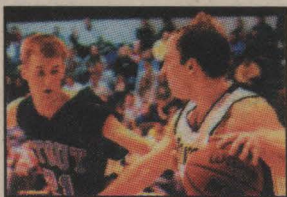




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## Brewers winter caravan pulls into Point

Fans still show strong interest despite poor play, front office drama

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

A contingent of Milwaukee Brewers made a stop in snowy Stevens Point last Wednesday as part of their annual winter tour to promote interest in the team.

Major league veterans Keith Ginter, Dan Kolb, Lyle Overbay and minor league phenom Rickie Weeks all made the trip, along with Don Money, a former Brewer All-Star third baseman and current manager of the team's Single-A affiliate minor league team, the Beloit Snappers. Television personality Daron Sutton (the son of former Brewer and Hall-of-Famer Don Sutton) and team vice-president Laurel Prieb were also on hand for the autograph and picture session, and the halftime entertainment during last week's UWSP/UW-Oshkosh men's basketball game. The cold weather was a new experience for some of the players.

"When you walk outside, it's like getting hit in the face with thousands of tiny needles," said Ginter (who went to school at Texas Tech and played for the Houston Astros) of the -35 degree windchill. Despite the team's decade of poor play on the field, and the recent announcement that the organization was going on the market, an estimated 400-500 braved the frigid conditions and turned out for the autograph and picture session, sponsored by Premium Brands and Miller Light.

"Any time we can do a big promotion like [the Brewers] around a sporting event here at UWSP, it's great," said UWSP Sports Information Director Jim Strick.

The unexpectedly large turnout for the session surprised Prieb. "It's great to see all these people come out to see the guys," said the vice-president. "Our fan support is astounding."

Local sporting good and memorabilia dealers also

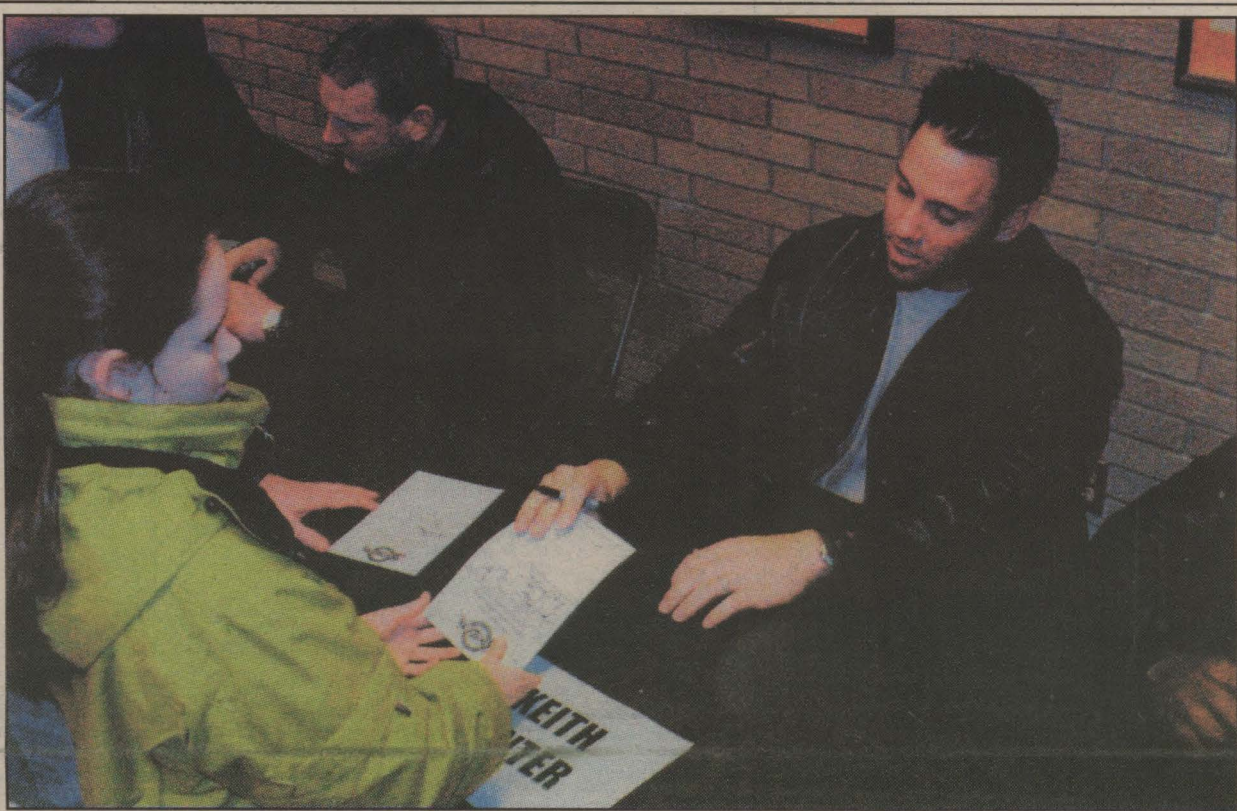


Photo by Patricia Larson

Brewer second baseman Keith Ginter and first baseman Lyle Overbay sign autographs for young fans during a UWSP visit.

felt the crunch, with fans looking for anything Brewers-related and baseball-related to get autographed.

"Anything that said 'Brewers' on it that could be signed was sold," said Bill Hoffman, owner of Hoffman's Hobbies: Your Sports Authority on Michigan Ave. "We even sold out our 1982 throwback Brewers jerseys so fans could get Don Money to sign them."

Many fans questioned the announcement that after 33 years, baseball commissioner Bud Selig and the other partners in the team were going to put it up for sale. Prieb, who is Selig's son-in-law, said that the process was only at the beginning.

"Right now, we are still in the paperwork and planning stage of this thing, but we don't think that once we start looking that it will be hard to find a buyer," said Prieb. "There are a lot of people out there who want to own a major league baseball team, and have the financial backing to do so. We still all love the [Brewers] and it really hurts to have to give them up."

Others questioned the removal of popular team president Ulice Payne after only one season. Payne was forced to resign over speculation that he leaked supposedly closed-door information to the *Milwaukee Journal*

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## Tenure Reconsideration Rejected

By Carla Lorenz  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The UWSP Political Science department decided on Monday not to reconsider its tenure denial to Bryan and Michelle Brophy-Baermann.

The original reconsideration hearing for Bryan Brophy-Baermann was held on January 22, 2004 and Michelle Brophy-Baermann's was held on January 23, 2004. Both professors were denied tenure at that time, which sparked a student movement that

lent its support to the Brophy-Baermanns and culminated in a large turnout at the reconsideration meetings.

Michelle and Bryan Brophy-Baermann had a chance to voice their opinions and present their cases as to why they should be granted tenure at these hearings.

Another group allowed a voice at each reconsideration hearing were students and faculty.

Dennis Riley, Professor of Political Science and one of the

three professors voting, said, "I would like to tip my hat to the students that organized and helped to support the Brophy-Baermanns. It was heartening to see that many students and faculty there."

The final hearing was held to determine and announce the final decision for the Brophy-Baermanns, which ended with Michelle and Bryan Brophy-Baermann being denied their

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## Changes coming to transit system

By John T. Larson  
NEWS EDITOR


The Stevens Point Transportation department and the UWSP Student Government Association have set plans to bring the campus into the city bus system.

As previously reported by the *Pointer*, a private consultant was brought in last year to evaluate the city bus network and

make recommendations. One of the recommendations made at that time was to find a way to further integrate the UWSP campus into the city's mass transit system.

The consultant noted that as a university town, the city should make the system easier for student use as it would be a mutually beneficial change.

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## Students rally support for professors

By John T. Larson  
NEWS EDITOR

The decision to deny tenure to the Brophy-Baermans has caused a swell of student support in favor of an appeal to the Political Science department vote last semester.

A student organization was formed in opposition to the vote that would reject the Brophy-Baermans for promotion and retention, and would force them to leave at the end of the current school year.

The student organization, known as the Organization for the Brophy-Baermans, moved in rapid fashion to find ways to deal with the decision.

The organization held a series of meetings in which they encouraged students to think of positive solutions to try to convince the Political Science department to reconsider its vote in the new year.

The first meeting held by the group was attended by 60 students, followed by a petition that was signed by over three hundred students for both Bryan and Michelle Brophy-Baermann. An e-mail list that soon had a subscriber list of over 200 was also created.

The momentum of the organization carried over to the current semester, culminating in the student presentations at the Thursday Jan. 22 reconsideration meeting for Bryan Brophy-Baermann and the Friday Jan. 23 meeting for Michelle Brophy-Baermann.

Students within the Organization for the Brophy-Baermans were encouraged to send in letters expressing why they felt the Brophy-Baermans ought to be retained, with the letters drawing on their experiences in the classroom. A few students were chosen to make statements before the department as to why they felt the Brophy-

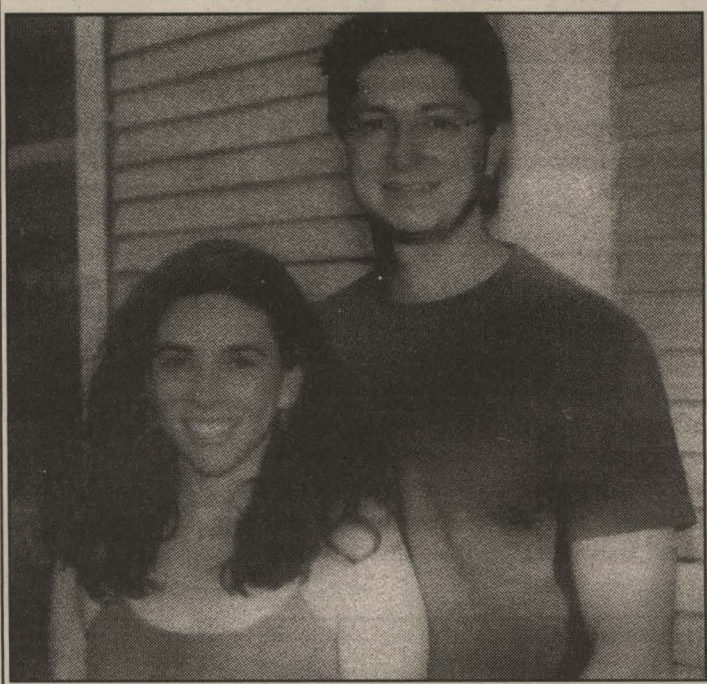


Photo courtesy of Bryan and Michelle Brophy-Baermann  
*The Brophy-Baermans have received strong support from students.*

Baermans ought to have their tenure decisions reconsidered.

Despite the efforts of the students, the department voted in favor of its original tenure decisions on Monday Jan. 26.

One of the students involved in the organization, Tyler Roden, said that he was "disappointed and frustrated with the decision made by the department." He stated that despite his frustration, he and others within the groups have been amazed by the level of support from students within the Political Science department and from around campus in general.

