Job market improved from last year but seniors face competition from 2003 grads

By Adam Somers
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With graduation approaching for most seniors at UWSP, many will now have to worry about their next step in life by entering the job market. In the past this has not necessarily been an easy task for graduates.

About 35% of 2003 graduates are still looking for employment. Also, about 50% of last year’s graduates are still living at home with their parents, according to MonsterTRAK, the leading global online careers site.

The good news for the class of 2004 is that the hiring of graduates is up from a year ago. According to the National Association of College and Employers, the hiring of new graduates is up 11.2% from last year; however, the competition will not be any easier. Not only will 2004 graduates have to compete amongst themselves, they will also have to compete with the 35% of 2003 graduates looking for employment, as well as MBAs and other graduate students who took the option of staying in school due to the weak job market.

This hiring increase does not seem to play a factor because of this competition, though. There are also some other factors graduates have to look at. Many places are downsizing or are just not offering employment.

Most employers will also tend to look at people with more experience rather than graduates with little or no experience. “Sometimes we are competing against people who have 5-8 years of experience,” said graduating senior Craig Mandli.

Experience plays an important role in finding employment upon graduation. Having relevant work experience or acquiring an internship can help students immensely in finding employment. The common notion among career services directors across the country is that a student with a “B” average and an internship is better off than a student with an “A” average without an internship.

Mandli, who plans on going into the magazine editorial field, had an internship with a public relations company last summer. “I don’t know where I would be if I didn’t have that experience out there,” said Mandli. He added, “...other places see that experience on your resume, and it puts you way ahead of someone who has next to no experience coming out of college.” It is also important to get involved early as an underclassman.

Mandli commented that if you try to get involved as a senior, it is not going to help you. “If they can get in on the ground floor (i.e. when they... see Senior job market, page 11

Mopeds providing students economic alternative to driving

Rising gas prices have students turning to other form of vehicular transportation

By Steve Garvoille
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

With gas prices continuing to rise, mopeds are becoming a hit among college students as a fast and affordable way to get from one place to another.

But with this fun and excitement comes the responsibility of the driver to know and follow all traffic laws that apply to mopeds. Generally anyone with a driver’s license may operate a moped.

Moped rules of the road

“The same rules of the road that apply to automobiles apply to mopeds,” said Bill Rowe, director of Protective Services.

Although the rules may be the same, drivers are still unaware of all the rules that pertain to moped use.

“I know many of the laws and regulations, but I would say I am not fully aware of all of them,” said Jason Mangin, college student and moped owner. “I have learned through trial and error and through other people’s use.”

As tempting as it may be to give your friend a ride to class, rules are rules, and if caught you must pay for the consequences. Rowe said that a moped is intended for only one rider and may not carry a passenger under Wisconsin Statute 346.595, although no fine is listed.

As convenient as it can be to take a moped on the sidewalk to cut through campus, moped owners must take the long way around.

“Mopeds are licensed vehicles that can be driven on the street only, not sidewalks, highways or interstates,” Rowe said.

On roads where the speed limit is 25 mph, two mopeds may operate side-by-side if both riders agree. Also on roads with two or more lanes in each direction, mopeds must operate in the right lane except when turning left.

“So before hopping on a moped, riders should understand... see Mopeds use, page 11
Although unlikely to happen, congress considering return of draft

By John T. Larson

With the strong possibility of a large portion of the U.S. military being tied down in the Middle East for an undetermined amount of time, several members of congress have begun to discuss the possibility of resurrecting the draft.

Congress has authorized the use of a draft to fill positions in the military during times of war in the past, but has not done so since the U.S. armed forces went to an all-volunteer force in the 1970s.

With the possibility of a long term conflict and a concern about a lack of civic responsibility amongst citizens and their colleagues, some members of the house and senate have begun to call for the return of this institution.

In January 2003 Rep. Charles Rangel [D-NY] introduced the Universal National Service Act of 2003 to committee that would have called for the induction of men and women ages 18 to 26 selected by draft to serve a term in the military.

Although the bill has yet to come out of committee, the call for draft was issued again recently by Sen. Chuck Hagel [R-Neb]. Rep. Rangel and Sen. Hagel have both served in the military, and have grown concerned about the use of force authorized by a congress where many members have not served.

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Unlike previous drafts, there would be little room for student deferments other than being allowed to complete a semester in progress, but there is a laundry list of possible exceptions that might disqualify someone from the draft.

