University facing $2.4 million in budget cuts

University staff and non-instructional programs will be trimmed over the next two years as UW-SP attempts to deal with a proposed state funding cut of more than $2.4 million. Only administrative aspects of the university will be cut. Therefore, no direct cuts will be aimed at classes or teaching staff. News Services and University Telecommunications (UT) will take the heaviest hits, losing a combined 8.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, with 6.5 of those being currently occupied positions.

In total, decision-makers estimate that about 20 FTE positions will be lost over the next two years due to retirement, layoffs, vacancies, and other actions.

Other areas targeted for funding cuts or staff reductions include University Hockey Programs, Payment Services, Extension, University Box Office, the Learning Resource Center, Registration and Records, and Career Services.

Additionally, the university hopes to generate revenue by selling the Suzuki House, estimated to bring in $150,000 and by increasing non-student ticket prices for campus events by 20 percent to maintain current box office operations. Plans also call for raising the cost of parking on campus by $2 per month.

On April 15, after six weeks of deliberation, Chancellor Linda Bunnell, line officers, and the college deans introduced their proposed budget.
Wal-Mart protest vs. nature

Although the weather and rock-bottom prices were working against them, a group of dedicated students from UW-SP College Feminists, Greens, and several other concerned groups braved the first major thunderstorm of the season to protest against Wal-Mart. The protest drew between 40 and 50 participants at its peak, and roughly 120 total.

“We work with students all the time,” said Kolowski. “That’s difficult to do without quality publications and a quality Web site, and, in general, getting the word out to donors in the public about the university.”

Colin Powell

The former top diplomat also encouraged students to learn from failure in life, but to avoid dwelling on it, as it is in the past and it is important to always move on. Powell expressed his hope that by reading and thinking about the contents of those documents, a wider group of people will have the chance to be governed by those principles.

“We are an inspiration to the rest of the world, as far as showing the world how democracy works. We’re not trying to impose Jeffersonian democracy on anyone. Nations that are moving in the direction of democracy should count on the U.S. to be a friend.”

The Laird Youth Leadership Day was created by the Melvin Laird foundation to bring together high school sophomores and juniors to discuss policy issues and get insights on these matters from government officials and experts.
Your College Survival Guide: ROOMMATE HATE

By Pat “Adoxographer” Rothfuss

Dear Pat,

How can I make it to the end of my lease without going crazy and killing the two guys I live with? They seemed cool at first, but now I can’t stand to be in the same room as them. One of them constantly eats my groceries then denies it, and he’s a total pig. And I just found out the other one has been using the money I give him for bills to pay his share of the rent. I didn’t find out until they disconnected our phone.

I consider myself a fairly level-headed person. I do the philosophy and religious studies thing here at UW-SP. But, I’m about to have a goddamn psychotic episode here. Things have been getting tense around here lately.

My advice? Cherish this feeling FOOM. There is nothing as pure and clean as the white-hot hatred we feel for our roommates. The only other people close enough to you to piss you off this badly are your family and friends, and you can’t hate them. You’re programmed biologically to love your family, and if you pick up your shit when I have friends coming over? Did you do them four times in a row. I’m sick of it.

Jesus: Alright, I called this house meeting because things have been getting tense around here lately.

Buddha: Again with the peacemaker routine.

Jesus: What’s that supposed to mean?

Buddha: We’re not judging you, but you do act like you’re in charge of the house. Calling meetings. Making house rules.

Buddha: Yeah, who died and made you God?

Jesus: Yeah. Keep your door shut, Buddha. If I wanted to smell BO and Patchouli, I’d hang out at the Mission Coffeehouse.


Jesus: Life is suffering. Suck it up.

Buddha: Also, I’d just like to mention that possession of any illegal drugs is in violation of our lease. Just in case any of you didn’t know that.

Jesus: Right. Thanks. Moving on. The kitchen’s a mess, and it’s Gandhi’s turn on dishes.

Buddha: I’m fasting, you retart. I shouldn’t have to clean them if I’m not making any of them dirty.

Buddha: He’s got a point, Dude.

Jesus: Then you do them, Sid. I’ve done them four times in a row. I’m sick of it.

Buddha: No way, those are from that supper with your friends. They’ve got, like, blood and stuff on them. That’s not OSHA approved.

Jesus: It’s metaphor blood, you retard.

Buddha: Now now, name calling won’t resolve this.

Jesus: Shut your noise-hole, Gandhi. I’m tired of your passive-aggressive bullshit.

Buddha: Blessed are the meek, dude.

Jesus: Well, forgive me if I’m a little cranky today. I didn’t get much sleep last night. It seems like someone was playing their music all night.

Buddha: They’re my mantras. They’re soothing.

Jesus: Could there be a little less soothing bass? It comes right through my wall.

Buddha: You’re a fine one to talk about noises coming through the wall. You think any of us get any sleep when you have that Mary chick over?

Gandhi: Ha! Busted!

Jesus: Get bent, you wrinkled up, nappy-wearing freak. You couldn’t get laid in a morgue.

Gandhi: Bring it on, fucker.

Buddha: They disconnected our phone.

Jesus: Hold on everyone, let’s not fight.

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Biodiesel is the fuel of the future

A university truck operator pulls up to the diesel pump and begins fueling his vehicle: a task he’s performed thousands of times. Instead of inhaling the pungent fumes of diesel fuel, however, he smells the aroma of vegetable oil—the smell of doughnuts. The substance he injects into his tank makes his truck smell more like a bakery than a diesel-burning vehicle. Why?