"The outpouring of support has been amazing, and affirms that what we are doing is good." He stressed that the main goal of the organization has been to keep the message positive, and to discourage students from acting rashly against the decision.

A statement issued by Bryan and Michelle Brophy Baermann said,

"We are fortunate to be working within a university system where there are rules and procedures for this type of situation, and where there can

be an open discussion of all viewpoints."

They went on to say that, "We're incredibly disappointed and saddened by the outcome of the reconsideration votes. We will appeal our department's decisions to the next level, as we believe we have been wrongly denied tenure."

Regardless of the outcome, we will never forget the support we have received from students, faculty and staff. Despite the discomfort this process has caused us and our colleagues, we can only hope this process will, in the end, bring people together to discuss two of the most important matters any campus can discuss...what makes a good professor, and do students have any say in this."

As the Political Science department has twice rejected the motion to grant tenure to the Brophy-Baermans, the decision will now move on to the appeals process.

Once they receive their letters from the department explaining why they were rejected for promotion and

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## Transit

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Following the recommendations, an ad hoc committee was formed by SGA to investigate the options of bringing the campus into the mass transit system.

The end result of the work of the committee resulted in a resolution passed by the SGA Senate last December that authorized the creation of a U-Pass system, where UWSP students will be able to access the city bus system.

The plan calls for the creation of a bus line that runs through campus 16 hours on the weekdays, 12 hours during the day with four hours of evening service, and Saturday service running from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

"Essentially what we are doing is incorporating hours of service from the city," says

Stephanie Lind, SGA Director for Student Affairs, "but we have not set the weekday hours of service yet."

Some of the plans for the new routes include the possibility of the inclusion of several student apartment complexes located near the campus. The funding from the program will come out of the Segregated Fees fund, a fund paid in part by student tuition, but the exact amount has not been specified.

The program in its current form is to run from August 23, 2004 to May 19, 2006. "We decided that a two year trial run was the best way to evaluate the way things are going," says Lind, "and there will be a committee formed to oversee the program and see if at the end of the two years if the program needs changes, or should be continued at all"

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tenures.

Staff voting on this decision included Professor Dennis Riley, Professor James Canfield and Professor Edward Miller all from the Political Science department.

The tenure staff looked at each of the Brophy-Baermans' teaching, research and service as assistant professors in the Political Science department.

"Bryan has done more than anyone can be expected to," Riley said.

The voting for Bryan Brophy-Baermann resulted in a positive vote from Professor Riley, a negative from Professor Canfield and Professor Miller abstained from voting. By

department rules, a tie vote results in the original decision standing, and on that tie Bryan Brophy-Baermann was denied reconsideration for tenure.

After a brief recess the department reformed to reconsider the tenure of Michelle Brophy-Baermann. After a similar round of deliberations, the department voted 2-1 in favor of rejecting the motion to reconsider the tenure of Michelle Brophy-Baermann. Voting in favor of reconsideration was Professor Dennis Riley, with Professors Ed Miller and James Canfield voting in favor of not reconsidering the motion to deny tenure.

The motion will now move on to the appeals process, where the Brophy-Baermans have 20 days to send a letter to the

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 • **Type: Theft**

• Protective Services was alerted to the theft of a stereo receiver and a cable box from Room 028 of the Debot Center.

• **Debot Center**  
 • **Wednesday, Dec. 18 11:18 a.m.**  
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• A female reported that money had been taken from her wallet while it was stored in the employee locker room.

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• A female reported the theft of her ID holder from her coat while it was hanging outside of the Strength Center

• **Physical Education B**  
 • **Thursday, Jan 22 12:05 p.m.**  
 • **Type: Theft**

• A male reported the theft of his wallet from an unsecured locker in the Quandt Center Men's Locker Room.

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retention, Bryan and Michelle will have 20 days to send letters of appeal to the Faculty Remediation Sub-Committee.

Should the committee decide that the department came to the wrong decisions, the committee could recommend that the motions be sent to the Faculty Senate for further consideration.

Another committee would then be formed to

determine if material prejudice was used against the Brophy-Baermanns, and if that is the case the decision could then go on to the Dean of the College of Letters and Science.

If at any point in time the committee rules against Bryan or Michelle and finds that the original tenure decisions made by the department were justified, then the appeals process will be over.

At this point in time

one or both of them will have this semester to complete their classes, with an option for an additional semester of retention in the fall, after which point one or both of the Brophy-Baermanns will be let go from UWSP.

Now that the tenure decision is in the appeals process, student input will be limited, but so far it has been a positive movement noted for rationality and not recklessness.

## Brewers

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*Sentinel* concerning the team's proposed payroll reduction for this season.

"We didn't want to have to do what we did, because [Payne] brought a lot of energy," said Prieb. "But you can't have dishonesty in an organization and expect it to work. I understand that Ulice was frustrated, but there are more

professional ways to go about letting that out."

Despite being a team in turmoil, the Brewers continue to be a team with a strong fan base. They are only awaiting a winner.

"I wasn't surprised at all by the turnout," said Hoffman. "This team has some great fans, and if they keep improving, they could be very big here."

## Youth voting drive on campus

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Government Association (SGA) is taking a lead in the New Voters Project, a nationwide nonpartisan youth voter registration campaign taking place in six states.

The project is headed by the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management in Washington, D.C. and state public interest research groups, including the Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group in Madison

The project is supported by The Pew Charitable Trusts. The

key objective is to register more than 260,000 18-24 year-olds in the states of Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, New Mexico and Nevada.

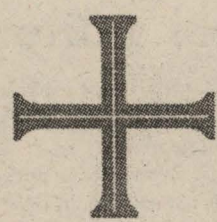
Erin Fay, SGA legislative director, is coordinating the campuswide effort. In addition, the project has appointed a campus coordinator, Monica Groves, to work with SGA throughout the year to the November 2004 election.

According to the New Voters Project Web site ([www.newvotersproject.org](http://www.newvotersproject.org)), they hope to not only register thousands of voters but also make direct contact with a minimum of 500,000 young

people in these six states in the final weeks before the November election.

This is a nonpartisan effort with 60 college campuses being targeted in the six states. Partners to the New Voters Project include MTV, Rock the Vote, Campus Compact (UWSP is a partner here as well), Youth Vote, Cast The Vote, Campaign For Young Voters and World Wrestling Entertainment and Hip Hop Summit Action Network.

For more information on UWSP's role in the New Voters Project, contact Erin Fay at [efay316@uwsp.edu](mailto:efay316@uwsp.edu), or call 715-346-4592.



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# Musings from Mirman

## An open letter to Chancellor Virginia Helm RE: Keeping good professors

By Dan Mirman

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dear Chancellor Helm,

Please reconsider the Political Science department's decision to deny tenure to Michelle and Bryan Brophy-Baermann.

I sat in class with Michelle Brophy-Baermann Wednesday morning when a student named Bubba asked how the tenure appeal went on Monday.

When Bubba learned that the tenure had been denied once more he had a calm reaction. Then when Bubba realized that the denial of tenure essentially meant that they were fired he accidentally dropped a four letter word that rhymes with stuck.

Although Bubba's response lacked eloquence, his feelings are shared by many students across campus.

I will graduate in May after completing my 17th year of school (17 1/2 if you count Kindergarten). During that time I have learned from a diverse group of teachers and professors.

Unfortunately, the majority of my instructors I would rate average at best. Some of them lost their patience too quickly, while others simply lacked the ability to convey the material.

However, poor instructors do serve a purpose. They allow you to realize when you meet a quality teacher. I have learned from a handful of people I would consider quality instructors and a number of them have worked at UWSP.

Pete Kelley, who has since retired, provided a marvelous learning experience. Even though Pete probably failed more students in one Comm 171 class than most professors do in a year, the man was a fountain of knowledge. But more important than his knowledge was his ability to pass it on in a way that I could understand.

The Brophy-Baermann's also have this ability. When I sit in their classrooms I don't need to check the clock every five minutes to make sure that it's still moving.

Not only do they provide excellent lectures,

but their book choices and in-class discussions help keep the class interesting and informative.

These two people represent the type of teachers that our university should attempt to bring into Stevens Point, not kick out.

I'm not alone in my feelings. Student support for both these teachers has proven to be overwhelming.

Petitions to keep both teachers have both easily exceeded 300 signatures. Students have held meetings and sent out mass emails (with over 200 students on the mailing list) all in an attempt to influence the professors who voted against the Brophy-Baermanns tenure.

However, the students' cries to keep these fine teachers fell on deaf ears.

In a motion to reconsider held on Monday, one professor became defensive about all the negative feedback he has received in regard to the decision. He even went as far as reading off of a student evaluation form from his class.

The professor then abstained from voting, and Bryan had his tenure denied by a ridiculous 1-1 vote, the man didn't even lose and now he must appeal to save his job. The Michelle decision had a similar result as once again she lost out 2-1 and now must appeal as well.

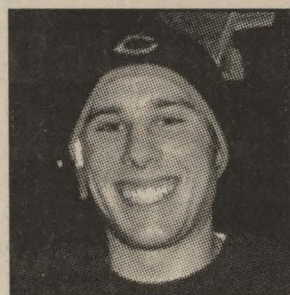
I have been told before that I didn't know what was best for me. That statement is usually followed by another telling me I will understand when I'm older.

Well, I believe I understand this situation very well. The majority of students believe that these two teachers should stay. And I don't think these students should be told that they don't know what's best for them.

So I ask you Chancellor, please heed the voice of your students, and make sure that the Brophy-Baermanns stay in Point.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Mirman  
UWSP student



## Faculty support for the WISPIRG organization

As a long-time member of the faculty – a professor in the human sciences (anthropology), I strongly endorse WISPIRG.

This acronym means Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group, and the group here on campus is well organized and wants to accomplish great things.

The group can use your help – the more support, the better. As things have gotten harder for students financially, WISPIRG has come to the rescue.

They get results on serious issues, such as helping to get more student aid in the form of government loans, convincing Staples to quit selling products made from old growth trees, raising money to help feed the hungry and homeless (a problem that should not exist in such an affluent society), mak-

ing sure cities along the river do not pollute and so on.

WISPIRG creates a network by linking students and professional staff statewide and nationally.

Our local chapter, connected with the state and national organization can be much more effective than individuals. It forms a lobby.

Students involved in this organization also gain valuable experience working with lawyers and other advocates through internship programs. WISPIRG is a perfect organization to enable you to voice your concerns.

Meeting times and dates will be announced, and I hope you will join.

Thomas H. (Tom) Johnson  
Professor of Anthropology  
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What was your most interesting moment over Winterim?



Amy Schumacher, Jr., Wildlife

I went pheasant hunting



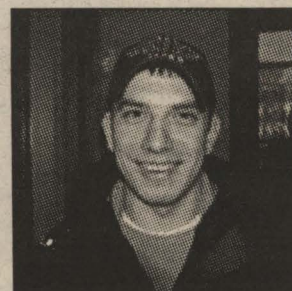
Anne Hoyer, Jr., Poli Sci

I went buck-wild for my 21st birthday!



