to discrimination in their work settings, economic and social positions, and, most importantly, in their access to healthcare and education.

Over 20 million people have died from AIDS since the first cases were diagnosed in 1981.

Women now make up half of all people with HIV worldwide; 57 percent of these women live in sub-Saharan Africa. HIV/AIDS infection rates are increasing at an alarming rate among young women in Africa and Asia. Whether through rape, abuse in and out of the home, or as targets in civil war, women bear the brunt of violence worldwide and, as a result, are more vulnerable to contracting HIV/AIDS. Poverty, instability, violence, lack of accessible health care and ignorance all escalate this crisis.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, up to 950,000 Americans are estimated to have HIV in the United States, with 40,000 new infections occurring every year. Women minorities – particularly African American women – comprise the vast majority of AIDS cases. These women are suffering from rates of HIV infection 10 to 20 times higher than those of



Pointers hope to surprise critics and conference

By Tony Bastien

SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer men's hockey team opens their conference schedule this weekend at Willett Arena with a bit of a chip on their shoulder. In the preseason NCHA coaches' poll, they were picked to finish fifth. With a 4-3-1 start to their season, that prediction sounds about right.

MEN'S HOCKEY

"I'm disappointed. I'm not happy with the way [the non-conference schedule] went," said Coach Joe Baldarotta. "We had losses we shouldn't have, a tie we shouldn't have. We had games sewed up that we shouldn't have lost."

If the team looks to finish high in the standings, they are going to need to concentrate on the late part of the periods. In the last minute of every period of their last game they

surrendered a goal, though the last was an empty-netter. Nonetheless, the coaching staff realizes the problem.

"It's a cardinal sin to give up that goal; the last minute of a period is sacred."

The sanctity of the final minute was painfully apparent last Wednesday, when the Pointers traveled to St. Thomas. After falling behind 2-0 after the first, with the second goal scored with just seconds remaining, they then tied it at 2-2 midway through the second and then gave up what figured to be the game-winning goal in the final minute of that period.

This weekend starts a whole new season, though. UW-Stout and UW-River Falls travel into town where both teams are very comfortable playing.

"Stout enjoys playing here, that scares me. Their head coach (Terry Watkins) raves about our ice sheet and the fans," added Baldarotta.

Even with that being said, Coach

Baldarotta said he was thrilled to be back home, where the rink has advantages to offer the team.

The spoils of home-rink advantages will be quickly forgotten, as seven of the next nine games after this weekend are on the road. On any night, anywhere, a team can come out on top and that's apparent by looking at any number of games earlier this season or in past seasons. If Point can get some injuries healed and lines solidified, they can compete for the NCHA crown.

It will not be easy for the Pointers to top one of the most competitive conferences in all of Division III hockey. Currently three of the top seven teams in the nation are from the NCHA and UW-S is just outside the top 15.

"It's a totally fresh start. No one can take a night off in this league," said Baldarotta.

When asked about his team's chances in the conference, "We have as good a chance as anyone else."

LaClair, high-powered offense takes the stage in shutout of Wildcats

By Steve Roeland

SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team continued their early season dominance with a convincing 7-0 drubbing of non-conference opponent, the College of St. Catherine. The Pointers' offense was the driving force behind the victory, as well as the outstanding play of freshman goalie Julie LaClair, in her first collegiate start.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The Pointers hit their stride early in the contest when Jennifer Dorff took a pass from Jackie Schmitt and netted a goal at the 3:15 mark of the first period. UW-SP continued to roll through the first period, collecting two more scores. Hayli Hupp and Tracy Truckey added to the Pointers' scoring in the opening period as UW-SP took a 3-0 lead into the first intermission.

The second period went scoreless, but the Pointers persisted and added four goals in the third period. UW-SP's Liz Goergen struck first in the final period at the 5:14 mark. The goal was assisted by Jana Jurkovich. Only eight seconds later, Ashley Howe added to the Pointers' lead, the third time in history UW-SP collected two goals in that same time span, which is a school record. UW-SP's Katy Lankey finished off the Wildcats with two scores late in the game, giving the Pointers a 7-0 victory.

The Pointers obliterated the Wildcats in the amount of shots taken, as UW-SP fired off 70 to the College of St. Catherine's 18. Jessie Suter, Jurkovich and Schmitt each added two assists in the win.

All 18 Wildcat shots were stopped by LaClair, earning her a shutout in her first game as a goaltender at the collegiate level.

With the win over the College of St. Catherine, the Pointers move to 4-0 overall. UW-SP also has a 1-0 record in the NCHA. Conference games lie directly ahead for the Pointers, as they battle Finlandia University on Dec. 3 and 4 to wrap up their season-opening seven-game road trip. UW-SP will open their home schedule with a NCHA contest against UW-River Falls on Dec. 10.

ISRAEL IS THE CANARY IN THE MINE

The war between Arabs and Jews is not the cause of the war on terror, as apologists for Muslim radicals claim; it is the war on terror.

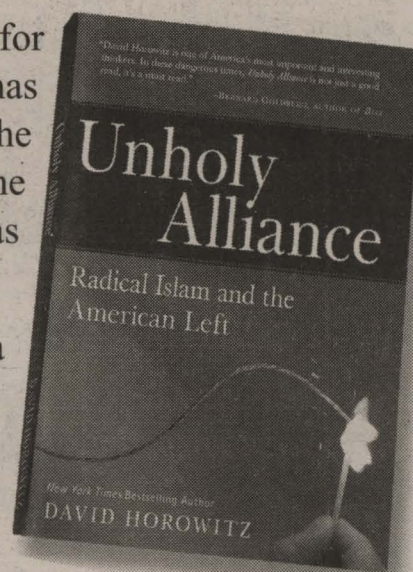
Twenty-five years ago, there were two non-Islamic democracies in the Middle East: Israel and Lebanon. This was too much for Islamic radicals, Syrian irredentists and Palestinians who joined forces to destroy Lebanon and make it a base for terror.

The goal of the post-Oslo *Intifada* is not to establish a Palestinian state alongside a Jewish state. Its goal is an Islamic *umma* extending "from the Jordan to the sea." That is why Oslo was rejected by Arafat even though Barak and Clinton offered him an independent state on virtually all of the land Palestinians claimed in the West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza. That is why the very birth of Israel is referred to by all the present Palestinian leadership as the "Naqba" – the "catastrophe." To Islamic radicals at war with the West, the very creation of Israel is a catastrophe.

American apologists for Arab aggression are also apologists for Islamic aggression. In their eyes, Arab terror in the Middle East has a root cause in the policies of Israel, whom terrorists refer to as the "little Satan." For apologists of the Islamic terror of 9/11 and the Zarqawi terror in Iraq, *jihad* is not a self-generating creed but has a "root cause" in the policies of "the Great Satan," which is us.

