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# Groups react to smoking proposal

Tavern league stands in opposition to anti-smoking referendum

By Marty Grosse News Reporter

Members of the local tavern league have allegedly been using unethical tactics to sway supporters of the upcoming referendum that may ban smoking in public businesses. According to members of Breathe Free, the local smoke-free advocacy group, owners of local bars have provoked smoke-free businesses and charities in the area, threatening to sever their current donations and business ties.

Names of Stevens Point area smoke-free businesses and organizations that support the ban were listed on Breathe Free's Web site earlier this year. In what Doug Henderson, member of Breathe Free, called a "hypocritical act", the tavern owners not only confronted businesses, but also visited charities on the list, saying that if they did not discontinue their support for the ban, they would stop providing donations. In response to these actions, Breathe Free has removed the



Photo by Holly Sandbo

While smokers currently enjoy the freedom to smoke in local bars and restaurants, an April 5 referendum might put an end to that practice. Several groups opposed to the ban have been formed, and are expected to fight efforts to force by law smoke free environments at these locations

list from the public domain to protect businesses who continue to support the smoking ban.

While not illegal, the move could be construed as an unethical business practice, and is detrimental to the holistic health of Stevens Point's economy.

Carol Weston, another

member of Breathe Free, attributes this behavior to a "fear of change" in the local proprietors, paralleling it with the implementation of the state seat belt law, and the ban of smoking on airlines. When these legislations were first introduced, there was an uprising in the auto and airline industries

concerning a loss of patronage due to the restrictions put forth by the new laws. Breathe Free encourages bar owners to research studies on the economic impact of similar bans in other parts of the country, saying that by their interpretation it will not affect them nearly as much as anticipated.

# Lantern festival



Photo by Holly Sandbo

Students braved foul weather conditions to celebrate Chinese New Year early at the Sunday, Feb. 20 dinner and festival.

# Student groups submit 2005-2006 budgets to SGA

By Joe Pisciotto News Reporter

It's that time again when the Student Government Association (SGA) reviews and deliberates over the budgets that each campus organization must submit in order to receive funding for the year. The funding that these organizations receive is reflected in the segregated fees that each student pays per semester. Each student currently pays about \$150 in segregated fees for SGA budget expenses, with 36 percent (\$54) going to fund student organizations.

Every year the treasurer of each student organization is responsible for submitting a prospective budget to the SGA Finance Committee, a subcommittee of the Student Senate. The full Finance Committee meets on a weekend, this year it was on Feb. 12 and 13 and deliberates over the requests.

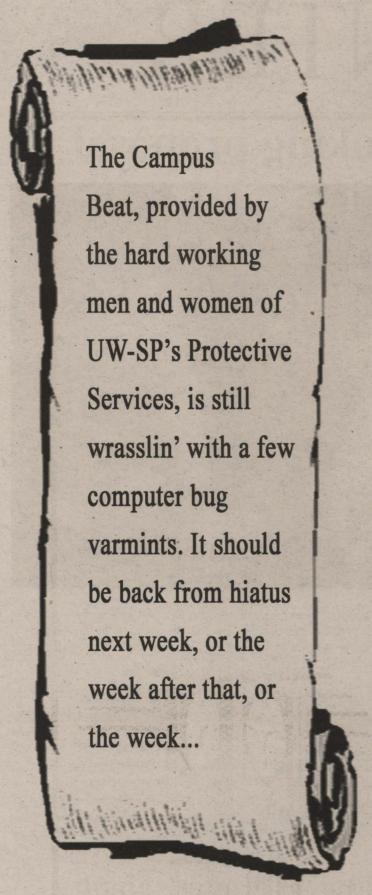
They make adjustments if necessary, according to officially outlined policies and procedures. The committee then votes on each budget. A majority vote is required for each budget to pass.

Following the meeting, the minutes are published and become public record. The treasurer of each organization receives a copy, which shows if any changes have been made to the budget.

According to Matt Lemahieu, Associate Budget Director for SGA, the Finance Committee reviews each budget request from a viewpoint-neutral stance. Before voting on issues related to segregated fees, each committee member signs an agreement stating their neutrality. If they cannot maintain neutrality they are required to abstain from voting.

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#### SGA budget

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can decrease an organization's budget based on a number of issues. Ultimately, expenses must be considered reasonable. Any activity an organization requests money for should be related to the education or goals of the organization and the campus. Also, the organization must be officially recognized by SGA or SIEO and be open to all students. Before collaborating on a final decision, the committee considers previous spending habits, among other issues.

After the committee makes their decision, under new rules adopted this month by SGA, any student on campus has the right to appeal any budget, in writing, to the SGA budget director. Anyone who believes that an administrative error occurred in the funding process or that the Finance Committee did not maintain a neutral viewpoint has a legitimate claim to explanation and appeal. Hearings are then conducted, and the Finance Committee can recommend the

appeal to the Senate. If necessary, the appeal process can continue up the ladder to the Chancellor and the UW-System President.

Student organization expenses are set before revenue is calculated. Each organization has the opportunity to request as much money as is necessary for the group to maintain viability on campus. As such, the segregated fee can fluctuate. "[Committee] members are aware that liberal spending will ultimately end in large increases of student fees. That is why the Finance Committee has a sometimes infamous reputation for their stringent funding," said Lemahieu.

Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) guarantees students the power to provide input on anything concerning students. The statute also gives students control over the disposition of student fees. For more information visit the SGA Budget Office Web site.

## 14th Annual Soul Food dinner



Members of the Black Student Union participate with the Teen Gospel Choir at the 14th AnnualSoul Food Dinner in celebration of African American culture Sunday Feb. 20

# ResNet combats digital plague

Campus internet provider near completion on antivirus crusade

By John T. Larson

In a move not unlike methods used by health officials throughout history, ResNet has nearly completed a campuswide effort to quarantine computers of its subscribers on a hall-by-hall basis until it can be established that they are virus free and compliant with network standards.

The move came as a shock to some users, as during the week each hall was subject to placement on a quarantine server, access to off-campus Web sites was restricted until the user's computer was found to be compliant with standards established this semester by ResNet to ensure that the users cious internet worm or virus.

ResNet made the move out of concern with the number of infected computers on the network, and the possibility for mass infection due to the number of users not running antivirus software, not running them frequently enough or using outof-date programs.

Subscribers of ResNet are already required to install Symantec Antivirus, provided free to users of the network as part of their subscriber agreement. To ensure compliance with network standards, during the week of quarantine a script, a scanning program runs on computers to ensure that the program had been installed, and that it had been updated with the latest version of the

The script also checks to see if the program had been run that day and if any viruses had been detected in the course of that scan. Another requirement

would not be a carrier of a mali- of release from the quarantine server is to download the latest Windows 2000/XP updates provided by Microsoft to limit potential damage by viruses or by hackers who could exploit a number of recently discovered security vulnerabilities.

> The script checks to see if the latest Windows updates were installed and if not, they will be installed automatically for the user. After a computer completes the requirements, it will be given a clean bill of health and removed from the quarantine server, allowing it full access to the network.

> Users are advised that the script will run after each reboot after the quarantine period, to ensure continued compliance with the efforts to keep the network free of viruses. South Hall residents are advised that the dorm will be subject to the quarantine starting Monday,

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#### R.I.P., Hunter

Hunter S. Thompson is dead. He's been dead all day and I haven't known it. I went to school, bitched about the weather, and worked ... the whole time he was dead. I was told when I got home from a. long day of work and my body immediately froze.

Rhoal Duke is dead. The King of Gonzo is dead. The newest and ballsiest journalist to ever experience this world is dead, and it's hard for me not to

Why would I cry? People die every day. Many good people die every day and I never come close to crying. But for some reason the thought that a man like Hunter S. is gone sends icy shivers down my spine, into my guts and makes my brain pound with contemplative shock. Why am I sad? I suppose it's because a great man is no longer with us. And although I've never met him, I feel like my crazy uncle who has taught me everything has passed. Crazy Uncle Thompson, who got too drunk at all of the family gatherings but would make us all laugh and think about the endless possibilities there are to a human personality.

I picked up my first H.S.T. book while I was on vacation up north with my family when I was in middle school. I was an awkward pre-teenager filled with muddled rage and I needed an escape. I found that escape as soon as I picked up Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas from a franchise bookstore. I was immediately drawn to it when I read the long list of drugs that were covered in this story.

I took that book and sat on a lawn chair alongside a small lake full of blue gills surrounded by white pines, I read the first sentence and immediately became part of the "savage journey of the American Dream." I didn't stop reading until I was finished. To this day it is the only book

My passion for him went on. I could write on an on about how all of his different works made me feel and think. I could tell you how Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail opened my eyes to the psychotic world of politics. I could tell you how The Curse of Lono made me seasick. I could tell you about how I laughed out loud every time he called our president an imbecile in "Hey Rube." I could tell you all sorts of things about his writings, but I won't.

I'm writing because I want

that I grieve. Honesty is continuously neglected in a time where we need it the most.

