

# The Spectator

## WEATHER

### TODAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY  
High of 41°  
Low of 27°

### TUESDAY

RAIN AND SNOW  
High of 46°  
Low of 28°

### WEDNESDAY

SNOW  
High of 45°  
Low of 22°

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### Four Wally

The men's basketball team advanced to the Final Four without injured senior Jon Wallenfelsz.

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### Spring break down

Earn cash or take a vacation. There's plenty of things to do during spring break this year.

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## HEADLINES

### WORLD

#### Pope seeks pardon for Catholics who wronged

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In an unprecedented moment in the history of the church, Pope John Paul II asked God's forgiveness Sunday for the sins of Roman Catholics through the ages, including wrongs inflicted on Jews, women and minorities.

The apology was a personal landmark for a frail, ailing pope who vowed to cleanse and reinvigorate Catholicism for its third millennium.

"We forgive and we ask forgiveness," he said at several points during the solemn Day of Pardon Mass at St. Peter's Basilica.

The church burned heretics at the stake during the Inquisition. Armies of the faithful slaughtered Muslims during the Crusades, and some Catholics stood silent in the face of Nazi genocide during the Holocaust.

The pontiff did not specifically mention such infamous wrongs during the service. Few specific groups were mentioned and no names were given.

### NATION

#### Clinton continues to press for gun-safety legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making the case for stricter gun safety laws, President Clinton suggested that measures included in legislation languishing on Capitol Hill could prevent tragedies such as the killing last week of a 6-year-old Michigan girl.

"I'm not at all sure that even a callous, irresponsible drug dealer with a 6-year-old in the house wouldn't leave a child trigger lock on a gun," Clinton said in an interview with CNN's "Burden of Proof," a transcript of which was released Thursday by the White House.

Clinton has stepped up pressure on Congress since the shooting of Kayla Rolland at a school in Mount Morris Township, Mich. She was killed by a first-grade classmate who had taken the gun from an adult living in the house of his uncle, where the child was staying.

The administration wants to require safety locks on new guns, ban the import of large-capacity ammunition clips and require a three-day waiting period for background checks before buying a weapon at gun shows.

### WISCONSIN

#### Elvis impersonator sentenced for poaching

MADISON (AP) — A professional Elvis impersonator who concocted an elaborate deer poaching scheme has been sentenced to a month in jail.

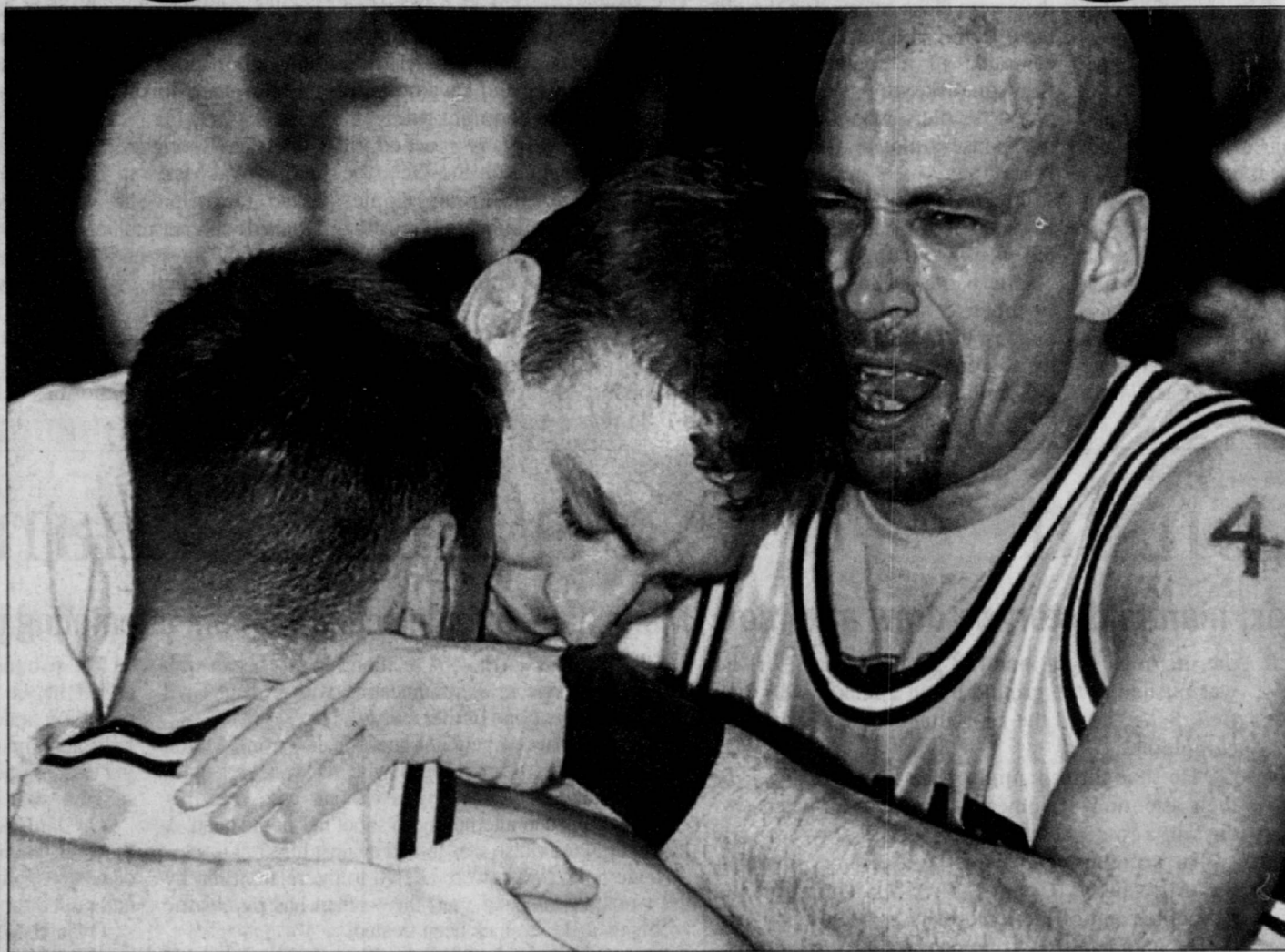
Clyde H. Masten III, 24, poached a trophy buck in Columbia County in 1996 and attempted to make it appear he legally killed the deer in Michigan. But officials snared him by using an isotope analysis that proved the buck was from Wisconsin.

