

Festival of India enlightens Point

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Saturday, Oct. 5, Shama, Inc. unveiled the 15th Annual Festival of India at SPASH. The Festival consisted of workshops, a buffet-style dinner of food commonly prepared in India and a showcase of performances to cap off the evening.

The events kicked off at 3:30 p.m. when the workshops began. The activities varied from presentations of instruments native to India, like the tablas and sitar, meditation and yoga seminars. General lectures about ancient Indian traditions like Dharma, Kamasutra, Islam, and the significance of ceremonies, like wedding, death and naming, in India.

"I love this sort of thing," said UWSP student Jasmine Hannah. "I wish that there were more cultural events going on in Stevens Point like this one because it's great for people to get out and learn about other customs."

Shama, Inc., who runs the annual festival, stands for Scholarship, Home Industry, Activism, Medical and Health, Alliances between Americans and Indians is a non-profit organization and was created to raise cultural awareness in the area, as well as maintain and run the Festival of India.

In their first year, Shama, Inc. raised roughly \$600 to send to Bombay to help women and further education. This year, the group estimates a total donation of around \$14,500.

All of the donations raised for the Festival of India will directly benefit destitute women

in Bombay, India by funding education and providing much needed appropriations for training programs. The most prevalent project is the Women's Self

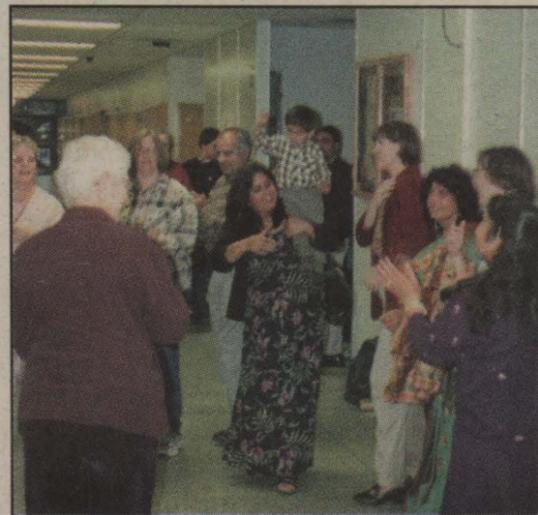


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Attendees of Festival enjoy music and fun

Help Society, which trains women in everyday skills that make them more marketable so that they can obtain jobs in the future.



Photo by L. Zancanaro

Construction wreaks havoc in the lives of students living on and off campus. Construction is currently taking place on all side connecting streets to both Main St. and Clark St. Drivers are now forced to find a new route to and from school. Walkers are now looking at bulldozer and water pipes on their trek to class. With no end in sight, the construction will venture on, and so will our daily lives.

UWSP students give thoughts on talk of war

By Scott Cattelino
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

War and peace. One can't exist without the other. Yet no one ever wants to be at war. And still again we find our nation faced with this potentially deadly dilemma. Although opinions may vary, many UWSP students are demonstrating a variety of views and concerns that many fellow Americans share.

On Monday evening President Bush outlined his case against Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi regime in a speech presented to the American public. Bush claimed that the threat Iraq poses is a direct result of "the Iraqi regime's own actions, its history of aggression and its drive toward an arsenal of terror." The president cited several cases in which Iraq had violated many of the agreements reached at the end of the Persian Gulf War. Eleven years later we once again must decide how to resolve this danger.

The United States Congress will meet later this week to discuss and vote on the matter. President Bush has asked them to authorize the use of American military force and to enforce U.N. Security Council demands.

"By our resolve, we will give strength to others. By our courage, we will give hope to others. By our actions, we will secure the peace and lead the world to a better day."

