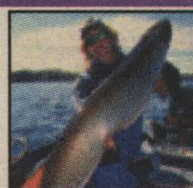




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SGA to raise Segregated Fee

Fee increase needed to pay for new U- Pass program

By Dawn Ver Haag
NEWS REPORTER

Each spring UWSP organizations funded through segregated fees make a budget request to the SGA Finance Committee, however this spring the SGA did not make a request for a salary increase in their budget.

Recently on the floor of the Senate, a senator made the amendment to pass this, which would increase the pay for all directors of SGA, which includes approximately 11 positions, however, "all other student payroll positions would not get the increase; such as *The Pointer*, 90FM, and the Association for Community Tasks (ACT)," stat-

ed Matthew Lemahieu, Budget Director for the SGA.

Someone had appealed the budget and it was then on the floor. A motion was made by a senator to increase the salaries, and this motion got passed.

The finance committee recommended a 14 % increase of the fee to \$145.80, \$18 higher than the current fee.

\$10 of the increase is set for implementation of the new U-Pass system that will allow students access to new city transportation routs that will include more of the UWSP campus.

According to Stephanie Lind, Student Life Issues Director, "The employees at ACT and WRC were not happy to hear about the increase."

This has become a heated topic through SGA because "no other organizations who have salaried employees through segregated fees will receive this

increase, which is not equitable across jobs that have the same supervisory functions," states Lind. Lind also argues that "The positions are and should be at a similar pay grade. *The Pointer* editors will remain at what they are currently getting paid, while the President of SGA will receive an increase."

Sara Stone, Speaker of Senate, commented that the directors "do take on extra duties. They work over winter and summer break and are vital to the organization. They have more hours now and therefore get paid more now, even without the pay increase."

"When something is passed by the SGA, it is supposed to be a permanent decision. However, this Thursday they may be able to suspend the ruling," stated Lemahieu.

City comments on snow removal

By Dawn Ver Haag
NEWS REPORTER

After a typical Wisconsin snowfall, the streets of the Stevens Point area are covered with snow and other winter related material. However, some people have expressed concern that streets dominated by student housing around the UWSP campus are left in the worst condition and are the last to be cleared after a storm, sometimes almost a full day after the snowfall.

Several roads, including Franklin, Michigan, Reserve and Sims Street all have students residing in the majority of the homes. Deven Kautza, a UWSP student, lives on Reserve Street and spent her Monday night trying to shovel and direct the pool of water that had accumulated at the end of her driveway to some

other area. "The snow just melts, and it doesn't drain, and we are left with a huge pond," stated Kautza, "[They] don't really care about the side streets and when they finally do come around to plowing, they just push all of the snow back onto our driveway and sidewalk."

Howard Krieski, the Superintendent of Streets for the City of Stevens Point Street Department, defended the snow removal team. Krieski first and foremost wanted to state that "Number one, the streets around campus are not plowed last." The city of Stevens Point has 10 plow routes that cover the entire city and each individual has his own plow route. "The streets plowed first in the route depends on the

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Reactions to Nader decision

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

Consumer advocate and two time Green party nominee Ralph Nader recently announced his intention to run for president this fall as an independent.

Nader has been under criticism from the Democratic Party since the 2000 election where President George W. Bush narrowly defeated former Vice President Al Gore.

Nader was accused of playing the spoiler role in that election and was blamed for drawing votes away from Gore that could have tipped the election in his favor, comments that Nader has largely dismissed.

To the shock and disappointment of his critics and supporters alike, Nader decided to run again for the presidency, only this time without any party affiliation. In a press conference announcing

his intention to run for president, Nader told concerned Democrats to "Relax and rejoice," as left leaning voters would "have another front carrying the ancient but unfulfilled pretensions and aspirations of the Democratic Party."

Nader said that he is running to challenge the "two-party duopoly" of the current election system and to challenge a Democratic Party that has "become a captive of corporate interests." Nader made the decision to run even in the face of opposition from some of his former supporters, some of whom have banded together to create a website called ralphdont-run.net, where visitors to the site are greeted with a commercial stating the reasons why he should opt out of the 2004 election.


Democrats are concerned about the potential of Nader playing the spoiler role in the current

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Photo by Liz Bolton

Broadway actress Eva Van Bok comes to UWSP to perform her one-woman show "Eaten Alive." The show presents the human demension of eating disorders. For review see Features, page 5.

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driver and where he starts," stated Krieski.

The amount of snowfall and the time at which the storm occurs determines whether or not the snowplows come out and when. According to Krieski, if two inches of snow or more falls during a winter storm, the entire city gets plowed, including all secondary streets, however, if snowfall totals are less than two inches, they only plow the main roads of the city.

"For example," said Krieski, "if a storm started at 10 this morning and we hit the required two inches of snow, the workers would come in at 11 p.m. and start plowing and are usually done by 7 a.m. the next morning."

Krieski also discussed another big problem regarding the issue of snow removal. He noted that there was a previous photo of a Stevens Point street in *The Pointer*. Accompanying this photo was a statement referring to how the streets never get plowed. Krieski pointed out that in the photo, "the center of the street was bare, you could see pavement. But also, there are cars parked on the sides of the street, causing snowplows



Photo by Liz Bolton

As spring slowly comes to Stevens Point, residents of a street such as the one pictured above are now dealing with streets flooded by the melting snow.

to not be able to clear the areas where the cars were parked."

UWSP student Heather Wallner also commented on the city streets. "I am close to campus, so I walk to class, so it doesn't affect me much." However, at times when Wallner does drive and there are cars parked on both sides of the road, "it makes [it] really narrow because the sides aren't plowed and the cars then can't park close to the curb."

Plows attempt to come out later in the evening to avoid having to plow around vehicles, which can lead to the snow mounds pictured in *The Pointer* last month.

When there are cars parked on the streets, which happens frequently around campus, the plow needs to go around each car, and "there is nothing we can do about it" stated Krieski.

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election, but believe that his support has been marginalized on a national level. UWSP College Democrats Chair Nick Heitman said that he believes that Nader will "draw votes away from the party, but not to the extent that he did in 2000."

Heitman said that Nader's message has been heard and said, "I wish that he would not run." He did note that while Nader had made some critical statements about the Democratic Party, he noted that most of the critical assaults being issued by Nader are being directed at the president. "He has been attacking Bush very heavily, in the hopes of drawing some support of the more liberal Republicans."

When reached for comment, the UWSP College Greens in a collective statement expressed no dissatisfaction with Nader's decision to run as a third party candidate. In their statement, the Greens said that "while a little disappointed, we believe that this can be a good thing. He is running to force the Democrats to stay to the left."

The Greens urged those worried about the role of Nader as a spoiler to relax and to worry about the quality of their own candidate, calling Democratic frontrunner John Kerry "the most conservative candidate the Democrats have put out yet." The Greens, while overall pleased that Nader will be running again, they did express satisfaction that "no matter what happens, the heat will be off of us if he is labeled as a spoiler this time around."

While some are surprised by Nader's decision to run in the face of near universal opposition, Dr. Dennis Riley, a UWSP Professor of Political Science, is not. "He largely disregards the comments of his critics; he has done this throughout his career and will do what he wants. He is to an extent disconnected from the people and the reasons why he should not run again."

Riley cited an example from Nader's past where he would not back down from his opinion in the face of relentless public opposition. "You will be hard pressed to hear him admit that he made a mistake. Several times in his career he has

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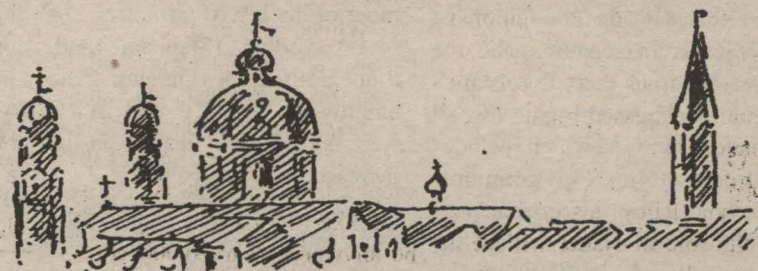
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The Campus Beat

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A male reported the theft of a violin, case and bow from his unlocked van. The reported value of the missing instrument is \$900.

The Campus Beat is compiled by UWSP Protective Services.
All names withheld.

Nader decision

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taken unpopular stances on some issues, but he never changes his minds once its set." Riley said that Nader's decision to run is based off of Nader's belief that "he feels the need to raise attention to the issues that he feels are not being addressed by the other candidates."

Like Nick Heitman, Professor Riley also believes that the role of Nader will be a much smaller one in this election. "Historically, third party candidates, with the exception of the socialists of the early 20th century, have always had diminished returns in their second campaign. Ross Perot saw his own support diminished by over half from

1992 to 1996. This second time around, if Nader drew 3 million votes in the previous election, he will likely draw half that amount, if not less. A lot of those that supported him in 2000 are suffering from buyer's remorse, and are unlikely to make what they perceive to be a mistake again."

While noting that Nader's profile and support has diminished, Riley noted that Nader still has the potential to be a spoiler. "Even if he only gets half of the support he got in 2000, in a close state like Florida that could still be anywhere near 20,000 votes, and in a close race as this is likely to be, that could tip the balance the other way."

UWSP student running for Portage County Board

By David Cohen
NEWS REPORTER

UWSP student Taniya Fatticci, 18, has announced that she will be running for the District 11 seat of the Portage County Board as a write-in candidate.

The deadline to be on the ballot has expired and no one had registered to be included. Fatticci says that she has been informed that Roberta Erwin, a community member, is also launching a write in campaign for the seat.

Fatticci states that she will bring a new voice and "represent a minority on the board as a student and a woman." She feels that both of these groups are currently under-represented on the board.

She says, "The college voice is not heard. Nor is the female voice. If I am elected, I will be the youngest person on the board. Currently out of 29 mem-

bers there is only one female."

The district includes the quadrant of dormitories north of Debot. She feels that it is very important for the student voice to be represented because "students are the primary residents of that district."

She adds, "The average age in that area is 25. Most of the board members are older men. I feel that I can represent the people of the district a lot better."

She says that she decided to run after she was encouraged to do so by friends when she was informed that no one was running for the seat.

Another perspective that Fatticci represents is of the environmentalist. She states that although this is a non-partisan election, she is receiving support from local Greens.

Amy Heart, former candidate for mayor and former Green Party candidate for state assembly has been serving as Fatticci's

unofficial campaign manager.

Fatticci is a student from the CNR, studying Forestry Eco-System Restoration and Biology. She says that she hopes to make environmental issues a priority. The 11th district also covers the Schmeckle Reserve, which she plans to support.

Fatticci has become involved in numerous organizations on campus and feels that she has gained leadership experiences which have prepared her for this position. These organizations include the Wildlife Society, College Femmes, Society of American Foresters, Herbatology Society, Environmental Council and EARTH.

She has also been involved in the National Honor Society in High School and will have a role in the upcoming production of the Vagina Monologues.

Protesters give presentation on Miami FTAA Conference violence

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

A group of current and former students of UWSP and UW-Madison gave a presentation sponsored by the Infinity Syndicate about the level of police enforcement and treatment that protesters received during the November 2003 Miami

FTAA meeting.

The FTAA, or Free Trade Area of the Americas, is an organization that is attempting to create a free trade zone that would encompass most of North and South America.

Protesters attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the dangers that they felt would come from the continuation and expansion of free trade programs.

