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 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. C.J. 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 believe 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 re-election efforts of the congressional members who aided in his campaign. See Primary election, page 2

Blood drive underway at UWSP

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

Student faults in election bid

By John Larson
NEWS EDITOR

UWSP student Eric Krszjzaniek was not successful in his bid to get on the ballot for the April 6 local election. Krszjzaniek 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.

Krszjzaniek finished in seventh place, with 1,324 votes. Although he was upset by his loss, Krszjzaniek took some pride in the fact that he was able to 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." Krszjzaniek 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," he said. See Student candidate, page 3

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Price of text material in question

By Dawn Ver Haagh
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 try to get it changed. The students are aware and concerned with the Comm 101 textbook affair."

The UWSP SGA administrators 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 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."

Speaker offers Reflections on Iraq

By Dawn Ver Haagh
NEWS REPORTER

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 his situation in both areas and drew unflattering comparisons between the Israeli Defense Force occupation of the West Bank and the current style of occupation of Iraq by the United States.

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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.

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.

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," Heitman 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 primary, 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 voting sites.

Despite only running its 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 of 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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**Debater 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Student candidate**

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- A statement on my behalf.
- The person that Krszjanzieck 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. Krszjanzieck thought 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 on 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."

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**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 Edventures 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 Edventures 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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**ASH WEDNESDAY IS NEXT WEEK**

**Liturgy with ashes**

- 8:15 AM (Mass) • Newman Center
- Next to Pray Sins Hall
- Noon • Newman Center
- 6 PM • St. Joseph Convent Chapel
- 1300 Maria Drive, just west of Kmart
- 9 PM • Newman Center

**Lord's Day masses**

- 5 PM Saturday, 10:15 AM Sunday, 6 PM Sunday
- 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

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 my country first.

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 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.

A week later, she went to the 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 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, backstabbing 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 feel bad! 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 nose-licking 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 fouled-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.

Adam Mella
Outdoors Editor

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

Valerie Gladkowski, Sr., Biology
Jessica Simpson- $1400 sheets for the White house
Ryan Hansen, Sr., Biology
Clinton, because Democrats get all the ass.
Becci Schmitt, Fr., Business
Ozzy, F*ckin’ Ozzy? He’s my god!

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My mom, ‘cuz she would care world language with a home-made apple pie!

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

Animal from the Muppets; he’s a great motivational speaker.

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

By Geoff Fye
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 coincidently, the Brewhaus was one of the many entertainment options open at the takeover. 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. Before 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 dominos. Students had the opportunity to play each other for prizes such as movie passes and gift certificates to the Brewhaus. The Alumni Room offered, appropriately enough for a Friday the 13th, a selection of horror movies such as the Evil Dead trilogy (sadly, no Friday the 13th film 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.

"We just wanted to have fun," said Almir. "For one night, the University Center was certainly quite a delight.

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." 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 having 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 that night. 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 well­renowned as he is.

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 Hoplesenperger, Director of the Surplus Store, the store collects anything from breathing apparatus 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 $30-125. These computers do not have operating systems, but you can pick up XP from IT after you get a sweet deal on a com­puter.

If you are looking for furniture, look no further. The Surplus Store carries everything from desks to sofas, 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

"The Country Wife," a comedy by William Wycherley, set in the late 1600s, will be performed on campus this weekend. Hard work, love, 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 Carin Gregrasso (lighting designer), "The Country Wife" has successfully come together. Each member of this production 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 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 waistcoats with many buttons, corsets, large dresses and mantles, or small hats, worn by women. One of these costumes took the student designer, Sarah Dallman, about two and a half hours to create, including the hand-stitching 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 memorizing the actions, 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

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. Afterwards, entertainment was provided by the Kassumai African Music & Dance Group.

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

The dinner appeared to be a mixture of the modern and the traditional. As the pamphlet for the event says, "Lucky's mission is to help 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 and jambalaya and collard greens. Desserts such as peach cobbler and sweet potato pie were also provided. Mark Heimlich and the UWSP dining service provided the food for the evening.

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.
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 paying for goods with Euros, 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 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.

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 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 ago, your question would have been met with a wing and a prayer.

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 straight conference championship hopes.

"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 where they are.

At Eau Claire, the Pointers had no answer for standout Casey Drake, but it didn't matter as the Pointers 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 content 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 would be in position 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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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.

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Senior on the Spot
Diane Sawyer - Hockey

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 opponent's crest. 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
- Diana Ross
What will you remember most about playing hockey
- My teammates and knowing that I have 23 sisters that are there if I need them.
What will you remember most about playing hockey at UWSP?
- I have made many great lifelong friends, and I will always have a bit of a crush on the UWSP hockey team.
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.