The truck now runs on biodiesel, a new, petroleum-free fuel produced from renewable resources like soybeans and waste vegetable oil. If biodiesel is as fast as sugar, contains fewer toxins than table salt, and is made from domestic resources produced in the U.S. This decreases our dependence on petroleum imports and improves our economy, environment, and national security.

SGA senator Jeffrey DeFer recently authored a successful resolution to fuel university vehicles with biodiesel. As of Jan. 1 this year, UW-SP began using a concentration of 5-percent biodiesel, or BS, in all campus diesel engines. Larry Beck, director of UW-SP Facility Services, says that the switch to biodiesel has been smooth. The lower 5-percent concentration doesn’t require modification of current engines. If UW-SP fuels engines with 100-percent biodiesel, they face a possibility of clogged filters due to the solvent effect of high-concentration biodiesel.

Beck says that the BS blend is a good start and that “at such time that [older diesel engines] are replaced and can handle a higher concentration biodiesel, we will try to [use] B20.” Beck also adds that the switch requires a minimal (less than 10 percent) increase in fuel costs.

Engine operators can fuel existing diesel engines with a combination of biodiesel and petroleum diesel with little-to-no engine modification. For now, the most common concentration is the 20-percent blend (B20) that UW-Madison vehicles use; a mixture proven to be compatible with current engines. Now that the federal government has passed a standard for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, use of engines with 100-percent biodiesel becomes more feasible as engine manufacturers update gaskets, hoses, and filters.

Biodiesel is now available nationwide in any concentration with little extra cost to the consumer. A biodiesel concentration of 2 percent increases the cost of diesel fuel by an estimated 2.3 cents per gallon. One hundred-percent biodiesel will cost much more, but the price is dropping and will continue declining as demand for the product increases. Fuel companies can distribute biodiesel from any existing pump without changing the infrastructure. The question raised is whether organizations, companies, and consumers are willing to use biodiesel.

Petroleum is a finite resource. We face crucial decisions concerning the fate of our planet and must consider alternative energies like biodiesel as necessary for the future.

Senator Decker, on behalf of the UW-SP student body, has embraced biodiesel as an alternative fuel. We will prove to the community that we can use it practically and successfully. Perhaps the city of Stevens Point, Portage county, and eventually the entire U.S. will join UW-SP in this ground-breaking step toward creating a sustainable future for our planet. Our achievements at UW-SP are proof that, in time, we can accomplish great things if we are willing to put forth the effort.
Letter to the Editor
Check out the Eco-fair next Friday

Have you ever wanted to use solar or wind energy? Have you installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in your home? Do you leave your computer in sleep for long periods of time? These acts may seem insignificant but they are well worth your time and effort. By doing these simple acts you can save energy, money, and reduce emissions of CO2 into the air.

I am part of a student group here on campus, we're trying to reduce energy consumption and support using renewable energy. The overall electrical use on campus is 22,000,000 kWh/yr. Sixty percent of our energy comes from coal, 17.5 percent from nuclear, 2.6 percent from natural gas/fuel oil, 1.8 percent hydroelectric, and the remaining 17.4 percent is power purchased from other providers, which is most likely coal. We are trying to implement the same reduction measures you can save energy, money, and the air.

As part of our commitment to educating others, we will have a booth at the Eco-fair on Earth Day. We are so lucky here in Portage County to have such a strong influence in renewable energy including the Midwest Renewable Energy Association in Center, as they hold an Energy Fair every June. I urge you to attend the Eco-fair held here on campus where you can talk to us and other eco-minded students and organizations. We all have the power to change and/or influence others, as it can be as simple as turning off lights or signing a petition. With Earth Day approaching, I encourage you to make a difference. Look for us and the other booths and exhibits next to the Allen Center on Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lora Schwaendinger

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More Earth Day letters

SGA hosting panel on renewable energy options

Green thumb day is right around the corner - April 22 is National Earth Day! So what is the purpose of Earth Day, besides the ordinary answer of "Hippies gone crazy...again?"

Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day back in 1970 because he was worried about where our environment was going. No one person specifically organized the protest or demonstrators or even knew how the reaction of the American public would be until over 20 MILLION demonstrators and thousands of schools participated in the first Earth Day. As a student, Earth Day holds more than just environmental value; it is personal.

Now what can one student do? Well, besides leave a huge ecological footprint, we can recycle. Yes, we all have the three words memorized by heart. No, it is not drop, stop, and roll since this isn’t a fire, but reduce, reuse, and recycle. This can relate even to water bottles. If you have a lucky one or an average size carrying bottle, hold on to it. Savor and cherish it, that way you won’t keep using bottles so rapidly. Or you can avoid using Styrofoam cups or containers, which would help the landfills and animals who share this ecosystem.

Our government was looking out for animals and trees which don’t always have a voice, but affect us in unknown ways. Your government on campus is here for you too. Do you want to learn more about renewable energy for homes and even on our campus? SGA is hosting a panel on renewable energy options for students and the outside community. It is at 5 p.m. in Room 125 of the UCI! If you want to see changes that help our environment and start right here on campus, stop down in the Student Government Association Office. Write legislation and let your ideas and voice be heard. Let’s see what we can change!

Michelle Lau

Thanks for cleaning up litter on campus

The sun is out, the sky is blue, and the birds are singing. This can only mean one thing...

Spring is officially here! The snow is gone and the litter is - or should I say was - very present on the Stevens Point campus. This past Monday there was a very successful mass campus litter clean-up. The success of this clean-up is due to the 30 plus volunteers that helped out. These volunteers traveled all over campus, throwing away or recycling various types of litter. WISPFC, EENAF, and Student Law Enforcement would like to thank all of the people that volunteered their time and worked so hard to make our campus look beautiful!