One of the main speakers at the event, Peter Welch, spoke about his opposition to the current free trade structure in North America, NAFTA, and about his opposition to the proposed new trade agreements that lead to him attending the protests. He said that the existing free trade agreements have "created conditions in countries like China where workers are exploited so corporations can make a maximum profit off of the lowest labor costs possible. It is a race to the bottom."

He and others in attendance decided to attend the protests that were planned at the meeting of FTAA delegates in Miami. They had spent weeks in preparation for the protest, from gathering supporters to make the trip to scouting locations before the event, but what they said they found in the city was something they could not prepare for.

"There were thousands of police everywhere, dressed in full black body armor and sporting weapons that I have never seen regular civilian police carry, such as four-foot long nightsticks. I have never seen police so heavily armed in my life. There was

at least one Armored Personnel Carrier in sight, there might have been more," said Welch. He said that the protesters reached an agreement with the police where as long as they remained peaceful, they would be allowed to approach the hotel that was the site of the conference. He said that once they got close, they were turned back by the police.

"They told us that some of the anarchists had become violent. Before long, when some people attempted to resist being escorted out, they started to use tear-gas and plastic bullets. Several anarchists started to throw rocks. They advanced on the crowd and started to drive people back."

Welch and several others in his group fell back once the police started to advance, and managed to evade arrest.

Welch said that an estimated 200 protesters were arrested in the melee, in addition to 30 people that sustained injuries. "The police in that situation did not know how to react, so the only way they knew to react was to act aggressively."

Despite the setback, Welch and others in attendance were undeterred from future protesting.

"We are planning for a large protest in New York during the Republican National Convention. It will no doubt be one of the largest protest in recent years."

Welch noted that some of the officials that planned the police activities in Miami will also be responsible for the security in New York during the convention.

Pointer Poll

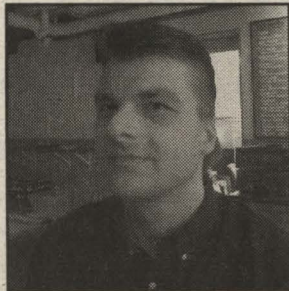
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What's the dumbest thing you said today?



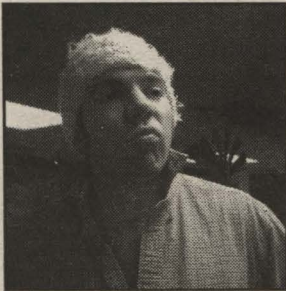
Harmony Maves, Junior, Special Ed.

I told a pastor he was hot.



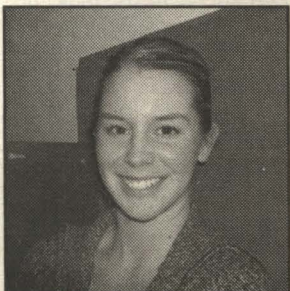
Shawn Davis, Junior, Business Adm.

This root canal isn't going to hurt much...is it?



Miles Hofschultz, Senior, Comm.

Chest hair rules!



Rebeka Bauer, Sophomore, Health Pr.

You're drinkin' that water like its water



Amanda Wais, Senior, English.

...or dirty underwear.



Andrew Grasmick, Senior, Comm.

I think Kazzam was a great movie!

Musings from Mirman

Caution: Changes are in progress and glitches may appear

By Dan Mirman

EDITOR IN CHIEF

You may have noticed that in last week's edition of *The Pointer* (February 19) we made a number of glaring errors. The most obvious example was the missing header in the features section. Also, a number of the pictures appeared extremely grainy and blurry.

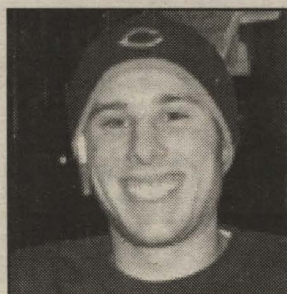
These problems represent a few of the obstacles we're trying to overcome as we switch to a digital format.

Up until two weeks ago *The Pointer* used a paste and cut method to produce the newspaper. However, this method has gone the way of the dinosaur, so we are attempting to convert to digital where everything runs through the computer.

Once we have ironed out the flaws, we believe that the students will have a superior newspaper in appearance due to these changes.

Ideally, these mistakes will no longer appear by the time *The Pointless* edition comes out in April.

With the change to digital, we are also tweaking the letters and opinion section. In every issue, starting this week, we will ask a question



that pertains to a controversial issue. We will then run the best responses to the weekly question in the letters section. If one question sparks enough interest, we will add a second letters page to print all the responses.

I strongly encourage as many students to respond to our weekly question as possible. Remember, this is your newspaper. Yes, yours. Anybody who picks up a *Pointer* on a regular basis should have a say in the content.

Do you want more SGA coverage? Should club sports receive a mention? Is there a particular column or cartoon that you enjoy?

To quote Tom Cruise in Jerry Maguire, "Help me, help you."

So UWSP students and other *Pointer* readers, you have two options. You can continue to leave everything to our staff; it does make things easier for us. Or you can write in and give us things to consider when planning our stories for the week. And if you write it well, we'll even print it in the paper.

Don't be afraid, take ten minutes and email a letter to the *Pointer* right now. You can send your letters to Pointer@uwsp.edu.

Support for the ticketers

Everyone hates parking tickets. I am too poor to afford a car, but if I wasn't, I would not enjoy paying parking tickets anymore than you. I am not fond of the common cold, pop quizzes, the ever deepening hole of debt I continue to dig or any unexpected expenses I continue to incur. But, like everyone else, I deal with these burdens in stride.

Last week the column, "A problem with tickets" by Adam Mella picked on college students who have done nothing but make a little money to pay their bills and with any luck have enough left over to buy a cold beer. If they didn't issue parking tickets someone else would. It's called capitalism.

Even worse are the idle threats. Are you really going to inflict harm upon a student because you are either too lazy, cheap or just incredibly unpunctual to keep the meter full?

Let me get something clear. Parking Services employees are working for the "man." What do you think you'll be doing when you leave college? I'll tell you. You'll join the middle class and be working for "the man." Paying taxes and trying to get by like the rest of us.

Don't be that guy. We have enough reasonably articulate "A-holes" to last until the next ice-age. If you really can't live with parking tickets, then organize a protest or start a petition. Maybe you could be a real hero of the student body, wrap an American flag around yourself and sit on the steps of Parking Services in protest. You might lose a couple fingers to frost bite, but then you'd have a better excuse not to put an extra quarter in the parking meter.

Have a nice day.

Dan Ventura
UWSP student

THE POINTER QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Do you plan on seeing The Passion of the Christ? Why or why not?

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The primary marks the first step

The New Voters Project in Stevens Point, dedicated to increasing voter turnout among 18-24 year olds, commends UWSP students for participating in the Tuesday Primary.

The Primary sets the precedent for the General Election in November, which young voters will take a stand and vote in numbers that will send a strong message to politicians and society that their issues will no longer be ignored.

The New Voters Project was happy to see the Democratic presidential candidates devote their time to visiting college campuses in Wisconsin. We are happy that Wisconsin received the attention for the primary.

The University Administration, Student Government Association and the community have played essential roles in setting the precedence for the New Voters Project campaign to follow from now until November.

The ultimate goal for the project is to integrate voter registration into the university system so that the voting process is a visible part of university procedure.

Looking forward to November, The New Voters Project has many exciting goals to reach out into the community to further educate 18-24 year olds about voting.

The project strives to amalgamate many student and community organizations into a coalition that will focus on increasing voter turnout. Through our efforts we look to bring new individuals into the fold whom may not have been active

in the past.

Speaking as representatives of a non-partisan project, we are confident that our efforts from the primary can pave the way for politically diverse participation of young adults in the November General Election.

Theresa Cain
New Voters Project

Clean energy Support

Wisconsin gets too much of our energy from coal and nuclear power which leaves us vulnerable to soot and smog pollution and dangerous nuclear waste.

Wisconsin currently has an opportunity to shift to get more of our energy from cleaner and more sustainable sources. Given our abundant wind and farmland, Wisconsin has the potential to derive most of our energy from clean renewable sources, which is better for the environment, public health and our economy.

The state is currently looking for ways to increase renewable energy, but it won't happen without clear support from the public. Contact Governor Doyle and let him know that it is important that we be getting 10% renewable energy by 2013.

Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG) will be having a booth in the UWSP University Center concourse March 1 and 2 during peak lunch hours. Stop by and show your support.

Lance Johnson
WISPIRG - UWSP chapter

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"Eaten Alive" captures the trials of anorexia and bulimia

Broadway actress Eva Van Bok speaks about her personal battle with an eating disorder

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

"Eaten Alive," a one-woman theatre piece presenting the lives of five women in different stages of their life, was presented on the UWSP campus Tuesday night.

Eva Van Bok, Broadway actress and star of the production, related her personal story about how an eating disorder changed her life. Following the lives of five different women suffering from

anorexia/bulimia, "Eaten Alive" truly captures the essence of a woman struggling to attain the perfect body image.

The production begins with the portrayal of a woman in her middle age holding down a family life and career, while at the same time struggling to overcome her feelings of insecurity with her own body. Amidst the chaos of finding the time to exercise, spend time with her children and focus on her involvement within the community, she finds herself sacrificing sleep

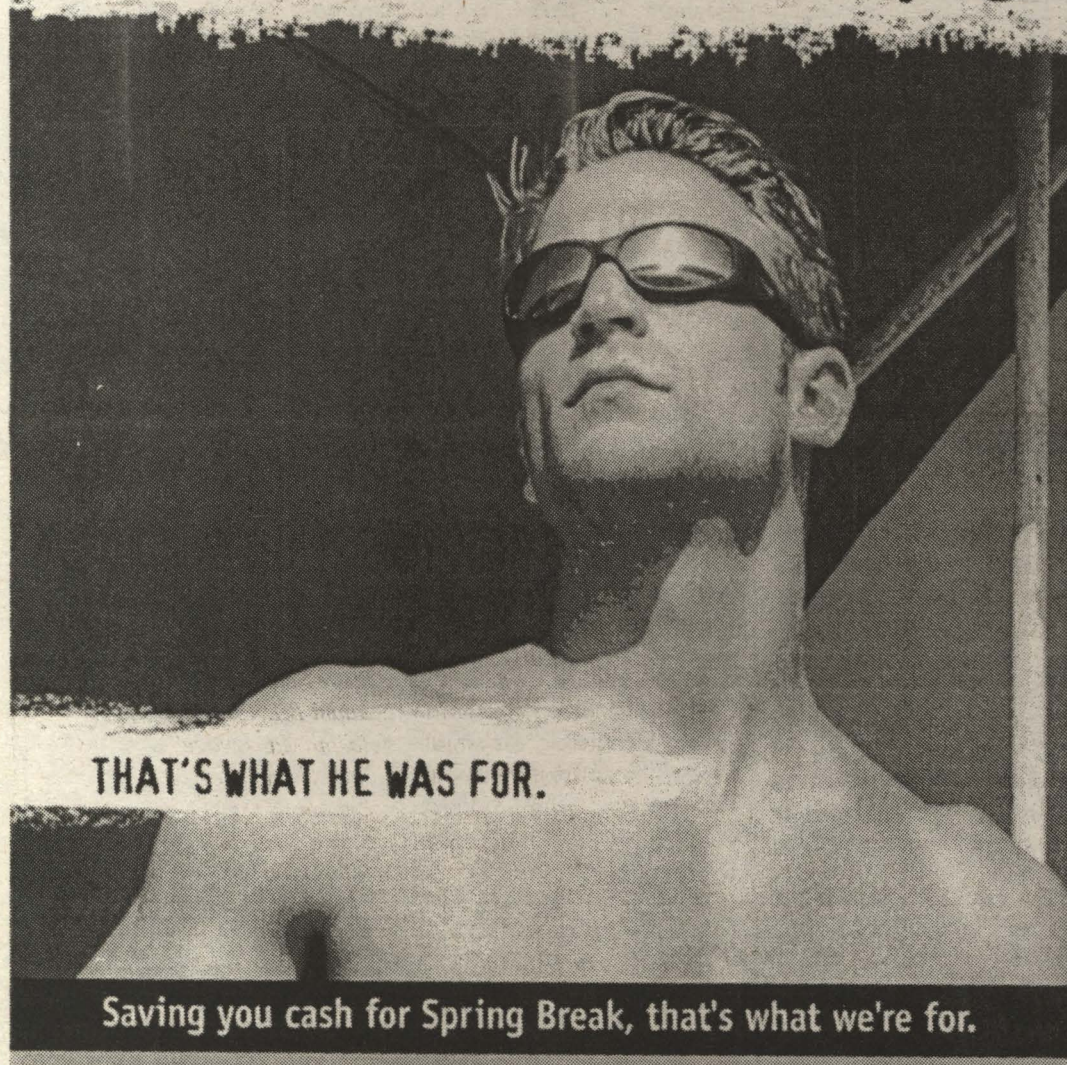
to run a few more miles each morning to lose those extra pounds that she feels are so evident on her body. She finds herself making excuses for each thing that she eats. What begins as one animal cracker soon leads to an entire box. Soon, she finds herself still unsatisfied and wanting more. And this is where the cycle of eating and purging begins, a never-ending cycle of trying to gain control not realizing the irony in that she is only losing it.

