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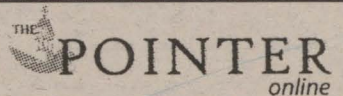
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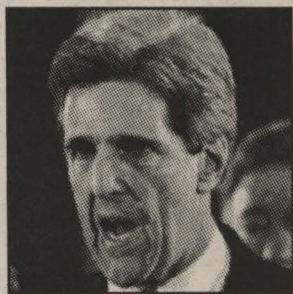
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A closer look at the three major candidates

John Kerry

United States Senator



Candidate: Sen. John Kerry, MA

Education:

-Graduate Yale University 1966

Professional/Political Highlights:

-United States Navy 1967-1970
-Massachusetts Lt. Governor 1982-1984
-United States Senator 1984-present

Major campaign themes:

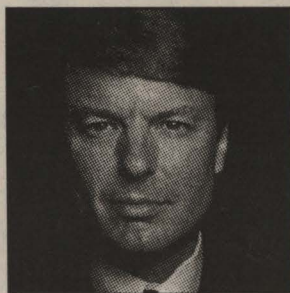
-cites Vietnam service, Senate experience as proof of superior leadership qualities
-calls for the creation of tax credits to encourage businesses to keep manufacturing plants within the United States
-cites surge in primary election results/comparison as proof of electability against President Bush

Opponent criticisms:

-has raised the most PAC funds of any major demo
-supported President Bush with yes votes on PATRIOT act and Iraq War Resolution

John Edwards

United States Senator



Candidate: Sen. John Edwards, NC

Education:

-Graduate North Carolina University 1974
-Law degree University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1977

Professional/Political Highlights:

-Private attorney 1977-1998
-United States Senator 1998-present

Major campaign themes:

-cites southern heritage as strength to getting support of southern voters to back a democrat for president
-would ban lobbyists from going directly to government jobs
-praises campaign as a positive one, not just an anti-Bush themed one

Opponent criticisms:

-has limited governing experience through a single senate term
-made most of private fortune through years as a trial lawyer

Howard Dean

Former Vermont Governor



Candidate: fmr. Governor Howard Dean VT

Education:

-Graduate Yale University 1971
-Medical Degree Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City 1978

Professional/Political Highlights:

-Vermont House 1982-1986
-Vermont Lt. Governor 1986-1991
-Vermont Governor 1991-2002

Major campaign themes:

-cites ability to create jobs, lower state deficit while Vermont governor as proof of strong leadership
-critical of Democratic Party for voting with Republicans on Iraq War Resolution and PATRIOT Act
-would remove Bush tax cuts and use money to fund education and other programs

Opponent Criticism:

-has been accused of running solely on an anti-Bush campaign



Physical Education Building
Wednesday, Jan. 28 9:38 p.m.
Type: Theft

A male reported the theft of a wallet from locker #3 at the men's pool locker room.

Physical Education Building
Thursday, Jan. 29 10:24 p.m.
Type: Theft

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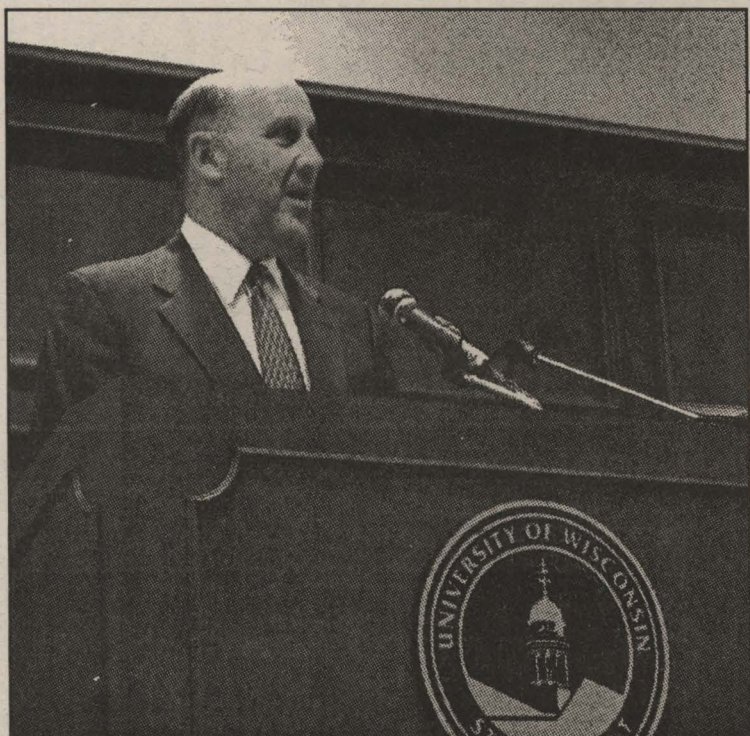


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Governor Jim Doyle during his presentatin speech in the Alumni Room last Friday. Here he issues his promise to veto any legislation that would reduce funding to the Wisconsin Stewardship Fund.

Governor

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year tourism industry, and Gov. Doyle stressed the need to protect the environment to maintain the tourism industry and to protect the quality of the land for future generations, saying "We have need to protect the beauty and stability of Wisconsin."

The governor concluded his presentation by lashing out at political opponents in the state legislature who are calling for reductions to the Wisconsin Stewardship Fund, citing promises to block any attempts to reduce funding for the program.

"If they keep sending me bills that hurt the stewardship program, I will veto them," he asserted.

The governor concluded his speech with an additional mention of gratitude to the native tribes, saying, "When we work together, great things happen."

Dean Speech

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tration and special interest groups. "If we don't choose real change, if we don't stand up strong to George W. Bush, no matter who is President, special interests will tighten their stranglehold on America."

Dean lashed out at his own party and his opposition for the Democratic nomination, stating, "Democrats who watched the popularity polls and cut bad deals with the White House are not the right people to stand up to George Bush this fall." He stated that he did not want the Democratic Party to nominate a candidate "that the president could turn to in a debate and say you agreed with me in the Patriot Act, you agreed with me on No Child Left Behind and you agreed with me on the War against Iraq, so why don't you just support me." He did not mention any of his opponents by name, but spoke of a nameless candidate who he accused of taking a lot of special interest money and had been in Washington for a great deal of time.

Dean listed more grievances about President Bush, stating that his White House "is wholly owned by special interests," and stated that the only way to bring about change in Washington was to elect an insider who "is independent and brings new people into the process. We won't represent real change this fall with a Washington fixture who plays the insider game."

Gov. Dean then took the time to present some of his own achievements as governor of Vermont, citing the percentage of

citizens within the state that had health care to be around 99 percent of children and 92 percent of adults.

Dean then went through a list of reasons as to why the Wisconsin voter has no reason to support the president in the next election, asserting that under Bush "the unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 28 percent higher than the day George Bush took office. Our laid off workers need retraining more than ever, and yet George Bush has proposed more than \$1.5 billion dollars in cuts to job training."

As his speech drew to a close, Gov. Dean stressed the type of president that he wanted to be. He drew comparisons between himself and President Harry Truman, noting that like Truman, he was not afraid to say what was on his mind and do what he thought was right even if it was not popular. He said that as a president, he wanted to be a president "who would inspire the best in us, not the worst in us."

He concluded his speech by reminding the audience of the great importance that he was placing in the Wisconsin Primary, saying that, "You have the power to keep this debate alive. You have the power to choose the strongest candidate to represent the Democratic Party."

Dean has placed a great deal of time and effort into the Wisconsin Primary, after spending nearly \$40 million of campaign funds without a single primary victory so far. If the Wisconsin Primary does not turn into a victory, he is expected by some observers to withdraw from the race. Dean had made some comments to support this, but has since withdrawn them.

UWSP student running for seat on board of education

Political science major entering primary for vacant Stevens Point area board seat

By Dawn Ver Haag
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Eric Krszjaniek, a UWSP student, is running for a seat on the Stevens Point Board of Education. At only 21, he is the youngest candidate running for the position.

Krszjaniek is a Political Science and Communications major, a member of the SGA Senate and the co-President of the UWSP College Greens.

If elected to the position, Krszjaniek said that he would voice his opinion and strive for

positive changes involving several issues. High atop his list of priorities are his concerns with the district budget and advertising in schools.

"There are a lot of programs that are being cut that should stay," he stated. As far as what he views as a considerable amount of advertising in schools, Krszjaniek believes that "it should be stopped, it is wrong for students to be subjected to it."

Krszjaniek attended a Portage County Greens candidate's forum with other fields in mind. "I went into it with different interests," he said. "However, the position [for the school board] basically presented itself." Following a discussion by the school board president, where he outlined the responsibilities and duties of a seat on the board, Krszjaniek thought, "It was a great opportunity, so I went for

it."

If elected to the school board, Krszjaniek wants to make a difference. Despite his young age in comparison to the other candidates, he plans to focus on that as an advantage for him. "I feel that I can empathize with the students and relate to them more."

The primary vote will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Currently there are eight candidates running for the position, and the primary will eliminate two from the ballot. All Stevens Point residents over the age of 18 are eligible and encouraged to vote.

Outside the election, the long term goals for Eric Krszjaniek center on pursuing his masters degree in Communication and a doctorate in Political Science, but for now he says, "my goal is to win."

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High School 1301 Maria
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SGA elections on the way

By Carla Lorenz
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This year's Student Government Association elections has already begun and is accepting applications to run for the 2004 president, vice president and senatorial positions.

Applications can be found in the SGA office in the lower level of the University Center, room 206 or on the SGA

website www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga/news.htm.

The deadline for applying is Feb. 27, 2004 by midnight and must be turned into the SGA executive director, Frank Gaura.

