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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 heretage 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 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 soley on an anti-Bush campaign

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### Campus Beat

**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
  - A male reported that his property, consisting of a jacket, a pair of sweatpants and keys were missing from the hooks outside of the strength Center.

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*All names withheld.*
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 Krszjzaniek, 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.

Krszjzaniek 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, Krszjzaniek 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, Krszjzaniek believes that “it should be stopped, it is wrong for students to be subjected to it.”

Krszjzaniek attended a Portage County Greens candidate 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, Krszjzaniek thought, “It was a great opportunity, so I went for it.”

If elected to the school board, Krszjzaniek 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 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 Krszjzaniek 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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For students on campus
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Dean Speech
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tation and special interest groups. "If we don't choose real 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 thought was 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.”

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 his health care to be over 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 something 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.

WGSP elections on the way

By Carla Lorenz
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This year’s Student Government Association elections have 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.wuwp.edu/staug/sga/news.htm.

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

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 Guara 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 Guara at 715-346-4036 or by e-mail fgaur383@uwsp.edu or Denis Tan, SGA Communications Director, at dtan889@uwsp.edu.

On March 4, 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, 2004.

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 special lady how much I appreciate lightly sappy. If you have no f I d I h is column may come off as or the way it should be. Back on topic, I like the revelry, but this holiday is designed • ime of the year, I suggest skip-for that one special person and that's polarizing holiday,
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All those stupid couples and their nasty PDAs, it makes me want to vomit

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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 goals-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 vote your choice: Vote.

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Beer and sex.

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The revolutionized way of meeting potential mates takes over UWSP chance at romance, a chance at a first or second love. The only thing holding them from walking 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 meeting the same situation, everyone is meeting everyone else for the first time through opening themselves up to new experiences.

Typical 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 and 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 date. This may be a scale 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 let the participants know within 48 hours of the matches that have been made. Email addresses and/or phone numbers 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 conservation with someone. However, in some situations it is quite evident that three to ten is too long a period of time 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 participant of Speed Dating, said, "I am trying to stay away from the boozle (boozle), and I thought this event would help me in snatching a mate so I could do just that." Paul Geogheff, centerentainment 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 Geogheff 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

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 with in to fight, as his appearance Monday night at the University Center showed.

"You can take a guy. 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 pragmatic's progressive roots, wrapping himself in the cloak of Wisconsin's political patron saint Bob La Follette. And oh, you guessed it, 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 not secret that I can't stand Bush. I find him a repug nate 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. Let me explain. About 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 cure-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- handled 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 band he didn't even read, is only the latest in a series of headlines. 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 smear he gave after the Iowa caucus (even though it does make a 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's the man whose another election is sure to be a delight 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.

A taste of the real world in Point

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

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Don't miss this opportunity to listen to Danny Roberts! It is sure to be a delight 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.

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, anyone?

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 is sure to cast further inspiration 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 may purchase them at the University Box Office or by phone at 1 (800) 838-3378.
Getting to know the TLC
Offering much more than tender loving care
By Mary 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 201E 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 any area of study. Areas include chemistry, foreign languages, math, natural resources and many more.

TLC counselors also offer many group study sessions for classes that are required for certain majors such as business or chemistry.

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. Students can also receive 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 house 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) 346-3658.

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 martyr 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 remember getting my friend’s Valentine’s Day in school by making mailboxis 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 11-2 p.m., while cards and candy are always available in the University Store. Also, Outdoor Ed Ventures is offering a ski and snake 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 stake, 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, Judy Phath, Joan of Arc, Sylvia Earle, Frida Kahlo, Rosalind Miles and Jane Goodall have in common? They all considered and outright feminists. You heard it in passing. Was it yet, positively? What you might not know is that feminism is spoken of negatively or, better titles like “man-hating butch” are overly aggressive behaviour, feminism becomes automatically known and until you educate others, there is no way feminism will be recognized.

The College Femmes chose to create the letter “f” when spelling womyn as a way to start them 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 women 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 Femines, nicknamed the College Femmes (CF).

The organization aims to facilitate an active portion of womyn’s activities and heighten womyn’s issues awareness through broad-based activism and events.

Currently, the club meets Wednesdays at 5 p.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 people, we have the organization for you.

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 Womyn’s March on Washington D.C. in April, publishing a Zine (magazine) to promote womyn’s culture, sponsoring progressive radio stations, supporting music, s’posts/musicians/artists, and various campus based skill-training sessions to include documentaries, lecture series, circles (knit, baking, climbing, backpacking, etc.) and much more. Please, help us promote a positive womyn’s 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.”

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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 are now 13-9-1 overall and 12-2-1 in the WIAC. In the Saturday afternoon contest, the Pointers were defeated 3-0, ending their winning streak. "When we play average, we are susceptible," said Idalski during Saturday's game. "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

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By Adam Wise

SPORTS REPORTER

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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 outshot 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."