The production then shifts to focusing on a college woman trying to convince her friend that bingeing is the perfect solution to losing weight. The young lady introduces the "two-finger diet" to her friend as the only means of conquering the weight battle. As she says to her friend on the phone, "Gaining weight is

everything in relation to their thinness. One of the women represented believes that food is her only means of being happy. Yet, the happiness she feels lasts only a brief time until she purges the guilt away. For all of these women, size becomes the foremost issue.

The last woman that is depicted seemed to have the most impact on the audience. This woman refuses to allow herself to date until she has obtained a negative pants size, though she is currently a size one. In her description of what she termed ideal, she centered on Barbie. To her, Barbie represented not only the perfect body, but the perfect life, for this woman felt that the two went hand in hand. To have the perfect body she must be as light as a bird. "I will be so thin that I will be invisible and float away forever and ever," she said. For all of these women, and all those that suffer

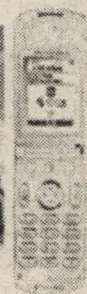
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Eva Van Bok captured the trials associated with having an eating disorder by portraying the lives of five separate women each suffering from anorexia and/or bulimia.

worse than dying." She tells her friend all about the secret box she has hidden under her bed for when the food cravings become too much. "The Box of Heavenly Bliss," as she calls it, alleviates the desires.

However, what goes down must come up again. When her friend decides that the cyclical cycle is too much for her to do, the young woman becomes frustrated. However, when her friend later decides that she wants to be part of this circle, the young woman is filled with pure excitement and elation. Nevertheless, the elation she feels is short-lived as she remembers the many close friends who have suffered greatly from this disease.

In the end, she has succeeded only in pushing her friends away. As the young woman said, "All I do is eat and throw up, eat and throw up." After the money is spent on food, the feeling of dizziness ceases to subside and the friends have gone astray, all that is left is a young woman struggling to reassure herself that what she is doing is truly worth it.

The lives of three other women are also portrayed in the production, including a friend and a woman seeking further diet treatment. All of them, in addition to the two women already depicted, have made the decision to make weight loss their priority.

They have chosen to put

from anorexia/bulimia, it is always about the next five pounds.

For Dok, her personal battle with an eating disorder began with the passing of her father when she was only thirteen. It was not until her mid twenties that she sought treatment, at the persistence of her family, for her illness. When she began recovery, she weighed a mere sixty-eight pounds. As Dok said, "You can't get well alone." Had it not been for the intervention of her family, Dok believes she would not have had the courage to do it on her own.

The evening concluded with Dok leading an open forum for audience members to ask questions. Sponsored by Centertainment, "Eaten Alive" captures the essence of eating disorders and the powerful role they play in the lives of so many people, whether they are young or old. It goes beyond the educational realm of eating disorders and captures the personal trials of those suffering from it. Simply stated, Dok's performance was moving.

For those of you that know someone suffering from an eating disorder, or if you would like information for yourself, there are numerous websites, such as <http://mirror-mirror.org/eatdis.htm> or <http://www.hiwaay.net/recovery/>.

The important thing to remember, as Dok pointed out, is that control of food is usually a diversion from what is really going on. Food is only a mask for what is truly the problem, and it is this issue that must be addressed foremost.

The Spencers: pitting illusion against reality

Magic at its finest at the Sentry Theatre this past Tuesday night

By Adam Rodewald
FEATURES REPORTER

A milk can, just large enough for a small man, surrounded by a black tapestry symbolizing danger, is filled to the brim with water. Here is the plot: Kevin Spencer, stage magician and illusionist, is chained, shoved and locked in the can, unable to breathe, and unable to see. He has three minutes to make his escape. Music is orchestrated in the background, breathtaking and intense. A volunteer from the audience monitors a stopwatch.

"30 seconds." He says. Cindy Spencer, Kevin's stage

partner and wife, stands rigid and motionless. Stomachs begin to knot.

"One minute." There is no sound but that of aggressive tension hovering above.

"One minute, 30 seconds." Cindy Spencer clenches her muscles and glances at the black covering which buries her husband.

Silence... and just as the two minute mark is being announced, Kevin Spencer miraculously bursts out from behind the curtain like a cannon ball firing into the massive crowd of delighted, cheering people.

This was one out of many amazing illusions performed by

The Spencers in the crowded Sentry Theatre on Tuesday evening. When asked what can be expected in their show, Cindy Spencer responded, "We try to present illusions that will allow the audience to experience several emotions."

And they did just that. Kevin Spencer first demonstrated his talent by holding up a copy of the *Stevens Point Journal*. "This is reality." He emphasized to the audience. He then tore up the newspaper saying, "and this is an illusion." To reaffirm his statement, he folded the torn pieces together and then reopened them, to the gaping mouths of the audience, revealing the newspaper to be whole. "This is reality," he

repeated.

Rachel Snyder, the Center Stage Coordinator for Centertainment, has worked with the Spencers before. She said this was the third time they have come to Stevens Point. As Snyder said, "Kevin is extremely kind. He always has a good attitude." Snyder was proud to say that they sold about 300 tickets in advance for the show, and the theatre, which seats over 700 people, was filled to more than three quarters of its capacity.

The audience was enthralled by the experience. Josh Teeters, a student at UWSP, said, "It's mind boggling!" Steve Martin, a resident of Wisconsin Rapids, came all the way with his son to

see The Spencers for the third time. "The Spencers have come a long way and are definitely going places," Martin said. Jess Keyzer from Nekoosa, after having the privilege of being a volunteer on stage, said, "They are really nice people."

The Spencers, who have won the Entertainers of the Year award six years in a row, are one of the most sought-after illusion teams in the world of magic. It goes without saying that they are powerful performers. Their show truly leaves the audience with an experience that is nothing short of a joyful rollercoaster of emotions.

Hmong comedian delights many Saturday evening

Tou Ger Xiong brings humor to UWSP

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Hmong comedian Tou Ger Xiong performed in the Laird Room last Saturday night to a diverse crowd, attempting to educate about cultural diversity through laughter.

Xiong, born in Laos and reared in St. Paul, MN, is now identified as one of the most influential Hmong in America. He has been described as "the Hmong version of Chris Rock, Drew Carey and Snoop Dog rolled into one."

The Hmong, also known as "mountain people" or, in Xiong's words, the "hillbillies of Asia," were used by the U.S. as a proxy army against Communist guerillas in Laos during the Vietnam War.

With the fall of Laos to the guerillas coinciding with Vietnam's in 1975, many Hmong were forced to flee to refugee camps in Thailand and then to the United States. Today, many reside here in Wisconsin, including Stevens Point.

"I've talked to a lot of Hmong families," Xiong said. "They all think Stevens Point is a great place for a community." He also credited ice fishing and the Packers for bringing them to Wisconsin.

As part of his performance, Xiong spoke in both Hmong and English, or "Hmonglish" as he called it. As he put it, "Our language is so unique that some things cannot be translated into English. If you translate it, you lose the meaning."

Much of the performance was given to learning about Hmong culture. For example, the Hmong people do not have storybooks, but have "story cloths" instead. The cloths tell in pictures pivotal stories of Hmong history,

from small anecdotes to large cloths detailing epic events such as the Hmong flight from Laos to Thailand.

Xiong also told some personal stories about his own experience as a Hmong in America. One concerned a time in the second grade when, trying to come to grips with his heritage, he asked his mother what being Hmong meant. The response he received was "I is Hmong."

Xiong had some words of wisdom for the young ones in the audience. "My message to all Hmong kids," he said. "Shake off a little bit of the coolness and listen to your mom and dad. They know a lot."

Xiong also shared some of the quirkiest sides of Hmong culture. He pointed out the difference between Hmong funerals and American funerals, saying that Hmong funerals are louder and allow greater expressions of grief to pay honor to the dead.

He also related his experience watching a shamanistic ceremony, expressing astonishment at the stamina of a 70-year-old shaman during a multi-hour ceremony.

After the performance, the audience had the opportunity to purchase some of Xiong's merchandise. The merchandise included T-shirts, books and his videos "I is Hmong" and "Multicultural, Multilingual, Multi-cool."

The event cost \$5 to attend. Sponsors included Centertainment, the Hmong and Southeast Asian American Club and Multicultural Affairs.

Greek life is alive at UWSP

By Nathan Lamon
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Greek Community at UWSP is truly that, a community. Inter Greek Council (IGC) is an umbrella organization that includes members of UWSP's five fraternities and three sororities. IGC promotes unity among Greeks through weekly meetings, promoting and rewarding Greek achievement and planning all Greek social events such as Greek Week.

The Greek organizations at UWSP are Delta Phi Epsilon, Gamma Phi Delta and Phi Omega sororities, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Phi Sigma Chi, Sigma Tau Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Xi fraternities.

Scholarship - academic achievement is the primary focus of college life and the founding principle of Greek organizations. Each chapter has academic requirements and

they provide academic support programs and recognition as part of chapter operations.

Leadership - Greek organizations provide individuals with many leadership opportunities. Chapter members have the opportunity to participate in leadership training, education and development within their respective chapters and governing councils.

Community Service - UWSP fraternities and sororities are leaders in the community in volunteering time and money to those less fortunate. They have participated in Relay for Life, Operation Greek Care for our soldiers overseas, Highway Cleanup, Books for Kids, St. Michael's Charity Ball, New Voters Project and much more.

Friendship - The most readily identifiable aspect of Greek life is friendship and camaraderie. The college experience presents many

challenges for students and having a support system of brothers and sisters makes the transition easier.

Will I be hazed if I join a fraternity? The hazing of individuals or groups of individuals is prohibited by UWSP's Code of Conduct. The fraternities and sororities, as well as IGC, have constitutions that prohibit hazing.

Are fraternities and sororities just like the ones on TV? Every organization is different and unique, but on our campus, we have yet to come across any 90210 KEG Houses or John Belushi Animal House types.

We invite you to become involved in the Greek community. Joining a Greek organization is a positive way to enhance your college experience.