Must this "better day" come at the expense of thousands of lives and billions of dollars? Can we have peace

without first experiencing the horrors of war? How can we confront this reoccurring threat in the best way possible? These are just a few of the questions that UWSP stu-

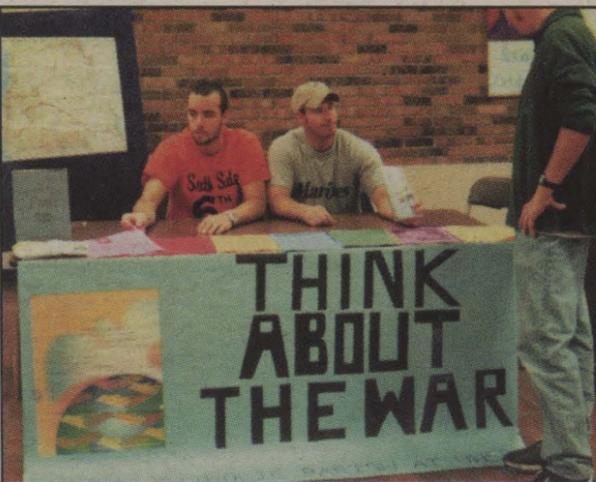


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dents are asking.

"Saddam Hussein is a tyrant who needs to be dealt with," claims Matt Tennesen, a senior political science and public administrations major. "I'm not sure that giving the President full war power is the best way to deal with the situation. However, actions need to be taken

whether or not the U.N. has enough courage to confront the situation in a proactive form to save us from another Sept. 11"

Some students agree with the president whole-heartedly and took a strong patriotic stance. Daniel McCormick, a math major and military science minor had a slightly different take on the situation. "I agree with the president 100%. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion on the issue, which is fine with me, but as far as I'm concerned, I'm behind President Bush all the way."

Other students found the President's methods and attitude toward the matter to be a bit weak and unorthodox. "I think that his attempt at involving the United Nations is feeble at best. He seems to be contradicting himself by saying he didn't want to get involved in other countries affairs when he was elected, and yet we are so quick to set up government in Iraq," said Jack Kelly, a senior communications major. "I think we need to start looking at who our enemies are and who our allies are instead of where our oil comes from."

Bob Heiar, a veteran of the Kosovo peacekeeping, four-year corporal in the Marines, and a sophomore forest recreation major shared another view on the issue. "I believe that Bush has not made his case to the public causing public support to waver. If you don't have the support of the people you're not going to win the war. Before any military action is taken he needs to gain the

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Blood drive at UWSP saves lives

By Melissa Berwick
NEWS REPORTER

Once again the UWSP Blood Drive has come and gone. Tuesday and Wednesday, many volunteers and donors gathered in the UC's Laird room to support the American Red Cross. This semester's goal was 150 pints of blood, and 158 were successfully gathered, with 39 deferrals and incompletes.

Association for Community Task (ACT) was very impressed to see the large amounts of people who gave blood to help save a life and

would like to give special thanks to all of the volunteers who gave

up their time to help the drive run so smoothly. Also, thanks should be given of the organizations that helped prepare this event, as well

wants to thank all those who came in to donate their own blood!

ACT would like to remind those interested in volunteering about a couple of upcoming opportunities. First, the Portage Co. Groundwater Guardians will lead 5th-7th grade classrooms through ground water lessons. This starts during the end of October and goes through the first two weeks of December. Also, the Make a Difference Day Rake-A-Thon is coming up on October

26th at 8 a.m. For more info or to sign up, contact mchri372@uwsp.edu.



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The view from the Laird Room during the blood drive.

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Wisconsin students win major free speech victory

In a major freedom of speech ruling today, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld student control over segregated fees for the support of essential student services and a "free and open exchange of ideas." Complimenting the student-developed rules and regulations governing the allocation of student fees, the court ruled that the Associated Students of Madison's (ASM) funding procedures were extremely specific and detailed, exceeding the court's expectations.

"The student fee process must be controlled by students, the court affirmed today. Wisconsin's student leaders' dedication to refining the fee process and defending free speech has been rewarded," said Jeff Pertl, President of the United Council of UW Students.