Before I heard the news I was walking back from work looking at the night-sky. The moon was full, surrounded by silver clouds that rolled quickly like midnight horses. I looked up at that sky and felt insignificant, I'd spent my entire day making food and sweeping floors with a long face and veiny eyes. I looked up at that sky and I thought about quitting my job and about what life would be like if I just quit my job and did whatever the hell I wanted. I thought about freedom and how nice it could be.

Of course it was just ideal thinking, I immediately snapped back into reality remembering that the cable bill is due soon and I still haven't paid my roommate for last month. Freedom will have to wait, and in all reality it will probably never come. That's what was truly amazing about H.S.T.: he found his freedom and refused to relinquish it for anything. He found his freedom and exploited it. By doing this he opened the world's eyes to a life worth living and worth dying.

H.S.T. probably didn't think a lot about heaven, he was too concerned with what was happening here. But if there is a heaven, may Hunter S. Thompson be drunkenly shooting a magnum revolver out of a large red convertible, speeding through the rolling clouds, on a never-ending journey of freedom. And if he isn't, at least he did it here while he could.

## "I thought it (Fear and Loathing) was funny and wild and intelligent, it made me feel cool when I read it, it made me feel strong"

that I've read cover to cover.

To tell you the truth I probably didn't understand the story at that point of my life. I know I liked it. I thought it was funny and wild and intelligent, it made me feel cool when I read it, it made me feel strong. It made me feel like all of the restrictions and crises that I struggled with were insignificant and fleeting. It made me feel like there was a hope for a life worth living by introducing the concept of adventure. I felt that book; I felt that book like I'd never felt anything before in my life. And when my family and I drove back after that weekend I looked out the window and dreamt about possibilities that I'd never dreamt before.

The Women's Resource Center is selling lip balm to express my feelings to you. My feelings, however, are not that clear. Of course I am sad - my favorite author died. Of course I am a little surprised in the way of his death, and I'm a little upset it had to be that way. But mostly I think I'm upset because, as I mentioned before, our species lost an amazing individual that compares to none. We lost an artist of reality and a critic of humanity; we lost a man of extraordinary caliber.

I'm upset because H.S.T. is no more. He's not here to insanely ramble and rant about sports and politics and drugs fearlessly and honestly. At least not physically, of course his words will be immortalized, but his words have ceased and for

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# Your College Survival Guide: FROMAGE A TROIS

By: Pat "Zero Lactose Intolerance" Rothfuss

BEHOLD THE POWER OF CHEESE. WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

Dear Pat,

I recently had a rough relationship with a friend. Actually, I was punch-drunk in love with the guy. We were on the verge of dating and did typical things like talking for hours on the phone, hanging out together, flirting, and beyond.

Everything was going great, but no one was making the first move even though we had talked about dating. When he finally asked me out, I later found out that he already had a girlfriend and was playing me the whole time. As you can imagine, I was angry with the fiery passion of a thousand burning suns.

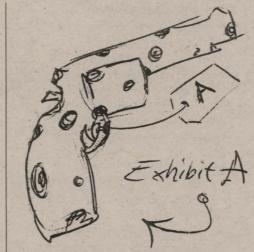
Anyway, the next time we hung out I desperately wanted to ask if the rumors were true, but I never did. As the day went on, I kept thinking about all the lies this guy had told me and couldn't imagine how anyone could be so heartless. Well, he kept making fun of me about one thing or another and I finally snapped. At the time, I was holding a one pound block of Colby cheese and this guy wasn't quick enough to take cover. I had no intention of severely hurting him, but I've never seen someone go down that hard! I nailed him right in the kidney so it took him a few minutes to recover. I felt pretty bad afterwards, but he was feeling better the next day.

So now that the story is out of the way, I can ask you my question. Should I feel bad now that this guy has a giant bruise and will probably be peeing blood for the next month?

Sincerely, Kristin Mras

Only in Wisconsin could we have a problem like this: cheese-related domestic abuse. Come to think of it, I wouldn't be surprised if there were a few Wisconsin laws on the books relating to cheese-specific crime. Wouldn't that make a great CSI spin-off? "This week on CSI – Dairyland: Our heroes struggle to unravel a baffling second-degree lacticide...."

First, I have to say that this letter cracked me up, Kristin. The funniest one I've gotten in a long while. This is because it contains the two fundamental elements necessary for comedy:



1) Something horrible happening to someone else.

Mel Brooks said it best when he said, "Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die." There's something buried deep in our brains that makes us enjoy the traumatic suffering of strangers.

It's not a pleasant thing to think about, but it's true. Think of every joke you've ever laughed at. 99 percent of the time what makes you laugh is something horrible. If a joke begins, "An American, a German, and a Norwegian go fishing...." You already know the end. We end up laughing at the Norwegian because of his stupidity, or because something horrible happens to him. Or both.

Don't believe me? Think about every *Loony Tunes* cartoon you've ever watched, or any episode of *America's Funniest Home Videos*.

Still, don't believe me? http://tinyurl.com/467c6 Case closed.

2) An element of the ridiculous.

Ridiculous things are funny. Like a monkey wearing a dress, or a clown having sex, or an English major with a job. In this letter, the ridiculous element is a girl kicking a guy's ass with a chunk of cheese: pure comedy gold.

I mention all of this because the humor of this letter really obscures the issue. So let me present a different, humor-free scenario:

There's a guy and a girl. They hang out, flirt, "and beyond" doing the relationship dance. Later, the guy finds out that the girl already has a boyfriend. She's been lying to him and leading him on, and generally taking advantage of his trusting nature.

So the next time they're together, the guy is seething mad. He keeps it under control for a while, but eventually a comment makes him lose his cool. So he takes whatever is in his hand: a coffee mug, a wrench... whatever. Then he hits her with it. Hits her so hard that she falls down and can't get up for several minutes.

Now the question: should the guy feel bad? Seems pretty straightforward to me.

So yeah, Kristin, you should feel bad. Because, when all's said and done, you took something non-violent and made it violent. Someone hurt your feelings and you hurt their body. And ultimately, it doesn't matter that he's a guy and you're a girl. It doesn't matter if you use a wedge of gouda or a baseball bat. It doesn't matter that he seems to be, on all accounts, a total prick. That's just not a good thing. Feel bad. Apologize.

Now I'm not saying that what he did was any better. He abused your trust, and, in my opinion, that warrants him a severe, figurative, ass-kicking of some sort.

Unfortunately, you've forfeited your right to creative revenge by opening up the can of whoop-ass on him. Too bad, I could have written a great post-valentine how-to get revenge column for all the jaded lovers out there. Oh well.

For those of you hopelessly out of the loop,
PointCon is this weekend in the UC. Games People Play
will have a booth at this Geekapalooza, displaying their
fine wares. So stop by the Laird Room this Saturday and
Sunday, and take a gander at his goodies. Boy, did that
come out wrong....

Want Pat to take your funny letter and turn it into boring social commentary? E-mail him at proth@wsunix. wsu.edu.



#### From the Editor's Desk

Righteous thumbs.

Thumbs down.

Sir Paul McCartney,

Professor Lindsay Allen, Food.

U.S. Professor Lindsay

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Allen of the University of California broke the omnivore versus herbivore debate wide open recently with accusations against raising children on a vegetarian or vegan diet. Said Allen at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, "There's absolutely no question that it's unethical for parents to bring up their children as strict vegans." Allen also denounced bringing up kids as vegetarians, saying, "Meat provides a concentrated source of essential micronutrients such as zinc, vitamin B12, calcium, iron and vitamin A, which cannot easily be obtained solely from plant foods."

In response, long-time vegetarian and aging pop star Paul McCartney dismissed Professor Allen's scientific research.

"I really do think this is rubbish," said McCartney. "I suspect these things are engineered by livestock people who have seen sales fall off. (A vegetarian lifestyle) has been a good thing for me and my children who are no shorter than other children."

Thumbs down to both of you! Calling someone's life-

style unethical is just cheap and close-minded. Equally small is denouncing hard scientific research as rubbish. The hormone-laden meat we do eat will kill us, just as not eating meat will deform us in childhood. Our food supply is a disaster, either way you slice it.

Thumbs up.
Belly button treasure.

I take great pleasure in discovering treasure in my belly button. This past Saturday, I excavated my greatest gem ever. The lint collective was part "Marrow Donors do it from the Hip" T-shirt, part thermal long underwear and part mystery.

To celebrate the belly treasure, I uncorked a bottle of champagne, flipped on some hot beats and danced spasmodically until the sun came up. I then preserved the rare specimen in an old tuna can wrapped in aluminum foil. I think some day I might make a scarf from the remains. Thumbs up, belly treasure, you made my day a little brighter.

Thumbs down. SMOD.

What's the deal, SMOD? I've been perplexed ever since you split into student BIZ and 11-

dent BUZ of the day, so I figured I'd ask around. Apparently the BIZ end of the spectrum covers business affairs, while that crazy nephew BUZ handles the wild, unpredictable, fun side of campus life.