Peace in the Middle East and peace in the war with al-Qaeda and Zarqawi will come only when the terrorists surrender or are defeated, and when Arab governments cease their incitement of hatred against Israel and the United States.

~ David Horowitz



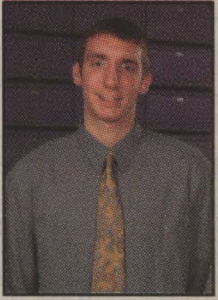
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POINTER ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Maus

ERIC MAUS - BASKETBALL

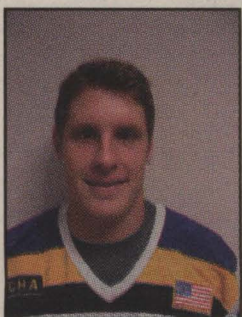
The senior center averaged 10 points and 5.5 assists as the Pointers improved to 4-0 with a pair of wins this week. Maus scored 20 points on 9-for-16 shooting and grabbed 11 rebounds in total last week. He recorded 11 assists while committing just one turnover.

JULIE LACLAIR - HOCKEY

The freshman goaltender earned a shutout in the first collegiate game and start of her career. LaClair stopped all 18 shots she faced as the Pointers blanked the College of St. Catherine 7-0 last Tuesday. The Pointers are now 4-0 on the season.



LaClair

SENIOR ON THE SPOT
ADAM KOSTICHKA - HOCKEY

Kostichka

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Led team and ranked sixth in NCHA in scoring in 2003-2004
- Two-time All-WIAC first team
- Honorable Mention All-NCHA in 2002-2003

Major - Business Administration

Hometown - Stevens Point

Do you have any nicknames? - Stich, Stork, Jet

What are your plans after graduation? - Leave the Point and take my skills to the professional table tennis tour, with Ryan Kirchhoff as my paddle maker.

What has helped you become such an accomplished hockey player? - Xbox

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - The men's hockey team's complete domination of the women's soccer and softball teams.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Being a townie.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - O.A.R., 34th and eighth

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Goonies

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Pedal to the pubs, mushball, Wayzata, teammates, my 4.0 GPA in wellness classes, cruising campus in my red Escalade, and the annual Lax trip.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Diesel and the fam., teammates (especially KB and Endo), and SportsCenter.

Relerford sparks team as Pointers win conference opener

By Adam Wise

SPORTS EDITOR

They say defense wins championships. Well, if the Pointers play defense like they did Tuesday night, they are going to have a pretty good shot at making a run for the championship again this year.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Behind 22 points from senior forward Jason Kalsow and the gritty play of point guard Tamaris Relerford, the Pointers never trailed in the game as they kicked off their conference season with a 55-44 victory at home against rival UW-Platteville.

The Pointers, who matched up well with UW-P in terms of size and speed, kept the lid on tight against pre-season All-American selection Brad Reitzner who shot only 2-11 from the field and scored just nine points.

Relerford, given the task of guarding Reitzner for a majority of the game, liked his overall performance.

"I prepared myself to guard a hard player," he said. "I got going the first couple times with a couple good defensive plays and that just kind of ignited the team and myself throughout the entire game."

Head Coach Jack Bennett was also very congratulatory of his tough point guard after the game.

"Tamaris absolutely played one of the most intense, physical games I've seen," Bennett said. "He made so many big hustle plays, he hit some big shots, and I thought he was an inspiration to everyone just by the toughness he displayed out there."

Senior forward Nick Bennett scored five of the first seven points for the Pointers as they jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead against UW-P. While Bennett missed eight of his final 10 shots to finish 4-12 from the field for only nine points, his coach thinks he's got to keep plugging away and believes he will get out of this funk.

"I don't want to call it a slump, he's just missing some good looks right now," Coach Bennett said. "But our shooters got to keep taking them (open shots)."

After closing out the first half with a 25-15 lead, Platteville returned an earlier favor by coming out of the second half with a 7-0 run of their own to cut the lead down to three early on.

UW-P's short offensive spurt, which was caused by two Pointer turnovers and some miscommunication on the offensive end, was quickly halted as the Pointers' starting frontcourt of Bennett (three rebounds, two blocks), Eric Maus (eight rebounds) and Kalsow (eight

rebounds, six blocks) used a high-pressure defense to never relinquish the lead to Platteville and win the game.

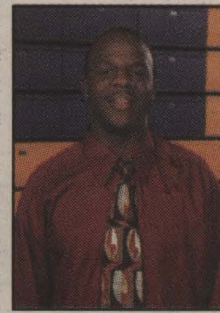
The win puts the Pointers back to the top of the WIAC standings at 1-0 early on in the season, but with three more games to go before the Christmas break, both Relerford and Bennett realize that they need to take it one game at a time.

"This is a long season, it's a journey," Relerford said. "Each game is going to be a battle and it's good to start off with a win."

"I think the tone will be set if we can go over to Eau Claire and we turn around and go back to River Falls and play well at those two places, that would truly set the tone because then

we come back for our last game before the Christmas break against Stout and that's a big home game (Parents Night)," Bennett said. "This is really out of the ordinary to have four conference games before Christmas. It would sure be nice to take each one, but we have to just focus on the next one and that's Eau Claire."

The road games against UW-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls take place Saturday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 7, respectively, while the next home game is Saturday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.



Relerford

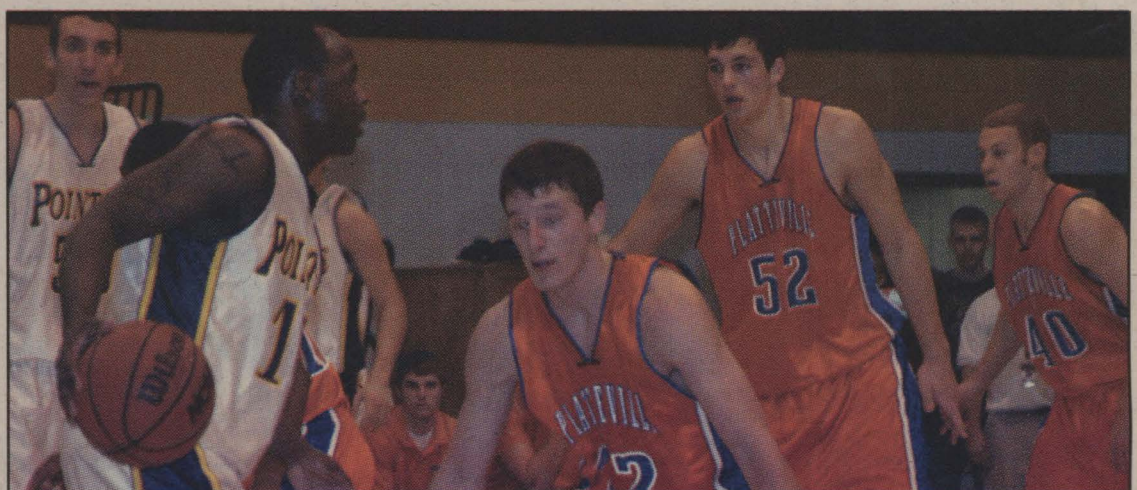


Photo by Liz Bolton

Tamaris Relerford (left, with ball) eyes up the UW-Platteville defense in UW-SP's 55-44 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win over the Pioneers at the Quandt Fieldhouse on Nov. 30.