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Although there hasn’t been a draft in decades, the system would be able to get up and running in a short matter of time, as all men in the U.S. must register for the Selective Service upon reaching the age of 18. "The purpose of this is to have the system in place and registration lists needed if a draft was adopted again," said Miller. With this list already available, it would simply be a matter of congress passing a bill for the president to sign into law for the draft to be restarted.

Students who have thoughts about the possible return of the draft should be reassured of the notion that some high ranking officers within the military are unlikely to be warm to the idea of a draft, as the all-volunteer military has higher moral and greater technical knowledge than an army that could be staffed in part by sullen draftees. "I bet a lot of officers would be little room for students to be drafted," said Miller. With this draft and national service would also be little room for students to be drafted.

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Lucky's Pub open for business

By Tony Romano

Hans Hartleben, 28 year-old bar owner and Lola native; used the space that was once occupied by Joe Mama's eatery in downtown Stevens Point to open the new beer bar named Lucky's Pub.

The once popular beer bars have taken a back seat to the crowds.

The expanded and fully renovated Irish style pub includes a glowing copper bar top and authentic antique beer barrels. "I wanted to provide an atmosphere of an old-school Irish pub," Hartleben said.

The bar serves a vast array of beers from local, national and international distributors as well as a full selection of malt liquors like Smirnoff Ice and Mike's Hard Lemonade.

"Lucky's has a wide selection of dark, amber, and seasonal beers," Hartleben said. "We have a lot of domestics and imports." Hartleben also boasts of free pretzels and peanuts as well as various nightly specials.

Lucky's wants to attract a wide variety of people with the old-school Irish atmosphere. "We are looking forward to serving everyone from business professionals to the weekend college crowd," Hartleben said. "I would also like to establish a solid daytime clientele."

Hartleben also urges people to experience the whole square and surrounding establishments. He says that the bars on the square work together to bring in the crowds.

Hartleben, who also owns AutoPoint Used Cars of America, says the keys to success are fine service provided by a great staff, a friendly atmosphere and good accounting practices.

"I like providing friendly service where I can develop relationships with people," Hartleben said. "I like having fun and reaching people's needs whether it is at AutoPoint or Lucky's Pub."
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"What's Funny about Climate Change?" gives a global outlook into our misconception of ozone depletion

By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

"What's Funny about Climate Change?" presented on the UWSP campus Tuesday evening in the Encore, takes a firm look at the issue of global warming. Presented by Human Nature, an environmental tour group originating from California, "What's Funny About Climate Change?" introduces us to the lives of many governmental, political and corporate tycoons that see greenhouse gas emissions as purely an issue needing no further regard or research. Presented by comedians Jane Lapiner, David Simpson and Joyful Simpson, this performance gave insight into a subject that is given little consideration at all too frequently misunderstood and given little consideration at the national level.

The performance began by performer Joyful Simpson simply asking, "What is really funny about climate change?"

In answering her own question, Simpson noted that it is these great civilizations that we have created to meet our ever-growing needs and desires that, in turn, have damaged nature.

The play is seen through the eyes of a common raven, watching carefully from above each action that man takes to destroy and further relinquish nature to environmental degradation. The performance, played by Joyful Simpson, pulled the entire piece together by examining each aspect of global warming.

Through the performance, several well-known governmental administrators were portrayed. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's position on global warming, played by Lapiner, said, "What policy?" Rather than focusing on the issue of increasing carbon dioxide emissions, the government has turned all of its time and energy into national security since the attacks of September 11.

The issue of global warming comes on the wings of ignorance. As David Simpson said, "You don't smell it, hear it, see it or feel it." In the absence of all of the senses, also exists the absence of understanding. In order for truth to be accepted on this front "we must be the spirit of change.

In combating this issue, Simpson, Lapiner and Simpson mentioned several solutions. Reduce, reuse, recycle, replace and rethink was chanted among the performers at the forefront of this movement.

The importance of rethinking was particularly emphasized, for it takes each individual to think critically about their own actions for change to truly take place. More often than not, the solutions that the government tends to offer only mask the true issue of ozone depletion and in the end only further contribute to the crisis.

An open discussion followed the event for those that attended to share their thoughts while the performers addressed any additional concerns about global warming.

"What's Funny about Climate Change?" was a collaborative program sponsored by Centertainment, Environmental Council, Roots and Shoots, Residential Living, Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association, Student Government Association, Environmental Ethics and American Water Resources Association.

A journey to the state summer games

Special Olympics Wisconsin - your calling to get involved this summer

With over 9,000 athletes, SOW is continually looking for volunteers to help in organizing and implementing such a rewarding experience for all participants.