Brandon Nguyen, Sr., Wildlife

I dissected an 8-week old Australian shepherd.



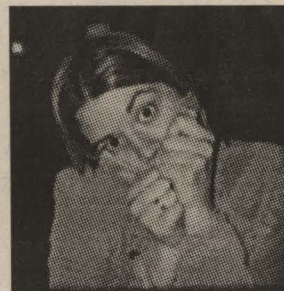
David Sauter, Sr., Wildlife

Had a conversation with a big fat gay cowboy...yeah, it was awkward



Eric Hasselbacher, Sr., Biology

I watched my proff belly-dance in the sand on the Sea of Cortez



Amanda Steele, Sr., Business

My friend and I wore the most garish x-mas sweaters downtown for New Years.



## With a new semester comes a new start

### Change is a good thing, right?

By Alli Himle  
FEATURES EDITOR

Another semester is upon us and I find myself surrounded by change. Change -- a word that I seem to not deal well with. However, a word that seemingly must be a part of all of our lives, whether we would like it to be or not.

When I came back to Point this semester I knew that a new journey was upon me. I knew that I would have to devise a new routine and I vowed that this would be the semester that I got out and tried to take advantage of all those things that I felt I was missing my first two years.

Only now do I realize that what I was missing was what I was failing to appreciate. Through it all, I find myself wondering how so much can change

in the course of one semester, one break from college life.

Coming back here two weeks ago I no longer saw the smiling faces of two of my best friends. One had since graduated and the other had left to student teach in, of all places, Scotland. No longer could I rely on going to their rooms to talk for hours on end about nothing in particular. No longer could I count on them to be sitting next to me in class reassuring me that this class would not be so bad after all.

Instead, now I find myself reading their letters and hearing of the new journeys they are embarking on without being there to be a part of it as well. It is in times like this that I realize how fast life passes us by. It seems like only yesterday that I was saying goodbye to high school friends, vowing that we would keep in touch, only to later

realize that those letters still remain unwritten.

Coming here to Point two and a half years ago, I never realized, or wanted to admit for that matter, that there would soon come a time where I would have

that we hid behind for so long during high school. We realize that trendy clothes and being "Miss Popular" are no longer what it is all about. We realize that we pick friends not because they make us feel secure, but because they allow us to be insecure, knowing that we will not be judged because of it. We allow ourselves to let our guard down with these people, knowing that they too are unsure of exactly what it is that they want to do with their lives.

This is why leaving those that have come to be such great friends at college is far different. Your friends at college have seen you change and become the person that you are. They have seen you change because you have allowed yourself to change. In the end, what matters most is that these friends will stick by you when you discover your true self.

And so, as I find myself starting a new semester that seems to signify change in so many aspects, I realize that this experience is sure to be a memorable and valuable one. I find myself realizing that yes, making the grade is important, for in essence, that is what we are all here for.

But furthermore, we are here to be a part of something that is entirely different than anything we have been a part of previously. We are here to realize that in the end, friends are always there for you, whether it is the next door down, or an entire country away.

Most importantly, we are here because we belong here and we long to be a part of the process of change, knowing that in the end, these experiences will undoubtedly make us stronger.

**"We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance."**

**-Harrison Ford**

to say goodbye to the people that have come to be such a focal point in my life. This time, unlike high school, is quite different.

College signifies change. Inevitably, it shapes us for the rest of our lives, for we allow ourselves to come out of the shell

## Reality series makes its way to Student Television

### We're watching you...yes, you

By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISANT FEATURES EDITOR

If, by chance, you're walking around campus and you find yourself being followed and videotaped by someone, do not panic. Resist the urge to turn around and either punch him, kick him someplace sensitive or try to break his camera. He means you no harm. He is a benevolent stalker. He's only filming STV's latest offering.

Starting February 2 at 10 p.m., STV will begin airing the first six weeks of *Behind the Scenes*. This documentary/reality series, the brainchild of STV general manager Bret Lemoine, will follow the production of last semester's live news broadcasts on STV and depict the lives and labors of the STV staff.

"There are so many things that go on during the hours leading up to STV's live news program," said Lemoine. "The amount of work that goes into a

half-hour news program is mind boggling. I think *Behind the Scenes* shows viewers the effort the students at STV put into programming and provides an entertaining look into their personal and professional lives."

The series' *fly on the wall* point of view is similar to various other reality shows. If nothing else, the series appears to resemble *The Real World*, except that the protagonists will be the hard-working staff of STV and not some hot young things in Vegas or Cancun or some other vacation spot working on a boat and running afoul of the law or the nearest emergency room.

The series' stars will include STV producer Jill McKee, STV producer/*Newspoint* co-host Miles Hofschulz, production manager Jonathan Alden and STV news anchors Ryan Gerlach and Kim Schaefer. A host of

other faces can be expected to make appearances as well. All have agreed to bare their souls for the camera and allow it to capture them at their best and their worst.

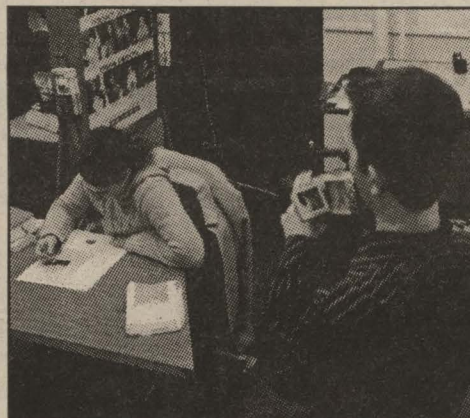


Photo by Patricia Larson

*It seems no one can escape the watching eyes of the STV staff.*

They may be a little bit on the dramatic side, but one must remember that even documentaries go for a bit of that overly theatrical flair. It does make for good ratings.

Lemoine also insists that *Behind the Scenes* is less of a

reality series and more of a *character study*. He insists that viewers will quickly get caught up watching the people on screen and learning to follow their personalities and activities.

"If you watch all six of the episodes, you certainly pick up on everyone's personalities and their motivations for their actions," he said. "There is definitely a payoff for the viewer by the end of the first season. By episode four, several characters' lives change dramatically."

The six weeks will then be followed, beginning on March 29, by another six week series of episodes. These episodes will follow the production of "The Pointer" and its intrepid news staff as they struggle to produce the best paper they can.

We at *The Pointer* have been advised to ignore Bret and his fellow filmmakers as best we can and go about our business as usual. This

will be easier for some than others. Already at least one staff member has waved or gestured toward the camera (all right, it was me), but no obscene gesture or attacks on cameramen have been recorded as of yet. One will have to see if this remains so.

Lemoine also seemed to give a warning to all students. "No one is safe from the camera's lens. No matter where they go, people are followed."

If *Behind the Scenes* is a success, we can expect more groups and organizations from around campus to be put under the scrutiny of the cameras.

So if you're around campus and find Bret or another STV staffer filming you, do not overreact. Yes, you might feel the urge to hurt him or call campus security or spring for the nearest container of mace, but please try to resist such impulses. He means you no harm. It's all in the name of good television.

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# Centertainment presents *Alice in Sexual Assault Land*

## It is never the victim's fault

By Maria Lewis  
FEATURES REPORTER

UWSP Centertainment presented *Alice in Sexual Assault Land* Wednesday evening in the Encore. The 12 scene play dealt with the sensitive topic of sexual assault and was performed by local Stevens Point Area High School Students. All good plays have multiple ingredients and the scenes of the play are done with a twist, bringing in classic fairy tales, such as *Cinderella* and *Little Red Riding Hood*.

Centertainment issue and ideas coordinator, Jen Georgeff,

said that she had seen the play done last year, and enjoyed the way that it had brought up heavy issues with fairy tales as its basis.

The first scenes were written 12 years ago by women who were being harassed and felt that there was no education about the topic of sexual assault and harassment.

The women received a grant and each wrote one scene based on fairy tales and sexual assault; over the years new scenes have been added, and the play has evolved as sex and society have evolved.

The scenes are typically performed to junior high and high school students, but sexual assault and harassment happens

at all ages. The scenes of the play deal with everything from sexual harassment to incest. All are done in a thorough and informative way.

The most sensitive topic in the play is that of rape. 75-95% of rape victims know their attacker. The students give ways to decrease the likelihood of a sexual assault by telling someone you trust your destination and a return time, not walking alone, locking your doors and windows, trusting your instincts and being aware of who is around you.

These are all things that are a good refresher for college students in order to maintain their safety. Yes, men too, for one in six men will be sexually assault-

ed in their lifetime. However, most don't report it.

One of the great things that the last few scenes deal with is the ramifications of rape, not only for the attacker but for the victim. Attackers can spend time in jail and cannot vote, own guns, work in civil service or licensed jobs, or be in the military. For the victim, the pain of the rape is with them for the rest of their life.

On the flip side of rape and date rape are the characteristics of a good date, like setting limits and telling your limits to your date.

The part I enjoyed the most were the statistics that were given between the scenes. Many of the statistics were shocking, such as

that only 33% of rapes are reported, and that the United States has one of the highest rape rates in the world. The play itself has you walking away with a concerned and educated outlook on sexual assaults.

Overall the scenes of *Alice in Sexual Assault Land* were very informative and entertaining. The sensitive topic matter along with the clever addition of fairy tales was very well done. For more information on *Alice in Sexual Assault Land* visit the website at <http://www.freewebs.com/cio-alice/>. If you get a chance to see this play, go, and learn about the reality of many sexual issues.

## Games, gossip and laughter can fill a night of fun for friends

### Board games are, in fact, not entirely bad after all

By Jaclyn Ratajczyk  
FEATURES REPORTER

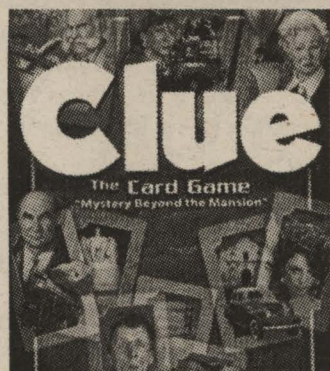
With the bone-chilling weather, mundane activities and your inside surroundings pose opportunities for you to pass the time.

An obvious thing to do is watch TV, surf the internet or watch a favorite movie. A good comedy can make you laugh and a thoughtful drama might make you cry. But what if you are sick of all the usual movies, all the constant reality shows and all the ads that popup while your checking you're email?

As interesting as electronic technology may seem, it doesn't let you feel a person beside you, hear the laughter of your friends or boggle your mind with questions. Instead, take a walk down the back toy aisle of any department store and reach through the boxes to grab something that can cure cabin fever as well as help reconnect with friends. Board

games can be the basis for a great night. Games ranging from the oldies but goodies like Chess, Checkers, Monopoly or Clue, to the new ones like Cranium, Catch Phrase and Trivial Pursuit can all spark conversation and debate among friends.

