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Point police bust three for drugs

Suspects charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, narcotics and cash

On Feburary 18, officers from the Stevens Point Police Department, State of Wisconsin Department of Justice Division Criminal Investigations Division, Waushara County Drug Task Force and the Lake Winnebago Area Meg Unit concluded a two week investigation into trafficking of large quantities of cocaine and marijuana in Central Wisconsin.

Narcotics investigators concluded a series of arrests and search warrants during the week of February 17, which included the activation of the Stevens Point Police Department's Emergency Service Squad and the cooperation of at least ten different law enforcement agencies from Central Wisconsin.

The investigation included the execution of three search warrants in Stevens Point, two warrants in Waushara County and a warrant in Neenah.

The investigation yielded three pounds of marijuana, 7.3 ounces of cocaine and \$13,890 in U.S. currency.

A 24 year-old Stevens Point man was booked into the Portage County Jail on a probation hold and faces the following charges: Party to the crime of posses-

Basketball teams going dancing



UWSP junior Eric Maus goes in for a lay-up during Saturday's WIAC tournament championship.

Hot shooting, strong team defense lead men's team to tourney title

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

Despite not winning the WIAC championship for the first time this decade, this UWSP men's basketball team may have a more dangerous collection of talent than any other team during the Jack Bennett era. Just ask the UW-Platteville Pioneers.

With a resounding 68-50 victory over the Pioneers Saturday night, in front of a packed Quandt Fieldhouse crowd of 2,316 crazy pooch fans, the Pointers labeled themselves as a very dangerous team, if not a favorite to win the NCAA Division III tournament.

Unexpected blowout win takes Pointer women into the D-III tournament

By Josh Schmidt ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The stage was set for an epic game between conference powers last Saturday when UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh squared off for the right to compete in the NCAA Division III tournament. The teams shared the WIAC title after splitting their two regular season matchups

Both games were tight, and were decided in overtime. This meeting was expected to be more of the same. UWSP, however, had other ideas and ran the visiting Titans out of the Berg Gym en route to a 91-77 win.

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Concern raised about intersection

Students, others call for safety measures for Franklin and Division crossing

By Dawn Ver Haagh NEWS REPORTER

The abundance of pedestrian and vehicle traffic is a cause of concern for those who utilize the Franklin and Division Street intersection.

Students and general public who go to the university and the YMCA heavily use this intersection, creating accidents and near -miss accidents with vehicle traffic.

One student, who resides on Franklin Street, was close to being struck by a vehicle after she took the opportunity to cross Division Street, not knowing that a car was turning.

On many occasions, pedestrians attempt to cross the intersection and wind up stranded in the road due to cars not stopping

Lydia Akerley, a UWSP student, expressed her concern about crossing Division Street: "I hate it and I know I am not the only one who feels this way. I have had conversations with people while waiting to cross, mostly expressing how much it sucks."

Akerley and several others students have suggested the erection of a stoplight in this location or a crosswalk to make

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Search for new UWSP chancellor narrowed to three candidates

All three candidates come from outside the UW system

University of Wisconsin System President Katharine C. Lyall today announced the names of the finalists for the position of chancellor at UW-Stevens Point.

The names have been forwarded to the Board of Regents' Special Committee for the UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Search, chaired by Regent Roger E. Axtell, which will interview the finalists in Madison on March 22. Other committee members

are Regents Mark J. Bradley, Gregory L. Gracz, Peggy Rosenzweig and Jesus Salas. The Board of Regents will take final action once it receives a recommendation from the Special Committee.

The finalists, their titles and current institutions are as follows: Linda Bunnell Shade

University of Colorado Elaine P. Maimon Arizona State University James W. Schmotter Western Michigan University

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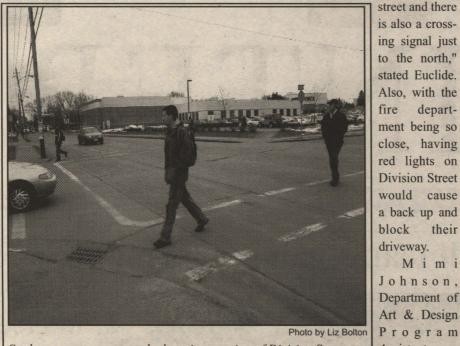
Street crossing from page 1

it safer for pedestrians and drivers

YMCACEO Boyd Williams, believes that "A crosswalk and stoplights would be well received." Williams noted that it is often seen where the cars do not stop for students and pedestrians wanting to cross the street.

The sugges-

tion of lights to be put at this particular intersection has come up in the past. Joe Euclide, City Engineering, commented on a few reasons why there is not a stoplight there. "[It] doesn't meet



Students attempt to cross the busy intersection of Division Street.

traffic warrants by the state. The location of the fire department is very close." Euclide detailed that a traffic study needs to be done and get approved by the state, and it would not. "There is not enough traffic on the cross

Corrections, changes to **SGA** fee increase

Some information reported in error, changes have been made to SGA budget By John T. Larson **NEWS EDITOR**

In the SGA article that appeared in last weeks issue of The Pointer, there were a number of errors or misstated facts. The "someone" that appealed a motion on the budget was Sen. Disterhaft.

The title of SGA Speaker Sara Stone was misstated as "Speaker of Senate" when it should have been reported as "Speaker of the Senate."

It was also reported in error that a ruling can be suspended, when in fact a ruling cannot be suspended, but can be amended.

The issue of the increase

ing financial responsibilities. The \$22 raise is higher that the \$18 originally reported, but lower than the \$26 reccomended

With the list of activities being paid out of the fund growing, the increase comes as an attempt to keep the general reserve funds at a break-even spending pace.

"There are several initiatives that we are funding, from a new \$20,000 transmitter for 90FM to the new U-Pass bus system that will begin next semester," said SGA President Nick Crawford.

"The fund has been drawn down from previous years, but with new budget priorities it cannot be allowed to be drawn too low.'

There have been few to no increases in the fee in the past six years, which funds student activities and organizations such as The Pointer, in several years, but new spending proposals necessitated the rise in the fee that is applied to the student body as a whole.

found that the first year was not as sucessful as the second year, as it took students some time to become aware of the system and utilize it to its fullest extent," said Crawford.

The funding for the U-Pass system will be covered by \$10 of the fee increase, but part of the increase will go to pay for other initiatives as well. "Student involvment groups are funded by the fee, and as the number of groups supported by the fee has increase, so has the need to raise the fee," said Crawford.

With regard to the pay raise initiative mention in the previous SGA article, errors were reported in the pay raises, which was reported to be exclusive for SGA directors.

"Part of the funding increase will go to a pay increase effective next for

Fine Arts Center project nearly back on schedule

By Adam Somers ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Work on the Fine Arts Center

is getting back on track after win-

ter related construction delays.

Cold temperatures slowed down

some of the construction work

such as the laying of concrete

on the east side of the center.

Crews are making up for the lost

time right now and throughout

the summer, according to Gerald

McKenna, Dean of the College

of Fine Arts and Communication;

the overall process should be

pushed back more than just a few

ment being so close, having red lights on **Division Street** would cause a back up and block their driveway. Mimi

depart-

Johnson, Department of Art & Design Program Assistant, suggested, "The

city

brought to this area."

weeks behind the original schedneeds ule at most. to provide a safer crossing for In addition to the whole east pedestrians crossing Division Street. Attention needs to be

side of the Fine Arts Center being reconstructed, much of the west side of the building, which houses art divisions such as ceramics, painting and graphic arts, is to undergo a renovation project.

McKenna said that one of the goals of this whole process "is to keep all art functions under one roof." It is estimated that \$22-25 million is being spent on the project. "Every department will have first rate space," McKenna stated.

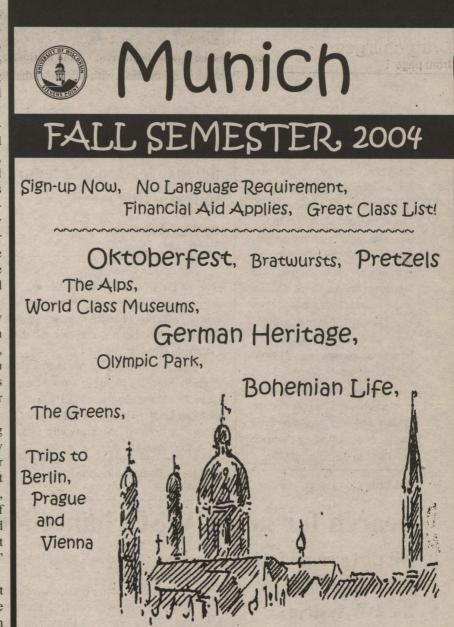
The renovation project has been in the works longer than most students are aware of.

"It is something that we have been planning and working on since 1985," said McKenna. Attempts to get outside money raised for the building project are one of many reasons for the lengthy process.

"It is a pleasant pain though," said McKenna, who plans on having the facility outrank any other fine arts facility in the state once it is completed.

Due to the major renovations, many fine arts students have had to accommodate with the construction. The entire music department has been temporarily moved to Nelson Hall. It is a difficult process, but students and faculty seem to be putting up

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to the Segregated Fee has also changed, as during last Thursday's SGA meeting the SGA Senate voted to increase the Segregated Fee from \$127.80 to \$149.80.

The balance of SGA funding reserves as of July 2004 would stand at \$407,000 before proposed spending increases, which would drop the fund reserve by the following year to \$228,000.