Stacey Irick
WISPFC

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Open Letter
Dear friends of Pointer basketball

When I began coaching it was my hope that I would someday coach a team that matched my ideal vision of what a fearless, selfless and highly united team could be at its very best. During 34 years of coaching/teaching, I have been blessed to be associated with many outstanding basketball teams and so many terrific young men; it's hard to do justice to all of them. Rest assured each team has a special place in my heart along with the players who gave everything they had.

With all due respect, the past two years have gone beyond anything I felt we had a right to expect. Back-to-back national championships are still hard for one to comprehend. Our 2004-05 Pointer NCAA champions played this game the way it's supposed to be played. Hard-nosed defense, making plays for one another, passing the ball with an unselfishness that's matchless and competing with an intensity that wore opponents down will be some of the attributes I'll remember.

However, the real legacy of this team is the fact that when the stakes were the highest, the lights the brightest and the pressure the greatest - this team delivered. When our best was demanded we invariably found a way to play our best. That doesn't happen all that often. This Pointer basketball team was smart, tough, coachable and figured out the formula for success. I will be thankful for that the rest of my life.

I am also deeply appreciative of the incredible backing we've received from fans and generous people throughout Wisconsin, the Midwest, and especially the greater Stevens Point area and university. People like you make this journey even more meaningful. If our efforts and striving to be the best means one-half of what it meant to us, I know you are grateful and enjoying the view from the top. The challenges and struggles to get there were definitely worth it. Having your support makes it even sweeter.

On behalf of our coaching staff, university athletic department and especially the terrific young men who have been part of this historical run, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We understand that we don't always control our own destiny, but collectively we gave it one heck of a run for its money. In the process we found out that dreams can become reality. Sharing it with all of you makes it even more cherished.

With sincere gratitude,
Coach Jack Bennett
UW-SP Men's Basketball

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Walter's Answer
The Stevens Point Hydroelectric Dam, standing 16.6 feet tall, is capable of generating 3,840 kW of energy, and serves 9,935 people each year.

'I'm the smartest!'

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Disturbing the Peace
in the Pursuit of Peace

An Evening with Father Roy Bourgeois
Founder, School of the American Indian
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27
UW-Stevens Point
Collins Classroom Center Room 101

Father Bourgeois is known internationally for his quest to identify injustice and oppression. He is a speaker in great demand across the country.

Plan now to hear the message of a man of phenomenal courage and conviction.

Sponsored by UWSP Infinity Syndicate, Peace Studies Program, Philosophy Department
10 ideas to help the Earth

Alli Himle
POINTLIFE REPORTER

Earth Day is devoted to reawakening our sense of ecological preservation in order to conserve the environment for future generations. It goes without saying that there is a great deal each of us can do to better our world and our own lives. And so, it only seems fitting that at this time we re-evaluate our ways in hopes of making a difference.

Get on the bus

Take advantage of the free student bus pass. With gas prices skyrocketing, save yourself some money while being good to the Earth too.

Every litter bit hurts

Our campus is often regarded as a green campus, and it is only fitting that we keep it that way. The next time you see soda cans strewn about on the lawn, pick them up and do your part. It won't be long before the one piece of litter you thought of as small and insignificant turns into an unsightly and despicable mess.

Drier hands, less waste

Pass on the paper towels in the bathroom and instead opt for the hand driers. Imagine how much paper would be saved by each person conserving one or two towels.

Lights on, lights off

Turn lights off when they aren't needed. Are you the last one leaving the restroom? Why not turn the lights off as you leave? It only takes a second to save energy. Furthermore, make use of natural light with the longer days that daylight saving offers us.

No receipt needed

Opt to not have a receipt printed the next time you use the campus' cash or ATM terminals. It is one less slip of paper for you to take care of and one less slip to be disposed of.

Recycle, recycle, recycle

The importance of recycling is something that definitely can be understated. From recycling your glass and aluminum containers, to placing your waste in the proper receptacle as you walk about campus, the difference that you can make certainly does not take a great deal of time or effort.

Look twice, print once

Use print preview before printing your documents in order to fix your mistakes prior to wasting paper. Reduce the paper waste while saving yourself money on printing charges. Furthermore, the majority of campus printers are now duplex printers making paper saving one step easier.

Just because it's a buffet, doesn't mean it all needs to go on your tray

As tempting as the food at Debots is, don't feel the need to take it all at once. It is much better to go back for seconds than to leave food on your plate after you've finished.

Remember, even changing just one aspect of your life can have an impact. One person can make a difference, even if it is something as simple as recycling this Pointlife edition when you are finished reading it.

A place where everyone can think

Katie Polomis
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Twice each week, a group of individuals can be found snuggled into a cozy corner of the Brewhaus, enthusiastically debating. Members come from all walks of life. Atheists, humanists, and Christians all join together to look at and defend reason, science, and the right to question their education. These reason-minded individuals are known as freethinkers. A dedication has bloomed from the sometimes heated debates of this group to keep the students of Stevens Point thinking. Known as Students for Freethought (SFF), this newly hatched organization encourages people to form their own opinions and beliefs in matters of dogma and religion.

Feeling lost from the standard rules that govern so many peoples' lives? Do not worry you too can have the freedom to question and navigate the world.