Students and non-students can become more familiar with SGA by attending weekly senate meetings held in the Legacy room in the University Center, every Thursday at 6:20 p.m.

"It allows them to observe senate floor proceedings, as well as, they can speak

to the senate body during the public forum at the very beginning of the senate session," Frank Gaura said, SGA Executive Director, 2003-2004.

If any student is interested in helping with the elections or organizing the public debate for the candidates he or she should contact Frank Gaura at 715-346-4036 or by email fgaur383@uwsp.edu or Denis Tan, SGA Communications Director, at dtan889@uwsp.edu.

On March 1, 2004 applicants approved to officially run will be announced and students will be able to vote online during March 16, 17, 18.

Deadline for casting for casting votes will be on Thursday, March 18 by 4 p.m. Results will be announced on the senate floor at 6:20 p.m. in the Legacy room on that same day.

Musings from Mirman

No holiday divides the public like
Valentine's. But is there a middle road?

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The George W. Bush of holidays is scheduled for this Saturday. That's right, Valentine's Day (or single awareness day depending on your perspective), the holiday that you love or hate depending on your current dating status.

For instance, if I had a girlfriend on V-day, my opening paragraph would look similar to this one.

Ever notice the week leading up to Valentine's Day always smells a little sweeter? The air is fresh and the snow doesn't stick to my shoes as much. For at least one day I can show my special lady how much I appreciate her. Other holidays are for family and revelry, but this holiday is designed for that one special person and that's the way it should be.

Of course, if I find myself single during this polarizing holiday, I would probably start with a paragraph like this one.

Valentine's Day has no competition for worst holiday of the year. I was just starting to enjoy my single life and this holiday rears its ugly head. All those stupid couples and their nasty PDAs, it makes me want to vomit. Why do we even celebrate a holiday that excludes such a large portion of the population? I hope all the candlelit dinners start the tablecloths on fire.

While these two paragraphs represent most feelings towards this holiday, a third viewpoint has come to my attention.

During an in-depth conversation about Valentine's Day, a single colleague of mine told me that two lovely ladies (also both single, for what it's worth) had expressed to him that Valentine's Day is a time to remember all the loved ones in your life--family and friends--not

just romantic love interests.

Besides, why should a national holiday limit the people who can celebrate it? Although, it does seem that our holidays always exclude someone. Christmas leaves out all non-Christians. Thanksgiving forgets about Native Americans and Halloween represents paganism to some.

But hey, I'm half Jewish and I celebrate Christmas so I think I'm down with this third viewpoint. Instead of feeling sorry for yourself and despising all the couples, why not appreciate the special people and let them know about it?

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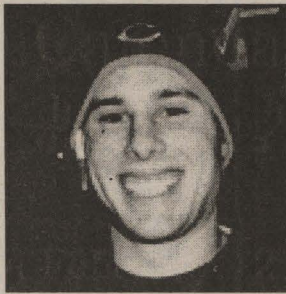
I need to pause here because I'm about to dive into uncharted territory. The rest of this column may come off as slightly sappy. If you have no desire to read sappiness this time of the year, I suggest skipping to the last paragraph.

Back on topic, I like the idea of appreciating all the current relationships and the special people in your life.

For me, I have a sister studying abroad and I email her constantly. My folks back home worry about me too much, but I depend on them to bail me out of difficult situations on a regular basis.

I also have a great nucleus of friends who don't hesitate to tell me when I'm full of shit. I can vent to these people without feeling uncomfortable about how they will respond. As one friend would say, my fantasy friend league roster looks very solid.

Please don't misunderstand my softer side. I don't plan on spending Saturday sitting at home and reflecting on my friendships. I will more than likely find my way downtown; I just hope the bartenders don't get upset if I pour a little liquor on the floor for my homies.



Get out and vote

Beer and sex.

Now that we have your attention, have you noticed that politicians talk more about Medicare and social security than tuition and financial aid? But, can you blame them? Over 70% of your grandparents voted in the 2000 election, while less than 35% of 18-24 year-olds voted.

Who would you listen to if you were in office? If you want your representatives to care about you then use your voice. Silence is not an option.

Now is the time to choose your ideal candidate; the candidate that will work for you. It is impossible to know everything about every candidate, but that is no excuse not to vote.

Ignorance is not bliss; it costs you hundreds of dollars in tuition, and may cost you the basic rights you've come to take for granted. Voter information is available in all forms of media, on and off campus.

You're good enough, you're smart enough, and gosh-darn-it, your vote counts.

Although Millie and Milton want you to stay at home and play Dance Dance Revolution, read Cosmopolitan or Maxim, and procrastinate starting your homework on February 17, 2004, we encourage you to voice your choice: Vote.

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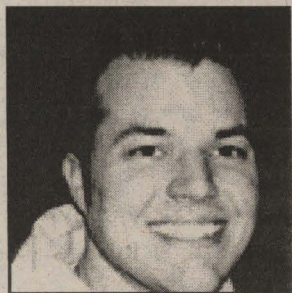
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How do you survive flying solo for Valentine's Day?



Miranda Fischer, Fr., Undeclared

Make lots of popcorn and
rent movies



Craig Sikora, Sr., Communication

Drink a 40 of Mickey's and
watch the Real World



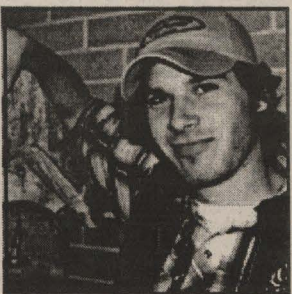
Jill Krimmer, Sr., Arts Management

Serve heart-shaped meatloaf
for two at Shooters



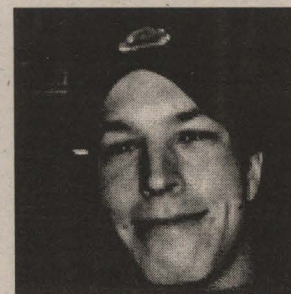
Tiffani Stats, Sr., Biology

Work at a restaurant
and watch all the couples
come in



Tyler Ramaker, Jr., Biology

I would double it and cut it
in half



Andy Bock, Sr., Watershed Mngmnt.

Play Euchre with my friends

Speed Dating hits the Encore Tuesday night

The revolutionized way of meeting potential mates takes over UWSP

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

Imagine walking into a crowded room of people all searching for the same thing - a chance at romance, a chance at a first or second love. The only thing holding them from walking out of the door is their bravery and realization that in order to meet someone new, you have to be open to new experiences. This new experience was exactly what a filled Encore room took part in Tuesday night during Speed Dating.

Speed Dating is a new and exciting way to meet singles. Created by Aish HaTorah, an international Jewish educational network, Speed Dating allows singles to meet a variety of potential mates in the course of one evening. With Speed Dating, everyone is in the same situation, everyone is meeting everyone else for the first time through opening themselves up to new

experiences.

Typically Speed Dating takes place with a group of singles gathered together in a social setting. Tables of two are arranged with each table having a number on it. You are given a set amount of time, usually between three to ten minutes per table. The amount of time that you are allowed depends upon the size of the group present. Once the set time has been reached, the coordinator either rings a bell or plays music to signal either the men or the women to move on to the next date.

Those participating are given a score card in which they rate their dates. This consists of simply checking a 'yes' or 'no' box, and a 'hit' or 'miss' box. If both participants checked off the

'yes' box, the coordinators will then let the participants know within 48 hours of the matches that have been made. Email addresses and/or phone numbers

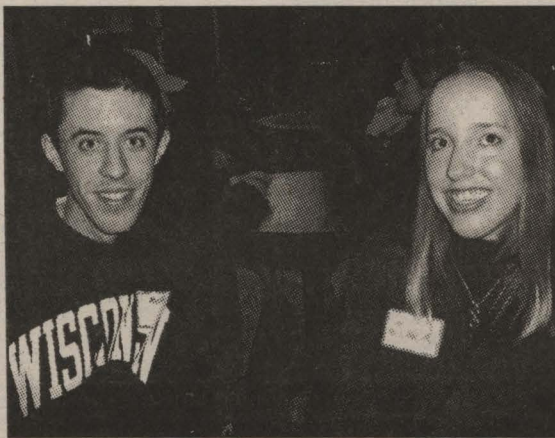


Photo by Liz Bolton

Singles give Speed Dating a try in lieu of Valentine's Day, Tuesday night at the Encore.

will then be exchanged at that time.

Many critics of Speed Dating do not feel that three to ten minutes is enough time to

have an impressionable conversation with someone. However, in some situations it is quite evident that three to ten is too long a time period to have to converse with someone that you have absolutely no connection with. In the minimal time period that Speed Dating requires, you can tell whether or not you have physical chemistry with your date, if you feel this person is mature and/or intelligent enough and, most importantly, you will have a good indication as to whether or not you would like to know more about them.

"This is something that I was curious to take part in. It allows for me to open my mind and meet new people," said Howard Pope, a UWSP student taking part in the event. Andy Johnson, another partici-

pant of Speed Dating, said "I am trying to stay away from the booze [booze], and I thought this event would help me in snatching a mate so I could do just that."

Jen Georgeff, Centertainment coordinator for this event, was rather pleased with the turnout. She was amazed at the relatively equal numbers of women and men that participated in this revolutionary way of dating. As Georgeff said, "I was looking for a new, out of the ordinary, way for people to get together in lieu of Valentine's Day. I think this experience accomplished that."

Without a doubt, I think all those that attended learned something from this experience. Whether they came away with a potential date or not, one thing that all those that participated walked out with was a new level of confidence that had not been known to them before.

