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Students turn out for Wisconsin primary election

By John Larson
NEWS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Democratic Primary narrowed the race for the party nomination down to two major candidates. As expected, front-runner Sen. John Kerry won the primary with 40% of the votes and collected 30 delegates.

In a surprise move, Sen. John Edwards finished a relatively close second with 34% of the votes and 24 delegates. While some have been surprised by the close finish of the race, others are not.

College Democrat Chairman Nick Heitman stated that the way Edwards was able to narrow the margin of the expected Kerry victory was through both his campaign style and his strong efforts to court the Wisconsin voter.

"Edwards spent a lot of time in Wisconsin," said Heitman, "and much of that time was spent in areas of high Democratic Party concentration, such as Milwaukee and Madison. His hard work allowed him to gain a lot of momentum."

As expected, after a disappointing third place finish with only 13% of the votes and 13 delegates, Howard Dean opted to suspend his campaign.

Despite his withdrawal

from the race, his supporters believe that the efforts of his campaign to reach out to young voters and call attention to what he considered to be problems within the Democratic Party will outlast his campaign.

CJ Robinson, co-president of the Students for Dean organization said "Dean did a wonderful job of doing what needed to be done to make Democrats be Democrats again. His excitement greatly influenced the campaign and he said things that were not very popular at first, such as criticizing the president about the war, but soon others were saying the same things. He was not afraid to say what he believed."

Robinson said that the appeal of Dean, outside of his appeal to young voters, was his brash style and his willingness to fight for what he thought was right.

"By appealing directly to voters, he was able to pull people away from their apathy and back into the system."

The former Vermont governor has pledged to support whoever the nominee is, and is expected to aid in the reelection efforts of the congressional members who aided in his campaign.

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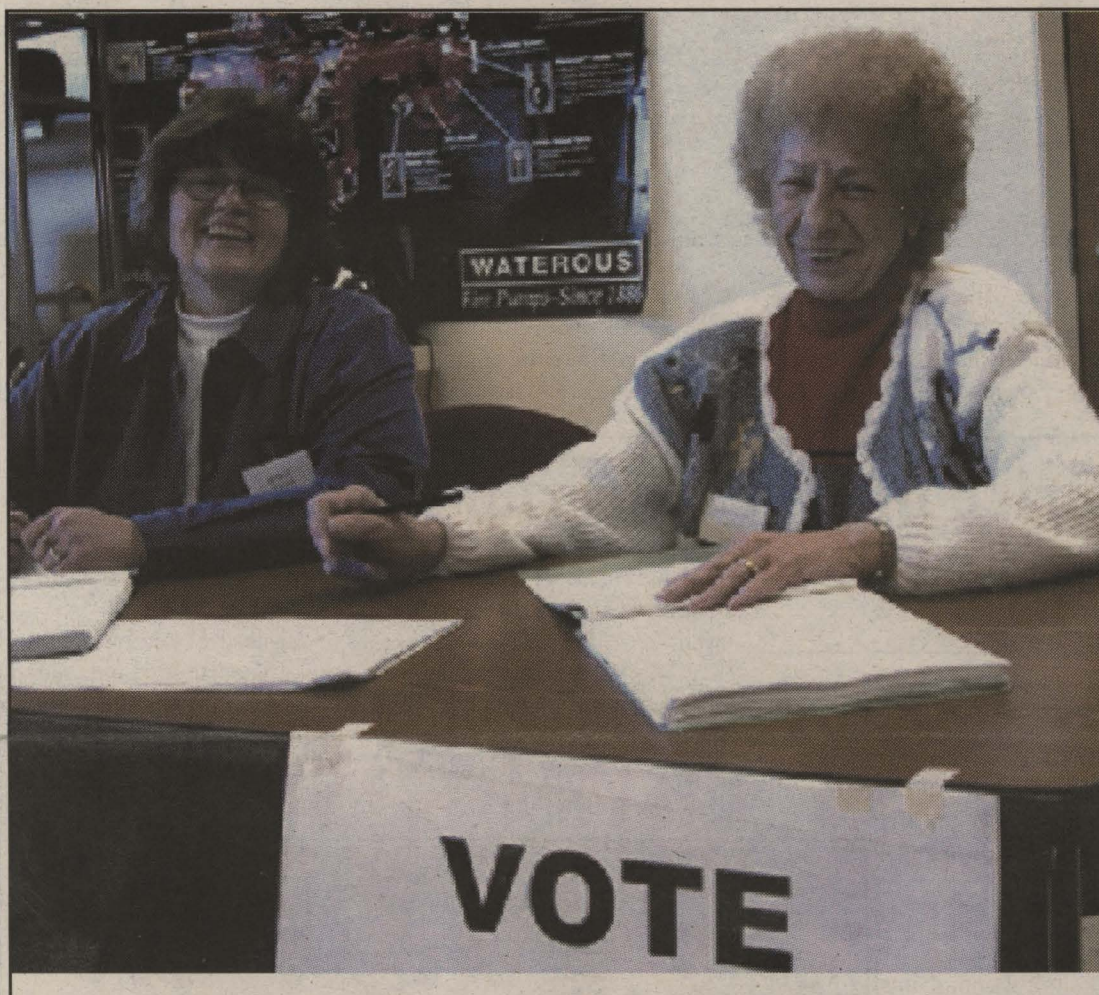


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Smiling faces greet voters at the polls during the Wisconsin Primary. Several organizations, such as the SGA and the New Voters Project would like to make sure that students see more time at the ballot box. Plans are underway to unite several campus organizations together with the goal of increasing registration and voting amongst members of the student body.

Blood drive underway at UWSP



Photo by Liz Bolton

UWSP sophomore Nichole Johnson makes her first blood donation as part of the drive

Student falters in election bid

By John Larson
NEWS EDITOR

UWSP student Eric Krszjaniek was not successful in his bid to get on the ballot for the April 6 local election. Krszjaniek was a candidate for the open seat on the Stevens Point Board of Education and was running against eight other candidates in a primary election that would eliminate two from the ballot.

Krszjaniek finished in seventh place, with 1,324 votes. Although he was upset by his loss, Krszjaniek took some pride in the fact that he was able

to not finish in last place. "Overall I say that it was a victory as I came into the race with no prior experience."

He said that he believed that his age and political inexperience worked against him, stating that "it was a little hard to be taken seriously by some of the older members of the community." Krszjaniek said that his inability to attend a debate with other candidates running in the primary hurt his chances.

"I was unable to attend the debate as I had to fulfill my obligations as an SGA senator on the same day as the debate, so I asked someone to read a See Student candidate, page 3

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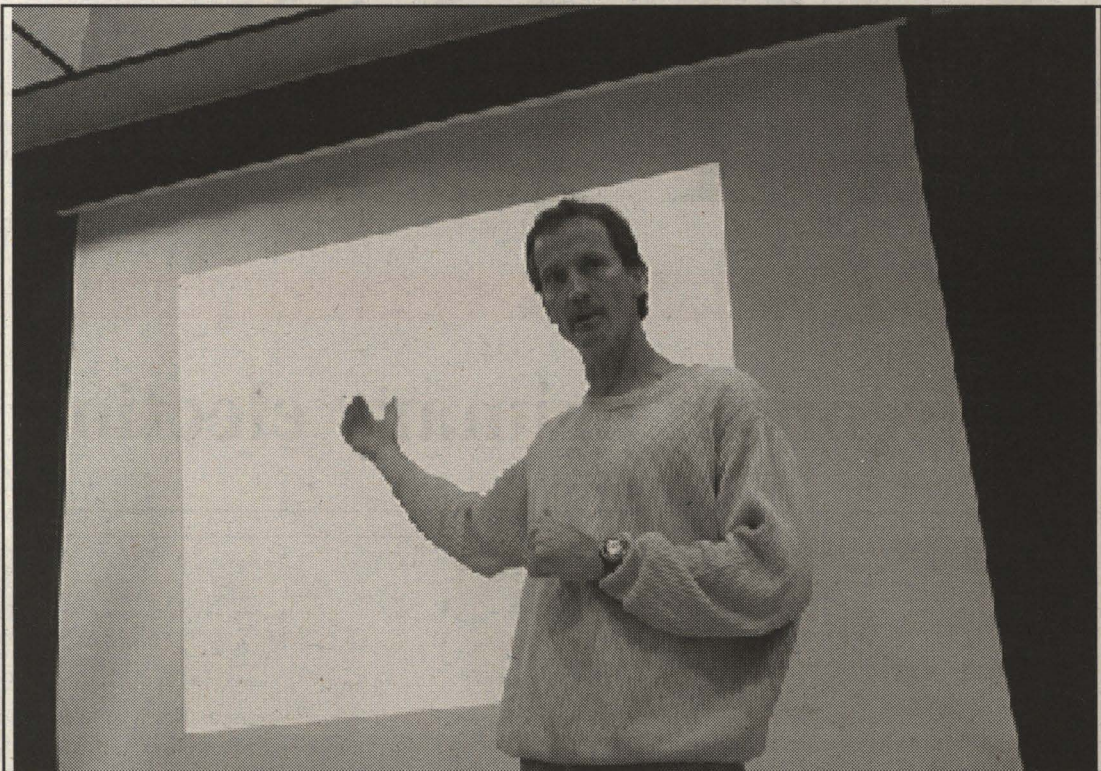


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Speaker Mike Miles gave his presentation "Reflections on Iraq" Wednesday night in the Laird Room which covered his time spent in the West Bank and in Iraq. During his presentation, Miles told stories of what he had seen in both areas and drew unflattering comparisons between the Israelie Defense Force occupation of the West Bank and the current style of occupation of Iraq by the United States.

UWSP graduate named public relations coordinator

The Great Lakes Companies, Inc., the world's largest developer of indoor waterpark resorts, announced the addition of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point graduate Jennifer Beranek as Public Relations Coordinator to the Public Relations department.

Her main objective will be to create awareness for the various Great Lake's properties, which include 12 senior housing and apartment complexes and 14 nationwide hotels.



Jennifer Beranek

Beranek graduated in May from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and holds a bachelor of science in communication with an emphasis in public relations and advertising.

During her time at UWSP, she held the elected position of Public Relations Director for the UWSP Public Relations Student Society of America.