"OK," I said, "that actually makes some sense, but I'm not sure it justifies entrammeling my inbox with TWO "message(s) of the day." See, "message of the day is singular, and having TWO of them ... well it's plain wrong, grammatically and morally – and I'm not even that partial to the grammatical turpitude.

I went ahead and checked out the two for real, with a fine-toothed comb. In the business end I found a message about "an informative demonstration of sensual toys tasteables, lotions and massage oils!" I'm all for massage oils and tasteables, but it sure doesn't smell like "business" to me ... or maybe it does. Hmmm.

Anyways, I'm getting off track. In the BUZ I found a message for discount cards – it didn't say what for. I'm sorry, but that doesn't sound extreme enough for the BUZ messages.

Thumbs down, SMOD(s)! Get old school and combine the singular SMOD once again. Its pure madness, this system you've sired! Madness!!



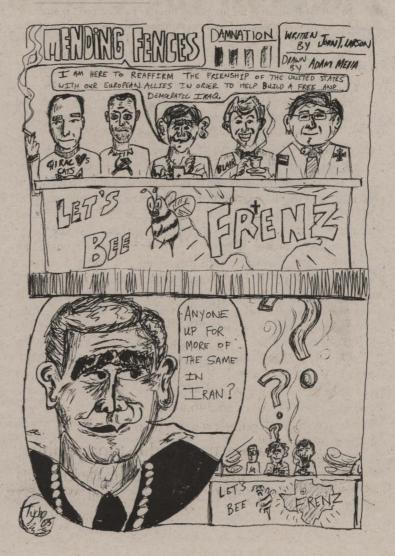
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No entries were received this week.



# A miracle dance

#### Dancing will raise money for children

By Amy Helgren
Pointlife Contributor

"Dancing to the Beat for Little Feet" is ACT's slogan for their second annual Dance Party Marathon, which is being held to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

The Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping children by raising funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America. These hospitals provide the finest care, research and community outreach to help millions of children with diseases and injuries of every kind.

The Children's Miracle Network hospitals are open 24 hours a day to help children of every age and background to overcome every imaginable disease and injury -- from asthma and broken bones to cancer, sickle cell anemia, pediatric AIDS, muscular dystrophy and other serious injuries.

The money made from the dance marathon will go directly to the Children's Miracle Network, and will in turn help St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens

Point, Wis., with its neo-natal unit, as well as assist in buying toys and other entertainment for sick children in the area.

The marathon is sponsored by ACT, with assistance by 97.9 WSPT and Jock-in-the-Box. It begins at noon on Saturday, March 5, in the Laird Room in the University Center and lasts until 8 p.m. Registration begins one hour prior to the dance.

There will be food, games, prizes and great music, including themed hours such as Hawaiian Beach hour, and 70s Disco Era hour, etc. The children who have been helped by the Children's Miracle Network will be there with their families, and participants are encouraged to dance and play games with the children.

If interested in participating in UW-SP's 2nd Annual Dance Party Marathon, please visit the Info Desk or the ACT office in the lower level of the UC for registration packets.

You are welcome as a single participant, or with a large group of friends – come to the Dance Marathon and "Dance to the Beat for Little Feet!"



# The reporter abroad

#### The first weeks in Spain bring many cultural adjustments

By Rebecca Buchanan

POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

I am studying abroad in Spain this semester through International Programs, and it is my first time out of the United States. Part of me expected that the culture I was used to would blend with the culture here in Spain.

Let's just say that this has been an enlightening experience. I've only been here six weeks, and I am finding that there are very few similarities between the U.S. and Spain (with the exception of American music and The Simpsons, which is on television all the time).

There are many things that I am still adapting to. For example: *the siestas* (afternoon naps).

From 2-5 p.m. every single day, everything closes down! All shops, Internet cafes, everything! During these three hours, people go home to eat their biggest meal of the day.

The siestas are quite an adjustment for me. In the U.S., I am accustomed to being busy all day long without time to stop and think! Here, there is plenty of time to rest, relax, and spend time with family.

Slowly, I am adjusting and often find myself partaking in the siesta as well. The problem will be when I return to Stevens Point for school and there is no nap time factored into the schedule.

The big meal of the day is eaten during siesta. This means that I starve all morning and

then stuff myself at about 3 p.m., because Spaniards generally don't eat breakfast. Then, dinner is very light and is eaten around 9 p.m. My stomach still hasn't adjusted to the meal times.

MADRID

\*Sevilla

The schedule here is much more relaxed and not as focused on "going-going" all day long. The Spaniards, I am discovering, have a much slower-paced life and are happy without a jampacked agenda.

Another custom here that is never used in the United States is the kiss on each cheek: Women to women and men to women every time you meet someone new, run into them on the street, or meet up with them to grab coffee.

It's always hello with kiss-

es and goodbye with kisses. It's considered rude if you do not give or reciprocate the gesture. Sometimes I forget or someone kisses me without expecting it, and it will startle me.

Zaregoza

Valencia'

I personally do not like it because I like my space, especially when they are people I do not know! ...Yet another thing to adjust to.

Girls, be careful because the Spanish men are very smooth and sometimes will try to kiss you on the lips when switching sides for kisses. Watch out for them!

These are only a few of the differences in cultures that I have encountered thus far. I am learning so much every day, but still have a long way to come before I return in May.

# Faces in the crowd:

#### Meet John Munson - a doctor to be admired

By Jessica Sword Pointlife Contributor

"Wisconsin Walleye King" and pioneer of a world-renowned Health Promotion/Wellness undergraduate program don't add up... at least not at a typical school. But Doctor John Munson, professor of Health Promotion and Human Development, is not your typical professor.

If you are a student of UW-SP, chances are you know Dr. Munson from HP/W 102, Healthy American, a course that sees 1500 students annually and focuses on self-help issues such as smoking and cholesterol reduction.

With over 250 majors, UW-SP has the No. 1 Health Promotion/Wellness undergraduate program in the United States. Munson travels internationally, educating others in the field of his program. In November he will travel to Austria and deliver a keynote address on the wellness concept.

In addition to his success in the wellness field, Munson has led an impressive academic and athletic career. After obtaining an undergraduate degree in physical and health education, Munson had his first job teaching in the Worthington Public Schools in Ohio. There he taught physical education at an elementary level and was the head baseball coach.

Munson then left Worthington to pursue and obtain a Masters in Education and Athletic Administration and finally a PhD at Ohio State in 1979. Along his academic path, Munson has taught and coached many sports teams to glory, including division one Florida International University's wrestling team.

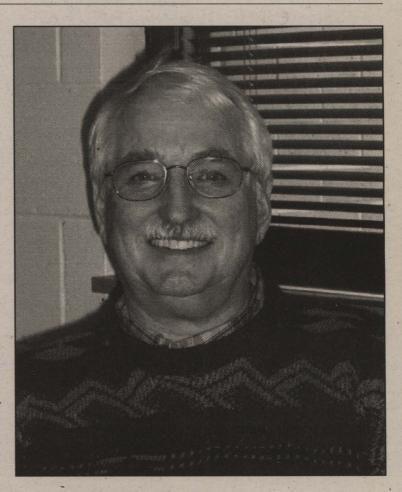
After all the traveling and living across the United States, what made him decide to settle in Stevens Point, Wis.? "I'd actually never been in Wisconsin until the interviews," Munson laughed. "But I love the outdoors so this is

a great place for me."

Munson has held the position of Health and Physical Education Administrator, head wrestling and lacrosse coach, and spent one year as Director of Athletics. He is now teaching in the classroom full-time.

Munson is husband to a retired nurse and the father of two sons. When not in the classroom he can be found enjoying nature. Fishing is his favorite pastime. "My wife says I'd fish in a bathtub if I could catch something," Munson joked. "My goal is to be the Wisconsin Walleye King!"

When asked what advice Munson had for the thousands of students who have and will pass through these walls he smiled softly and replied, "Show up and you'll be successful. We, in Wisconsin, have good students and many don't give them credit for it. They don't need to take a back seat to anyone."



Dr. John Munson is entering his 31st year of teaching and has lived through a tremendous number of successes. On campus, he is probably best known as the professor for Health Promotion/Wellness 102, Healthy American.

# Brash motor-mouth brings her wit to campus

From the role-playing of fictional characters to stand-up routines, laughter is sure to follow

By Alli Himle POINTLIFE REPORTER

Comedian Val (short for Valerie) Kappa, a Ladies of Laughter finalist in 2004, will be performing this Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Encore.

Kappa, a graduate of Emerson College of Boston in 2000, has been doing stage comedy since 2001. During her freshman year of college, she took an acting class where she wrote and performed a comedic piece written entirely on her own, entitled,

That last post was melodramtic.

"Uuna Goes Sledding." The piece earned her an "A" in the class, and the laughter of her peers.

The following summer, Kappa began to perform her Uuna character at comedy clubs and other venues in Boston. Uuna proved to be the perfect means of starting out her career in comedy. Kappa was able to experience what it was like to perform at clubs, but under the safety of hiding behind a fictional character.