In 1996, UW-Madison student Scott Southworth sued the Board of Regents, alleging it is unconstitutional to use a student's segregated fees to fund groups that they ideologically oppose. In 2000, the US Supreme Court ruled unanimously that ASM's funding system was legal as long as it was viewpoint neutral—a stipulation both parties had agreed upon. In 2001, Southworth retracted his viewpoint neutrality stipulation, alleging the ASM funding system failed to meet the Supreme Court's criteria.

Today, the Seventh Circuit handed down a 3-0 ruling, which overturned most of a lower court opinion that threatened to eliminate funding of student organizations engaged in "speech and expressive activities." The court upheld that the student controlled fee system was, in fact, viewpoint neutral.

"Today's ruling reaffirmed the unanimous opinion of the US Supreme Court that student fees, distributed on a viewpoint neutral basis constitute a viable and important aspect of a public higher education," said ASM Chair Bryan Gadow. "Moreover, the court recognized the hard work and dedication by the Associated

Students of Madison. The ruling applauded the checks and balances inherent to the student-developed funding process, which guarantees numerous systems of appeal to prevent bias from tainting funding decisions."

"The ruling recognizes that it is not only legal to fund political or ideological groups, but moreover it is illegal to deny them funding on that basis," stated Faith Kurtyka, member of the Student Services Finance Committee at UW-Madison. "The ruling holds student governments to the same standards as city and local governments, and acknowledges that ASM has met and exceeded these standards."

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals overturned most of the lower court ruling, but upheld two portions, including a section banning the consideration of an organization's longevity and previous funding levels in finance decisions. ASM Finance Chair, Rob Welygan said, "Although an organization has never been denied funding based on this criterion, ASM appreciates the guidance of the court and will certainly comply in all future decisions."

The court also temporarily prohibited the use of student fees for funding travel grants until the university can provide adequate safeguards guaranteeing viewpoint neutral distribution. Rules and procedures on travel grant distribution, which are as rigorous as those previously applauded by the court, were enacted in December 2000, but were unavailable prior to the filing of the case in the spring of 2000.

"This ruling sets a national precedent, reaffirming that the university is a marketplace for all viewpoints and ideas, and clearly demonstrates that the ASM funding system distributes fees fairly and legally," said Pertl. "This is a tremendous victory for students and we will continue to dedicate ourselves to preserving the power of student governance and advocacy."

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support of the U.N. and take on Saddam not as a single nation but as a coalition."

Erin Yudchitz, a senior communication major, brought yet another approach to student understanding. "I don't see any need for a resolution that gives the president total control over the situation," she said. "To imply that opposing this resolution is unpatriotic is insulting. If military action is required there is no reason why it shouldn't go to congress for approval."

War, what is it good for? That is the question that almost every American is asking. With that question come others. Not all of them can be answered, but by the sharing of opinions and discussing the views of others we can try to come to a suitable resolution and a better understanding.

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An arsonist struck five different residence halls at UWSP, over the weekend of October 4.

On Friday evening, an activated fire alarm was reported in Hansen Hall. Protective services responded to the complaint and found that a community bulletin board had been set on fire. Again on Saturday, Oct. 5, the fourth floor fire alarm in Hansen was activated. Protective Services responded to the alarm only to find that the community bulletin board was again set on fire.

A rapid succession of fire alarms were activated between 8 and 9 p.m. in four more residence halls, including Knutzen Hall, Watson Hall, Smith Hall and on two different floors in May Roach Hall. Upon investigation, all fire alarms were activated due to the burning of community bulletin boards.

A suspicious person was observed to be in the residence halls and was described as a male, 5'9" tall with wavy brown hair and wearing a red tie dyed shirt.

These arsons are very serious crimes and the person(s) responsible must be caught. If you have any information on these seven arson cases call Crime Stoppers. All calls can be anonymous and still be eligible for a cash reward of up to one thousand dollars. Crime Stoppers Hotline 1-888-346-6600.



Baldwin Hall
Thursday, Oct. 3 2:53 a.m.

A male was found throwing up and going in and out of consciousness in the men's bathroom.

Hansen Hall
Friday, Oct. 4 3:42 a.m.