The Great Lakes company is best know for its brand of Great Wolf Loge indoor waterpark resorts, including the 309 suite resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

In addition to Great Wolf Loge in Wisconsin Dells, Great Lakes plans on developing the Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sheboygan, Wis.

The company plans to continue developing Great Wolf Loge indoor waterpark resorts in select markets through the United States.

Price of text material in question

By Dawn Ver Haag
NEWS REPORTER

Recently, a significant amount of concern has been brought up with the students regarding the Communication 101 textbook, a \$70 workbook for the required UWSP course.

"There are a lot of student complaints regarding the Comm. 101 book. They are not happy with the cost and that they have to buy the book, even though it is for a required class," said Dan Wegner, Academic Issues Director for SGA.

As the Comm. 101 class is a graduation requirement for all students, some have equated the purchase of the book as another fee.

Wegner and other members of the Academic Issues Committee have been working with this situation to find possible alternatives. Ideas are to have the workbook pages available to students on the public folders and have the reference portion available through text rental, which would eliminate having to purchase the book.

Wegner also mentioned they are researching and looking into legislating to have a core textbook for the course. "[We] are trying to get the wheels moving and trying to get it changed. The

students are aware and concerned with the Comm 101 textbook affair."

The UWSP SGA administers several student questions of the week and according to Stephanie Lind, Student Life Issues Director, "in one day, we

do, such as Madison and some of the other universities."

Instead of setting up a web site immediately, Lind and the SGA have started a program within the public folders, under the student government public folders, where students can buy and

sell their used and unneeded books. They are still researching and are in the process of setting up an actual site for this purpose. "[We] didn't want to commit a lot of time to a program that didn't work," stated Lind, "but so far we are getting a lot of

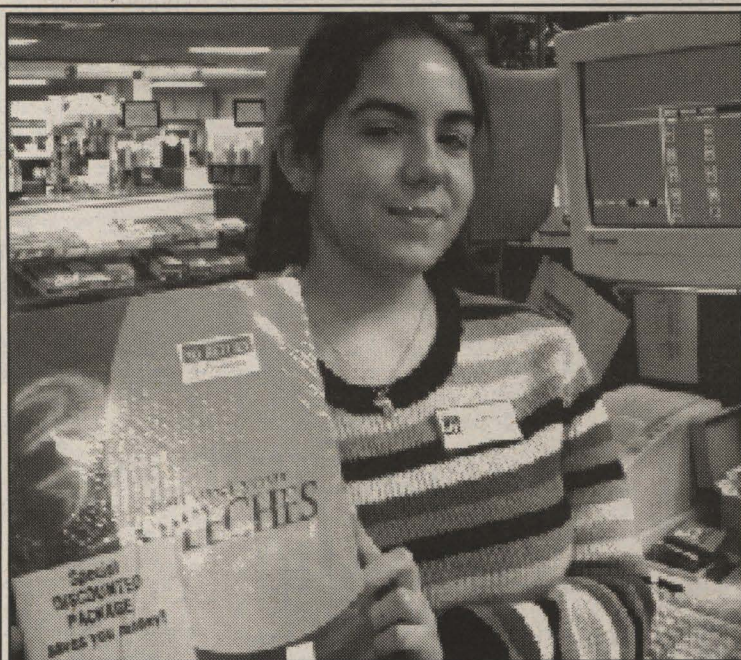


Photo by Liz Bolton

An employee of the University Bookstore holds a copy of the Comm. 101 textbook. Once its cover is removed, the book is not returnable.

received 241 responses to the Comm 101 student question of the week. We usually get around 100 responses total." Out of the approximated 1,000 people that read the student question of the week, "getting 270 total responses is a great result," stated Lind.

Lind and her colleagues have also initiated a program referred to as the book swap. Last December, SGA was approached by a student who thought that it would be great to have a web site to buy and sell books. Lind mentioned that "a lot of colleges

positive reaction."

"Our whole purpose is to have a site setup to at least allow for students to sell some of their books back. We want to make books more affordable for students," stated Lind. According to Wegner, "The book swap is a great idea. It needs some public relations work, but it has been quite successful so far and I think it will be very successful."

Primary election

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While some have said that the original field of nine candidates would do much harm to their collective efforts to replace the president come the November election, Heitman said that the large field demonstrated the strength of his party.

"The simple fact that the party was able to field so many qualified candidates shows that the party is strong and has regained much of its support." He said with regard to criticism that the candidates' attacks on one another would weaken the party "by working through their campaign and personal faults through the course of the primaries, whoever achieves the nomination will be a much stronger candidate as a result of the competition."

The primary coincides with the efforts of the New Voters Project to achieve its goal of increasing the registration and voter turnout of voters in the 18-24 year old age range, a group that has had declining involvement in the election process every year since the lowering of the voting age to 18 in the 1970's.

Despite only running its campaign for a few months, volunteers within the groups say that so far their efforts have had a positive effect. "We are pleased

with our initial efforts and with the student turnout," said Theresa Cain, the UWSP Media/Public Relations Coordinator for the New Voters Project.

"We were able to register 161 new voters through our campaign so far even though it has been only operational for a few months." Cain says that the efforts revolve around the student volunteers of the group that do the work of registering students and providing information as to where to vote and working with SGA to provide transportation to voting sites.

"It helps that our organization is student based, that our efforts are being conducted by students. When other students see that people their own age are getting involved, working with them and not speaking down to them, it makes them more likely to get involved as well." Cain says that the New Voters Project will expand its efforts to raise student awareness and involvement in the voting process by building coalitions with various groups around campus and reaching out to high school age voters as well. "By working with other groups on campus to get students registered and involved in the voting process, we hope to get young voters back into the political process."

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The Campus Beat

Debot Center

Tuesday, Feb. 10 10:15 a.m.

Type: Theft

A female reported the theft of her book bag, a pair of sunglasses and two books. She reported that the items had been left unattended for only 20 minutes before they disappeared.

Thompson Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 11 9:15 a.m.

Type: Vandalism

A hall official reported that damage had been done to exit signs in Thompson Hall

Lot X

Friday, Feb. 13 10:00 a.m.

Type: Hit and Run

A male reported that damage had been done to his vehicle while parked in the lot. He returned from class to discover a large hole on his back bumper.

Hyer Hall

Saturday, Feb. 14 10:07 p.m.

Type: Underage possession of alcohol

Protective Services officers were called to confiscate alcoholic beverages from an underage hall resident

Lot R

Monday, Feb. 16 12:05 p.m.

Type: Accident

An accident occurred in the lot when a driver backed her car into the passenger side door of another vehicle.

Student candidate

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statement on my behalf.”

The person that Krszjzaniek asked to read the statement was told at the meeting that statements issued by someone who could not attend the debate were not going to be accepted. Krszjzaniek thought that this was frustrating, given that “there has been a precedent at other local election debates that a statement issued on behalf of someone who could not attend.”

He went to state that he learned much from his campaign as far as which strategies are more effective than others. “I learned that a low key campaign may not be the most effective one to conduct.”

Allen Center renovation nearly complete

By Vin Shanmugam

NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

After a period of renovation, the Allen Center reopened on Jan 26.

The facility was closed for renovation over the winter break. This remodeling project has been essential in utilizing the unused area in the facility and providing students with better fitness programs and services.

The Allen Center hosts the Cardio Center, Outdoor Adventures and Student Health Promotion Department. Group fitness classes and the massage service are also housed there. The Holistic Health Program, that offers yoga and pilates also calls the facility home.

The new-look facility hosts an array of new additions and changes. Expansions have been made to the Cardio Center to host new machines and equipment. New offices and rooms have also been installed.

With a new pavilion for Outdoor

While he was not able to formulate a complete slate of campaign platforms for the general election, he said that his main area of concern was the amount of advertising in classrooms in the district.

He said that if he were to have won the seat on the board, he would have made an effort to remove the Coke vending machines from the schools and replace the revenue with support from the local community.

“I did not have much planned in the way of ideas if I were to win, as part of me knew that I was not going to win, but I went for it anyway and it can serve as a learning experience.

I can at least point the fact that I did not finish last and achieved the votes of 1,300 people.”

Adventures in the works and new services like the Personal Training Program, the Allen Center is hoping to provide for everyone's health and fitness needs.

Parts of the Allen Center are still closed since renovation continues. With contractors working daily, the remodeling project looks to be going as planned.

The project is scheduled to be completed in late March. A grand reopening has been etched in to usher in a new beginning for the Allen Center that at one time was the campus cafeteria.

Both members and the employees are excited about the new changes. The enthusiasm and energy is contagious and there has been a distinct increase in the number of members over the past couple of weeks.

“The remodeling has just made everything fresh and we are better equipped than before to accommodate everyone.” said Sara Franklin, a Cardio Center Desk Attendant.

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St. Joseph Convent Chapel

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Musings from Mirman

I missed out on studying abroad, but I'm still heading across the pond

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Finally, I'm leaving this country. I love America and all, but it's tough to stay objective when you never see beyond the borders.

In one month I'm heading to London and then on to Barcelona on my final spring break. As a bonus, I also get to head to New York one day this week for a convention.

I admit I'm lucky to travel this much during my final semester of college, but I wish I had done it some more. Every time a friend mentions studying abroad they always say it was the best experience in college. I hear about how they met their best friends over there and they can't wait to go back.

Although I've messed up a lot in five years of college, my one regret is that I never studied overseas.

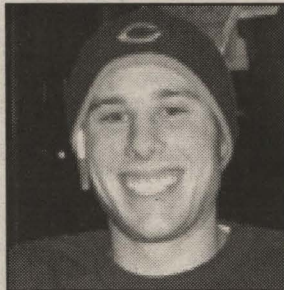
When I had the opportunity before, I always blew it off. Either I didn't have the money, or I figured I should travel my own country first.

Due to my ignorance, I now have to live through my sister, Becca, as she enjoys studying in Scotland. I finally talked to her on the phone this week and I heard about her visit to Prague and how beautiful the city looks. She also visited a concentration camp in Germany that brought her to tears.

But it's not just the experiences, it's even the way she sounds. It's like she gained a year of maturity in a month.

It's weird, I keep thinking about Becca at Christmas. The girl who received an amazing gift of \$400 luggage and politely asked, "Is there anything in it?" Now on the phone I hear about a Picasso museum we can visit in Barcelona. Man, I wish I was there.