The \$22 increase is higher than the original increase proposed last week, but the move reflects grow-

The new U-Pass system, which will allow UWSP students to use Stevens Point city transportation, will cost \$86,357.34. The program will be given a one year trial run starting Fall 2004. "With a program that

expensive, we would like to have more than one year to see how well it will work. Some universities have test run a similar system and

not only SGA directors, but to staff paid by the fund, which include the staff of 90FM, The Pointer and other such positions that draw pay from the fund," said Crawford.

"We [the SGA] felt that it was only fair that people who are in such a position should be paid in such a way to reflect the important work that they do for the university."

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Knutzen Hall Saturday, Feb. 28 1:07 a.m. **Type: Injured Person**

Protective Services was alerted about a sighting of blood in the residence hall. Officers were requested to meet with an individual who had a severe laceration to his hand by unknown causes.

Lot P

Saturday, Feb. 28 1:30 a.m. **Type: Theft**

A male reported the theft of both license plates from his vehicle. He noticed the theft after observing that his wipers and antenna were raised up.

Physical Education Building Tuesday, March 2 9:32 p.m. Type: Theft

A male reported the theft of his backpack from the Health Enhancement Center. Total value of the stolen item was reported at \$176.

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

Drug charges from page 1

sion of cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and conspiracy to deliver cocaine and marijuana

A 46 year-old Plainfeld man was booked into the Portage County Jail on a probation hold and faces the following charges:

Possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and conspiracy to deliver cocaine and marijuana

A 50 year-old Red Granite man was booked into the Portage County Jail on a probation hold and faces the following charges:

Conspiracy to deliver cocaine and marijuana

catione, the District Attorney's office has not scheduled a court appearance for the suspects.

Associates (Fort Worth,

Chancellor

Linda Burnell Shade

and Chancellor Emerita,

University of Colorado at

Professor of English

Colorado Springs

CEO, Bunnell and

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Texas)

Bunnell Shade served for eight years as chancellor of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, where she also was a professor of English. She then served the College Board as senior vice president for higher education. Since 2002, Bunnell Shade has developed a broad-based consulting practice serving higher education and nonprofit organizations.

Before joining the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs,

Bunnell Shade served as

At the time of this publi-

vice chancellor of academic affairs for the Minnesota State University System and held various positions at the California State University and the University of California, Riverside.

Elaine P. Maimon Provost, Arizona

State University West (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Vice President Arizona State

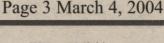


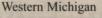
University (Tempe, Ariz.)

Maimon is provost (chief campus executive officer) of Arizona State University West in Phoenix, serving more than 7,100 students. She is also a vice president of Arizona State University as a whole, with a population of 57,000 students, the fourth largest public university in the nation.

James W.Schmotter

Dean and Professor of Management, Haworth College of Business







University (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

Schmotter is dean of the Haworth College of Business and professor of management at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

He joined the WMU faculty in 1997 after serving for five years as dean of the College of **Business and Economics** at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and for 14 years as an administrator and teacher at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University and at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

At Cornell, he was associate dean, director of international studies and taught business history and international business.

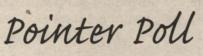


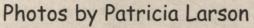
Now that winter is ending, construction on the FAC has moved ahead.

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with it, with the mindset of how much better things will be after the renovations. Music student Brandon Bautz stated that, "It is nice to see the department getting the space it deserves, being it is such a credited music program." However, the process has been a little tiring for some students. "We store our instruments in the Fine Arts Center, so we have to carry them over to Nelson Hall to practice," said Bautz. Getting to classes all over campus has been a reacurring problem for students in Nelson Hall.

disciplines of sculpture, ceramics, painting, graphic arts and woodshop will be moved into their newly expanded and updated rooms. The three-story east side addition should be completed by





What do you want to be when you grow up?









Lucas Pivonka, Junior, Health Prom

He-Man.



I wanted to be 15 so I could kiss boys.



Michael Jordan.

Chambers, Junior, Elm Edu

VP of SGA.

Michael Kaup, Senior, Music Thea Pro wrestler.



Andrea Weyers, Junior, Comm Princess.

The remodeling on the west side of the building should be completed by the fall of 2004. Art students and faculty in the the spring or summer of 2005, with everyone moved in for the fall of 2005. Michelsen Hall and Jenkins Theater will remain intact. Dance and photography studios, as well as areas for special presentations, will be found on the second floors, whereas the third floor will be used for mostly office and practice spaces.

A major dedication for the building is currently being planned for the fall of 2005. McKenna is planning for 2005-2006 to be a big year for the fine arts, with possibly more guest artists coming to UWSP.

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Musings from Mirman

Imagine, positive campaigns focusing on important issues. Sorry, just dreaming.

By Dan Mirman

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Now that John Kerry has secured the democratic nomination, we begin the eight-month battle to determine the next president of our country. I sincerely hope Kerry, Bush and even Nader focus on why we should vote for them.

But I'm not holding my breath.

Instead, I'm preparing myself for a barrage of anti-Bush or anti-Kerry ads that last right up to election day.

Of course, the Democrats would look foolish not to pick on our current president a little bit. I expect to see commercials similar to the 1992 election. The one-liner most people recall from 1992 is the first Bush stating, "Read my lips, no new taxes."

Now in 2004, we can expect to see a similar lie run over and over again with the second Bush stating, "We know that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction."

I understand that the Democrats will take every opportunity to show the current administrations hypocrisy and likewise the Republicans will try to show how Kerry consistently flip-flops on issues like the war in Iraq.

These and other negative angles have become a staple of American politics. While these negative ads are inevitable, I hope they are matched by

positive ads this election year.

I would much rather have Kerry talk about how he will improve our government, not just expose the current administration's faults.

For example, I want to know how Kerry plans to handle our situation in Iraq. So far he just states that he doesn't support the war and leaves it at that.

Tell me about the improvements that a new party could bring to this country. We are bombarded with statements about how the Bush administration destroys the environment, but how will the democrats change the scenario?

Lately, Bush-bashing in general is picking up steam. Moveon.org, whose mission is to remove Bush from office, plans to advertise in 17 states. This anti-Bush campaign, while informative, only serves to further divide our country and people.

These negative campaigns further cement the idea that we're not voting for a person or party, but we're voting for the lesser of two evils.

Yet, when a third candidate like Nader enters the race, we don't celebrate another option. We only become upset because Nader will take votes away from the lesser evil.

When November comes and it's time to cast my vote, I hope that I can look at the positive issues, not just who's got the least warts.

Good profs. equal good classes

A few weeks ago, a colleague of mine told me, "All of my classes this semester are pretty much blow-off classes. I can forget about them until classtime and not really worry about them outside of class."

Nearly every student has a class, or two, or more, like this. It's not that the student is a stereotypical college wastoid slacker. And as easy as it is to blame the professor, it's not always their fault. I define a "good class" as a healthy mix of interested, involved students and an enthusiastic prof. who loves the subject they're teaching, and they show it.

Unfortunately, most of my blowoff classes this semester are purely at the fault of the prof. They're either unenthusiastic about the topics we're discussing, holier-than-thou, or assign busy work during every class period. Their lack of interest in class can, at times, make me wonder why they still teach. It seems as if they'd be having a much better time watching daytime television while sipping on a stiff scotch mixer on their La-Z-Boy recliner than teaching something that they've devoted their entire life and studies to. And if that sounds appealing to you as a professor, by all means - pursue your dreams.

I have a few classes (hey, I've got to cover

my own ass here) that I absolutely love and if I were to skip them, I'd be mad at myself for missing such a great, interactive environment. These favorite classes of mine have become bonding sessions with other students just as interested in class as myself and (gasp) the professor. The profs. joke with us, smile, and we, as students, reciprocate.

This isn't a call to all of the bad professors out there to shape up - tenure will forever protect most of them from any just disciplinary actions anyway. No, this is a pat on the back to all the profs who make college classes fun, hurtful to skip and a learning experience for the students and themselves as instructors.

And to the crummy profs. out there, the ones who reassure themselves that they're doing a good job but know they could do better, or the ones who know they're subpar and just don't care, look for my performance evaluation in a few months. It'll be the well-written and organized three-piece essay that I wrote halfway through the semester and brought to class because the three minutes you gave us at the end of your last lecture to critique you isn't nearly enough time.

> Steve Seamandel Managing Editor

Response of the week

I've already had the chance to see the movie The Passion of the Christ. It is definitely all I thought it was going to be and then some. It is a very moving film that depicts the suffering of Jesus Christ in a way that I won't ever forget. I've known the story of Jesus' death and crucifixion since I was little so I knew what to expect but it still had such an impact on me to see it on screen. I'll admit that it is gruesome but I think it has to be that way so we can understand what Jesus went through. I hope that everyone will see this movie and walk away from it knowing the reason behind the passion of Jesus Christ...His love for us

> Katherine Neiman **UWSP** Student

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Who are you supporting in the presidential election?Why?

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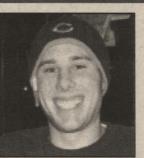
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Where is the club sports coverage?

I would like to suggest a greater coverage of club sports. A great number of students is actively involved in these non-varsity athletic outlets.

Some of these sports are very exciting and carry more interest than even some varsity athletics. I play for the men's rugby team, and, at the risk of sounding arrogant, would like to inform you, The Pointer staff, so that you might choose to inform the student body, that the rugby teams here at UWSP, along with other club teams, offer better representation of this school than a number of our varsity programs.

This past fall, the men's rugby team defeat-

ed, in convincing fashion, the UW - Madison team on Homecoming weekend. Though an article was submitted to The Pointer, it was neglected in favor of nearly a full page about the football team's annual Homecoming debacle.