You can find out how smart your friends truly are. They will



You just can't beat the classic games.

find out about your charade skills and everyone will have a good time, especially when you don't play by the rules.

A newer game like Cranium tests your team's skills in areas like drawing, acting, trivia and sculpting. Meanwhile, the team's

place on the board relies on the chance roll of the die.

The classic game of Clue has been around since the 1960s, and by means of elimination each player is on a mission to expose the murderer in the fictional mansion.

If you still decide to watch TV over playing a board game, remember games have been created based upon TV shows. There is a FRIENDS trivia board game which will stun you with your own knowledge of how much you pay attention to Phoebe's twin sister's name.

So, before the crowd decides to go downtown, be brave enough to invite some friends over for a game of Monopoly a couple hours beforehand. The outcome will be more interesting than you know. How else can you learn more about people than by interacting with them, making mistakes with them, and teaching each other a thing or two? Assign someone the banker, assign someone the property divider and be prepared to be dominated!

## WISPIRG needs you

By Ashlee Theilacker  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UWSP students are about to face big problems when they graduate, from global warming to escalating health care costs.

The Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group, or WISPIRG, gives students a crash course in effective citizenship. Students involved with WISPIRG learn not only how to investigate a problem and develop a practical solution, they also learn how to convince the media and decision makers to pay attention.

WISPIRG is a statewide, student-run, student-directed, non-partisan group. Right now there are chapters at UW Madison and UW Milwaukee and together they have accomplished a lot. Recently, they helped pass the strongest water pollution run-off law in the country, raised thousands of dollars for the hungry and the

homeless and convinced Staples to phase out the sale of products made from old growth trees.

UWSP Students for a WISPIRG Chapter launched a petition drive last semester to see if students would support the establishment of a chapter here in Stevens Point. The response was overwhelming. In two days students collected over 1000 signatures.

Laura Baumann, President of UWSP Students for a WISPIRG Chapter said, "We want to be part of this network. We want to be teamed up with professional advocates in Madison and Washington, DC so that we can have a huge impact on important issues, while also gaining access to a professional organizer to run an intern program to train students how to plan, run and win campaigns."

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## Not even close...



Photo by Liz Bolton

Junior Jackie Schmitt races with the puck against an overmatched St. Catherine's defender on Wednesday night. UWSP had no problem dismantling St. Catherine's defense in an easy 15-1 win.

## Swimmers get to the point

By Jon Henseler  
SPORTS REPORTER

With just one meet to go until the WIAC Championships the UWSP men's and women's swim and dive teams both placed extremely well in this past weekend's Get to the Point Invitational.

### swimming

The men's team finished first out of seven teams and the women's team finished second out of nine teams. UW-La Crosse placed first on the women's side.

Coach Alan Boelk was happy with his team's per-

formance, especially due to the seven week layoff that the team experienced before the meet, saying, "The whole team was a little flat on Friday, it was our first meet in seven weeks. That's a long time to train without racing. But on Saturday they did a lot better, they remembered how to race."

The Pointers did especially well in the men's 200 yard freestyle in which they placed first with a 1:25.83 team time.

The women's 400 yard medley relay placed second behind UW-La Crosse with a time of 4:9.56. The women's team also took

first in the 200 yard medley relay with a team time of one minute and 50.87 seconds.

The Pointers have a big meet this weekend at home as they welcome UW-Lacrosse on Friday at 6 p.m. After that it, is off to the WIAC championships in Oshkosh.

When asked if he thought the team had any areas that needed work before the end of the year, coach Boelk stated that the team is, "working out the kinks in their lineup, but any moves are top secret at this point."

## Grapplers pin Oshkosh, prepare for season's end

By Adam Wise  
SPORTS REPORTER

Last Saturday the Pointers traveled to Oshkosh, gutting the Titans 29-12 for their third consecutive victory in conference play and boosting the Pointers' overall record to 5-1.

### wrestling

Coach Johnny Johnson was very pleased with his team's overall performance. Mike Hayes (285) scored the biggest win of the day in his decision over Nate Muckerheide, 5-2.

"Mike took control and set a pace [Muckerheide] couldn't keep up with," Johnson said. Knowing ahead of time that Muckerheide is known for pushing his opponent off the edge to receive a stalling call, Mike countered this style by forcing his opponent to play him head on.

"At the point in the end of the match when Mike got the last takedown to clinch the win, [Muckerheide] quit."

David Davilla (125) and Yan White (197) scored pins for the Pointers in 1:55 and 3:59, respectively. Cody Koenig (174) scored a decision of 12-5 to win his bout against Sean Fortmann.



Wozniak

Receiving a confidence booster from Coach Johnson, Tyler Wozniak earned a major decision over Jed Lechleitner with a score of 15-2. "Tyler at 184 is wrestling very tough for a true freshman

that was thrown in the lineup at mid season," said Johnson.

Also, Joel Burdick (141) scored a major decision over Titans wrestler Luke Madson, 12-4.

With the second half of the season and more conference foes yet to come, Coach Johnson is striving for development and perfection. "We are looking forward to those conference dual meets and want very much to



Burdick

finish undefeated in the conference. We want to re-claim the Conference Championship, qualify several guys for NCAA's and bring some hardware [home] from the National tournament."

With the wheels rolling like they are, there's no telling how far the Pointers team will travel this season in the WIAC.

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## Skaters face opposite extremes

By Jana Jurkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

Like most winter sports teams, the UWSP men's hockey team reported back to campus long before the first day of class. The team came back hoping to make a run for the conference in the second half of the season.

### men's hockey

The Pointers opened the second half of their season against the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). Not known for their hockey ability, the 4-2 score hardly emphasizes the fact that the Pointers dominated the game. Sophomore James Jernberg started off the scoring with a power play goal just one minute and nineteen seconds into the game and the Pointers never looked back.

After thoroughly dominating MSOE, the Pointers returned to their Conference schedule Friday, January 16 and faced off against the College of St. Scholastica. It is said that a tie is like kissing your sister, and if that's true, that is just what the Pointers did. Despite out-shooting their opponent 36-19, the Pointers weren't able to slip more



Goerke

than one by Scholastic's goalie Josh Liebig. The Pointers lone goal came from freshman Chris Goerke five minutes into the second period. Scholastica's goal almost exactly a period later would be all the tallies on the scoreboard.

After their Friday tie, Saturday was not the way the team hoped to bounce back. The Pointers spent almost more time in the box than on the ice as they accumulated 12 penalties for 32 minutes. Superior took advantage of their power play opportunities, scoring three of their five goals while up a man. The Pointers seemed to close the gap as they brought the game to 2-1 early in the second, but Superior went on to score three unanswered goals and defeat Point 5-1.

As school was back in session, the Pointers would have two huge games that weekend. Friday night brought Lake Forrest College to K.B. Willet Arena. Freshman Dan Francis netted the first goal for the Pointers and junior Mike Brolsma put away two more by the seven-minute mark of the second period to give Point a 3-0 lead. Despite an attempted Lake Forrest comeback, the Pointers were able to hold on and won 3-2.

The team knew Saturday would be tough as they faced the number two team in their conference, St. Norbert's. The Pointers found themselves still in the game and down only 3-0 at the end of the second period. However, the game took a downward turn from there as the Pointers went on to allow six third period goals. Norbert's capitalized on three of their five power play opportunities, while Point went zero for five. The Pointers appeared strong in the first two periods, but let that slip away in the third, falling 9-0.

The team now stands tied for third in the NCHA conference. The team will have to shake off their last loss quickly as they face St. Norbert's again this Friday on the road. Saturday the team will continue traveling to Lake Forrest as they fight to stay in the running for top Conference positioning.

## Deft shooting leads Pointers to grudge victory

Bennett's huge night sparks big win over rival

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's no mystery that there is no love lost between the UWSP and UW-Stout men's basketball teams. Over the years, the teams have been closely matched, turning every game into epic grudge matches. The latest installment of the bitter rivalry encompassed all of this, resulting in a 84-70 Pointer victory.

### men's basketball

The Pointers came out cold to start the game, perhaps a result of the short turnaround from their last game, a 67-52 win over Viterbo college on Monday night. Because of cold shooting, porous defense and lackluster rebounding, Stout took a 36-34 lead into halftime. The game was only the second time all year that the Pointers were trailing going into the break.

"The biggest thing was that (leading scorer) [Jason] Kalsow had to sit," said Pointer Head Coach Jack Bennett. "And we started nursing the game a little bit to stay within striking distance."

After a stirring halftime

speech by Bennett, the Pointers came out on fire in the second half.

"I just told [the team] that we needed to play Pointer basketball, not soft basketball" said Bennett.

The Pointer's defense and rebounding tightened significantly in the second half, while their shooting became almost flawless. Junior Nick Bennett, after scoring only two points in the first half, exploded for 27 in the second to give him 29 for the game, a career high.

"This was one of those special nights for Nick," said Bennett. "It just looked like the basket was big to him."

However, the Pointers didn't start to pull away until coach Bennett made a defensive change, employing junior Eric Maus and sophomore Brian Bauer to double team rival coach Eddie Andrist's top offensive option, seven-foot freshman center Jake Nonemacher.

Nonemacher scored 16 points in the game, but was shut down during crunch time by stifling defense by Point's two post players.

"Nonemacher was a lot better than I remember him," said Bennett. "He was tough to handle tonight."

With the win, the Pointers

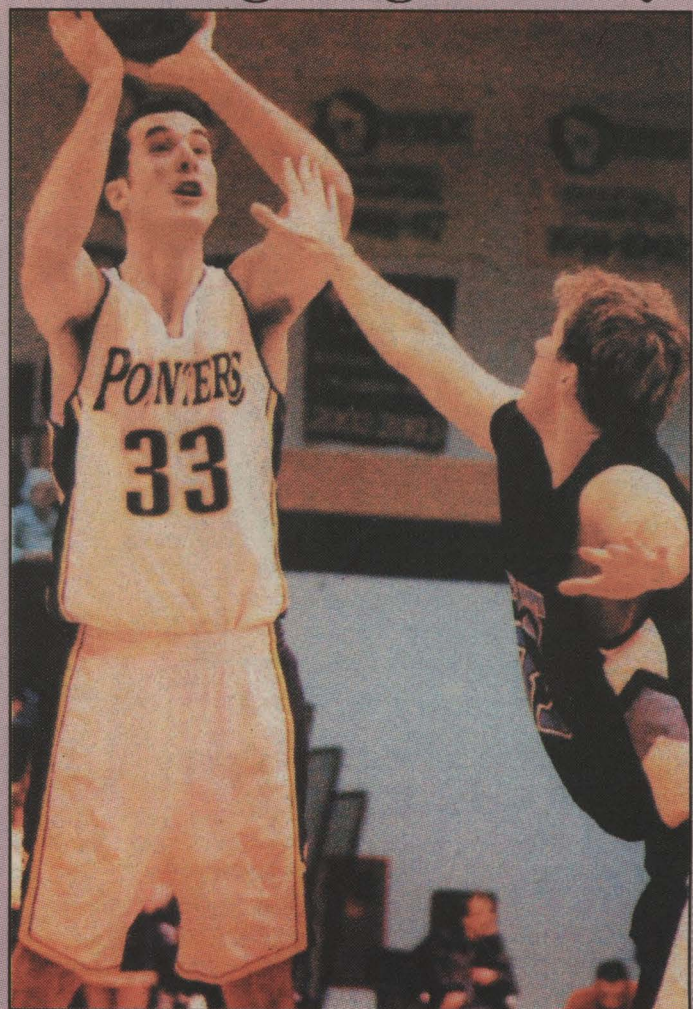


Photo by Patricia Larson

Nick Bennett pulls up for a jumper in the second half Wednesday.

improve to 6-3 in the WIAC, and 15-3 overall. On Saturday they face a La Crosse team coached by a familiar face, former UWSP

head assistant Ken Koebel.