"The SFF have not yet got their feet wet"

Ricks Gambsky
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

"She's brilliant ... bar none"

When she came to America, Sato did not know a lot of English and was afraid to embarrass herself by saying something wrong. "I was majoring in English in Japan, but I couldn't speak any when I came here," said Sato. "That was horrible." About half way through her transfer year, Sato got depressed and wanted to return home. "I couldn't keep up with the reading, I did not know how to write the essays," said Sato. Nevertheless, she thought about it and decided, "If I don't do it now, I won't do anything in the future." There has been no stopping her since her resolutions.

"Sato is active in many activities including a paid position of Japanese class facilitator, for the university distance-learning program. Some of her duties as facilitator include taking attendance, assigning homework and teaching the class every Friday. "Sato has applied for at least four different leadership positions," said Sprague. "Sato will also be leading a Japanese conversation luncheon to help improve her student speaking and listening skills. "It is non-pay, but it will be fun," said Sato.

In addition to her facilitator job and the luncheon, Sato has done volunteer work like translating Japanese to English. She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta and Phi Kappa Phi. She also enjoys doing physical training at the cardio center every day.

"I hope to continue her education in the United States all the way through graduate school. She plans to give back to the universities and America, becoming a professor, of interpersonal communication or Japanese. "I love interpersonal communication; I want to teach that," said Sato.

When asked why she decided to finish her education in the United States Sato replied, "because it's so much fun and more beneficial, I mean education-wise, comparing the university in Japan, College in Japan is so lazy and meaningless." She went on to explain that in Japan, people have excellent work ethics but college requirements are so low that to achieve As, it is quite easy.

"I live in the Pray Sims dorm on campus. All the international students are going to be staying there, so I meet so many people from different parts of the world, everyday," said Sato. Experiences in other cultures are important to Sato. "It helps people to grow. I used to be such a small person," said Sato of herself before her experiences here in the American culture. "Now, I have grown stronger."

Sato is thankful for opportunities she has received while attending college. She compares her new life to a miracle. She has taken the best parts of her Japanese values and combined them with her new American values to create a new persona. "She has found happiness in scientifically and socially while accomplishing much."

Faces in the crowd:

A Japanese student overcomes the odds

Sayaka Sato is one of UW-SP's most successful students. On April 4, 2005, she was elected and hired as a multicultural peer advisor for the next academic year. "It is going to be one of my biggest life's biggest contributions," said Sato.

She will be dealing with programs for promoting understanding toward cultures and diversity. "She is really interested in helping others succeed as well as she has," said professor Rhonda Sprague of the Communication program here at UW-SP.

While attending a Japanese university as an English major, Sato applied to the foreign exchange program and soon after, she transferred to UW-SP. Sato arrived about one and half years ago.

"If I don't do it now, I won't do anything in the future."
Dietary pyramid unveiled as guide to staying healthy

Mike Johanns released the new and improved food pyramid, constructed by the USDA in 1992.

“None of the old pyramid has got a facelift this week. On Tuesday Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns released the new food pyramid, unveiled a more comprehensive guide to staying healthy,” said Wetter. According to the 2005 Dietary Guidelines, which is put out by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), diet and physical inactivity are linked to diseases including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, osteoporosis, and certain cancers.

Fat was seen as entirely negative, and anything fat-free became healthy. “Hopefully now people will see avocados, olives, and peanut butter as healthful, even though they contain fat,” said Wetter.

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In fact, to really find out how much you should eat, you need to log on to the Web site, www.MyPyramid.com, and input your age, gender, and level of physical activity. It also measures food in cups, instead of ambiguous servings.

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Record-breaking performance overshadows snapped streak

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Losing last weekend for the first time in 14 games seemed to ignite the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team. With an already explosive offense, the Pointers came off a 3-1 weekend series against UW-La Crosse and set an NCAA Division III record in a non-conference doubleheader at Lakeland College.

**Baseball**

Coming into the series with La Crosse, the Pointers had won 12 straight games and were looking to take the top spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings. On Saturday, UW-SP squared off against the Eagles at University Field and encountered a rare pitcher’s duel. In game one of the series, the Pointers and Eagles found themselves tied 2-2 after five innings. In the bottom of the sixth, UW-SP center fielder Joel Hojnacki drove in the gamewinning run on a sacrifice fly.

**Softball**

Jablonski scattered six hits in a 3-0 opening game win, while Anderson allowed three hits and a walk in a 6-1 win in game two on Saturday. On Sunday, UW-SP shut the door on La Crosse, limiting the Pointers to only two hits in the contest by La Crosse pitcher Joe Brehm. Brehm came from his third grand slam in the last seven games.

"Chuck is a very focused and driven competitor who, when he is seeing the ball well, can be a devastating force in the middle of our lineup," said Head Coach Pat Bloom. His recent success can best be attributed to the discipline he has shown at the plate and his willingness to hit the ball to the opposite field when being pitched outside. When he is hot, he can be the toughest out in our lineup," Bloom said.

The Pointers finally met defeat in Sunday’s first contest, as the Eagles handed UW-SP their first shutout of the season. The Pointers were held to only two hits in the contest by La Crosse pitcher Joe Bemis. Bemis held a no-hitter into the sixth in the 7-0 Eagle victory. Pointers designated hitter Steve Wiczek went 0-for-3 in the game, snapping his 23-game hitting streak.

The weekend was complete with a positive note for the Pointers, as UW-SP took the final game of the season between the two schools in a 10-2 win. Ryan Byrnes fared well at the dish, going 2-for-5 with a grand slam, a double and five RBIs. Ryan Jones added a solo home run and a two-run double in the game to lead the Pointer offense.