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Men's swim team wins fifth straight title

Women take close second place to La Crosse

By Jon Henseler
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's and women's swim teams both saw plenty of success at the WIAC championships this past weekend.

swimming & diving

The men's team captured their fifth straight WIAC championship edging UW-La Crosse 31 and a half points. The women took second behind UW-La Crosse, losing by 41 1/2 points. This was the third consecutive title for the UW-La Crosse women.

When asked what he thought were some keys to the successes of both teams, head coach Alan Boelk was very proud.

"The team worked very hard from September 3

through last weekend," said Boelk. "In our sport, the best-trained and hardest-working teams have the best chances for success."

Boelk also commented on why he thought that both teams have met with continued success year in and year out.

"I think our teams find success because they have a lot of respect and pride in the tradition that this team upholds," said Boelk. "It is a high bar, we expect very much of ourselves."



Boelk

After another successful season, some Pointers will have their last chance to make the NCAA's at the Last Chance Meet this Friday.

As far as the NCAA's go, the Pointers simply have to wait to see which of the 13 women and five men who have made cuts are invited to compete.

Pointers split gain second seed in playoffs



Photo by Patricia Larson

Pointer senior forward Becky Humphries takes a shot against Superior on Saturday. The Pointers fell at the hand of the Yellowjackets 1-0.

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's hockey squad needed a sweep of the UW-Superior Yellowjackets last weekend at Ice Hawks Arena to claim the National Collegiate Hockey Association regular season crown.

women's hockey

The Pointers started off the weekend solidly with a 3-2 victory on Friday. Ashley Howe began the scoring for UWSP in the first with her sixth goal of the season to tie the game at one. The tally stayed even through the second period. At 4:02 into the third period, UWSP's Tracy Truckey scored on a breakaway to give the Pointers a 2-1 advantage. Less than a minute later, Jackie Schmitt scored what would become the game-winning goal and her eighth game-winner of the season.

With 9:26 to play in the

contest, UW-Superior's Lindsay Bennett scored a power play goal, but the Yellowjackets couldn't find the back of the net for the remainder of the game, giving the Pointers a 3-2 win.

The win placed UWSP in a tie with UW-River Falls in the standings, while UW-Superior remained one point back. Since UW-River Falls did not play over the weekend, the Saturday match-up between the Pointers and Yellowjackets would determine the NCHA champion.

The regular season finale was a defensive showcase by UW-Superior's goaltender Kristy Faechner. The sophomore racked up 26 saves in 26 opportunities to hand the Pointers their first-ever home shutout and their first home loss of the season.

A late first period score by Susie Crabb was all the

Yellowjackets needed to sew up their first NCHA regular season title since 2000-01. For Crabb, it was only the second goal of her freshman season.

Needing only a tie to win the regular season conference championship, the Pointers failed to capitalize on seven power plays. UWSP held the Yellowjackets to only 14 shots during the game, 12 of which were saved by Pointer goalie Amy Statz.



Statz

UW-Superior will host the conference playoffs on Feb. 28-29, where the Pointers will be the second seed and will face UW-River Falls, the third seed, on Saturday. Top seed UW-Superior will face off against the Blugolds of fourth-seeded UW-Eau Claire in the other semifinal contest.

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Men advance to NCHA Frozen Four

Huge win in mini-game propels Pointers to upset

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team turned things around at the perfect time as they defeated UW-Superior last weekend to advance to the NCHA Final Four.

men's hockey

After a rough couple of weeks, everything seemed to come together for the Pointers as they traveled to one of their least favorite arenas to face off against the Yellowjackets. The weekend would be a best of three type set-up, with the third game being a 20-minute mini-game, if it came to that.

As the first period came to a close, it seemed as though this game would mirror the struggles the team had been facing the last couple of weeks. Down 3-0 after the first period, the Pointers weren't going to settle for the usual outcome. The team came out flying in the second period, scoring four goals by the 13-minute

mark. Superior put one more away before the end of the second, but it couldn't stop the Pointers' momentum. James Jernberg put away two goals in the third period and the Pointers held off Superior to win 6-4.

After Friday's win the Pointers had put themselves in perfect positioning. Saturday night was a lot less scoring as Superior was up 1-0 after the first. The Yellowjackets netted another one mid-way through the second before Adam Kostichka scored with one second left in the period to bring the score 2-1. However, that would be the only goal the Pointers put away as Superior was victorious 3-1.

This series split set the tone for a 20-minute mini-game. Brett Coburn opened up the scoring just after the 12-minute mark and Nick Molski put away another minutes later to put UWSP up 2-0. The Yellowjackets tried for a comeback, but were unsuccessful as Kostichka assured a victory with an empty net goal with just seconds remaining in the game.

The Pointers, seeded sixth in the playoffs, became the lowest seed to ever advance to the semifinal round. St. Norbert's will host the NCHA Final Four, as the Pointers take on UW-River Falls Friday night.



Coburn

Wrestlers take second in WIAC

By Adam Wise
SPORTS REPORTER

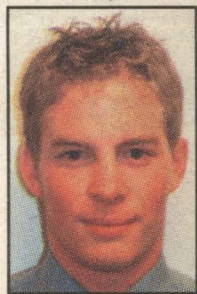
The Pointer wrestling team culminated their season last Saturday at the WIAC Conference Tournament in Whitewater with a strong performance. Johnny Johnson's grapplers posted a second place finish of 118.5 points to UW-La Crosse's 138.5.

Brady Holtz (133), Cody

wrestling

Koenig (174) and Yan White (197) all won championships in their respective weight classes. All three had little to no competition during the day.

Also, Joel Burdick (141),



Burdick

one of three Pointer run-ners-ups (David Davila and Mike Hayes were the others), will make the trip to Dubuque, Iowa for the Division III National Championships, earning one of the at-large bids.

Holtz, after defeating Paul Lundgren (Eau Claire) 15-0 and Doug Rozelman (Oshkosh) 6-0 to reach the finals, finished his run by taking Nick Morpew (Lawrence) 7-2 to win the championship.

Cody Koenig, the defending conference champion in his division, won again this year with an 11-6 victory over Nick Patenaude (La Crosse).

"This weekend turned out the way I wanted it to," Koenig said. "I felt confident in the finals and am ready for nationals."

When asked of what he thought of the overall team performance, Koenig replied, "I was a little disappointed on how the team scores turned out with La Crosse beating us. We had six in the finals and it would have been a lot nicer to have a couple more guys win the tournament."

Finally, Yan White (197) won his weight class for the third consecutive year posting an impressive 3-1 victory over Nick Campbell (Eau Claire).

"Overall I think the team wrestled pretty well. Unfortunately we were unable to reach our goal, winning the conference title. We lost some key matches we needed to (win) during the second and final rounds. I'm excited about the four guys we are taking to the NCAA's," said head coach Johnny Johnson.

The four Pointer wrestlers have this weekend off then travel to Iowa the following weekend for the Division III Championship March 5-6.

The third time's a charm

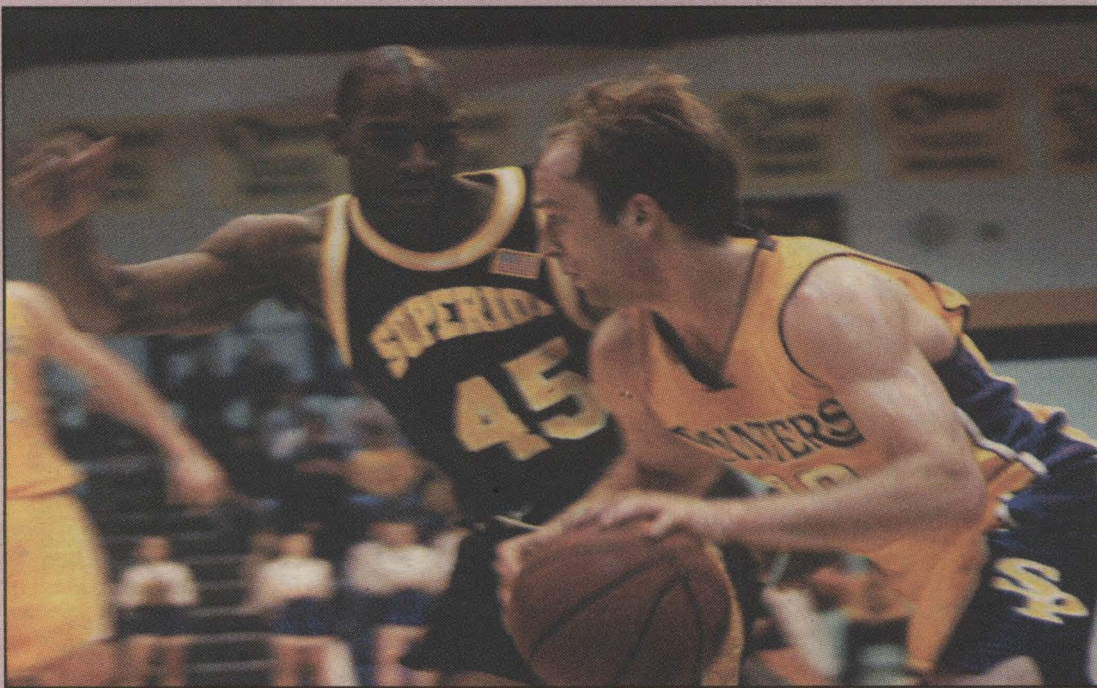


Photo by Patricia Larson

UWSP senior Neal Krajnik drives around a Superior defender on Tuesday night.

The Pointers beat the Yellowjackets for the first time in three tries this season, 83-73.

Pointers finally beat Yellowjackets when it counts

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

There is an old adage in college basketball that says it's almost impossible to beat a team three times in a season. Fortunately for the Pointers, that adage held up in their 83-73 victory Tuesday night.

men's basketball

Coming off a tough 61-52 loss on Saturday to Superior on their home court, costing the Pointers their fifth straight WIAC championship, they were looking to exact some revenge on Tuesday. After holding Yellowjacket leading scorer Cody Kastern to 12 points, and keeping Superior's shooters very streaky most of the night, the Pointer's opponents got the message.

"It may not have looked like it, but I thought our team played some pretty tough defense out there," said UWSP Head Coach Jack Bennett. "I thought overall we played a much better game."

Both teams came out relatively slow to begin the game, with the Pointers holding a slim seven point lead going into halftime, 36-

29. However, the Pointers began to put it away in the second half, leading by as many as 19 with a 67-48 lead with 4:49 left.

The Yellowjackets put a scare into the Pointers, making five straight shots to cut the lead to 73-66 with 1:15 left before the Pointers were finally able to put Superior away at the end.

Because the Pointers were able to shut down Superior's interior game, the Yellowjackets were forced to go to a perimeter offense directed around reserve guard Laron Reed. Reed had 13 of his game-high 25 points in the final 2:23 of the game.

Although the Pointers gave up more points than they have all season, a balanced scoring attack kept them strongly out in front. Jason Kalsow led the barrage with 18 points, while Nick Bennett and Jon Krull chipped in 14

apiece. It was the bench that had Jack Bennett the most excited, though, as Neal Krajnik, Kyle Grusczyński and Brian Bauer each hit big shots to keep the Pointers in the lead.

"Neal, Kyle and Brian each hit some huge shots down the stretch for us," said Jack Bennett. "Any time you can get that kind of

contribution off the bench, you're going to do well. Kyle was big for us tonight."