WIAC relays institute record setting day for Pointer women

By Matthew Inda

SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointers had their adequate fill of opposition appetizer Nov. 20 while awaiting their Thanksgiving feast. The team departed the WIAC Relays in Eau Claire filled with another victory and room enough for a record setting day.

SWIM AND DIVE

Nov. 20, 2004 is now archived at the UW-Eau Claire pool as the day the women Pointers came to town and set swimming time records in the 200-yard and 400-yard medley relays. Elizabeth Herder, Jennie Roskopf, Lindsay Correll and Kelsey Crunstedt teamed up, finish-

ing first in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:50.26 - a pool and meet record. Herder and Roskopf also combined with Meghan Walsh and Jerica Crook to set another pool record in the 400-yard medley, achieving a time of 4:01.43.

"It was a very good meet for us," Pointer Head Coach Al Boelk stated. "That is pretty fast for swimming in Eau Claire's bathtub."

The Pointer men's team won the event with 160 points. UW-La Crosse finished second and UW-EC came in third place. UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater and UW-River Falls framed out the bottom half of the conference, all of which did not exceed 100 points.

The women gave it their all but

came up 20 points short of victory to UW-LC's 160 points win. Eau Claire was the only other women's team to score in triple digits, hitting the century mark. UW-W, UW-RF and UW-O did as poorly as their counterpart men's team, finishing in the lower half of the pack.

In the one-and-three-meter diving events, UW-LC placed first for both women's events and UW-EC men went for seconds also. That didn't stop the Pointers from showing their presence as Raene Bugarske and Jen Wood finished in second on the one-and-three-meter relay events. Jeff Swanson and Jack Riley finished second and third in the one-and-three-meters respectively.

Of the 22 swimming relay events on the day, and the six schools in par-

ticipation, the Stevens Point men's team placed first in eight of them. Alex Anderson led the way participating in six of the wins. Garth Newport and Aaron Marshall were in four of the victories. Ben Gensler, Matt Grunwald and Tyler Eloranta had contributed participation to three. Others involved in this first place bundle were J.T. Hopkins, Travis Wolf, Jeff Goering and Robin Whiting.

The women Pointers also took first place in the 300-yard backstroke with the team of Jennie Roskopf, Trish Nye and Michelle Schaefer.

The Pointers head to Wheaton, Ill. to take action in the two-day Wheaton Invitational on Dec. 3 and 4.

Despite early season loss, Pointers continue winning ways

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team has a lot to live up to in the 2004-2005 campaign. Even though UW-SP's roster is compiled of eight freshmen, the Pointers should have high hopes to return to the national tournament and get back to the level they reached last year.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The '04-'05 season kicked off with the Pointer Tip Off Classic tournament over the weekend of Nov. 19-20. In the opening round, UW-SP dominated Concordia (Wisc.) 78-29. The Pointers' Amanda Nechuta led all scorers with 17 points and collected eight rebounds. Cassandra Schultz added 14 points in the Pointers' victory.

The Pointers faced the Lawrence University Vikings in the tournament final. Lawrence, who defeated Dominican (Ill.) 79-52 to earn a spot in the final, is no stranger to being in the championship

game. The match up between two in-state schools was a rematch of last year's final, a game which UW-SP won 73-57. This year's contest was a different story, as the Vikings outlasted the Pointers 59-56. Felice Porrata dropped 20 points for the Vikings and went on to be named tourney MVP.

UW-SP rebounded from the loss with wins in the following four games. The Pointers started their winning streak on Nov. 23 against Wisconsin Lutheran in a 74-55 win. Nechuta scored 22 as a part of four Pointers finishing in double figures. Collectively, the Pointers hit 28 of 51 shots from the field and committed only 12 turnovers.

After the Pointers' strong win in Milwaukee, they came back to the friendly confines of the Berg Gym to host the University of Chicago on Nov. 28. UW-SP had little trouble with the Maroons, disposing of them by the final score of 86-63. Again, four Pointers finished the game scoring in double figures. Chelsea Kranz scored eight points and pulled down 10 boards, while Schultz scored 19 points.

The Pointers trailed 19-16 at one point in the first half, but went on an 8-0 run to go ahead for good.

In last Monday's contest against Carroll College, the Pointers earned a 75-51 victory. The Pointers did notch their third straight win, but suffered a blow when Schultz went down with an ankle injury. Without the help of Schultz, Nechuta stepped up her play and scored 19 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to earn her second double-double of the year.

The Pointers started off their WIAC play on Wednesday in a battle with UW-Platteville. The Pointers pulled away from the Pioneers and engineered a 68-43 win. UW-SP held only a one-point lead at halftime, shooting a dismal 28 percent in the first 20 minutes. Laura Neuenfeldt hit several three-pointers in the second half to increase the lead and seal the win for the Pointers.

Following the contest with the Pioneers, UW-SP will face conference foes UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls and UW-Stout in the weeks prior to Christmas.

The Pointers, as of Dec. 1, are ranked ninth in the D3Hoops.com Top 25 poll, a four-spot improvement from UW-SP's 13th position in last week's poll.

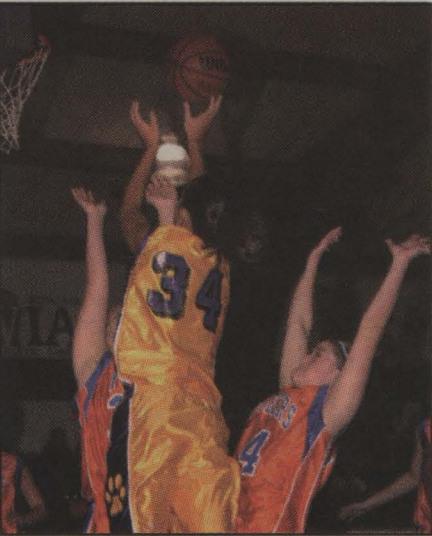


Photo by Tredelina Spahija
Laura Neuenfeldt (34) leans into the UW-Platteville double-team on a shot attempt in the Pointers' 68-43 WIAC victory.