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**Sports Information**

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Losing last weekend for the first time in 14 games seemed to ignite the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team. With an already explosive offense, the Pointers came off a 3-1 weekend series against UW-La Crosse and set an NCAA Division III record in a non-conference doubleheader at Lakeland College.

**Baseball**

Coming into the series with La Crosse, the Pointers had won 12 straight games and were looking to take the top spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings. On Saturday, UW-SP squared off against the Eagles at University Field and encountered a rare pitcher’s duel. In game one of the series, the Pointers and Eagles found themselves tied 2-2 after five innings. In the bottom of the sixth, UW-SP center fielder Joel Hojnacki drove in the gamewinning run on a sacrifice fly.

**Softball**

Jablonski scattered six hits in a 3-0 opening game win, while Anderson allowed three hits and a walk in a 6-1 win in game two on Saturday. On Sunday, UW-SP shut the door on La Crosse, limiting the Pointers to only two hits in the contest by La Crosse pitcher Joe Brehm. Brehm came from his third grand slam in the last seven games.

"Chuck is a very focused and driven competitor who, when he is seeing the ball well, can be a devastating force in the middle of our lineup," said Head Coach Pat Bloom. His recent success can best be attributed to the discipline he has shown at the plate and his willingness to hit the ball to the opposite field when being pitched outside. When he is hot, he can be the toughest out in our lineup," Bloom said.

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Sheffield's shove should teach fans a lesson

Steve Roeland
Sports Editor

If the ball's in play, stay away.
No, that's not one of the late Jonnie Cochran's famous defense tactics. It's just a common sense statement that fans of all sports should follow.

Last Thursday night in a go figure - Red Sox/Yankees nailbiter, Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek roped a ball into the right field corner at Fenway Park. As Yankee right fielder Gary Sheffield went to pick up the ball, a Red Sox fan swiped his arm across the wall in the field of play, allegedly coming into contact with Sheffield's head.

After Sheffield picked up the ball, he turned and shoved the fan and had beer spilled onto his arm across the wall in the field of play, allegedly coming into contact with Sheffield's head.

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**BASEBALL from page 8**

After a weekend of WIAC baseball, the Pointers prepared to encounter six non-conference games in the coming week. The first non-conference foe that UW-SP encountered was Lakeland College.

Game two of the doubleheader offered no record breaking performances, but did lend another Pointer triumph. Wierzek continued his fine start in game two, going 2-0 for 5 with a homer, driving in three. UW-SP took a sweep of the Muskies with an 8-3 win.

On Monday, the Pointers were given little resistance during their doubleheader against Lakeland College as they won both games by the scores of 15-1 and 9-3.

The Pointers improved their record to 23-4 overall and 13-3 in the WIAC. UW-SP’s baseball team has regained the conference standings with UW-SP sitting only one game behind.

The Pointers host non-conference doubleheaders this weekend, as UW-SP will face Ripon College on Saturday and Marian College on Sunday.

**My NFL mock draft top 10, plus one**

Adam Wise
Sports Editor

With so many teams at the top looking to trade down, it is pretty hard to predict what will happen in the NFL draft this weekend. Disregarding any trade rumors/possibilities, here’s my take at what will happen in the NFL draft.

1. San Francisco 49ers: Alex Smith, QB, Utah

With all the rumors swirling this past week on what Frisco will do with the pick, I am going with Smith. While a Minnesota tight pick the pick or go with Braylon Edwards, I think Smith, and his near genius IQ, is the best pick.

2. Miami Dolphins: Ronnie Brown, RB, Auburn

The Red Sox have done the right thing by taking away the privileges of the fans who acted foolishly. Fan interference, especially when fans make contact with players, shouldn't be tolerated in any way, shape or form. Fans shouldn't enjoy the game, cheer on their team and have a good time. If a fan needs to hit a ballplayer to have a good time, they are allowed to enter.

3. Cleveland Browns: Carnell Williams, RB, Auburn

The starter last year for Auburn was one pick below his teammate as the Browns surprisingly start with offensive, despite the fact that Romeo Crennel wants to beef up that pathetic defense.

4. Chicago Bears: Braylon Edwards, WR, Michigan

The Bears will be ecstatic if Edwards falls to them at the fourth pick. While several teams are rumored to be enamored with this elite prospect, some even calling him the top talent available, it will take too much to trade up and get him.

He will make an impressive duo with Muhsin Muhammad.

5. Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Aaron Rodgers, QB, Cal

John Gruden isn’t sold on Chris Simms and needs a quarterback with Brad Johnson having been shown out the door. While Rodgers’ cockiness is scaring some people, he has the talent to be a starting quarterback in the league.

6. Tennessee Titans: Antrelle Rolle, CB, Miami

After losing a lot of talent this year in cap-cutting moves this winter, the Titans begin rebuilding their team with the best corner in the draft.

7. Minnesota Vikings: M i k e Williams, WR, USC

The Vikings go from one freak to another with this pick of the pick this behemoth as he replaces the best WR in the league and instantly becomes Daunte Culpepper’s favorite target for the next six years.

8. Arizona Cardinals: Cedric Benson, RB, Texas

Since the Cardinals lost Emmitt Smith to retirement, the team needs to add a running back to beef up that pathetic defense.


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24. Green Bay Packers: Erasmus James, DE, Wisconsin

I see the Packers getting another pass rushing specialist and using the pick on someone all Packers fans will know. While the Packers will be drafting a QB this year, no one will warrant the pick here. If safety Thomas Jones from Georgia finally, Packers could take him as well.