As Heather Zoelke, a sophomore at UWSP who has previously volunteered with Special Olympics said, "Volunteering is a very rewarding experience especially in seeing how happy the children are to participate. Seeing their smiles makes it more than worth it."

Those looking to volunteer, or for additional information on SOW, can check out their website at http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org.

This is a great opportunity to not only get more involved in your community, but to also make a difference in the lives of so many children through helping each a well-recognized organization. It is volunteers that simply make Special Olympics of Wisconsin what they are today.
Capturing the essence of reality television

By Vim Shanmugam

Creating a television program can be daunting. Creating a television show that not only holds the viewer's attention but also bears the hallmarks of a reality TV show can be an even greater challenge. Lemoine, 21, a University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point junior created his own Reality TV show called "Behind the Scenes" for the campus student television station, STV. And he did it all by himself.

"I didn't have a working crew," Lemoine said. "I shot and edited the whole documentary on my own.

The first season of Lemoine's documentary, which debuted early this year, followed the student television (STV) team as they did their work "behind the scenes." The second season, which is currently airing, follows the "The Pointer staff as they work week by week to produce the campus paper in an often hectic and high-energy environment.

"I came up with the vision for the show last fall. He said that he was inspired by a documentary class he took and the reality television phenomenon that has gripped the nation. I wanted to make a documentary, but the producer in me knew that billling the show as a reality program would appeal to the wider audience." Lemoine said. The show has elements of both documentary and reality television but Lemoine carefully avoided the sensationalism and exploitation that often characterizes other reality television programs.

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Lemoine received academic credit for the second season of the show. The main reward he got was simply seeing his vision fulfilled. "I was looking to set a goal and reaching it was tremendous for me even if no one else liked the show," Lemoine said.

Lemoine believes that the show could appeal to a wider audience. "I wanted to make documentaries, but the producer in me knew that billing the show as a reality program would appeal to the wider audience," Lemoine said. The show has elements of both documentary and reality television but Lemoine carefully avoided the sensationalism and exploitation that often characterizes other reality television programs.

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All great things must come to an end

By Geoff Fyle

Final thoughts from a departing yet still cranky student

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Well, the time has come; as comes to all students. After years of toiling over school work, struggling during classes and stressing over finals, the end has come. After four long years, graduation looms for yours truly.

Yes, folks, that time has come. Come May 16 I'll be making my way down the runway in a long bathrobe and cap and accepting the diploma I've waiting four years to achieve. (Well, actually waiting 1.5 years for getting the actual diploma until sometime in June, but you get the idea.) After that, it's all over. My college career will be complete. And I'll have only one thing to say. It hit %%%$%%! I can't be graduating! I just got here! Seriously, where did the time go? It seemed like just yesterday that I was suffering through orientation in the summer of 2000. Back then I was your typical nervous freshman; unsure about being on my own, worrying about classes and room arrangements and trying to find my way around campus. It seemed like it was only yesterday...

...And whoa! Look what happened since then! Week's all but crumpled up. What of that long bathrobe and cap? The boxy white outing that I had to wear...it was so full of promises. That vision of me walking down the graduation aisle, waving to my family, the world ahead of me, and the bag of freedom that was to be mine was so full of promise. The last vestiges of childhood are gone. "School's out for summer," as Alice Cooper so memorably said only this time, it's out for good (unless you want to go to graduate school, which will put your bank account even more into the red). Reality's now staring into you face. Hope he looks pleasant, because you can't run from him. He's tenacious and he's okay, I can take it. I've known the end was coming, but tried not to pay attention (not that I had time to do so even if I wanted to). The time has come and I'm ready for it. It's time to say goodbye to school and hello to the workforce. I've spent 16 of my 22 years on Earth getting schooled, now it's time to see if I actually learned anything useful. Yep, school's out and the work force beckons. Now comes the time to be an underpaid, harried reporter struggling to get ahead. Granted, I know I am luckier than most graduates, seeing as I have no debts to pay off and have some money waiting for me (trust fund baby, that's me). Still, things aren't going to be without adversity.

Well, that's it. My last rant is complete. I just wish to say farewell and thank you to everyone who read my work and especially to those who responded (even the Fine Arts students who wanted to Lynch me for trashing the theater or wish sweet death upon it). The lobby of each residence hall will come. Be warned (cue creepy laughter and music).