OUR VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

What I, a sports writer and fan, am thankful for

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Thanksgiving is already a week in the past and the holiday season is well upon us. No matter what specific occasion you celebrate in the coming weeks, many people are called to ponder the things in our lives we give thanks for.

As for myself, I have many things to be thankful for, such as family, health and all the loving and caring individuals in my life. I also have plenty to be thankful for from the world of sports. Here is a short list (in no particular order) of things that I am thankful for from the enigma that is organized athletics.

1. ESPN - "The Worldwide Leader in Sports" is the sports fan's dream television channel. Whenever I want to kick back and relax, I know that I can flip the tube to ESPN and be treated to quality sports pro-

gramming. Even fans of poker, billiards or many non-traditional sports will be treated to programs that will tickle their fancy. With an original entertainment division that produces made-for-TV movies, all sports fans should include a dose of ESPN in their daily routine.

2. EA Sports - The division of Electronic Arts that produces sports videogames turns out hit after hit, especially with their Madden NFL series. As with ESPN, EA Sports tends to fans of many sports, from NASCAR to the NHL. The games give the player/coach in all of us a chance to show our stuff on a digital stage.

3. Brett Favre - It doesn't matter whether you are a Packers fan or not; No. 4 is a blast to watch on the field. His unorthodox, yet successful, methods at the quarterback position have been a treat for football fans all over the world since his

first start for the Packers in 1992. Favre's start last Monday against the St. Louis Rams was his 200th consecutive start, and he is showing no signs of slowing down at age 35.

4. Covering UW-SP athletics - In the past two years, I have contributed many articles to The Pointer. As an aspiring journalist, being given the opportunity to be a contributor to the campus newspaper as a freshman and an editor as a sophomore is a big deal. I am thankful for all the people at The Pointer and to all those involved in UW-SP athletics who have made it a fun and educational experience so far in my dealings as a co-sports editor for the newspaper.

5. High School Sports - No contracts. No egos. No endorsements. And no cell phone celebrations. Just pure and unadulterated athletics. While those aforementioned items are distractions in other

levels of athletics, high school sports feature fundamentals and learning lessons for life. I went to a very small high school where anyone who wanted to play was given the chance. No one was ever cut. During my four years in high school, I participated in three WIAA state baseball tournaments and two WIAA postseason football games. The memories that athletes can take away from these experiences stay with them all of their lives. Bonds shared with teammates and friends in high school sports are special and will last forever.

There are many other elements of the sports world that I enjoy and give thanks for. These five in particular have impacted my life and have molded my current view of professional and collegiate sports. Without sports, I would have missed out on opportunities and experiences that have made me who I am today. So, to all sports; I say, "Thank you."

Give the Fighting Irish a fighting chance

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

I love college football. I do. I love that the games are played on a college campus, I love the stadiums, I love the atmosphere, I love the intensity and I love the rivalries. A comparable sport is nonexistent; not even college basketball.

But, what I don't understand in this sport are the trigger-happy athletic directors that call for the coaches' head at the first sign of weakness within the program.

The game of college football has quickly approached that of the National Hockey League - where coaches are getting fired seemingly every single week.

With respect to UW-SP Athletic Director Frank O'Brien, he isn't included in this category of ADs. UW-SP doesn't face the same type of national scrutiny

as Notre Dame, which brings me to my point.

Tyrone Willingham was fired this week amid a three-year tenure which he went 21-15. Unfortunately for Willingham, his boss didn't remember his first year at Notre Dame when he took that team to a 10-2 overall record. He just remembers the Irish going 11-13 after that season.

Maybe I am biased. I have always been a fan of Willingham. His pro-style offense was a change to a program that was built solidly around the quarterback option; a style of offense I don't believe you can actually run today with the speed in this day and age at linebacker and cornerback.

While Willingham may have raised

the bar after his successes in his first year at South Bend, I wouldn't be caught thinking for one second that he inherited a great program.

His predecessor, Bob Davie, was let go from the program for a reason. The recruiting had gone stale, there were players failing off the team because of their academic GPA, and Notre Dame was being considered a joke once again on the national scene.

With all the corporate sponsors and national TV contract with NBC, Notre Dame's AD needed a boost, so they brought in Willingham from Stanford.

Now, just three years later, it's the same story all over again.

"We simply have not made the prog-

ress on the field that we need to make," Athletic Director Kevin White said at the news conference. "Nor have we been able to create the positive momentum necessary in our efforts to return the Notre Dame program to the elite level of the college football world."

An interesting point here is that Willingham is the first coach in Notre Dame history unable to finish his first contract.

Because this program has been coached by the likes of Knute Rockne, Franky Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz, Willingham and his successors will always have the microscope beaming down on them and at the first sign of weakness, they will also get the axe.



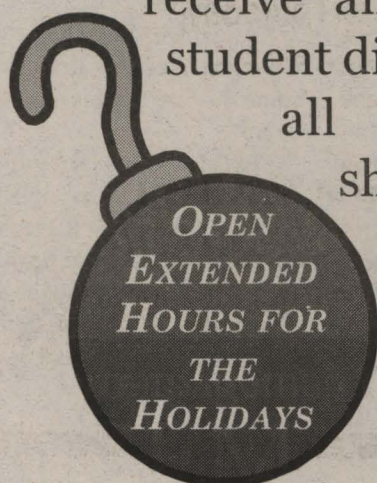


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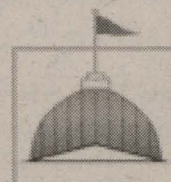
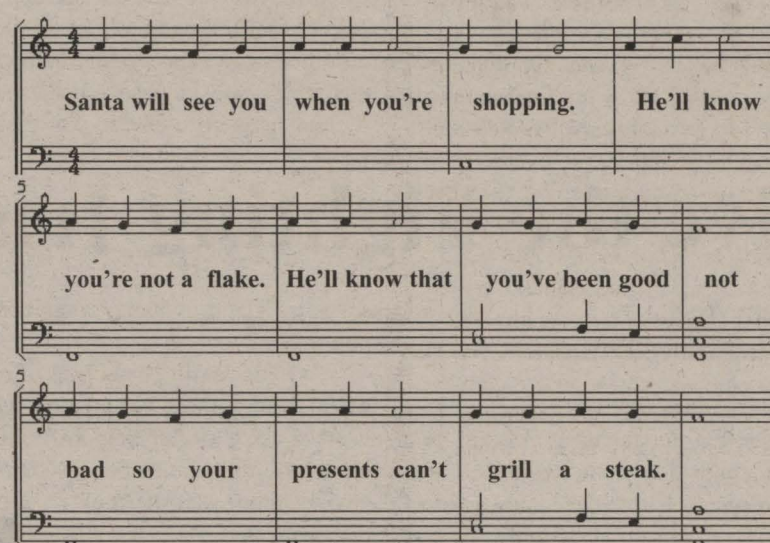
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Of course, it is better to give than receive and if you use the student discount program for all your holiday shopping needs, your kindness could be rewarded with a place at the top of next year's "nice"