With the win, the Pointers advance to the second round of the WIAC tournament, where they will take on a UW-Oshkosh team that surprisingly beat third-seeded UW-Whitewater on Tuesday. Much like Superior, the Pointers are very familiar with the Titans, having beaten Oshkosh in three earlier matchups this season.

"Well, we already beat the 'beating a team three times in a season' hurdle with Oshkosh," said Bennett. "I don't know what you would call trying to beat a team four times."

The Pointers' only chance to make the NCAA Division III tournament is to win the WIAC tournament, which means beating Oshkosh Thursday and then either Platteville or River Falls on Saturday.

Although this team is the first Pointer team this century not to win the conference title, Bennett thinks they can go as far as they want.

"As long as we keep winning one game at a time, these guys have the ability to do anything," said Bennett. "All we want to do is live to fight another day."



Grusczyński



Kalsow

Track teams win silver in Oshkosh

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's and women's track and field teams remained strong as they both finished second last weekend at the Oshkosh Invitational.

track & field

The men's team had a few guys that weren't one hundred percent, so Coach Witt decided it best to let them rest before the Pointer Invitational and Conference meets. Andrew Schliepp was the only individual for UWSP as he claimed the 55-meter hurdle title with a provisional National qualifying time.

The team did see some improvements over the weekend, however. "The sprinters ran better last weekend and the 1500-meter runners also improved," commented Witt. "We were training hard all week and it was not unexpected for us to be a little flat for the meet."

The women's team rose to the occasion, again finishing the meet with six individual champions. Marie Burrows claimed the 200-meter run, Isabelle Delanney the 1500-meter run, Ashley Earney the 5000-meter run and Becky Clarke the 55-meter hurdles. In the field, Stephanie Renk captured the long jump title and Amy Frey the triple jump.

This weekend's home meet is crucial for both the men's and women's teams as they gear up for the Conference Meet the following weekend. Only the top 24 competitors in the Conference are allowed to compete at the Conference meet in each event. Thus, this weekend is the last shot for athletes to try to make it into the top 24 places in the Conference.

"We're not too concerned about team points this weekend, we're more concerned about getting people set for the Conference meet," said Witt.

The Pointer Invitational will take place this Saturday in the Multi-Activity Center, starting around 10:30 a.m.

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Women cruise into conference semi's

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the regular season WIAC title on the line the UWSP women's hoopsters came out firing and took care of business against UW-Superior.

women's basketball

The Pointers came out of the blocks hot, scoring the first eight points of the game in route to a 44-19 first half advantage. The second half was more of the same. After UW-Superior scored the first bucket of the half, the Pointers scored the next 13 and cruised to an 80-43 win.

Point's Amanda Nechuta led all scorers with 18 points. Cassandra Heuer also helped the Pointer's cause with 12 points, eight boards and five assists.

With the win the Pointers posted their second conference title in school history, as well as securing the top seed and home court advantage in the conference tournament.

Monday evening saw the Pointers looking to start the post season strong as they hosted UW-River Falls in the first round of the WIAC tournament. UW-River Fall came out looking for the upset and had the Pointers down 10-7 barely five minutes into the game. UWSP then proceeded to put the game out of reach by scoring 20 unanswered points. River Falls couldn't get any closer than 15 the rest of the way as Point went on to the easy 90-67 victory. The Pointers did suffer what could be a huge setback in this game, though, losing the senior Heuer to an ACL injury.

Amanda Nechuta had a stellar game notching 23 points and 12 rebounds, Amy Scott also played well, contributing 22 points and eight boards.

Wednesday night saw a determined UW-Stout team come into the Berg Gymnasium looking to knock UWSP off their conference title perch, in a WIAC conference semi-final match up. Stout came

into the game hungry after losing both regular season meetings between the two teams.

The first half was a hard fought battle between two of the WIAC's more physical teams, with the score being tied on five different occasions. UW-Stout looked ready to take control as they surged to a 22-20 lead on a Savannah Oeltjen three pointer with four minutes remaining in the half. Point responded by running off ten unanswered points to end the half, including back to back threes by Kristi Miller and Andrea Kraemer.

"The end of the first half was huge," stated Coach Shirley Egner, "we slowed down and showed them they couldn't play with us. It was a great lift going into the half."

The second half saw the Pointers really take control, pushing the lead out to as many as 20 points on a couple of occasions. UW-Stout had several small runs to trim the lead down to single digits, but couldn't get any closer than eight the rest of the way. The Pointers put the game away from the charity strip, hitting 13-16 free throws over the last four minutes of regulation. The final saw Point win, 83-67.

The Pointers were led by a great game by Amanda Nechuta, who after spending much of the first half in foul trouble scored 24 points, including a perfect 10-10 from the free throw line. The second leading scorer for the Pointers was Tara Schmitt with 14 points. Schmitt also scored her 1000th career point on a second half free throw, making her the fourth Pointer to reach the milestone this season.

"It speaks volumes about the kind of student athlete that she is," said Coach Egner on the accomplishment. "To be able break 1000 points in four years shows the kind of athlete Tara is."

The Pointers will play this Saturday for the conference championship against UW-Oshkosh in the Berg Gym.



Nechuta

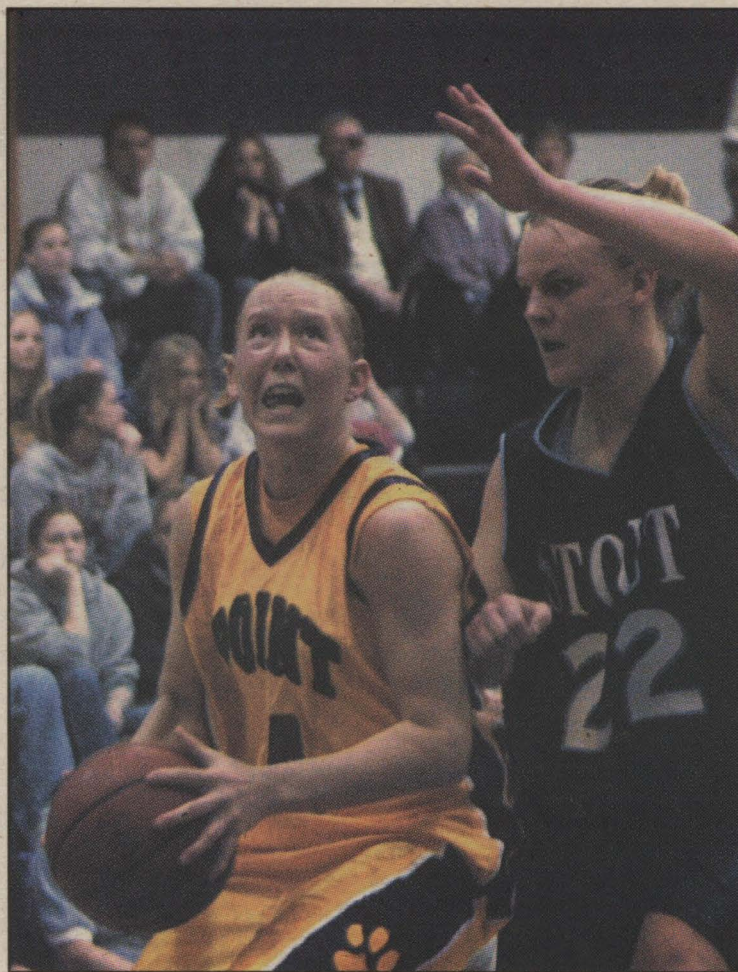


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Cassandra Schultz battles for position on Wednesday night against Stout. Schultz, subbing for Cassandra Heuer, scored 12 points.

Senior on the Spot Tara Schmitt - Basketball



Schmitt

Career Highlights

- Winning the Division III National Championship my sophomore year and holding the National Player of the Year to five points.
- Making the All-Tournament Team in the National Championship Final Four
- MVP in the Surf 'N Slam San Diego Tournament
- Winning the WIAC conference championship for the first time since 1987

Major - Physical Education
Hometown - Brookfield, Wis.
Nickname - "T" or "T-Money"

What are your plans after graduation? - I would like to move out to California and get a teaching job out there and possibly coach as well!

Do you plan on playing basketball after graduation? - For fun...of course! I will never be able to stop playing!

What is your favorite aspect of basketball? - The feeling I get before the game...the adrenaline rush... it is such an intense feeling... nothing else is like it and the feeling at the end of the game when we beat a team after giving everything we have.

Most embarrassing moment - Probably when I had a missing tooth and a black eye at the same time... both from basketball last year...really HOT!

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - For a day only... Britney Spears because her life seems so much fun and entertaining ... but not for more than a day!!

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers - Greatest Hits

If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? - Paul Walker-and I would probably go backpacking in Europe with him.

If you could invite three people (dead or alive) over for dinner, who would you choose?

1. Charles Barkley
2. Brett Favre
3. Babe Didrikson Zaharias

What will you remember most about playing basketball at UWSP? - My teammates and coaches and all the great memories we shared... winning the National Championship!!

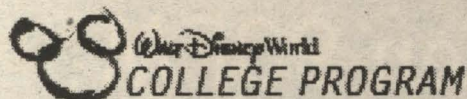


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THE BACK PAGE

The Man's Take UWSP's forgotten men



By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

Lost amongst all of the hoopla of last weekend's conference championship battles, the UWSP wrestling team had their best conference finish since 1997. Did anyone know?

UWSP has been a Division III sports powerhouse for decades. The football team is perennially in the top three in the conference. The soccer team is unarguably the most successful in WIAC history.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams are the class of the conference, with the men winning the last four conference championships before this year, and the women coming off a national championship a short two years ago.

The men's and women's hockey teams are also two of the better teams in the NCHA, and both are still alive in the playoff hunt this season.

Apparently not noticed over the last few years is the steady improvement of the UWSP wrestling team into a Division III powerhouse. This year's team was barely edged out by the WIAC's other wrestling powerhouse, La Crosse, for the conference title.

Perhaps the wrestling team doesn't get the notoriety they deserve because, for the most part, they are an unassuming, blue-collar group of guys led by an unassuming,

blue-collar coach, Johnny Johnson.

In a sport that usually strongly emphasizes individual performance, Johnson can't stress the team concept enough. Just go to a meet once. Whether the wrestler is a national champion like Yan White or Cody Koenig, or a freshman getting his first match of the year, his team is undoubtedly behind him 100 percent.

One of the major characteristics I've noticed during my five years at this university is that you can always tell who plays a varsity sport rather quickly. It's not tough to walk into DeBot or the UC (or Buffy's) and know which guys are football players. Most of the time, if you don't recognize them, they let you know.

The wrestlers aren't like that. Last semester, class was two weeks in before I realized that top Pointer grappler Brady Holtz sat at the next table over. And I probably know more about Pointer sports than 99 percent of the students here! Needless to say, I was a little embarrassed.

Much like many of the other sports here, the wrestlers aren't done yet. Standouts White, Koenig, Holtz and Joel Burdick will be in Dubuque, Iowa to compete for individual national championship titles, and for the team national championship.

Just don't expect them to brag about it when they get home.

The way I see it... The power of the ball?



By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

An ending to a curse, or just another chapter in the book of the storied franchise of the Chicago Cubs?

This Thursday night, the infamous Bartman Ball will be destroyed.. For those of you living under a rock for the last year, the Bartman Ball is the infamous foul ball that Cubs fan, Steve Bartman, deflected from the glove of Moises Alou in the eighth inning of the NLCS, triggering a Marlins rally and thus adding another year of futility to the Cubs bumbling history.

