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Copps decides to end sponsorship of trivia contest

Corporate parent ends involvement with contest as part of policy change

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

This year's 90FM Trivia contest has been beset by a number of setbacks in recent weeks. The first setback was a decision by Copps Supermarket, a subsidiary of the Roundy's Corporation, to decline to participate in sponsorship of this year's trivia contest. The second problem is the fact that the contest will not be televised this year due to difficult negotiations between 90FM and STV.

In a statement issued by Roundy's, a decision was made to decline the opportunity to include Copps in sponsorship of the annual event, stating that "Roundy's respects your opinion regarding our sponsorship decision of the World's Largest Trivia contest in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

After introducing the Roundy's Foundation late last year, we undertook an

effort to align promotional sponsorships with Foundation focus areas whenever possible. We understood some decisions to not sponsor events would be difficult, especially those with strong past relationships. While our initial view of the Trivia Contest may have excluded it from our funding criteria, we are reviewing it from a community impact perspective which may affect our decision on future sponsorships."

Some participants in the event were upset by Roundy's decision. Jeff Kline, a ten year participant in the Trivia contest, has decided to take his business elsewhere. "Every year my friends and I come out here to have a good time, and every year we made it a point to go to Copps and spend a lot of money as that meant supporting the contest," said Kline. "I sent a note to Copps telling them that I will no longer shop at their stores."

A statement issued by 90 FM states that "WWSP 90FM is thankful for the support our community gives to the station. The station has recently learned that there is a movement in the community to boycott one

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Photo by Liz Bolton

The Roundy's owned Copps locations in Stevens Point have ended their involvement with the 90FM Trivia contest. Some shoppers have boycotted in protest.

Recreational field to undergo second renovation

By Andrew Bloeser
SPECIAL NEWS CONTRIBUTION

The recreational field at UW-Stevens Point will undergo renovation for a second time this spring, the result of the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) finding that the contractor responsible for placing topsoil on the field did not ensure on-site quality control and failed to use topsoil that met contract specifications.

The second round of work, slated to begin when the ground thaws, follows a \$790,000 modification project, originally completed last summer. The project, paid for with student funds, included a \$383,000 contract awarded to Dakota Intertek, designed to solve the field's drainage problems.

In the past, the accumulation of standing water often delayed students from using the field for long periods of time after rainfall. The new topsoil placed on the field by Dakota Intertek was intended to have a higher infiltration rate than the topsoil already on the field, allowing water to drain through the field's playing surface more quickly.

Tests conducted at the DOA's request, however, indicated that the amendment sand used in the new topsoil to facilitate drainage allowed an infiltration rate of nearly 1.5 inches per hour, far below the six inch per hour rate specified in the contract with

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Photo courtesy of UWSP Grounds Department

A photo taken during the renovation worked performed last summer. Similar work will have to be done again this year.

Parking still a concern for some

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

Even with the hunting passes that allow students to park in Lots J, P and Q at their discretion, some students have found difficulty in getting their parking spot of choice. Complaints have been made about the availability of parking spaces in Lot P, as students who park in the lot have started to leave their cars there overnight.

"Many of the comments SGA [are] receiving come from commuters who are unable to park there since spaces are normally open only on weekends," said SGA President Nick Crawford. The hunting pass policy was created to allow Parking Services to oversell the amount of parking passes per spaces available in an effort to reduce the amount of students on the waiting list.

"We oversold the amount of parking spaces to reduce the size of the waiting list, with the understanding that not everyone would park at once," said Anita Godin, Director of Revenue, Liability and Parking. "Students who want to park have the ability to do so, it's just a matter of them being able to park where they would like to."

The complaints about the parking pass system mostly relate to students that consistently occupy Lot P as their primary parking space, as some of the students that are parking in the lot often use it as their full time parking space and leave few spaces open for others.

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Photo by Liz Bolton

A full Lot P is an image that students encounter frequently.

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Space in the lot comes at a premium as of the three lots available under the hunting pass; Lot P is the closest to the main classroom centers. "It would be nice if students who plan on leaving their cars in a lot overnight would leave them in Lot Q to free up closer space for other students," said Godin.

The option of building a parking garage or expanding an existing lot have been discussed, but several obstacles exist that prevent this from becoming reality. "The idea of building a large parking structure was discussed two years ago," said Godin. "The study that was undertaken showed that a two level parking structure would cost \$11,000 for a 1,100 space structure. Even after spreading the cost out amongst all pass holders, the cost would come out to \$700 per permit."

The option of building a flat lot or expanding an existing lot has also run in to problems that prohibit construction. "The university owns some land in the Stevens Point area, but some of it is away from campus and would require rezoning on the part of the city," said Godin.

The addition of another parking lot in the near future is unlikely to happen as according to Crawford, "it makes more sense to build horizontally rather than

vertically, [but] in a green sense and from an aesthetics standpoint, vast stretches of asphalt are unappealing."

Several proposals currently being examined by the SGA included the possibility of introducing a non-binding courtesy parking policy where students who plan to park their car in a campus lot long term are asked to park it in Lot Q.

Other proposals revolve around amending parking policies for Lot P, which include restricting parking in the lot to 24 or 48 hours or removing Lot P from the hunting pass system and making the lot available on a more selective basis.

Crawford has hopes that with the creation of the U-Pass system, students will take advantage of the opportunity to use city mass transit and would be less reliant on bringing their cars to campus.

"If people take advantage of this new program, students might be less inclined to bring their cars with them when they come to Stevens Point. We would like at some time to extend this program to allow commuters from the surrounding areas to use the system so they do not have to drive to campus and worry about parking spaces."

According to Godin, "there are currently no plans for changes to the policy," but she stated that no matter what steps are taken to deal with the problem "students

Students express concern over accessibility

By Dawn Ver Haag
NEWS REPORTER

Students in the Social Work Method-Community Organization and Social Service Administration course given by Judy Bablitch, Director of Portage County Health and Human Services, recently submitted a survey focusing on the accessibility on campus for those with disabilities.

Each semester Bablitch asks her students, "What are you angry about?" When two students experienced a situation with a wheelchair ramp that was not shoveled and all surrounding areas were cleared after a snowfall, making it difficult to enter a building, the students of the

class unanimously decided that this "made them angry" and they wanted to help the community change by addressing the issue of accessibility for those with disabilities on campus.

Several students recognized the need for more equipment around campus, such as ramps and elevators. Support groups and campus awareness by students and professors was another issue commented on.

"I think the students did a great job laying [it] out. It takes a lot of hard work," stated Steve Whitman, referencing the survey he received.

"The university does an okay job, but it can always be better."

New food donation policy debated

By Adam Somers
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The University Centers Advisory and Policy Board are currently looking over a policy in which leftover food for cafeterias and campus eateries would be donated. This policy has been passed through and supported by SGA, who have made a recommendation that UCAPB to pass the policy.

The policy which is getting discussed was drafted by student Jeff Decker. It would have all cafeterias and eateries of the University Center donate leftover food to the Salvation Army.

This past fall, the policy was brought to the board. Three members voted in favor, one opposed and six were abstained. The board took the abstained votes as opposed, which according to Robert's Rule of Order, should remain neutral. The policy was not passed. "The committee has recognized its error, I've decided to bring it again anyways," said Decker.

The policy is being voted on again at next Thursday's board meeting. According to Decker, "By the next meeting, UCAPB will have a month to consider this. It is a black and white issue."

Decker also plans on bringing in more support for the next meeting. "Ex-cafeteria workers will be at the meeting and they will talk about the fries, soup and other food they throw away," said Decker.

However, this issue might not be as black and white as it may seem. There are major concerns over the control of time and temperature of reheated food. According to Mark Heimlich, UCAPB member and catering manager at the university, there are liability issues for the producers of the food that need to be dropped

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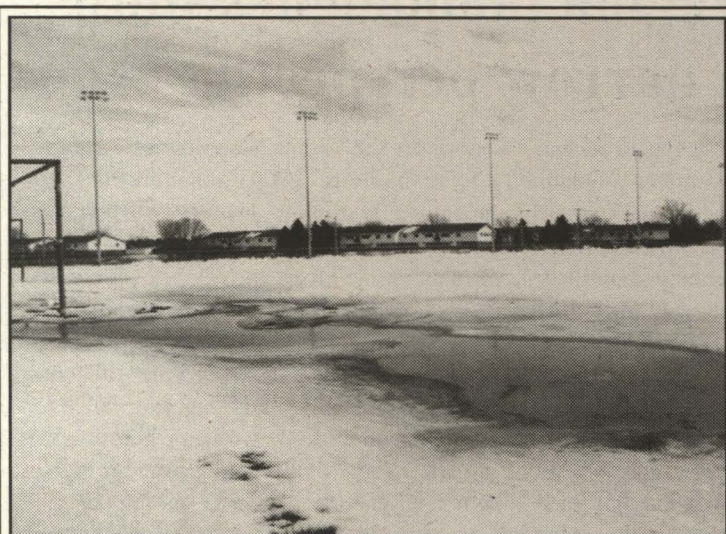


Photo by Liz Bolton

Work will begin again once the recreation field thaws out.

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Dakota Intertek.

Ron Blair, DOA chief of construction quality control, said that because of this disparity, "essentially, no significant change resulted in the [topsoil's] performance from original conditions."

Dakota Intertek disputes the methodology of the DOA's tests, which were taken from the field after work was completed, arguing the DOA relied on a sample size that was too small and that the DOA's preferred testing method was not suited for testing the topsoil of a recreational field, but instead the foundation of a project.

Blair has rejected that argument saying that the DOA's requested tests accurately measured the soil's quality, and that using an alternative testing method proposed by the Dakota Intertek was considered but rejected

on the grounds that it would not accurately measure the rate of infiltration rate of the amended soil-soil mixed with sand for drainage purposes as specified in the contract.

Wenbin Yuan, CEO of Dakota Intertek has also challenged the project design saying, "Mixing soil with sand may not be the best option. Even if

the soil is mixed properly, if the structure of the soil is disturbed, which is very easy to do, the infiltration rate can be affected. The inhomogeneous quality of the soil for the project also made things difficult."

Yuan also noted that because clay swells when in contact with water, it reduces infiltration. He argued that because some portions of the soil have greater levels of clay content and fine particles, that achieving uniform infiltration with the current design is unrealistic.

A letter from Blair to Dakota Intertek sent in early February reminded the contractor of the need for responsible management and quality control. The letter instructed the firm to use a quality control technician and follow guidelines that require daily control reporting when work on the field begins again in the spring.