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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

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. 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 game 7-4.

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 tallied assists on both goals and goalie Ryan Scott finished the game with 17 saves.

The team returns home this weekend to face off against UW-Stout and UW-River Falls. The games are at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Balls primed for run at postseason

Title hopes still alive as team heads into stretch run

By Craig Mandli

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 Wisconsin-Platteville on Saturday.

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 half. True freshman shooting guard Tamaris Relerford, while Relerford's great shooting, including four-for-five from the three-point line and added 24 rebounds, six assists and three steals.

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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-five from the three-point line and added 24 rebounds, six assists and three steals.

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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 poll.

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 gained 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 now go on the road for their next two games, at Eau Claire on Saturday and first place UW-Oshkosh next Wednesday.

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 chutie 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 the 77-57 win.

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

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our offense all season," said Jack Bennett. "When they play well, we are usually going to win." Defensive, Krull and Relford, in their first starting assignment as a pair this season, shut down high-scoring guards Brad Reitzner and Frank McGehetic, 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.

2004 Pointer Baseball Schedule

Mar. 22 Monday Austin Peay State Clarksville, TN 6:30 PM
Mar. 23 Tuesday Upsetcomb University (TN) Nashville, TN Noon
Mar. 26 Thursday Illinois Wesleyan Bloomington, IL 2:30 PM
Mar. 28 Friday Lake Forest College (IL) Bloomington, IL Noon
Mar. 29 Saturday St. Olaf Bloomington, IL Noon
Mar. 27 Monday Illinois Wesleyan Bloomington, IL 6:00 PM
Mar. 28 Sunday Blackburn College Bloomington, IL 11:00 AM
Mar. 31 Wednesday UW-Oshkosh (WI) Oshkosh 6:00 PM
Apr. 4 Sunday St. Norbert College (WI) Oshkosh Noon
Apr. 6 Thursday UW-La Crosse (WI) La Crosse 1:00 PM
Apr. 8 Friday UW-La Crosse (WI) La Crosse 6:00 PM
Apr. 12 Monday Lakeland College (WI) Oshkosh 1:00 PM
Apr. 14 Wednesday UW-Oshkosh (WI) Oshkosh 6:00 PM
Apr. 17 Saturday UW-Stout (WI) Menomonee Noon
Apr. 18 Sunday UW-Stout (WI) Menomonee Noon
Apr. 24 Saturday UW-Superior (WI) HOME Noon
Apr. 26 Sunday UW-Superior (WI) HOME Noon
Apr. 28 Wednesday Cardinal Stritch (WI) HOME 6:00 PM
May 1 Saturday UW-Whitewater (WI) Whitewater Noon
May 2 Sunday UW-Whitewater (WI) Whitewater Noon
May 5 Wednesday Marian College (WI) Fond du Lac 2:00 PM
May 7 Friday UW-Platteville (WI) HOME 6:00 PM
May 8 Saturday UW-Platteville (WI) HOME Noon
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 isn'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.

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 NFL rookies who look all-world during the first half of the season fade into obscurity 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 really 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.
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 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.

My buddy Ryan with a monster 28-inch walleye.

Photo by author

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 gamefish as well. 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 gamefish as well.

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 small 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.


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.

"Wеееее! Фаут fun!"

Iverson Park is located a few miles east of campus out on Highway 10 or off Jefferson St. There lie four death-defying sledging hills and one bunny hill for the little kids. Besides the regular sledging 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 for 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-sants, huffing a few pixie stix down and listening to Duran Duran, full blast, on the way to the hill.

Mr. Winters two cents

Well, being that this winter's 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.

"Trout out of winter"

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 easy to sleep in until about noon while the rest of us walk. 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 creek. First here, we decided to go our separate ways, where the creek 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 stepped 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 on these, soon turned my attention elsewhere, 'cause the trout had been thinking just like my little ones, were in the shade too.

So next time this cold ass weather depresses you, think about this little story and then, "Ooh! Ooh! and Geezeee!"
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, the mid-winter months I spend much of my time on the

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 camouflaged perfectly and I blended fluidly into the landscape.

I flew 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 decoy. "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.

The crow season in Wisconsin runs from January 26-March 20 statewide. A small game hunting license is required, and the daily bag limit is 15.

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

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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
www.crowbusters.com

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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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 wity, 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, starting their encore set 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 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.
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.

Dr. Orange has captured Turbo, the leader of the Robots.

What it boils down to is this, if Sarah had, say, beaten 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.

I know it is a bit too early to start taking up the slack of post-Valentine's Day love-drama, but I thought we should talk about the holiday in general. The reason is not because I either have a girlfriend, or because when I give her a gift she has some kind of brain tumor that makes her love me. Really, it's the only thing that makes sense.

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 theory myself.
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