But really, will destroying a baseball have any affect on the Cubs' upcoming season or provide any sort of closure to this incident? I doubt it. First of all, was it really the Ball, and/or Steve Bartman's fault the Cubs lost the series? Did Bartman or the Ball allow the Marlins to score eight runs in that fateful inning and a half?

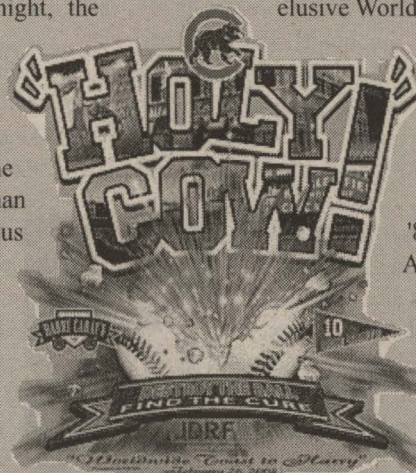
Why stop at the Ball? Let's get rid of Cubs manager Dusty Baker for leaving

pitcher Mark Prior in the game one inning too long, and Mark Prior for running out of gas. Heck, let's get rid of the whole team for blowing game seven the next night. Let's wipe the slate completely, and then maybe the Cubs will finally win that elusive World Series. Oh yeah, get rid of that goat too.

The Boston Red Sox should begin destroying stuff too. Obliterate the ball that got past Bill Buckner in '86, along with Buckner. And destroy any and all mention of Babe Ruth and his trade. Then and only then will the Sox have any chance of winning the World Series.

Will any of this really help the Cubs and the Sox win a title? Not one bit. Both of these clubs had legit shots to get to the World Series this year, despite the past.

The bottom line is the Cubs lost because they deserved to lose. If the Cubs were as good as some people seem to think, the Bartman foul ball should have been a small speed bump on the way to the World Series. The Marlins beat the Cubs fair and square, and a "cursed" foul ball isn't going to change that.



The view from the Rowdy Crowd Salutations, thanks and the infamous Vickar Award

What a weekend! How absolutely great this past weekend was, let me tell you good reader! The Pointer hockey team traveled to Superior and defeated them to move on in the NCHA playoffs.

Two nights of excellent hockey were capped with the mini-game, a 20-minute play-to-winner game that our very own Coach Baldarotta specializes in.

The most important thing coming out of this weekend is the fact that a team of Pointers appeared that has only shown glimpses of itself this season. This team played with tons of heart, determination and guts. A HUGE thank you goes out to the team and coaches, because these victories over Superior marks the first time in

a LONG time that we've beaten them, and also serves as a good stepping stone for the next level of the play-offs against River Falls.

Now moving on to other issues the Rowdy Crowd has, we'd like to take a minute and thank 90FM, especially hockey announcers Tony Bastien and Nick Cornette, who broadcasted nearly every game this season.

These guys did a good job every weekend, and especially this Aaron J. Vickar Memorial Sportsmanship Award weekend in Superior. It also seems that they deserve some hazard pay, after hearing the reactions of the Superior fans.

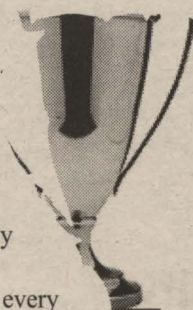
And finally, the Rowdy Crowd annually awards an opposing player, coach, team or fan the Aaron J. Vickar Memorial Sportsmanship award for being an "all around good opponent that understands the purpose of the Rowdy Crowd." This year's award winner is Goalie Jeff Dotson of UW Stout.

A few weekends back, Jeff had the guts to come over and not only did he talk to us before the game during warm-ups, he kept Stout in the game and prevented us from walking away with

a win. Also, Jeff has been at Stout for the past four years, usually getting his ass handed to him, as Stout has been a crappy team. This all changed this year, and Jeff persevered. We award him the Aaron J. Vickar award for Sportsmanship.

We encourage everyone that is able and interested to travel to Green Bay and see the Pointers play River Falls on Friday March 5 at 3 p.m. The games against UWRF are always very good and entertaining, and we hold a 2-0 record over them in recent post-season, neutral ice games.

Keep it up, Pointers. We may have been frustrated fans, but this is all good!



The Week Ahead...



Women's Hockey: River Falls (NCHA Semifinals at Superior), Sat., 2 p.m.

Track & Field: Pointer Invitational, Sat., 10:30 a.m.

Men's Basketball: Oshkosh (WIAC Semifinals), Thurs., 7 p.m.; (WIAC Championship game, Sat., TBD)

Women's Basketball: Oshkosh (WIAC Semifinals)*, Sat., TBD

Swimming & Diving: at Last Chance Meet (La Crosse), Fri., 6 p.m.

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Winged Migration takes birds to the next level

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Watching the birds from this distance, they seem almost robotic, unnerving. Like raindrops, their wings rise and fall with such perfect rhythm. The graylag geese are flying in an off-set V formation towards the arctic regions. I'm not in France, and I'm not even outside, but the scene has mesmerized me.

Rarely in film are the outdoors depicted in a way that makes you feel as if you are really there. Most of the time, the scene is centrally flawed in some way that makes it unbelievable (see any Hollywood movie out there). Even when the camera is actually shooting live footage on the African Grasslands or a muddy Missouri flowage, the picture just looks wrong. The colors aren't right, the sun isn't bright enough and the lens gives itself away with unnatural motion.

I had thought that it was impossible to capture nature on film until I watched Jacques Perrin's film *Microcosmos*. Released in 1996, this documentary aimed to portray the world through an insect's point of view. The cinematography was astonishing and the bugs literally popped off the screen. These stupid little bugs were interesting and real.

Earlier this year, Perrin's newest film, and his first attempt at directing, was released on DVD. Expecting a film similar to *Microcosmos*, I went to rent it soon after. Perrin's latest documentary lived up to the expectations,

and then went far beyond. Now I know that the outdoors can be realized on film.

Winged Migration is the story of birds, told through revolutionary camera work, music and minimal narration. The documentary begins: "For 80 million years, birds have ruled the skies, seas and earth. Each spring, they fly vast distances. Each fall, they fly the same routes back. This film is the result of four years following their amazing odysseys, in the northern hemisphere and then the southern hemisphere, species by species, flying over each continent. No special effects were used in the filming of the birds."

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Over those four years, Perrin and his massive crew of bird experts, cameramen and support staff followed the birds around the world with hot-air balloons, hang-gliders, ultra-light airplanes and speedboats in order to capture close-up shots of the birds in flight. Using telephoto lenses and a training method called "imprinting," the filmmakers were able to gain the trust and closeness of the birds.

Throughout the film, we travel the globe with over 20 separate bird species as they make their way to the northern and southern summertime breeding grounds. The birds have a magnetic compass build into their brains.

Geese, ducks, cranes and grouse are but a few of the

birds you follow. With every chapter in this great story you learn something universal and something very personal about each species. Sometimes the camera captures the obvious while seeing the subtleties at the same time. You get so close that the birds seem unreal.

What really pulls the whole story together is the music, under the direction of Bruno Coulais, who also worked on *Microcosmos*. The music is different for each bird. At first, it may be just the sound of wings beating, and then the wind or the weather. Without much narration, the music tells the audience more than it usually does. The picture becomes uplifting, then troubling and energized. You can feel that struggle to go on. As Coulais says, "it is the soundtrack that commentates these films."

As an outdoors-loving person, I am especially skeptical of getting nature on film. In all honesty, however, I think that this film has finally done it. It takes you to a place where humans can never be, to see these birds in their natural environment, in flight. In this unnatural, unreal suspension, the birds become more real than they ever could be when watching from the ground.

Winged Migration is stunning to say the least. It was nominated for Best Documentary, but lost to the media hype surrounding *Bowling for Columbine* in 2002. Migration is what this film is about. It shows the success of this journey and the various troubles that come along the way. At any rate, I'd say that this is a rental that will be an uplifting and surprising journey into the unknown, for the outdoors, bird, or documentary film connoisseur.

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March 7 - Otter trapping season closes in central and southern zone.

March 20 - Winter crow season closes.

March 31 - Hunting, fishing, sports, and conservation patron licenses expire.

Local musky club to host fishing seminar this weekend

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Despite the fact that the inland game fish season closes on March 1, there are still opportunities to prepare for the opener in May. On February 28, 2004 the 12 Apostles Musky Fishing Club and Sentry World Sports is sponsoring the "Let's Talk Fishing and Golf Show."

A door prize of \$500 is being offered, and you need not be present to win. Special raffles will also be held at 2:25 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. for which you must be present to win. There will also be many displays, vendors promoting loads of fishing equipment, and seminars by professional fishermen.

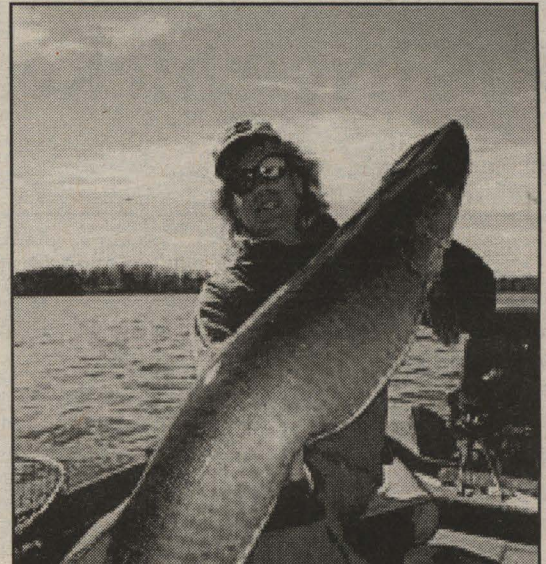
Guest speakers include five time Muskies Inc. release champion Pete Maina, and Stevens Point native Jason Przekurat, who was voted 2003 RCL pro walleye angler of the year. Others include fishing legend Dick Pearson, author of *Muskies on the Shield*, and Roger Sabota, who is a musky guide and noted outdoor writer.

The 12 Apostles Musky Fishing Club consists of over 200 members. Meetings are held each month that feature guest speakers such as musky guides, UWSP fisheries professors, DNR personnel and even tackle manufacturers.

The 12 Apostles promote a worthwhile contribution to the outdoors through teaching angler education, conservation, and habitat improvement.

They also support stocking programs which replenish the area lakes and rivers with muskies and walleye. Since 1998, the 12 Apostles have stocked over 30,000 muskies and over 25,000 walleye fingerlings in areas of Central Wisconsin.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. at the Sentry World Sports Center located on 601 N. Michigan Avenue. Admission is \$10. Youths 15 and under are free with paid adult.



Musky angler Pete Maina with a real monster

Seminar schedule

-9:30-10:30 Phil Schweik & Pete Hilman "Musky Tournament Tactics"

-12:35-12:55 Tony Dowiatt "Topwater Bass"

-10:35-10:55 Pete Meronek "How to Make Leaders"

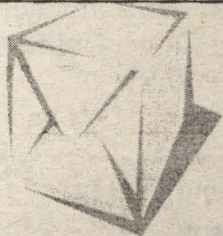
-1:00-2:00 Jason Przekurat "How to Find Walleyes On New Water"

-11:00-12:00 Mike Lazars "Wisconsin River Muskies"

-2:30-3:30 Dick Pearson "Muskies - Creatures of Edges"

-12:10-12:30 Mike Hayes "All About Superline"

-4:30-5:30 Pete Maina "Awareness"



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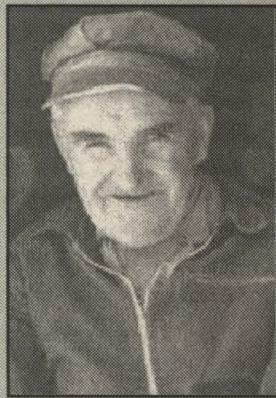
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Mr. Winters' two cents



"Damned Snowmobiles"

Well ya'll, just another week in winter paradise, eh? I tell ya what, though, I don't think there's going to be too much more of that wacky white stuff coming down. It's a good thing for several reasons: I don't like walking in it, driving in it or shoveling it. Above all, snow means one thing: them damn snowmobiles.