You can get involved by locating the gray cart and contributing any unnecessary items to it. The lobby of each residence hall will have a cart such as this located there. Items that Goodwill campaign hits the residence halls

By Maria Lewis

FEATURES REPORTER

The Goodwill Campaign is currently in progress in the Residence Halls. Beginning this week, students can get rid of unwanted stuff that they would rather not bring home in addition to helping out a great charity. Last year, after the completion of the Goodwill charity event, the director of Goodwill Industries contacted UWS attacking our university for our efforts to help others in need. UWS's role in this effort prompted Goodwill to implement other programs throughout the state using our campus as a model campus.

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Pointers hit home stretch with Whitewater split

By Steve Roeland

As positioning for the WIAC baseball tournament had begun to take shape, the Pointer baseball team looked to stop the tear that the UW-Whitewater Warhawks had been on in last weekend's two doubleheaders. Naturally ranked UW-Whitewater went into the weekend with a 14-game winning streak and sole possession of the top spot in the WIAC. In four tightly contested games, the Pointers and Warhawks pulled out two wins each, setting the stage for a competitive conference tournament.

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In game one on Saturday, terrific pitching set the tone for the weekend. The Warhawks held UWSP to two hits in the game, and neither team scored in nine innings of play. UW-Whitewater salvaged a win in the bottom of the 10th to steal a win from UWSP with a score of 1-0 in 10 innings. Jake Frombach led off game one with a single, but Nate Richter was the only other Pointer to collect a hit. In the bottom of the 10th, Matt Polomis carried a 21-game hitting streak into Saturday, but had it snapped with his 0-for-4 performance in the first game of the series.

Game two featured a complete game victory for Matt Simonson as the Pointers defeated UW-Whitewater 4-2. The Pointers took the advantage in the third when Joe Waksmonski grounded out to short, scoring Richter to give UWSP a 3-2 lead. An insurance run was added in the eighth, and the Pointers went on to defeat the Warhawks in the second game, 4-2. Simonson's complete game was the first in his career. UWSP's win snapped the 15-game Whitewater winning streak.

On Sunday, the Pointers were poised to take both games from UW-Whitewater. UWSP jumped on the Warhawks in game one, taking a 3-0 lead after one inning of play. UW-Whitewater bounced back in the third, scoring four to give them a one run edge. Neither team scored in the last six innings, giving the Warhawks a 4-3 victory.

The final game of the epic series showcased the powerful Pointer offense. Three UWSP hitters, Chuck Brehm, Matt Peterson and Matt Polomis, collected two hits each in the nightcap. Brehm drove in three runs in the game, Peterson drove in two and Polomis had one RBI. The Pointers put together a complete game in the final contest, winning 10-3.

"This series shows that we can hang with the best teams in the conference and the best teams in the country," said Pointer head coach Pat Bloom. "In the losses, the only thing we were missing was clutch hitting."

Coach Bloom also pointed out that the Pointers allowed the Warhawks to score in only four innings of the 37 total innings played over the weekend, illustrating the strength of UWSP's pitching staff.

UWSP will finish off the regular season with six games this week. The Pointers will travel to Fond du Lac to play a double-header against Marian College on Wednesday and will end the season with four games at home against UW-Platteville over the weekend. The WIAC tournament will be held at UW-Whitewater on May 14 and 15. Looking forward to the final games of the regular season, Coach Bloom feels that they will play a significant role in preparation for the playoffs.

The final games will help us to solidify our lineup offensively," Bloom said. "With several injuries on the team, we can insert new guys and provide opportunities to solidify their positions."

The WIAC tournament will field some of the best teams in Division III baseball. Both UW-Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh are ranked in the top-15 in the nation, and the Pointers are ranked seventh in the Midwest regional ranking of the American Baseball Coaches Association Div. III polls. In the first round of the tournament, UWSP will take on the Titans of UW-Oshkosh. The season series stands at three wins to one in favor of the Titans.

"Championship baseball begins and ends with pitching," said Bloom of what UWSP will need to do to be successful in the playoffs. "It is important to have a solid bullpen and good quality defense behind them."

The Pointer Athletes of the Year

Male

Scott Krause

Female

Andrea Kraemer

Senior quarterback Scott Krause broke many of UWSP's single-season records for quarterbacks during the 2003 season in leading his team to a 6-2 overall record. The Waukesha native was the WIAC Player of the Year, and a first-team Division III All-American. He passed for 37 touchdowns during the year, the fourth-highest total in WIAC history. Krause has signed with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, and will begin his first season of professional football early this summer.

Young team bows out early in tournament

By Joshua Schmidt

The UWSP softball team dropped their first two games in the WIAC tournament last weekend, bringing an end to the 2004 season.