I think the reason for the great maturity



growth is the perspective provided by going overseas. Visiting another country makes you realize that there is so much in the world that you have never given a thought to.

Stevens Point represents a miniscule part of the map, but it becomes bigger the longer you stay in the town. If you never leave, it's easy to have your entire world exist right here and that's unfortunate.

Ideally, I will see over 50 countries by the time my lifeline runs out. Making one trip is almost like a drug. You see people that are the same only with these subtle differences that give them away.

It's like going down south and you hear them use the word coke instead of soda. Or heading up north and discovering they end every sentence in "hey."

I enjoy the subtleties that make us different and I'm sure that I'll be making mental notes of all the different stuff New York has to offer.

Maybe their Taco Bell charges \$2 for a taco. I've also heard that everyone there loves talking with their middle finger. But I try to avoid listening to stereotypes.

Spain will provide an even cooler experience. I will get the opportunity to be the minority and see another side of the world. Plus, I do have a tendency to stick my foot in my mouth, so the language barrier may be a good thing.

Hopefully the trips run smoothly, I just hope that my travel doesn't end when I graduate. Maybe after graduation I can make up for the semester I never had.

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A problem with tickets

After four years and a handful of parking tickets, I have decided that any student that would consciously take employment with those A-holes down at parking services is in fact, a rotten human being. These scum-buckets seem to think that their own bank account is more important than the prosperity of others.

With a dirty, premeditated, back-stabbing flick of their evil computer guns, these low-lives simultaneously take money from their own peers while lining their pockets in undeserved gold. Yes, yes, you feeble hamsters! Make the parking service richer so that they can buy new cars and equipment after they have given up your tiny, insignificant, tainted slice of the parking ticket pie. Go along and show your friends and family how wonderful your shitty job is.

The fact of the matter is, as a student employee of parking services, you are no better than a loose-lipped snitch, a backstabbing traitor or the dirt on my shoe.

Here's an idea. Why not look the other way once in a while or find a job that actually helps someone besides yourself? That's called Altruism. You make this campus worse.

I'm not really an angry person, but next time I see you foul-brained defects prancing around campus with your ill-intentions and shiny rain-coats, you better run. Run until you realize that screwing over other students isn't worth the minimum wage. You know, there are plenty of jobs on campus that will do people some good. So quit working for the man, and change your life now, before it is too late. Have a nice day.

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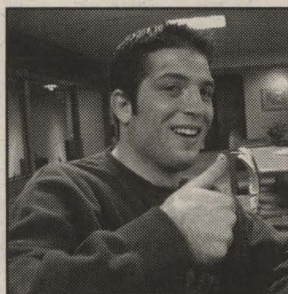
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Who would like to see as vice president for the Democrats?



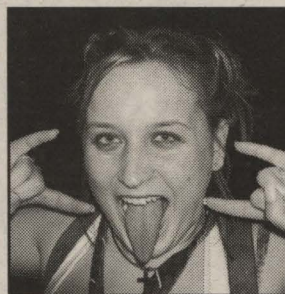
Valerie Glodowski, So., Biology

Jessica Simpson- \$1400 sheets for the White house



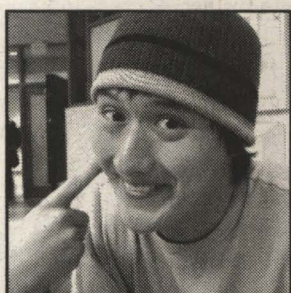
Ryan Hansen, Sr., Biology

Clinton, because Democrats get all the ass.



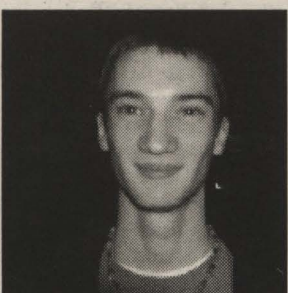
Becci Schmidt, Fr., Business

Ozzy, F*ckin' Ozzy! He's my god!



Ian Toyozumi, Sr., Theatre

My mom, 'cuz she would cure world hunger with a home-made apple pie!



Michael Bridenhagen, So., Undeclared

I'd pick Oprah and Dr. Phil to be a team; they could better the world over.



Angie Senarighi, Sr., In'tl Studies

Animal from the Muppets- he's a great motivational speaker.

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For one night, the U.C. belonged to the students

UC Takeover was a night of games, movies and running rampant through the University Center

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Several dozen students had their run of the University Center all night long at the U.C. Takeover event, which was staged Friday night.

Organized by Center-tainment Productions, the takeover ran from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 the next morning. Students who participated enjoyed games, movies and the joy of running rampant throughout the Center.

"We just wanted to turn this building into a more fun place," said event organizer Javier Alaniz. "I work here. It doesn't have the feel of a place where students can have fun, except for the Brewhaus."

None too coincidentally, the

Brewhaus was one of the many entertainment options open at the Brewhaus. The popular establishment stayed open until the wee hours of the morning.

Students involved in the takeover had a wide range of events to choose from. The prelude event, beginning at 8:00 p.m., was the performance of John Rush, the Human Jukebox. The Rush performance went on past 10:00 p.m.

The Laird Room offered a wide variety of board games, ranging from *RISK* to chess to dominoes. Students had the opportunity to play each other for prizes such as movie passes

and gift certificates to the Brewhaus. The Alumni Room



Photo by Liz Bolton
Many students took part in taking over the U.C. Friday evening.

offered, appropriately enough for a Friday the 13th, a selection of

horror movies such as the *Evil Dead* trilogy (sadly, no *Friday the 13th* films themselves were offered). And the Legacy Room offered a DJ from 11:00 p.m. onward to those who wished to dance all night.

At midnight, the doors to the Center locked. No one could get in and while you could leave, once you left, you could not get back in. At that time, the Capture the Flag game started. The two teams fought each other around the Center to see who would capture whose flag.

The event was designed to

last all night. Refreshments were made available, including pizza ordered for those that wanted it. Students were warned that whoever fell asleep first would regret it.

As a finale to the day, breakfast was served at 6:00 the next morning and prizes for the various games were given out in the La Follette Lounge before the event came to a close.

The organizers of the event seemed pleased by its outcome and hoped they had done something to make the U.C. brighter.

Said Alaniz, "We just wanted to have fun." For one night, the University Center was certainly that.

Talent was evident in the many voices of Dan Horn

Ventriloquist Dan Horn captivated students Thursday night at the Encore

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

Dan Horn, recipient of the 1993 International Ventriloquist of the Year award, amazed students Thursday night at the Encore. Horn, who has traveled all over the country delivering his act, became interested in ventriloquism at the age of five. Since that time, he has consistently wowed audiences with his remarkable talent, including Fox-TV's "Comic Strip Live" and "The Penn and Teller Show."

Horn took the stage, along with his puppet friend Orson. Immediately, Orson became a hit with the audience. At the fictitious age of ninety-one, Orson, a balding man in the prime of his sexuality, at once took to wooing a particular girl in the audience

who had captivated his attention. Orson was the highlight of Horn's show; however, numerous other friends took to performing as well.

Polly, Orson's sweetheart, serenaded the audience alongside Orson, who was rather hesitant to join in. Last to take the stage was Miles the Dog. Miles was by the far the most reluctant to take to the stage, as he was rather unsure of his performance capabilities. His Elvis impersonation of "Hound Dog" was quite a delight to listen to.

Most definitely, the talent that Horn displayed was a spectacle to see. It is amazing

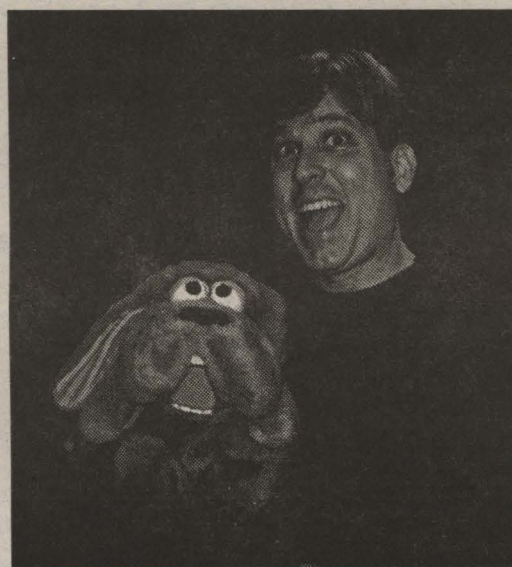


Photo by Liz Bolton
Dan Horn amazed students with his talent of ventriloquism Thursday night at the Encore.

that all of those voices can resonate from a mouth that shows no

sign of moving. The rewards that Horn has won for his ventriloquism are a true testament to his ability.

As Horn explained, ventriloquism can be rather entertaining in social settings. "I went to a pancake house once, and made Mrs. Butterworth talk. The customers were quite surprised. They didn't know she could speak such words," Horn said. From making piñatas scream, to losing his privilege to ever be a pallbearer again, Horn certainly has a great deal of stories to accompany his act.

The evening concluded by Horn selecting one lucky audience member to take on the role as his final puppet for the evening. (This audience member just so happened to be

the girl Orson had been courting earlier in the show.)

Overall, Horn's performance was very enjoyable. The only area that Horn may have been lacking in was in the area of comedy. His act relied entirely on sexual humor, which yes, at times was rather entertaining, but there was a definite lack of comedic variety. However, what Horn lost in humor, he more than made up for in talent.

Without a doubt, Horn's act was outstanding. It goes without saying that Horn put on an astonishing performance; it is rather obvious to see why he is as well-renowned as he is.

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The offerings of the Surplus Store

Cool stuff, great prices and close to campus

By Maria Lewis
FEATURES REPORTER

UWSP has a hidden secret that is just off campus, and this little secret is reasonable prices and cool stuff. It is the Surplus Store. The Surplus Store is located in the same building as 601 Residential Living, but is on the opposite side.

What the surplus store does is just what the name suggests: it takes surplus items from state agencies. According to Fred Hopfensperger, Director of the Surplus Store, the store collects anything from breathing apparatuses from the state crime lab to desks from various offices on campus.

The items collected from the agencies are those that they

no longer use or need, or that are just collecting dust. The Surplus Store takes these items, refurbishes them and puts them up for sale in the store.

These items can be bought during their store hours, which are Fridays from 1-5 p.m., or you can check out their website (<http://surplus.uwsp.edu>) to see the deals before you go. The website also offers an email option for notification about new items that are coming in.