Part of her "Uuna Act" consisted of Uuna attempting to train herself to deal with tough crowds.

For this, Uuna would ask the audience to heckle her; she would then throw Laffy Taffy at them in retaliation. After a year of buying enormous amounts of candy, Kappa decided to try something new: being herself.

She began going to clubs and campus functions reading short stories she had written. After a year, Kappa changed her act to performing straight stand-up.

Since then, Kappa has developed an act that draws from her life experiences and proves to be quite clean. The Boston Globe has called her, "a brash motormouth unlike the others."

Kappa has performed at a variety of venues, including the Luna Lounge, PSNBC, The HA! Fest, Toyota Comedy Festival, and has been a semi-finalist in the Comedy Central Laugh Riots.

Recently Kappa appeared in an episode of Home Movies on the Cartoon Network where she did the voice of Clarice, the coffee shop girl.

As Centertainment coordinator for event is free for students with

the event, said, "Val Kappa is their student ID and \$4 for nona funny comedian with a funny story. She is definitely a stand-up act not to be missed."

Be sure to catch Kappa's Andy - Liesener, comedy bit Thursday night. The students.

No need to worry; her days of throwing Laffy Taffy at unsuspecting audience members are

I need to turn down the volume. My cell phone isn't that intense. I bet your cell phone is more intense than mine. Maybe not though, cell phones aren't intense things. I'd rather just use a walky talky, but not talk into. I'm more walky than talky. Are walky talkys still on the market? I don't think so. I think they got replaced by cell phones.

-Val Kappa

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## Pointers swat Yellowjackets in WIAC quarterfinal contest

By Adam Wise

SPORTS EDITOR

Aberration: a deviation from what is right, true, normal, etc. Mental derangement or lapse. This is what Head Coach Jack Bennett hopes last Saturday's 59-74 loss to UW-Oshkosh in the last regular season game of the year was.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tuesday night the Pointer men's basketball team kicked off the WIAC tournament the same way they did last year with a victory at home against UW-Superior in the quarterfinals, 88-68.

The Pointers lead never dipped below 10 after just six minutes into the first half and remained around the 20-point mark for the majority of the second half.

After missing their first shot of the game, the Pointers converted on their next eight shots and busted to an early 20-5 point lead to take control of the game from the outset.

Pitted against a quick team that creates the most turnovers in the conference, UW-SP perfected their motion offense Tuesday night as they cut and sliced through Superior's defense to score 50 of their points in the paint for the night. The team also had a season-high 24 assists on the night.

Nick Bennett scored a gamehigh 22 points for the Pointers on 8-14 shooting while Jon

20 points to go along with five rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Also, Jason Kalsow added 11 points, seven rebounds, seven assists, and three blocks while Eric Maus added 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

While not many of his contributions were in the box score, Coach Bennett singled out Tamaris Relerford for his gutsy play Tuesday night.

"I was ecstatic with Tamaris," he said. "I thought (he) played outstanding defense and handled the ball really well."

One of the highlights of the game for the Pointers, other than the botched slam dunk attempt by a member of the Superior team with about five seconds left in the blowout, was on a fast break opportunity for Superior. Relerford reached out in mid-air and stopped the progress of the player causing a jump ball on a play that would have led to an easy lay-up by the Yellowjacket

After it was apparent in the second half that the defecit would be too much to overcome for Superior, frustrations took over and the fouls quickly mounted for the Yellowjackets as they became quite physical with the Pointers in the second half. Bennett said he was worried the Pointers would get caught up in the physical play, but his team kept their composure as they converted on 12 of their 13 free throws in the second half.

Two records were broken dur-

Krull contributed a season-high ing the game as well when Nick Bennett set the school record for career three-pointers (206) and Kalsow became the school's alltime leading rebounder (823).

With Kalsow already having the all-time scoring record in hand this season, this one meant just as much to him even though it was initially set by LaVerne Luebstorf from 1955-59 at 821 rebounds.

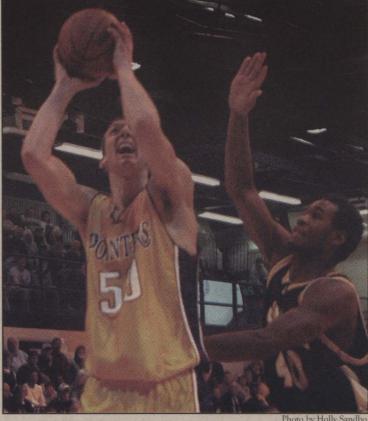
"It's real special, I know that record stood longer," he said. "It's a great feeling knowing that I come out here and not just do one thing on the court."

With the win, the Pointers are scheduled to play UW-Oshkosh Thursday in a semi-final matchup with the winner of the game playing in the championship game against the winner of the UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater

After last Saturday's game, the re-match is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated of the year so far for the teams.

While the Pointers are likely to make the NCAA tournament whether they win the WIAC tournament or not, Kalsow doesn't want to take that chance.

"It is almost like do or die, we have to do whatever it takes to win," he said. "We don't want to mess around with the NCAA maybe letting us in, maybe not, so it's just better if we earn it and



Eric Maus (50) looks to score against UW-Superior in semifinal action of the WIAC conference tournament on Tuesday.

### **Burdick captures honors at** WIAC tournament

By Brady Holtz

SPORTS REPORTER

Joel Burdick and Cody Koenig led the Pointer wrestling team to a second place finish at the WIAC conference championships this past Sunday. The conference tournament was held at Lawrence University and fielded seven teams. La Crosse won the team title.

#### Wrestling

Burdick won three consecutive matches to win the title at 141 pounds. He earned a pin in the first round, the second round he wrestled sixth-ranked Nick Karls of Whitewater and beat him 9-4. The finals left Burdick to wrestle the No. 1 seed in the tournament, Adam Kuchnia of Lacrosse, and he won that match 3-2. Joel was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler.

Koenig won his third consecutive title and looks to reclaim the national title that he won first match by an 8-3 score; the second match was won by a pin. of La Crosse. Chelf was ranked seventh and Koenig had defeated him earlier in the season. Chelf scored an early takedown in the

first period and Koenig had to play catch-up. With seven seconds left in the match Koenig scored the winning takedown.

Two other wrestlers earned their first trip to the national tournament. Al Stacilauskas and Mike Hayes both took second in their weight classes. Stacilauskas lost to Ben Ditcus, of Lawrence, in overtime in the finals. Mike Hayes wrestled hard but lost to returning national champion Ryan Allen of La Crosse. Hayes had to wrestle in a wrestle-back to earn him a true second place.

Jake Calhoun was the biggest surprise of the whole tournament. Calhoun entered the tournament unseeded and drew the No. 1 seed in the first round. He won the opening round by a score of 5-4. In the second round, he pinned the fourth seed. In the finals Calhoun wrestled the No. 2 seed from La Crosse. He lost a heartbreaker by a score

Other place winners were David Davila placing fourth, two years ago. He won the Jon Burdick third, Greg Metzler sixth, and Mitch Szwet fifth.

The four qualifiers will Entering the finals, Koenig was compete at the Division III matched up against Josh Chelf Nationals on March 4-5, at St. Olaf College.

#### Pointer Athletes of the Week

Jason Kalsow - Men's Basketball



Kalsow

The senior forward averaged 25 points in two games this week as the Pointers clinched their fifth WIAC title in six years. Kalsow was red-hot against UW-River Falls making 11 of 14 shots, including five of six from the three-point line, for 27 points. He also had six assists against the Falcons. On Saturday, Kalsow made all seven of his free throws and finished with 23 points against UW-Oshkosh. For the week, Kalsow was 18-for-32 (56.3 percent) from the field and seven-for-11 from the three-point line. He totaled 13 rebounds, seven assists and two steals. Kalsow became the school's all-time leading rebounder (823) on Feb. 22 as well.

Distance Medley Team - Women's Track and Field

Asheigh Potuznik (Jr., Baraboo), Marie Burrows (So., Menomonee Falls), Jenna Mitchler (Jr., Kaukauna), and Megan Craig (Sr., Bangor) ran the second fastest DMR in the country this season and the second fastest DMR in Pointer history. The team blew the field away in 11:59.57 at the UW-Oshkosh Invitational. The time was a high provisional qualifier, and will likely qualify the team for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Blaine Vander Wielen - Men's Track and Field

The freshman earned three finishes in the top four at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Invitational. After placing third in the preliminaries, Vander Wielen breezed to victory in the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 8.08 seconds. He placed second in the long jump, breaking the 20-foot mark at 20' 11.25" (6.38 meters). Vander Wielen finished his day with a fourth place effort in the high jump, clearing 6' 0.25" (1.85 meters).