This letter also accepted Dakota

Intertek's proposal to test blended topsoil only prior to its placement on the field during the second renovation of the playing surface, provided daily quality control is maintained. The DOA will also conduct independent tests on soil quality during this time.

"Our concern is the fact there was no quality control," wrote Blair, who noted that the firm used one sample of 300 grams to validate the quality of 7,600 tons of sand, which was mixed with the topsoil to facilitate drainage.

"One thimble full of material to validate about 380 truck loads is not adequate quality control," letter continued.

Blair has emphasized that while the work done with the field's topsoil needs correction, neither he nor the DOA view Dakota Intertek as a bad contractor.

"Dakota Intertek is a good firm, and just like any other good firm, they had a job sour and go bad," said Blair. "Historically, this contractor has never had this sort of trouble and I felt they should be afforded the opportunity to make their work right."

Dakota Intertek is also it is conducting an internal review to determine the adequacy of quality control when the topsoil was placed on the field.

To date, the DOA and Dakota Intertek disagree over how to distribute responsibility for past mistakes on the project.

"We could blame several parties," said Yuan, "However, the method of testing and the inhomogeneous nature of the original soil may be the real factors."

He added that Dakota also accepts responsibility for providing a well-drained soccer field, but feels that the project would be difficult to complete according to current design provided by the state engineer,

because the topsoil being used does not have uniform clay content.

Blair disagrees with the argument for shared responsibility. He emphasized that on-site quality control remained the responsibility of the contractor, as specified in the contract document, while the DOA assumed full responsibility for quality assurance.

"Quality assurance is about us being comfortable that the quality control mechanisms being used are meaningful," he said. Our responsibility is to make sure the project is done right and to respond when we notice something is not being done right."

That response came in late August after Chris Brindley, UWSP building and grounds superintendent, voiced concerns about the quality of the topsoil after visiting the renovation site. The DOA's response was also delayed because Nummelin did not provide its first report until Sept. 12, after the contractor had placed the topsoil on the field.

He also said that his office considered the matter closed and that ensuring quality control when applying new soil to the field is now the issue that Dakota Intertek must face.

Dakota Intertek must now revisit its work to increase the infiltration rate at its own expense- at an estimated cost of \$100,000 to \$250,000- while also demonstrating proper quality control throughout the project.

The DOA has asked Dakota Intertek to provide a detailed plan for quality control by March 15. The plan must identify the persons involved in the project and their roles, as well as a method for auditing the quality of the work done by the contractor and the finished product.

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of our long-term sponsors, who has chosen not to sponsor this year's Trivia event. WWSP 90FM in no way condones, supports or has participated in the effort. WWSP 90FM wishes to thank all of our sponsors who support the station-past, present and future." Courtney Sikorski, Station manager for 90 FM said that "it was a business decision on the part of Roundy's to end their involvement in the trivia contest.

While we don't think it was the best decision to make from a community standpoint, it was one that they chose to make." Sikorski said that the group that runs the trivia contest, Friends of 90FM, has already found another

sponsor to take the place of Copps.

"The trivia contest is too large for the station to run independently, so Friends of 90FM run all aspects of the contest, from setting the schedule to setting the tournament rules to getting sponsorships to handling all merchandise. They were able to find another sponsor without much trouble."

Another setback to the trivia contest occurred at the end of last semester when a failure to reach an agreement over a broadcast fee led to the decision by STV to opt out of televised coverage of the trivia contest. Bret Lemoine, General Manager for STV, stated that "it is something that occurred at the end of last semester. Discussions between STV and 90FM just fell through. They do a great service for the

community and we wish them well."

Sikorski said that the negotiations to televise the event fell apart over a financial dispute. "This year they approached us for a request for \$2,000 to cover their costs related to covering the trivia contest. We could not accommodate their request and they decided not to cover the event." Sikorski said that last year's event was covered for free and it was too late to make changes as their budget had already been set, and even after a third party offered to attempt to pay the fee, differences between 90FM and STV could not be worked out.

"There were some years in the 1990's where the event was not covered, so it is unfortunate that they will not be participating."

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in order for such a donation to happen.

Heimlich also brought attention to the fact the food is only allowed to be reheated once. Food is prepared in advance for catering services, as well as the cafeterias is generally reheated once before serving.

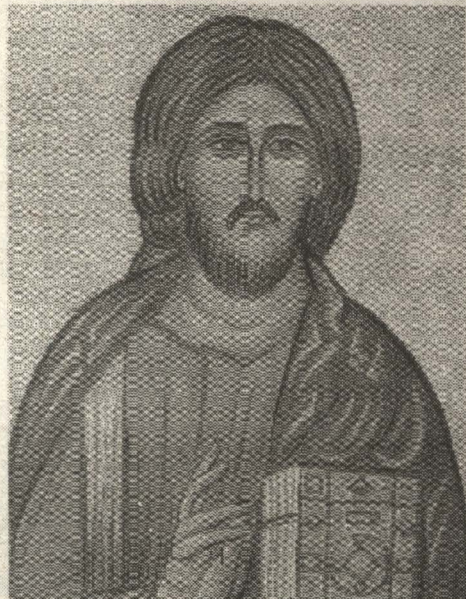
"Leftover chicken may become soup for the next day," stated Heimlich when addressing the non-reheated food. When asked about how much leftover food there is daily, Heimlich went onto say, "Our job is to make sure that there is none."

Heimlich also sees a problem in the wording of the drafted policy. He sees it has very demanding. "The intent is good, but the wording of the policy needs to be less demanding," said Heimlich.

Another problem Heimlich sees is that it is "restricted to one charity." If these problems can be overcome, there will be convenience in picking up donations.

The Salvation Army makes trips to nearby St. Michael's hospital nearly every day for similar donations. They said that all food donated will meet the necessary conditions.

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Musings from Mirman

You can't fool me February, I saw you sneak in on Super Bowl Sunday

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Although we can never measure a country's memory, I have little doubt that America has the shortest memory span in world.

This is the reason that we continue to make similar mistakes over and over again. Yes, eventually we fix our problems, but it seems that we need to get hit in the head a couple times before we understand.

This is exactly what needs to happen with the issue of gay marriage. The constitution should work well as an object to beat some sense into our society. It's pretty small, so I would have to roll it up. But I could take it to every single state capital and call it my "common sense tour." Try thinking of the MTV "rock the vote" bus.

When I arrived at each capital, I would walk into the great hall and take turns hitting each congressman on the head, the whole time chanting, "We are all created equal."

Of course, it sometimes takes awhile for our nation to realize that we're all created equal. Just look at the settling of the U.S. We often choose to forget that we took this land from the Native Americans and then killed off the majority of their people so that we could inhabit the territory. Yes, indians are considered equal now, but does putting up reservations make up for stealing the land in the first place?

We can also look at slavery and then the continued mistreatment of blacks through the 60's. While we understand and despise the despicable acts today, back then many people thought that skin color actually stopped someone from being an equal.

Even women had to fight for their equality; they finally gained the right to vote in 1920. But at the time there were people who felt that women

voting would begin the apocalypse.

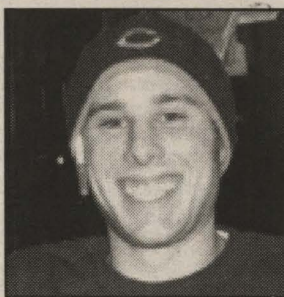
The reason for this quick review of American history is not to fill people with feelings of guilt. Feeling guilty will not help make up for our country's past mistakes. However, we need to realize our past mistakes so that we stop committing these mistakes in the future.

Right now both Democrats and Republicans stand against gay marriage. Instead, they support civil unions. For those not familiar with a civil union, it's very simple. These unions are available only to homosexuals; they give same-sex couples almost all the rights that accompany marriage, although they lack some of the federal protections. Also, unions are not recognized by every state. For a more complete explanation of a civil union, I suggest visiting the state of Vermont's website at: www.sec.state.vt.us/otherprg/civilunions.

Essentially, our politicians are arguing that gay couples are separate but equal. This is the same bigoted legislation that was eventually dissolved in the 1960's during the civil rights movement.

Of course, we won't hear the phrase separate but equal. Instead we hear rhetoric on protecting the institution of marriage like it's sacred. If marriage is our most sacred institution, then why do we allow drive through chapels and make divorce an easy procedure? The truth is that marriage ceased to be a sacred institution a long time ago and it's getting worse; c'mon our divorce rate has exceeded fifty percent.

It's time that we come clean on the issue of gay marriage. Our country needs to allow gay marriage to take place in every state, or admit that banning gay marriage is a slap in the face to the gay community. I sincerely hope that our country is smart enough to not make the separate but equal mistake again.



Vagina monologues show a narrow perspective

Last weekend I went to see the Vagina Monologues. My roommate proclaimed it to be hilarious, so I paid the three dollars and looked forward to an enjoyable evening.

In all fairness, the actresses involved in the play put on exuberant and spirited performances, they truly brought the play to life in a way I personally never could have done. So kudos to them.

The play itself was as close to the other end of the spectrum as it could get; to wit, it was horrid. The play started off with some intellectually unappealing, lowbrow humor, and then proceeded to delve in an utterly disgusting account of one woman's homosexual experience. Now don't get me wrong, I am awfully proud to be a woman, but for the Women's Resource Center to tell me that I should embrace the homosexual lifestyle to truly appreciate my womanhood, I feel is wrong.

At one point in the play they mentioned some states that have banned the sale of vibrators and then proceeded to say that these same states allowed guns. Not only is this a horrible comparison of two completely unrelated issues, but also how many vibrators have saved a life? None.

Possibly the most disturbing idea I heard during this "empowerment" play was the concept that somehow war results in rape and that the victims are considered mere "collateral damage." This is absolutely absurd.

In closing, I would hope that other viewers' eyes were opened to the way this play so cunningly brought the one-sided view uniformly seen across most college campuses.

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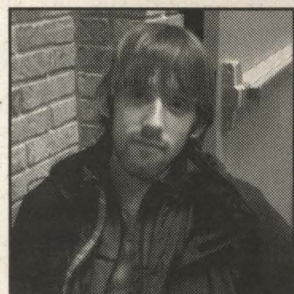
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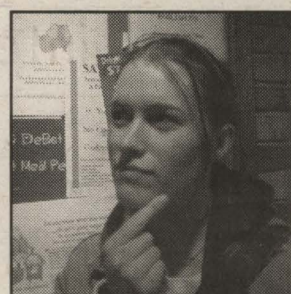
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The "Vagina Monologues" come to UWSP

A woman's vagina is more than just a place of sexual pleasure

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

The "Vagina Monologues" took over the UWSP campus last week, bringing in a full crowd each of the three nights that it was performed. Written by Eve Ensler, the "Vagina Monologues" are meant to capture the essence of womanhood. Furthermore, they are meant to motivate others to do more.