As college students, we are all concerned about the price of this cool stuff. Computers at the Surplus Store range from \$50-125. These computers do not have operating systems, but you can pick up XP from IT after you get a sweet deal on a com-

puter.

If you are looking for furniture, look no further. The Surplus Store carries everything from desks to lofts, even some couches. Are your books lying all over your room? Then look no further, because you can find a bookcase at the Surplus Store!

If the Surplus Store is unable to sell the items that they acquire, they recycle them or give them to schools to be used as props in school performances.

Overall, the Surplus Store is a cool local place to shop that has some great deals on items that we all need and want.

Department of Theatre presents "The Country Wife"

A comedy displaying the fine talent of UWSP students

By Sarah Dennewitz
FEATURES REPORTER

"The Country Wife," a comedy by William Wycherley, set in the late 1600s, will be performed on campus this weekend. Hard work, time and dedication have made this production possible.

With about 30 designers and technicians, 20 actors, and the help of many others such as Ken Risch (director), Professor Stephen Sherwin (set designer), Susan Sherwin (head designer) and Carcheri Gingrasso (lighting designer), "The Country Wife" has successfully come together. Each member of this produc-

tion has added his or her own insight to positively develop the play even more. Actor Anthony Kaehny comments on the role of director Ken Risch in the play.

Kaehny said, "I feel that our director, Ken Risch, has done a fantastic job of drawing parallels between our society and the society of 17th century London. After being introduced to the characters in 'The Country Wife,' much of the audience will realize they know people just like them."

Set in the Restoration period, the clothing alone for 20 actors held quite a challenge. Many outfits of this era included waist-

coats with many buttons, corsets, large dresses and fontages, or small hats, worn by women. One of these fontages took the student designer, Sarah Dallman, about two and a half hours to create, including the handstitching needed to secure the trim and embellishments.

After Dallman's difficult tasks she said, "I am very much looking forward to opening night! It is very satisfying to see all of your hard work put into good use by the actors and enjoyed by the audiences."

As all of the designers and people behind the scenes work

vigorously, we cannot forget about the actors and actresses. Actor Anthony Kaehny began preparing for his role as Frank Harcourt in "The Country Wife" before Christmas break.

All members of the cast had to have their scripts memorized by the start of rehearsals on January 19. On top of memorization, the actors and actresses have endured long rehearsals and late nights. Their dedication to the play will only contribute to its success.

Friday, February 20 at 8 p.m. is the opening night for the play. You can also see "The Country Wife" on Saturday, February 21

at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. or February 26-28 in the Jenkins Theatre of the Fine Arts Center. Tickets for UWSP students with an ID are free on the day of the show if they are available or \$3 in advance.

"The Country Wife" production is well worth one of your evenings. The commitment put into this play by many UWSP students alone is amazing, but the show itself will impress you even more. Be sure to take advantage of this great comedy displaying the talent of UWSP's finest.

Soul Food Dinner full of eats, entertainment

Black Student Union presents their annual dinner honoring Black History Month

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Close to 300 people, both students and Stevens Point residents, came out Sunday night to enjoy the 12th annual Soul Food Dinner at UW-Stevens Point.

Once again sponsored by the Black Student Union and held in the Laird Room, the Soul Food Dinner offered a mixture of good food and good entertainment, all with a look toward bringing attention to and celebrating Black History Month.

Tickets ranged from \$12 for general admission to \$3 for children under 12. Student prices ranged from \$5-\$7 depending on ID. The price was well spent.

The dinner was held in the Laird Room from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.. Dinner was served

around 5:00 p.m. Afterwards, entertainment was provided by the Kassumai African Music & Dance Group.

Kassumai was created by Ndongo BahoumDiop, or "Lucky," for his friends. A native of Ziguinchor, Senegal, he has been performing and teaching West African cultural values through drumming, singing and dancing. His group played straight traditional African music and a mixture of the modern and the

traditional.

As the pamphlet for the event says, "Lucky's mission is to help

ing of the African culture and to bring peace, love, joy and unity that will help the World be a better place."

Dinner beforehand consisted of numerous entrees, ranging from fried catfish to chicken to jambalaya and collard greens. Desserts such as peach cobbler and sweet potato pie were also provided. Mark Heimlich and the UWSP dining service

ning.

Besides the dinner and the entertainment by Kassumai, the Black Student Union took the time to perform the Black National Anthem before the dinner and give special recognition afterwards to all those who helped put the dinner together. Public relations rep LaTisha Coleman was also present to give an inspiring poetry reading.

Nostalgia Central provided music during the dinner until 6:00 p.m. The music was rather soothing and an easy-listening accompaniment to dinner.

The dinner appeared to be a rousing success. Hopefully next years will be equally as good at providing a good meal and helping raise awareness of African culture.



The Kassumai African Music and Dance Group delighted many at the Soul Food Dinner Sunday evening.

Photo by Liz Bolton

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The Legal Corner

A feature of the Student Legal Society

Question:

Is there a charge/fine difference for using an altered id compared to using someone else's id?

Answer:

Section 125.085 (3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that "no person may make, alter or duplicate an official identification card, provide an official identification card or knowingly provide other documentation to an underage person or knowingly provide other documentation to an underage person purporting to show that the underage person has attained the legal drinking age."

Section 125.085(3)(b) provides a penalty for any underage person who does any of the following: (1) intentionally carries an official identification card not legally issued to him or her, an official identification card obtained under false pretenses or an official identification card which has been altered or duplicated to convey false information. (2) makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card purporting to show that he or she has attained the legal drinking age. (3) presents false information to an issuing officer in applying for an official identification card. (4) intentionally carries an official identification card or other documentation showing that the person has attained the legal drinking age, with knowledge that the official identification card or documentation is false. The Stevens Point Code of Ordinances prohibits exactly these same offenses, and provides civil penalties for the violation of these provisions.

Moral to the story: it just is not worth it.

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Getting to know the country of Spain

A student shares her personal story about studying abroad in the land of Euros and bullfights

By Sara Miller
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Well, here I am in the wonderful country of Spain. Despite the difference in language and paying for goods with Euros, it is at times easy to forget that you are in another country. Sure with a half million people Valladolid, Spain, is no Stevens Point, but it is hard to believe that I am in an entirely different country.

Nevertheless, it is the little

things that quickly bring you back to reality. For example, I ordered a glass of milk in a restaurant and it came to me steaming hot. Furthermore, here they sell roosters in their pet stores.

Did you know that in Spain cats only have seven lives? (That makes me wonder; if a cat from Spain were sent to the United States, would it have eight lives to make an average lifespan?) Things here don't cost an arm and a leg, instead they cost an entire organ system.

Sometimes, though, it is not what you see, but what you cannot see that matters most. After a month I have yet to witness one bullfight or a flamenco dancer.

I have not even had the privilege of seeing one bull just randomly running down the street. Although one time a herd of twenty or so peacocks came running straight for me. With all the screeching and feathers, at that moment I thought that a bull might have been better to run into.

I am starting to think that the Spanish siesta should be renamed the American siesta. My reasoning for this is due to the fact that far more Americans take siestas here than Spanish people do.

However, even with all of the unique differences, there are still little pieces of home here and there.

For instance, I have still been able to experience cheesy hotdogs, Homer Simpson and the ever-popular mullet haircuts.

So, what do I



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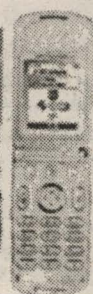
UWSP students visit the ancient city of Toledo, Spain, as part of their entry tour in January.

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UWSP students look over the city of Barcelona, Spain.

think of Spain? I love it. In fact, anyone who has the opportunity to come should not even think twice about it.

Life here is amazing! Take advantage of the chance to study abroad; if you even get the chance to. It is definitely one experience that I will not soon forget.

Want to see
your name in
print?
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the Pointer!

The Spencers to perform "Theater of Illusion"

The Sentry Theater welcomes master illusionists Tuesday night

Master illusionists The Spencers will perform their "Theater of Illusion" at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 24 at the Sentry Theater.

Described as "an evening of high energy magic and illusion," the event is sponsored by UWSP Centertainment Productions. Kevin and Cindy Spencer have staged a highly successful touring production since 1995 when they were awarded their first Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year Award. They went on to win the same award for six consecutive years. They have performed in some of the nation's best-known theaters and performing arts centers and have received rave reviews for their unique style of entertainment.

The Spencers utilize drama, comedy, and suspense to create extravagant stage shows that audiences will long remember. For their contributions to the art,

both Kevin and Cindy have been featured in "The Linking Ring," the oldest magic magazine in the world. The Spencers have performed more than 2,000 shows in the United States and five different countries.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$4 for UWSP students with an ID and free for children twelve and under accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available at the UWSP Box Office, Room 103A of the University Center, or by calling (715) 346-4100 or toll free at (800) 838-3378. In addition, you can get tickets online at <https://ticketsuwsp.edu/Wt3/>, or at the door provided that the performance is not sold-out in advance.

Don't miss this dazzling display of theater, magic and humor. It is sure to be an experience you will not soon forget.

Ballers still in the hunt

Win on Saturday will give team fifth straight conference championship

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Ask Head Coach Jack Bennett if his team would be in position to win a fifth straight conference championship a week and a half ago, your question would have been met with a wing and a prayer.

men's basketball

However, on the strength of two tough conference road victories at Eau Claire on Saturday and Oshkosh on Tuesday, along with a Whitewater loss to River Falls last Saturday, the Pointers find themselves in a three-way tie atop the WIAC standings heading into their final regular season match-up on Saturday at home against Superior.

"We were two games out [of first place] and had three tough away games," said Bennett. "The way this team has persevered; that's what I really cherish as a coach. They earned to be where they are."

At Eau Claire, the Pointers had no answer for standout Casey Drake, but it didn't matter as they shut down the rest of the Blugolds, escaping with an 80-68 victory.

Drake torched the Pointers for 35 points, including 27 in the second half in keeping his team in the game till the end. The Pointers finally had to resort to matching senior point guard Neal Krajnik up on Drake,



Krajnik

which was effective at the end of the game.

The Pointers balanced scoring attack was led by junior forward Nick Bennett, who poured in 20 points, followed closely by his frontcourt partner Jason Kalsow, who had 15 points of his own.