The rugby team went on to qualify for Division I tournament play. The bracket contained the likes of Purdue, Indiana, Iowa State, Ohio State and Bowling Green. No other team at UWSP could compete with the likes of these teams, regardless of sport. I believe a goal for The Pointer should be to promote school pride, and one sure way to do so will be to report on the achievements of club sports teams as well as varsity teams. Everyone likes to hear about winning. You should reflect that in your newspaper.

> Connor Agnew **UWSP** Student

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FEATURES

"Real World" member speaks on homosexuality

Danny Roberts delivers his message on being gay in today's society to the students of UWSP

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Danny Roberts, former cast member of "The Real World: New Orleans", visited UW-Stevens Point on February 26 to talk about homosexuality and how being gay has affected him.

"Thank you all for choosing me over the comedian tonight," he joked to the somewhat sparse crowd of 50 or so assembled in the Laird Room. "You'll forgive me as I'm running on 2 hours' sleep.'

Roberts had little interest in talking about his stint on "The Real World", saying it was years ago and he'd grown tired of answering questions about it. He was more concerned with talking about the suddenly explosive topic of homosexuality.

Homosexuality is suddenly at the forefront in America, largely due to the subject of gay marriages. The Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled in favor of gay marriage and the city of San Francisco has married thousands of gay couples to date. President Bush has since called for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, a controversial approach that is unlikely to be

realized.

getting married himself, Roberts all lived in L.A," he said. "I went was supportive of those gays who to college with all these nega-

do. He also had harsh some words for opponents of it. "The

whole logic of destroying the sanctity of marriage is so stupid," he said. "I don't worry about gays destroying the sanctity of marriage because straights are doing the job themselves. Look at Britney Spears and her 55-hour wedding.

Roberts went into detail about his life and his eventual acceptance

of his homosexuality. He came from a small Georgia town and had little knowledge of the outside world.

"I thought all gays were Though not interested in pedophiles, freaks and that they

Photo by Liz Bolton Danny Roberts gives his thoughts on homosexuality to the students of UWSP in a filled Laird room last Thursday evening.

> tive views. My world was rocked when I got to campus."

Roberts described his gradual realization that he was gay, and risked being kicked out of the

from his original view that it was just a "passing phase" to his eventual acceptance and revelation of his situation to his family.

His family was rather supportive, especially his mother, who revealed that her brother was gay

"She had a crush on a guy who turned out to be gay and with her brother," he said. "It explained why my uncle had such a weird roommate."

Roberts also described in detail his ongoing relationship with Paul, who appeared on "The Real World" with him and their

struggles to be together. Paul had to be blurred out on "The Real World" because he was an Army Ranger captain

military if found out.

"He always loved the military and made it his life, never expecting to be gay," he said. "He fought it for a long time. He even was engaged."

Despite difficult times, the two are still together. Recently they were featured on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," a MTV special. Roberts described it as "well done, not the typical MTV garbage."

Roberts had some choice advice for anyone struggling with their sexuality, especially for those fearing to come out to their families. He admitted that the worse-case scenario was always possible, but that it is unlikely.

"Families will tend to love you no matter what," he said, pointing to his own family, though he admitted he had to convince his father that he would not pass the imaginary "gay disease" on to his little brother.

In the end, Roberts did manage to find a little bit of humor in his "Real World" fame. "It's awesome to be known as the token gay guy from 'The Real World," he said. "It's better than being known as the bitch on 'The Real World.""



New Zealand welcomes you

A student's personal experience of studying abroad

By-Justin Barrick CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From the sounds of it, you guys and gals have finally experienced a real Wisconsin winter. The group of 21 students here in New Zealand are all really sorry that we're missing out on the fun snow and cold. A little over a month ago, we left for a much warmer place and in fact have experienced a lot of hot weather. I know...not what you want to hear, but really, we have been doing some intense studies in the intense heat.

We began in Papeete, the capital city of Tahiti, presented some major culture barriers, as the group was faced with an all French-speaking climate with some Tahitian thrown in here and there. Moorea, a sister island, (we call it a sister paradise) was much nicer socially and very laid back. Both are volcanic in formation; Moorea is a much older, but less developed island. We were housed at a French research station near a lagoon inlet. We were met and catered by the most gracious woman. Our cook, Luana, made fabulous meals, always including the famous French bread and often mouth-watering fresh pineapple. All of their fruit is so much juicier and sweeter than what we experience in Wisconsin. A week's worth of classes

allowed us to swim in the tropical waters with sharks, rays, eels and many other tropical fishes. Often we would have lunch Motu-coral island within an outer reef, where

on we could absorb

the material taught in an unreal field paradise environment setting. Unlike the labs at Point right now, where no one wants to stand outside for more than 15 minutes, we could have stayed there



A stunning wide angle view of student living facilities in Moorea, a Tahitian sister island.

> sunlight off the volcanic rock scorching the air. Some of the group members were beginning to question their sanity for attempting this tramp. Once everyone reached the bottom, we chopped off some local coconuts

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all day in our swimming suits. The program truly is an amazing experience that all students should consider.

Our one free day on Moorea consisted of a deep sea fishing group, some scuba diving, kayaking and a group of seven hiked up Mt. Rotui (899m). The ascent was steep and bushy. Several times our trail guide whipped out his machete to clear the trail. After four hours and five of the seven of us reaching the summit, we started a very intense descent. Heat indices for vast stretches were well into the 110s, probably higher with the direct and quenched our thirst.

We finally arrived in the mother country, and began to experience the surreal scenery ourselves. The country is gorgeous, with expansive ocean sand beaches located only an hour's drive from snow-capped mountain ranges similar to the Rockies. Christchurch, the garden city, has a spectacular city centre coupled with big city stores and cafés. The University of Canterbury is also quite nice, greener than Point, and two streams run through it.

Things are great down here, and I hope some warm air finds its way to Wisconsin.

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FEATURES

UWSP The Pointer

Songs fill the air at final **Point Star showdown**

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Well over 100 students turned out in the Encore on February 25 to see five finalists battle it out in the third and final Point Star round.

The duel of aspiring singing talents ended with Donnie King taking first place and the grand prize of \$200. Jolie Kadima took second,

followed by Molly Carpiaux. Tim Niehaus and Anita Hovelson also competed.

The five contestants were required to sing two songs apiece. One song was chosen by chance, the other song could be chosen by the contestants themselves.

The judges consisted of four music majors, and judging was based on lyrical accuracy, performance, vocal ability and so on. The grading was done on a 1 to 4 scale. Surprisingly, the judges were in an extremely generous mood and gave little but 4s the entire contest.

The "chance" song was chosen by rolling a large pair of dice and picking out two songs from a list on the wall (which had a habit of falling off during the contest). Whichever of the two songs got more support from the audience was the one the contestant was required to sing.

The songs represented a wide variety of music. Hovelson belted out John Mellencamp's

"Jack and Diane," while Niehaus did surprisingly well at Pink's "Somebody Else." King overcame difficulties with the lyrics to Ricky Martin's "Living La Vida Loca" with his enthusiasm, while Carpiaux handled Kenny Loggins "Danger Zone." And Kadima gave a soaring performance of R. Kelly's "I Believe I Can Fly," despite a cold and the fact that one judge said the song reminded him of "Michael Jordan and alien

monster" and "R. Kelly and 14-year-old girls."

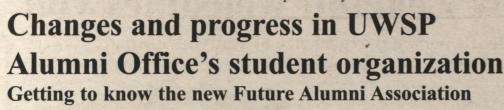
The second round was equally as rousing. Hovelson wore her old senior prom dress for "Some Enchanted Evening", while Niehaus gave an impressive rendition of "Walking In Memphis." Kadima chose "Against All Odds," while Carpiaux impersonated Leanne Rhimes (or is it Tricia Yearwood?) with "How Do I Live." King,

however, stole the show and likely cemented his win with his exuberant rendition of Brian McKnight's "One.".

Photo by Liz Bolton

The winner was determined by both the judges' decision and by voting amongst the audience. King emerged the winner, in part due to his singing and in part due to his animated behavior on stage.

The contest ran from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m. and was free with a student ID. The event was sponsored by Centertainment.



By Maria Lewis FEATURES REPORTER

The Alumni Office and its student organization have experienced some changes in the last year. People have come and gone in the Alumni Office and the student organization has undergone a major overhaul from the inside out.

Sarah Otto, Outreach Coordinator at the Alumni Office, is an alumnus herself. Otto graduated from the UWSP in December 2002 with a business administration major and gerontology minor.

Otto puts together events

Saying, "The future alumni association will eliminate confusion about what the organization actually does."

Contestants gave their all in hopes of

being the next Point Star.

The Student Alumni Association used to plan their events entirely on their own. With the new name comes new ways. "The Future Alumni Association does not plan their own events, but serve as student ambassadors at the events that are planned by the Alumni Office, such as serving as commencement ushers, or working the home football game's football box," Otto said. The students can come to any special event put on by the Alumni Office. The FAA gives more free time through alleviating a great deal of planning time for the student members. According to Otto, "Previously with the Student Alumni, Association the time commitment and planning were too much for the students." "The Future Alumni Association is a great chance for students to network and get connected with alumni of UWSP," Otto said, "Students that are outgoing and are excited about networking with

alumni would be excellent candidates for the FAA."

Otto can give a personal Cinderella story about the positive effects of the FAA. "I networked with alumni and when I graduated I received a part time job, besides my job at the Alumni Office, because of my connection with an alumnus," she said

The Alumni Office does not just do things for alumni, but for those that are about to become UWSP alumni. Last spring the Alumni Office started the "Grad Grill." Through this program the Alumni Office

Megan Mooney brings comedy, humor to Encore stage Thursday evening

By Alli Himle FEATURES EDITOR

Comedienne Megan Mooney brought laughter to a filled Encore Thursday evening. Her relaxed comic style as well as enchanting humor on relationships, parents and life in general found many laughing uncontrollably.