Dean defiant, but fate may already be sealed for election

And other random thoughts from a cranky student

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Say what you will about Howard Dean, but he's not one to go quietly into the night. Even with John Kerry seemingly steamrolling his way to the Democratic nomination, Dean still has the will and the fire within to fight, as his appearance Monday night at the University Center showed.

Yes, I was there. Well actually, I wasn't there in the Alumni Room when he made his speech, as the sheer volume of spectators forced most of us downstairs to watch the speech on a TV screen as if it were C-Span. You'd think they'd put the rally in the gym, but God forbid the basketball team be robbed of their precious space.

Space or not, though, Dean was certainly animated. He exhorted the crowd to get out and vote next Tuesday, declaring that they had the power to change America. He touted himself as the one "true" Democrat, the one uncorrupted by special interests and true to the party's progressive roots, wrapping himself in the cloak of Wisconsin's political patron saint Bob La Follette. And oh, did he bash George W. Bush with passion. My personal favorite quip: "George Bush wouldn't know a balanced budget if it hit him on the head."

I do agree with Dean on that last issue. It's no secret that I can't stand Bush. I find him a repugnant human being, a coward who

fled like a scared rabbit on 9/11 when others stood tall, a spoiled rich kid who's always had Daddy around to take care of his myriad screw-ups. And that was before he ignored Osama and Al-Qaeda and entangled the U.S. in the bloody tar baby that is Iraq just so he could, as he said, "get the guy who tried to kill my daddy." Like Dean, I want him crushed in November.

Despite Dean's enthusiasm, I'm not sure he's the candidate to do it. Less than a month ago, he was riding high, anointed as the front runner with a clear path to the nomination (although most were predicting him as a 21st century George McGovern, a sure-fire landslide loser). His grassroots operation was rolling and his Internet campaign seemed all but revolutionary.

Now, though, Dean is fighting for his life. He's failed to win a single primary, lost key support and fired his campaign manager and replaced him with the sort of Washington insider he rails against. Meanwhile Kerry has risen to the top with his sure-handed image and his war hero reputation.

This might not be much of an issue if Bush looked invincible. His pathetic appearance on "Meet the Press" this past Sunday, where he looked and acted like a clueless high schooler trying to fake a report on a book he didn't even read, is only the latest in a series of headaches. With the economy still stagnant, with Iraq slipping further into

chaos and with investigations galore hounding the White House, the Boy Emperor suddenly has no clothes. The Democrats, once despondent, now smell victory. With Bush suddenly looking increasingly clueless and beatable, the Democrats are determined to rally around a candidate who can win. Kerry seems to be that man.

It's naïve to think that Dean's struggles can be blamed simply on the infamous scream he gave after the Iowa caucus (even though it does make a great sound bite). More than anything, it's that many primary voters simply don't trust him anymore. They don't trust that he's the man for the job, the man tough enough to stand up to the Karl Rove attack machine, that he isn't the man whose another electoral disaster waiting to happen. It may be unfair, but politics are seldom fair.

One should not count Dean out, however. Yes, he's proclaimed that Wisconsin is his "do or die" state, but I feel he'll stay in it to the bitter end. It's the type of fighter he is. And regardless whether he wins or loses, he's done a great service. He's given the Democrats their spine back and gotten many people interested in politics. And win or lose, he's said he's determined to help the Democrats win back the White House. If nothing else, that proves he's a team player.

Ralph Nader, perhaps you should take a hint.

A taste of the real world in Point

Danny Roberts to deliver his message on being different in today's society

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

The Real World is about to make its debut in Stevens Point February 26. Well, a prior cast member is about to grace us with his presence, anyway.

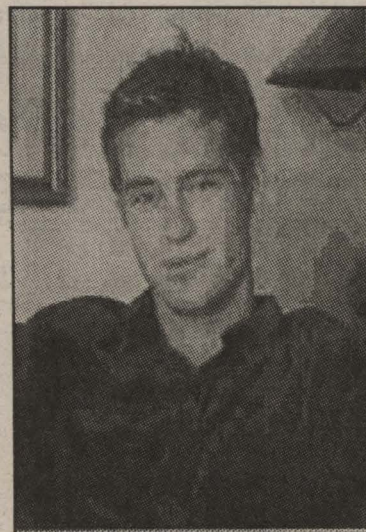
Danny Roberts, cast member from *The Real World* New Orleans (2000), will be speaking to the students of UWSP on the challenges of being apart from the norm in today's society on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.

As some may remember, Roberts was most widely known for his open homosexuality.

In addition, Roberts gained great popularity on the show by expressing his feelings towards his roommates in reference to their stance on gay pride and homosexuality.

Having Roberts as a part of *The Real World* cast further inspired many throughout the gay community to do more to let their voices be heard. Since his appearance on the show, Roberts has become a firm leader in the gay rights movement.

If you are still looking to purchase tickets to spend an evening with Danny Roberts, you can purchase them at the University Box Office or by phone at 1 (800) 838-3378.



Purchase price is \$5 with a UWSP Student ID and \$8 for the general public.

Centertainment Productions, Multicultural Student Affairs and the Gay-Straight Alliance are sponsoring this event.

Don't miss this opportunity to listen to Danny Roberts! It is sure to be a delightful as well as eye-opening event for all to gain something from. If anything, you will have gotten a true taste of what *The Real World* is all about.

Getting to know the TLC

Offering much more than tender loving care

By Maria Lewis
FEATURES REPORTER

The TLC is the Tutoring Learning Center and it is here on campus to help out students in need of some tender loving care in an academic way. The Tutoring Learning Center is located in room 018 of the Learning Resource Center.

Some of the services that the TLC offers are helpful and informative for students. Reading and writing tutor Elizabeth Christie said that group tutoring sessions are available for students in all areas of study. Areas include chemistry, foreign languages, math, natural resources and many GDR courses. "We also offer many group study sessions for classes that are required for certain majors such as biology," Christie said.

There are also specialty services that are offered at TLC for students that qualify. These

special services are one-on-one tutoring that is done by TLC through educational support services. Stop into the TLC to see if you qualify for one-on-one tutoring. Students with learning disabilities may also qualify for one-on-one tutoring.

TLC offers help with reading and writing. This help is not just for English classes, but for any class with writing. The writing tutors help with everything from lab reports to poems. Another important device that the writing tutors work with students on are things such as resumes, cover letters and personal statements for graduate school applications.

Overall the TLC has something for everyone academically. The hours of the TLC are Monday- Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information on services, or making an appointment call (715) 346-3568.

If you have not yet taken advantage of all of the services the TLC has to offer, it is time that you see exactly what they can do for you.

Love is in the air on Valentine's Day

Who can forget the day devoted to chocolates, flowers, conversation hearts and, oh yes, significant others?

By Sarah Dennewitz
FEATURES REPORTER



Whether you despise or anticipate Valentine's Day, February 14th is right around the corner. Filled with flowers, chocolates and cards exchanged between loved ones, the origin of Valentine's Day may be vague to many.

The historychannel.com states, "The history of Valentine's Day-and its patron saint-is shrouded in mystery." Three different martyred saints named Valentine are acknowledged in the Catholic Church. Each of these saints brings a different story for the basis of Valentine's Day. One Saint Valentine was believed to have disobeyed Claudius' rule banning marriage for adolescent men by secretly

marrying young lovers. When his secret was discovered, he was immediately put to death. Another legend believes Saint Valentine actually sent the first Valentine greeting to his love and signed it 'From your Valentine'. Although the exact beginning of Valentine's Day is somewhat blurred, the day still brings romance and fills the air with love.

With the history of Valentine's Day tracing back centuries, many of us can remember celebrating the day as children. Grade school just wouldn't have been the same without Barbie and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles valentines. "As a child I can remember celebrating Valentine's Day in school by making mailboxes to hang from our desks to gather all the Valentines our classmates gave us," said Megan Schmidt, a UWSP student. By learning the

significance of Valentine's Day young, the tradition tends to carry on with us for the rest of our lives.

There are a variety of ways to show someone you care about them this Valentine's Day. Carnations will be sold in the UC on the 12th and 13th from 11-2p.m., while cards and candy are always available in the University Store. Also, Outdoor EdVentures is offering a ski and sleigh day trip as an amazing Valentine's Day escape. However, if you find yourself short on cash don't worry; a homemade card will never lose its touch. Handmade cards or greetings always seem to be the most personal and deeply cherished.

Don't be afraid to tell someone you care about them this Valentine's Day. Who knows you may just trigger a brand new romance.

Not exactly what you had in mind

With womyn's rights at issue, the College Femmes are taking UWSP by storm

By Nicole Woodward & Danielle Clay
COLLEGE FEMMES

What do Georgia O'Keefe, Inga Muscio, Tori Amos, Gwyneth Paltrow, Rosa Parks, Glenn Close, Sylvia Plath, Joan of Arc, Sylvia Earle, Frida Kahlo, Rosalind Miles and Jane Goodall have in common? They all consider themselves proud, empowered and out right feminists. Now, you might be thinking, "Hey, I know what feminism is", but do you really?

Have you looked up the word in the dictionary? Maybe you heard it in passing. Was it spoken of negatively or, better yet, positively? What you might not know is that feminism is attractive, but often misinterpreted and stereotyped in cultures worldwide. Having been negatively associated before with titles like "man-hating butch-dykes", "lesbians", "femi-nazis" and overly aggressive behaviour, feminism becomes automatically generalized in society.

There is a very important alternative side that should be known and until you educate yourself more on just what feminism encompasses, you might want to be careful when using such. These names can be associated with a segment of the feminist population.