But the biggest news of the night came when the Pointers found out that River Falls edged league-leading UW-Whitewater 72-70 to drop Whitewater into a three-way tie with Falls and the Pointers atop the conference.

The Pointers came into Tuesday night's game with Oshkosh needing a victory to stay in contention for the conference crown, and barely escaped with one, holding on to beat the Titans 63-61.

The Pointers held a 20-point halftime lead, only to have the Titans battle back to two points down at the end. UWSP's players could only watch as Oshkosh's Andy Fernholz's short jumper in the lane rimmed out as time expired, keeping the Pointers' championship hopes alive.

"We played tremendous in the first half [Tuesday night]," said Bennett. "The shots just weren't falling for us in the second, but a win is a win."

The two road wins set up a huge contest Saturday as the Pointers come home to face Superior for a share of the conference championship. If Platteville were to knock off River Falls, the Pointers would gain the first seed in the WIAC tournament with a

win. While the team is riding high right now, Bennett warns that they can't afford to overlook Superior,

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Runners and jumpers strong in Eastbay

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's track and field team had four individual champions and the women's team had six as both teams claimed first place in the Eastbay/Pointer Invitational last weekend.

indoor track & field

With 13 different men's teams competing, some of which were at the Division II level, Coach Rick Witt was pleased with the meet.

"The team made some improvements. The big difference with the track season is that there are only one or two meets where you really don't have to do anything," said Witt.

With the conference season approaching in two weeks, Witt decided to place extra emphasis on the meet last week to prepare his athletes for the pressure of big meet competition.

It was evident that some of the younger runners had trouble handling the pressure, but it was important for the team to find out what they had to work with. "Anything we need to work on now is more mental than physical," said Witt.

One freshman did rise to the occasion, however, and that was Peter Prusinski who won the shot put with his longest throw of the season.

Veterans Matt Legal, Andrew Schliepp and Mark Wierzbza led the Pointers as they captured individual titles. Legal won the 800-meter run and provisionally qualified for Nationals, Schliepp the 55-meter hurdles and is looking to qualify for Nationals at any time now and Wierzbza blew away the competition in the weight



Photo by Liz Bolton

UWSP senior Becky Clarke competes in the high jump during Saturday's Eastbay Invitational. Clarke took fifth.

throw.

The 4x400 relay team also was victorious and will try to put together a top team to qualify for Nationals.

On Friday at the UW-Whitewater Invite, Curt Johnson automatically qualified for Nationals in the 5000-meter run and Mark LeLonde provisionally qualified for nationals in the 5000 as well.

With just two weeks until the conference meet, one of the extremely important meets, the team will continue to work on putting together the greatest line-up to get the greatest amount of points. The team will participate in the Oshkosh Invitational this weekend before returning home for the Pointer Invitational the following week-

end.

On the other side, the women's team captured first place in the 4x400-meter relay and the distance medley relay as well as six other individual events.

Marrie Burrows captured the 400-meter run, Jenna Mitchler the 800-meter run, Megan Craig the 1500-meter run, Ashleigh Potnuznik the 3000-meter run, Melissa Seefeldt weight throw and Julia Schlabosheski the shot put. The team will look to these girls to propel them into the Conference meet in two weeks.

The women will join the men in Oshkosh this weekend before also retuning home for the Pointer Invitational.

Season ends with historic WIAC perfection

Team takes two of three weekend meets along with conference championship

By Adam Wise
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer wrestling team traveled to Eau Claire for the second week in a row to compete against St. John's, Concordia-Moorhead and UW-Eau Claire in the final meet of the year.

wrestling

Coach Johnson's grapplers got off on the wrong foot to start the day when they met up with St. John's. In a slim margin, St. John's defeated Stevens Point 20-18. Highlight of the match was Pointer Cody Koenig's demolition of Alex Balcha, pinning him in a lightning quick 20 seconds.

In the second match of the day, the Pointers turned things around in impressive fashion earning a victory against Concordia-Moorhead, 39-10. In this match, the Pointers accomplished victories in nearly every weight class.

At 285, Mike Hayes earned the only pin



Koenig

against CM pinning Dain Kalkbrenner in 6:52. Also, Cody Koenig (174) and Tyler Wozniak (184) each won their matches by technical fall with Cody defeating Mitch Gabrielson 24-9 and Tyler winning his bout 16-0 against Lucas Reuss.

In the final match of the day and what also was the final match of the conference schedule, UWSP squared off against Eau Claire. It wasn't exactly expected to be a tough fight because Eau Claire had only one conference win up to this point. The Pointers did not let down, pulling out the victory 33-12.

Koenig, one of four Pointer wrestlers who went undefeated on Saturday, thought the team's performance was great.

"This match was a good motivator for conference this weekend," Koenig said. "The end is now in sight and I am very excited."

UWSP won victories at 125, 133 and 174 all by forfeit, and Joel Burdick (141) pinned EC's Tony D'Antuono in 1:21.

The Pointers finished in first place in the WIAC conference with an impressive 6-0 record. They now have the Conference Championships to prepare for this weekend in Whitewater with the NCAA Championships two weeks after that.

THE 2004 WIAC POSTSEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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Monday, February 23

Women's Quarterfinal Games @ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24

Men's Quarterfinal Games @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25

Women's Semifinal Games @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 26

Men's Semifinal Games @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 28

Women's and Men's Finals @ 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

The road to the NCAA championship runs through the WIAC as the 2004 WIAC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments will take place February 23rd thru 28th. The postseason tournament champions are awarded the conference's automatic bids to the NCAA Division III Basketball Championships.



All games will be played at the site of the highest seeded team.

Game times are subject to change.

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For more information on the 2004 WIAC Postseason Basketball Tournament visit <http://www.uwsp.edu/wiac/>

Senior on the Spot

Diane Sawyer - Hockey



Sawyer

Career Highlights

- Two-time all conference, one-time all conference honorable mention
- 12 career shutouts (including five in a row)
- in 2001-2002 Led NCAA Division III in winning percentage with 13-0 record

Major - Business

Hometown - Stillwater, Minnesota

Nickname - "Di", "DD", "Soy"...pretty much anything that will make me look.

What are your plans after graduation? - Get a job, hopefully pharmaceutical sales.

Do you plan on playing hockey after graduation?

- Of course

What is your favorite aspect of hockey? - Being a part of the team and knowing that I have 23 sisters that are there if I need them.

Most embarrassing moment - I don't really get embarrassed that often, although recently at the beginning of the period I started chalking up the opposition's crease. I just forgot to switch sides.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - (Teammate) Jennifer Norris. I would just like to know how it feels to wear a dirty white hat 24/7.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Nothing, but for Pam I will say "Cher's Greatest Hits."

If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? - I suppose I would take my boyfriend on the dream date. He better be firing up the jet, and off to Vegas we go...Hit up Studio 54, Palms and I guess the craps tables too.

What will you remember most about playing hockey at UWSP? - I have made many great lifetime friends

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - Have fun while you are in college, because you will have to work the rest of your life.

Men's Basketball

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a team that beat the Pointers in Superior just a few short weeks ago.

"We won't pay attention to the River Falls game," said Bennett.

"Superior is a tough team that has already beaten us once this year. We have to take care of what we want to do first."

Saturday's game is the UWSP's "Senior Night", and the only senior of this year's team, point guard and Manitowoc native

Skaters ready for Superior matchup



Photo by Liz Bolton

UWSP sophomore forward Dan Francis brings the puck up against River Falls on Saturday. The Falcons upended UWSP 8-1.

Tie and loss in final weekend forces game with Yellowjackets

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team found themselves losing home ice advantage for the playoffs as they tied UW-Stout Friday and lost to UW-River Falls on Saturday.

men's hockey

Friday night, the team found themselves in a familiar position, down 2-0 early in the second period. However, sophomore Dan Francis came up big for the Pointers as he netted two goals before the end of the second period to bring the game to a 2-2

tie.

The Pointers came out strong in the third and took the lead on Nick Zebro's goal a little over six minutes in.

Stout hadn't packed up quite yet and scored just 33 seconds later to tie the game back up. Despite out shooting Stout 37-27, the Pointers were unable to put another one past Stout goalie Jeff Dotson and the game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Saturday night was not the lovely Valentine the team had hoped for as they walked away with an 8-1 loss to UW-River Falls.

The Falcons came out strong scoring just one minute and 55 seconds into the game. The score quickly rose 2-0 just four and one and one half minutes later. Mike Brolsma put one away for the Pointers just under the half way

mark of the first period to leave the score 2-1 after the first.

However, the game would be all Falls as the Falcons would score a total of six unanswered goals in the next two periods. Point seemed to be in the game until they allowed three goals in a minute in a half in the middle of the second period. The few minute lapse seemed to be the turning point in the game and now leaves UWSP tied for fifth in the Conference.

The team will travel to UW-Superior to take on the Yellowjackets in the first round of NCHA playoffs. The team will play both Friday and Saturday; should the teams split, then there will be one 20-minute tie-breaking game held after Saturday's full-length game.



Brolsma

Women fall hard in Eau Claire, jump back up in Oshkosh

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

UWSP came into Eau Claire's Zorn Arena Saturday night looking to keep pace with UW-Oshkosh in the WIAC conference title race. Unfortunately UW-Eau Claire had similar thoughts in mind as they knocked off the Pointers in an extremely hard fought game, 64-60.

women's basketball

The game was predictably tight in the first half as the two WIAC heavyweights sized each other up. The Pointers managed to hold a small lead for most of the first half, pushing the difference to as much as four. The Blugolds played tough, not allowing Point to get too far ahead. Point managed to lead by as much as four on a couple occasions but

went into the half nursing a one point lead, 26-25.

"We had a couple of opportunities to push the lead up but we didn't make shots," UWSP coach Shirley Egner said.

The second half was a series of runs with the teams trading scoring outbursts. Eau Claire came out firing, with a 7-2 run and opening their biggest lead in the game to that point, 33-28. The lead was short lived, however, over the next two and a half minutes Point went on a 12-2 run, wrestling the lead back and opening up a lead of their own at 40-35 with 13 minutes left in the game.

UWEC's Joanna Leafblad took matters into her own hands, hitting two three-pointers and keying a 10-2 run for

EC, regaining the lead at 45-42. The Pointers had an answer taking the lead back on a Cassandra Schultz three-point-er. Amy Scott added a couple of free throws, giving the Pointers a three point lead with 2:46 left in the game.