Inspired by V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women and girls, these monologues are meant to portray women as they truly are: vibrant, captivating, with a need to be understood. The "V" in V-Day represents Victory, Valentine, and lastly, Vagina, the main topic of discussion through this performance.

"We were worried about our vaginas," is the opening line of the evening explaining the basis behind these monologues. Over 200 women of all cultures and races were interviewed to put this performance together, yet all of them were reluctant to talk of the foreign structure between their legs. They were reluctant because that is exactly what it was to all of them, foreign. However, once they got them to talk, it was hard to get them to

stop. The secret is women truly want to talk about the infamous "flower."

Throughout the evening, various topics of womanhood were addressed. Starting from the angle of pubic outgrowth and concluding with a discussion on the trials of women in third-world countries, the "Vagina Monologues" brought humor to all, as well as forcing them to face the truth that women are still being victimized all too frequently.

One of the performers took on the role of an aging woman in her seventies who had yet to discover herself down there. Her response to the interviewer was by far the "most poignant." She compared her vagina to a "dark cellar." She knows that it is there, but she sees it as a destination not to be traveled to.

Another woman talked of a "Vagina Workshop" that she attended that allowed her to become comfortable with herself and realize that a woman can orgasm in the absence of accidental occurrences such as horseback riding or bicycling, or furthermore, a man.

In the end, she came to know her vagina as no longer apart from her, but a part of her.

The evening then moved to a discussion on menstruation. Menstruation becomes another topic that some women refuse to talk about, for each woman has a different tale of how "they discovered they were a



Phot by Liz Bolton

A multitude of orgasms was depicted by performer Melissa Miller.

woman." Some of the performers discussed the various celebrations their parents, or specifically, mothers, had for the event, while others disclosed the terror and embarrassment they felt by not knowing what to make of the newfound substance in their panties. These women also made mention of the wondrous accomplishments to menstruation such

as nausea, bloating, back pain and the ever-present cramps.

From there, the monologues took on a much more serious tone by telling the stories of women who have come to know violence firsthand. The issue of domestic abuse was first raised when the story was told of one woman who had acid thrown upon her face by her husband. The accounts of the women of Pakistan who have been burned repeatedly by their family were also noted. It was mentioned that out of the 5,000 women that have been burned by their family, a mere four percent have lived to recount it.

By far, the highlight of the evening was the explanation and detailed act of the multitude of orgasms a woman experiences. Such orgasms included the "College Moan" where the words "I should be studying" are moaned, which was quite enjoyed by the audience.

According to Natasha Kingstrom, volunteer coordinator of the Women's Resource Center (WRC) this was the first year that the WRC has sponsored the "Vagina Monologues" on campus. Many local businesses contributed items to the

silent auction that was put on in conjunction with the event. "We are trying to make everyone aware of what is out there," Kingstrom said. When asked about her thoughts on the overall performance, she said, "The performances were awesome. We definitely had a great turnout that we had imagined." All the proceeds from the performances were donated to organizations such as Sexual Assault Victim Services and Take Back the Night 2004.

In the end, a great deal was to be gained by the "Vagina Monologues." It would be an understatement to say that humor was a focus of the evening; however, the much more imperative undertone was that it is time for women to be heard. Comedic variety helped to get that message across, but truth and awareness is what truly triumphed.

As one performer said, "Every woman has a warrior inside to be born." The V-Day movement is about speaking out when everyone says to be quiet. It means acting out. It means no longer being afraid. But most importantly, it means taking pride in what it means to be while speaking out for those women who have been silenced for too long.

Native American Awareness Week

March 29 - April 3

By Pamela Waukau
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During the last week of March, our campus will be honoring and celebrating one of the many ethnic groups we have here on the campus. March 29 through April 3 A.I.R.O (American Indians Reaching for Opportunities) will be holding a Native American Awareness week with many activities and events to celebrate the Native American traditions.

Although the Native American culture can be very intricate and in-depth, it is narrowed down to six different events throughout the week. To start off the week there will be interviews from some of the most respected elders of the HoChunk, Stockbridge Munsee and the Oneida tribes. These people will openly tell stories and tales as well as answer any questions from the public.

Going from the stories and tales, there will be a traditional dance demonstration by a few members from the Menominee tribe. Including the men's traditional dance style and the women's fancy dance demonstration.

Throughout the week, an

expert in basket-making and weaving will show some techniques and also some of the secrets to make a successful basket.

Not only are there dance performances but also a hand drum exhibition by a few members theathost drum for the pow-wow on Friday.

The final event of the Native American Awareness week will be the 31st Annual A.I.R.O Pow-Wow. This event is open to the public. Ticket prices are \$3 with a student ID and \$4 without.

Included with your fee is entertainment, Native American dance opportunities and also a feast. One of the highlights of the pow-wow is the annual A.I.R.O Princess contest. Last year's reigning Princess Rose Peters of the Menominee tribe will be giving up her title to the new A.I.R.O royalty.

If the traditional dancing and singing does not interest you then maybe some of the vendors will. A silent auction will also be held to the public to auction off some Native American crafts.

Contact the Native American Center at 346-3576 for further informatoin. All the events are open to the public.

UWSP launches online campaign to prevent sexual harassment

By Sarah Dennewitz
FEATURES REPORTER

A sexual harassment online training course has become available for all students, faculty, and staff at UWSP and small area businesses. The program allows every individual to be aware and steer clear of unacceptable sexual behaviors.

This website can be found at the UWSP home page by clicking on diversity, or by directly going to <http://www.newmedialearning.com/psh/uwiscsp>.

The online training program includes information on current sexual harassment laws, our campus sexual harassment policies, and the measures taken to report sexual harassment. Completion of the program ranges from sixty

to ninety minutes depending on your pace, with an additional fifteen-question test at the end to receive a certificate. The site also offers links to a variety of topics including: sexual harassment examples in a workplace, maintaining a harassment free environment, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Interim Chancellor, Virginia Helm, said, "Completion of this program will protect employees, students, and UWSP by providing training on prohibited conduct of a sexual nature and instructions on how to report incidents of sexual harassment."

Portia Hamlar, director of the Equity and Affirmative Action office, brought this program to UWSP.

Hamlar said, "This site is

needed to provide training for a larger group of employees and students than we can provide for with live workshops."

With the availability of this site to all members of UWSP the campus mission of "eliminating harassment" can easily be met. If all students and faculty are successfully trained and aware of sexual harassment it will be much easier to identify and address situations.

If you would like further information with the online training program contact New Media Learning at 866-861-4410. In just about an hour you can complete the sexual harassment training course, and be aware in future circumstances.

So you say you are a Pointer Fan. Well. . .

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| 1) To what organization will uniiversity dining services be donating left-over food to? | 3) What team do the women play in the NCAA tournament on Friday night? | 5) What will be the first foregin film shown by the UWSP Student Art League? |
| 2) What is being held the week of March 29 - April 3? (Hint, look to your left.) | 4) What year was the first Environmental Ethics course offered at Point? (Actually it was the first-ever E.E. class!) | 1) Salvation Army
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Sampling the "Taste of Wisconsin" in Stevens Point

Bring on the cheese and potatoes. And what better to wash it down with than Wisconsin beer.

By Adam Rodewald
FEATURES REPORTER

What could be exciting enough to bring in more than ten major vendors from around the state? What could be great enough to excite people into paying as much as \$13 to attend? The answer to these questions would be the "Taste of Wisconsin" celebration which was held on the evening of March 4.

The "Taste of Wisconsin" was a unique celebration of the food and drink of Wisconsin put on by the Basement Brewhaus. More than ten different vendors were present ranging from Tombstone Pizza to Mullins Cheese to Stevens Point Brewery. Over 100 people attended the celebration including both students and non-students alike. Even several members from the Alumni Association came for the event.

One of the main attractions of the celebration was the free samples of beer, wine and food. The vast array of breweries each entertained with at least three samples of their seasonal beers. Mullins Cheese dispensed four varieties of cheese along with samples of their milk. Sprecher Brewing Company came prepared with bottles upon bottles of their various beverages. Russett Potato Exchange served French Fries accompanied with cheese sauce. And, the list goes on.

Many of the vendors were represented by *Many came to the Brewhaus last Thursday to sample* Brewhaus employees, but *the many great eats of Wisconsin*. Four went so far as to send their own company representatives. Among these four was Russett Potato Exchange

who handed out free, individually wrapped potatoes to all who wanted them. The vendor's representative commented on this.

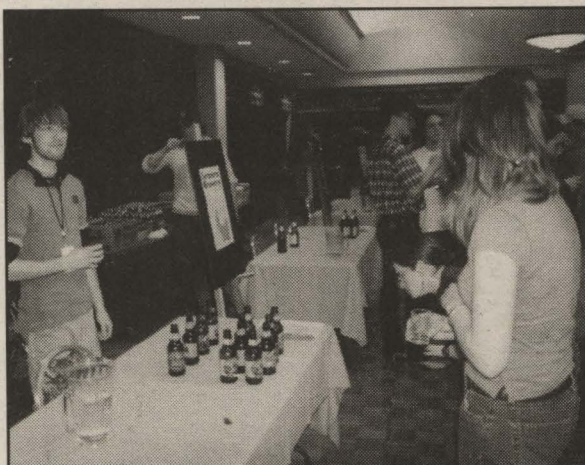


Photo by Liz Bolton

"Yes, we have found a way to shrink-wrap potatoes!" he said with a smirk on his face.

Ed Richmond of Campus Activities and Recreation was the man who coordinated this event. He said that this idea evolved from a beer tasting event he hosted a couple years ago named Beer Fest.

Richmond was very pleased with the success of his event and hopes to not only make it an annual celebration but to make it bigger as well. He commented that in the future he hopes to represent some of the apple and cranberry companies of Wisconsin.

The students of UWSP were especially excited about the celebration. One student, Brandon Bastor, after relating "Taste of Wisconsin" to a similar event he

had attended in Green Bay, said, "I think this is a good thing." Two of the university's seniors, Melissa Hintz and Antonya Hogan were delighted to be a part of the celebration. Hintz said "It really represents Wisconsin." "It is just kind of neat to taste all the beers" added Chris Cole, a UWSP student.