The fire alarm in Hansen hall was pulled by an unknown individual.

Watson Hall
Saturday, Oct. 5 12:51 a.m.

The Hall Director reported a possible marijuana situation on second floor Watson.

Lot P
Saturday, Oct. 5 10:30 a.m.

A student discovered his vehicle had been damaged while he was at class.

Residence Halls
Saturday, Oct. 5 8:15 p.m.

Fire alarms were activated in Knutzen Hall, Watson Hall, Roach Hall and Smith Hall. An investigation of the cause and culprit is under way.

SGA joins in statewide campaign to get out the vote

By Elizabeth Nelson
 NEWS REPORTER

The UWSP Student Government Association (SGA) is joining with student governments across the state to "Get Out The Vote". SGA will be focusing on the election for Governor of Wisconsin, which will take place on November 5.

SGA has several tactics in mind to get students to vote. "Our main strategy is to get students to the polls by educating them on the candidates so that they feel prepared to make a decision," said Betsy Nelson, Communication Director for SGA.

Phase one of SGA's plan to get out the vote is to register as many students as possible. To do this, Matt Tennessen, Legislative Affairs Director for SGA, has set up booths in various locations across campus where deputized SGA members can register students to vote. Next week, students can register in the CPS from 11a.m.-1p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, and Wednesday, Oct. 16th. If students cannot make it to the booth during these times, they can register in the SGA office (Room 026 lower level UC) any time between now and Oct. 16. Students may also register at the polls the day of the election.

SGA has asked the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) to help them with phase two of the "Get Out The Vote" campaign, which is to actually get students to the polls. PRSSA will be working to come up with ideas and promotional materials to help SGA. PRSSA will complement the SGA strategy to educate students by creating fact sheets that will state the candidates' positions on certain issues, and answer ques-

tions relevant to students at UWSP. PRSSA will also be planning events during which students can educate themselves on candidate platforms.

SGA senator Casey Davis said, "it's every student's right and responsibility to vote, so get out and make your contribution to our community."

For more information about the "Get Out The Vote" campaign, or about how to register to vote, contact the Student Government Association at 346-4592, or stop down to room 026 of the lower level UC.



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Whatever...the world according to Steve

Beatings and snipers and nukes, oh my . . .
Seriously, should I be shakin' in my boots?

By Steve Seamandel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Perhaps one of the world's most famous clichés was coined on January 13, 1964 when Bob Dylan released, "The Times They Are A-Changin'". I always find myself saying this, but in the last few months, I've really felt that this is more true now than it ever has been in my lifetime.

Of course, the times have been a-changin' since way before I was ever around. I even recollect events that my parents were concerned about, i.e. Desert Storm, when I knew that something major was going on. But now, I get a little more concerned than I did back in fourth grade.

I check the one and only Drudge Report religiously, and I've found many other colleagues of mine (see, thanks to Professor Bullis, I've learned that it's cool to call your friends, buddies and chums your "colleagues") also refer to the site on a daily or, ahem, hourly basis. It's great knowing what's going on around the world. Sometimes.

For the first time in my life, I'm substantially scared about where the world is heading. Where is it heading, you ask? Well, not directly to hell, in my opinion, but probably somewhere within a couple hundred miles, or feet if you're super-cynical, of the fiery sauna pits that Lucifer calls home.

We've all heard about the juveniles from Milwaukee (my hometown, of all places) who savagely beat and killed a man. And just this week, I've been reading stories about "The Beltway Sniper," who's picked off at least eight, possibly nine people in and around the Maryland and Washington, D.C. areas. Six are dead, two more critically wounded and another was "inconclusively dismissed as a victim."

Mobs of kids beating adults to death with boards, rakes, shovels and *baby strollers*, among other things? A random, disgruntled sniper on the east coast targeting seemingly innocent individuals? My high school teacher who was responsible for turning me into a news junkie, Mr. Harris, would begin nearly every current events class by saying what I've been thinking constantly lately. . . what in the *hell* is going on here?