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## Remember the Titans? Pointers defeat UW-O on the road, fall at home

By Steve Roeland SPORTS REPORTER

A missed opportunity last week kept the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team from winning the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference regular season title. Last Saturday, the Pointers redeemed themselves and overcame the UW-Oshkosh Titans to claim their second consecutive WIAC co-championship.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Pointers jumped to an early 14-8 lead at the Kolf Sports Center. UW-SP maintained their lead throughout the half and held on to a 34-28 advantage at half-

After extending their lead to 42-36 in the second half, the Pointers succumbed to a 14-0 UW-O run. The Titans took a 50-42 lead, holding UW-SP to only

two shots during their scoring streak.

The Pointers picked themselves up, however, and brought the score to 55-51. UW-SP continued their surge and pulled ahead by the score of 56-55 with just under four minutes play.

Amanda Nechuta and Laura Neuenfeldt added points for UW-SP on their next two pos- Cassandra Schultz (4) soars over the

extend the Pointer lead to 60-55 with less rences. than two minutes to play.

The Titans wouldn't roll er day'," said Egner. over and die, as Brittany Herrick and Becky Knapp answered in the next two UW-O possessions to cut the UW-SP lead to 60-59. The Titans were forced to foul Cassandra Schultz and she answered by connecting on two free throw attempts. A missed Titan shot was then rebounded on the other end by Neuenfeldt, who was promptly fouled. Neuenfeldt hit one of two attempts from the line to seal a 63-59 victory.

The win was UW-SP's ninth in the last 12 games against the Titans. It was also the fifth straight win for the Pointers at Kolf Sports Center.

The Pointers shared the WIAC title with UW-Stout, who received the No. 1 seed due to WIAC tiebreaker procedures. The Pointers took their two-seed into the conference tournament on Monday as they hosted the seven-seed, UW-Platteville.

The Pioneers took advantage of UW-SP's sloppy play and held a 32-30 lead over the Pointers at halftime. Amy Scott was the saving grace for UW-SP in the first half, as she connected on all six field goals she attempted in the first half.

The Pointers were still facing a two-point deficit with over 14 minutes to play, trailing 42-40. A three-point basket by Jenna Hagen put UW-SP ahead. Within four minutes of Hagen's threepointer, the Pointers had accumulated a 10-point lead.

UW-SP was held without a point for five minutes late in the second half, but never allowed UW-P within six points of the lead. The Pointers escaped the quarterfinal round of the WIAC tournament with a 65-56 win.

"If you don't bring it mentally, every game is going to be a tough one," Head Coach Shirley Egner said after the contest. "Our bench did come through."

Scott the Pointers with a 19point performance. her season-high. The score was tied 13 times in the game and the lead changed hands on

eight occur-

sessions to UW-Platteville defense on Monday.

"Our motto is 'live for anoth-

The Pointers stayed alive, but not for long, as they moved on to the WIAC semifinals to face UW-O once again on Wednesday. The game was the second in five days between the two schools.

The Titans came out firing on all cylinders and defeated the Pointers 74-67. UW-O's Brittany Herrick was 8-for-15 from the field and led the Titans with 20 points. UW-SP's Amanda Nechuta led all scorers with 21.

UW-O is now 6-0 all-time in semifinal games and will face UW-Stout in the conference finals on Saturday.

# Pointer men seal sixth straight championship

By Matthew Inda

SPORTS REPORTER

The swimmers and divers of Stevens Point packed their bags this past weekend for a threeday trip to Whitewater at the WIAC Championships Feb. 17-19, except they forgot to leave room for one thing - a trophy.

#### SWIM AND DIVE

The men headed into the long weekend with hopes of earning a sixth consecutive championship at this event. And number six it was. The Pointer finished first of the six conference teams with 1, 328 points and La Crosse followed with 1,013. Rounding out the group was Eau Claire (733), Whitewater (602), Oshkosh (463) and River Falls (370).

Alex Anderson and Tyler Eloranta led the team by winning all seven events they participated in. Eloranta won three different freestyle sprints and Anderson won two breaststroke events and the 200-yard IM. The two also were part of four different winning relay teams.

The Pointer men won a total of five relays out of a possible five. The perfection was a true team effort as Matt Grunwald, Aaron Marshall, Travis Wolf, Garth Newport, Ben Gensler, Kyle Hartl as well as Anderson and Eloranta all mixed and matched to create four-person relay teams in order to accomplish such a feat.

The women went into the event looking to finally overcome La Crosse, but for the fourth

straight year the Eagles outscored the Pointers to claim the title. La Crosse racked up 1,297 points while UW-SP earned 1,247. This is the fourth time in as many years that the Pointer women fell short of first place by 51 points or fewer to their conference rival. The rest of the conference shaped up as such: Eau Claire (777), Oshkosh (466), River Falls (361) and Whitewater (355).

Even though they lost again to UW-L, Pointer Head Coah Al Boelk said there was not much disappointment felt by him or the team. "La Crosse has one of the most talented teams in the nation. They should have beaten us by hundreds of points." He said, "We out-swam them again and again, we broke their spirit on the second day of the meet. Our women swam phenomenally."

He went on to state that he would have liked to see his women's team beat the Eagles this year. "They [La Crosse] graduate the single most talented class our conference has ever seen this year. This was our last chance to take them out at their best ever," Boelk said.

Jennie Roskopf earned a total of four wins for the women by claiming the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke as well as teaming up for the 200-yard and 400-yard medley relays. Meghan Walsh took first in the 100-yard butterfly and was on the 400-yard medley relay as well.

The other members of the two champion relay teams were Liz Herder (200 and 400), Lindsay Correll, Kelsey Crunstedt and

Jerica Crook.

Boelk also said that Jenna Gilbertson and Chris Shea had simply inspirational meets and that their performances really helped electrify the entire team. Gilbertson won the 200-yard backstroke after coming up from behind and upset the defending La Crosse champion. Her 500yard freestyle was also an 11second drop, Boelk said. Shea, who barely squeezed onto the conference team, stepped it up by finishing top six in all his events as well as a runner up in the milelong swim.

"After races like that, the whole team was so charged up they believed that anything was possible. Chris and Jenna's hearts and determination were beyond description," Boelk said.

The diving team was weighed down a bit, as they were unable to capture a win. Chad Pettis and Jack Riley finished in third and fourth place respectively in the three-meter boards. And in the one-meter event it was Riley who took third place and Pettis with fourth. Also, David Hayes finished sixth in the one-meter.

The Pointers have seven student-athletes whose eligibility is now up after this season. The men's team will be losing Aaron Marshall, Travis Wolf and Robin Whiting. The women will say their goodbyes to Courtney Slagle, Heather Harris, Lindsay Correll and Jean Hughes.

#### SENIOR ON THE SPOT AMY SCOTT - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Do you have any nicknames? - Scott, Amyscott, Scooter, Amiers What are your plans after graduation? - Getting a job as a teacher. What has helped you become such an accomplished basketball player? - Hard work and dedication, my dad, coach, and being tall helps, too.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Going to the final four, and Nat and I (the two tallest people on the team) getting left behind at the hotel while the rest of the team went to the gym to play in the first round of the Final Four.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Getting a singing telegram in the middle of practice on Valentine's Day.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Tim McGraw's Greatest

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Spider Man 2 What will you remember most about UW-SP? - All my teammates and the fun memories we've had together.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My parents,

#### THIS WEEK IN POINTER ATHLETICS

- MEN'S BASKETBALL-TONIGHT VS. UW-OSHKOSH - 7 P.M.

- WOMEN'S HOCKEY - VS. UW-EAU CLAIRE -FEB. 26, 3:30 P.M.

- SWIMMING - WOMEN AT NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS (HOLLAND, MICH.) -MAR. 10-12

- MEN'S & WOMEN'S TRACK - HOME, UW-STEVENS POINT INVITE - FEB. 26, 10:30 A.M.

- WRESTLING - AT NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS (NORTHFIELD, MINN.) -MAR. 4-5



# Tough weekend puts Pointer's season on ice

By Kelly Vant SPORTS REPORTER

It was a disappointing weekend for the men's hockey team this past weekend, as Lake Forest College defeated the Pointers 4-3 and 6-1 in the NCHA quarterfi-

#### MEN'S HOCKEY

UW-SP was unable to overcome a first-period deficit on Friday night, as the Forresters opened the first period scoring three goals on UW-SP's Bryn Davies, each about five minutes apart. Point switched goalies at the start of the second period, putting in Eric Shimon for the remainder of the game. Mike Brolsma was able to get Point on the board at 16:38 on a power play set up by Adam Kostichka and Chris Gehrke. Brolsma would bring Point within one goal at 8:21 in the second period on a pass from Colin Trulock. LFC scored again in the third period, taking a 4-2 lead, but Dan Francis put the puck past LFC goalie Joel Cameron unassisted just minutes later. Despite outshooting LFC 48-21, UW-SP was unable to overcome the initial

three-goal deficit.

On Saturday night, Shimon started in net for UW-SP and it would take half the period before LFC scored the first goal of the game. Brolsma and Trulock set Tom Vernelli up to fire the puck past Cody Brown tying the game at 1-1 to end the first period.

LFC came out flying in the second period putting up three unanswered goals to make it 4-1, Point switched goalies, putting Davies in to defend the goal in the third period. Unfortunately, LFC scored twice more in the third period, even though UW-SP out shot LFC a second night 35-

22, dashing any hope UW-SP had of playing a mini-game.