Tip-off for this "youth night" game is set for 5 p.m. at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

## Indoor track kicks off season in a talented fashion

By Jana Jurkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

Both the men's and women's track and field teams started the season on the right foot this past weekend as they kicked off the indoor season at UW-Whitewater.

The men placed 2nd of 11 teams, getting some much-needed points from their distance runners. Andy Bednarek claimed first in the 3000m run with a time of 8:47.95 and Curtis Johnson and Mark LaLonde placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the 5000m run.

Unlike most of the other teams at the meet, this was UWSP's first competitive meet of the season. "We have a lot of talent this year and have been training hard, we just need to get more races under our belt; the season can only go up from here," said Senior sprinter Trevor Nobile.

The women's side appeared to have a little more strength this past weekend as they gathered 119 points to finish 1st of the 9 teams. Leah Herlache and Isabelle Delanney claimed first and second for the Pointers in

the mile run and Jenna Mitchler clenched first in the 800m run. As for the men, the women seemed to be getting top performances from its distance runners as Point also claimed four of the top five spots in the 3000m run.

Both teams will look for their distance runners to be successful, as the indoor season gets under way. The Pointers will host the Pointer invitational this Saturday in the Multi-Activity Center at 10:30 a.m.

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# Women complete the UW-Stout double-whammy

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's basketball team played host to conference rival UW-Stout Wednesday night. The Pointers were looking to sweep the Bluedevils after an emotional 76-75 win at Stout December 9, and did just that, pulling out a hard-fought 72-66 win.

## women's basketball

The game was an intense match-up with both teams looking for an advantage.

"You got to tip your hat to both teams. I thought they both played hard and left everything on the floor," stated Coach Shirley Egner.

After a hard fought first half, Point took a 36-32 lead into the locker room.

The second half saw both teams play their hearts out, with players from both teams diving for loose balls and showing a ton of hustle. The Pointers did manage to take control midway through the second half as they opened up a 59-49 lead.

Stout, however, soon answered by going on a 12-4 run to pull within two, 63-61, with less than five minutes left in regulation. The Pointers then put the game away at the charity stripe, knocking down seven of their next eight free throws.

Coach Egner seemed especially pleased with her seniors, "Andrea Kraemer and Cassandra Heuer really came through for us at the line and that's why you



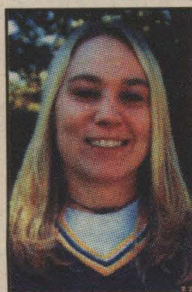
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Senior Andrea Kraemer drives to the basket during Wednesday night's 72-66 victory. Kraemer and teammate Cassandra Heuer each scored their 1,000th point in the contest.

have seniors on your squad. the impressive milestone, Coach Egner seemed especially proud. They've been there before and are able to step up and answer the call. "It's fantastic for those two to reach that milestone against Stout at home and add the fact we

Leading the way for the Pointers was Amanda Nechuta with 18 points and 5 boards. Guard Andrea Kraemer chipped in 15 points along with 6 assists.

The night was especially memorable for two Pointer players. Kraemer and Heuer both scored the 1000th point in their careers at UWSP. When asked about her two seniors reaching



Heuer

were victorious, it's wonderful," said Egner.

Next up for the Pointers (16-2, 7-2 in the WIAC) is La Crosse, who comes off notching their first conference win of the season Wednesday night against UW-River Falls.

## SENIOR ON THE SPOT RYAN SCOTT - HOCKEY



Scott

### Career Highlights

- Team MVP for the 2002-03 season
- Team's Mr. Consistency for the 2002-03 season
- NCHA All-academic team for three years in a row

Major - Communications

Hometown - Plover, Wis.

Nickname - "Scotty," or "Scott 1"

What are your plans after graduation? - Playing professional hockey, Diabetes education or a hockey coach.

Do you plan on playing hockey after graduation? - Yes

What is your favorite aspect of hockey? - The thrill of being a kid everyday and knowing you're the man in charge and everything you do matters. A lot of pressure!

Most embarrassing moment - Throwing up on the ice in a game playing Lake Forest last year because I had food poisoning. That did not stop me from getting a win though, which was good! Also getting our butts spanked by the team I hate (St. Norbert) in my hometown!

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - (Toronto Maple Leafs goalie) Ed Belfour

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Dave Matthews Band  
If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? - I do not have a special someone so I can't pick right now but since I love the game of hockey, of course I would love to fly into Toronto have a very ritzy dinner, after that hit the hockey hall of fame and finally watch my favorite goalie and the Toronto Maple Leafs. If there is anyone who can handle a night like that, then that is definitely a dream date.

What will you remember most about playing hockey at UWSP? - Many memories and good times with my teammates. Those guys mean everything to me.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - Enjoy it every second you get a chance to have fun. Before you know it, four years have gone by and your left with just great memories.

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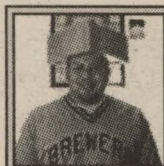




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## Super Bowl Double Feature



### The Man's Take The Ultimate Super Bowl Checklist

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

Even though my Green Bay Packers didn't make the big game, I can take solace in the fact that the Bears, Vikings, Buccaneers and Mr. Overrated himself, Donovan McNabb, will be sitting at home sipping gin and tonics, thinking about what could have been (well, in the Bears case, Jim McMahon getting down to a lame, '80s rap song). Yet, I digress.

It's important to remember that the Super Bowl isn't just any football game. The Super Bowl is THE football game. And as in any rare, mind-blowing situation (i.e. the first day of class, prom night or when the hottie dance team girl accepts your invitation to "go watch movies in your dorm room") you have to be prepared. Being the generous civil servant that I am, I hastily present to you The Ultimate Super Bowl Checklist.

**1. Good eats** - No guys, last month's bag of Doritos isn't going to cut it. A great game deserves great food. Plan ahead. The Super Bowl is one of the busiest days of the year for the pizza and sub industry. If you call in an order at halftime of the game, you are going to be watching re-runs of The Family Guy at 1:30 p.m. by the time it arrives. Not that that's a bad thing, but it defeats the whole purpose of Super Bowl eats. Of course you need something to wash it down with, so I suggest...

**2. Plenty of liquefied hops and grains** - If you are throwing a big bash, go all out for the half-barrel. Tap that sucker at the beginning of the pre-game, and let the good times roll. You would be surprised how much alcohol the human body can consume when spread out over 10 hours of football coverage. I suggest either Point Special or Central Waters (although I'm usually a Miller Light man myself, I want to give the local guys some love). If you are dorm inhabitants, this may be more of a problem. CA's are extra jumpy during the Super Bowl. That's why you must go to your

buddy's who lives off campus. If you don't have a buddy who lives off campus, find one quick.

**3. A ready and willing clicker** - This is a must strictly for the halftime entertainment, which is usually horrible. This year, P. Diddy, Kid Rock and the whored-up Janet Jackson are partaking. I think I developed hives a couple years ago when Britney and N'Stynk were bouncing around like idiots with the legendary Aerosmith. As an alternative programming choice, I suggest the Spike Network's 15-hour Cops marathon. I would rather see real authentic redneck criminals than that wanna-be felon Kid Rock.

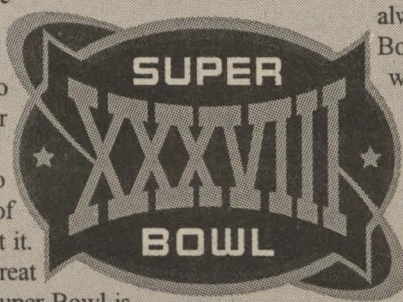
**4. A colostomy bag** - Ok, not really. But watching the game at a place where the bathroom is in close proximity to the TV is always a plus. The Super Bowl is the only event where the commercials are regularly more entertaining than the actual game. Unfortunately, if you are a football freak like me, this poses a problem. The best solution I could come up with is an

empty Gatorade bottle (soda bottles have too small of an opening, and can lead to spillage). This allows no action to be missed. Sorry ladies; unless you have an incredible aim, I wouldn't suggest the Gatorade bottle.

**5. Pepto Bismol & coffee** - Remember, class is on Monday morning, and many of you aren't used to Sunday night binge drinking. Hence the (sometimes lethal) combo of Pepto and Columbian ground coffee. I wouldn't suggest mixing these. Have the coffee maker ready on Sunday night. Take the Pepto before passing out. Wake up Monday with the aroma of a fresh-brew hopefully overpowering the pizza, subs, tacos, beer and passed-out roommates from the night before.

If you are still not feeling totally up to speed Monday after following these instructions, by no means come crying to me. I won't be in any mood to deal with your drunk ass.

Cheers!



### The way I see it... It's more than just commercials

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It's finally here! Super Bowl Week. The biggest single sporting event in the U.S. Heck, it's the biggest sporting event in the world, with the exception of the World Cup. So why does no one seem interested this year? Almost everyone I talk to seems luke-warm in regards to this year's big game.

"I'll watch it for the commercials" is the most popular response. Even my die-hard football fan buddies don't seem that excited. What's the problem?

Is it because the beloved Packers aren't in the big game? I know they were agonizingly close this year. Being a 4th and inches conversion away from victory or a 4th and 26 stop away from victory (depending on how you look at it) makes it even more painful. But even if they did manage to beat the Eagles I'm not sure they would have had the same success against the red-hot Panthers. In hindsight, the Packers had a lot of help from the football gods in just making the playoffs. In the end they just cut it too close one too many times. So come on Packer fans, I know most of you, being the football lovers that you are, sit back and enjoy what should be a good football game.