Mooney, a cum laude graduate of John Carroll University in Ohio, has been dazzling many with her humor since she was young. As a child, she learned the skills of crowd-pleasing early.

Upon graduation, Mooney The antics of Megan Mooney had moved to Austin, Texas, to try her hand at the local comedy at the Encore.

club. Comedy proved to be a last ditch effort, for her dream was to be a model. That dream, however, was tragically cut short when she was hit in the face with a football by her brothers during her high school days. From her first attempt at the comedy circuit, Mooney proved to be an instant hit with the audience.

It was not long before people started to take notice of Mooney. In 1998 she was honored with

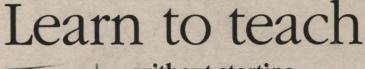


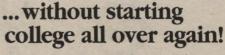
Photo by Liz Bolton everyone laughing Thursday night

the "Funniest Person in Austin" award. In addition, she has performed on the Comedy Central series, "Premium Blend" and the prestigious HBO US Comedy Arts Festival.

Sponsored by Centertainment, the comedy of Megan Mooney was a delight to listen to. For those that attended the event, you certainly know why she is so well received.

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in the Alumni Office that help to get alumni connected to the university. She said, "I work with alumni, connecting with them, to get their input about events." Otto also keeps the alumni database up to date.

She discussed the student organization, which was once called the Student Alumni Association, now the Future Alumni Association (FAA). This is only the second semester with the new name. Otto attributes the name change to an attempt to create a better understanding of the role the organization plays on campus.

staff make burgers and hot dogs for the students who are graduating.

Otto and Jennifer Blum, Office Interim Alumni Directors, coordinate the FAA. For more information on the FAA contact Otto at sotto@uwsp.edu or the FAA website at http://www.uwsp. edu/stuorg/faa/.

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Persistence pays off on championship weekend Goalie Statz

After a year of frustration, women finally win **NCHA championship**

By Steve Roeland SPORTS REPORTER

For the third straight year, the UWSP women's hockey team reached the NCHA championship game. This season, they made the trip worthwhile.

women's hockey

In order to advance to the title game, the Pointers had to overcome the defending NCHA playoff champions, UW-River Falls, in the Saturday afternoon semifinal. The Falcons defeated the Pointers 5-1 in the championship game last season. This time around, the Pointers came out victorious, notching a 2-1 win. A day later, they matched that score in a win over Superior.

The scoring started in the second period,

with Falcon defenseman Lindsay Carson finding the net past Pointer goalie Amy Statz at 7:39. Later in the same period, UWSP defenseman Jackie Foley scored her sixth goal of the season to tie the game at one.

After moving into the third period, Kim Lunneborg of the Pointers tallied her sixth goal of the season as well, and it proved to be the eventual game winner. Lunneborg's score at 2:06 of the final period was assisted by Jana Jurkovich and Liz Goergen.

Statz finished the game with 21 saves on 22 shots-on-goal. The win vaulted the Pointers into the championship game, where they faced the



Photo by Nancy Jurkovich

Members of the UWSP women's hockey team celebrate their conference championship victory over UW-Superior on Saturday. The Pointers won 2-1 in two overtimes.

top seed and playoff host, UW-Superior. The playoff climax was another come-

from-behind victory for UWSP. This time, it took the Pointers one extra

> period and part of the second OT to finally climb out on top, 2-1.

The UW-Superior Yellowjackets, who shut out the Pointers on Feb. 21 to claim the regular season championship, were the first to strike. UW-Superior's

Erin Kegley broke a scoreless tie at 14:03 into the

Lunneborg, tied the game with a goal assisted by

Lunneborg

second period. The Pointers were still trailing by one into the third until Saturday's semifinal hero, Kim

Jurkovich

Jana Jurkovich at the 5:56 mark in the period. As the first sudden-death overtime period

came and passed, no team was able to take advantage. Quickly in the second OT, Pam Stohr, who had only two goals in the regular season and who had missed several opportunities earlier in the game, lit the lamp to solidify UWSP as NCHA playoff champions. The goal was scored at 2:22 into the second overtime and was assisted by

> Hilary Bulger. The playoff championship is the Pointers' second in the past three years.

They now play the waiting game, along with UW-Superior, to find out which team will earn the at-large bid from the NCHA to go on to the NCAA Division III tournament. The tourney selections will be made on Mar. 7.

named Player of the Week

UW-Stevens Point freshman goaltender Amy Statz has been named the NCAA Division III women's hockey Defensive Player of the Week after her performance in helping the Pointers capture the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association playoff title last week-

Statz, a Wisconsin Rapids native, made 40 saves in a 2-1 double overtime victory over UW-Superior in the championship game on Sunday. She also had 21 saves on Saturday in a 2-1 semifinal victory over UW-River Falls.

Statz was at her best with the game on the line this past weekend making 10 saves in the third period to preserve the win over UW-River Falls. She had 12 saves in the third period of the championship game and 15 saves in overtime.

Ashley Kotenback of New England College (N.H.) was the Offensive Player of the Week.

It marks the second time this season a UW-Stevens Point player has earned the national honor Sophomore Hilary Bulger, a White Bear Lake, Minn. native, was selected on Feb. 3 after scoring five goals and three assists during a week that saw the Pointers beat Lake Forest twice and St. Catherine.



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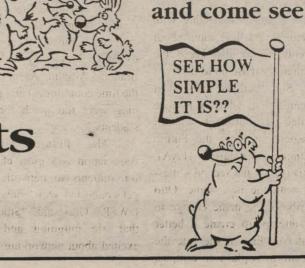
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Pointer Invitational a walk in the park for track athletes

Teams now preparing for conference meet,

outdoor season

By Jana Jurkovich SPORTS REPORTER

After finishing first in the Pointer Invitational last Saturday, both the men's and women's track and field teams now turn their attention to the conference championship meet this weekend.

track & field

Both coaches were pleased with last week's turnout, especially considering team outcome wasn't their main focus for the day.

"The meet was very good and the team did much better than expected. We let people do their events and didn't worry too much about points," said women's coach Len Hill.

The point totals didn't seem to be a concern because both teams were trying to put the finishing touches on and concentrate on getting people qualified for conference, since only the top 24 in the conference can compete in each event.

Meghan Craig, Julia Shlebosheski, Becky Clarke and Marie Burrows all posted provisional National qualifying times for the women in the 1500-meter run, shot-put, 55-meter hurdles and



Photo by Liz Bolton

Sophomore Nichole Pooley competes in the high jump. The Pointers took first place in the Pointer Invitational this past weekend in the MAC.

400-meter run, respectively.

The men saw four individual champions as Andrew Schliepp claimed the 55-meter hurdles, Mark LaLonde the 1500-meter run, Tyler Hau the 400meter run and Mark Wierzba the weight throw.

In preparation for this weekend's conference meet, both coaches said the

teams would be taking it a little easier. "This week will be about sharpening people up and working on the mental aspect of races. No one is going to get into any better shape than they already are," said men's coach Rick Witt.

The women will take 28 athletes this weekend and the men will carry the conference maximum, 40, as both

teams look to challenge for a top three performance. UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh will be the Pointers' main competition over the weekend on both the men and women's side.

The women see Oshkosh as the largest threat, mainly because they are so strong in the weight throw.

"There will be three closely matched teams this weekend (Point, La Crosse and Oshkosh) and whatever doesn't make mistakes could come out on top," said Hill.

Over on the men's side, however, La Crosse is clearly the favorite.

"I don't know if anyone will be able to catch La Crosse," said Witt. "Our goal is to finish among the top three."

Another obstacle for the men might be the amount of young talent competing in the meet. Of the 40 athletes traveling to Stout this weekend, at least half are on the younger side.

"Experience plays a big factor and I am excited to see what happens because there are so many young people who will be competing in their first ever pressure meet," said Witt. "This weekend will be a good test as to which athletes can mentally handle the pressure."

The conference meet will take place Friday and Saturday at UW-Stout with events scheduled to start at noon both days.

Men's Basketball

from page 1

packed Quandt Fieldhouse crowd of 2,316 crazy pooch fans.

men's basketball

"We just had a great team performance on Saturday," said Pointer head coach Jack Bennett. "We played particularly crisp on offense, and our defensive pressure was outstanding."

The Pioneers, coming off the tremendous high of beating the heavily-favored regular-season champion River Falls Falcons just two days earlier, were able to keep the game close early on. However, the Pointers began to pull away right before the break, taking a 31-24 lead into halftime.

In the second half, the Pointers continued to take it to the overmatched Pioneers with a balanced scoring attack and hounding defensive pressure, leading to the easy victory.



"We did a very good job moving the ball around and taking away their top players," said junior center Eric Maus. "This team just keeps getting better with each game."

Maus, who for the first time this season led his team with 17 points, had his selfless teammates to thank.

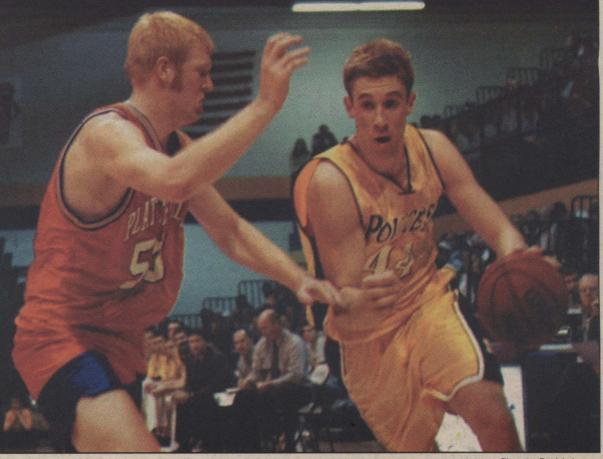


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Maus

"All of our guys were patient finding the right shot. I was just able to find open spots down low," said

Maus. "Because of my teammates finding me, most of my shots were easy lay-ups."