I won't even delve into the international news

Old advice rings true for general elections

We are reminded every day when we look at the dollar bills in our wallets that Mr. George Washington, our first president, is a prominent figure in our nation's history.

Washington offered advice that today, we are seeing the consequences of for not following in his Farewell Address, where he warned against the danger of party and faction. He believed in the virtues of a nonpartisan government, in which patriotic citizens of different views would be willing to serve together. Referring to political factions, he said, "It serves to distract the public councils, and enfeeble the public administration. . . agitates the community with ill founded jealousies and false alarms. . . kindles the animosity of one against another."

His foresight is blatant today as I see his warnings come to life in our fall elections where every other commercial is an attack ad serving to "kindle animosity" between the two parties, thereby agitating the community with "ill founded jealousies and false alarms."

Unannounced to the media, there are many other candidates running for governor. Jim Young is running for governor for the Green Party, Mike Mangon is running as an independent, as well as a few others.

However, the media is willing to make exceptions for those third party candidates who have tavern backing and famous brothers. Still, all of these third party candidates are kept from participating in most televised debates because the two main parties

category; we've got enough on our plate here in the good ol' United States of America. Our stock markets are hurting and the entire country, if not world, is questioning whether Bush is pushing war with Iraq so hard to deter attention from the slump in the economy, or use it as a push to stay in office for one more term.

Furthermore, it's appearing that Saddam is playing a chess match with Bush right now. Everyone knows that Iraq possesses chemical and biological weapons and is currently pursuing materials to construct nuclear weapons as well. However, it seems as if Hussein is dangling these facts in front of our faces, much like I'd dangle a string in front of my cat's face, taunting it, trying to get it to swat. The second the United States swats Iraq's string, all hell could break loose. Saddam could utilize his crazy weapons and really cause a ruckus in the world; or, he could sit on them and let the United States strike, creating a sympathetic, "poor Iraq, the United States is obliterating them for no reason," feeling throughout the world, which is exactly what the United States does *not* need right now.

Regardless of what Saddam's motives really are, there's so much going on right now and it's really making me question Bush's plans. I'm not a very politically charged person; I was willing to give Bush a chance at first when everyone else said that he was incompetent. I don't feel so secure anymore, and I'm not quite sure how Bush is doing. I raise an eyebrow when he speaks, but, more importantly, I've realized that suddenly I'm actually listening when he speaks.

Overall, I pretty much owe this increased awareness to Sept. 11, 2001. Besides all of the other emotions that it evoked in everyday life, it's single-handedly raised my news awareness by at least 65 per cent. There's a lot going on out there, and although most say that "ignorance is bliss," this is one case where I whole-heartedly disagree with that sentiment.

remain in power, influence media bias and legislate the laws that make it virtually impossible for anyone who is not a millionaire to run for office. There is name for a system like that: Plutocracy.

The State Election Board, which makes many of these rules that hold third parties down, is not surprisingly made up of four Democrats and four Republicans. Why don't we adopt a proportional representation elections system, which is supported by the Wisconsin Greens and already practiced in Europe?

The reason is because there is one thing that the two parties in power fear more than each other: different parties and candidates with appealing ideas that have the power to oust them out of power. What a twist of irony that the two parties that have such animosity toward each other are able to team up successfully when a third party comes to the scene.

The two party system hurts democracy and hurts us when we are falsely presented with limited options for a better future. Apathy and ignorance are its byproducts. I urge people to do a little research and vote in this coming election. Vote for a candidate that you have hardly ever seen on television or in the newspaper, and remember George Washington. Tell the two main parties that you want a system where patriotic people of all different views are willing to serve together.

-Julia Milliren, UWSP forestry student



Pointer readers ought to give feedback

A good newspaper is an irreplaceable asset. When quality journalism is present, the entire community glows with the power of the well-informed.

It is impossible for any newspaper to properly serve its readers if the readers do not tell the news staff what they are doing well and what they are doing poorly. If *Pointer* readers feel they deserve the best newspaper possible, they ought to demand it.