"Taste of Wisconsin" was a celebration that can be called nothing less than spectacular. It excited all who were involved and continued to peak the joy of Wisconsin vendors, local residents and program coordinators. The free food and drink, a definite favorite among those who attended, dubbed this event worthy of the title Feast. One comment from a Brewhaus employee summed up the entire attitude permeating throughout the night: "I love it!"

Making music fun

Come to the Instrument Petting Zoo this Saturday at CenterPoint Marketplace

It is said that music brings families together. To further develop this idea, the UWSP Chapter of Collegiate MENC: The National Association for Music Education will be presenting its Second Annual Instrument Petting Zoo.

Children of all ages are encouraged to celebrate Music in our Schools Month by coming to this special event. Everyone will have the opportunity to try playing instruments at the Instrumental Petting Zoo. Instruments will be provided by Heid Music. This is sure to be a fun, family event!



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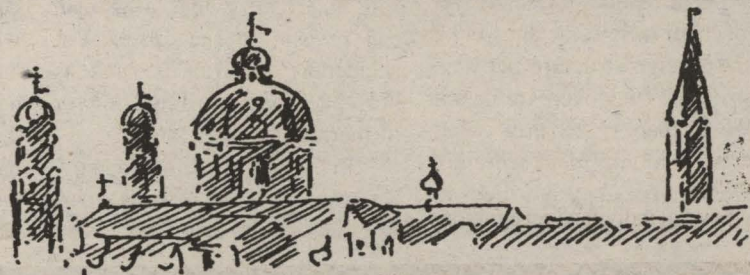
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Women icers gear up for NCAA tourney

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS REPORTER

A long week of waiting prepared the UWSP women's hockey team for some terrific news on Mar. 7. For the first time in the program's existence, the Pointers will be making a trip to the NCAA tournament to vie for the crown. The Pointers' win last week against UW-Superior in the NCHA tournament final helped better the odds for UWSP to earn the conference's at-large bid, something the Pointers missed out on in the past few seasons.

The first test for the Pointers will come against Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minn. on Mar. 13. The Gusties are ranked seventh in the nation, with the Pointers following right behind at eighth. The match-up between the two will be the third of the season. The two squads split during the regular season, with Gustavus Adolphus winning 3-2 on Nov. 14 and UWSP winning 6-3 on the following day.

The Gusties, who are the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions, will put a 10 game winning streak on the line against the Pointers. Gustavus Adolphus defeated St. Thomas 3-2 to win their conference title last Saturday.

Several individual recognitions were handed out last week as well to members of the Pointers. Five players from the team earned All-NCHA honorable mention, including freshman goalie Amy Statz, junior defenseman Jana Jurkovich, junior forward Ann Ninnemann and sophomore forwards Tracy Truckey and Hilary Bulger. UWSP also had two players earn first team accolades for their performance this season.

Junior forward Jackie Schmitt became the Pointers' first three-time All-NCHA selection and only the fifth player to earn that honor since the NCHA was introduced four years ago. Schmitt scored 13 goals this season and assisted nine others. She also led the conference in game-winning goals with eight.

After earning honorable mention last season, sophomore defenseman Jackie Foley improved her game and earned first team honors this season. Her 15 assists this year as a defenseman set a school record. She also notched six goals to give her 21 overall points on the year.



Statz

Pointers battle to ninth place finish

White matches last year's performance with a runner-up

By Adam Wise
SPORTS REPORTER

Some trends are good and some are not. For Yan White, making the trip to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships has become an annual event, three years running.

wrestling

When Brady Holtz, Cody Koenig and Yan White showed up to Dubuque, Iowa, hopes were high for bringing a couple National Championships back to Stevens Point. Unfortunately, those goals were not achieved; however, they still competed very well.

In the 133 pound weight class, Brady Holtz finished the day 2-2. After defeating Quent Christensen (Simpson) 7-2, Holtz was pinned in 50 seconds when he faced off against Barry Wise (Delaware Valley) in the consolation semi-finals. Holtz finished in sixth place after being pinned in his next match by Mike Troast (York) in 2:27.

Cody Koenig (174), fresh off a National Championship from last year, tried his best to defend it once again this year, but came up short. After winning his first two decisions in the second round and quarterfinals, Cody was defeated in the semi-finals against Joe Moon (Ausborg) 4-2. Koenig then went on to win his bout in the consolation semi-finals match versus Jason Shivak (Delaware Valley) 6-



Holtz



Koenig

5. Finally, in the third place match, Koenig was defeated by Mark Hawald (John Carroll) 4-2.

In the 197 weight class, Yan White ran a string of three consecutive victories to plateau himself to the first place finals match. The wrestler whom he would meet was anything but a stranger. White had just faced off against Akeem Carter (Wartburg) on January 10 when Wartburg defeated SP 37-4. Unfortunately, another trend was set here when Akeem won his bout against White by a slim margin of 4-2.

Coach Johnny Johnson was happy with his wrestlers. Though admitting he had hoped for better finishes, he was still proud of his men.

"I am especially proud of our seniors, Yan and Brady, and how tough they wrestled this weekend. I know they are both disappointed in their finish, but they came in with high expectations and gave it everything they had."

Overall, Johnson was pleased with how the season went.

"We finished right about where we were predicted to, except for the undefeated conference dual season," Johnson said. "I feel very positive about where our team is headed. We have outstanding, hardworking young wrestlers in our room. We will definitely continue to improve."

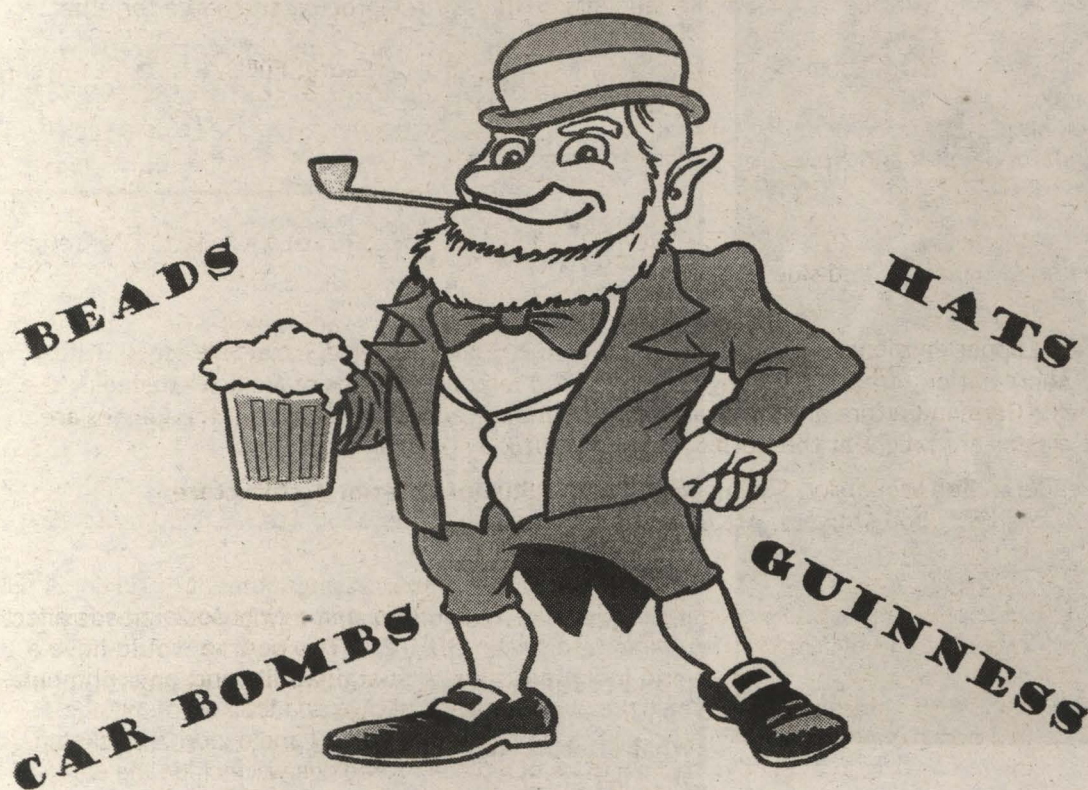


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Pointers march to Puget Sound and Sweet 16

St. Benedictine blow-out and redemption win over Gusties seals deal

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

College basketball teams aren't supposed to be better the year after losing their leading scorer and team leader. Don't tell that to the Pointer men's basketball team. On the strength of an 84-58 win versus Benedictine (Ill.) at home last Thursday, and a 66-55 whipping of Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday, this year's Pointer team has advanced farther into the NCAA Division III tournament than any of former Pointer Josh Iserloth's stand-out teams. According to Pointer coach Jack Bennett, it's all about the teamwork.

men's basketball

"Our team has been so balanced this season," said Bennett. "It is really a joy to watch them [play] out there."

On Thursday, the Pointers really had no idea what they were getting into with Benedictine. From what they had seen on tape, the Eagles played a similar style to both Stout and Superior, two teams that gave Bennett's team migraines during the WIAC season. However, Bennett's son Nick made sure right away that his dad wouldn't have to reach for the Advil.

Nick Bennett, a junior forward and first team All-WIAC selection, began the game like wildfire, nailing his first four three-point shots in the first ten minutes on his way to a 17-point first half.



Photo by Patricia Larson

Pointer sophomore guard Kevin Bradley releases a pass against the Benedictine Eagles last Thursday. The Pointers beat the Eagles 84-58.

"I was feeling a rhythm early on, and if the shot was there, I took it," said Nick Bennett. "Fortunately for me and the team, they went in."

Benedictine coach Keith Bunkenburg admittedly didn't have his team ready for Nick Bennett. "I knew he was decent player for them, but I didn't expect that," said Bunkenburg. "He's an outstanding player, and he played an unbelievable game."

The Pointers shot 55.2 percent in the first half and even bettered that mark by hit-

ting 62.5 percent in the second half to roll past the Eagles, who entered the game with the nation's 16th best defense at 61.8 points per game.

With the big win Thursday, the Pointers were primed for their rematch with the Golden Gusties, the 2002-03 NCAA Division III runner-up and the team that knocked the

Pointers out of the tournament with a first round 75-62 drubbing on the Pointer's home floor.

Unlike the Benedictine game, the Pointers began with an ice-cold shooting touch on Saturday, leading to a 25-22 deficit at halftime. However, much as they have all season, the Pointers took the adversity and ran with it to the tune of a 65.2 shooting percentage and the 11-point victory.