**Track and Field**

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It's true. I am a false killer whale. The yet unnamed daughter was born on December 23, roughly 4 months ago, but park officials chose to hold off on announcing the arrival because of management and ownership changes within the park recently. The one-quarter whale, three-quarters dolphin youngsther has a slick combination of bottlenose grey and false killer black skin covering the entirety of her body. Kekaimalu has given birth twice before but, unfortunately, one died shortly after birth and the other only lived to the age of nine. The new arrival is doing just fine though, and there is no reason to expect that she will face any complications at this point. Though rare, couplings between whales and dolphins have reportedly occurred in the wild previously. The phenomenon is possible because, though the animals are different species, they are classified in the same scientific family. According to experts, whales and dolphins really aren't that different in terms of taxonomy. Size, however, is the one area where these two species tend to distinguish themselves. Kekaimalu is reportedly the product of a coupling that occurred nearly two decades ago between two animals that later appeared in Adam Sandler’s movie ’50 First Dates’ - a 14-foot, 2,000 pound false killer whale and a 6-foot, 400 pound bottlenose dolphin. Don’t ask.

You know what they say about whales with unusually large dorsal fins. "Locally, there's been a shift in the migration routes in response to changing food and habitat conditions," says Van Horn, "and biologists have observed some die-offs on the Mississippi River and in the Milwaukee area from parasite infestations, but these events don't explain the decreasing continental breeding population." As for a possible cause of the decline, Van Horn says that is what this research effort is attempting to uncover. Previous research done at Louisiana State University suggests that scaup were losing weight when they migrated across the upper Midwest, arriving on their Manitoba, Canada nesting grounds in poor condition. "This could mean that when they arrive on the breeding ground they wouldn't be in good enough condition to nest successfully," says Van Horn. "The cause of the decrease in body weight is unknown but may be the result of poor habitat or contaminant issues along the migration route. That's something we're trying to understand."

The baby’s suspected father is also a park family member - an 8-foot-long, pure-bred bottlenose named Mikioi. Van Horn notes that while this is the 3rd annual - Best Buds of Spring this aren't just any ordinary sprouts...

Quercus Macrocarpa
Holy smokes! You can't beat the Oaks.
Acer platanoides
A Wisconsin staple - the Norway Maple.
Gymnocladus dioicous
Could it be... a Kentucky coffee tree?
Betula nigra
To end the search, it's a River birch!

Uecker helps strike out Wisconsin wildfires

MADISON - What does baseball have in common with Wisconsin’s spring fire season? This spring it will be Bob Uecker - commonly known as "Mr. Baseball" on the Milwaukee Brewers Radio Network - who will be helping the state Department of Natural Resources alert people to the main causes of spring wildfires in the state.

Uecker will be featured in radio announcements that will air during Brewers games that address how people can help prevent wildfires while doing spring clean-up activities and properly handling campfires while enjoying the outdoors.

"This is a wonderful campaign for the people of Wisconsin," says Paul DeLong, Wisconsin Chief Forester.

"It incorporates several messages related to the importance of protecting people and land from human caused wildfires."

The main goals of the campaign are to reduce the number of fires caused by people burning debris burning or using fires recreationally in fire-prone areas. Three separate ads will make up the campaign. Federal funding under the National Fire Plan for Hazard Mitigation is paying for the ad campaign. The Brewers Radio Network has statewide coverage with 36 affiliate stations, many in areas of the state with a greater potential for forested and grassland fires. Wisconsin's typical fire season begins in early spring just after the snow cover disappears and the vegetation is dry and the humidity is low, and runs through early June.

Weekend Weather Outlook:

Friday: Chance of showers. High: 52 Low: 25
Saturday: Partly cloudy. High: 48 Low: 28
Sunday: Partly cloudy. High: 58 Low: 32
Amazing Alaskan adventure, cont...

Part II of this incredible expedition into America's last true wilderness

Hilary Bulger
OUTDOORS REPORTER

June 14 - 5.5 miles
"We went up about three bilion feet into the Talkeetnas. We got to see our first caribou. It was a young female, we decided. We also saw some moose, two goldilocks, eagles, and some plovers. An Alaskan storm was already working into the day so far, but everyone held up well..."
- Sam

June 15 - Layover Day
"I'm looking at a mountain waterfall and the only word that comes to mind is Narnia. Narnia is a place that looks magical... A little piece of heaven...."
- Matt

June 16 - 5.5 miles - Today was a day of mystery and an abundance of fantasмагoria. The Alaskan mountain mystery steps from us. In the end we all went swimming. Note: The fauna was stupendous.
- Sarah

June 17 - 7.5 miles - When we got to the Oshetna river valley we saw scattered caribou. We sat to watch and the more we looked, the more we saw. There must have been 1,000 caribou here. A group of 100 to 200 of them circled around us - some with huge antlers, others with small baby caribou - too cool.
- Brian

June 18 - 6.5 miles - Today we went to Nowhere. And it was very beautiful.
- Sarah

June 19 - 4 miles - We finally changed views from Oshetna and Nowhere Land; we moved to the place that Craig's always wanted to be since he was born, the mystical "Black River Valley..." We needed a landing site, an airstrip. Craig found the site and rushed everyone to get hands on duty. We were filling all the possible ditches and uneven terrain under the Alaskan burning sun. Our food bags served as shovels carrying tons of rocks collected by our bare hands for more than three hours. "What a project," to finally see the "International Black River Airport" [Our group hiked farther than groups in recent times, and the pilot hadn't landed there in so long we had to "build" him a place to land].
- Yan [Backpacking Instructor]