Is it lack of offense? Yeah, I know neither one of these teams will be mistaken for the St. Louis Rams or the Kansas City Chiefs in terms of offensive production, but both of these teams have some definite star power on that side of the ball. New England has Tom Brady, the feel good story of a couple years ago when he led the underdog Pats to Super Bowl glory against the Rams. His stature has grown quite a bit in the last two years. I even

saw an ESPN article comparing him to 49ers great Joe Montana. While I don't think this guy is in the same class as Joe Cool, he does have a knack of pulling out the win when the game is on the line. The Carolina Panthers have this year's Tom Brady in Jake Delhomme. After languishing for the last few years as a back-up to Aaron Brooks in New Orleans, this wiley Cajun has quietly put together a solid season. Delhomme, like Brady, doesn't put up big numbers, yet is money when it counts.

Is it because the defenses are too good? Both teams made it as far as they did because of their defenses. The Panthers had to slow down the "Greatest Show on Turf" enough to win in St. Louis while the Pats confounded a blistering Colts offense on their way to the Super Bowl. So with neither offense on par with the Rams and Colts, this game will probably be decided by something like a 10-9 score.

Maybe so, but defense can be fun too. Remember the hurting the Bucs put on the Raiders last year, or the drubbing the Ravens laid on the Giants? Then think back to the '85 Bears or the '70s Steelers. These teams were great defensive teams and also a lot of fun to watch. This year we're lucky enough to be getting two teams that are dominant defensively. While the game might not be a shoot-out, it should be a hard fought battle decided in the last minutes.

So there you go, plenty of good reasons to get excited about what could be one of the best Super Bowls in recent memory. The next time I ask one of you if you're excited about the Big Game I don't want to hear anything about the commercials.



### The Week Ahead...



**Men's Hockey:** at St. Norbert, Fri., 7 p.m.; at Lake Forest, Sat., 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Hockey:** at Lake Forest, Sat., 2 p.m. & Sun., 2 p.m.

**Men's Basketball:** La Crosse, Sat., 5 p.m.; at UW-River Falls, Sat., 2 p.m.

**Wrestling:** Whitewater, Sat., 7 p.m.

**Women's Basketball:** La Crosse, Sat., 7 p.m.\*; at River Falls, Wed., 7 p.m.

**Swimming & Diving:** La Crosse, Fri., 6 p.m.

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By The Rowdy Crowd  
SPORTS CONTRIBUTORS

Holiday break ends and we return to the world of college hockey. The Pointers are in the midst of their grueling conference play and the conference is as tight and evenly matched as it has ever been. This conference and the level of play that we are able to watch leads into our first issue at hand.

Right now by general opinion, the NCHA is the United State's most competitive conference of College hockey at the Division III level. This is an incredible honor and accomplishment achieved by the schools that make up the conference. The Pointers are sitting at 11-6-1 overall and will be playing their last regular season home games Feb. 13-14 against UW Stout and UW River Falls.

Speaking of UW River Falls, the hock-

### The view from the Rowdy Crowd The fun and games are over

ey community lost a great man on January 19. UWRF assistant coach, Mickey Keating, passed away, and his death leaves a large gap in the hockey community. Members of the rowdy crowd had met Keating at away games in River Falls and one member met him while doing 90fm broadcasts of Pointer hockey. He was truly a gentleman to all of us, and very understanding of the need for die-hard fans for a sports team, a trend that seems to be dying unfortunately. Our sympathies go out to Mr. Keating's family and the UWRF hockey program.

Over the break the Rowdy Crowd engaged in a few pond hockey games at Goerke Park in Stevens Point, WI. Our games were seriously a bunch of average individuals having a great time playing the greatest sport on earth, in its simplest form.

We used 55-gallon trash drums as goals and played six-on-six hockey for hours. Over the course of our games we really realized why we love the game and hope that everyone reading this article has a chance to play their favorite sport with friends and get back to the basics and roots of the sport, away from the lime-light and super-salaries that pro sports thrust upon us in this day and age.

In closing, Point plays St. Norbert College and Lake Forrest College this weekend with both games on the road. Last weekend St. Norbert showed why they are our arch-enemies. Andy Trann of SNC decided to instigate a fight with Pointer captain Sean Leahy. This was a completely pointless and classless act, and the Rowdy Crowd wishes to express to the Pointers to go "do whatever it takes" and get those Green Clowns.



## Be cool like Dan Jansen

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

When I was a kid the coolest thing I can ever remember seeing on television besides *Fraggle-Rock* was the Olympics. Not only was I intrigued by the world-wide spectrum of the event, but also I think I liked the rarity of those games. Once every four years, the Olympics would capture my attention for a two-week binge of all-world playtime.

Of course, I was a big fan of America back then, so I was cheering for Dan Jansen, the fastest man on ice. He was cool, fast and witty until he fell at Calgary in '88. I still liked ice-skating on my uncle's pond and playing Snap the Whip on flooded baseball fields with pretty girls every winter, though. In '94 Dan came back with a vengeance at Lillehammer to win a gold medal in the 1000m and a world record as well. He took a victory lap with his daughter Jane in his arms as the national anthem played.

I never was much of a speed skater like my hero Dan Jansen, and unlike Dan, I preferred to skate outdoors, but in every other way I was pretty sure that Dan Jansen and I were almost identical. So every winter since, when the weather drops down to the freeze line, I get excited for ice skating, and this winter was no different. Year before, I got a brand new pair of hockey skates for Christmas and, being a mild year, I proceeded to take



Ice skating is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, win gold medals and be really, really cool. Kind of like this guy.

one and a half laps around our pond before falling through the ice. This year has been better.

For one, the weather has been colder, which has given us a greatly extended ice season. With cold weather present, the Portage county area is just packed with places to glide on frozen water.

My favorite and plowed outdoor rink is located just four blocks east of campus. The Goerke Park Skating rink and warming house is located just south of the Goerke football stadium and indoor Willett hockey arena on the even 2600 block of Main St. Parking is available in a lot off Minnesota Avenue.

The open rink is roughly the size of a football field with a great snow wall surrounding it, making for ideal puck-stops and crash-landing zones. Aside from the occasional soft spot on the west end, the ice-flooded field holds up pretty good to constant skating and recess at the junior high school next door.

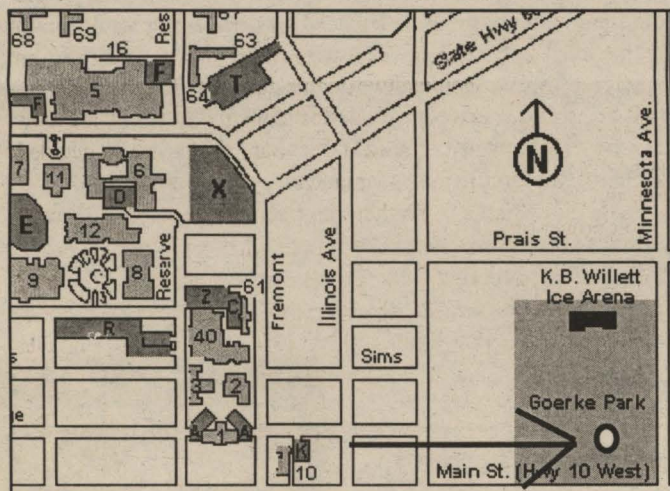
Adjacent to the open field is a boarded hockey rink,

complete with plexiglass and red nets to practice your slap shot on like the street-wise sass-mouth in the *Mighty Ducks*. The two areas are connected by a double-wide path of ice to skate on, which has a really cool effect, for some odd reason.

Between the two is a warming house that was built in 1933. It is accessible by climbing a wooden ramp that looks like something used to herd cattle into a slaughterhouse. I assure you, though, the worst thing that will happen in the slaughte...er, warming house, is a tongue burned by hot cocoa.

The warming house and hockey rink are open and lit from 6-9 p.m. every weeknight, from 12 to 8 every Saturday, and from 12 to 5 every Sunday. The outdoor rink is open at your own risk all day and night, so practicing that left hand speed turn with great swinging arms is always an option.

One more little thing that you might want to consider is calisthenics before hitting the ice. I can promise you that if you haven't skated in a while, your feet, legs and back will be sore if you don't warm up. Like Dan Jansen always says before a big race, "The experience and fun of skating are the most important aspect of this sport." Sure, Dan Jansen, that and leaving the Romanians huffing your vapor trail.



Give skating a try. See, it is really close to where you live.

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Anybody out there like downhill skiing or snowboarding? Looking for an article for next week's issue.

Email Adam @ amell889@uwsp.edu



## Mr. Winters' two cents

Celebrating fifty years of fine outdoors commentary

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"Awe, my back!"

Well kids, how the heck was your break? Hopefully more enjoyable than mine, since the only break I got was right in my lower back. This cold weather had the wife hootin' and hollerin' for more heat in the house because apparently, "57 degrees isn't cozy enough." Well, just so happens that I was looking at the wood pile just widdle away. So I got the old axe and split some wood. Everything was fine until I tried gettin' out of bed the next morning. Geeesh! I needed a damn shot of morphine just to use the bedpan.

Anyhoo, I started to wish that I'd gotten one of them fancy motorized wood splitters for my Christmas present. Oh, I know what you youngsters are thinking, "That ain't like old Mr. Winters. Bowing to a goddamned machine!" You're right, but heck, an old feller like me has got to do something.

As far as fishing and the ice, well they've been conflicting. Good ice and good weather is often ruined by fussy fish. I did venture south after the hol-

iday for a little Madison Chain fishing. Turns out a good buddy of mine has been fishing deep water for some walruses. Well, the ice was about six inches, but that doesn't mean a damn thing on Kegonsa, just ask Charlie Klaski about the winter of '32. Anyhoo, on the way back to shore, my buddy fell through, and then soon after, fell through again on another one inch soft spot. Just goes to show, that you can never be too careful out there. So that's my advice for this week. Of course, up here we all know you could drive a loaded cement truck out on the ice as long as the snow's not too deep. At least until spring.

This brings me to my last complaint. First, there's no snow so I've got to hobble around wearing ice spikes, then I ask for snow and we get dumped on. What a pain in the ass six inches of drift has become! So what in the hell, if I'm getting a wood-splitter next year, I might as well sell a few war bonds and get me one of them fancy motorized snow-sleds too. Imagine, going across a frozen lake at 12 to 14 miles per hour, hooo-yup! As I feel the need for speed, I also feel the need for you youngsters to stop sipping on my cough-medicine and then folks, "go on and giit!"

-Mr. Winters

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# Bucks n Bulls offer archers realistic paradise

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

As I parked my vehicle outside Bucks n Bulls Archery, I instantly felt as if I was among friends. Virtually every vehicle parked near the entrance sported deer decals, or something related to hunting. One truck displayed the word "Elkoholic" on the side. I went to the entrance and took a peek inside. What I found was an archer's paradise.

Upon entering Bucks n Bulls Archery you will find 45 life-sized 3-D targets. 28 of these targets are numbered at a max of about 23 yards. These lifelike targets include whitetail deer, turkey and a moose that stands nearly 7 feet tall. Each week the targets are switched around to offer a different experience each week. A realistic outdoor setting increases the realism of the indoor shooting range.