Keeping with the pattern of the second half, UWEC answered with another run, scoring seven unanswered points and taking the lead for good. The Pointers weren't able to get closer than two the rest of the way, as the Blugolds won the nail-biter, 64-

60.

Coach Egner saw some positives in the loss. "I felt like we really gave great effort, we made some crucial mistakes at critical times towards the end of the game. We competed hard."



Schultz

The Pointers were led in the stat column by Amanda Nechuta with 17 points and seven boards, while Cassandra Heuer chipped in 16 points.

On Wednesday night, Nechuta poured in 36 points as the Pointers moved to within one victory of its first WIAC women's basketball title since 1987 with a thrilling 79-77 overtime victory at UW-Oshkosh on Wednesday.

The sixth-ranked Pointers and 16th-ranked Titans are now tied atop the WIAC standings with 12-3 records. Both teams will share the title if UWSP beats Superior on Saturday and Oshkosh defeats La Crosse. The Pointers would earn the top seed for the upcoming WIAC tournament with a victory. The teams also played overtime in the first meeting with the Titans winning 75-74, but the Pointers hold the tiebreaker.



THE BACK PAGE



By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The Man's Take When recruiting goes too far

One of the big stories this week is allegations against the University of Colorado Athletic Department of recruiting violations and general misconduct of the football program.

Specifically, the charges say that Colorado was using college sex parties as a recruiting tool to get standout high-school senior to commit to their program.

On top of that, former Colorado kicker Katie Hnida, the first female to score in a Division I football game (last year with New Mexico) has come forward saying she was raped by a teammate while a member of the Buffalo football team in 2000.

When answering Hnida's allegations this week, Colorado head coach Gary Barnett was less than apologetic, saying "It was obvious

Katie was not very good. She was awful. Katie was not only a girl, she was terrible. OK? There's no other way to say it."

While Barnett has said on many occasions that he had no knowledge of the "sex parties," I personally think he is full of shit.

"Katie was not only a girl, she was terrible. OK?"

-Gary Barnett

It is very hard for me to believe that the head coach of a major college program doesn't know what a bunch of 17-year olds that he is hosting for a weekend visit are doing.

At UWSP, a Division III football program where all the players are "walk-ons," recruiting isn't nearly the painstaking ordeal it is at a major D-I program. Still, Point

coach John Miech is involved in every detail of recruiting, from planning where the recruits eat and stay while they are at UWSP, to which veteran Pointers show the new recruits around campus.

If Miech ever heard of his players even bringing recruits to an R-rated movie, much less a sex party, he would implant his foot where the sun doesn't shine.

Of course, this is the difference between an upstanding program and one that has sunk so far in the toilet that it looks at 17-year old athletes getting drunk and having sex with promiscuous college co-eds as a recruiting tool as nothing to get upset about. They also took the chance to make history with Hnida and tarnished it beyond repair.

Not only should Barnett be fired, he should be thrown in jail.



View from the Rowdy Crowd Ohh (crappy) Canada

Hockey is a game of power and balance, with the emphasis on balance. Balance is the key to making a hockey player and determining how far their hockey career will go.

Hockey teams are built or seem to be built in the same way, how much balance between offense and defense must be reached to have the best team possible?

And then we can look at the goaltender another part of the puzzle that is such a key to a team's success.

Speaking of balance what do UW-

Superior, Lake Forest College and St. Norbert College hockey teams have in common? An incredible imbalance of Canadian players to American players on each team's roster. All three of these teams are made up of players from Canada. Not saying we have any issues with Canada or it's peoples, but shouldn't the focus of Division III athletics remain on education, not brining in foreign players in attempts to win championships?

Now many of these young men go on to finish out their degrees from these schools, but shouldn't the coaches make some effort to recruit players from the United States that are already having a hard enough time getting accepted into colleges and universities? It just seems that maybe

some teams have more desire to win, and win quickly, than give their students the best options for education.

Ok, that aside, the Pointers are mired in a turbulent time of their own, and stuck in the middle of the pack of the NCHA. The whole conference is vastly improved from seasons past, so please don't jump ship on these guys. They are still in the hunt and can surprise ANYONE at

ANYTIME. That's why they play the games!

Lastly, the women's team is doing incredibly awesome and

is in the hunt for the NCHA championship.

They've had success traveling out east against a heavier pack of women's hockey teams, as women's hockey is more prevalent out east, and these Pointers are winning and have a complete hockey package.

A great balance of offense, defense and goaltending helps the women's team to confound opponents. Here's to great success through the rest of your regular season and playoffs ladies!

Finally, thanks for reading, hope you've enjoyed hearing what we have to say and giving some of your time to hearing about the greatest sport in the world, hockey!



By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The way I see it... The NFL combine fills a void

Yippee!! The NFL Combine is upon us. Starting Wednesday and going through the weekend, top college talent will be poked, prodded and grilled by the NFL's doctors, GM and coaches. College athletes will be asked to run the 40, bench press 225 as many times as possible and run through cone-speckled obstacle courses, all in the name of getting drafted into the NFL. I'm in heaven.

To the casual observer the Combine seems like a lot to do about nothing. But to the hard-core NFL fan this is one of three events that makes the off-season somewhat bearable.

While the fans of the other pro sports only have to deal with three months off, us NFL people have to deal with six months of downtime.

We get to play GM, and decide whom our team should take in the up-coming draft in April. We get to discuss, and in some cases argue, about who is going to be a star at the next level. Will Mr. Top QB

be the next Peyton Manning or Ryan Leaf.

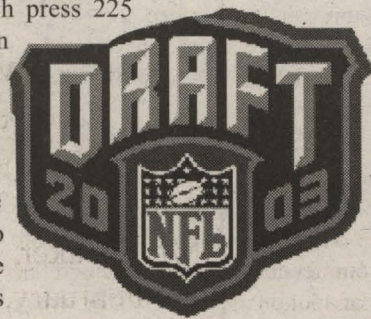
We can speculate about our own college guys as well. For example, will Lee Evans make a splash in the NFL? Last year there was no question he would be great, but then the horrific knee injury he suffered in the spring game took him from a can't miss first rounder to a late first rounder with questions.

Will he be another Chris Chambers or another Lee Deramus? Will any of the guys in the WIAC get drafted? Is there a Tony Beckham or a Clint Kriewaldt in the WIAC this year? Is Scott Krause deserving of a selection in this year's draft?

We can debate if the Packers are going to draft a QB with their first pick or make a play for

Drew Henson? Should they maybe go with a D end instead? Or maybe they'll trade up a few spots or maybe trade down? The subjects for debate are endless.

The bottom line is while the Combine may not seem very important to most people, for us die-hard NFLers it fills the wide chasm of emptiness between the Super Bowl and the draft.



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Finding skeletons in the snow

Dropped deer antlers are an elusive treasure

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The woodlands have been calling my name lately, but I have a million school related projects that need attention. Reading famous novels are boring compared to a weekend plunge into the wilderness. The creaky sway of an old oak tree or distant chirp of a chickadee is too invigorating compared to burying my thoughts in a book.

Finding a shed can be like finding an animal rights activist at a hunting convention

Last weekend I left the books at home and fled to the woods. My plan was to attack a few crows with the 12 gauge, but I suddenly became more interested in the network of deer trails that crisscrossed the woods. I plowed through the knee deep

snow to a large trail and followed it deeper into the woods. My search for crows had now become a search for skeletons in the snow.

White-tailed deer in Wisconsin are beginning to shed, or cast, antlers, and now is the perfect time to begin the search. This is especially true for finding sheds from trophy deer. Whitetails generally shed their antlers between the months of January and April, but biologist Richard Goss, expert on antler growth and development, states that "mature males may cast as early as December." He also says that younger bucks generally cast their antlers in the early spring. Some bucks have been known to keep antlers until late April or even May, but some of the larger sheds are found in earlier months.

The largest shed that I have ever encountered was in 1998 on Valentines' Day. My father and I were searching for antlers near a small country road when he spotted a dandy five point shed buried in the snow. We never found the matching side, but I still admire the beauty of the antler and memories that go with it.

It is difficult to predict exactly when a buck will shed its antlers. Goss claims that the increase in daylight is what causes antler casting to occur. Daylight increases in the month of December, which stimulates the pineal gland. This results in a reduction of testosterone levels. There are many other interesting factors that determine when a deer sheds its antlers.

My search for antlers generally begins in mid February, and usually ends in March. Spring break is a perfect time to search for antlers, but trophy sheds

are more likely to be found earlier.

Many people find sheds while turkey hunting in the spring, but they can be gobbled up easily by mice, squirrels and other rodents by this time. If the rodent population is high in your area, the chances of finding a complete antler are reduced. Rodents seem to value the high mineral content that the antlers contain.

Finding a shed can be like finding an animal rights activist at a hunting convention. Last year I dedicated my entire spring break to finding antlers and found nothing. I spent nearly 30 hours in one week searching and went home empty-handed, but in other years it feels like I hit the jackpot. The truth of it all is that finding sheds can be downright difficult. However, there are a few areas that seem to produce more sheds than others.

It may seem obvious, but bedding areas and feeding areas are a good start. The trails in between these areas are also a good bet. Trails that travel across highways and small country roads are other good places to start looking as well. Any areas such as fence-lines and river crossings that have been recently crossed by deer are also good areas to look. My favorite indicators are small specks of blood in the snow. The pedicles on the deer can sometimes bleed after the antler has been dropped. If you find an area with a small amount of blood, you may want to scour



Finding a matching set can be difficult, but finding one is a great reward in itself

the area thoroughly.

Finding a first antler shed can be like winning the lottery. Knowing that that buck is still alive is enough to get excited for the next deer season. Even more exciting is the fact that he will be even larger. The search for trophy bucks never ends.



February is National Bird Feeding Month

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR



So it began. After ten years, National Bird Feeding Month is still going strong, although most folks really don't know it exists. In order to be better citizens, and to improve our surroundings, my roommate and I recently hung a simple bell-shaped chunk of seed from our garage to celebrate and participate in National Bird Feeding Month.