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Gun deer season yields solid harvest

Preliminary registration numbers total over 303,000 for nine-day hunt

By Joel Borski

OUTDOORS EDITOR

A preliminary total of 303,162 deer were registered by hunters at the close of Wisconsin's nine-day gun deer season this year, according to DNR officials. In 2003, results were almost identical, with a total of 304,538 deer harvested during the same time period.

While some hunters were left with mixed opinions about whether DNR deer herd estimates were too high, the DNR is pleased overall with the hunt results.

"The preliminary call-in registration total was virtually identical in 2004 and 2003," said DNR deer ecologist Keith Warnke. "However, harvest was distributed through the state much differently as a result of Zone-T and Earn-a-Buck. In 2003, the final results of the nine-day regular gun season were 324,460 deer registered and I suspect that this year will be very close to that when all the stubs are counted."

"Hunters in the northern and northeastern regions have been harvesting large numbers of antlerless deer for the past four years and have really been doing their part for deer herd management. Reducing deer density towards goals that we have established is critical to successful herd management and to the future acceptance of hunting as the best population management tool. Hunters in Wisconsin are again showing their leadership in conservation issues."

License sales were actually up for the 2004 season as 649,955 purchased a legal back tag, compared to 645,369 in 2003. This is a good sign for the DNR that hunting in Wisconsin is starting to return to normal after the CWD media explosion in 2001.

The 2004 gun deer season also proved to be the most accident-free in the history of the state as three injuries and two deaths were reported over the nine-day period. The unfortunate events that occurred in Sawyer County are not included in this number.



Photo submitted by author

Nearly 650,000 Wisconsin hunters took to the woods last week, hoping to see a trophy like this.

Let there be ice!

By Adam Mella
Editor-in-Chief

With splendid doses of frigid Canadian air blasting the Wisconsin River valley this week, ice has finally made an appearance in Portage County. Good deep freezes occurred almost every night since Thanksgiving, however, consistently sunny days have reversed the trend, leaving the situation sketchy at best.

McDill or Jordan ponds are the best early bets because of their shallow depths, but again, caution is advised. Especially on river backwaters, conditions can change rapidly. Ice reports have ranged this week from minimal skins to three inches. I personally spent Tuesday morning walking gingerly, but with confidence, on Jordan Pond. I would avoid the deeper inland lakes in the eastern hills for at least another week or two, depending on overnight air temps and snow-cover. Most experts on the subject will tell you to wait for four inches, but any realist or ice-fishing fanatic will be on the ice after two. As always, this is but a report and all decisions on ice-exploration are completely up to you, the fisherman. Take caution, and take a friend and some rope.

My personal prediction: I'll be slaying pike by Saturday on the shallower lakes, and hopefully walleyes on the river before my first final. Of course, I've been wrong before. The best bet for up-to-date information is with your friendly local bait shops. On a side note, however, you'll be hard-pressed to find a golden shiner anywhere in town. Perhaps this weekend that will change, as demand has sky-rocketed for the tasty minnow of choice.



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Hunting rampage leaves six dead, two injured

Minnesota man arrested after apparent trespassing dispute results in violence

By Hilary Bulger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

On Nov. 21, the second day of the Wisconsin gun deer season, Chai Soua Vang, a truck driver from St. Paul, allegedly opened fire on eight fellow deer hunters, killing six, and marring what will otherwise be noted as the safest season in Wisconsin history.

According to reports from the injured members of the party, Terry Willers, of Rice Lake, who co-owned the Sawyer County property where the incident took place along with Robert Crotteau, approached Vang, who was in a private deer stand, and asked him to leave. Willers then used his two-way radio to call the rest of his party, who were in a nearby hunting shack, for backup. Vang climbed down out of the tree stand, began walking away, then turned and fired at Willers' group with the SKS semi-automatic assault rifle he was using for hunting. Willers, who was injured but not killed, used a radio again to notify the remainder of the group. As his friends and family came out to assist him on ATVs, they too were shot.

Investigators found the bodies "a long way from each other," which could indicate they were chased before being shot. Some of the victims were shot more than once and many were shot in the back. Crotteau, 42, of Haugen, Wisconsin; his son Joseph, 20, also of Haugen; Al Laski, 43, of Haugen; Mark Roidt, 28, of Rice Lake; and Jessica Willers, 27, daughter of injured land owner Terry Willers, died on the scene. Denny Drew, 55, of Rice Lake, died in the hospital Monday night after being shot through the stomach. Terry Willers was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield and Lauren Hesebeck, 48, of Rice Lake was treated at Rice Lake's Lakeview Medical Center.

In Wisconsin, deer hunters are required to wear a back tag with an identification number on it. One of the hunters was able to scratch Vang's number into the dust of his ATV and relayed it to the DNR. Vang reportedly got lost in the woods and asked two hunters for assistance, who directed him to a road. He was picked up without incident by DNR officers, who were able to identify him easily as he was still wearing his back tag and carrying the assault rifle, which was empty. When picked up, Vang was reportedly unnervingly calm. "I find it frightening," said Sawyer County Sheriff James Meier of Vang's behavior. "The demeanor makes no sense. The action makes no sense."

Officials believe Vang may have become lost and wandered onto private property, though the property was well posted and Vang is fluent in English, as well as an avid hunter, allegedly familiar with local hunting regulations. Vang's SKS rifle is an unusual choice for hunting, though not unheard of. Hunters in the area spread the alarm by word-of-mouth and by the end of the afternoon, the woods were strangely quiet.



Chai Soua Vang

Vang made his first court appearance on Tuesday, in a makeshift courtroom in the basement of the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department. Court officials made the decision to hold court in the basement in the best interest of Vang's safety. Vang was silent during the eight-minute appearance, only answering yes or no to Judge Norman Yackel's questions. The preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 29. Vang claims members of Willers' party fired first, after yelling racial slurs and profanity, though survivors deny this claim. The charges include six counts of first-degree intentional homicide, two counts of attempted first-degree intentional homicide and use of a dangerous weapon.