The Pointers started the tournament with the unenviable task of taking on a 29-7 UW-La Crosse team. UWSP fell behind early as UWL had a run scoring double in the second and scored three runs on five hits in the third taking a 4-0 lead.

The Pointers mounted a rally in the fifth inning as Mandy Jellish drove in two runs with a two out single to cut the lead in half, 4-2. That's as close as they would get as Superior scored another run in the bottom half of the inning making the final score 5-2.

Stephanie Anderson took the loss, pitching six innings, allowing nine hits and five runs, all earned. Mandy Jellish lead the way on offense going one for three with two RBIs.

In the elimination game, the Pointers took on UW-La Crosse. In what was a tight game, UWL capitalized on two Pointer miscues to score the only runs of the game as they won 2-0.

La Crosse's Carly Anderson scored in the second on an infield error while Jenny Miller scored in the third on a wild pitch.

Alli Romoren pitched a gem for the Eagles keeping the Pointer hitters off balance all game long, allowing just two hits in the complete game shutout.

Kelly Schmidt and Alyssa Klawitter pitched well for the Pointers in the loss, allowing only two runs on seven hits for the game.

The Pointers end the season with a 20-21 record, 7-9 in the WIAC.

Pointer women gear up for Conference

By Adam Wise

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Marie Burrows, again one of Point's most consistent runners, tied for first place in the 200 meter dash with Bridget Burns (Warburg) with a time of 26.07 seconds. Adding another first place finish for Stevens Point was Megan Craig when she achieved an NCAA Provisional mark of 2:15.79 in the 800 meter run. Leah Herlache finished third in the 300 meters behind and finished fifth. Jenna Mitchell, competing in the 1500 meter run, had another NCAA Prov. finish with a time of 4:37.70. Not far behind was Isabelle Delany in fourth place. Nicki VanGhent participated in the 5000 meter run and finished second behind Jill Robertson (Warburg) with a time of 18:51.48.

In the long jump Bethany Richter and Becky Clarke both had stellar finishes as they tied each other with a jump of 5-7.50.

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Hello for the final time this semester sports fans. It's been a pleasure being able to voice my opinions (or rant as some of you call it) on sports topics over the last year. I want to thank all the readers of my column, especially those who had the nerve to email me and tell me I was full of crap. Thank you all. Since it's my last column I thought I'd write about something that's near and dear to my heart: football. As most of you know, I'm somewhat of a football junky. If I see anything remotely related to football on TV or in the newspapers and magazines, you can bet I'll watch/read every bit of it. I know, I'm somewhat of a football junky. If you're sticking around in central Wisconsin this summer. Just a half hour drive north of us on 51/39 is our neighbor Wausan. For those of you football fans who don't know, Wausau happens to be the home of a semi-pro football team called the Wausau Panthers. And they just happen to play in the summer.

If you want to see some real football, check out the crotchety multi-millionaires of the pro sport, check these guys out. The Panthers are made up of players who are playing for the love of the game. These guys risk injury, put in numerous hours of practice and sacrifice their weekends just to play the game they love. This is on top of their regular full-time jobs. And they don't get paid.

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For more information on the Panthers, including the season schedule, check out the website at www.wausapanther.com.

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Tips for making your trip to Canada run smoothly

By Marty Seegert
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

It's not too late to plan a fishing trip to Canada before finding your summer job. The northwestern parts of Ontario (a.k.a. sunset country) boast 100,000 lakes and nearly 300 resorts and lodges. This doesn't even include the hundreds of campgrounds and several Provincial Parks that are available.

Sometimes it is fun to just go on a trip without making any specific plans. In Canada this run smoothly. Along the way you will encounter resorts and lakes and nearly 300 resorts and lodges. This vacationers from Wisconsin choose the borders of Canada.

Dramatic increase in security

One resort that you may want to check out is Five Lakes Lodge located on Gullrock Lake in northwestern Ontario. (www.fivelakeslodge.com) They offer competitive rates and group packages that are hard to beat. They also offer free golf for all guests at the resort.

If you don't have a boat you can simply rent one at the lodge. This resort can supply you with almost anything. Sometimes the best times to catch fish, and what baits to use.

Although, this is only one option and there are literally hundreds of other possibilities. Once you finally decide on a place to go, you can concern yourself with other important aspects of the trip.

One of the major concerns people have before going to Canada involve Canadian Customs. United States citizens do not need a passport, but they need some form of identification to prove their citizenship. Citizens over the age of 18 need a valid driver's license or some form of picture I.D. Customs highly recommends that everyone should also possess a birth certificate. If you have all you have is a driver's license it could hold you up as Customs check the validity of your information.