Just so happens I was up north last weekend. Sheeeesh! What a muddle!

I was on the road to town for some smelt, and I almost ended up killing three guys darting around on them things. They ride them all over the friggin' road, damned rascals, driving from this bar to that and stopping at the fudge factories.

All that stops when the snow melts. This is the time for the fishermen. Late winter is great because there are no snowmobiles zipping around the lakes, and better yet, no tourists! Us fellas get a couple of months to fish in peace before summer. Then instead of sleds, the northwoods will be packed with them fancy jet machines. Pretty soon I think we're going to have to go to the north pole to get away from these southern tourists. And while the fishing is probably great, I'd probably need an extension for my auger.

The northwoods are supposed to be quiet and peaceful. I just don't understand why these pollution-breathing city folk would want to go up there and listen to the hum of a noisy engine in the middle of a quiet lake. What can you do?

Anyways, make sure to take advantage of it, and if you can't, at least cheer on that Badger basketball team. Lord knows they need it.

So for now, keep an eye out for those snowmobiles, throw a *Brigadoon* album on the player and pray for warm weather. Oh yeah, "Go on and Geeeeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

Wild Matters

Finding an outdoors job this summer

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The thorn in every college student's side is that evil J-word. While they often suck, take up your valuable time and cause anguish, most students eventually have to let go of the golden titty and find a job. Look at me, I have three part time, sort of tough jobs, and I still can't afford a new truck.

A lot of students find that summertime is the right time to juice their bank accounts, replenish supplies and/or repay Loanshark Jones. This often includes finding a shittier, slightly better-paying summer job. Most folks think they have two options in this struggle. One, find a non-existent, low-paying job in Point which you can quit in mid-June, only to find yourself homeless and eating treebark by August, or two, move back home, clean out your parents' cupboard and work for a former employer or some guy your uncle knows. That's about it, right?

Wrong, homies. There is a third and possibly a fourth option as well. Three, get your ass in gear now and find a super-rad job in the outdoors. There are lots of resorts, camps and parks that hire college students for the summer. Instead of raking in low pay for a crummy job, you could be living in the pristine

wilderness, raking in low pay for a job that is rewarding, exciting and basically the opposite of crummy in every way that regular jobs are. The key to landing this kind of job is getting on the ball early. The internet is a great spot to search for cool summer jobs. The university search usually has a bunch of these kinds of jobs listed. Resorts in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Alaska also have their own websites with information on applying for seasonal employment.

Some good spots to start looking are the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota, Door County and other northern Wisconsin resort centers. While these jobs really don't pay that well, the experience of living up there is definitely worth the effort to land such a job. You'll be working with other college students from all over the country, which makes it almost like a semester abroad. And living in the woods all summer is definitely like a whole other world. When I worked in the BWCAW for the summer, I'd clean canoes and cut the lawn for a few hours, then swim in water clean enough to drink. After work, I could go out in a rowboat and catch a fresh fish dinner in about an hour. For dessert, there would be a nice helping of northern lights and stars so bright that flashlights weren't necessary. That was the life.

Most of these resort-type jobs offer on site housing free of charge, and if you get a good one, they'll even throw in food. Aside from a few small "personal expenses," the summer is pretty much free living, meaning you will send more of that measly check to the bank instead of spending it on tacos and rent.

The only real downside to working a resort for the summer is the cheeseball yuppie customers that go there. Most of them are fine, but there are always the folks that shouldn't ever leave the city. Hey, you'll get used to it.

Aside from option four, which I can't talk about in public, I think that getting an outdoors job is the best option we, as students, have. If you are even considering it, I recommend looking now. Most of these jobs are filled by mid-March, and if you drag your feet, you'll probably end up canning beans or doing favors for Loanshark Jones come August.

Good places to start looking.

- Kenai Peninsula,
- Southern Alaska
- BWCAW, Northern Minnesota
- Door County, Wisconsin
- Municipal, County, State and
- National Park systems
- UWSP Job Search
- DNR Seasonal Jobs

Prairie chickens in the mood

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Bird-watching fanatics and outdoor enthusiasts from across the state flock to Central Wisconsin each spring to view the majestic mating behaviors of the prairie chicken.

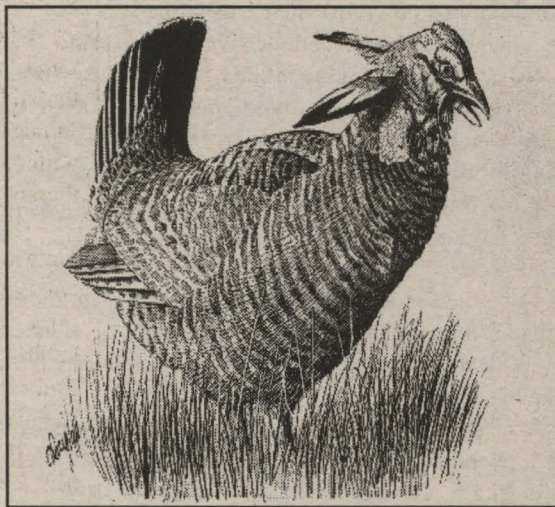
Prairie chickens were once on the verge of extinction. However, in 1954 the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other conservation groups formed a prairie chicken management program that eventually saved the species.

The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program is now accepting reservations from the public to view prairie chickens this spring. The sessions will be held seven days a week between April 1 and 30. Viewing takes place on the Buena Vista marsh, located eight miles south of Stevens Point, beginning before dawn and lasting about two hours.

From within a blind, observers can watch birds strutting, hopping, and booming. The males inflate and deflate bright orange sacs on their necks while emitting a bassoon-like sound in order to establish territory. The show can be as impressive as the spit and drum of a wild turkey.

According to BOW member and viewing coordinator Katie Brashear, the Wisconsin DNR places six observation blinds on the marsh. "We can accommodate four people per blind," said Brashear. "Each blind also has 10" openings for people who want to photograph the opportunity as well."

Viewers can also assist in recording data about the prairie chicken. Brashear noted that the information recorded includes the number of male and



"Want to mate? Booooooom!"

female chickens on the booming grounds, breeding displays and activity, weather, other wildlife and predator encounters. "The data helps the DNR manage the grasslands and estimate population viability over the years," said Brashear.

One past observer stated that, "these little birds took my breath away. Viewing the prairie chickens on the booming ground was a life-changing event. I didn't want the show to end."

Registration for blinds is on a first come, first serve basis, and is \$15 for non-students and \$10 for students. Scholarships are also available. For more information, contact Katie Brashear at (715) 346-4661 or toll free at 877-BOWOMAN (269-6626), e-mail kbras782@uwsp.edu

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Events Calendar

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Thursday, Feb. 26
ElphLettuce @ Deuces Wild
8 p.m., FREE (21+)

Friday, February 27
bEYOND Therapy @ The
Mission Coffee House, 8 p.m.

Friday, February 27
PUNK IN POINT
Lucky Boys Confusion, Bosio,
Members of the Yellow Press,
The Mystery Girls, Crossed
Wires @ The Encore, 7 p.m.
Students FREE, \$5 w/o ID

Saturday, February 28
Natty Nation @
The Witz End
9:30 p.m., \$8 (21+)

Saturday, February 28
FUNK IN POINT
Umphrey's McGee, The Green
Scene, The Sweet Potato
Project, Ice Cold @ The
Encore, Students FREE, \$5 w/
o ID, 7 p.m.



The Wookiee's Corner:

The triumphant return of the shadiest column in The Pointer



By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

It's always a treat when a band I would drive to Madison to see plays in Stevens Point. That will be the case this Saturday when Midwest jamband giants **Umphrey's McGee** visit Point for the second time this year. You've got to give it to them for hooking it up here. In fact, this is shaping up to be a great weekend of music in Stevens Point, which, as a self-proclaimed music snob, is not something that I say very often. If you want music, you're covered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

But I'm jumping the gun here. While Saturday certainly is the main event, I must put in a few more good words for **ElphLettuce**, who will be playing at Deuces Wild on Thursday. It's free. They play good music. What more do you want? Drink specials? OK, done and done. What other motivation could you possibly want? For those at the first gig two weeks ago, you shouldn't need any more convincing. If you're on the fence, give it a try. At least it won't hurt your wallet much.

There's also Punk in Point on Friday. (For all the punksters reading this, welcome to the Wook's Corner; an undoubtedly unusual and dirty place, but you'll like it after awhile. Just wait.) Centertainment has booked quite a lineup, featuring **Lucky Boys Confusion**, **Bosio**, **Members of the Yellow Press**, **The Mystery Girls** and **Crossed Wires**. The most popular draw will be for headliners **Lucky Boys Confusion**, a Chicago-based punk band that has successfully toured the nation. The other bands are all from in the state (Milwaukee and Green Bay) and boast a pop-punk and hardcore mix (Bosio), Misfits-meets-everyone (Members of the Yellow Press) and "loud, high-energy blues rock 'n' roll" (The Mystery Girls). The show begins at 7 p.m. in The Encore in the University Center (UC). Admission is free for students and \$5 for non-students.

Funk in Point will complete the competition on Saturday

in the Encore, and is also what's got my hopes up for the week. First off, a digression. When I think of Umphrey's McGee, I absolutely do not think of funk. Funk, as we know it, is very much dead. James Brown is funk. P-Funk is funk, although very drug-riddled funk. Umphrey's is not funk.

Umphrey's, on the other hand, is an aspiring jamband that has literally worked its way up through the cracks and gutters of mediocre jambands. They now host their own shows at larger Chicago clubs and even headlined a sidestage at the much raved-about Bonnaroo festival for the past two years in Manchester, Tenn. (Umphrey's is slated for the bill again this summer.) Originally hailing from South Bend, Ind., Umphrey's has battled with the perils of young-band syndrome in addition to losing their drummer a year and a half ago. One replacement and a year later, Umphrey's McGee is quickly becoming one of the fastest-growing bands in terms of popularity and achievement in the entire nation.

During their last visit, after the night of the Steve Bartman botch at the Cubs game, Umphrey's threw down an interesting show at The Witz End by playing a few covers at the right times and fast, danceable jams that weaved in and out of songs like "Jimmy Stewart" and "Der Blüten Kat." Expect a lot of jamming and a few tricks up Umphreys' sleeves during their two-set headlining slot beginning at 10 p.m.

Other bands at Funk in Point include a hard-edged 311-meets-G.Love and the Special Sauce called **The Green Scene** from Milwaukee, **The Sweet Potato Project** and **Ice Cold**.

Get out and see live music this weekend; if ElphLettuce, punk and/or funk isn't your thing, **Natty Nation** is playing at The Witz End on Saturday and metal band **bEYOND Therapy** is playing at the Mission Coffee House on Friday night. Remember, no excuses!

Until next time, *get a job, sir!*



movie review:

Mystic River



By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Like his masterpiece *Unforgiven*, Clint Eastwood's *Mystic River* has no clear-cut heroes and no neatly drawn moral lines. Every character is flawed and some are haunted by dark secrets that will either cripple or destroy them. The result is one of the great movies of 2003, with three of the finest actors of our time (Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon and Tim Robbins) in devastating performances in a story depicting the terrible spiral of revenge and retribution.