I guess those little birds aren't so hungry after all, because I haven't seen one damn bird on our feeder yet. Although our feeder isn't the most popular spot on Clark Street, I have a feeling that we'll be seeing some feathered friends in the coming days. In the end, the benefits of feeding birds will be worth the now-fruitless effort, if only one bird will enjoy some of our seed. While no birds have visited our new feeder, I am no rookie when it comes to ogling birds.

For one, watching an active bird feeder is a good form of solid entertainment. I'd rather watch a chickadee crack open a nut than television. A real enthusiast might take great pleasure in compiling a database of all the birds that visit their feeder. Seeing what types of birds come around and learning to recognize them is an enjoyable way to get involved with nature. The whole experience of watching a tiny, flight-capable creature eating tasty seed is peaceful and relaxing in so many ways.

Stevens Point is a great place to start amateur bird feeding and watching. We have lots of different birds to attract in the winter, especially when the ground is covered in snow. Birds such as cardinals, blue-jays, tufted titmice, nuthatches, chickadees, tree sparrows, finches, woodpeckers and juncos are all very common in this neck of the woods.

Cardinals are my favorite to watch. This bird mates for life, and when a couple moves into your feeder location, it is a blast to watch them share seed and play around in the trees. The cardinal is the first to

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House of Representatives
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-From the Congressional Record
February 23, 1994

start feeding in the morning and the last to leave.

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Wild Matters

How to clean a fish properly.

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Fishing is a great lifestyle. One aspect of that lifestyle is enjoying the flesh of your fallen foe. While many folks enjoy catching and eating fish, a good proportion of these people couldn't clean a fish properly if their life depended on it.

Bone structure

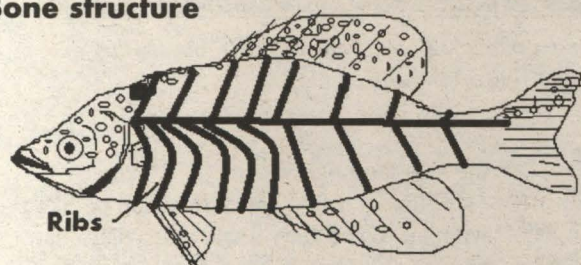
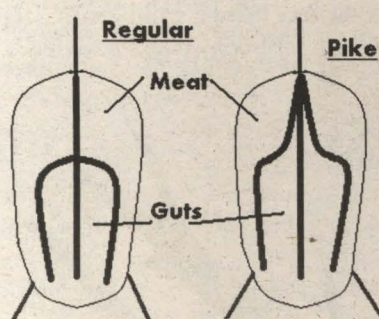


figure 1



Before I begin, I'd like to say that in most cases, I believe in, and practice, catch and release. Most of the time, I'll simply take a picture and let the fish go back for someone else to catch. However, there are occasions when taking a few home for the frying pan is in order. When it is time to take a few home, it is important to do the job right, and perhaps take a moment to thank whoever you might want to thank.

I know lots of people who are great anglers, but really fall short with a filet knife and dinner at their fingertips. The most common mistake comes with technique. With bad technique come other problems, such as bony meat and wasted fish. There is no real secret to doing the job right. To clean a fish properly, an angler must know the bone structure of the species, recognize the fatty areas, understand a few basic cuts and keep the filet knife sharp enough to do the job.



Let's begin with the bone structure. For most fish, bone patterns are relatively identical. Walleye, perch, crappie, bluegill and even those mud-eating baaaaasssss look the same underneath their skin. From the head, the large backbone runs back to the tail, through the dorsal fin. The ribs jut out at sharp angles and then curl around the guts (see figure 1). To remove each side of flesh, cut down behind the gill plate and then towards the tail, staying above the ribs. Get your thumb underneath the cut and make small, slashing cuts along the ribs while pulling the meat apart (figure 2). Once the filet is clear, remove the skin to produce a clean, tasty morsel that is free of skin, scales and bones.

The other fish that is most popular for dinner is the northern pike. While the same basic structure is the same, the northern pike has the pesky Y-boned rib cage to deal with. This can be avoided either by cutting through the bone and removing it later or carefully cutting around the curved bone right away. I prefer the former. With a sharp knife, the Y-bone is easier to remove once the filet is detached from the fish's body; plus, less meat will go to waste in the end.

After the filet is free of bones and skin, there is one more step to ensure the freshest taste. There is a layer of fat and nerves through the side of every fish called the "mudvein." It should be removed in most large fish. Simply make two small cuts on the edges of the vein and then peel the good meat off (figure 3). You will end up with two smaller filets that are great for the frying pan.

One thing that my grandfather taught me early on was to check the belly of every fish that you clean, in order to find out what they've been eating (besides your hook). A big pike's stomach is like a hidden treasure.

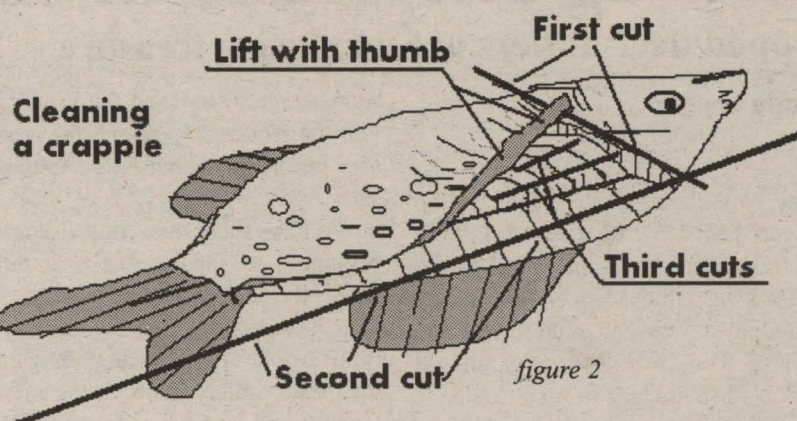


figure 2

After you've gotten all you can out of a fish, dispose of it properly and throw the meat in the freezer. With a cold drink in hand, you can remember the day, and know that by eating what you have caught and selected, you have somehow contributed to the whole big cycle of things.

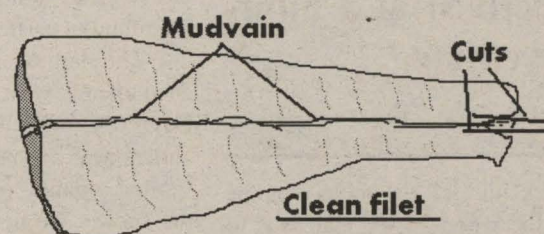


figure 3



This big pike had a belly full of bluegills, and I had a belly full of pike.

photo by author

Mr. Winters' two cents



"Slow going"

Well ya'll, the snow has stopped falling for the moment and some of it is even melting with this warmer spring weather. Of course, us fishermen know what that means: late ice bonanza!

Now I want all those fishermen to take a stand this year. Whether it's canceling Bingo night, missing the new episode of "Dallas"

or skipping that visit to the in-laws, it must be done. Leave your calendars open so you can really utilize that late ice hot spot. Crimi-nee!!!

Now believe it or not, I got some more advice for you rascals. Being an elderly man, I like slow things. I like to walk slow, read slowly and when it comes to chores around the house, I do them really, really slow. Christ, I'm like cold marmalade on a biscuit-meal.

One time at the five and dime, it took me three hours to pick up some hair soap for the missus.

Once I'm out ice fishing, though, it is a whole different story. After slowly trudgin' through the snow and setting those tip-ups oh so carefully, and

getting my jiggin' rod set just right, I change my mindset completely. I've never conducted the experiment, but I think I'd give Jim Taylor a run for his money in the 40-yard dash if only there was a flag bouncing at the finish line. If that baby is spinning, you have to be extra-swift too: I've been known to help some fellas out landing fish. Once that fish is on, focus and a clear mind are a necessity.

My fishing buddies have told me that I have cat-like reflexes. In fact, the other day this came in handy. A nice crappie-lunge was being brought up and she came off right at the hole. Well, I saw that jig come out of her mouth and, ignoring the elements, my hand unconsciously dove for the fish. I pulled that little bugger outta a six-inch hole.

Next time that happens to you, stay calm but act quick. Your hand might get a bit nippy, but the sight of a football crappie in the frying pan will warm you up right away.

Tell you what, I'll give a nice piece of candy to anyone who'll come and knock those damn icicles off my drain spouts. I just know they're gonna come down and bust up my siding, for crying out loud! Huh? All right then, just stay outta my shrubs and then, "go on and geeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

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concert review: ElphLettuce Thursday, Deuces Wild

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

There was no stage, no designated dance floor and major competition for space between dancing spectators and foosball enthusiasts at ElphLettuce's show at Deuces Wild last Thursday, although none of that seemed to matter.

Tearing through two sets of mostly covers sprinkled with a few originals, ElphLettuce played with as much poise and confidence as any band I've ever seen come from Point.

Most of ElphLettuce's covers came from the catalogs of The Grateful Dead and Phish, or covers frequently performed by the arguable kings of the jamband scene. A mid-set rendition of Phish's "Sand" morphed wonderfully into a jam that wandered, twisted and eventually surfaced into a heartfelt go at The Dead's "Morning Dew." Rhythm guitarist Chad Wolf and lead guitarist Jake Lysen each had shining moments during this one-two punch, with bassist Alex "Four Toes" White laying down a smooth, fluid bassline.

Other Dead and Phish covers followed to close the first set and open the second, including "West L.A. Fadeaway," "Going Down the Road Feeling Bad," "Timber Ho!," "Waste" and "Funky Bitch." Other covers performed throughout the night included The Velvet Underground's "Rock and Roll" and an encore of Jimi's "Hey Joe."

Even a few of the band's originals, "Live'n to Learn" and "Down in the Slums" were solid jam vehicles that gave the band a break from playing borrowed material.

Keyboardist Matt Ruder dominated a few jams throughout the second set, in addition to drummer Rich Hankison playing a steady and flawless evening behind the kit.

Make no mistake: ElphLettuce is a young band still belting out the classic covers. But they do it well, and after a few more gigs, I'd make an effort not to miss any more of their shows, even if I've got to pay a few bucks to get in the door.