The Letters & Opinion page is the place to start. Informal feedback is good, too. As young journalists, those students depend on reader input just as they will throughout their careers.

Another dreadful example of reader ambivalence is the weekly absence of corrections. Mistakes are made in the *New York Times* and in the *Pointer*, too. Readers who recognize mistakes need to come forward so the record can be set straight.

The next time you can, be sure to give a student journalist feedback on their work and be sure to thank them for committing so much to your lives.

Viva Liberty,

Jeff Decker
UWSP non-grad

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Viva Mexico with UWSP's Study Abroad program

For ten weeks this past summer, ten students, majoring and minoring in Spanish, had the opportunity to study in Southern Mexico. This beautiful city, Oaxaca (pronounced "wa-ha-ka"), was our home for nine of those weeks.

The week before our three classes (nine credits) began, we toured Mexico City, the country's capital.

During our study tour in Mexico City, our professor, Daniel Breining, and the ten students visited many monuments including ancient cities and sites, such as art museums, cathedrals, architectural structures, various other museums, pyramids and the tower of Mexico City (comparable to our Sears Tower).

In Mexico City, as well as all the other larger cities in Mexico, there was a large town square called the zocalo. Our hotel was located on one of the corners of the zocalo. On the other side was the National Capitol Building. The building was beautiful, although every day we were in Mexico City, there was a strike of some sort in front of it. This made it impossible for us to enter for a tour. The eye-opening first week in Mexico City began to prepare us for our nine weeks of living and studying in Oaxaca.

The day we arrived in Oaxaca, our host families came to the airport to wel-

come us. The next week was amazing yet overly hectic. We were taken to our homes, introduced to our school and explored the city. Oaxaca has many amazing sites to see from the Aztec and Zapotec ancient cities surrounding the city to the zocalo in the heart of the city.

The culture that many of us fell in



Photo submitted by author

Three students participating in the first ever Oaxaca study abroad program pose for a shot in front of the mountains that surround Oaxaca City.

love with was colored by everything from dance lessons offered through our school to street vendors selling anything and everything under the sun. If you decide to travel to Oaxaca, you will be bewildered by the many differences between our culture and theirs. In Oaxaca, there are gorgeous mountains surrounding the entire city, very little pollution, many chances of

being hit by a bus or car (cars have the right of way in Mexico, which at times can be very scary and dangerous) and hundreds of new types of food to try.

The food in Oaxaca was not exactly shipped in from Taco Bell. Everything, right down to the corn tortillas, was made in little black soot filled shacks and the soup made from fresh vegetables in the kitchen at home was fantastic.

Of course, being in Mexico, you have the chance of becoming sick from the water and/or food. Water was sold door to door on a large truck that honked loudly to announce itself. Becoming sick at least once was just part of the trip for all of us, unfortunately, at one time or another.

Even though we were in Mexico and enjoying everything mentioned above, we did have classes that we attended daily. These classes led to homework, studying, reading, writing papers and taking tests. The ten students had three classes Monday through Thursday and field trips to surrounding pueblos (small towns around the city compared to our suburbs) on Fridays. Our classes were challenging in some aspects, but they were beneficial to all of us in helping us hear and speak Spanish a little more every day.

During our weekends, we had time to explore Oaxaca on our own. Many of us

visited Hierva del Agua ("hot springs"), which was only a two-hour trip from Oaxaca. There were pools of water which were actually very chilly, and crystallized waterfalls. Pictures of this natural beauty do not do justice.

Another beautiful place that many of us visited was Puerto Escondido. Puerto was an eleven-hour bus ride on very curvy mountain road, causing most of the travellers to befriend Dramamine. Puerto was a semi-small ocean front town with many surfers, cute cabanas, horseback riding on the beach, boat rides to see enormous sea turtles, and again, great new foods to experience. The worst thing while in Puerto was knowing in the back of your mind that there was a bus ride closing in quickly to take you back to your classes.

Overall, the trip from Chicago to Mexico and back was very short indeed. Ten weeks seemed to fly by and now that we are all back safely, it seems as though Oaxaca, Mexico, the food, the sights and sounds, the people and even the classes were only a dream.