June 20 - Layover Day
"We earned our way to an official layover day - no obligations, no mandatory hikes. Eight of us chose to hike eight miles round trip to some lakes or a refreshing swim; five of us lounged around under the sun! No hiking, just camped in the same spot. We went for a beach outing, baking, talking, and napping; and one of us watched birds through "binos."~ Kristi [Backpacking Instructor]

June 21 - Summer Solstice
"[For three days, we hiked in small groups with instructors, so the mileages were different, my group did 16.5 miles.] We hiked about seven miles, about a mile and a half of which we were walking through marshy fields infested with mosquito. We finally had to bust out the head nets. They were pretty obnoxious.
- Leah

June 22 - Once upon a time there was a group of people hiking with heavy packs. These people wanted to get over a hill, but to get down or up the hill they had to hike through lots of thick brush for about a mile and a half. Short story, these people got to the Oshetna River and set up camp. Then we slept. The good thing is that we got to Camp at 4 p.m. because we started hiking at 6 a.m. We are happy!
- Allison

June 23 - We were entertained during a break by an aerial display - a gray jay chasing down a smaller bird, finally nailing it and heading off with it - lunch for little ones, no doubt. Our reunion took place at the head of Landslide Creek, where a lake provided a great swimming hole and a needed bath.
- Craig [Semester Proctor]

June 24 - Layover Day
"It was a very happy day for the last time we saw a bear. We saw a few and a baby tundra rat [a nickname for tundra ground squirrels developed by Sam]. ... Tracy is snoring right now. Maybe I'll stick a wasabi pea up her nose. Mouhaha... But we haven't learned how to deal with that sort of injury yet."
- Hilary

June 25 - 6.5 miles - Yes, yes I got my first Yathtze today... Saw lots of caribou, and Sam just spotted a bunch of sheep on the side of the mountain. We are eagerly awaiting to see the moose. It was another great day. I had a meeting informing everyone assignments are due in four hours, counting down.
- Tracy

June 26 - 7 miles - Twas a beautiful day in the neighborhood. A good, long hike brought us to our last site before independent student travel. One more week and the hiking section is complete. Team SAK2 [our course number] had a romping good time at a late, instructorless meeting. Maybe it's the sun seeping into our every move, making us light-hearted. We were all kooky and loopy and somehow on top of things. The I-team [the instructors] saw (drumroll please) a grizzly bear! It was a female with all sorts of brownies in her coat.
- Elsie

June 27 - Layover Day
Mike [the pilot] brought us ice cream! It was absolutely amazing! We also planned our routes for the student expeditions, which start tomorrow... This section has passed so quickly and I already learned so much about Alaska, myself, and all of you...
- Ashley

June 28 - [For six days, we hiked in small groups without instructors, so the mileages were different; my group did 27 miles.] Some of the time we spent chasing tundra rats. We weren't able to capture any, but we have learned a lot about their behavior. The day of reckoning will come soon! ... Hiking at night is awesome. We see the pass, but under thick vegetation. Everything looks like fog and mist.
- Doug

June 29 - midnight.
Still hiking. We've reached the elephant graveyard. Rocks jut out from everywhere. No signs of trees, everything looks like a grassland.
- Craig

June 30 - 5.5 miles - We were informed that we were to hike up and through the pass, with the help of our instructors, so the mileages were different; my group did 25 miles. We saw (drumroll please) a grizzly bear! It was a female with all sorts of brownies in her coat.
- Elise

July 1 - Lazy. That's the word of the day! We slept till 11 a.m. Feasted all day, hiked an amazing quarter mile up a nearby hill for dinner. A world record was broken - we played the name game for five hours! Doug Peak remains unclimbed - too much smoke and fog to even see it.
- Brian

July 2 - Almost perfect Mickey Mouse pancakes. Back on ATV trails, sucks knowing we're heading closer to town/civilization... Matt and Sam went thermo-waxing their sleds, saw a black bear track, Tracy's feet hurt, Brian only ate one bowl of couscous for dinner - he's possibly sick.
- Tracy

July 3 - Tomorrow at 7 a.m. we got picked up and our hiking section is over. Crazy. Today was really hard for me... We passed where the instructors were camping because of the fog and ended up doing like four or five extra miles. People were not communicating well and I was really hurting today for the first time.
- Hilary

July 4 - Four miles to the road where we got picked up, then at the farm, NOLS Alaska Headquarters. Happy birthday - 21st!
- Elise

July 5 - At the farm. So our strange nation has been celebrated once more with fireworks that are somehow still cool even though no darkness sets a backdrop to their sparks. The farm rocks on, donkey hee-hawing till the break of dawn... Seeing Yan and Kristi blissfully reunited with their peace of mind was good stuff. It's nice to leave them looking happy...
- Elise

July 6 - The group students, three instructors, 27 days, 114 miles, no showers, one amazing time, and two sections left...

Today began with some black flattened steel cans and gramming class. Tricky hills and expert navigating led us to Place. Doug [Peak] has yet to be seen unfortunately. ... We see the pass, but under-estimated the day. Sam saw wolves and I nearly vomited. Two dead tundra rabs sighted.
- Evan

Image 4 - Part II of this incredible expedition into America's last true wilderness.

Tired, sunburned, and relieved, we made our way to a place of solitude to reflect on our Alaskan adventure. It was well worth it. And it was a great way to celebrate our success and future challenges that lie ahead.

Image 5 - And that's the end of our incredible expedition into America's last true wilderness.
Artwork by 41 students and was accepted. The very event will take place in the Danstage, which is scheduled for Monday, April 25th, 3-5 p.m. with food. The art department would like to thank DigiCOPY for their generous support of this event.