A large cluster of genuine rock boulders can be found near the back wall of the

course as well. "I spent nearly 140 hours preparing the rock structure" said owner Tom Jakusz. All of the time and effort creating the wall adds to the realistic setting, creating a mountainous terrain. Jakusz also added that he used to have nearly 40 live evergreens surrounding the course, but they eventually had to be replaced with artificial trees due to the fire hazard they created. Real trees or not, this course is a must see for any archer.

Each target is carefully situated throughout trees and rocks to challenge archers of all skill levels. For an indoor course, the life-sized targets offer a realistic scene that archers might find on a real hunt.

Anyone who does not feel comfortable shooting at the 3-D targets can also shoot at "spots" (paper bull's eye targets). Every Wednesday and Thursday Bulls n Bucks features a spots only range by moving the 3-D targets to the side.

Bucks n Bulls not only offer 3-D archery, but an AIS Techno Hunt as well.



This is not a real buck. It is a super-realistic 3-D foam shooting target.

Photo by the author

From a small hallway you enter into a room 20 yards long with a video screen at the far end. Archers replace regular field tips with a blunt tip that hits the screen. It not only shows the vitals after the shot, but the feet per second of the arrow. I was fortunate enough to watch Joe Fleming of Rosholt try his hand at shooting the Techno hunt. "I haven't shot this for nearly a year so I'm probably pretty bad," Fleming said. Moments later a large grizzly enveloped the screen, with Fleming making a perfect vital shot. Fleming was shooting the Alaskan adventure, but a wide range of other hunting scenarios are available as well.

If shooting is not your main objective, you can stop in to see the long line of archery products that are offered by Bucks n Bulls Archery. "We are a full service pro shop," Jakusz said. "We carry Matthews, Hoyt, PSE and AR" (Archery Research). All strings are custom made by Mike's Custom Bowstrings, and all arrows are custom fletched. A full line of rental equipment is also available, and private

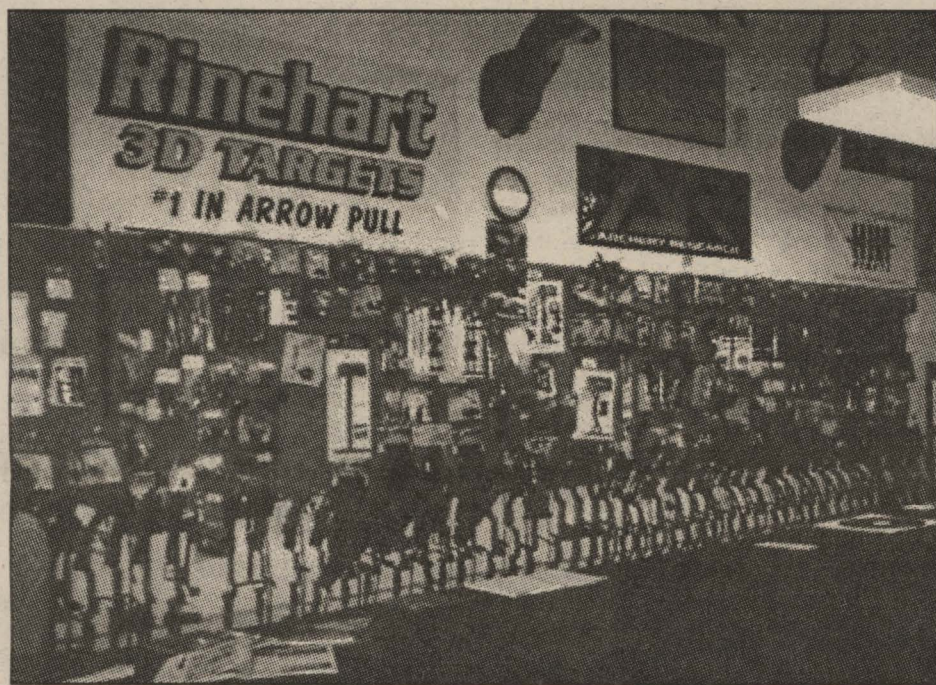
gatherings can also be arranged.

There are nearly 120 archers that shoot each week. "I have people that drive from Madison each week to shoot the course," Jakusz said. Within the next three years Jakusz hopes to bring in an atmosphere that speaks to all ages, especially children. He also plans on contacting Ted Nugent for a special appearance as well.

There are also leagues that are going on as well. "We are about four weeks into the winter league right now, but you can join anytime" Jakusz said. Right now over \$4000 in prizes are available, including three new bows.

Jakusz is also offering students at UWSP a \$2 coupon throughout the month of February. A valid student I.D. is required. Bucks n Bulls Archery is located in the Stevens Point Industrial Park at 5208 Heffron Ct. (715) 341-2825.

It is open on weekdays from 10:30 a.m.-8p.m. and 10:30 a.m.-5p.m. on weekends.



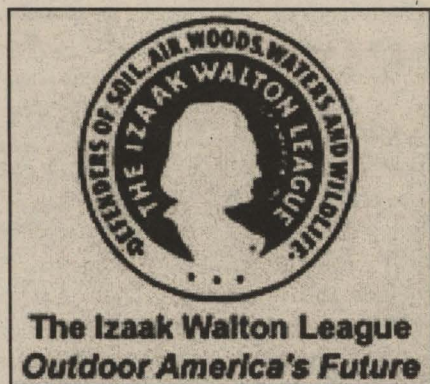
A view of the large selection of hunting products that are available right here in town.

Photo by author

## Ice-fishing derby news

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR



fishing will begin at noon and end precisely at 4 p.m. when the drawing for the prizes will begin.

There is an array of prizes, with the first place winner receiving \$1,000. First and second place winners will receive \$250 and 4th-10th place winners will receive \$100 in cash. Raffle tickets are available at the tent. The tickets are \$2 apiece or three for \$5. There are also cash prizes for the largest fish in five categories, and a kids' division will be held for those under 15 years of age. Fish must be caught at the fishery site in order to be entered in the contest. Attendance prizes will also be issued for those who are present to win.

All proceeds for the tournament will be going to stream improvements, forestry, wildlife projects, anti pollution, and much more.

During the following week there will be an ice fishing derby held on February 7th on Lake Dubay. More information on this tournament will be made available as the date approaches.

With the subzero temperatures and gale force winds it seems as though the ice is here to stay for a while. This is why you might want to take part in some outdoor fun on the ice before spring takes it away.

The Bill Cook Chapter of The Izaak Walton League is sponsoring the 40th annual ice fishery this Saturday, January 31, 2004. The contest will take place on McDill Pond located on the east end of Patch Street. Ice

## Wild matters

That damn groundhog better be scared.

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR

So next Tuesday is Groundhog Day, which is one of my favorite holidays. Like all holidays, the reasons and folklore behind it is almost exclusively fiction. While Groundhog Day does have its own movie and media coverage, it is still a humble day that is not twisted by religion or over-the-top commercialism. It is a quiet little holiday that most people forget until Feb. 2 comes along and taps them on the shoulder. It is a holiday that makes people think about the depths of winter and a greater being.

Now this is what makes Groundhog Day good. When the day finally comes, it is like a surprise, and people actually cheer for this furry little mammal to either be happy or be scared. Me, I'm cheering for a sunny day and six more weeks of winter. Bring on the cold, Phil, you little wuss.

Another cool thing about Groundhog Day is that it is centered in Pennsylvania. Sure, they have other shitty knock-off marmots all over the country, but really, who are they trying to fool? At the end of the day, it is Pennsylvania's fine Groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, the rodent with a phobia of gold, that calls our nation's weather for the next six weeks. I'll bet weathermen really hate him.

I'll bet scientists in general hate Groundhog Day. Not only do people suddenly place all their faith in a groundhog rather than the scientific study of weather, but they do it in such convincing fashion. More people in this country will trust a psychic groundhog above a college-educated meteorologist. While we're at it, let's give NASA to a seal-pup and hand over the nation's beef industry to lizards. How's the fishing going to be tomorrow? Let's ask the bait!

But it all goes back to weather. For the same reason that the *Farmer's Almanac* is still a best-seller and people try to predict the future by looking at the stars, humans will put their money on a really fat groundhog that lives in a tree stump because weather, space and the outdoors in general are still mysterious and unknown to the masses.



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Sweet Potato Project @  
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**Saturday, January 31**  
Cool Waters Band @  
Mission Coffee House 9 p.m.

**Saturday, January 31**  
Jimmy Johnson @  
The Encore 8 p.m.  
Free w/student ID, \$3 w/out

**Saturday, February 28**  
Umphrey's McGee @  
The Encore (UC) 7 p.m.

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## movie review:

By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Tim Burton has always had a fondness for outsiders in his films, from Edward Scissorhands to Ed Wood to Jack Skellington. Even Batman falls into this category. He's also had a gift for unique visuals and worlds that mix both the fantastic and the mundane. If there's one thing he's been criticized for, it's that his stories never live up to their protagonists or their visuals (something I've never had a problem with). With *Big Fish*, however, he finds one that does, spinning the tale of a man who prefers the world of imagination to the world he lives in.

Edward Bloom (Albert Finney) is a lover of tall tales, with a knack for telling fantastical stories of deeds from his past. He charms everyone except his own son William (Billy Crudup), an AP reporter who deals in cold facts and doesn't care much for his dad's tales. This rift causes them to not speak for three years, all correspondence between them handled by Edward's beloved wife Sandra (Jessica Lange). But now Edward is dying and William, soon to be a father himself, returns home aiming to find out who his dad is without the "myths" he spins for others.

The bulk of the film, however, details Edward's life as a young man (Ewan McGregor) through the prism of the tall tales he tells as an old one. As a young man, he leaves his hometown, befriends a giant, works in a circus managed by a werewolf (Danny DeVito),

becomes a WWII hero and wins the heart of the young Sandra (Alison Lohman). Most of all, he deals repeatedly with the mysterious town of Spectre, where he encounters a confounded poet (Steve Buscemi) and a stranger (Helena Bonham Carter, Burton's



real-life girlfriend) who may not be a stranger at all. We see all these exploits and soon come to realize, like William, that Edward's tall tales may not be so tall after all.

In someone else's hands, *Big Fish* might have sunk, but in Burton's hands its pure magic. The director's natural visual gifts are given free rein, from his depiction of Spectre (first as a blissful paradise and then as a run down hovel out of the Dust Bowl), to a haunted forest with walking trees that seem related to the Ents from *The Lord of the Rings* to a beautiful moment

## Big Fish



when Edward meets Sandra for the first time and time literally stops. Burton tells a wonderful fairy tale while also lauding the importance of storytelling and imagination. Edward may embellish the truth, but really, who among us has not let our imaginations do the same at some point?