Masten, 24, was given the jail time and a \$2,000 fine by a U.S. District Court on Friday. Masten also was ordered to perform 1,000 hours of community service for unlawfully transporting wildlife across state lines.

Crocker delayed Masten's jail stay until April 17 to allow him to make a scheduled appearance as an Elvis Presley impersonator in Branson, Mo.

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## Eight isn't enough for men



SENIOR ERIC GARDOW hugs teammates senior Jon Wallenfelsz (middle) and senior Sherm Carstensen (right). Carstensen hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to beat UW-Stevens Point 60-58 to move on to the Final Four. The Blugolds did it without Wallenfelsz, their captain and leading scorer.

### Women fall to Washington juggernaut in battle of undefeateds

LAURA DEAN  
The Spectator

ST. LOUIS — Coach Lisa Stone has plans to cut her hair now. She said in October that she wouldn't cut her hair until the women's basketball team lost.

The No. 2 Blugolds suffered their first loss of the season last Friday, losing to No. 1 ranked Washington University 81-63.

With the much anticipated match-up said and done, it might seem to have been a blow out.

Although the score tells one thing, anyone who was at the game will tell another.

The 'Golds went up against the two-time defending national champion knowing they had just one thing to do—keep

senior player of the year Alia Fisher away from the basket.

But this is a feat easier said than done. The 6-foot-2-inch Fisher leads her team in scoring, averaging 16.6 points a game, rebounding 6.7 redounds per game, field goal percentage (.578) free throw percentage (.773) and blocks.

Eau Claire's 5-foot-10-inch junior Megan Murphy guarded her. Murphy had her hands full trying to contain Fisher.

"They had excellent post-players," Murphy said. "I just wish I were a little bit taller."

Rounding out the other end of Washington's front court line up was Tasha Rodgers and Emily Harold.

The 'Golds contained Harold to just

two points, but Rodgers was another story. The 5-foot-10 junior was the Bears' leading scorer with 28 points, and Fisher scored 25 points. Washington's front court scored 55 of the Bears' points.

The Blugolds couldn't contain the Bears' big front court. So instead of relying on the inside shots, the 'Golds had to rely on their outside shooting, which held up well against the Bear offense.

Junior Jessie Brantner's outside shooting for Eau Claire gave the women hope. She nailed four three-point shots during the second half. Three of these were during the 'Golds second half crucial run.

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### Carstensen hits 3-point shot to propel Wally-less Blugolds to Final Four

JOE GUSTAFSON  
The Spectator

STORM LAKE, Iowa — The absolute outpouring of emotion by the men's basketball team and the Eau Claire fan contingent Saturday night at Siebens Fieldhouse was the pinnacle of a two-day rollercoaster of emotions that earned the Blugolds a trip to the NCAA Division III Final Four on Friday and Saturday in Salem, Virginia.

"I put two things on the board tonight," coach Terry Gibbons said. "One was a poorly-designed artistic rendition of a brain, and the other was a big heart."