"This may sound strange, but this is one of the most memorable victories in school history," Pointers' coach Jack Bennett said. "This was a challenge and they have one of the best, most vociferous cheering sections in Division III. We had to beat not only their players, but their entire student body."

The Pointers sealed the victory from the charity stripe, tossing in seven of eight in the final minute to put it out of reach.

The Pointers got on a plane bound for Tacoma, Washington on Wednesday, and will face the University of Puget Sound (24-2) on Friday night at 10 p.m. If they win, they will face either Lawrence University (23-4) of Appleton or Sul Ross State University (21-8) of Alpine, Texas on Saturday for a trip to the final four in Salem, Va.

"Right now, we are playing our best basketball," said junior forward Jason Kalsow. "These are some great teams we are playing, but we feel like we can beat anybody right now."

Women blast past Ripon to Sweet 16

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the Ripon Red Hawks it was the same team, same result. After getting blasted by the Pointer women 78-53 during the regular season, Ripon was looking not only to avenge the earlier loss, but also to ruin UWSP's Championship hopes. While the game was much tighter this time around, the Pointers pulled away in the end and posted the 84-66 win in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Pointers, once again started strong, rac-

women's basketball

ing out to a 16-6 lead barely five minutes into the game. An Amy Scott jumper a short time later put the Pointers up 23-12, their biggest lead of the half. Ripon wasn't going to let Point run away and went on an 8-0 run pulling within two at 33-31. The game stayed tight for the rest of the half and saw Point hold a narrow 39-35 lead at the half.

The start of the second half saw the teams trade baskets until Point finally got its offense rolling, going on a 15-4 run and opening up a 15-point lead at 67-52. The stifling defense of the Pointers wouldn't allow the Red Hawks to get closer than 13 the rest of the way and posted the 83-66 victory.

"I believe our pressure wore them down," stated Coach Egner. "We had more fuel left in our tank the last 10 minutes of the game then they did. We were able to score some easy transition baskets off of their turnovers."

The game saw four Pointers post double figures in scoring. Leading the way was Amanda Nechuta with 20. Amy Scott also had a nice game, tallying 18 points. Cassandra Schultz and Andrea Kraemer notched 16 and 12 points, respectively.

Coach Egner seemed pleased with the team's performance, "I thought we played extremely well on Saturday against Ripon. They just would not go

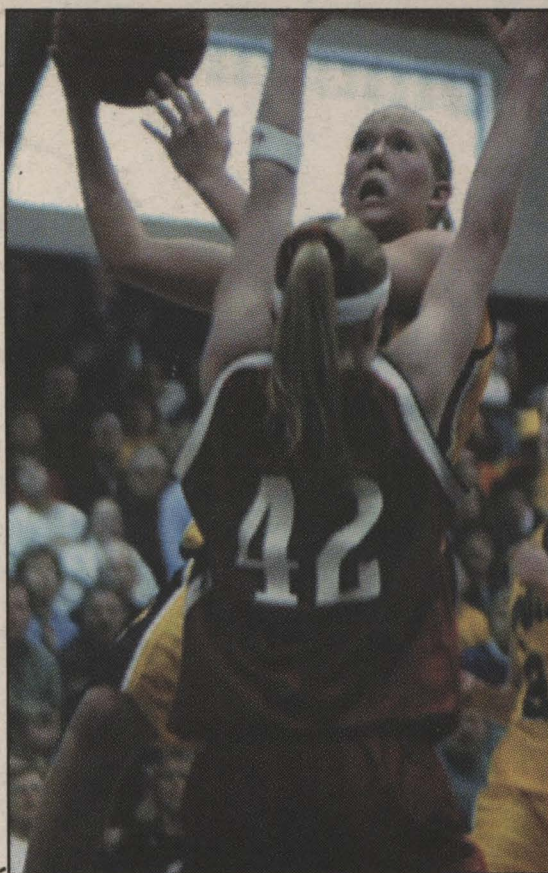


Photo by Patricia Larson

Sophomore Cassandra Schultz goes in for a lay-up against Ripon on Saturday. Schultz scored 16 points in the 84-66 Pointer victory.

away. It took us a good 26-28 minutes before we did pull away."

With the win, the Pointers advance to the Sweet 16 and host a tournament sectional for the second time in three years. "Being able to host sectionals is fantastic; we have worked very hard all season to put ourselves in this place-being the number 1 seed in the central region," said Coach Egner.

The Pointers will play 22-4 Washington, Mo. at 7 p.m. Friday night.

Senior on the Spot Cassandra Heuer - Basketball



Heuer

Career Highlights

- Winning the National Title in 2002
- Scoring 1000 points
- Being able to watch the team come together these last couple of games like no other team I have been a part of!

Major - Biology and Clinical Laboratory Science

Hometown - Two Rivers, Wis.

Nickname - "C-Rae" or "C"

What are your plans after graduation? - Get a job as a Med Tech, then back to school to work towards my Master's degree.

Do you plan on playing basketball after graduation? - Not so much. Probably non-competitively.

What is your favorite aspect of basketball? - Finding the ability and strength inside of yourself to step up to new challenges every day.

What is your most embarrassing moment? - Having a pudding race with (teammate) [Diane] Hawkins, and having the pudding shoot out of my nose.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Posh Spice...I like her husband.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - "The Darkness" and any kind of rap.

If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? - Spongebob Squarepants. I would go spend a wonderful day with him in Bikini Bottom catching jellyfish.

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

1. Jim Morrison
2. Plato
3. Chris Farley

What will you remember most about playing basketball at UWSP? - I will remember all of the people I have met because of basketball.

Do you have any words of wisdom for the underclassmen? - A glow worm is never glum... because, how can you be grumpy when the sun shines out of your bum?

The Pointer

1st Annual Bracket Buster Tournament

Are you good at picking NCAA winners? Do you like awesome prizes? Well, we have the contest for you. Introducing The Pointer first annual Bracket Buster Tournament. All you have to do is pick your winners, write them on the cut-out bracket, and drop your bracket off at the Pointer office (104 CAC) by no later than Thursday, March 18 at noon. Best yet, it's totally free. Fill it out, and you can't lose (even if you do lose, you don't owe any money). The results will be updated weekly until the national champion is crowned on April 5 in San Antonio.

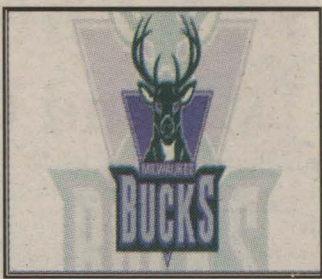
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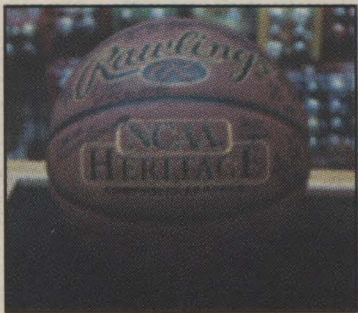
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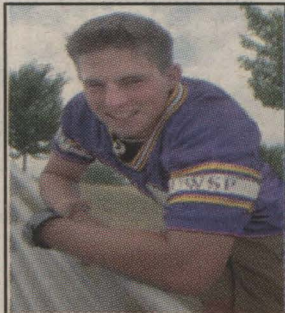
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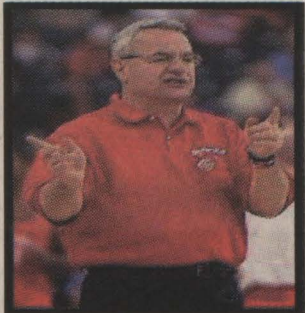
Pointer men's 2003-2004 team-signed NCAA basketball (Donated by Hoffman's Hobbies & the UWSP men's basketball team)

3RD PRIZE



Pointer legend Scott Krause autographed NCAA football (Donated by The Pointer sports department)

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Item autographed by UWSP legend Dick Bennett (Donated by the Washington State University athletic department)

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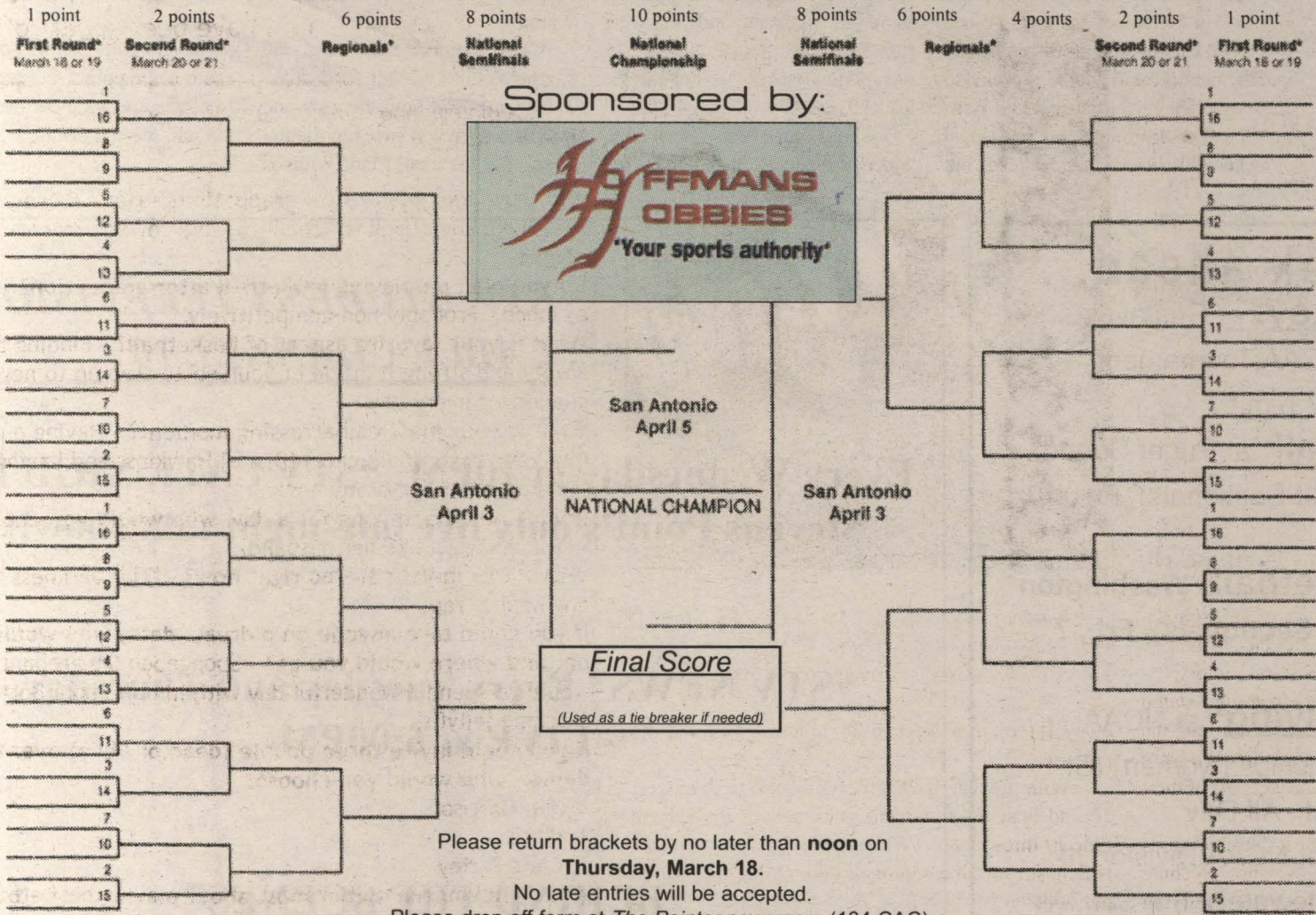