Feminism is multifaceted and needs further explanation. To portray it positively, it is the pursuit of social, political and economic equality for womyn--in

short, womyns' rights. Feminism today encompasses core societal issues such as education, voting, improving working conditions, safety on the streets, child care, social welfare, rape and abuse-related issues and gender-encompassing law reformation.

The College Femmes chose to use the letter "y" when spelling womyn. The reason for this is to set them apart from the male gender.

Men can be feminists too, and should feel a sense of pride when considering themselves such.

It is unfortunate that societal stigmas often hold men back from connecting with their feminine side. Many womyn in turn have embraced their masculine sides while appreciating the balance it can hold. If you are a male and respect a female counterpart in your life you truly are already a feminist in many respects.

Here in Stevens Point many have felt the pressing need of instigating a feminist student body club. The interest has been here, is here still, and we are just now channeling this untapped resource into an organization. Solution: the newly-formed UWSP College Feminists, nick-

named the College Femmes (CF). The organization aims to facilitate an active portion of womyns' activities and heighten womyns' issues awareness through broad-based activism and events.

Currently, the club meets Wednesdays at 5p.m. in room 205 of the UC, and all genders are welcome to attend. Whether you find yourself curious about the issues at hand or just wanting to align yourself with similar-thinking

The club has come to the consensus of aligning their activities on three main levels: nationally, locally and campus-based.

Some future events include the Womyns' March on Washington D.C. in April, publishing a 'Zine (magazine) to promote womyns' culture, sponsoring progressive/radical womyns' poets/musicians/artists, and various campus based skill-training sessions to include documentaries, lecture series, circles (knit, climb, backpack) and much more. Please, help us promote a positive womyns' image on campus with the addition of the College Femmes.

As Susan B. Anthony said, "We ask justice, we ask equality, we ask that the civil and political rights that belong to the citizens of the U.S. be guaranteed to us and our daughters forever."

people, we have the organization for you.

“Feminism is the radical notion that womyn are human beings.”

-Cheris Kramerae



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Runner, jumpers are ready to roll

Well-balanced women's team ready to challenge for WIAC crown

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

With only three meets under their belt the UWSP women's track and field team is making good strides towards their hope of finishing in the top two of the conference.

track & field

The team has yet to have everything and everyone together for an entire meet, but despite that, Coach Len Hill says, "Things are going pretty well, this weekend is a big step in putting things together for the Conference meet in three weeks." The team seems to be well balanced with just a few weaker areas.

This year's team is also young as most of the strong runners in the 55, 200 and 400-meter sprints are freshmen. The 800-meter run looks to be the Pointer's best event as they are propelled by Jenna Mitchler, Leah Herlache, Megan Craig and Isabelle Delaney. Those same runners also bring strength to the 1500-meter run. Mitchler, who was

The Pointers also look to be especially strong in the field events. They are solid in the long jump, triple jump and high jump and already have two throwers who have provisionally qualified for Nationals, Melissa Seefeldt in the weight throw and Julia Slabosheski in the shot put.

The team seems to have almost all of the pieces, now it's just a matter of putting it all together. "If it comes together we can definitely finish in the top two. Beating La Crosse is a long shot, but there is always hope. We see Oshkosh next weekend and then the battle at the Conference meet will be tough between us, La Crosse and Oshkosh," said Hill.

The Pointer ladies will be at home for the Eastbay Invitational this weekend. After missing last year's season to fulfill military obligations, Stephanie Renk will participate in the Pentathlon on Friday afternoon. Said Hill, "Renk is much stronger now and has taken her events to the next level." The rest of the meet will be Saturday at the Multi-Activity Center.

The Pointer men continued their excellent start as they had seven individual champions and placed first of ten teams in Oshkosh this past weekend.

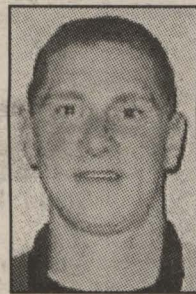
Aaron Schmitt captured the 55-meter dash, Andrew Schliepp the 55-meter hurdles, Matt Legal 400-meter dash and Mark LaLonde the 1500-meter run. In the field, Mitch Ellis won the high jump, Chad Erspamer the triple jump and Mark Wierzbza the 35-pound weight toss. The 4x400 meter relay also claimed first place.

Coach Witt hoped to have all the pieces put together this weekend as the men join the women at the Eastbay Invitational here at UWSP.

With much strength in distance events, Hill said he is looking to put together a solid Distance Medley Relay team. The plan is to put together a dynamite team at the Oshkosh Invitational in two weeks and vie for a National Qualifying time.



Stanley



Schliepp

Women split Blugold weekend

"We can beat anyone in the country," says Idalski

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's hockey team took the ice last weekend against the Blugolds of UW-Eau Claire. The Friday night contest was a resounding 9-0 victory for the Pointers, who were lead by junior forward Ann Ninneman. Ninneman scored four goals in the win, giving her a team-high of 26 points.

women's hockey

Jackie Schmitt also helped the Pointer's cause by contributing two goals of her own, as well as two assists. In the victorious effort for the Pointers, UWSP out-shot UW-Eau Claire, 37-14. Pointer Goalie Diane Sawyer's 14 saves in the game resulted in the third straight shutout for UWSP.

"On Friday, we scored quick goals which snowballed into a win," said head coach Brian Idalski. "We proved we can come to play."



Ninneman



Schmitt

The Saturday match-up between the two schools went in favor of the Blugolds, 2-0. The game remained scoreless through two periods, until UW-Eau Claire's Laura Suppes scored the eventual game winner 12 seconds into the third. This was Eau Claire's first ever win over UWSP in 17 tries, and stopped the Pointers four game winning streak.

"When we play average, we are susceptible," Idalski said of the performance on Saturday. "In Saturday's game, we had no momentum. We didn't do what we needed to do."

Despite the lackluster Saturday performance against UW-Eau Claire, Coach Idalski still feels that the team can go deep into the playoffs.

"I believe that we can beat anyone in the country," he said. UWSP remains atop the NCHA, clinging to a two point lead over UW-River Falls in the standings. The Pointers boast a 14-5-4 record overall and a 10-3-1 mark in conference play. UWSP will finish out the regular season with two games at home against UW-Superior on Feb. 20th and 21st.

Koenig and Holtz take titles, Pointers place second

Hayes also has fine showing in Eau Claire Invitational

By Adam Wise
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer wrestling team took the team bus to Eau Claire last Saturday to compete in the UW-Eau Claire Wrestling Invitational.

The seven team tournament

wrestling

which was won by Wartburg College (IA) with a total score of 108 had the Pointers placing second with 64.

Top finishers for Stevens Point were Mike Hayes (HWT) who was defeated by Nate Muckerheide 7-5 in the final round. Hayes had defeated Muckerheide just 2 weeks prior in Oshkosh, but was unable to

pull out the victory this time.

Yan White (197) squared off against Akeem Carter of Wartburg in the finals. Carter, who had given White his only defeat of the season prior to this tournament, a 5-3 decision on January 10, again posed problems for the Pointer star, defeating him with a score of 6-2.

The two brightest spots for the Pointers last weekend were the play of Brady Holtz and Cody Koenig.



Koenig

Koenig (174) met Mark Sturm of Wartburg for the fourth time in their careers. With most of the action taking place in the second period, Cody was able to post

scores on an escape and a take-down. He rode out the third

period and took the match 4-1.

"This was a big match for me and is the first of a long road to the national tournament," Koenig said. "This was a good match to lead into this weekend when I wrestle Joe Moon from Augsburg who is ranked second and beat me earlier this year."

In the other headliner of the day, Brady Holtz (133) won his first match 8-0 and scored a late 2 point near fall count to win the title with a 4-2 victory.

Holtz, not thoroughly pleased with his performance said, "The match did not go as good as I wanted it to go, I found out that I cannot overlook any opponent."

"I have to work harder to get better. If I want to be a national champion. I better get things rolling right now."



Holtz

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Skaters get back to winning ways

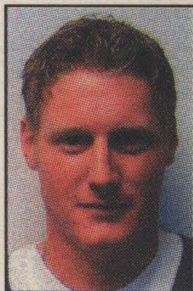
After tough loss to Superior, team rights ship against St. Scholastica

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team got back on the winning track last Saturday as they beat St. Scholastica 2-1 after falling to UW-Superior the night before.

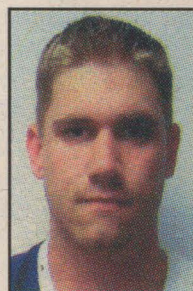
men's hockey

The Pointers found themselves in a 1-1 tie after the first period, as Mark Peters opened up the scoring for the Pointers. However, it was a poor second period that would cost them the game.



Coburn

The Yellow-jackets came out and scored three goals in the second period and another one shortly into the third to take a 5-1 lead. The Pointers tried to mount a comeback as they scored three goals in four minutes half way through the third to close the gap 5-4. UW-Superior refused to roll over, netting one more even-strength goal and then an empty netter for insurance, finishing the game 7-4.



Scott

After a four game losing streak, the Pointers were desperate to get a win under their belt, and that is just what they did on Saturday night. The team found themselves down by one at the end of the first period and the score would remain 1-0 until the third period.

Brett Coburn led the Pointers back scoring two goals in the third period to give the Pointers a much-needed 2-1 victory. Adam Kostichka tal-

Ballers primed for run at postseason



Photo by Patricia Larson

Junior Nick Bennett drives around a Platteville defender on Saturday night. Bennett scored 16 points in the Pointer's 69-51 victory.