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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-Senior Night, and the only senior of this year's team, point guard and Manitowoc native

"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, wresting the lead back and opening up a lead of their own at 40-35 with 13 minutes left in the game.

UCWEC's Joanna Leablab 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-pointer. 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."
The way I see it...

The NFL combine fills a void

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

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, GMs 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 who on our team should be 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 Derramus? 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.

The Week Ahead

Men's Hockey: at Superior (NCHA Quarterfinals)*, Fri., 7 p.m. & Sat., 7 p.m.

Women's Hockey: Superior, Fri., 7 p.m. & Sat. 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Superior, Sat., 3 p.m.; WIAC Tournament Game (TBD), Tues., 7 p.m.

Wrestling: at WIAC Championships (Whitewater), Sun., 10 a.m.

Women's Basketball: Superior, Sat. 5 p.m.*; WIAC Tournament Game (TBD), Mon. 7 p.m.

Swimming & Diving: at WIAC Championships (Oshkosh), Thurs.-Sat.
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 eerie 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.

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 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. Meilla
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 the 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 ooging 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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The origins of National Bird Feeding Month

JOHN EDWARD PORTER, Illinois
House of Representatives

Wednesday, February 23, 1994

"Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize February, one of the most difficult months in the United States for wild birds, as National Bird Feeding Month. During this month, individuals are encouraged to provide food, water and shelter to help wild birds survive. This assistance benefits the environment by supplementing wild bird’s natural diet of weed seeds and insects. Currently, one third of the U.S. adult population feeds wild birds in their backyards."

-From the Congressional Record February 23, 1994
Wild Matters

How to clean a fish properly

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

Let's begin with the bone structure. For most fish, bone patterns are relatively identical. Walleye, perch, crappie, bluegill and even those mud-eating bassaassss 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 sides 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).

One thing that my grandpa 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.

Bone structure

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.

Mr. Winters' two cents

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, our 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. Criminee!!!

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-hunge 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 warn 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. Just imagine you'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 gneeceeeets!

-R. Winters
An interview with the lead singer

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

By Jason Mansavage

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

Garski explained, "bt was formed in Wauau, Wisconsin a little over three years ago and was previously called Steameroll 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 I believe 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 right as far as sets of mostly 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 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 have put out in 2003."

bEYOND Therapy has set some pretty lofty goals for the band in their quest to attain the musician's version of the American Dream. "bt's goals are simple: to continue growing in the music industry every year and ultimately get a record deal with a label like Sony, or some giant. It's tiring doing everything correctly and honestly, but that's what the band does." Garski continued. "The band is solid jam vehicles that gave the audience something beyond the possible mindless tracks that many bands on the road do. So we are waiting patiently, moreover to help us make the big leap to the next level."

Events Calendar

Friday, February 20
KILL BILL: Volume 1
Playing @ The Laird Room,
7 and 9:30 p.m. Students FREE,
$3 without ID
Saturday, February 21
Burnt Toast & Jam
@The Encore, 8 p.m., Students FREE,
$3 without ID
Thursday, February 26
ElphLettuce @ Deuces Wild
8 p.m., FREE (21+)
Friday, February 27
bEYOND Therapy @ The Mission
9 p.m.
Saturday, February 28
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Angela Senarighi

To quote Mel Brooks "Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die." Now I know it can be a pain in the ass when people pre-judge you. And I know that repeating stereotypes can re-enforce them. And I know there are plenty of Greeks out there who are hella wanker heads and driven academically. Based on the articulate nature of your letter, I'd say you're one of them, even if you did misspell "stero-types."

But here's the deal: people suck. They're going to be making fun of you for pretty much the whole rest of your life. A big piece of becoming an emotionally articulate human is being able to laugh at yourself.

Or, at the very least, being able to shrug it off when someone else laughs at you. I mean really. Why waste time caring what some megalomaniac wanker writes in the college paper? Screw him. Rub some dirt on it and get back in the game.

If you still feel like you've been treated poorly, Angela, I'm willing to make amends. You know what they say, there's no such thing as bad publicity.

Is your student organization desperate for attention? E-mail Pat Rothfuss at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. If you can bribe him into attending one of your extra-curricular activities, hilarity is sure to ensue.

You've got some bluegrass coming up at the Mission Coffeehouse this Friday from Cornmeal. After that it's Teague and Ian Alexy with some acoustic jazz. Saturday night Maggie and the Molecules, Diggnation, and The Southlanders are bringing in some Jon/Grace Rock All ages welcome. Both shows $5.
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