Despite battling hard and out-shooting LFC a combined 83-43 on the weekend, LFC was able to come away with better quality shots to score a combined 10 goals to UW-SP's four. The Pointers finished their 2004-05 season with a 12-12-3 overall record and a 7-7-1 NCHA

To those players who will be graduating, good luck in your future endeavors. Thank you to Nick Cornette and Tony Bastien for your efforts to broadcast the games for 90FM at home and on

the road.

In other NCHA quarterfinal Playoff action this past weekend, St. Norbert swept Eau Claire, Superior swept St. Scholastica, and River Falls advanced to the semifinals defeating Stout in a Saturday night mini-game. This weekend in NCHA Semifinal action, Superior will host River Falls while St. Norbert will host LFC in a single game elimination



# Our View From the Cheap Seats



# Dawgs will walk or fall on two legs for title run

By Adam Wise SPORTS EDITOR

Finally it's here. March ... err February madness has arrived and I am ready for it.

While we still have a few weeks for March Madness to be in full gear for the Division I programs, the WIAC tournament started this week, followed by the Division III tournament beginning on March 3.

The UW-SP men's basketball program was ranked in the top three of the D3hoops.com poll all season, but a loss last Saturday in Oshkosh might worry a few.

shot an abysmal 31 percent from

the field as they converted on only 18 of their 57 shots.

UW-Oshkosh, on the other hand, shot over 60 percent in the first half that led them to a 43-32 halftime lead they would never relinquish.

While this may worry others, I think it was just a foul game for the Pointers that will soon be forgotten. The team has not played so poorly in quite awhile, so I don't think it is something they need to worry about. But, it does underline a point of emphasis. For this team to make a serious run at defending their title against the major contenders, Jason Kalsow and Nick Bennett must be on top

When Kalsow left the game in the middle of the first half due to foul trouble and while Bennett was also in the middle of a tough shooting night, the Pointer offense stalled.

This isn't to de-value any of the other players on the team. Each member of the rotation has been playing an important part on

Tamaris Relerford and John Krull have been solid contributors with their pressure defense and how they contribute on the offensive end. Steve Hicklin and Kyle Grusczynski have provided valuable minutes off the bench when relieving Krull and Relerford, while Eric Maus and Brian Bauer have been tough in the post against some of the big guys they have played recently.

While UW-SP won't be ranked No. 1 when they go into the tournament, they have to be one of the favorites to win it all. If they play to their potential, the Pointers should make it through a couple of rounds at least without that much of a problem.

What makes the Pointers tough to play against is their motion offense and their ability to play stout defense and contest shots. The head coach of Marquette, Tom Crean, noticed this firsthand in the first exhibition game of the season. He complimented the team for running the offense the way they did and while Marquette was noticeably bigger than the Pointers, they still played tough defense in that

While I won't be foolish and predict another National Championship this early (the team will have a large bullseye attached to their jerseys during the tournament), it should be a fun and exciting ride to watch this team in the playoffs as the seniors make one more run for



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# Sitting in on "Bracketology" 101

By Steve Roeland

SPORTS EDITOR

Good morning, class. It's nice to see so many of you here today. There looks to be about 320 or so of you, from Aggies to Zips, all ready to learn about what it takes to earn a spot in the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. For our lecture today, we will be looking at the current outlook for this year's tournament. Let's discuss the teams who have what it takes to be No. 1 seeds.

The University of Illinois seems to have things well in hand. The Fighting Illini are currently 27-0 and are the nation's No. 1 team. Luther Head and Dee Brown lead the Illini, who, over the course of this season, have broken Wisconsin's 38game winning streak at the Kohl Center and defeated six ranked opponents, including former No. 1 Wake Forest.

Our next subjects are the Eagles of Boston College. BC (22-1) is currently sitting atop a conference that includes defending National Champion UConn, the Syracuse Orange and a host of other squads that make up, arguably, the best conference in

college basketball.

The last two teams that we will look at in terms of topseeded qualities are the fierce rivals of Tobacco Road. The North Carolina Tar Heels (22-3) and the Duke Blue Devils (19-4) are regarded as two of the finest programs in college basketball's Pantheon. Head coaches Roy Williams of UNC and Mike Krzyzewski of Duke are the crème-de-la-crème when it comes to teachers of the game. Both clubs will make strong runs come tournament time.

Now class, every year we have to look at the teams who come in under the radar and will also make strong pushes in the tournament. These teams are called "Cinderella stories."

The Pacific Tigers (22-2) are ranked 19th in the country and are on an 18-game winning streak. The Tigers are undefeated in Big West play and defeated fellow top-25 team Nevada on

Other teams to keep an eye on during March Madness are the UW-Milwaukee Panthers (19-5), the Charlotte 49ers (19-4), perennial Cinderella squad Gonzaga (21-4) and the Vermont Catamounts (20-5) with NBA

prospect Taylor Coppenrath, who averages 24.4 points and nine rebounds a game.

So class, we have now addressed the teams that are almost certain to be in the Big Dance come March. For all of you that I haven't mentioned, you are "on the bubble." Let's examine what a bubble team has to do to get their stock on the rise.

The Marquette Golden Eagles (18-8) are coming out of a difficult stretch of the season, losing last week to Louisville at home, but defeating DePaul 67-57 in a game also at the Bradley Center. The Golden Eagles need a big win at Cincinnati this week to keep their tourney hopes alive.

Well, I guess we have come to the conclusion of class today. We have looked at many of the factors teams need to reach the NCAA tournament. Next time, we will examine the ratings percentage index, or RPI, and its effects on the selection committee's decisions. Your homework is to gear up for your conference tournament and watch as much analysis as you can to see what your team needs to do to get into the tourney. Class dismissed.

# Winter Reflections

The cold, snowy, Wisconsin season somehow manages to leave warm memories within us all

By Joel Borski

**OUTDOORS EDITOR** 

The days are getting longer. The nights-shorter. The weather, though sometimes still chilly, is gaining warmth with every passing week. This is a transition period for the outdoors enthusiast as much as it is for Mother Nature. Before long, the snows will be gone, the lakes will be thawed, and the rebirth that is spring will be upon us.

There is a certain tranquility and peace that comes with the passing of the winter season. It's hard to define, yet so easy to see. It's a new beginning-the turning of the page, the start of a new chapter in a book. It's something that many people may never know - something magical. It's something, I dare say, you won't ever find in a Jimmy Buffett song.

All this rambling and we're still three weeks away from spring, you say.

Exactly!

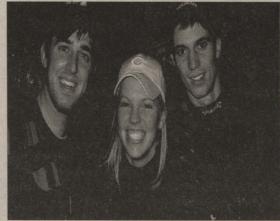


A fishing trip with friends is one of many ways to spend a late-winter Wisconsin weekend.

Before you do all that reminiscing and remembering, take a minute to look around. There is still plenty of winter left for one last hurrah.

Perhaps now is the time to plan one last big trip of the season. An advantage of living in a state like Wisconsin is that there is always something to do when it comes to the outdoors. This time of year is no exception. With the fishing season finale only one week away and rabbit season closing down this weekend, hunters and anglers have a couple of options right off the bat. Overall, fishing hasn't been red-hot across the state but with a little persistence, most anglers should still be able to put some lake steak (that's my name for a nice, big walleye fillet) in the frying pan.

For hunters, besides chasing rabbits, there is also the option of pursuing late-season crows, coyotes, or, the much calmer and quieter, antler shed



Winter offers a multitude of fond memories and experiences. In this case, it's hard to beat a cold beer and warm company after a long day on the snowmobile trails.

hunting. Most bucks have dropped their antlers by now, presenting the perfect opportunity for hunters to search for evidence of a monster whitetail still roaming their property.

Another, often overlooked, option for fun at this time of the year is suiting up and hitting the snowmobile trails. The northern half of the state still has plenty of well-groomed trails to choose from and, often times, those trails are much less crowded during February and March than during other times, such as the holiday season. There is a plethora of resorts and hotels that are more than willing to accommodate late-season snowmobilers, as well as a number of dealerships that rent out sleds and equipment. For individuals not interested in hitting the sunny, college-crazy beaches of Florida for spring break, perhaps a snowmobiling trip is a feasible, cost-effective alternative.

Of course, there are numerous more opportunities for outdoor fun than what are listed here. Activities such as skiing, photography, camping and hiking are also superb options for March and February fun - and they are just the tip of the iceberg. The key is simply to find your niche; to find that one thing that you enjoy and then to get out there and do it.

The point, my friends, is that winter only comes once a year and I don't know about you, but I think the "once-a-year" seems to arrive faster and disappear more quickly with each go-round. I know I'll be getting out and enjoying the remaining weeks of winter as soon and as often as I can. Soon, it'll be gone again, leaving nothing but fond memories in its wake. The leaves will begin to grow, the grass will turn green, and the beauty of yet another season will be upon us. It's a continuous process; a neverending cycle full of possibilities and unkowns. Perhaps its the unknown that makes it all so beautiful in the first place. Perhaps, it's the unknown that truly marks the changing of a season.