Title hopes still alive as team heads into stretch run

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP men's basketball team kept their chances for a fifth straight WIAC championship alive this week with a big 79-59 victory at Whitewater on Wednesday and a 69-51 shellacking of the Platteville Pioneers at home on Saturday. With the wins, the Pointers moved within one game of the conference-leading Warhawks.

men's basketball

The Pointers dominated Whitewater from the opening tip, jumping out to an 8-2 lead and holding a 20-7 lead with 9:02 left in the first half. True freshman shooting guard Jon Krull sparked the team early on in only the second start of his Pointer career, pouring in all ten of his points in the first half. Krull has been a shot in the arm for a Pointer team that was experiencing a mid-season lull before his insertion in the starting line-up.

"[Krull] thinks like a scorer," said Pointer Head Coach Jack Bennett. "He really doesn't conduct himself on the court like a true freshman. He plays like he's been here five years."

The Pointers also got a big game from their other new starter in the backcourt, junior point guard Tamaris Relerford. While Relerford's great game didn't show up in his stat line (seven points,

3 assists), it was his defense that picked up his team. Relerford held Whitewater point guard Jeremy Manchester to zero points and two assists, well off his season average.

"Those two guys (Relerford and Krull) really got the team going again," said Bennett.

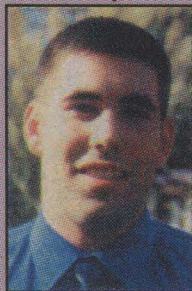
The largest recipient of the Pointers new, up-tempo offense was junior center Eric Maus, who scored a career-high 18 points on nine of 11 shooting.

"Eric started the game a little slow," said Bennett. "But later he really picked up a lot of momentum."

Bennett was not expecting a victory going away, saying "Sometimes things happen where you have to look up and say 'we appreciate that all this hard work is paying off.' I don't think in all the years I've been coaching in this league that I've seen a team go down to Whitewater and handle them like we did."

However, the only reason the Whitewater game meant so much was the Pointers picking up the win against Platteville on Saturday. Without the two victories, the Pointers could have all but kissed their chances at a championship goodbye.

On Saturday, the Pointers received a well-rounded scoring attack by junior forwards Jason Kalsow and Nick Bennett. Kalsow, the Pointers leading scorer, netted 18 points, while Bennett threw in 16 of his own.



Krull

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Heuer and Mitchler Athletes of the Week

UW-Stevens Point landed two Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week as senior Cassandra Heuer earned the honor in women's basketball and sophomore Jenna Mitchler was named in women's track and field.

Heuer, a forward from Two Rivers, had a pair of double-doubles last week in leading the fourth-ranked Pointers to wins over UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville.

She nailed three three-point baskets and dished out five assists in a 14-point, 12-rebound performance against UW-River Falls.

On Saturday, Heuer recorded her third double-double of the season with 15 points and 12 rebounds in a 63-47 win over UW-Platteville.

For the week, Heuer scored 29 points on 10-for-20 shooting, including four-for-nine from the three-point line and added 24 rebounds, six assists and three steals.

The Pointers are currently 19-2 overall and 10-2 in the WIAC.

Mitchler, a Kaukauna native, recorded a personal best time in winning the 1,500-meter run at the UW-Stout Open on Saturday.

She stopped the clock in 4:43.20, which also eclipsed the NCAA Division III provisional qualifying mark and was the fifth-best time in the country this season. Mitchler also anchored the first place 4 x 400-meter relay team.

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Cassandra Schultz drives in for a lay-up during Saturday's 78-61 Pointer victory.

Pointers take two big wins

Pair of conference victories set team up for final week

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's basketball team stepped out on the floor of the Berg Gymnasium looking to exact a little revenge on UW-Platteville.

women's basketball

The Pioneers had dropped the Pointers 78-61 back on January 6th, handing the Pointers their first loss of the season and costing them their number one ranking in the D-3 polls.

The Pointers came into Saturday's game ranked 7th nationally and trailing only Oshkosh in the WIAC standings. They were determined not to suffer another loss at the hands of the Pioneers.

After starting slow and trailing by as much as five in the early going, Point came back behind a stifling defense and slowly pulled away from UW-P, going on a 6-0 run to end the half with a 28-21 lead. The Pointer D was exceptional in the first half holding UW-P to a miniscule 25.9 percent shooting from the floor.

The second half saw the Pointers continue what they started keeping the pressure on. The Pioneers gamely fought back trimming the lead down to four with 17:45 left in the game. But the Pointers pulled away riding the hot hand of Cassandra Heuer who scored 13 in the second half. UWSP was dominant the rest of the way pushing the lead to as many as 18, and coasting to the 53-47

win.

The Pointers were lead by Amy Scott who notched 20 points, seven rebounds and four assists, while Cassandra Heuer, after a dominant second half, ended with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Wednesday evening the UW-Whitewater Warhawks played host to the Pointers. The Warhawks, struggling along in the middle of the conference pack, were looking to throw a wrench in the Pointers plan for a WIAC championship. The Pointers had other ideas as they dominated this match-up from start to finish as they won easily 77-57.

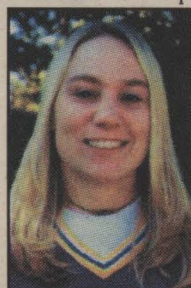
The Pointers started strong as they ran out to a 30-16 lead with six minutes left in the half. Whitewater wasn't going quietly, however, going on a 12-0 run and making it a tight three point game at the half with the score 37-34 in favor of the Pointers.

The Pointers got their act together at halftime; coming out of the chute they scored 11 unanswered points to take control. UWSP never looked back after that stretching the lead to as many as 25 before easing to to the 77-57 win.

Amanda Nechuta had a great day for the Pointers scoring a game high 29 points along with 12 rebounds. Andrea Kraemer also chipped in 12

points.

With the win the Pointers reach the 20 win mark for the fourth consecutive season as they move to 20-2 (11-2) on the season. The Pointers have a huge week coming with road games against third place UW-Eau Claire on Saturday and first place UW-Oshkosh next Wednesday.



Nechuta



Scott

2004 Pointer Baseball Schedule

- Mar. 22 Monday Austin Peay State Clarksville, TN 8:30 PM
- Mar. 23 Tuesday Lipscomb University (DND) Nashville, TN Noon
- Mar. 25 Thursday Illinois Wesleyan Bloomington, IL 3:30 PM
- Mar. 26 Friday Loras College Bloomington, IL Noon
- Mar. 27 Saturday St. Olaf Bloomington, IL Noon
- Mar. 27 Saturday Illinois Wesleyan Bloomington, IL 5:00 PM
- Mar. 28 Sunday Blackburn College Bloomington, IL 11:00 AM
- Mar. 31 Wednesday UW-Oshkosh (DND) Oshkosh 1:00 PM
- Apr. 4 Sunday St. Norbert College (DND) HOME Noon
- Apr. 8 Thursday UW-La Crosse (DND) La Crosse 1:00 PM
- Apr. 9 Friday UW-La Crosse (DND) La Crosse 1:00 PM
- Apr. 12 Monday Lakeland College (DND) HOME 1:00 PM
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- Apr. 17 Saturday UW-Stout (DND) Menomonie Noon
- Apr. 18 Sunday UW-Stout (DND) Menomonie Noon
- Apr. 24 Saturday UW-Superior (DND) HOME Noon
- Apr. 25 Sunday UW-Superior (DND) HOME Noon
- Apr. 28 Wednesday Cardinal Stritch (DND) HOME 1:00 PM
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- May 2 Sunday UW-Whitewater (DND) Whitewater Noon
- May 5 Wednesday Marian College (DND) Fond du Lac 2:00 PM
- May 7 Friday UW-Platteville (DND) HOME 1:00 PM
- May 8 Saturday UW-Platteville (DND) HOME Noon

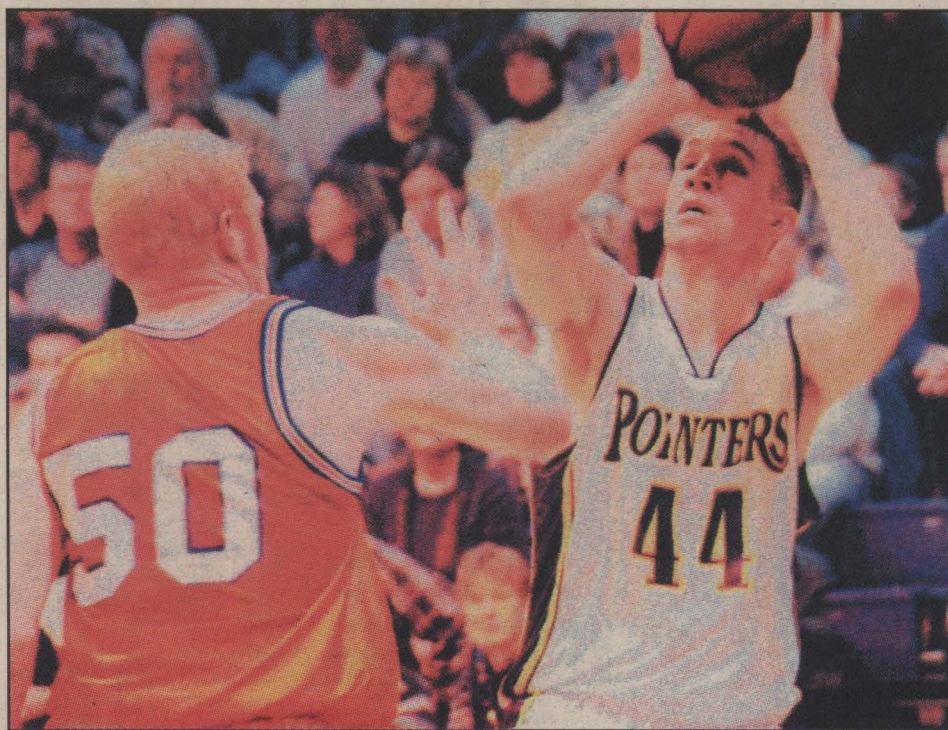


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Junior Jason Kalsow sets up for a shot against Platteville on Saturday. Kalsow scored 18 points in the Pointers' 69-51 victory.