The shootings have infuriated hunters and non-hunters alike and are only adding to, what some would call, an increasing animosity toward Hmong hunters and anglers. For years, local hunters and anglers have complained of Hmong poaching, trespassing and otherwise disregard of regulations, particularly angling limits. The growing problem is a result of gaps in communication and culture. Hmong, who are originally from Laos and Thailand, are struggling to mix their traditions with the existing traditions of the area. There are unspoken codes and generations-old traditions among hunters, particularly regarding private property.

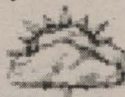
"Your hunting area, if you own the land, is kind of sacred," said Rob Petersen, who owns land a few miles from where the shooting happened. "It's such a touchy thing." In Wisconsin and Minnesota, which together account for half of the country's Hmong population, some Hmong fear their whole community will suffer as a result of one individual's actions. Hmong leaders have created a memorial fund for the victims and their families in an effort to prevent and ease possible tensions arising from the incident.

Weekend Weather Outlook:

Saturday: Mostly cloudy.

High: 43

Low: 28



Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers.

High: 42

Low: 34



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Diversity spoken word performance at Encore

By Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings
ARTS AND REVIEW CO-EDITORS

"Fantasy is what people want, but reality is what they need." This quote by Lauryn Hill sums up the performance of *One race, one people, one peace* done Wednesday, Dec. 1 at the Encore in the University Center. James H. Chapmyn, the author of this dialogue presentation, is an intelligent man on a quest to educate the world on what is really going on. Chapmyn, along with two other artists, spoke about issues that plague our society today, including poverty, racism, homophobia, the American dream and many more, by using poetry, spoken verse and song. It even included a parody on the "typical" hip-hop/rap lyrics of today and how we easily accept and ignore the degradation they provide.

The motivation behind bringing Chapmyn and his entourage here was to promote Take Affirmative Action week. Anne Hoyer, multi-cultural and diversity issues director at SGA, took it into her own hands to seek this



amazing trio out in order to bless us with their talents. Chapmyn wanted his audience to understand how humans are all the same. We are all part of one human race, and although we have destroyed this idea in the past, it is now our duty to reinstate this and to educate ourselves on what we can do, not who we can blame.

All in all, this was an amazing, interesting, and educational production to watch. Hopefully, all of you will get to experience something like this: something which makes you question who you are, where you are going, and how you can help.

Green Tea: All Ages

CD Review By Adam Mella

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stevens Point's Green Tea is no stranger to the local live music scene, playing an upbeat Celtic sound meshed with high-energy Irish dance music. And while their live performances have built up a fan base, their recent first release, *All Ages*, captures this distinctive sound nicely for enjoyment in the home.

The group is composed of John Coletta, a UW-SP English professor, on tin whistle, Irish flute, harmonium, djembe and vocals; Celeste Hadfield on piano, guitar and vocals; Kristen Wockenfuss on violin; Jonathon Stoffregen on mandolin, violin and vocals; Cathy Woodruff on bodhran, mandolin and djembe; and Trevor Roark on guitar, bodhran, spoons, bones and vocals.

This 10-track release features all the interesting instruments previously listed. The majority of the arrangements are strictly instrumental, which allows the first-time listener the freedom to appreciate the heart of the group's sound. "Road to Lisdoonvarna" or "Morrison's Jig Set" are both fast-moving and marvelously concocted. Not to discredit the vocals, which are wonderfully mixed into both "Take Me Home to the Sea" and "Kind Wilderness or Fragile Bone."

Many of the tracks are arrangements blending traditional Celtic music with Green Tea originals, although the casual listener (me) would not be able to pluck that from the fast moving current without reading the CD booklet.

For those not familiar with high-energy Celtic dance tunes, I would reluctantly call them a sort-of mix between Jethro Tull and Enya – but even that would be inaccurate. The fusion of so many foreign instruments that presents itself in *Ages* can be either mind-blowing or highly enriching. It is a different listen every time through, depending on what you listen for – the various flutes and whistles alone could take hours to fully appreciate or comprehend.

What comes through after several loops of *All Ages* and a double pot of coffee is a beautifully rendered sound that is deeply engrained with layer upon layer of tediously arranged commotion. Plainly said, the experience is enjoyable, and well-thought out. For a debut CD, *Ages* captures the sound and essence of a band most known for live shows quite effectively.

For those looking to see the band in its original live environment, the stage of Clark Place would be a good bet this Friday. The Green Tea Winter Fest will begin at 8 p.m. with a cover charge of \$6. I'm betting the dance floor will be packed, and I'm sure they'll have a few copies of *All Ages* in house for those looking to buy the disc. You can also pick up the album online at www.greenteaworldmusic.com.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Dec. 2:

- UW-SP Concert Band: 7:30 until 10 p.m. in FAC Michelsen Hall
- Chapter 6 concert: 8 until 9 p.m. in the Encore

Friday, Dec. 3:

- Christmas Music Lunch: 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. in the Founders Room of Old Main
- Children's Sock Hop: 6 until 9 p.m. in the Encore
- The Stepford Wives*: 7 until 9 p.m. in room 073 of lower Debot
- Jersey Girl*: 9:30 until 11:30 in room 073 of lower Debot
- Green Tea performance: 8 p.m. at Clark Place

Saturday, Dec. 4:

- Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra: 7:30 until 10 p.m. at The Sentry Theatre
- Justin Roth: 8 until 9:30 in the Encore

Sunday, Dec. 5:

- Patricia Tobacco Forrester: Watercolors: Ongoing in the Edna Carlsten Gallery
- Photographic Works: Ongoing in the Schneider Gallery
- Blue Man Group-Trip to Chicago: 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.
- UW-SP Campus Band: 2 until 4 p.m. in FAC Michelsen Hall
- Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra: 4:30 until 7 p.m. at The Sentry Theatre

Monday, Dec. 6:

- UW-SP Jazz Ensemble: 7 until 10 p.m. in the Basement Brewhaus

Tuesday, Dec. 7:

- Caroling for a Cause: 3 until 4:30 p.m. off-campus
- Open Mic with Dale Dickerson: 8 until 11 p.m. in the Basement Brewhaus

Wednesday, Dec. 8:

- Cherish the Ladies: 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. at The Sentry Theatre
- UW-SP Orchestra: 7:30 until 10 p.m. in FAC Michelsen Hall

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason

By Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings

ARTS AND REVIEW CO-EDITORS



Enough of the stupid f***wits, alcoholics, workaholics, smokeaholics, tits-perverts, womanizing, melodramatic morons that we usually fall in love with. Bring on the real manly men! Right, because those guys are so easy to find. Anna and Laura here, reporting for *The Pointer*. Today's topic: Men we'd like to date and the idiots we're dating. Just kidding. This article is really just a review of the hilarious (new word; spread it around. It is a combo between funny and hilarious. Get it?) new love-comedy, *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*.