If you have the opportunity to study abroad for a summer or semester, please do not hesitate to contact the International Programs Office in the CCC. Take the adventure!

-Serena Sblendorio, UWSP student

What Ed Thompson isn't saying

This election year may be an unusual one in Wisconsin because the number of votes won by third party candidates for governor. Jim Young of the Green Party is running a spirited issues-based campaign calling for a number of democratic reforms, while Libertarian Ed Thompson milks his status as the brother of the ex-governor to promote his contention that the state government is out of control.

Not since the days of the Progressives have third parties had such an opportunity to influence the election of our governor. Polls of likely voters show a large percentage still undecided; if one or another of the front runners self-destructs, it's not unthinkable that either Young or Thompson could squeak through with the 26% of the vote needed to win.

Ed Thompson has become a media darling since he announced his run for governor last November, even appearing in a New York Times Magazine feature story ("Oh, Brother") in May. In a phenomenon not unlike that which propelled Minnesota's Jesse Ventura into office four years ago, Thompson's campaign has hooked into a positive feedback loop: attention from the press improves name recognition, which in turn improves polling numbers, which in turn further increases attention from the press.

Given Thompson's lack of specificity on the issues, an examination of the Libertarian Party's platform becomes instructive. A vote for Ed Thompson will be, in effect, a vote for the principles and beliefs of the Libertarian Party. The problem is that most Wisconsinites—including most of those ready to vote for Thompson—have little knowledge of those principles and beliefs.

Libertarians are fond of talking about freedom. "Libertarians stand for liberty and being free," Thompson recently told the West Bend Daily News. "That's what I want." It's hard to argue with those sentiments, but much of the Libertarian platform is a bit more controversial.

When Libertarians say they want less government, they mean a lot less. On the national level, Thompson's party would eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and all forms of public assistance.

Libertarians oppose all laws establishing a minimum wage, farm programs and attempts at campaign finance reform. Actually, the Wisconsin Libertarian platform does favor campaign finance "reform," but only if it relaxes current laws restricting campaign contributions.

Thompson's party would repeal the National Labor Relations Act and associated collective bargaining laws, effectively doing away with labor unions. And in a final blow for freedom, Libertarians would get state and federal governments out of education, ending our nation's century-old tradition of providing tax-funded public schools for all children.

Ask a Libertarian to name the cure for any of the problems afflicting society today, and the answer will come back the same: privatization and deregulation. Libertarians' vision of a perfect world revolves around private property rights, and true believers oppose public ownership of anything, including roads and water supplies. If big corporations cheat their stockholders or pollute the environment, they can be held accountable in the courts. That remedy—one that is reactive rather than proactive—puts the burden entirely on the victims of corporate abuses.

The idea of equal justice under the law would be abolished under a Libertarian government as overwhelming advantages would accrue to the wealthy and powerful at the expense of the unrepresented—the poor, the non-human and future generations. This is the great irony in Ed Thompson's appeal to "common people" like himself; in reality, he's pushing an agenda that would further concentrate wealth and power in the hands of the few and at the expense of the many.

Wisconsin voters need to know that not all third parties are created equal. It's time for newspaper editors and political reporters around the state to not only start listening to what the Green Party's Jim Young has to say about universal health care, renewable energy and strengthening our public schools, but also start holding Ed Thompson's feet to the fire on some of the Libertarian Party's more outrageous views.

Like Minnesota in 1998, Wisconsin could very well elect a third party candidate for governor in 2002. Let's just make sure we pick the right third party.

-Jeff Peterson

Pointer Poll

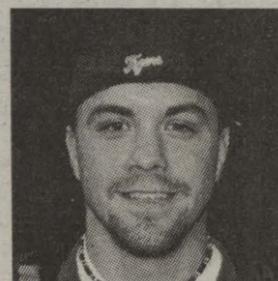
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If everyone was exactly like you, what would the world be like?