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THE BACK PAGE



The way I see it...Bubble teams, miracle shots and Cinderella's shoe—It's that time of year again

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It's almost tournament time. That wonderful time of the year when just about everyone becomes a college basketball fan—when the talk around the water cooler turns to seedings, rankings, who got left out and who shouldn't be there. When your uninformed wife/girlfriend/mother/little sister makes her picks based entirely on uniform color, school location, or how pretty the school name is, and somehow manages to win this year's pool, while those of us real ladies and gentlemen of sport have been studying every bounce of the ball for weeks barely manage to get one or two teams right in the Final Four.

That's the beauty of March Madness.

You have 64 teams basically starting a new season. Everyone's 0-0. You have the big guns of course: the Dukes, Stanfords, and Kentuckys. But, the real fun is trying to find the underdog, the team that comes out of nowhere to crash the party.

Gonzaga has filled this role nicely in recent years, coming out of the lowly West Coast Conference and messing up a highly ranked team's championship hopes. Who can forget Bryce Drew's last second three pointer to beat Ole Miss in 1998? I can't really put Gonzaga in that role this year, considering their #3 ranking and recent tourney success, they won't sneak up on anyone.

Then there was the unsung Wisconsin Badgers in 2000, in what would be Dick Bennett's final full season with the Badgers.

The 18-13 Badgers, behind the trademark Bennett defense and the hot shooting of guard Jon Bryant beat Fresno State, #1 seeded Arizona, and LSU before finally bowing out to eventual champion Michigan State in the semi-finals.

For you old-school readers, there was the late, great Al McGuire leading the Marquette Warriors to the 1977 national championship in his last game before retiring. The image of McGuire, in the middle of the post-game hoopla sitting by himself with his head in his hands is one of the more memorable images in NCAA tournament history.

This year my underdog team is St. Joseph's. I know they're undefeated and ranked #1 right now, but they still aren't getting any respect, and when you look at

their schedule and the fact they play in the Atlantic-10 conference, maybe rightly so. No one seems to really give them a shot in the NCAA tournament.

But, I think any team that goes undefeated shouldn't be underestimated, plus they're probably going to have one hell of a chip on their shoulder going into the tourney. If I was an opposing coach, those two factors make St. Joe's a team I would not want to see in my bracket.

Editor's Note: If you can't get enough NCAA basketball, look for The Pointer's annual regional preview in next week's paper.

-C.M.

Men and women track athletes garner twin finishes at conference

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Both the men and women's track and field teams finished third at the Conference meet last weekend, living up to their goals.

Last week men's coach Rick Witt commented that top three was his goal for the weekend, and that was right where the men ended. "I'm happy, but not happy," commented Witt, "you always want to win, but realistically we were where we should be and I'm happy with that."

UW-Lacrosse seemed untouchable as they claimed 210.5 points. UW-Whitewater emerged in second place with the Pointers capturing third.

"Whitewater deserved second place, they best who they had to beat. Plus they have a much older team and with more veterans you

will always have the advantage," said Witt.

The amount of young talent seemed to be the only thing plaguing the Pointers over the weekend. With nearly half of their 40 competitors underclassmen it is always difficult to do well if your first big meet. However, coach Witt does feel most of his athletes were successful. "In the Conference meet I judge success by whether or not the athletes equal or do better than their seeded place. If they do that, then they have performed well."

Most of the younger athletes did equal their performances, but few did better, keeping the Pointers in their third place position. "When those kids get older they can handle the pressure and will be expected to raise their performance," said Witt.

The team had no individual champions over the weekend, but

Andrew Schliepp took second in the 55-meter hurdles and Mitch Ellis finished second in the high jump. The Conference meet concluded the season for the team, but six athletes will move on to Nationals next weekend. "We competed well all season, I couldn't be happier with how we competed" said Witt, "I'm not satisfied, but we are where we need to be."

The women's team, who also took third place, felt good about the weekend as they were in contention for the title at many different points throughout the weekend. "I feel really good about it," said Coach Len Hill, "They kept a running score all weekend and we were right there, with four events go, we were only five points behind the leader."

Those four events managed to widen the gap to 38.5 points, but

still giving the Pointers a third place finish. This year's difference, however, was a drastic improvement from last year's third place finish, in which the Pointers were 96 points out of first and the team feels very good about that.

"Yes, it's a little disappointing, but we were in the hunt, we competed hard and the team did everything they could," said Hill. As the team season is coming to a close, Hill said he's excited for the outdoor season to begin. "In the outdoor season, the standards will be higher, but if everyone stays healthy and improves we could go into Conference with the idea of winning."

The National track meet will be held this weekend at UW-Whitewater and both the men and women's team will have representatives. For the men, Mark Wierzb

will compete in the weight throw, Matt Legal in the 800-meter run, Mark LeLonde and Curtis Johnson in the 5000-meter run, Andrew Schliepp in the 55-meter hurdles and Mitch Ellis qualified in the high jump, but will be unable to compete because he sprained his ankle last weekend.

On the women's side, Leah Herlache and Megan Craig will compete in the 1500-meter run, Marie Burrows in the 400-meter run, Jenna Mitchler in the 800-meter run and Julia Schlabosheski in the shot put. Herlache, Craig, Burrows and Mitchler will also be competing in the Distance Medley Relay.

Said Hill, "Our relay should score some points, but we're going to need some good performances to get into scoring position."

The Week ahead...

Women's Hockey: at Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) (NCAA Tournament Quarterfinals), Sat., 7 p.m.*

Men's Basketball: at Puget Sound (Wash.) (NCAA Div. III Sectionals), Fri., 10 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Washington (Mo.) (NCAA Div. III Sectionals), Fri., 7 p.m.*

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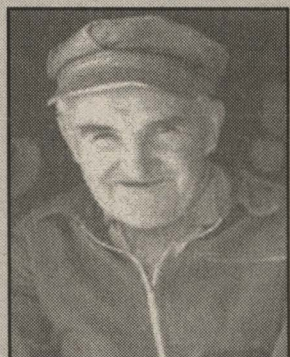
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Mr. Winters' two cents



Well them Badger basketball boys did alright this past weekend and now it's time for the Big Ten Tournament. I can't say the same for the hockey team.

This week I decided to take you all back to a little issue that confuses during winter time. We all need to keep warm in the winter. It is essential to the human body and there are several ways to stay warm. Whiskey, coffee, good company and drilling through three feet of ice with a hand auger are all good starts, but the supreme method for heating, even in this modern day and age, is a good, old-fashioned fire.

A burning log of timber is always a pleasant sight to an old fellow like myself but recently, I've been hearing about these natural gas fireplaces that folks have been putting in their sitting rooms. The label says the gas is natural, but that is a blatant lie. These damn scientists keep bumping nature out of the loop. How I loathe those test-tube mongering white-coats! What's next, cloning?

Now don't get me wrong, I do realize that natural gas and propane are excellent sources of fuel, but only in their suitable places. Gas heat is great for my little Mr. Heater when I'm ice fishing on a bitter-cold day and it works great on my stovetop when I'm fixing some porridge in the morning. Hey, I'll even give gas credit for heating my bathwater every Sunday and for moving the pistons on my Buick. But in the fireplace? That is just going too far.

Buying a gas fireplace, to me, is equal to selling your soul to the devil. Not only are their heating capacities inferior, but they lack the essential wood burning smell, sound and taste. They also lack effort on the part of the fire-keep and offer no sense of pride, as does a wood-burner. There is no way that an imposter fire rolling on charred cement "logs" can even play in the same arena as a natural wood fire that has been tended to perfection. I even heard that they have remote controls for these things. Christ, can you get anymore lazy?

Back in the day, ladies used to think quite a lot of a nice timber inferno, but what are these gas fire charlatans doing to mankind's greatest symbol of providation? These modernist rascals are ruining the notion of an old-fashion bonfire, and nobody even cares. If any of you female readers have been fooled into thinking the romance is in the gas, maybe next time, you'll know to pass. I know my wife wouldn't stand for it. So before you cuddle up next to that counterfeit spark of propane passion, stop, think what your grandparents would say, break up with the flatulent sissy, and then "Go on and Geeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

Plant a garden this spring

Hints, tips and general rules of (green) thumb

By: Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

No meal tastes better than a nice venison steak, or a deep-fryer filled with fish that has been captured and killed by yourself. Something about that "self subsistence" feeling just makes things taste a little sweeter than the store-bought variety. While a lot of outdoorsmen find this to be the case with the meat in their lives, many don't realize or take the time to produce their own vegetables as well.

The process of subsistence shouldn't stop with the meat. Gardens may be rather dull in comparison to hunting and fishing, but with a little hard work, planning and thought, they can be just as productive come summer's end.

Planting season may be a month or two away, but getting a garden started takes time. Gaining supplies, seed and preparation are all things that need to be done before the snow melts and the thaw comes.

The first issue to discuss is that of location. Depending on your summer residency, the location of your garden may be severely limited. College housing, as you may know, does not always offer a lush backyard for you to do with what you please. Your garden will need adequate space for the plants you want to grow and it will also need to be in a place with plenty of sunlight. Avoid the south side of a building, if at all possible. If a parking lot is your yard, then you might want to collaborate with a friend on this project.