Bennett didn't discount what Maus brought to the game, saying "Eric's been playing well the last few weeks. He's such a good defensive player, that when he's scoring, it's just a plus."

With the win, the Pointers gained an automatic bid in the Division III tournament, and a first round game with the 20-7 Benedictine (III.) University Eagles at home. The Eagles, who play a style very similar to UW-Stout, will be a difficult first-round opponent. UWSP junior Jason Kalsow drives around a Platteville Pioneer defender during Saturday night's WIAC Tournament championship game. Kalsow scored 13 points in the Pointers' 68-50 win to propel them into the NCAA Division III tournament.

"They play very athletic and are explosive on the court," said Bennett. "Their conference (the NIIC) is similar in talent to the WIAC."

Bennett's players echoed that sentiment. "[The Eagles].look like they like to play fast and get up and down the floor," said Maus. "It's going to be a tough game, and I'm glad we have it at home."

If the Pointers pull out a win over Benedictine, a rematch with Gustavus Adolphus, the team that knocked the Pointers out of the tournament in the first round last season, looms on Saturday.

"They beat us here last year, so we'd like to get them again," said Maus. "But we can't look past Benedictine."

Bennett knows that his team will come to play Thursday. "This team doesn't get carried away with victories," said Bennett. "They always come ready to play the next game."

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Quandt Fieldhouse.

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Women's Basketball from page 1

The Pointers came out of the gate firing on all cylinders and never looked back. UW-Oshkosh was taken by surprise by UWSP's scorching start, falling behind 15-3 barely seven minutes into the game.

women's basketball

"We wanted to match their intensity from the beginning tip and I was pleased with how we came out," said Coach Shirley Egner on her team's fast start. "We forced turnovers and made them take tough shots in their first four possessions, which was very important."

UW-Oshkosh tried to mount a comeback, going on a 10-2 run to cut the Pointer lead to six, 26-20, with 6:40 left in the half. UWSP responded quickly going on a run of their own, outscoring Oshkosh 11-2 over the next two and a half minutes and ended the half with a commanding 46-31 lead.

The Pointers didn't let up



iead to 19 barely two minutes a career high 28 points. "They

ly, and cut the lead to eight, 76-68, with less than five minutes left in the game, but that's as close as they would get the rest of the way as the Pointers cruised to a 91-77 win and secured their first ever conference tournament title

"We played our style-we pushed the tempo and took care of the ball," said Egner on her team's performance. "We only had nine turnovers for the entire game and we were able to score some easy baskets in transition."

Amanda Nechuta had a monster game for the Pointers, tallying 32 points and a tournament record 18 rebounds, including 11 offensive boards.

"Nechuta played awesome, her focus was outstanding and she was so effective on the glass," said Egner.

Cassandra Schultz also

in the second half, pushing the stepped up for UWSP, scoring journey through the NCAA



Schultz

Egner about sophomore guard's performance, "she broke them down off the dribble at will. Schultz Nechuta

is doing a tremendous job

as her responsibilities have increased with Heuer's injury."

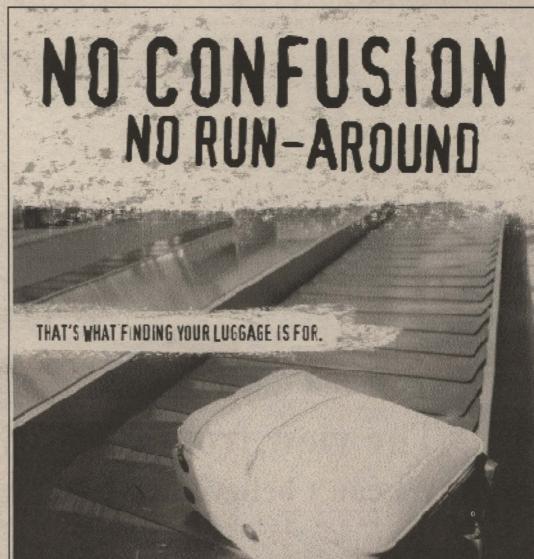
Coach Egner seems encouraged by her team's performance heading into the NCAA tournament. "I am very proud of this team as we begin another

Tournament. I believe we are in. Oshkosh fought back game- did not have an answer for playing extremely well right now. We are play-

ing team basketballeveryone is fulfilling their role. If we stay focused on our fundamentals-shot selection, rebounds, turnovers and Pointer defense we should be tough to beat."

The sixth ranked Pointers will play this Saturday, as they host a second round tournament game against the winner of the Ripon/Wheaton first round match-up.

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Career Highlights

- Last year at conference when it came down to the last 25 yards in the mile, and I touched my [opponent] out.

- This year when I won the 400 I.M. in the last 1/2 yard I beat out my rival from La Crosse. - Going to the conference championships all four years of college.

Nowak

Major - Web Digital Media Development Hometown - New Berlin, Wis. Nickname - "PP"

What are your plans after graduation? - Finding a job in coaching, or a job in my major. Whatever opportunites come my way when I'm done.

Senior on the Spot

Peter Nowak - Swimming

Do you plan on swimming competitively after graduation? - No, not right away at least. Maybe masters when I get older though. I don't think I can completely leave the sport though. I have been swimming for so many years. What is your favorite aspect of swimming? - Being around the team. They are a great bunch of people.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Jimmy Buffett, he lives in Margaritaville all the time. How much fun would that be?

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Willie Nelson (he is an amazing guitar player.)

If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? - Any good looking girl. 1 have been so busy that I have not had time to go on dates. We would go to Devils Lake in the summer. There is so much to do there.

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

1. Jimmy Buffett

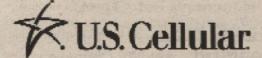
2. My Grandma that passed away before I was born. 3. Willie Nelson

What will you remember most about swimming at UWSP? - Our training trips to Hawaii, they were so much fun, and you got to know the people on the team better. Also the awesome car I was in this year in Hawaii with 4 HO's and 1 pimp. "I could teach you but I have to charge." Do you have any words of wisdom for the underclassmen? - "Changes in latitude, changes in attitude, nothing remains quite the same" - Jimmy Bufett. Also, enjoy your time here at Point, because it goes fast.

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The Man's Take Bonds deserves an *

By Craig Mandli SPORTS EDITOR

O.J. Simpson had one for years. So did Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Roger Maris went to his grave with one. What is this thing that I speak of that these legendary athletes all had? The career-defining asterisk.

When O.J. got his asterisk, it was for his incredible 1973 season, the year he ran for a then-record 2,003 yards, surpassing the great Jim Brown. Unfortunately for "The Juice", he played in two more games than Brown.

Kareem got his for the most points in a season. But the former Lew Alcindor needed 82 games to do it, rather than the old number of 75.

When the Yankees' Roger Maris hit an incredible 61 homers in 1961, he got one for playing in a measly seven games more than Babe Ruth.

Especially for Maris, the asterisk defined a career. The fact that he didn't own that home run record haunted him, and he ultimately died in 1985 a heartbroken man.

These athletes never did anything wrong. They were merely a victim of circumstance. The league told them to play extra games, so they played extra games. They don't deserve an asterisk next to their career accomplishments. They didn't cheat. Barry Bonds did.

I'm sure that everyone knows the story now, and if you don't, read Joshua Schmidt's column to the right. It has basi-

cally been proven that Bonds partakes in steroids and human growth hormone to add to his power. What has been plain-as-day obvious for years is now fact. Barry Bonds cheats.

Bonds isn't the first power hitter to cheat. Last season, "Faux-Slammin'" Sammy Sosa was caught using a corked bat. While I'm not a Sammy fan, he did the right thing in admitting he was wrong, and he took his suspension like a man.

Bonds has repeatedly been asked to fess-up on his steroid history, to which he either gives the reporter a scowl and walks away, or challenges the intelligence of the reporter who would ask such a stupid question. Well, Barry, I'm willing to bet that there are more than a few reporters sitting at their desks right now with a smile, thinking back to all the times you were cold and distant with them and other media members. Poetic justice? I think so!

I hope that in ten years, when Bonds is long retired, he looks back and regrets tarnishing the already tainted image of America's Game. I guess when you look at it, Bonds and this whole steroid frenzy in general is a microcosim of the United States itself: Bigger is better; chicks dig the long ball. Sometimes this country sucks.

I know one thing, though. When I look at the all-time single-season baseball record, only one name comes to mind: Roger Maris. Barry can live with his asterisk.

The way I see it... Baseball needs to wake up

By Joshua Schmidt Assistant Sports Editor

After a tumultuous off-season in which the chasm between the have and the have not teams in Major League Baseball grew wider, the sport was just settling into spring training when another blemish appeared on the face of an already troubled sport: steroids.

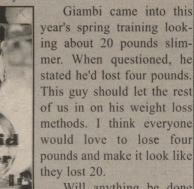
Over the last few years, with the

ever-climbing homerun numbers, fans have wondered if the baseball was juiced. As it turns out, it was the players that were juiced. With the federal investigation into BALCO, several players associated with the company have come under fire, including high profile stars Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield. All three denied using ste-

roids and Bonds has even challenged the league to test him every day.