Alcohol is another concern for most people. You are allowed one case of beer or one 40 oz. bottle of liquor without having to pay a duty tax. You will be charged duty taxes for additional amounts of alcohol, but it will be cheaper than buying it in Canada. Make sure you claim the actual amount of alcohol to the Canadian Customs and answer all of their questions accurately. If you don't, you will have the hassle of trying to smuggle in more alcohol.

Generally Customs will give you no trouble if you answer their questions sincerely. Sometimes they will do random checks and pull you into an area where they can search your vehicle and luggage. If this happens, try to be friendly and patient. The border stations are usually busy during the spring and summer months, and Canadian Customs have a difficult job to do.

Their main goal is to move people through the border with very little hassle. For more information about crossing Customs you can visit the U.S. government's website.

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When actual on-water experience is not available, due to weather or other commitments, fishermen often find themselves looking to learn more about fishing in other ways. Some like to watch fishing shows on the television, while others like to read up on outdoors magazines. One method of improving your knowledge of fish, and thus improving your knowledge as a fisherman, is to read up on outdoor-natured books.

Television and magazine media often are vague in the skills they highlight as well as the species and region that is being covered. A good way to specialize on a certain species and areas is to look into books.

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Going further into the sport, Winkelman breaks each method down by the famed Fisherman seasonal patterns. Looking at the river temperatures and the season, I can pretty accurately predict what the walleyes are thinking, and where and how to best fish for them at this time of year, by using this book.

While books are among the least popular media form for outdoorsmen, they often offer the most specific and helpful information that can be used throughout the year, unlike television, which only focuses on one small frame of the larger picture. Walleye Patterns lets the reader open up that larger picture, which is a great way to become a more informed, and in turn, a more successful angler, no matter the season.
Sniff...my final piece of writing to ever appear in The Pointer. I'd better make this count.

By Steve Seemann

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

While I knew I wanted to write one of those meaningless, rambling "farewell" articles, I wasn't sure exactly what to ramble about. This usually isn't much of a problem with me.

I decided to blather about what I blather about best: this band called The Disco Biscuits. I've formed countless relationships with people throughout my five years here at UWSP, and I can't help but acknowledge that this band helped me through some tough times, just as some of my best friends have. I've managed to see The Disco Biscuits 32 times since I was a timid freshman residing in Baldwin Hall, room 327. This weekend marks my final and concluding in "Derty Jerz."

It's been one hell of a great time. I promise to come back and visit. Admission is $12 for adults, although there are students and three people. Highlights at the Harley Davidson go, I'd highly recommand checking out summerfest.com to make do and it's a poor admission fee. or three.

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Summerfest lineup packs an early punch

By Steve Seemann

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

With Milwaukee's Summerfest unveiling new acts every day on their website (www.summerfest.com), it's becoming increasingly difficult to stay focused on books and papers.

The festival, held on Milwaukee's lakefront, will run from June 24 through July 4.

Summerfest boasts eight free stages of music and one comedy stage, in addition to shows at the Marcus Amphitheater, a 23,000-person capacity venue that overlooks Lake Michigan.

Headliners at the Briggs and Stratton Big Backyard include Kool & The Gang on June 30, Peter Frampton on July 1 and The Indigo Girls on July 4. The Briggs stage traditionally features older rock acts and more adult contemporary music.

The Miller Oasis, which caters to a more broad audience, has a very diverse lineup of acts this year. The Darkwoods will kick off opening night on June 24, Lee Ann Womack plays on June 25, Live on June 26, Talih Kweli on July 2 and 311 on July 3. The North Shore Bank Landing with Miller Lite is catering more to a youth-oriented crowd.

The idea of cloning humans is a controversial one, fraught with arguments about ethics and morality and going against the will of God. A good movie is waiting to be made about the pitfalls of such a procedure. Godsend, however, is not that movie. A mediocre thriller at best, Godsend tries to achieve lofty heights, but instead becomes yet another mundane fright fest featuring another Sixth Sense-inspired creepy kid.

Paul and Jessie Duncan (Greg Kinnear and Roma Romijn) have a loving couple devastated when their eight year old son Adam (Cameron Bright) is killed in a car crash. Shortly afterwards, the mysterious Dr. Richard Wells (Robert De Niro) offers to use his newly developed procedure to clone Adam and bring him back to life. The grief-stricken couple agrees, the cloning is a success and the newly clone begin a new, happy life with Adam 2.0 (also Bright). All is well until Adam 2.0's eight birthday, where he begins to have terrible nightmares and exhibit strange behavior and it becomes all too clear that something evil is lurking behind those wide staring eyes.