We know all of the women fell in love with the completely ridiculous love-struck loner, Bridget Jones (Renée Zellweger) in her first film *Bridget Jones' Diary* and we are excited to inform you that she is just as fun and witty as she was in the first film. Although she is more of a nauseating PDA couple than the pitiful singleton she was in the first film, Bridget still brings home the trophy for Best Pathetic Loser. Whether she was shaking her belly like a bowl full of jelly, opening her big mouth at the most inopportune moments or making a total fool of herself when trying to teach herself how to

ski, this cool cat had audiences everywhere peeing their pants laughing.

Making the common, womanly mistake of believing her relationship with hot lawyer, Mark Darcy (Colin Firth) is not only an excellent 71 ecstatic shagfest but also a committed six-week relationship, Bridget finds herself constantly barging in on important meetings, blabbing as if there were no audience to hear her ridiculous accusations and mind-vomiting thoughts and making up absurd assumptions about having a cheating boyfriend who, in reality, seems crazier than she is for actually putting up with such a narcissist.

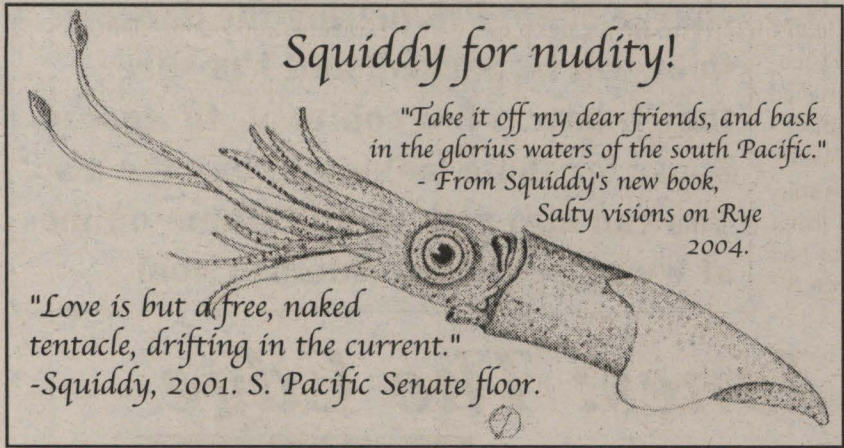
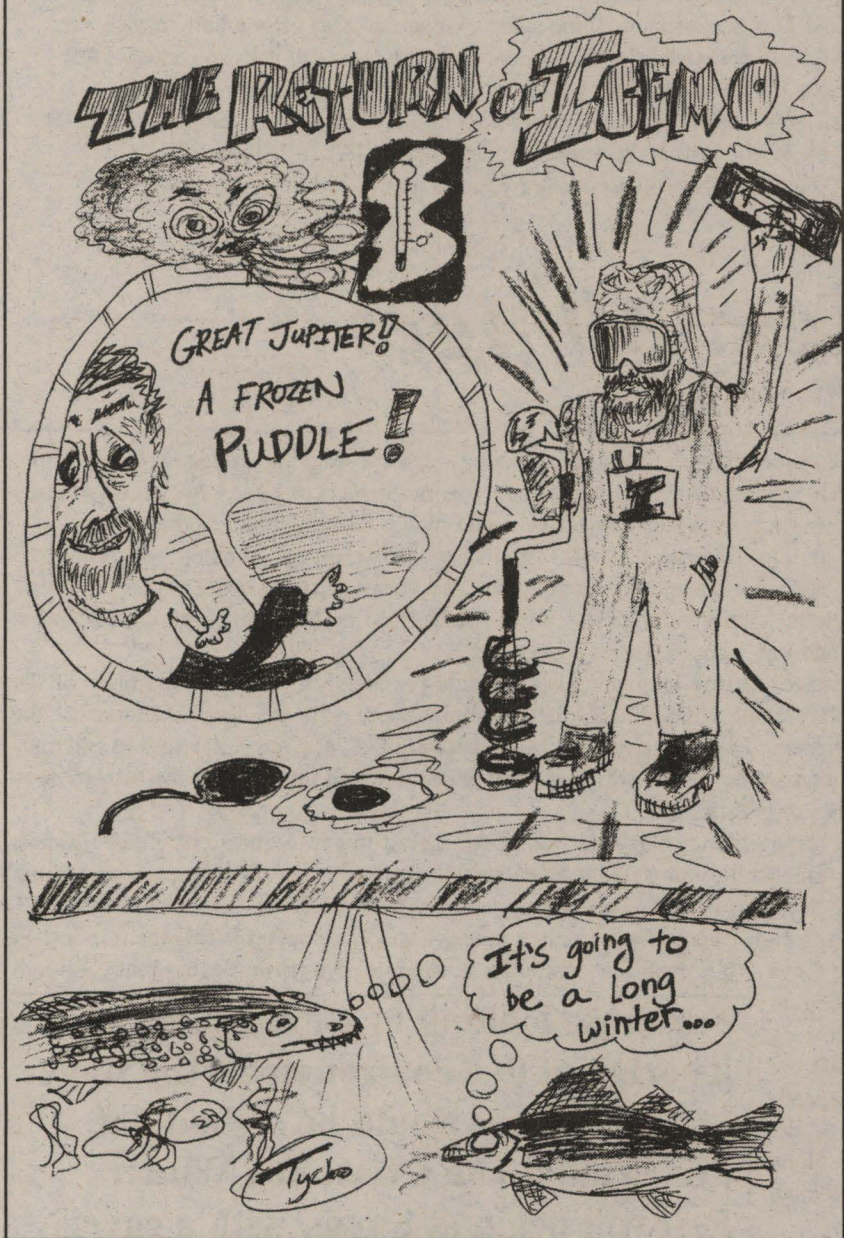
Have no fear: Bridget is here. In this one hour and 48 minute film, Bridget manages to start a semi-normal relationship, maintain it for about six weeks, become a paranoid relationship schizophrenic, lose her man, fall under the evil sex spells of her ex, Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant), and win her man back. Way to go, Bridget!! Reporting for *The Pointer*, this is Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings demanding that you go and see this film.