My question is this; did we really need a federal investigation to tell us these guys were on something? Barry Bonds has always been a great player, but suddenly, a few years ago he seemed to transform from a lean, mean baseball player into the Incredible Hulk. The change was not only to his physique but also to his numbers. He went from a perennial 35 home run guy to hitting 73. For those of you who aren't math majors, that's damn near a 40 home run difference. Bonds was in his late thirties when this happened. How many men do you know who hit their peak when they're pushing 40? As for his challenge to the league, it's ridiculous, everyone, including Bonds, knows the league isn't going to start testing guys daily, at least not any time soon.

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Will anything be done about this problem? Probably

not. The overly powerful Players Union is dead set against anything more than a token effort to remedy the problem. The union seems more intent on making its players astronomical amounts of money rather than considering their long term health.

Baseball needs to get a clue. The league is in serious trouble already but seems to think turning a blind eye to its problems, including steroids, will make them go away.



The view from the Rowdy Crowd We can't believe we're still writing, but we'll take it

Well, this is pretty impressive, as none of us thought we'd still have things to say and write for *The Pointer*. But here we are at the gateway of March and hockey is still going well for our Pointer teams.

First and foremost, a HUGE congratulation goes out to the women's team for defeating UWRF and UW-Superior on the road and winning their second NCHA conference play-off championship.

The championship game went the distance and was ended by Pam Stohr

with the game-winning goal over UWS's River Falls, and this game should be a goalie. These women have been playing great game between two

their hearts out this season with a huge road trip out east to play some of the best teams in the nation, and playing a very challenging schedule back here.

Next we'd like to address the men's game that is happening Friday at 3 p.m. at the Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon, WI.

The guys are slated to play UW-



in

great game between two really good teams. The cost of admission is \$7 but it also gets you into the late game between Lake Forest College and the "Snotberts" Green Knights. Each game is single elimination, so every team has a fighting chance to move on to play the championship game taking place on Saturday. We wish both Pointer teams the best of luck as the women wait on the NCAAs to figure out the play-off match-ups and who to invite to the big dance. We also wish the men luck as they head into a neutral ice battle against the Falcons.

Finally, congratulations to both the men's and women's basketball teams for capturing WIAC Championships this past weekend, and also to the wrestling team for their successes this season.

Veek Ahead... 🔉 Go check out some

Men's Hockey: River Falls (NCHA Semifinals at De Pere), Fri., 3 p.m.* Men's Basketball: Benedictine (1st round-NCAA Div. III tourney), Thurs., 7 p.m.; at Gustavus Adolphus (if win Thursday), Sat., TBA Women's Basketball: Ripon or Wheaton (2nd round-NCAA Div. III tourney), Sat., 3 p.m.* Track & Field: at WIAC Championships (Stout), Fri.-Sat., All Day Wrestling: at NCAA Championships (Dubuque, Iowa), Fri.-Sat., 9 a.m.

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This weekend is the start of trout fishing. Using barbless hooks and stealth Photo by author techniques, you too can start catching and releasing beautiful brookies on selected Portage County waters.

By: Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The recent taste of spring has motivated me to focus on the early trout season that begins this weekend. Not only is it the perfect opportunity to catch larger trout, but it gives us a chance to fish open water for a change. Although a snow and rain mix is expected to occur within the next week, conditions may change for some quality open water action.

Only artificial lures may be used during the early season, and barbless hooks are required. The daily bag limit is 0, and all fish must be released immediately after landing. Try to be extra careful when handling trout and try to moisten your hand with water if you need to use your hands to extract a hook. Be sure to bring friends so that they can take pictures of all the fish you catch.

Most trout streams across the state are opened during the early season, but some areas have certain restrictions on specific streams. Most of Portage County is closed during the early season, but you can still find opportunities about 15 miles east of Stevens Point near Amherst. The only spot open on the Tomorrow River can be found from Amherst downstream to Durant Road.

You might also want to try areas southwest of Plover. Ditches one through six downstream from Townline Road are open for the early trout season as well. Unfortunately, many of these areas are still frozen, so it might be difficult to find a spot. Be sure to bring a map to find the exact locations if you are



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Silver or chartreuse-colored blades seem to be hot colors early and late in the season. Always make sure to remove the barbed hooks from the spinner. A pair of pliers usually does the trick. Since most spinners come equipped with treble hooks, you may want to remove one of the hooks to make it easier to remove the fish.

Mid-morning to early afternoon seems to produce more fish than any other time. The DNR claims that when the water temperature continues to rise, trout become more active. Perhaps a bright sunny day will increase your chances of catching a trout. The opposite is true for late summer months. Overcast skies and a light sprinkle is usually the perfect remedy. Whatever you do, trial and error seem to be the best teacher in any fishing expedition.

If you can find it, look for deep pools or even fast-moving currents to increase your chances of hooking a trout. I know it sounds obvious, but trout tend to move into deeper water and wider areas of the river in the early spring. While you might not catch a trout in that area in the summer, there is a good chance that they will be there in the fall.

No matter what you do for an early season trout excursion be sure to have fun and enjoy the time you get to spend outdoors. Sometimes half the fun of catching fish is trying to find where they hide. Sometimes trout can be difficult during the early season, but if you find the right pocket free of snow and ice, be ready for a fun time on the open water.

women of the night.



but this here article is half for the sports fans. No grumbling now, outdoors fans. I'm older than the bench you're sitting on and the building you got this paper at, so shut up and listen.

Seems with all this ice fishing I done near forgot about sports, mainly March Madness and college sports, to be exact.

It's true, the Pointer sports teams have

include Bloody Run, 10 Mile Creek and 7 Mile Creek, just to name a few. The gear is pretty basic during the early season. While the diehards use fly-rods, your best bet might be an ultra-light rod equipped with a spinning reel and six pound test line. There are a variety of spinners available but most of my success has been on a 1/8 or 1/16-ounce non-

unfamiliar with the area. If you want to drive a little further, you might want to check out some

of the early season trout opportunities to the west.

All streams are open in Wood County and located conveniently south of

Wisconsin Rapids, or near

Nekoosa. Some of the designated trout streams

valeriowi conference comes to Stevens Point By Marty Seeger

OUTDOORS EDITOR

Waterfowl hunters from across the state of Wisconsin are flocking to Stevens Point this weekend for the 2004 Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters' Conference.

The event is sponsored and organized by many respected conservation groups and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Waterfowlers and management professionals will be present to share questions, concerns, experiences and information that affect the waterfowl hunting heritage and future hunting opportunities. Anyone dedicated to the sport of waterfowl hunting is urged to attend.

There will be an array of opportunities to see what the state of Wisconsin is doing to ensure the quality of our wetlands. It also includes perspectives from Minnesota and their effort in regard to management efforts to rebuild waterfowl habitat. There will also be talks about the role of predator management on the breeding grounds, and updates from the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

"The conference is open to everyone," said coordinator Don Gamble. "This is a great opportunity to learn and voice your opinion." Gamble also mentioned that although the advanced registration is closed, they will allow for some walk-ins on a first come, first serve basis.

A registration fee of \$20 per person is required, which includes all three sessions, Friday social and Saturday continental breakfast and lunch. For more information you can contact DonGamble at (262) 675-6414

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Friday, March 5:		
Registration	12:00 -	1:00pm
Session I	1:00 -	5:00pm
Duck Hunters Party	6:00 -	10:00pm
Saturday, March 6:		
Registration	8:00 -	8:30am
Session II 8:	30- 12:00	noon
Lunch (provided)	12:00 -	1:00pm
Session III		3:30pm
Conference Highlig	hts	
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-Opportunity to meet and get to know the new WiDNR state waterfowl manager.

-Panel with WiDNR and US Fish & Wildlife Service: Can we provide improved hunting opportunities in Wisconsin?

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Gary Olsen, FAA Certified Flight Instructor. www.gaofly.com gofly@charter.net 715-570-8617 been doing quite well this year, but being a native of southern Wisconsin, I feel inclined to cheer for the Badgers. The UW-system is like a farm club.

The talent down there is endless, but them boys just can't seem to hoop it up on the road. Not a good sign come tournament time. After losing to Purdue a couple weeks ago on the road, the Badgers simply shellacked them at home last Saturday.

On a side note, there is nothing I hate more in sports than losing to that grumpy inbreeder, Gene Keady. That guy has got to fish more, or do something to relax... Geeeeesh! I've seen some pretty weird hair-

bowling for a couple minutes the other night. I haven't heard that noise in a while. It can only mean one thing: The spring walleye run ain't too far off.

That hockey team they got isn't doing

Anyhoo. Enough about sports, how

out that weather? I heard the angels

too bad either, but we'll see what happens

against Duluth this weekend. My motto on

Duluth is this: watch out for gypsies and

So when the rain's coming down and your backyard looks similar to Second Lake, stay inside, have a puff on the old hickory pipe and watch some Badger sports. I got to go and take some squirrels to the country this afternoon, so behave yourselves, get off my lawn, and then "Go on and Geeeeeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

-Waterfowl Hunting Zones: Time for a change?

-Spinning Wing/Butt Shaking Decoys: Where are we going? -Great Lakes Mallard Study: A basis for a major habitat program? -Diver Identification: Doing it right?

-Panel: Open forum for question/ discussion session. Bring your questions, comments and concerns!

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Celebrate Beard History Week: March 1-7, 2004

Lumberjacks, dog mushers, anglers and hunters excited

By: Adam M.T.H. Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR

It's that time of year again, folks! The lesser-known national historical week for beards and facial hair will soon be upon us.