Once the location is secured, the next step is getting the necessary supplies. Mainly, this will include an irrigation system, with either a hose or a simple watering can. Without water, the garden will not succeed.

You'll probably want some kind of hoe to till up the ground prior to planting. A hoe can be made out of pretty much anything sturdy. Another sturdy object should be your fencing. Every town has a critter or two that would love

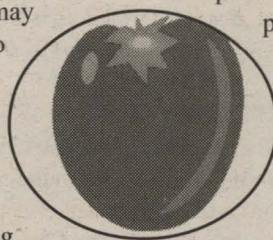
to feast on fresh garden produce. For Stevens Point, it is rabbits. Those furry creatures might seem harmless, but they are really demons on the inside. The fence should completely encompass the garden and be at least a foot and a half tall and six inches deep beneath the ground. This should prevent leaping and digging attempts.

Once spring finally comes, the final step of selecting your plants comes around. For a first time gardener, low maintenance, hardy plants are the best bet. Cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and rhubarb are all great starting points. These plants can take a licking and keep on ticking, plus, they taste great. They don't need any special soil, but it wouldn't hurt to go out and buy a couple bags of good black dirt before planting.

If you are starting from seeds, it is a good idea to thoroughly read the instructions for planting times and watering schedules. Each type of plant is different and needs individual attention. This is why you should organize your garden by similar species. Another option is buying pre-germinated plants from a green house. You'll get a small head start and a better chance of success, although it will cost you more.

Once the garden is in the ground, regular maintenance is required in order to further development. Watering, weeding and sporadic fertilizing are essential to keeping your garden healthy and happy. A happy garden is more likely to provide you with tasty things come harvest season. Make sure the fence is holding up to unwanted intruders.

To be completely honest, gardening is a tough business. The last two summers, my garden has been sub par, for the most part, but that was before I got informed. By taking these basic steps in the right direction, you can be a god of the vegetable world. Trust me, a handful of fresh peppers from the garden are all the reward you will need to become green-thumbbed believers. Good luck and good planting.



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A program that explores the legacy of comets, will be shown for the last time, this Sunday, March 14.

The presentation will study the history and scientific significance of comets that are balls of ice, gas and dust. It will include information about meteor showers, the discovery of the Comet Hale-Bopp, Halley's Comet, and an extraordinary event, the comet smashing into Jupiter in 1994.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. and will last about one hour.

March anglers face a tough choice between late ice and open water

By Adam M.T.H. Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Late winter is a strange time of year for fishing. Come March, many die-hard fishermen stow the ice-fishing bucket in the attic for next year, citing irritability and sickness of staring down a black, dismal hole. Thoughts of open water fishing and reefing on the old cane-pole come rushing back into our heads with the slightly warmer weather.

The truth of the matter is, late winter is a good time to get a taste of open water for those wearied by the unending ice, but it is still a great time to go out jigging for panfish.

Actually, late ice is one of the best times of year for panfishing. After all the time and effort put into ice fishing throughout the winter, it is a sweet payoff. The fish seem to reward those who put in the most time and stick it out to the end, as it should be. As the weather warms and the icepack starts to thin up a little, the crappies and bluegills seem to awaken for one last bonanza of below-ice feeding.

While the fishing will only get better on the ice as the melt starts, the temptation to see the season to the end often gets in the way of clear judgment. Melting ice can often turn erratic, leaving gaping holes and soft spots for fishermen to fall into. Remember to be careful out there and keep an eye out for others. One day is all it takes for ice to go from walkable to downright dangerous.

Late ice fishing is a great opportunity to fill the freezer with future dinners; however, I'll be the first to admit an obnoxious desire to get out the big stick and hit open water this time of year. The water is still pretty cold below the dams and in the current where the open water dwells. This means that the fish will be holding in the deeper pockets until further notice. If you have access to a boat, this is a good time to break her out of winter storage and get out there. Most deep areas of open water on the river are producing medium walleye action. Look no further than the packed parking lots as evidence. If you are going out in a boat, make sure to go with a friend or at least bring a floatation device. In the freak event of an overboard passenger, the cold water won't take long to freeze you up.

The only thing better than late winter/early spring fishing is the spring spawning run that follows soon after. In order to make sure that you are ready for both, just make sure to get out there and practice. There is no better remedy for getting the winter kinks out.

DNR proposes an extended deer hunting season for '05

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Last Sunday I spent my day shooting bow at a local 3D course with a couple of friends. After shooting we went to the clubhouse to grab some food, and talk about how many arrows we lost in the snow. When we sat down to eat I glanced over at a stack of papers on our table and began reading what it had to say.

In a nutshell it stated that the DNR is proposing a 23 day hunting season to eliminate the Zone T and earn-a-buck (EAB) seasons. Near the bottom it asked if I was in favor of the DNR proposal. I instantly checked the "No" column and urged my friends to do the same thing.

Some features of a 23 day season state that the regular gun season would start on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and extend into the second Sunday in December.

Hunters will be allowed to use rifles, archery gear, muzzleloaders and shotguns during the gun deer season.

The late muzzleloader season would be completely eliminated, and be incorporated into the regular gun season.

After purchasing a license, hunters will receive one choice tag, and one antlerless tag, eliminating the need to apply for hunter's choice. Hunters will still be able to apply for bonus tags in units where tags are available.

This is not the first time the DNR has proposed a longer hunting season. In 2002 the DNR tried to implement a 16 day season but it was brought down by the Conservation Congress.

In 2003 they proposed the 23 day hunting season which was brought on by the chronic-waste fiasco, and yet again it was put to a close. Each time this proposal is brought to the table the Conservation Congress steps in to eliminate the possibility of a longer season. In 2003 Steven Oestreicher, chair-



New proposals would extend the gun season to 23 days in 2005.

man of the congress, simply said "we don't need it. The DNR has got to listen to landowners and people who spend a lot of time in the woods. They have been saying that there just isn't as many deer out there as the DNR say."

It seems now that Oestreicher has a different view on the extended season. "This framework has never been offered before, and it goes a long way toward addressing hunters' current concerns while still providing for the additional antlerless harvest that the DNR wants," Oestreicher said. "I honestly believe this one has a good chance"

Since it is too late in the year to implement the 23 day season for next fall, the proposal would not take effect until the fall 2005. The advisory question will be brought to the spring hearing on April 12 this year. This should allow hunters plenty of time to voice their opinions on the proposal.

New environmental ethics endowment established

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

An endowment of \$10,000 has recently been contributed to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to benefit the environmental ethics program in the department of philosophy.

The Environmental Ethics Endowment was created back in August, 2003 by Michael Nelson, associate professor of philosophy and natural resources. The minimum requirement for the endowment is set at \$10,000, and currently \$13,000 has been raised.

The fund is designed to allow students and faculty greater opportunities to gain experience through events such as field trips, conferences, library resources and professional training.

Contributors of the endowment are Dr. Richard L. and Louise Varco of Half Moon Bay, British Columbia. Dr. Varco is considered to be one of the world's leading cardiac surgeons, who devoted much of his career to the University of Minnesota, and partnered with the pioneers of cardiac research. The Varco's have a granddaughter, Heather Varco, who studied environmental ethics and graduated in 1996 from UWSP.

"Dr. Varco's contribution is such a wonderful thing," said Holly Voll development specialist for

the College of Letters and Science. "It will allow students and faculty to participate in more field trips, and really get a chance to dig into the conservation community."

Voll explained that only a short time after the endowment was established it received a \$500 contribution from Dr. Varco. More recently Dr. Varco contributed the \$10,000. "I guess he felt that his money was needed after the many thank you letters regarding the first \$500," said Voll. "It gives them a chance to help a cause that they champion for."

The very first course in environmental ethics was actually taught on the UWSP campus by philosopher J. Baird Callicott in 1971. When the world began to confront environmental problems, philosophers envisioned an academic interest with concerns for the environment. Since then, the study of environmental ethics has grown to be a highly respected field throughout the world. Principals of the program are firmly rooted in the philosophies of Aldo Leopold, who influenced the way we look at our own environment. If you are interested in learning more about studying environmental ethics you can check out the website at www.uwsp.edu/philosophy/environmental.asp

Quote of the week.

"It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day, is always exactly what fits in the newspaper."

-Jerry Seinfeld



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Don't fear the subtitles

The newly-formed UWSP Student Art League is bringing movies from overseas to you, free of charge, and they need your support.

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Sunday, March 14 will serve as the inaugural date for a brand new series of foreign film showings coming to Point, sponsored by the UWSP Student Art League (SAL).

Joseph Quinnell, leader of the foreign film project, has secured funds through the Student Government Association (SGA) to run three films this spring as a trial run. If the free showings are well-attended, SGA will consider funding the SAL for more regular showings next year.

The first three films on the schedule are *Amelie*, *Run Lola Run* and *Chungking Express*.

"I picked *Amelie* for the first film on purpose because it's a little more accessible," said Quinnell during a phone interview. "Hopefully this will show students not to be afraid of subtitles."

Most of the money that

the SAL requires for the showings will be put toward renting the films, which can get pricey according to Quinnell.

"A few of these are fairly rare and can be expensive to obtain," he explained.

The first showing, *Amelie*, is a French film exploring the life of a young woman and her perception on life and the people surrounding her, and will run on Sunday, March 14.

Run Lola Run is a German flick directed by Tom Tykwer, and follows a young woman around on her quest to bail her boyfriend out of a compromising situation involving missing money and a threatening gangster, and will show on Sunday, April 4.

Both *Amelie* and *Run Lola Run* obtained "cult classic" status after their releases in 2001 and 1999, respectively.

Chungking Express shows on Sunday, April 25. A 1996 film from Hong Kong, *Chungking* contains a nonconventional plot that follows two cops around, detailing their mundane habits and observations on life.

Each film will be shown in room A206 in the Fine Arts Center and will show at 2, 5 and 8 p.m. Attendance is free.



movie review:

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

By now it seems that Hollywood is on a mission to remake every popular TV show in history for the big screen. Most, unfortunately, have been abysmal. *Starsky and Hutch*, the updating of the popular 70s cop show, is not one of them. Directed by Todd Phillips, the comic genius behind *Road Trip* and *Old School*, *Starsky and Hutch* doesn't pretend to do anything but entertain and takes advantage of its key asset, the comedic chemistry between Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson.