Three men in Boston, childhood friends, reunite when a terrible crime draws them together again. Jimmy (Penn), an ex-con turned store owner and neighborhood leader, has his world shattered when his beloved daughter is brutally murdered. Sean (Bacon), the cop investigating the case, is separated from his pregnant wife who calls him, but never speaks. And Dave (Robbins) is a broken man, haunted by memories of when, as a child, he was abducted and abused by a pair of pedophiles posing as cops.

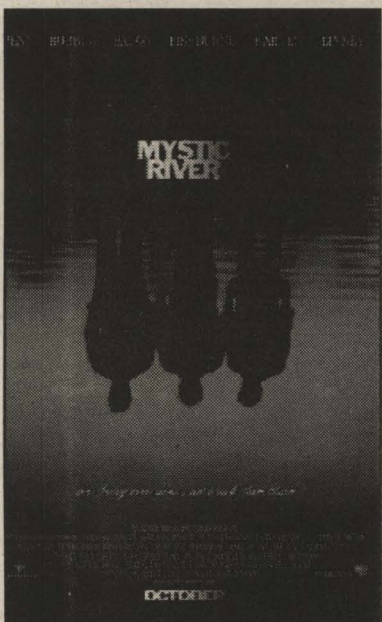
That abduction is the event that hangs over the three friends like a pall, memorialized by a patch of sidewalk they were writing their names in when it happened. Dave's name, forever unfinished, symbolizes his stunted emotional state. Dave, it seems, came home the night Jimmy's daughter was murdered covered in blood and with a non-too convincing alibi about being mugged. Is he the killer, or is he a red herring and the guilt lies elsewhere? The twisty script, adapted

by Oscar winner Brian Koppelman (*L.A. Confidential*) from the bestselling novel, doesn't give any easy answers.

The cast is uniformly brilliant. Penn, ever the great actor, is wholly believable and convincing as Jimmy, a generally decent man with a violent streak that threatens to bubble up due to his grief and rage. His reaction when he learns of his daughter's death is Penn's finest moment. Robbins, meanwhile, is quietly devastating, portraying an emotionally stunted man whose past has doomed him for all time. Bacon is the least showy of the trio, quiet and understated, only giving us glimpses of the emotional turmoil raging, inside the reserved Sean. They're supported by Laurence Fishburne as Whitey, Sean's partner, Marcia Gay Harden in a memorably twitchy role as Dave's long-suffering wife Celeste and Laura Linney as Jimmy's ever-loyal wife Annabeth, who turns into Lady Macbeth when her family is threatened.

Mystic River is truly a great film, with a great script, terribly wrenching moments of raw emotion and a great cast at the top of

their games. More than anything, however, it shows the terrible cycle of revenge. The death of Jimmy's daughter may be retribution for something done in the past and might in turn spur Jimmy to seek his own similar act. As such, *River* devastatingly portrays how the cycle spirals through the generations, causing death and suffering at every turn. The tragedy of the



Mystic River received ☆☆☆☆ / Four stars

CD review: bEYOND Therapy Deadliners

By Jason Mansavage
ADVERTISING MANAGER

bEYOND Therapy was formed in the frozen bowel tract known as Wausau, Wisconsin. They were created as a vehicle of anger distribution in response to the death of jIMMY's brother, who died on August 20, 2000, and is remembered on the hidden track "Christopher James." Most of the lyrics deal with death and in essence are a therapeutic release.

BT serves up a heaping plateful of self-proclaimed "bipolar cartoon core metal" served with a side dish of insanity, sprinkled with a dollop of hell. To this veteran metal head however, with all metaphors aside, this is simply ass-kicking, fist pounding, head banging, hair windmilling, pit fueling hardcore metal!

jIMMY's vocals move effortlessly between Anselmo-like barks, Cobain inspired cleans and primal hardcore screams that are sure to bloody the ears of the meek.

Musically, BT delivers sonic fury through their onslaught of pain. The dual axe attack embraces low end crunch and noisy punk plucking, while the rhythm section rumbles along like a freight train with no brakes. I stood in front of my speakers to take in the full effect of this wall of sound and embraced the vibrations of power until it almost knocked me over!

Overall, BT assaulted this reviewer with a quality product that would bode well in any metal head's stereo. This art is fast and furious and ready to explode. Hopefully a label will discover them soon so they can be enjoyed in heavy doses of mass consumption.

bEYOND Therapy will play at the Mission Coffee House this Friday at 8:00 p.m.



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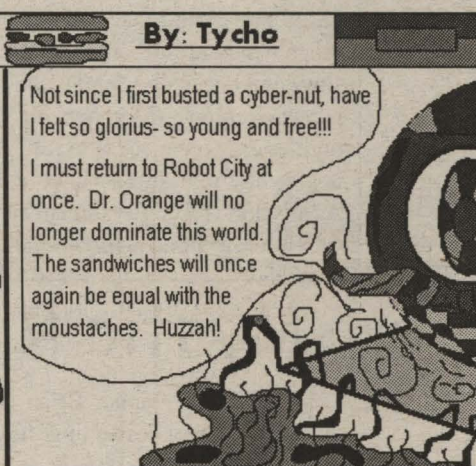
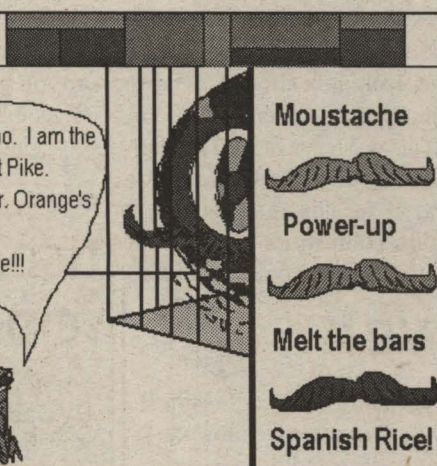
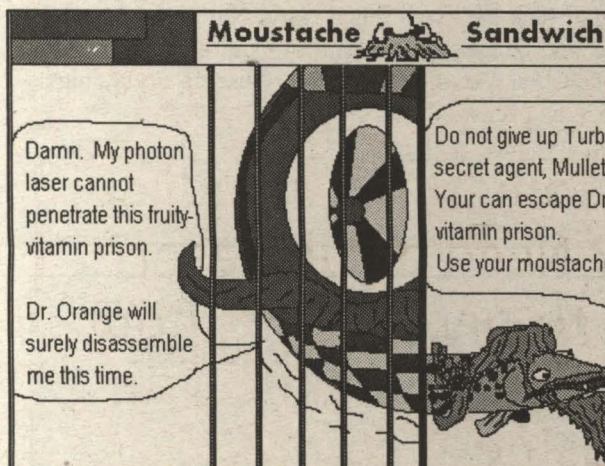
Ask not for whom the bell curve tolls.

by BJ Hiorns & Joey Hetzel

I learned one thing in life, and that's that I have one thing to learn in life.



and
CLOWN GIRL



Moustache

Sandwich

By: Tycho

Don't understand Moustache Sandwich? The complete storyline, character diagrams, and contact info available at www.geocities.com/moustachesandwich/rad.html "Learn the story, and the humor will follow." -Abraham Lincoln.

Your college survival guide: Fun for Free. (Or cheap)

By: The Pat Rothfus Consortium

With help from: The Mission Coffee House

Hey Pat,

I was just wondering if you can give some decent advice. As a freshman with no job, I find that there is not much to do here that doesn't require money and an ID that pretends you're 21. Could you recommend some fun stuff to do in Stevens Point? Oh, and I'm not the only one with this problem. My boyfriend (among others) refers to Stevens Point as the "asshole of the Midwest." I guess that's what you get for moving from a big city to... here.

Morgan

Now Morgan, I realize that the Pointer is a college paper, but that's no excuse for writing me a letter full of filthy words. Nobody likes a potty-mouth. One of the skills we all learn in college is what sort of language is appropriate in a public forum. "Asshole" is pretty offensive, and it's not going to make you any friends. Why not use the milder, "Butthole" instead? "Butthole" has a comic undertone that makes it endearing, almost playful. Whereas "Asshole" is simply inflammatory. Trust me, people will respect you a lot more if you speak with a little more decorum.

To tell you the truth Morgan, I think your boyfriend is a little hard on...

Sorry, I had to go answer the phone. What was I saying again?

Oh yeah. I think your boyfriend is a little hard on Stevens Point. Oh sure it's no huge metropolis filled with and museums, and culture, and excitement. But I heard that stuff just gives you cancer. So you're better off here in Stevens Point.

Also, you speak of not having an ID as if it's severely limiting your entertainment possibilities. But an ID just

lets you do one thing: drink. And trust me Morgan, I tried drinking once and it wasn't that great. At best you end up in a crowded room making smalltalk with a bunch of obnoxious assholes... sorry, *buttholes*. At worst you end up vomiting chicken Santa Fe chalupa all over the wall of your dorm bathroom.

Either way, it's not what we like to call a "good time."

So what can you do that's fun and free? Well....

Go to the Mission Coffee House.

Now in all fairness, I suppose this isn't free for everyone. But it is free for everyone who writes in to the College Survival Guide. So go and enjoy some coffee Morgan, you earned it.

Go skinny-dipping in Schmeeckle.

A time-honored Stevens Point classic. Unfortunately, it's a little out of season right now. A fun winter alternative is going to explore that island out in the middle of the lake. Local rumor tells us that a certain faculty member was once caught by campus security on the island performing "naked tai chi."

Go have sex.

You're a freshman, all full of hormones. You've got a boyfriend. Why are you spending time searching for "fun activities" when the best two-player no-quarters-required game of all time is right at your fingertips?

Come on now, back when I was a freshman, I met my first girlfriend and found out that sex was cool. You know what I did then? I'll give you a hint, I didn't sit around complaining that Stevens Point sucked.

No. I had sex. Lots and lots of it. I skipped classes. I missed meals. I woke the neighbors at ungodly hours of the night. I had so much sex that if I wanted to accurately describe to you exactly how much sex I had, I'd have

to invent a new type of mathematics. I'd have to come up with a new number: a Humpleplex. That would be the amount of sex required to leave you dehydrated and unable to lift your arms afterwards.

What's the matter with you kids these days? Morgan, do me a favor, hand the paper to your boyfriend for a second.

Hey dumbass. I've got something fun you can do, her name is Morgan. Yeah, she's the one sitting right next to you. Why aren't you having sex with her right now?

I'm sure you know what sex is. So what's the problem here? Is it that you don't know how to get the ball rolling? It's simple, just look at her and say: "Hey, would you like an orgasm?"

Oh my God.... I just ranted myself into brilliance. I just invented the best icebreaker pick-up-line ever. I'm copyrighting that phrase as of right now. It's mine. I'm going to make T-shirts.

Seriously. Think of it. There's only one answer to that question. Everybody wants an orgasm. After that's established it's just a matter of negotiating the when, where, and how.

This is my gift to you, my loyal readers. Use these magical words that I have created. Go out there and get frolicsome with your young, supple bodies. If it actually works, make sure to e-mail me at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu and tell me about it.

Hell, e-mail me even if it doesn't work out. I need a laugh.

This Friday A Lesser Existence, Snooky, Agent Zero, and Beyond Therapy are bringing some metal to the Mission Coffee House for a measly \$5 at the door. On Saturday it's an "All Your Bass" show where Jeff Hunter, Paul Bergen, and Mr. Krispy are serving up some Techno for everyone to enjoy. \$7.

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