Godsend starts out well, with its depiction of Paul and Jessie's loss portrayed convincingly and demonstrating how grief can drive people to desperate measures. Once the supernatural stuff kicks in though, the film falls apart. Every scare is seen coming from another, and better thrillers can be seen a mile away. Furthermore, this is another horror movie where you want to scream at the main characters for doing the stupidest things possible. Add in a remarkably unclimactic ending (albeit one with a creepy predictable twist) and the film just fails to satisfy.

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Blink-182, Britney Spears, Crosby, Stills and Nash and Tim McGraw. (Unfortunately, Christina Aguilera cancelled her tour due to strained vocal cords.) Keep in mind that admission to shows at the Marcus is extra in addition to the $12 admission fee.

If you're stuck with only one day to go, I'd highly recommend checking out some of the following acts:

Prince, June 24

If you're still not sure? Find your way backstage non-festival show, a one-hour set will be your ticket of admission. The Pointer. It's been a blessing and a privilege to do so, even when forced to watch crap like The Order or the one reviewed above. Thanks for letting me do what I love, and keep up the good work! And remember that like a true reviewer, I never shirked from my views. I called them like they were.

Farwell and look for me at a cinema near you.

Britney Spears, July 1. Maybe she'll wear that skin-toned, naked suit for a song or three.

The Roots, July 3.

While I've never seen The Roots, I heard they perform for roughly an hour a show. Disappoointing for a non-festival show, a one-hour set will work perfectly for Summerfest.

A word to the wise: there are fire-works on June 24, opening day ("The Big Bang") and on July 3. The July 3 fireworks aren't through Summerfest, but you can see them from anywhere on the lake front. If you're in attendance on opening night or July 3, expect about 100,000 other people next to you and an absolute parking mess: take the bus, because you'll consider yourself lucky if you find a parking spot within walking distance.

Be sure to check out summerfest.com for more details, as the bands mentioned here barely scratch the surface.

The Pointer.

Kinnear and Romijn deserve better roles than they get here. They're good at depicting Paul and Jessie's grief, but suffer with the movie as time goes by. Then there's De Niro, who gives the latest in a long line of hammy performances as his modern age Frankenstein. Given his latest list of movie choices (15 Minutes, Showtime, Analyze That), one wonders if he needs money badly. De Niro needs to get in touch with old buddy Martin Scorsese quickly before he totally jumps the shark. As for newcomer Bright, he is rather creepy as Adam, but he's playing the stereotypical "rebel" role and is as believable as the creepy, possibly murderous kid.

Eventually, I trust Hollywood will make a film that intelligently and seriously explores the ramifications of human cloning (or maybe I'm just hoping Robert De Niro will get the part next time then, Godsend will have to make do and it's a poor excuse. Even if it gives us a hokey horror film full of cheap scares and religious blather (yes, the name "Adam" is certainly not coincidental. In the end, it's just another on a recent list of recent embarrassments starring..."

I'd better make this count.
Alright. So if I give you my last pair of trousers, you'll run and get me an ice-cold beer -?

By: Tycho


BY: THE PAT ROTHFUSS CONSORTIUM
WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE

Well, here we are at the last week of the semester. It’s at times like this that I tend to think, “Where am I and why am I wearing this dress?”

At the end of spring semester I find myself regretting things I didn’t get around to doing this year. Yet another year slips past where I didn’t put a big cardboard bra and panties on the Da’Vinci man in the mural in the sundial. I never got around to writing the “foreplay for girls” column, or the one about how to curse effectively. I never got around to printing this wicked cool piece of hatemail I got either, I guess I’ll have to save all of that for next year ....

Time for one last letter.

Hey Pat,

I’m sure I speak for a lot of people when I say, “I’m becoming afraid to live in this country.”

Our utter lack of accountability seems to have greenlighted the government’s need to regulate almost everything. What we hear. What we see. Who we marry. I enjoy the concept of America, but it seems that the execution of our freedoms we are experiencing are just that; a slow death by lethal injection of bills and laws.

My dream is to build a time machine and hand Hamilton and Franklin a newspaper and show them how far off track we’ve come.

I swear I’d pay cash money to see Alexander Hamilton pimp slap Bush. (Climbing off the soap box)

Brad

How exactly do you climb off a “sop” box, Brad? Isn’t a sopped box rather squishy and hard to climb onto in the first place? Would a sopped box even support the weight of an impassioned orator? Come to think of it, how did your box get sopped, anyway? I expect it’s from reading the newspaper, then either weeping bitter tears or having the water scared straight out of you.