ElphLettuce will be playing at Deuces Wild again on Thursday, Feb. 26, starting at 8 p.m. There is no cover charge and drinks are two-for-one from 8-9 p.m., so what's your excuse?



movie review: Barbershop 2



By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The original *Barbershop* was one of the sleeper hits of 2002, a fun, warm-hearted comedy filled with likable and believable characters and an often barbed sense of humor. Now the shop has opened up again for *Barbershop 2: Back in Business* and for the most part, it's still fun. While the humor is somewhat tamer (I doubt Jesse Jackson will have much to complain about here), it still has enough to make one laugh, as when a Muslim customer says Jesus looks like Kenny G.

Once again, the barbershop owned by Calvin (Ice Cube), a neighborhood institution on Chicago's South Side since 1958, is in trouble. This time, though, it's not Keith David's loan shark from the first film, but the threat of a big chain barbershop, "Nappy Cuts," moving in across the street. The chain doesn't just have the financial muscle to force Calvin out, they've also got the local alderman in their pockets, whose newest aide happens to be Calvin's ex-employee Jimmy (Sean Patrick Thomas). What can Calvin and his merry band of barbers do except fight back any way they can?

Despite lacking the edge of the original and saddled with an ending that goes out with a whimper rather than a bang, *Barbershop 2* does still make one laugh. Once again, Cedric the Entertainer dominates the show as elderly crank barber Eddie. Eddie's barbs are less inflammatory than in the original, but he does

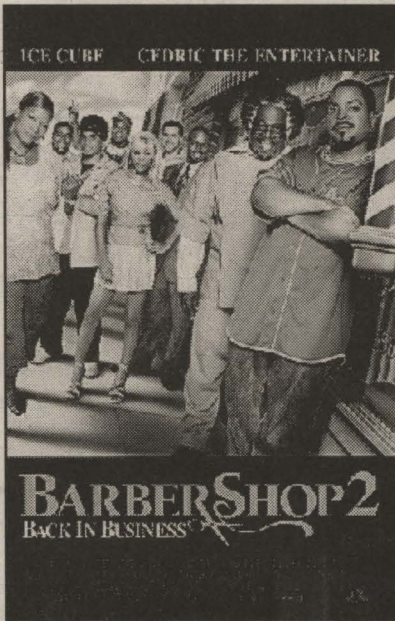
get some choice quotes about R. Kelly, the D.C. sniper (the "Jackie Robinson of crime") and calling Jimmy "West Wing." He also gets myriad flashbacks that give his character new depth and explain why he has a permanent job at the shop despite the fact that he never seems to cut any hair.

Cube again plays the decent, likable straight man to his ever quirky crew of barbers, all of whom return for a welcome encore. Jimmy, ever ambitious, dis-

covers the dirty side of politics. Terry (singer Eve) is trying to control her temper, but still suspects that people are stealing her apple juice. And token Caucasian Isaac (Troy Garity) is now the best barber in the shop. A welcome new addition is Calvin's cousin Kenard (Nickelodeon mainstay Kenan Thompson), a motor-mouthed novice barber who drives the others nuts. The one cast disappointment is the lack of a good villain, with the greedy developer and corrupt alderman caricatures straight out of an old Frank Capra movie.

Flaws aside, *Barbershop 2* also features the ever-welcome appearance of Queen Latifa as Gina, Calvin's ex-girlfriend who

runs the beauty shop next door. The Queen steals her scenes, especially her showcase one where she verbally spars with Eddie and actually stands up to Cedric. Already her character is being spun off into *Beauty Shop*; the trailer runs before the film. If *Barbershop* is already spinning off, the series must be doing something right.



Barbershop 2 received ☆☆☆ / Four stars

An interview with the lead singer

JIMMY Garski, lead singer of bEYOND Therapy, talks about his band, writing and gigs.

By Jason Mansavage
ADVERTISING MANAGER

I recently sat down with JIMMY Garski, lead singer of up-and-coming metal band bEYOND Therapy. For him, it's not only a name, but a therapeutical release.

Garski explained, "bT was formed in Wausau, Wisconsin a little over three years ago and was previously called Steamroller for a year. The name changed to bT after my brother passed away from an overdose only four days after getting out of jail. In essence, it's a tribute to him and moreover, a tribute to life, to live it and celebrate like it's your last day, which is what bT does."

I decided to dig a little deeper and see what really inspires his songwriting. "Inspiration completely comes from real life experiences," said Garski. "Usually depressing and angry issues are discussed as is the general temperament of society. With the war still going on, it seems to fit nicely as far as defining the current times for bT fans. Real life issues are what the focal point of my lyricizing centers around, as do the few lyrical ideas Edward, my other guitarist writes. The songs relate to personal issues, usually nothing happy because we are not about that. Every story behind each song is either melancholy in nature or angry, or insane. We have written some

politically influenced songs like 'Die Garbage Bin Laden,' which we've put to rest."

JIMMY has set some pretty lofty goals for the band in his quest to attain the musician's version of the American Dream. "bT's goals are simple: to continue growing in the ever changing eyes of industry personnel everywhere and ultimately get a record deal with a label like Sony, or some giant. It's tiring doing everything completely yourself, which is what the band is all about. We handle every aspect of our work, from booking gigs, setting up showcases, organizing security, merchandising, collecting money, street teaming the shows, pushing the web site and accounting the band."



All this talk about getting the attention of the record labels brought me to ask about bEYOND Therapy's record label experiences. "Right now, Metal Blade records is still reviewing *dEADLiners* as well as Century Media Records out of LA. It's difficult all the way around. So we are waiting patiently, moreover to keep touring the metropolitan areas and hope that someone with credentials can help us make the big leap to the next level."

The biggest issue these days throughout the music industry is the illegal downloading of songs. JIMMY

was very open with his thoughts on the matter. "I think people should be able to download some material of a band. Why don't they allow the general public a couple songs they can download to try and tempt the auditory taste buds of those who are making an effort to actually support the music scene? The industry shouldn't push people like that away. You should get something for free in music."

Considering how much time and energy JIMMY puts into the band, I had to wonder what he did with his free time. "To be honest, I never have spare time on my hands. I am tied to this musical life of whoring my band. For instance, at 7 a.m. this morning I called in to Z104 FM just to mention my band's name for the sake of it being mentioned."

I always like to talk about an artist's musical inspirations and asked him to name his five favorite bands and CDs. "My five favorite bands are The Happily Rejected, Cold 150, Steamroller, bEYOND Therapy and Nirvana. My five favorite albums are Pink Floyd's *The Wall*; Nirvana's *Nevermind*; Jane's Addiction's *Nothing's Shocking*; Depeche Mode *Music For The Masses*, part of where my strange gothic influence comes from and bEYOND Therapy's *dEADLiners*, the CD that will hopefully make us famous."

Be sure to check out bEYOND Therapy at the Mission Coffee House on Friday, February 27 with Agent Zero, A Lesser Existence and Snooky. The all ages show starts at 9 p.m. Check out their website at <http://www.beyondtherapy.tk>.

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Thursday, Feb. 26

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Friday, February 27

bEYOND Therapy @ The Mission
Coffee House, 9 p.m.

Friday, February 27

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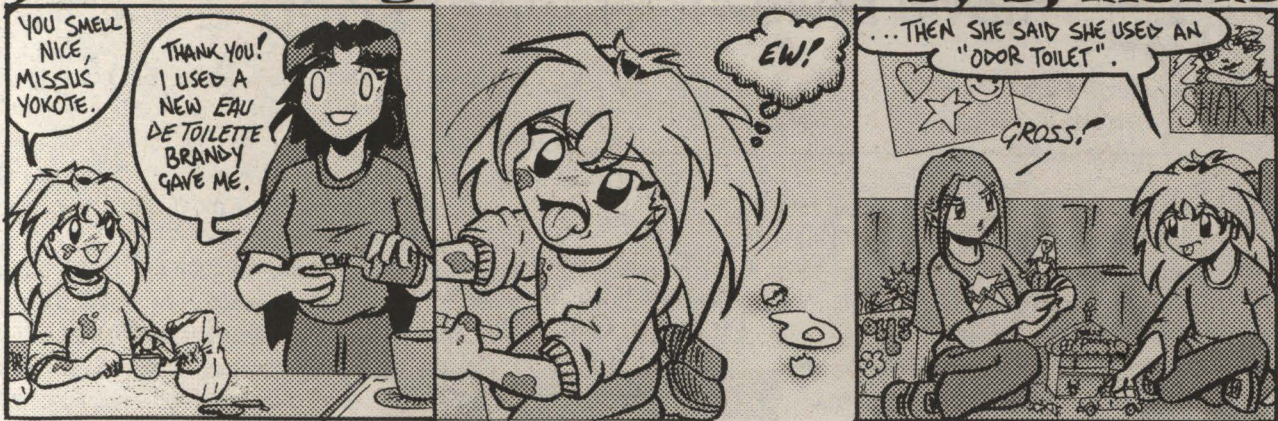
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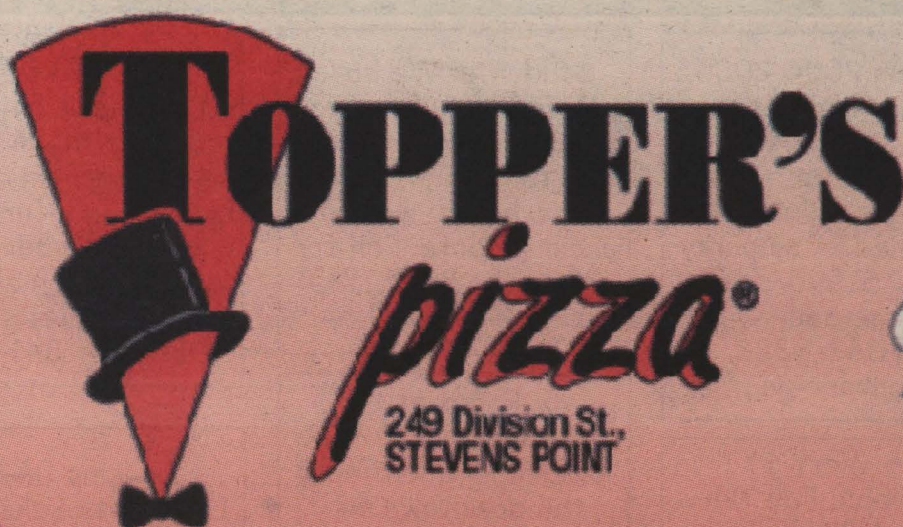
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