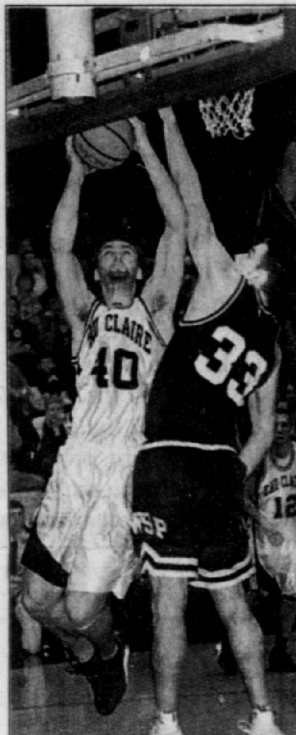
"I told the guys we've gotta play smart, and we've gotta play with a lot of heart."

And that's exactly what they did, willing their way to a win over WIAC rival UW-Stevens Point 60-58 as the 'Golds star center and emotional leader, senior Jon Wallenfelsz, watched from behind the bench.

Though junior Sherm Carstensen hit the game-winning three-point shot, Wallenfelsz was as much a part of the post-game frenzy as anyone else.

"We were down 18 but I never doubted us," said Wallenfelsz, who tore his ACL on one of the final plays of regulation in Friday night's 82-75 overtime win against host school Buena Vista University. "We stuck together as a team. We knew that one person wasn't gonna score an 18-point shot."

Wallenfelsz picked off a pass and raced downcourt for a breakaway dunk that put the Blugolds up by three points with just 30.9 seconds left in the second half against Buena Vista.



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## Hentges-Brandt win election by 74 votes

### ◆ FINE ARTS VOTERS put ticket over the top

LEAH THORSEN  
The Spectator

It was a race right down to the wire that easily could have gone either way.

Justin Hentges and Erin Brandt were elected as the president and vice president of Student Senate over the team of Colin Clark and Kelly Witkowski by 74 votes.

At the end of Wednesday, Hentges and Brandt led by only two votes, but got strong support on Thursday from votes in the Haas Fine Arts Center that gave them the



Hentges



Brandt

winning edge.

Hentges and Brandt received 52 percent of the votes, while Clark and Witkowski got 48 percent.

The close vote was not a surprise to either side.

"No matter which way it went I knew it would be close," Hentges

said.

Hentges and Clark sat down before they started campaigning and both agreed to keep the campaign clean, Hentges said. He said there were only a couple of negative things that happened in this year's campaign, compared to incidences in previous years.

Clark said he was proud of coming so close and of how they handled the campaign.

"We didn't go behind anyone's back. We didn't pressure anybody," Clark said. "We never sold ourselves out."

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### ◆ DAVIES REFERENDUM approved by wide margin; senators find turnout encouraging

ANDY KARR  
The Spectator

The 44th session of the UW- Eau Claire Student Senate begins today as students newly-elected in last week's election take their seats for the first time.

The new senators were decided in the election that took place last week. There were 1,776 students who voted, an increase from the 1,327 students who voted in last year's election.

"I think that's great that more students were voting," Sen. Nicole Kittle said. "Maybe next year we can get even more."

Sen. Bridget Dillon agreed the increase was good.

but there still are not enough students voting. "I wish that more people had voted," she said.

Along with the election of the senators, Justin Hentges and Erin Brandt defeated Colin Clark and Kelly Witkowski to become the new student body president and vice president. A mere 74 votes separated the two tickets.

In addition to voting for student government, a referendum for Davies Center expansion was on the ballot. The referendum asked students if they would be in favor of up to a \$38 dollar increase in segregated fees to support an addition to Davies. The referendum passed by an overwhelming majority of about 76 percent of voters voting in favor of the increase.

Davies Center expansion was a hot topic in this year's election, but many candidates talked about a

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### Student Senate Election Results

#### On-Campus

Chang	469
Oettinger	435
Moore	426
Kittle	402
Nelson	399
Syth	349
Opsahl	327
Contreras	323
Moran	320
Lambert	314

Habersbrunner	302
Butler	301
Hofer	269

#### Davies Center

YES	1205/76.3%
NO	375/23.7%

#### President/Vice P.

Hentges/Brandt	905/52.1%
Clark/Witkowski	831/47.9%

#### Off-Campus

Otto	452
Bergquist	450
Keeton	430
Hayden	418
Simek	394
Greeson	377
Licht	366
Breen	344
Legatt	340
Richards	337
Williams	328
Dillon	322
Baumgart	315
McCartney	310
MacCornack	309
Hetland	308
Yang	301
C. Smith	271
E. Smith	267
Morton	247

Joles	237
Palmer	229
Sandman	226