Men's Basketball

from page 8

our offense all season," said Jack Bennett. "When they play well, we are usually going to win."

Defensively, Krull and

Relerford, in their first starting assignment as a pair this season, shut down high-scoring guards Brad Reitzner and Frank McGettigan, keeping the pair to four points between them.

The Pointers now go on the

road for their next two games, at Eau Claire on Saturday and then Oshkosh on Tuesday, before heading home to take on a tough Superior team in the season finale.

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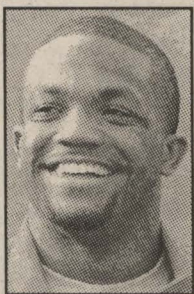
THE BACK PAGE



The way I see it...Hello Clarice...um, I mean Maurice

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Maurice Clarett won his case against the NFL earlier this week, and now high school graduates can declare themselves eligible for the NFL. Now you have Adrian Peterson, arguably one of the best high school players in the nation, saying he's considering declaring himself eligible. News flash guys, this ain't the NBA, MLB or the MLS. This is the NFL which stands for "Not Friggin' Likely" if you think you're ready for the rigors of this league right out of high school.



Clarett

Most college players aren't ready for the physical demands of this league. You ever hear of the rookie wall? It's that time around game ten of the season when hot-shot NFL rookies who look all-world during the first half of the season fade into obscuri-

ty for the rest of the year. For a player coming out of high school, that wall is going to appear around the end of September.

This isn't mentioning conditioning in general. Most high schools don't have the resources to have a conditioning coach and a nutrition specialist on hand. Most high schools are lucky to have a part-time athletic trainer. The kid coming straight from high school to the pros isn't going to be anywhere near the type of shape he's going to need to be in to compete.

Also, in the NFL, there's no minor league. The other sports I've mentioned have some type of developmental league in place. The kids drafted into the NHL and MLB generally spend years

honing their skills in the minor leagues before they get to the show. Even the NBA now has a developmental league for the guys who aren't quite there yet. College is the NFL's minor league. In order to be a high round draft pick in the NFL today, you need to be ready to play now, not in three years. The college game gets you to that level. Most high school players in any league aren't able to contribute right away.

There's also the complexity of NFL playbooks. In high school there aren't a lot

of teams who have real complicated playbooks. You're not going to be able to handle Mike Martz's shifting, multi-formation offense if all you've run up to that point is the Wing T. This transition is tough for most college players, but it's probably going to be a lot harder for a guy fresh out of high school.

So for all you guys thinking you got the stuff to be the LeBron James of the NFL, I got a little advice for you. Don't be a fool, stay in school.



The Man's Take: I don't see the problem with shooting that IRS guy

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

In case you guys haven't heard, there was some baseball news this week. Milwaukee Brewers pitching prospect Luis Martinez was arrested for allegedly shooting a man three times in his native Dominican Republic. Finally, some baseball news.

At first, this news got me a little excited. After seeing Martinez pitch a few times near the end of last season, just the fact that his aim was good enough to hit *anything* three times is a feat in itself. Needless to say, Martinez has control problems. I just didn't know they were anger control problems.

When I came to my senses and stopped thinking like a sports nerd, I realized that Luis could be in some serious trouble. Supposedly the victim is a high-level Dominican IRS agent. While the penalties for attempted murder in the Dominican are lax compared to those in the United States when it comes to average citizens, those

lax rules don't apply to government officials.

So what are we left with? Well, a once promising 23-year old left-handed starting pitcher is probably going to be batting cleanup for the Cellblock A Felons for the next five to ten years.

The Brewers, with a minor league system finally getting turned around, can't afford to let this type of thing happen. Well, I guess on the bright side of things, at least Martinez didn't blow out his elbow.

What's going to happen next with the Brewers? Is (top prospect) Rickie Weeks going to decide to become a professional quilter? Will Prince Fielder open his own Dunkin' Donuts? Will Mike Jones decide his true calling is to be a roadie for ChumbaWumba? What else could go wrong, really?

Kids, the lesson, as always, is don't go around shooting IRS agents, even if they really deserve it. (At least if you do, make it look like an accident.)

Cheers.



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THE WEEK AHEAD



Wrestling: at Augsburg (Minn.), Fri., 7 p.m.; at Eau Claire, Sat., Noon; at St. John's (Minn.), Sat., 2 p.m.; at Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.), Sat., 4 p.m.

Men's Basketball: at Eau Claire, Sat., 5 p.m.; at Oshkosh, Tues., 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: at Eau Claire, Sat., 7 p.m.*; at Oshkosh, Wed., 7 p.m.*

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Wild Matters

Last chance for walleye this winter

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The air outside doesn't seem to have that nasty bite anymore, or maybe I'm just used to it by now. One thing is for certain, though; ice fishing is starting to make a comeback during this latter part of February. That's good news too, because gamefish season is nearly over for this winter. Come March 1st, it is either jigging for panfish or nothing at all until the new season opens in May.

While some of you readers might enjoy pecking away all day for a few finicky blue-gills, I just can't get myself to sit on the bucket long enough to really be effective. Maybe some day when I'm old, I'll find that kind of patience, but for now, I simply have more fun setting those tip-ups and tossing the football around. That being the case, you can bet I'll be spending every spare minute of this month fishing for those winter walleyes while I still can.

Like I said before, I'm a big fan of tip-up fishing, especially on this lake. Northern pike are relatively easy to fool with a fish trap, but when you manage to catch a silvery walleye on one, the feeling is nothing short of pure elation.

Now some folks might tell you that a tip up needs to be spiced out with bells and whistles and all sorts of fancy-pants riggings in order to attract a hungry fish. I've been known to throw down a smallish spoon now and again on those rare sunny days, I'll admit. Most of the time, however, I've found that the predator fish wants nothing more than a plain minnow for dinner. The best way to present this is what I would term minimalism. Bare-bones rigs are often the simplest and most productive way to fish tip-ups, especially for our good buddy Walter.

For starters, I would throw at least 50 to 75 feet of good Teflon-coated Dacron ice-fishing line on the spool. This stuff is tougher than a billy-goat in prison. To that I

would attach a black swivel, and a three-foot monofilament leader. The leader should run somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 pound test line. Put two sinkers on the leader. One larger weight is used to get the bait down and a smaller weight can be moved up on the braided line for a marker once you've found the right depth. The real payoff comes with the right hook. I have seen the most success this winter on small bronze trebles, either size eight or even a ten. The smaller hook is less visible to the walleyes, and in actuality, doesn't really hurt your chances of hooking into one when they bite. If a fish takes the bait down and the hook-set is done right, the size of the hook really shouldn't matter.

So there you have it. Only a few good weekends left to go out and get yourself into some good gamefish

action before the ice goes out. While I don't see the end of winter coming for a while, the end of walleye fishing is in sight. So make the most of these last few weeks and then try to find a new hobby until those walleyes start their spawning run this coming spring.

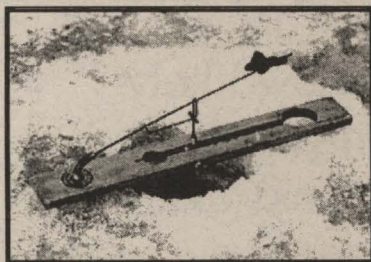


Photo by author



My buddy Ryan with a monster 28-inch walleye.

There are plenty of good spots to hit in the area if you are fishing for walleyes or northerns late in the season. Of course, the Wisconsin River offers lots of crazy structure and backwater sloughs that translate into prime-time fisheries. A handful of the inland kettle lakes hold decent gamefish as well.

My favorite spot to fish in February has got to be that snow-covered monster named Lake Dubay. It may be a real ruffian to travel on with this tremendous snow-pack and the unending wind might suck the life from you in an hour or two, but when the conditions are prime, Lake Dubay can produce gamefish like no other.

Snow and wind aside, the main obstacle facing a February ice fisherman is the sheer size of the lake. Without a GPS or a decent hydrographic contour map, finding the right structure on this lake is damn near impossible.



Happy Valentines Day! Speaking of friends. Why not live with the people that you would love to hang out with. At the Village Apartments you could do your work out with them, hang out in the whirl pool or relax in the sauna. Plus, I think you and your friends would love our spacious apartments and love that the heat and water are paid for.

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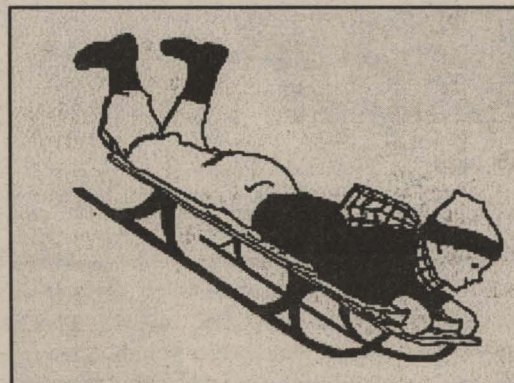
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Savor gravity in a toboggan

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

We all remember when sledding was the coolest thing to do in the winter. Back then, we had the energy to run up a hill for hours on end in order to let gravity hurl us back down. Yes, I'm sure you all remember, but guess what? Sledding is still fun.