First established in 1871 by then president General U.S. Grant, Beard History Week was put in place to celebrate the historically important role the beard served in America's individualism, colonization, strong rural heritage and, most importantly, as a symbol of the frontier life that formed this country's cultural backbone. The beard stands for everything common, hardworking American society has been throughout our history. Our population is founded on frontier living, and for every ordinary beard in the cities and in our woodlands, great beards of past leaders, visionaries and unique American individuals come to mind. Presidents, poets, generals, entrepreneurs, fur-trappers, scientists, philosophers, Santa and even the Almighty himself sported fashionable beards. The beard is as American as baseball, guns, overweight people and apple pie.

The beard reached the peak of American popular-

"The beard is as American as baseball, guns, overweight people and apple pie."

ity during the Civil War, and has since been declining, with smaller strongholds of beard density holding out in the colder regions. Each year for Beard History Week, a panel of facial hair experts convene to select a beard of the year. This is done in part to honor great beards of the past, as well as to promote the future growth and acceptability of this distinguished frontier tradition.

Beards are judged by tidiness, cut and overall look and are divided into several categories:

Natural:

Full beard flowing downward. Moustache fully integrated. No artificial styling aids permitted.

Full beard, styled moustache:

The beard flows downward without the use of artificial styling aids; the moustache is styled with artificial styling aids.

Garibaldi:

Wide and full; bottom round; moustache integrated. No artificial styling aids permitted.

Verdi:

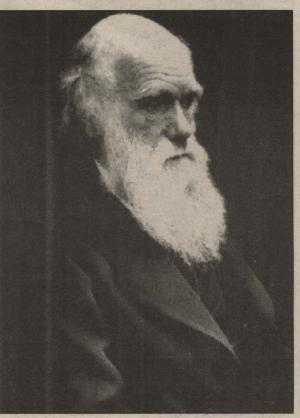
Bottom round; relatively short; cheeks slightly shaved; moustache prominent. Artificial styling aids permitted.

Freestyle:

Anything goes! Creativity encouraged. Artificial styling aids permitted.

For 2004, the committee has selected the natural beard as worn by Charles Darwin in 1874. His work, The Origin of Species, changed the way people thought about science and religion. His theories on natural selection and evolution have survived scrutiny throughout the years, and are recognized by many as scientific fact. Surely, many years of macro-whisker competition made Mr. Darwin's all-natural beard the fittest of his time.

As residents of Wisconsin, Beard History Week should be important to you, and I encourage those who have beards to proudly promote them to others, for those who lack a beard to consider them, and for the ladies to



2004 beard of the year winner Charles Darwin, sporting a fine 1874-era natural beard.

keep an open mind towards rugged, thoughtful beards. They keep you warm in the winter, look incredibly sharp and are a helpful way to reduce napkin use. Lastly, it is good luck to compliment good beards during this week. Stroke, trim and admire.

Wild Matters

Let's get to the bottom of this yeti thing already

By Adam M.T.H. Mella OUTDOORS EDITOR



For the humans:

Hey humans, what's the big holdup? While we find fascination so easily in the spectacle of chimpanzees, IMAX movies and fast rockets, we must look at the facts, fondle the mystery and understand that the yeti is the most fascinating thing of all. We must solve this riddle by year's end. We owe it to Frederick Jackson Turner, after all.

The yeti is the last unknown on the continental surface. Ask the Rocky Mountains, Death Valley or the Louisiana bayou. They'll agree. This ghostly giant of the woodlands is no doubt the closest living creature to ourselves, and yet we've never met one and had a nice lunch of raw otter or talked about modern logging practices. Why must we have this distance?

To have such ignorance towards a witty mammal, be it mortal or not, is simply unacceptable, especially when it is this mysterious. Unlike the Loch Ness Monster and the giant squid, the yeti is not hidden in the depths of a black salty ocean or inland sea. No, it is in fact dwelling within the forests that have authentic, breathable oxygen, gravity and sunlight. We can go there and set up extensive search parties or send spy planes overhead. We could find this yeti if we weren't so passive and indecisive.

This is how we can do it: We'll set up one of th

Work with me, humans. "If you will it, it is no dream."

For the yetis:

Being witty, intelligent beings of this planet, and no doubt interested in the outdoors, I'm sure most of the yetis out there are reading this article. We had 20 copies of this issue printed in Yeti-ese for those northern yetis that don't speak English. Anyhow, a big "welcome" goes out to the yeti readers. You know who you are.

Perhaps you yet is have seen the way we treat the outdoors and have decided, very cleverly, to avoid all contact with our human race. I assure you, most of us are trying to do our best with land conservation and recycling and all that. In fact, we could probably use your help on many environmental issues. I'll bet you have a few other concerns with making contact with us humans, "Let this Eighties classic... soooooothe you."

Take it from me: we aren't as lame as the Hendersons. I don't know what George Henderson was thinking, truthfully. God, what an embarrassment.

We won't shoot you either, in case you were wondering. Just stay out of Texas, Mississippi, Ohio and all cities. Just act friendly, give a few piggy-back rides and smile a lot. We'll bring a taco platter in exchange.

Lastly, the pro-yeti hoopla that will follow in the wake of your discovery will surely help in the creation of several large yeti empires. Much like a national park, these protected expanses of forest will serve as a buffer between the vetis and humans when you need some "alone time." We

The yeti is mysterious to us, but it doesn't have to be this way. We could live in harmony ... someday.

secret CIA operations. Objectives contained therein will include helicopters, snipers, biologists, cryptozoologists and several large maps. The sooner we find these yetis, the better things will be. We can establish good relations before human expansion goes too far.

can see you lead a recluse lifestyle, and that's cool, man.

Work with me, yetis. I extend my hand in honest friendship for at least two fifths of mankind. And when you think about it, those are pretty good odds.

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Elph fills Deuces with dancers



Guitarist Chad Wolf from Stevens Point's Elphlettuce lays down some soulful licks at their Deuces Wild gig last Thursday. This gig was the young band's second in three weeks, and they continued to play a wide variety of originals, classic rock and jam covers, including their debut of Pink Floyd's"Another Brick in the Wall (Part 2).'

review: The Passion of the Christ

By Geoff Fyfe ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Religious films have always courted controversy, but few have been as stormy and divisive as The Passion of the Christ. Mel Gibson's epic about the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life, detailing his arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection, has been praised by Christians and denounced by critics for its violence and perceived anti-Semitism. In the end, both sides have justification for their views.

First, the film's reputation for violence is well deserved. The film could easily be called The Torture of the Christ, as it graphically depicts Jesus as he is beaten, flogged, stabbed and eventually crucified to death. Gibson depicts the carnage in excruciating detail and the result is less inspiring than it is gruesome. Add in touches like demonic children harassing Judas Iscariot to his suicide and a creepy androgynous Satan you half expect to start whispering "My precious" and you have what may be the first religious horror movie. I don't have much of a problem with that, but I do

find it hypocritical that the same religious con- ically murdered before her eyes.

trouble executing Jews on the spot, which made his waffling in Jesus' case all the more remarkable. Granted, many of the Romans are portrayed negatively too, but this attempt to place the blame on the Jewish high priest while absolving Pilate is inexcusable. I have no idea how much of this is intentional, but the fact that Gibson has a Holocaust-denying father who he claims "never lied to him" is not encouraging.

Passion is an impressively made film. Gibson's skills as a director are undeniable and put to good

use here, and he deserves credit for authenticity for having the characters speak Aramaic and other languages of the time rather than contemporary English. Jim Caviezel is a striking presence as Jesus and he deserves a Purple Heart, if not an Oscar for enduring the burdens the role required. However, he doesn't get much of a chance to build a character and the brief flashbacks of Jesus' life only give glimpses of what he could have done. The best performance is given by Maia Morgenstern as Mary, who devastatingly portrays a mother's pain and grief as she watches her son be graph-

CD reviews: Taboo tunes

Note: the following CDs are not legally available but have been spread far and wide, thanks to the Internet. A simple Google search should direct you to MP3s of "The Grey Album," but you may have to search a little harder on peer-to-peer file-sharing programs for Eminem's unreleased material.

Danger Mouse: The Grey Album

By Steve Seamandel

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Genius. It's the only word fitting enough to begin an article about Danger Mouse's controversial new effort. "The Grey Album."

For those unaware, I'll quickly break it down. DJ Danger Mouse took samples (not full songs - only certain



guitar, bass and vocal clips) from The Beatles' The White Album and mixed them to the raps of Jay-Z's latest release, The Black Album. The outcome is a hand-picked disc of Jay-Z raps with familiar, but at times unplaceable, classic Beatles' riffs, and it's sublime.

Of course, the album presents problems since Danger Mouse sampled each artists' work without any sort of permission. The circulation of the album, available through Danger Mouse on the web, was quickly halted after a cease and desist order from record label EMI.Since then, it's been circulating like wildfire on the Internet, creating a phenomenal amout of hype and support for the album that I have never, ever witnessed before.

Danger Mouse effectively cuts out the self-absorption that is hard to get past on Jay-Z's The Black Album, essentially leaving the good stuff, backed with even better beats and samples that tug and pull on the listener's auditory senses. DJs mix genres and artists all the time in live settings; this concept is not new. However, the way Danger Mouse tweeked and babied each track shows, resulting in an excellent final product that is simply breathtaking.

Only a few of the Beatles' samples are actually placeable, including "While My Guitar ... " and the bassline from "Ob-La-Di" mixed to The Black Album's first single, "Change Clothes."

Any music fan without The Grey Album has an incomplete collection. Put down your homework, unplug your phone, cancel your eight o'clock and find this disc.

Eminem: (Unreleased Tracks)

By Steve Seamandel ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Thank you to the unloyal employee on the inside who will face the wrath of Eminem very, very soon.