The cast is perfect and wholly believable (McGregor and Lohman look eerily like the old Finney and Lange). Finney, despite being forced to spend most of his scenes in bed, and Lange are wonderful and the scene where she climbs into the tub with him to offer comfort is heartbreaking. Crudup fares less well, as he has the difficult role of being the realist searching for truth, a moot point in the film. Perhaps more time should have been spent detailing the past troubles between father and son so William wouldn't come off as a sourpuss. Best of all is McGregor, wonderfully engaging and likable as a man out to make his mark on the world (he's tired of being a "big fish in a small pond") and determined to help anyone he meets in need. Plus, he nails his Southern accent.

In the end, despite all the visual wizardry and bizarre characters we expect from Burton, *Big Fish* is at its heart the story of a father and son and how they finally make peace when it's almost too late. "In telling the story of my father," William says, "it's hard to separate the man from the myth." The fact that William is able to see Edward for who he is and meet him on his terms is perhaps *Big Fish*'s greatest miracle of all.

## concert review:

### Natty Nation

Friday @ The Encore

Local reggae favorites  
lay it down rasta-style

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Abysmal temperatures and snowy roads couldn't even stop this show from happening. Madison's Natty Nation, facing snowy, traffic-jammed roads, and fans, enduring sub-zero temperatures and even colder wind-chills, finally came together to bring some heat into the Encore in the University Center last Friday.

Starting right on schedule without much time for soundchecking, Natty tore through a 90-minute set of cut-and-dry original reggae tunes. Bassist and lead singer Demetrius "Jah Boogie" Wainwright held down the front of the stage, determining the pace of each tune not only with a bouncy bassline but also by shimmying creepily around the stage, like a cat stalking a bird in the distance.

That's not to say that the rest of Natty is

unpleasant to watch, though. All of the band members demonstrated a certain degree of animation while playing, especially Aaron Konkol on keys and Peter Johnston on drums and percussion. (To keep things fresh, Johnston and Pauly Willis switch off on drums and percussion halfway through the set.)

Although Natty's blend of traditional reggae became a bit repetitive after an hour, their strongest musical moments rested in the hand of keyboardist Aaron Konkol. Combining sounds of non-traditional to reggae during extended solos transformed Natty's music from reggae to a hybrid mixture of reggae, down-tempo dub and a little bit of electronic craziness that really can't be classified. These moments with Konkol's extended solos were the best music that Natty played all night.

Natty Nation is a band that visits Point regularly and I've never walked out feeling like I've seen the same show twice. Although they hit a bit of repetition halfway through, it's still hard not to dance when Natty's on stage.



## Super Sunday programming

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Super Bowl Sunday isn't always about football. It's about halftime entertainment and finding something else that's on TV when the game is a blowout. Or really, really boring. Since homework is never an option for many on Sundays that involve football, here are a few alternatives in case the game isn't up to par.

**World Poker Tour:** Seriously, who can resist? World Poker Tour is taking the country by storm and will certainly get my vote when not watching the Bowl.



If pre-game hub-bub isn't your thing, NBC (Channel 12/13) is running coverage from 3 to 5 p.m., when ESPN2 (Channel 23) takes the baton for another four hours (7-11 p.m.). As if that weren't enough, hit up the Travel Channel (59) for the serious coverage from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. That's 12 total hours of Texas Hold 'Em coverage over three channels in one glorious day.

MTV (Channel 34) really dropped the ball by opting to show *Cribs* for roughly five hours, but AMC (Channel 36) is showing a barrage of horror movies all day, including *The Amityville Horror* at 4:30 p.m. and *Amityville II: The Possession* at 7 p.m. Tune in earlier at 2 p.m. to catch Gov'na Ah-nold in *Terminator*. And don't miss *Psycho* at 4:30 p.m. on Turner Classic Movies (45).

There's three solid episodes of *Full House* on ABCFam (17) from 5:30 - 7 p.m., and a block of *Trading Spaces* on TLC (20) from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

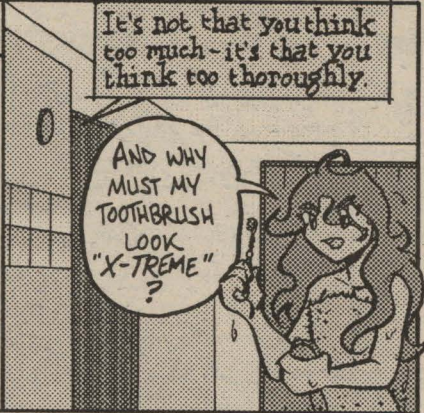
And of course, nobody's *Survivor*'d out yet. After the Super Bowl, don't touch that dial because CBS is premiering its newest reality show *Survivor All-Stars*. Catch all of your favorite island rats, from Richard Hatch and Rudy Boesch to Ethan Zohn and Jenna Morasca.



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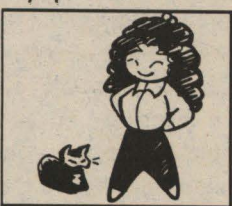
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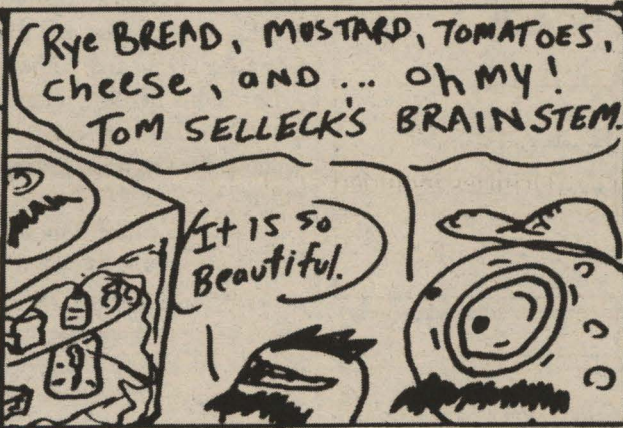
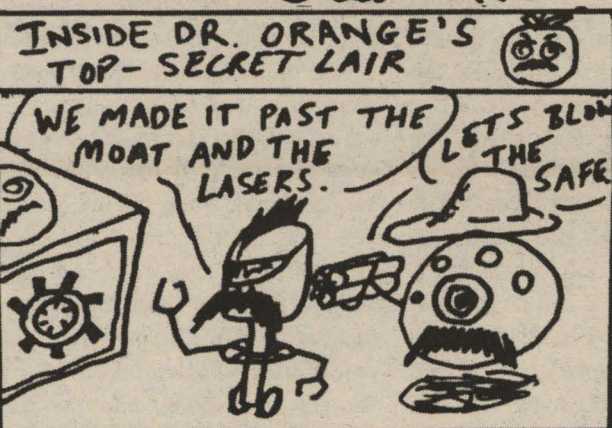


BOY CAPSALL, YOU REALLY SHOWED THAT HOT DOG.

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## Moustache Sandwich by A.M.T.H. MELLA



Hootie & the Blowfish Joke of the week.

- Knock, knock.
- Who's there?
- Darius Rucker.
- Darius Rucker who?
- Who-ootie and the blowfish.

## Your College Survival Guide: The Magical world of Add/Drop

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium  
With Help from GottaHavaJava

Well, another semester is upon us. I suppose I should take a minute to explain what this column is about for those of you who have never read it before due to insurmountable handicaps such as blindness, illiteracy, or membership in Greek fraternities. However, since you're reading now, I allow me to congratulate you on whatever Christmas miracle has enabled you to either see, read, or somehow perform extended rational thought.

Last semester some rumors sprang up surrounding this column. For some reason a handful of people came to the freakish conclusion that my purpose in writing this is so that I can address campus issues, offer helpful advice, or answer questions emailed in to me at [proth@wsunix.wsu.edu](mailto:proth@wsunix.wsu.edu).

This could not be further from the truth. I write this column for the opportunity to taunt my enemies, score chicks, and make tasteless jokes about clown sex.

That said, I do occasionally answer letters. Partly because I love you all and want to make your lives easier. But also because it counts toward my ten thousand hours of community service.

So what the hell, let's look at a letter.

Hey Pat,

I wanted to ask you about switching classes after the semester has already begun. You seem to know all the devious loopholes in this campus system. See, I'm stuck with [deleted] for [deleted], and it's horrible. Is there any where I can try to switch? Enlighten me.

Nick

Alright everyone, you all need to think back to the long, long ago. Think way back to the end of last semester when you registered for classes.

Can you remember? Think back to before you wasted your winter break drunk on cheap gin playing Double Dash. Now go back farther, before New Years, when you threw up on your girlfriend's couch. Back before Christmas when Santa came down the chimney, looked at your grades, and proceeded to pound so much coal up your stocking that you coughed up blood and diamonds for a week.

Think aaaaaall the way back to last semester. Are we all on the same page? Good.

Remember how disappointed you were when you found out that Badminton Theory (Wellness 383) was full? Remember how angry you were when the only classes left open were bottom-of-the-barrel crap taught by profs you hated? Remember having to take sign up for an 8:00 class, knowing that no matter how cool the professor was, it was still going to be the academic equivalent of masturbating with a cheese grater?

Well, this is the time to fix up that ugly schedule. Welcome to the magical land of Add-Drop. My name is Pat Rothfuss, and I'll be your guide.

During my nine years as a student here in Stevens Point, I put together schedules that were pure works of art. One semester I got to sleep 'til noon and had nothing at all on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Another semester I had no classes at all before 3:30, and that was just on Tuesday.

How did I do it? You get one guess....

That's right. Add drop.

### DROP.

While this is the easy half of the add/drop process, it's the one beginning students tend to have the most trouble with. Fact of the matter is, early identification of problem classes is one of the most valuable skills you can develop as a student. Good reasons for dropping a class include: scarcity of attractive classmates, unreasonably early class times, lack of tasty snack cakes, or failure on the part of the professor to touch you in an inappropriate manner.

But seriously, don't be embarrassed about dropping early in the semester. If it's really going to be a bad class for you, dropping it quick will save both you and the teacher a lot of time and wasted effort. Besides, when you drop, it gives other students the chance to get into the class. Believe it or not, the class you hate with the white-hot passion of a thousand suns is the same class one someone else is trying desperately to....

### ADD.

Now on the surface, this one is simple too. All you do is find a class you're interested in, approach the professor, and ask them to let you in.

Here's the key, professors want enthusiastic students. There's nothing more painful than trying to lecture a roomful of people who just don't give a damn. So if you can convince the professor that you're excited about their class, chances are they'll be glad to have you. That way they'll have at least one interested face staring out at them from the flock of glazed-over, unresponsive, mouth-breathers.

You may have already noticed we have a new sponsor this semester: the Mission Coffee House. (mission23.net) Quite aside from being a cool place to hang out and get caffeinated, they have live all-ages shows every weekend. This Friday at 8:00 there's jam/groove rock from Sweet Potato Project. \$6 at the door. Or, if you're into punk rock (or just punk rock girls) there's Ace Fail, the Mudgets, Split Habit, and Origin Falls at starting at 7:30 on Saturday. Just five bucks. What a deal.



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