And sledding is only a few blocks away.



"Weeeee! What fun!"

Iverson Park is located a few miles east of campus out on Highway 10 or off Jefferson St. There lie four death-defying sledding hills and one bunny hill for the little kids. Besides the regular sledding hills, Iverson Park features a set of world-class "Toboggan Runs" that start above the hill on wooden platforms and race down into the Plover River Valley 300 feet below. The speed that is possible on these death-traps is actually frightening for a first-timer. I'm not even sure how people manage to survive these things every winter, much less, how the city can manage to carry that kind of liability. Anyway, it is not like there is a pit of lava bubbling underneath them... yet.

If tobogganing isn't your thing, then launching off jumps on a snow-tube must be. The sled hills are guarded by seasonal employees who may try to stop ramp-building, so be warned and be secretive.

On top of the hill is a state-of-the-art warming house/ party zone that is stocked full of \$1 dogs and burgers. Also offered is 50-cent hot cocoa. The park rents toboggans out by the hour for \$4. The warming house and toboggan runs are open on Friday from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., on Saturday from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. These are also the hours that those eagle-eyed employees are lurking around. Avoid them by coming during other park hours if you want to get extreme.

Hey, we all want to go sledding. It's just a matter of motivating yourself to put on some snow-pants, huffing a few pixie stix down and listening to Duran Duran, full blast, on the way to the hill.

Mr. Winters two cents



"Trout out of winter"

Well, being that this wintry weather ain't let up a bit, I was fixing to do a great deal of bitching this week. But instead of torturing you damn punks, I figured I'd just change gears and tell you all one of them classic trout stories that keep me warm on the coldest day.

It was a warm summer morning when a couple of fellas and myself decided to walk the old trout crick. We put on the waders and hopped into the water. It was six in the morning and that humid heat hadn't quite risen from the bed yet. You know midday heat is lazy, cause he sleeps in until about noon while the rest of us work.

After catching a couple fish, my story really begins. We sat down for a little lunch in the shadow of the cornfield, next to the crick. From here, we decided to go our separate ways, where the crick

split. So we split up the bait, hoping for a couple more fish that morning. I went up to the east by myself. The sun was cooking and I was getting pretty damn sick of it. I walked further and came up on a thick grove of trees; they covered the whole stream with thick, green leaves. As I stumbled into the shade, the temperature seemed to drop by about five degrees. It felt great!

I sat down in the long green grass and opened my last High Life from my knapsack. After that I had a couple of puffs of the old smoking pipe, oh my folks, it was heaven. I thought about the other fellas struggling in the heat, Christ! It had to be hotter than Hades out there. I soon turned my attentions elsewhere, 'cause the trout had been thinking just like myself- they were in the shade too.

So next time this cold ass weather depresses you, think about this little story and then "Go on and Geeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

Flying rats (crows) make for great hunting

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Hunting opportunities throughout the months of February and April are limited for most people. During the mid-winter months I spend much of my time on the ice, but fishing has been relatively slow lately. As a result, I have turned my attention to the almighty crow. You may have noticed a few of these critters hovering around campus or feasting on your garbage on Thursday mornings. These dumpster dwellers can be found feeding on the flesh of dead animals or hovering over a field filled with fresh cow manure. They have also been known to attack

“ They have also been known to attack small children and school teachers. ”

small children and school teachers (well, at least in the movies). Although the interpretation of crows may vary. One thing is for certain-They are fun as hell to hunt.

Last weekend I spent much of my time hunting this intelligent bird, and couldn't have been more pleased with

the experience. The crow might not be the most desirable species in North America, but it ranks high on my list as one of the most challenging of all game birds.

My first day in the field was a good learning experience. Since none of my friends wanted to go, I decided to do it alone. I had purchased an owl decoy recently and couldn't wait to add it to the mix of my crow decoys.

I drove to some property with frequent crow action, turned my car off and listened. Tiny specks of black fluttered across the distant treetops as I plugged a few rounds into my 12 gauge. Caw! Caw! Caw! A raspy call of a wise old crow was all I needed to send a thousand shivers across my back. My heart pumped faster as I quickly placed my decoys in the field and disappeared into the woods. Everything around me was gleaming with fresh snow. My camouflage matched perfectly and I blended fluidly into the landscape.

I blew into my hand call repeatedly and within seconds crows started circling the field. They flew in all directions and I could hear them approaching closer. Finally two crows were diving in low and headed straight for the decoys. "Here we go!" I said to myself, still blowing steadily into the call. The sight of two pissed-off crows was magnificent, but the crows came to within 200 yards and suddenly flew away. Moments later, two red-tailed hawks landed nearby and screeched endlessly until I decided to move on. After spending nearly seven hours in the woods and moving to various locations, I never fired a shot.

I did a number of things wrong that day. My decoys were placed in a spot where approaching birds could easily spot me. My calling techniques were too loud when the birds came within range, and I found out later that I had used the wrong series of calls. The next day I was in the woods shortly after dawn. The weather had gone from clear to cloudy and snow was coming down hard. I plopped the



Beware of evil crows when in the woods

clip from The Birds



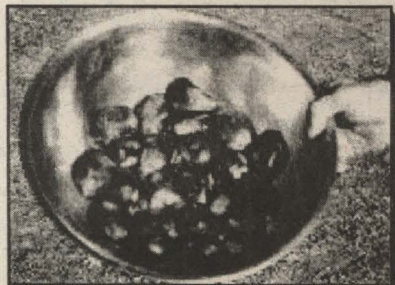
The American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) sitting in a tree.

photo submitted by author

Quality Outdoors Recipe Crow in a Blanket

Ingredients

- 4 pieces of boneless crow breast meat per person
- wild rice
- bacon strips
- butter
- salt and black pepper



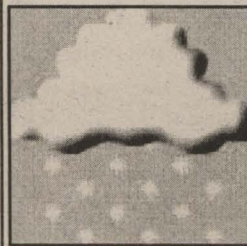
Recipe from
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Preparation

Rub each crow breast with salt and pepper. Wrap each piece in a strip of bacon and place two wrapped pieces in aluminum foil. Cook at 300 degrees for two hours. Serve hot with steamed wild rice, generously buttered. Enjoy with a cold beverage and good friends.

Weekend weather outlook

Saturday-
Snow likely,
high 17 low-13
Looks like
good outdoors
weather.



Sunday-
Mostly sunny,
high 12 low-6
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go outside and
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Friday, February 13

Carlos Del Junco @
Witz End****CANCELLED****

Friday, February 13

John Rush "The Human
Jukebox" @ The Encore, 8 p.m.
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Saturday, February 14

Irene's Garden @ The Witz End
9:30 p.m., \$5 cover
(21+)

movie review:

Monster

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Serial killers are, more or less, human monsters and numerous films have attempted to explain what it is that makes them tick. Few achieve this as well as *Monster*, the story of Aileen Wuornos, the Florida prostitute who murdered seven men before her capture in 1989 and was executed in 2002. Featuring a stunning lead performance by Charlize Theron, *Monster* attempts an understanding of Wuornos's actions without asking for excuses or justification. The result is a deeply disturbing meditation on a tortured soul and what set her down her path to murder.

We open with Wuornos on the verge of suicide, battered by a life of never-ending tragedy (she was raped repeatedly by her father's friend at age eight). Her life is suddenly given new meaning by Shelby (Christina Ricci), a painfully shy lesbian looking for a friend. Shelby's affections become Wuornos's reason for living and contribute to the deadly downward slide as she kills John after John for money, justifying it by depicting all men as evil.

Wuornos's first murder is indeed justified, as she was beaten and raped and killed in self-defense. From there she proceeds down a slippery slope, with each victim becoming more innocent. *Monster* doesn't ask

for our sympathy or compassion for Wuornos, but more importantly shows us why she chose such a path. In the end, she's less a soulless monster and more a tortured killer forged by rejection and circumstance, yet no less terrifying (comparisons with Frankenstein's monster are not unjust).

None of this would be possible without Theron's astonishing transformation into Wuornos. The beautiful star of *The Cider House Rules* and *The Italian Job* is nowhere to be found here. In addition to gaining 25 pounds and a terrific makeup job that gives her the sun-blasted look of a Florida beach nut, Theron maintains a perfect balance of pathetic needy victim and cold-blooded killer. Her work is arguably the best acting of 2003, balanced opposite Ricci, who, with her perpetually young face, is the innocent trapped by the needy monster, as well as the spark that sets her off.

Few movies can pull off what *Monster* does. It creates an anti-hero incapable of redemption and doesn't ask for our sympathy. But it does depict what set Wuornos on

her path and asks instead for our understanding. We may not pity Wuornos, but we do understand her and that makes *Monster* all the more thought-provoking and disturbing.



Monster received ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ / Four stars

concert review: Otis Coates, Thursday @ The Encore

Local ska combo blazes through originals and plenty of covers

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Upon entering the Encore last Thursday, one could have easily thought that Reel Big Fish was playing a surprise gig. After one song though, any listener in attendance would realize that it just wasn't quite Reel Big Fish.

Otis Coates, a septet from Tomahawk, even had the same stage setup as Reel Big Fish during their free show: horns camped out on stage left, one guitar on each side of the lead singer and plenty of witty, sometimes humorous stage banter, which took up more time than some of their short energetic songs.

While over half of Otis Coates' setlist was original songs, most of it sounded similar: your quintessential youthful-angst-ridden punk lyrics that sometimes made sense

mixed with a rough guitar hook, fast drum beats and blaring horns.