Amanda Telischak
ARTS & REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Seussical the Musical was a treat for eyes and ears. The lighthearted play enchanted audiences of all ages with memories of Dr. Seuss stories. The musical was impressive for not only its brilliant acting, but also for its breathtaking scenery and lighting. Directed by Ken Risch, the play is a collaboration of many favorite Dr. Seuss stories, including characters such as the Whos from Whoville, in their costumes made entirely of pink fabric, The Cat in the Hat, Thing One and Thing Two and many other brightly decorated characters!

There was an abundance of energy on stage, upon whose movement, all of which were re-created precisely to match the lands in the Dr. Seuss books. The most impressive piece of scenery was the multi-level rotating platform in the center of the stage, complete with stairs which the characters walked up and down as it moved! Lights of purple, blue, green, red and pink also added a great deal of magic to the show. With theclaustrophobic movement of the many lights, lighting designer Tristan Christ was able to create a magical world of make-believe.

Another event coming soon to the Noel Fine Arts Center is the Foundations Show, which will be in the Agnes Jones Gallery, CPS, April 25-May 15. An opening is scheduled for Monday, April 25th, 3-5 p.m. with food and music. All are welcome. The art department would like to thank DigiCOPY for their generous support of this event.

Seussical delighted audiences with liveliness, music and dance
Comics come to gory life: Sin City
Blair Nelson
ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Sin City
Directed by Frank Miller and Robert Rodriguez
Starring Bruce Willis, Jessica Alba and Clive Owen

A young girl stands transfixed on a rain-swept pier with a gun aimed at her head. Detective Hartigan, (Willis) one of four narrators, marked with a distinguished cross-shaped scar on his forehead and troubled heart, is trying to save her from the rapist and murderer who wants to end her life, a man named Rourke Junior. He brutally puts a final bullet in Rourke's groin, perhaps as punishment, or maybe just as full vengeance. Welcome to the extreme, sensationalized world of Frank Miller's Sin City, in which eight-year-old Nancy is the only real semblance of an angel.

The film is the product of director Robert Rodriguez (Spy Kids films and Once Upon a Time in Mexico) and accomplished writer/director Frank Miller, based on his popular graphic novels. (Quentin Tarantino is also a "guest director.") This blistering new film holds absolutely nothing back; the violence comes in massive, squamous detail - you must have a good stomach to view most of the movie - ranking up there as one of the top violent film ever made, save maybe for Passion of the Christ or Brass's Caligula. The blood comes in white, red and even yellow, and the red bloods through the black and white vividly - it gushes as frequently as heads are decapitated and bodies mutilated. Only in this creation can Jackie Boy, looking like a psychotic Eric Draven from The Crow, have the barb of a gun impaled in his forehead and still be alive and talking. Only in this world can a man hang from the teeth of a statuesque T-Rex. Later in the movie, Dwight, ends up in an uncanny resemblance of the La Brea tarpits with Irish assassins determined to kill him. And only in this world are the dead not really dead.

If you can surmise the lavish and relentless violence, there is a great deal to deal about Sin City. The characters' dialogues are amazing, the set-ups biometric, and the camera vibrant. The cast is well chosen - Clive Owen and Mickey Rourke's performances are the standouts - and many of them will surprise you, such as the character Kevin, played by Elijah Wood. Kevin looks like clockwork to the same character in the graphic novel, and similarly, Mary's story is practically identical to the original story. The women performers are just as good, the female hookers and vigilantes of Old Town, wearing enticing outlandish outfits, are as cold-blooded and dangerous as the men, especially Gail, (Rosario Dawson) who can both delight you and then take a chunks of flesh from your neck.

Frank Miller is known for the "look" of his material, for instance his work on Batman, and he delivers it here in film noir flare. It works perfectly and it gives the film tremendous strength and stout heart. It's nice to see artists still employing a technique that seems a dying breed. Finally, the best part about Sin City is how the first nine minutes of the cinematic history, a 100 percent faithful comic book adaptation has been made, and you can emotionally feel the pages coming to life. Miller and Rodriguez should be proud of such an accomplished feat.

Dance
from pg. 12

cardiovascular endurance of a runner and still have to have enough muscular control to do all this with grace and without showing any effort in their faces! Dancers aren't allowed to grunt when their muscles become fatigued! Dancers make what they do look easy. It's this illusion that makes dance art.

"If it's as hard as people say it is, why do people do it?"

If it's as hard as they say it is, why do people do it? For Pieronek, "the most rewarding things are the smiles on the audience's faces after a show. It's the little girl telling her mom how she is going to be a dancer when she gets older. It's the 85 year old woman that is reminded of her dancing career, and it is living the dreams of those people who never had the chance to dance! If I could do it over, I wouldn't change a thing. Dance has helped me define the person I have become. Every day I dance, I work a little harder than the day before. Dance has been part of my life since I was three and I will continue to dance for the rest of my life."

So the next time you see some burly football players crash into each other on the field, just remember that athletes and dance have more in common than what meets the eye.

Dancestage is May 6-8 and 12-14. Tickets are available at the Box Office, and are $3 with student ID.

Poets!
There's still time to submit your original, previously unpublished works of 15 lines or less to The Pointer! Just send them to Rebecca Curren, and wait for your name to appear in print! Students and faculty alike are welcome.
Comics

Resident's Evil

By: Joy

Hey Andre, did you hear the news?

What is the Act Building on the map?

He just left home and told me he was to meet me at 1000.

Yes! Now I can introduce you to The Chaste and Cheesy...

What have I gotten myself into?

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