Then again, maybe it's the college-crazy beach-

I'll let you know in a few weeks. Now, GET OUT!..side.

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# **Kyoto Protocol** takes effect

After years of waiting, the ozone friendly clause takes hold amidst both support and disapproval

By Hilary Bulger OUTDOORS REPORTER

After years of effort, the Kyoto Protocol finally went into effect last week. The protocol was introduced in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan when more than 160 issue of global warming. With Russia's recent ratification, the protocol was officially effective last

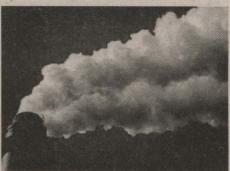
Wednesday. The pact calls for industrialized nations worldwide to reduce emissions of the biggest greenhouse gases based on 1990 emission reports by 5.2 percent

To become effective, the protocol required signatures from 55 countries accounting for at least 55 percent of 1990 emissions. Former President Clinton signed the protocol immediately, but President Bush pulled the United States out of the pact in 2001. Bush continues to oppose Kyoto, claiming it will hurt the United States' economy. The United States, in 1990, accounted for 25 percent of global emissions, including 36 percent of carbon dioxide, by far the world leader. The Sierra Club's global warming program director, Dan Becker, had a request for the Oval

"We call on the Bush administration to quit the Flat Earth Society and get its head out of the sand on global warming."

Fortunately, other world leaders do not share Bush's views. England's Tony Blair is one of Kyoto's biggest supporters, as well as one of Bush's biggest war allies. Over 125 countries have signed Kyoto, with the remaining necessary ratification coming with Russia in late October.

President Bush was recently on a tour of Europe, hoping to Iraq. Polls indicate that among thing! The rest of the world is. Europeans, Bush is unpopular.



nations met to discuss the The Kyoto Protocol seeks to reduce world emissions of certain greenhouse gasses by at least 5.2 percent.

Besides Iraq, there are several other issues European leaders and Bush disagree on, including Kyoto. On Monday in Brussels, Belgium, President Bush briefly addressed the pact in his remarks, though did not indicate any real plans of action and included the economy in his statement: "Our alliance is determined to show good stewardship of the Earth, and that requires addressing the serious long-term challenge of global climate change. All of us expressed our views on the Kyoto Protocol, and now we must work together on the way forward. By researching, by developing, by promoting new technologies across the world, all nations, including the developing countries, can advance economically while slowing the growth in global greenhouse gases and avoid pollutants that undermine public health."

The majority of America, including our president, is ignoring the fact that global warming is here. This is not something we are looking at in the future, it is now, and is only going to get worse. Ten of the 14 hottest years on record were in the last 10 years. Glaciers that have been frozen since the ice ages are melting. Each citizen of planet Earth needs to step up and do there part. Carpool, investigate alternative energy sources for homes and vehicles, write representatives in repair relationships damaged by government, get involved with the Administration's dealings in conservation groups, do some-

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# OuTdOoR OdDiTiEs

By Joel Borski OUTDOORS EDITOR

Strange, but oh, so true.

A trio of elk hunters were loading up their truck deep in the Montana wilderness one afternoon when another group of men drove up to talk. One of the men asked the hunters if they'd seen anyone walking in circles on the mountain. The man then explained that they had found a duffle bag with a prosthetic leg in it - laying in the middle of a barely-gravel road nearby.

The hunters knew nothing of the strange find and dismissed the topic. The two groups shared contact information for a later hunt and then parted ways.

The trio of hunters then stopped a few miles up the road to glass some mule deer in a clearing. After a minute or two, one of the hunters noticed a vehicle coming up the road. They decided to wait and talk to the occupants, since people were pretty scarce in these parts.

Inside the vehicle was a man and woman from Missoula. For some reason, the couple seemed a little agitated. Finally, after chatting for a short time, the woman asked, "Did



So, a leg walks into a bar...

you happen to find a green bag in the road?"

The elder hunter replied, "Green bag of

what - prosthetic leg?"

To his surprise the woman's face brightened. As it turned out, that's exactly what the
couple was looking for.

Apparently, the prosthetic leg belonged to the man in the vehicle. It was a specially designed - made for hiking in the rough Montana terrain. Somewhere along the bumpy road, the bag containing the leg bounced out of the pop-up camper the couple was pulling behind their vehicle.

The hunters gladly gave the couple the contact information for the group of men who had picked up the bag.

Talk about being in the right place at the right time.

# Early trout season opens March 5

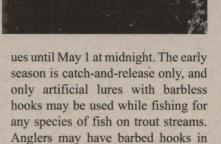
DNR Press Release

MADISON - Wisconsin's early catch and release trout season opens March 5 with good news for anglers on two fronts: there are no new rules for them to learn and there are more fish waiting to be caught.

"We came through the year really well. Last year, cold, wet weather early in the regular season meant that the harvest was reduced last year so we probably have a few more fish than usual swimming around," said Larry Claggett, a coldwater fisheries specialist for the Department of Natural Resources.

"One of the other highlights is there are no changes in regulations. The season dates are the same, the waters open for fishing are the same, so it's status quo, which is somewhat unusual."

The 2005 early trout season opens at 5 a.m. March 5 and contin-



Claggett reminds anglers not to wade in the water if they think the area might be a spawning area because there could be a chance of harming eggs in gravel or fry as they emerge. Brook and brown trout spawn in October and November, and the eggs hatch in late winter and early spring.

their possession while fishing.

# Planetarium to host rockin' laser show

By Rick Gambsky

OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

A series of laser light shows set to rock music will be presented in the UW-Stevens Point Planetarium for two weeks. Planetarium director, Randy Olson said, "We hope to bring entertainment and to introduce the planetarium to people who don't know what we do, and can do."

The programs will be shown on a full sky multicolor laser system from Audio Visual Imagineering, Inc (AVI). AVI, located in Orlando, Fla., has done work for Walt Disney World Studios and Hershey Park. "It takes four people working four months to produce each show," said AVI managing director, Joanne Young.

Since 1978, Audio Visual Imagineering has been a world leader in the laser light show industry. Their award-winning laser shows have added excitement to many entertainment events. "Because of the large costs involved in purchasing the equipment ourselves, we asked AVI to help put the program together," said Olson. "They had the right equipment for rent."

The shows start at 8 and 9 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 23-26 and March 2-5. The 50-minute programs are open to the public. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and \$2 for UW-SP students with a student ID. Proceeds support educational activities at the planetarium.

Wednesday's show will feature music from alternative rock band U2. Thursday's show will have music from rock legends Led Zeppelin. Classic rock from the band Pink Floyd will be featured on Friday and Saturday.

The Allen F. Blocher Planetarium is located on the second floor of the UW-SP Science Building at the corner of Reserve St. and Fourth Ave. Parking is available in Lot X near the building entrance. Parking is free in most university lots after 7 p.m. weekdays.

For more information, contact Randy Olson, at (715)346-4876.

You can visit Audio Visual Imagineering on the Web at www.av-imagineering.com



# Weekend Weather Outlook: Friday: Partly cloudy. High: 26 Low: 9 Saturday: Partly cloudy. High: 34 Low: 24 Sunday: Cloudy. Chance of rain/snow showers. High: 36 Low: 21

# Inland game fish season closes March 6

DNR Press Release

MADISON – Beginning this year, anglers will have some additional time to fish for game fish before the game fish season closes at the end of the day Sunday, March 6.

Starting in 2005 and subsequent years, the inland game fishing season closes at the end of the day of the first Sunday in March. The panfish season remains open year-round as does the game fish season on select waters, as listed in the "Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations."

The change in season closure date was approved during the 2003 annual Department of Natural Resources Spring Rule Hearings and subsequently by the Natural Resources Board, along with a slate of other fishing regulation changes.

According to Patrick Schmalz, DNR regulations and warmwater fisheries specialist, the new closure date will give anglers additional days of fishing for game fish most years. Schmalz says the change was spurred by angler and business interests. The later closure date had been proposed as a Conservation Congress resolution and question at the Conservation Congress portion of the spring hearings, and then forwarded as a regulation proposal by the DNR in 2003.

"Anglers from across the state expressed their desire to end the game fish season on a Sunday, and starting this year, they will gain additional days of fishing on most waters," said Schmalz.

# Arts & Review

# The Vagina Monologues: V-Day lives on

By Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

It's not too late to catch a performance of Eve Ensler's play The Vagina Monologues, sponsored and in part performed by the UW-SP Women's Resource Center. Two more performances, one on Feb. 24 and another on Feb. 26, will be held in the Laird Room of the University Center at 7 pm. Ticket prices are \$4 for UW-SP students, \$6 for non-students if purchased in the University Center Concourse prior to the show, and \$6 for UW-SP students, \$8 for non-students if purchased at the door.