The young band threw in plenty of covers at the right time to keep everyone interested, although perhaps a few too many Reel Big Fish songs; I began to lose count after five. Some of them were performed adequately, whereas others, like "Everything Sucks" and "She Has a Girlfriend Now"

A quick run through Goldfinger's "Mable" was impressive, save for another lyrical mis-cue, and a fast, punked-out rendition of The Verve Pipe's "The Freshman", which was easily the highlight of the show.

The obviously young band displayed much energy throughout the show, which is a category in which many bands fall short. A few of their antics were flat out unnecessary, though, like guitarist Marcus Ridley jumping from the stage to the crowd to play guitar about eight times. Similarly, bassist Tucker Roberts and Ridley played back-to-back a few too many times. One time signifies an intense part of a song. Trying it twice takes away from the moment. Any more than that and it's laughable. A little practice in the theatrics department would certainly help.

Otis Coates was far from a waste of time. They displayed the poise and confidence of a successful, established band and a few of their songs showed maturity and promise that may someday catapult them toward some sort of success in the music industry.

Until then, Otis Coates should polish up the cover tunes, work on a few more originals and dump the excessive theatrics.



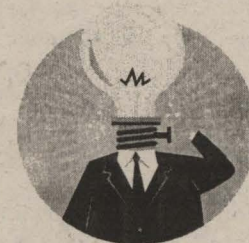
Tomahawk septet Otis Coates lays down dancable ska during their performance at the University Center's Encore last Thursday.

contained lyrical flubs, or transitional errors, or both. For a band obviously modeled after Reel Big Fish, I at least expected them to have their covers nailed down.

A few other covers saved face, though.

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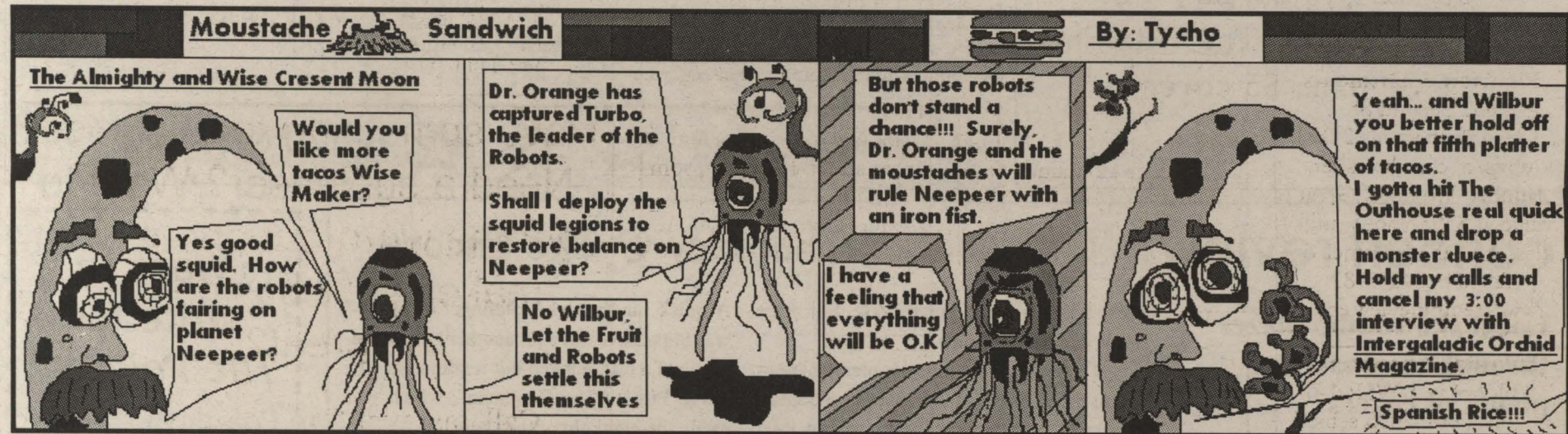
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JoBeth!

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She figured Minnie Driver is a really small golf club.



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What are your feelings towards Valentine's Day? Personally, I believe it is just another Hallmark holiday in which consumerism reaches its ugly hand in the picture, forcing couples to exchange gifts and singles to feel like crap.

By the way, what are you getting your girlfriend/sister? Teehee.
Jessie Radtke

For those of you who missed last week's column, the last line of Jessie's letter is a reference to a joke I made. Just so no-one is confused let me re-state again, for the record, that I am NOT dating my sister.

Not that there's anything wrong with my sister, mind you. She's great: smart, funny. And hot. Hella hot. It's just that we're really good friends, and I worry that getting into a relationship might jeopardize that.

ahem Okay. Moving on.
Honestly Jessie, I'd all but forgotten that Valentine's Day is coming up. You see, I don't pay much attention to crap like that. And that's what VD is: a big, steamy pile of crap in a shiny heart-shaped box.

You were right in your letter. As a holiday, it's made-up bullshit. But Hallmark didn't start it, Chaucer did. He wrote "The Parliament of Fowles" back in the late 1300's. I tell you, there's only one time in history that more crap has been spawned from pad poetry, and that's the musical "Cats."

Now I don't want to get a bunch of huffy letters with people telling me VD all started with St. Valentine,

the priest who was imprisoned and fell in love with the jailer's daughter. If it were true, February 14th would be Go-Hump-A-Priest-Day. A holiday, I might add, that I would wholeheartedly endorse.

But no, what we have is Valentine's Day. The day designed to convince you that if you don't spend money on someone, right now then you're not really in love. Go on, prove your eternal devotion through a four-dollar greeting card sporting some freakishly deformed bug-eyed puppy on the front. Go ahead and give someone the severed sexual organs of a plant. Diamonds are forever. Every Kiss begins with Kay.

Now I'm not just saying this because I don't have a girlfriend and I'm frothing at the mouth with bitter loneliness and rage. Contrary to what you might think, I do have a girlfriend.

I know, it seems to go against all the laws of god and nature. But not only do I have a girlfriend, not only have we been in a happy, healthy relationship for almost six years, but Sarah is sweet, kind, smart, funny, and almost unfathomably hot.

I know, it boggles the mind.

There are many theories among my family and friends as to why someone like her would take time to smile in my direction, let alone date me for six years.

Some of my more religious-minded friends used to believe that she was working off a hefty karmic debt from a previous life. But this theory lost credibility when one of my calculus-savvy Buddhist friends did the math for me, showing how much bad karma Sarah was actually burning off by dealing with me on a daily basis.

What it boils down to is this, if Sarah had, say, beaten a nun to death with a bag of kittens in a previous life, she could have worked that off in about three weeks of putting up with my endless bullshit. In fact, after six years

of living with me she's built up so much good karma that she'll most likely reincarnate as a transcendent being composed entirely of white light and multiple orgasms.

Other theories held by my friends and parents include: blackmail, Truman-Show style conspiracy, and the suspicion that she is performing a prolonged psychological experiment.

What does Sarah herself say? I'll go ask....

In response to the question, "Why the hell do you love me, anyway?" Sarah responded that, "Some part of my soul recognizes part of your soul as being really awesome. And sometimes you take out the trash." Sarah then made several sexually explicit comments that cannot be reprinted here. Suffice it to say that I possess certain mad skillz that shall remain nameless. Lastly, she gazed rapturously at me and said that I was "gorgeous."

All this seems to confirm my personal theory, that she has some kind of brain tumor that makes her love me. Really, it's the only thing that makes sense.

The only other explanation is that I treat her with kindness and respect. Or because when I give her a gift she knows it comes from a sincere upwelling of emotion, not because it's Buy-A-Gift Day™. Maybe it's due to the fact that I make a habit of not taking her for granted, and I tell her I appreciate her, rather than buying a card that says it for me once a year.

Yeah. I know. Too crazy. I'm sticking with the tumor theory myself.

Jessie, for being this week's featured letter, you get a \$5 gift certificate for the Mission Coffee House. Go ahead and take a priest out to coffee on me. See how easy it is, folks? E-mail me at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.

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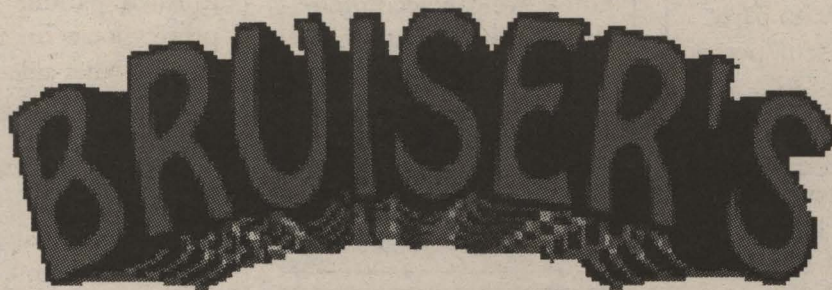


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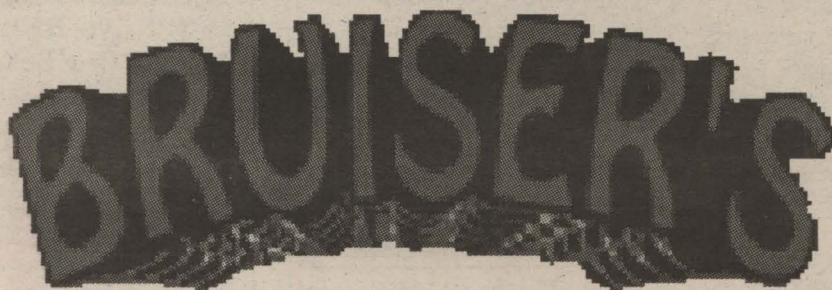
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