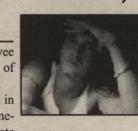


Eminem's upcoming release due in late 2004 was going along fine until someone leaked seven unfinished tracks in late

December. Originally, the tracks surfaced on Ebay, but ongoing battles to shut down every auction failed and the tracks were leaked.

The unfinished tracks are indeed finished; perhaps it's better to view this as a rough draft of a short Eminem disc. The seven tunes clock in at 34:00 and somehow manage to eclipse his last release, The Eminem Show, in terms of content, beats and innovation. And these aren't even finished.

Songs like "Canibitch", "Bully", "Come On In" and "Do Rae Me" pretty much focus around smack-talking about Ja Rule, Irv Gotti (both of The Inc) and a journalist for hip-hop mag The Source, Ray Benzino. Based on what I've heard, I think I'll stay out of Eminem's personal life. "Do Rae Me" starts out with Eminem asking his daughter, "Hallie, what do you want to be when you grow up?" She replies, "I don't know, but I don't wanna end up like Ja Rule's dirty ass kids."



servatives who whine about violence and sex in popular culture and who had heart attacks when Janet Jackson flashed her boob for five seconds on TV are now dragging their kids to the theater to watch Jesus get flayed alive.

As for the anti-Semitic claims, I'm sorry to say that there is some justification. Too many Jews are portrayed as negative stereotypes, especially the Jewish high priest, who is so one-dimensionally evil you half expect him to start twirling his mustache a la Snideley Whiplash. On the other hand, Pontius Pilate is portrayed as a sympathetic and just figure, which is a total fabrication; the real Pilate was a brutal autocrat who had no

To put it mildly, Passion is difficult to review. One person may see it as a revelation, while another may see it as a travesty. In my own view, the performances and artistry of the film are to be honored, but the violence and stereotypes criticized. It is the brief flashbacks of Jesus' life-with Mary, the Sermon on the Mount, the Last Supper-that are the most moving scenes. Gibson's story has impact, but a film about Jesus' life and teachings rather than his torture would have been truly moving.

(Rating: 2 1/2 stars overall, 4 for artistry and impact, 1 for violence and stereotypes.)

Each of the tracks holds a personality of its own. "Canibitch" holds a fast, wacky pace (actually a sample of an old Slick Rick song) that is reminiscent of a classic cut from Eminem's earlier days.

Em also remains political, or at least anti-Bush. In "We Are Americans," he boasts, "F*** money/I don't rap for dead presidents/ I'd rather see the president dead," a line that drew heavy attention from the media and even caught the attention of the U.S. Secret Service, but ended quietly. An Eminem spokesman claimed that "Americans" was one of the very rough tracks on the disc.

Eminem's jolts against Ja Rule are priceless, ("if that E doesn't kill him someone from G-Unit will ... ") as is his ongoing battle against Benzino. Most of his pokes are way too explicit and suggestive to even paraphrase in this paper. Eminem fans will eat it up and right-wing critics will despise it, fueling him for future albums.

If this is an Eminem rough draft, I'm counting the hours until his actual finished product is released.

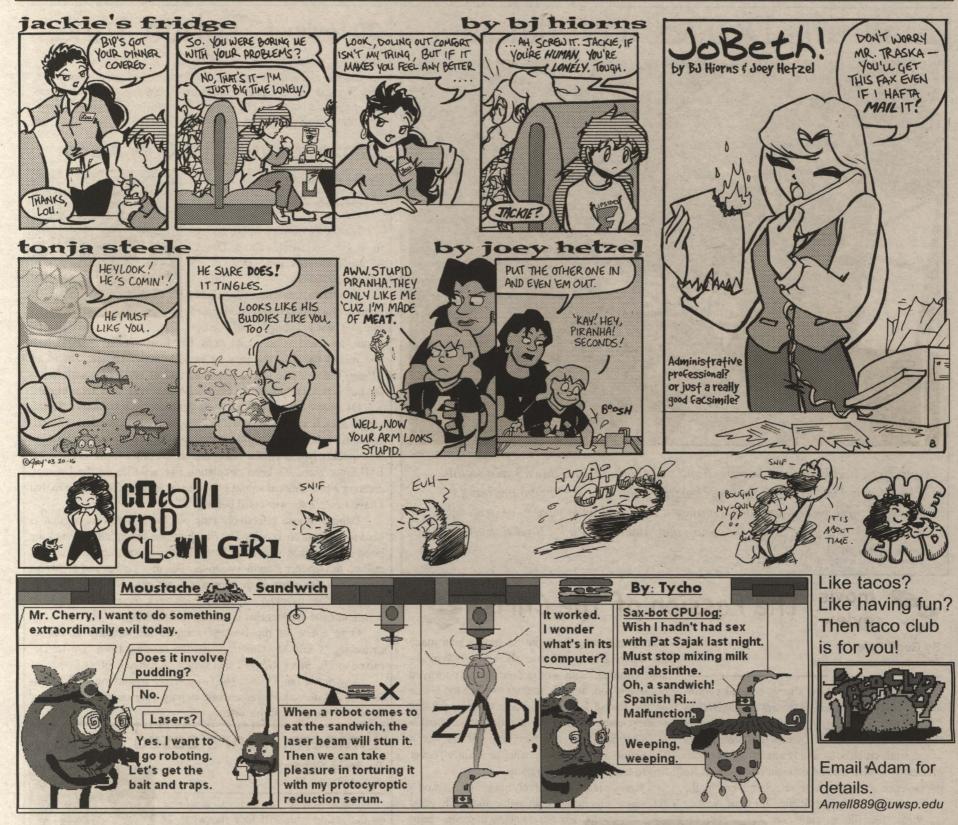
(For the downloaders, the rest of the tracks circulating not mentioned include "Monkey See, Monkey Do" and "I Love You More,"

The Passion received & & & / Four stars

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COMICS

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Your college survival guide: Penis monologues.

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium

WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE

First off, good news. I finally took care of the gift certificates. That means those who have graciously supplied letters for the column (Jessie, Morgan, Angela) all have gift certificates waiting for you at the Mission Coffee House. Thanks for the letters, ladies, and thanks for being so patient.

If you don't know how to find the Mission, well... it's downtown for starters. 1319 Strongs Ave. Kinda in-between Shopko and Arbuckles. Head on down and have some coffee on me.

Typing in those names just made me realize this semester's letter tally: Girls - 3, Boys - 0. Apparently all you XY types out there are still banging rocks together hoping to discover the secret of fire or something. do all sorts of things with it. You can write your name in the snow, you can do little demented puppet shows, and you can have sex with it, at least in theory.

Unfortunately, possession of a penis also virtually guarantees that you are profoundly goddamn stupid. Trust me on this. Your Johnson makes you a jackass of biblical proportion. And no, I'm making a veiled reference to your cock being big, I'm telling you that, most likely, you're being a big cock.

Let me put this simply, men. Because of your penis-induced idiocy, your life will be a never-ending series of bad choices, disappointments, and complex problems you're too dim-witted to fully comprehend, let alone attempt to solve on your own.

That's where I come in. See, you send me your problems at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu and I give you advice. It's that simple.

Of course that's when I realized it was all a dream. Because you people were actually voting. Because only in a dream would you lazy, ignorant cocksuckers actually get up off your asses and do something productive in a political arena. God, I hate you all. I hate you with the white-hot passion of a thousand burning suns.

Ahem. In my dream, that is. That's how I felt in my dream.

Then the dream changed. I was in a movie theater and the guy behind me kept kicking the back of my chair, so I threw a cup of coffee onto him. Then he punched me in the back of the head and threw a whole bagful of Fritos at me. Then I ate the Fritos. I don't really know what any of that means, but I do remember that eating the Fritos felt like a real moral victory.

The truth is, the elegant, sophisticated humor in this column makes me irresistible to women. And while that's a cross I'm willing to bear, I still like guy letters every once in a while. C'mon guys, do it for the team. I know women have edged you out in terms of communication skills, intelligence and emotional maturity, but don't let that discourage you. You have something women don't.

Yes. You got it on the first guess: a penis. Yeah... You can let go of it now. No one's going to try and take it away from you. Now just keep your hands off it until you're done reading my column. It creeps me out.

Now in some ways a penis is really great. You can

But I'm not some one-trick pony. The Consortium provides a wide range of services. We can provide political commentary; we'll go all pundit on your choice of current cultural events. Hell, I've even been known to do dream interpretation in a pinch.

Speaking of... the other night, I had a wonderful dream. In my dream, everyone started buzzing about the fact that as of August 2003 George Bush had taken over 250 vacation days. When word got out that Bush had spent roughly 27% of his time as president on vacation, the American populace became enraged. There were riots in the streets. People were tipping over cars, lighting fires, and voting Bush out of office.

Send your pitiful, mewling requests for advice to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. Send all complaints to http://tinyurl.com/2fqnw.

This Sunday at the Mission Coffee House Corey's Falling and some other pretentious, hipster band whose name I don't know will be playing indie rock. You should go, if you're into that whole emo scene. \$5 cover.

There's no show at the Mission this Saturday, but that's good because you should all be going to the Vagina Monologues instead. Trust me on this, guys. You need to go. Not only do you get to look all sensitive & stuff, but exposure to women freely talking about their nether bits has been known to occasionally

offset the stupidity brought on by penis ownership.

It's at 7:00 in the Laird room Saturday night. You can pre-order tickets at the Women's Resource Center (346-4851), or you can just buy one before the show. And maybe, just maybe, you'll see me there. I'll be the one in the back of the room, getting the shit kicked out of me for about a dozen different reasons.

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