But seriously Brad, I’m with you. In fact, I’d go you one further. I’d like to see Franklin and Hamilton in a tag-team steel cage match with Bush and Cheney.

Now I’m well aware that Hamilton and Franklin had their flaws as well, they were human. But as politicians they helped create the idea of what it is to be an American. Bush and his coterie, on the other hand ... Geh. I can’t even find the words to rant properly about this. It’s like I’ve been building up more and more rage over these last several years until finally, right now, all my anger collapsed onto itself, forming a black hole of hate, a super-dense mass of scorn from which nothing can escape.

What’s my advice for dealing with this bad situation? Well Brad, unless you have a high-powered rifle and a copy of Catcher in the Rye. I advise you to bide your time, get active in the community, and get off your ass and vote when elections come around. And just remember, when the weight of the world is too heavy to bear, the twin sisters of solace are always there. I’m talking about internet pornography and sweet, sweet methadone. Lord knows that’s the only way I’ve managed to survive for all these years.

Before I sign out, I’d like to give a shout to all my peeps at the Pointer. Um ... Yo .. :Dawgs. Honestly, I can’t believe you let me get away with saying some of this shit. Like that, right there. They let me say shit. How cool is that?

I’d also like to thank all of you, my loyal minions er ... readers. Remember folks, if you sent in letters (pay attention Brad) or had your e-mail printed in the “describe Pat Rothfuss” column. You have gift certificates waiting for you at the Mission Coffee House. Go pick them up you lame-ass punks. I may kid about a lot of things, but not free coffee. C’mon, free caffeine, just in time for finals.

And rest assured, if next year’s Pointer staff is as cool as this year’s; I’ll be back again.

Bye y’all,

Pat.

This Friday at the Mission there’ll be Silik with Shattered Red and Quazar at 7:30. Also, I hear that on Saturday at 8:00 the Leghounds, Nuna, Red Satyrs, and Silver Suns will help you study for finals, if you ask them nice.

Over the summer the mission also has an open microphone every Tuesday night at 7:00. Poetry, music, you name it. It’s a cool scene. So cool that even I’m there sometimes.

Rumor has it that even over the summer, Pat Rothfuss’ e-mail address is proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.
Moped use  
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and read all the rules that apply," said Mangel. "If everyone knows and follows the rules, the roads become a much safer place for moped riders."

"I enjoy riding my moped very much," said Mangel. "I love how younger kids to high school kids get a kick out of a moped because it's somewhat out of the ordinary."

Influence of fuel prices

With the price of gas creeping up to $2 a gallon, mopeds become an economically efficient way to travel, especially in the eyes of a college student.

"As far as gas money, it is almost like nothing," Mangel said. "For me it comes out to roughly $1 to $1.50 a week, which is not a whole lot of money."

Parked becomes another eye-catching quality of owning a moped on a college campus. "It is also a lot easier to find a place to park," said Mangel. "You don't have to plug the meters, or run around trying to find a parking spot, you can just park by the bike racks."

All things considered, mopeds are a fun and quick way to travel around town or on a campus, especially with that spring and summer weather in the air.

"Buying a moped was definitely one of the best investments I have ever made," said Mangel. "I have never regretted having one."

Senior job market  
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are a freshman or sophomore) and have a few years to learn about their field, they will be all the better equipped when they search for work after graduation," said Mandli.

Attending graduate school has seemed to become a viable option for graduating students. MonsterTRAK reports that about 16% of 2004 graduates plan on attending graduate school. Colby's own elementary education senior Kim Cowdery is a student who will be taking this route. Cowdery stated that one of her reasons for attending grad school is because there are "not a whole lot of jobs in teaching right now."

Military draft  
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of career military people would argue that the all-volunteer army is much more professional and better trained than a draft army," said Blakeman. "Countries that maintain all-volunteer military tend to have soldiers that are better trained, better equipped and more professional." There is also the fact that some members in congress are unlikely to seriously consider the proposal out of fear of the political fallout that would result. "Neither political party will devote a lot of energy to it, since both parties are not dedicated to it, since both parties are not signed up for it, and allow for shorter duty" for drafted soldiers would be mostly to "expand the numbers available and allow for shorter duty" for those currently serving.

According to Miller, in the unlikely event of the activation of the draft, those inducted into service could expect to serve for roughly two years, with six months of that time dedicated to training and the rest for actual service. He states that the use of drafted soldiers would be mostly to "expand the numbers available and allow for shorter duty" for those currently serving.
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