Dave Starsky (Stiller) is the son of a cop and totally by the book, the type of cop who instigates a firefight in public to rescue an old lady's purse. Ken Hutchinson (Wilson) is a "what, me worry?" type with somewhat lax ethics (among other things, he's not above stealing money from dead bodies). Naturally, the two opposites are made partners and are soon on the trail of Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn), a white collar drug dealer about to market his untraceable brand of cocaine (dubbed "New Coke"). Starsky and Hutch must take down this untouchable crook with their usual gang of allies, including streetwise informant Huggy Bear (Snoop Dogg).

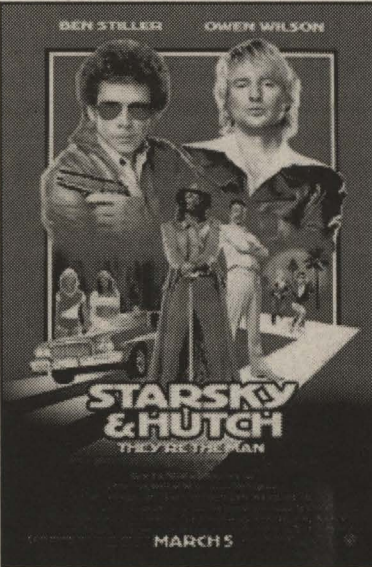
The plot really isn't that important, as it's just a framing device for gags, one liners and plenty of shots at the 70's (thankfully, the movie keeps the 70's as its setting and doesn't try to "update" it to the present). Numerous in-jokes abound, from the duo cruising on motorcycles in full Easy Rider attire to Wilson crooning "Don't Give Up On Us Baby," a No. 1 hit in 1977 sung by original

Starsky and Hutch



Hutch David Soul. The PG-13 rating does force Phillips to tone down his raunchier instincts, but he does manage to sneak in a girl/girl kiss between cheerleaders Carmen Electra and Amy Smart and a what-the hell scene where Starsky and Hutch interview another cheerleader who strips right in front of them.

This is Stiller and Wilson's sixth pairing together and by now they've become an ace comedic team. Wilson's laid back coolness is the perfect foil for Stiller's anal-retentive persona and the two are in top form here (Stiller even gets to redo one of his top bits from his acclaimed but short lived TV show). The great supporting cast includes a perfectly cast Snoop Dogg (he gets even more laughs than the leads) and *Old School* grad Vaughn as a ruthless criminal whose also going nuts planning his daughter's Bar Mitzvah. As an added treat, Will Farrell, another *Old School* vet, shows up in a scene-stealing uncredited turn as a convict with some really bizarre fetishes (one of which Starsky and Hutch must



act out to get vital information, unaware they're being videotaped).

After so many disastrous TV show adaptations, it's good to see one that finally gets it right. *Starsky and Hutch* manages to please both fans of the show and regular movie-goers and provides a steady stream of laughs. And in perhaps the best scene, Soul and original Starsky Paul Michael Glazer make an appearance to pass the torch. You can be sure that with Stiller and Wilson, it's in good hands.

Starsky and Hutch received ☆☆☆ / Four stars

Events Calendar

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Thursday, March 11

**ElphLettuce @ Deuces Wild
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Friday, March 12

**Burnt Toast and Jam @ The Witz End
9:30 p.m., \$7 (21+)**

Friday, March 12

**Lost in Translation
showing in 073 DeBot @ 7 and 9:30 p.m.
Free w/student ID, \$3 without ID**

Saturday, March 13

**Dick Smith @ The Mission Coffee House
8 p.m., \$4 for students, \$6 non-students
(21+)**

Saturday, March 13

**Irene's Garden @ The Witz End
9 p.m., \$7 (21+)**

Sunday, March 14

**"The End," featuring
Moogie (4 p.m.),
Maggie & the Molecules (5:30 p.m.)
and Sloppy Joe (7:30) @ The Witz End
\$5 cover (21+)**



Headphones, headphones everywhere

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

The sight of students jamming out on the way to class is becoming more evident every day. A 10-minute walk to class is seemingly halved when your favorite tunes are being force-fed directly into your eardrums.

There are so many different kinds of headphones (let alone media choices: Discman, Walkman, MP3 players and iPods) that it's best to consider your needs before wearing aviation earmuffs around campus.

Earmuff (aka DJ headphones)

Pros: Earmuff style headphones will undoubtedly block any extraneous noise more successfully than any other type in existence. Because they cover your entire ear, less noise escapes allowing the goodness of the tunes to take you to class and drown out those keeping you from studying. This style also doubles as ear warmers during winter. Generally this



style is among the better types of headphones in terms of sound.

Cons: They're bulkier, so on-campus wear and class-to-class transport can be difficult at times. Because this style is generally higher in quality, expect to pay a few extra bucks. Prices range from \$30 to upwards of \$500. Finally, these can be difficult to wear with hats.

Old-school, traditional

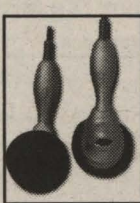
Pros: where it all began, baby. Everyone's worn a pair of classic, old-school headphones. They're small, lightweight and usually durable, as long as you're not alligator wrestling while wearing them. This style is much more economical than the earmuff variety, but you get what you pay for.

Cons: Cheaper isn't always better. Sound varies heavily from model to model, as does durability. It's easy to go through a few pairs of traditional headphones in a semester just because of everyday use.

Ear bud headphones

Pros: Compactness. You can't beat these for size. Run the

cord up your sleeve and enjoy your favorite CD during a lame lecture.



Cons: Thanks to my Vulcan descent, I can never get the earpieces to stay in my ears. Sound quality is also hit and miss depending on price and brand. For me, they're not worth the hassle.

Street-style (aka Behind-the-head) headphones

Pros: Easy to wear with hats. They're a modernized version of the traditional headphone style. I was reluctant to try these out, but they've grown on me.

Cons: After being so used to having headphones come over the top of my head, it took me awhile to get used to wearing them to the back. Otherwise, I was pleasantly surprised with this style.

If none of these appeal to you, that's fine; just don't make fun of those people sporting them and dancing their way to class.



jackie's fridge

by bj hiorns



tonja steele

by joey hetzel



JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Q: What do you call Darius Rucker laying down in the middle of the Colorado River?

A: The Hootie Dam

Submit a joke o' the week via Electronic M. amell889@uwsp.edu

Your college survival guide: The Eye of the beholder.

By: THE PAT ROTHFUSS CONSORTIUM

With help from The Mission Coffee House
Like ramen on Ramadan.

Dear Pat,

Last Friday I was going to class with my friend Jenn (she says hi, by the way) when we saw a guy coming out of the UC. He looked like [description omitted].

Jenn pointed to him said, "I think that's Pat Rothfuss."

I was pretty sure it wasn't you. I've been reading your column for years, and this guy didn't look like I think of you. I always thought you'd be more like [description omitted].

We were going to go up to the guy and ask him who he was, but it seemed a little too freaky. So I guess I just want to know. Were you coming out of the UC around 10:00 on Friday? If not, what DO you look like?

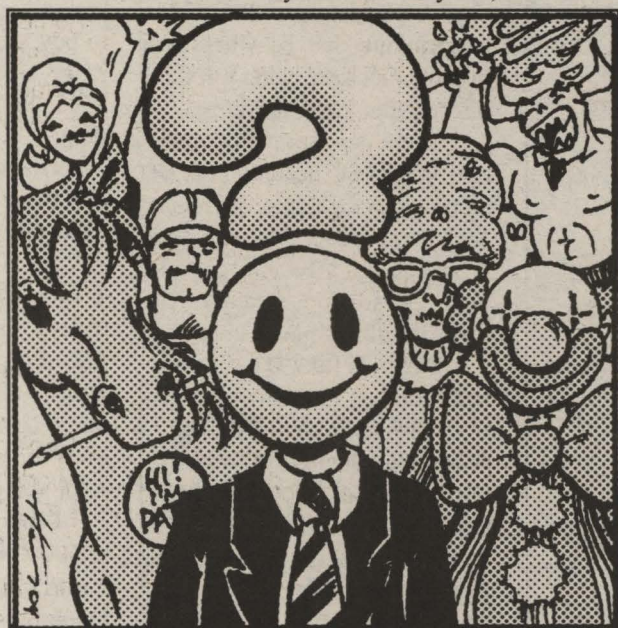
Kinda a fan,
Shelly

Well, gee Shelly. It's always nice to hear from someone who's kinda a fan. Yup. That sure strokes the old ego.

To answer your first question Shelly, I have no idea where I was last Friday. I do remember going to some sort of party on Thursday night, but then things are blurry up until Sunday afternoon, when I woke up at the Chicago Hilton dressed as a cowboy. My wallet was gone, but I did have almost \$800 in cash that I didn't start the weekend with, so I'm counting it as a positive experience overall.

So, yeah. I could have been outside the UC on Friday. Was the guy you saw wearing a cowboy hat and chaps?

As for your second question, I've always kept my appearance a closely guarded secret. Not everyone appreciates my brand of humor and I'm always concerned that some kinda fan and her friend Jenn (Hi Jen) might run up to me like the bloodthirsty Bacchae they are, tear me to



bloody bits, and throw my body into the river.

But you're not the first person to have formed a strong pre-conceived notion of what I look like. As a matter of fact I've been introduced to several people in the last year only to have them look me over and say, "You're Pat Rothfuss?" As if my appearance somehow disappointed them. I've always wondered to what the hell everyone

thinks I'm supposed to look like.

So let's have a contest. Sharpen up your pencils and pull out your thesaurus, kids, it's "The Eye of the Beholder" contest. All you have to do is send in a brief description of what I you think I look like. Something like this:

I imagine Pat Rothfuss as short, with well-muscled shoulders and unnaturally white, pointed teeth. He smells like peppermint and sweet, sweet methadone. He wears crude clothes sewn from bearhide and the skins of his defeated enemies. When he looks at you, it's like he's undressing you with his eyes, then re-dressing you as a clown, then undressing you again, but more slowly this time, sensually.

The best descriptions will be printed in the survival guide and awarded fabulous prizes along with the vast envy of their peers. This contest is open to everyone. Winners will be chosen based primarily on how much the description amuses me. That means you don't have to be correct about my appearance to win. It also means that if you actually know what I look like, you can still send in an entry.

Send in your entries to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu and remember folks, try to keep them short. Shoot for 60 words or so.

If you're a rocker, and you're looking to rock out, this Friday at the Mission Coffee House is the place to be. Ivan Okay will be there, y'know, rocking. And stuff. \$5.

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