Sometimes funny, sometimes heartbreaking, often both at once, The Vagina Monologues is a series of stories about women, their vaginas and the world they live in. Drawn from actual interviews with women who are grandmothers, prostitutes, war survivors, businesswomen and everything in between, the monologues do more than just tell interesting stories. Using humor, horror and compassion, they give voice to the experiences of hundreds, of thousands of women, unflinchingly expose social problems like sexual abuse and genital mutilation and celebrate the discovery

and acceptance of female sexuality.

There is something new and meaningful to carry away from *The Vagina Monologues* after every viewing. Whether you are a man or a woman, whether hearing words like "cunt" onstage makes you smile or cringe, whether you've ever thought about the problems and pleasures of lesbians, women of color, victims of war, dominatrix businesswomen, or the nice old lady who lives next door, you will think about them now. What's more, you'll enjoy doing it.

Immediately after each performance, a discussion of The Vagina Monologues will be held in the Women's Resource Center Office, room 30C in the Lower Level of the University Center. All money earned from the peformances of The Vagina Monologues will be donated to the Family Crisis Center and Sexual Assault Victim Services and Family Center, Inc. This is in keeping with the V-Day mission outlined by Ensler, which, according to the program handed out at the performance, is "a global movement to stop violence against women and girls...including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery." The program also notes that "the 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina. Go out, see the play, and viva la

#### Dark Irish comedy to open at Noel Fine Arts Center

**UW-SP News Release** 

The outrageous characters and dark humor of the Irish comedy *The Cripple of Inishmaan* will touch audiences during the play's two-weekend run at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, says Stephen Trovillion Smith, the play's director.

"It's a very black comedy and very funny. It says something about the human condition," said Smith, associate professor in UW-SP's Theater and Dance Department. "The Irish have a wonderful way with language."

Set in the 1930s, the Martin McDonagh play follows "Cripple Billy" and his friends as they leave their own impoverished Aran Island to seek Hollywood stardom with a director filming a documentary. The production opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in Jenkins Theater of the UW-SP Noel Fine Arts Center. Performances also are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26; Thursday, March 3; Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27.

"I think it's important in America – and here – to see world views, especially in a humorous way," Smith said.

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Though the play's theme is

universal, it is an adult comedy, Smith said. "It's not for children. There's some adult language."

Recreating that language in the charming accent often called an "Irish lilt" required a dialect coach for the nine student actors, and Smith found an experienced one nearby. Retired UW-SP theater professor Tom Nevins, whose ancestors came from Ireland, said he particularly enjoyed working with the students on this particular play.

"The Irish have a great love for the spoken word," said Nevins, who created and taught a course in dialects. Half the fun of working on a play such as *The Cripple* is recreating it as the playwright intended, he said.

"I was terribly impressed

with the cast," said Nevins, who began studying dialects as a boy growing up in an ethnically mixed Chicago neighborhood and mastered 16 dialects during his 42-year career in theater and education.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the University Box Office in Room 103 of the UWSP University Center. Tickets also may be ordered by calling (715)-346-4100 or (800)-838-3378. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are accepted. Admission is \$13 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for youths, which includes a \$1 ticketing fee. Tickets are \$3.50 for students with UWSP ID or free the day of the show if seats are available.



A comic scene from UW-SP's production of *The Cripple of Inishmaan*.

Photo from UW-SP News Services

#### Rock and Roll Legends: Ten Years After

By David Cohen

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Before bands like Blues Traveler and the Allman Brothers, Ten Years After, another forgotten band of the 60s, was a pioneer in the area of blues rock. This was then a very new, experimental and risky combination of forms. However, Ten Years After showed the best aspects of both musical styles and improved both by combining them and musically "putting chocolate with the peanut butter." Further, they remain true to the roots of both blues and rock and pay them both tribute, while at the same time changing them. Numerous bands have since followed in their footsteps.

While the MC5 merged rock with the new form of punk, another notable band, Ten Years After, did the same with the older form of blues. Ten Years After, hailing from England, were perhaps the first blues/rock band. They played at Woodstock, but were also welcomed at serious blues festivals. Their blues became less traditional as their careers went on and became more psychedelic and transcendental. Their merge of blues and rock works well, and the music has a feel like blues from outer space. This is particularly true on their final album, considered by many to be their masterpiece, A Space in *Time* from 1971.

#### "The music has a feel like blues from outer space."

Here they show a somewhat different political attitude from other bands of the time, who were trying to be social activists, with lyrics such as "I'd love to change the world, but I don't know what to do, so I leave it up to you." Rather than politics, Ten Years After was more devoted to intensely emotional love songs such as "Let the Sky Fall" and "I Can't Keep from Crying Sometimes." Songs such as these display an emotional honesty that would be hard to find in the music of today. Some songs of theirs are more rock, while some are very traditional blues. Others are both with a unique twist. They also rock up some traditional blues songs such as the classic "Good Morning Little School Girl."

In 2002, a two-disc anthology set was released, thus keeping the memory of Ten Years After alive. The album contains a booklet of their history. Now a band that many "survivors of the sixties" consider to be of the best of the era can be experienced again.

# Horns and guitars sound off at UW-SP

**UW-SP News Release** 

Horn players Michael Wall and Steve Ferguson will perform in a joint recital at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Monday, Feb. 28.

The event, which will be open to the public free of charge, will be held in Michelsen Hall of the Noel Fine Arts Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include "Sonata for horn and piano, Op. 17" by Beethoven and "Song Suite in Jazz Style for Horn and Piano" performed by Wall with piano accompaniment by Joseph Stillwell of Kohler. Ferguson will perform Mozart's "Horn Concerto" and "Parable for solo horn" by Vincent Persichetti.

Wall, the son of Robert and Sherry Wall, Onalaska, is a graduate of Cotter High School. He is currently a junior majoring in applied horn and he intends to go onto graduate school after completing his degree. During his time at UW-SP, he has been involved with the UW-SP Orchestra, the UW-SP Concert Band, the Horn Choir, and the Horn Quartet.

Ferguson, the son of Larry and Kayleen Ferguson, Green Bay, is a graduate of Bay Port High School. He is currently a sophomore majoring in horn performance. During his time at UWSP, Ferguson has also been involved with the Horn Choir, Horn Quartet, UW-SP Concert Band and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. He also has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Singer and songwriter Mike Mangione will also perform at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb 26.

This Centertainment-sponsored event will be held in the Encore of the University Center (UC). Admission is \$4 for the general public and free with a UW-SP ID.

Mangione, cousin of the famous jazz horn player Chuck Mangione, is a native of Chicago. Since an early age, he has been involved with music, including classical training as a vocal tenor and teaching himself to play both the guitar and drums.

Today Mangione plays a wide variety of styles, from folk-style picking to acoustic rock. In the past year, he played his unique brand of music at over 150 live performances across the country, crisscrossing the nation with shows in Seattle, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Boston, and dozens of other places. He is currently working on an album on which he intends to play most of the tracks.

#### In Memoriam: Hunter S. Thompson

By Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

Author and renegade journalist Hunter S. Thompson died at his home near Aspen, Colorado this week from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. Thompson was the founder of Gonzo journalism, a no-holdsbarred, immersive style he exemplified in books like Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and The Great Shark Hunt. Though he began his journalistic career as a sports writer, and continued to write passionately about sports his whole life, he quickly became famous as a political commentator and critic of the American system. Always incisive, sometimes psychotic, he blasted politics and politicians with unabashed vitriol and gave out equally vivid praise where he thought it was due.

Thompson lived wildly and well. He hung out with Hell's Angels and George Plimpton, indulged his love for firearms with William S. Burroughs and Conan O'Brien, gave Johnny Depp the haircut he sported when he played Thompson in the film version of *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. He took drugs, drank and smoked liberally. It is going to be incredibly hard to think of him in the past tense.

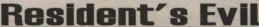
Hey folks, it's been a crazy February, but I'd bet my new beak-sweater that March will top it. It always does. Especially with spring break on the horizon. If you're lucky, you might get a poisonous kiss while swimming in the ocean from me our my buddy Albert. Peace out,

Peace out,
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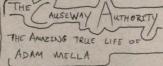






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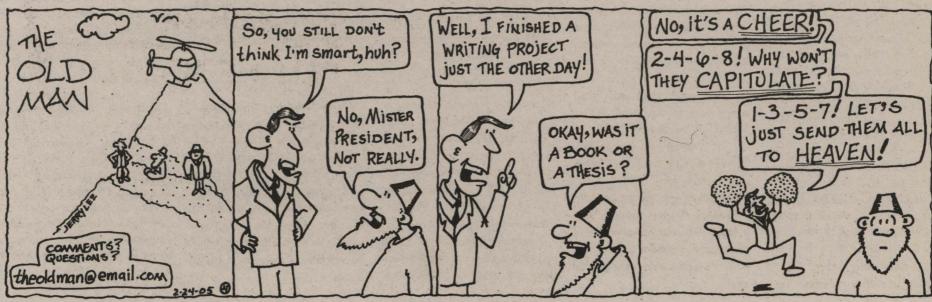




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