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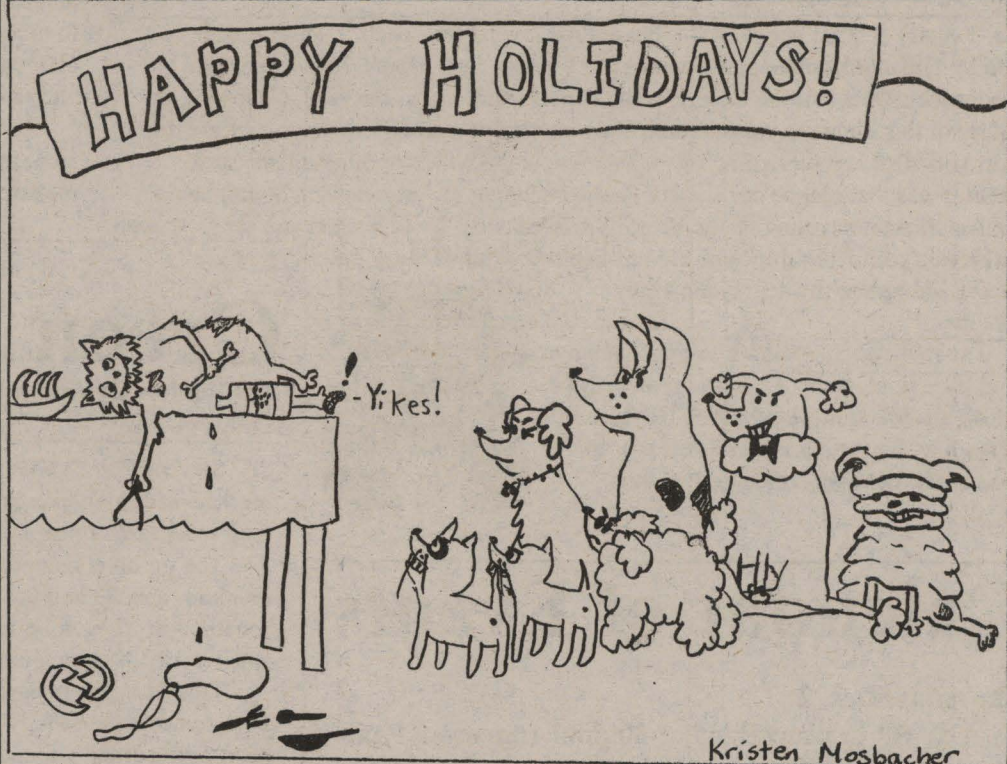
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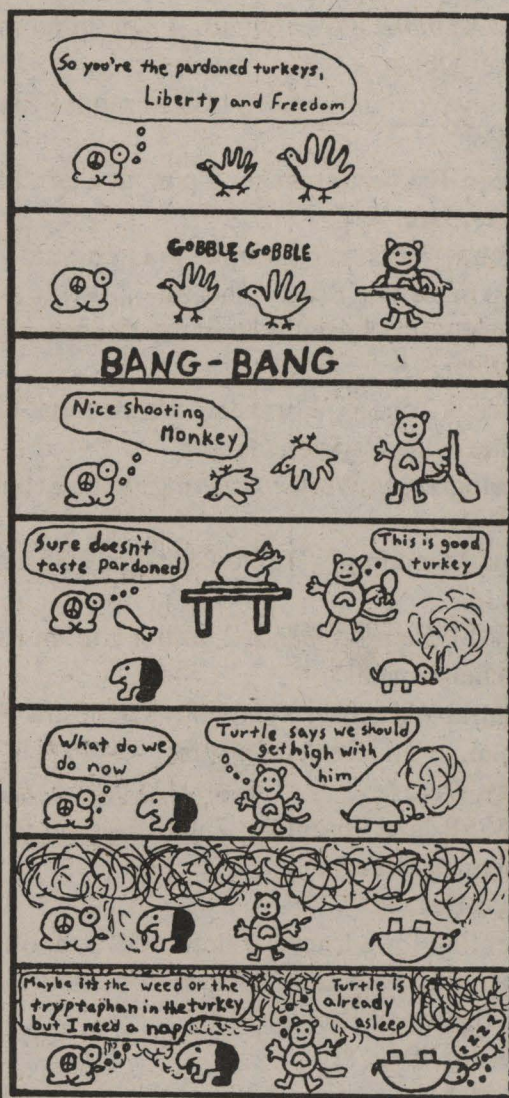


"The Mr. and Mrs. will think it was those mangy dogs! Ha, ha! All for one, right Hairball?"...

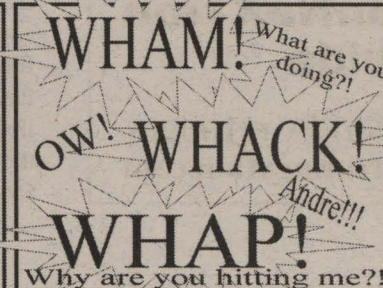
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Squiddy and Adam commend such efforts. Please continue.



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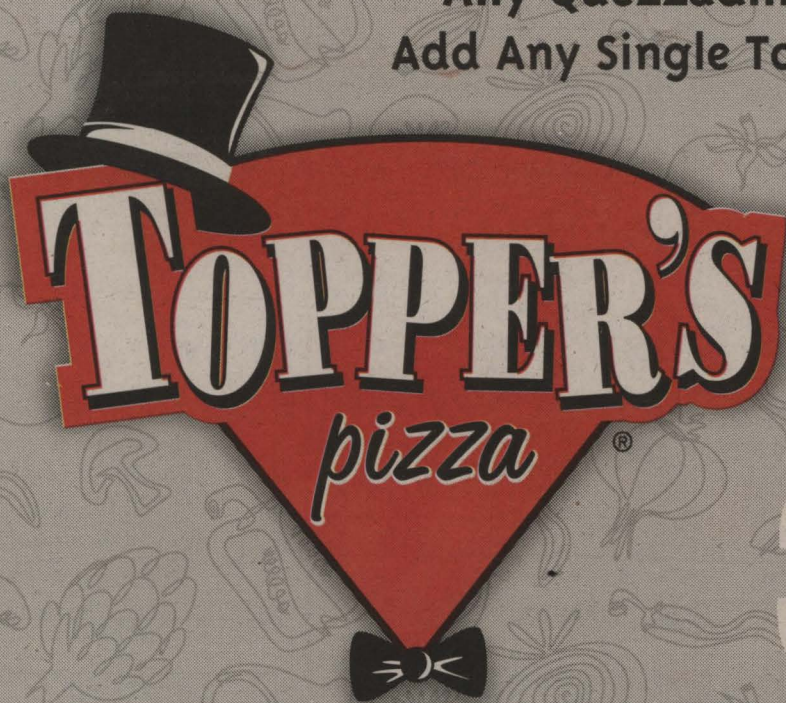
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