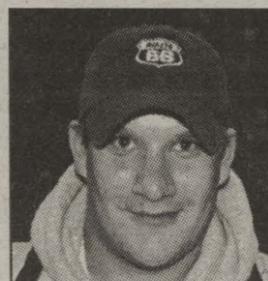
Francesca Aldi, Sr., Comm

Out-of-control crazy.



Phil Trebatoski, Sr., Comm

Extremely humorous.



Jeremy Lewis, Sr., Comm.

A whole lot of fun.



Maya Schwartz, Sr., Environ. Ed

Honest.



Cindy Tesch, Sr., Comm

It would suck.



Jaha Anderson, Sr., Comm

Chill.

Elephant Man tromps its way to Jenkins Theatre

By Andy Bloeser
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The power of illusion to constrain human perception provides the theme for the UW-Stevens Point theatre department's first production of the season.

Written by Bernard Pomerance and directed by theatre and dance department Chairman Kenneth Risch, "The Elephant Man" illustrates the biography of Joseph Merrick, a man disfigured by a rare skin disease who utilized the unique and tragic circumstances of his life to inspire others to overcome their limitations.

Known to the world as "The Elephant Man," Merrick served as a champion of humanism during his lifetime, an ironic twist of fate in light of his distorted physical appearance which cast the illusion of a

creature that was less than human.

Portrayed in the play by freshman Adam McAleavey, the character of Merrick serves as a vehicle to illustrate how disfigured the human perspective can become, as Merrick's inner humanness is consistently contrasted with the distorted personal perspectives of other characters.

"The play focuses on judgment and the perception of normalcy, and my character is the catalyst for a lot of self-examination in the play," said

McAleavey. The irony of the drama rests with the notion that while outwardly disfigured,

"the Elephant Man" remains more human than even the most well-bred members of society.

The drama also functions

isolation and repression, "the Elephant Man" finds himself infatuated with London actress Madge Kendal, played by Susan Maris.

"Merrick allows Kendal to unlock the essence of who she really is. He allows her to become more than an actress, more than an illusion, to become a real woman, a real person," said Maris, describing the interaction of the two characters.

One of the production's capstone moments arrives in the culmination of that interaction, as Maris's character reveals her breasts to Merrick, symbolizing a moment of purity and self-actualization in its

most personal terms.

In an effort to focus on the message contained in the story, the play makes use of minimal props and staging. Instead, the movement and rotation of key set pieces suggests numerous scene changes. In turn, the play expresses the physical condition of "the Elephant Man," not through elaborate stage make-up, but through the reactions of supporting characters and McAleavey's use of isolations, or body gestures, to indicate deformity.

Graphic visual images of the real Joseph Merrick, however, are used in one scene to evidence the severity of his condition.

The production opens in the Jenkins Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Center, on Friday Oct. 11, at 8 p.m.



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Cast rehearses for "Elephant Man."

on a more intimate level by exploring Merrick's sexuality. Long since resigned to sexual

reveals her breasts to Merrick, symbolizing a moment of purity and self-actualization in its

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United Campus Ministries closes its doors to UWSP

By Amy Zepnick
FEATURES EDITOR

Since 1962, United Campus Ministries has outreached out to UW-Stevens Point students, stressing Christian values through meals, bible studies and mission trips. However, due to a lack in funds, United Campus Ministries will close its doors at the end of October.

Supported by area churches including St. Paul United Methodist and Peace United, primary funding did not meet budget this year, forcing United Campus Ministries to dissolve.

"This is a national ongoing trend," said Pastor Greg Reist of United Campus Ministries. "The money comes from the regional churches, and the Board for Directors chose to close the program. Funding has been spiraling downward for a while."

According to Reist, United Campus Ministries is considered the most liberal Christian group on campus, making its disappearance hard on students.

"A lot of the students involved in the program are disappointed," he said. "Students feel comfortable here because we do not discriminate.

We accept every part of a person's identity. Here, people can feel welcome. It will be difficult for students to find another ministry where they feel this comfortable."

Faculty members working for United Campus Ministries came from sup-

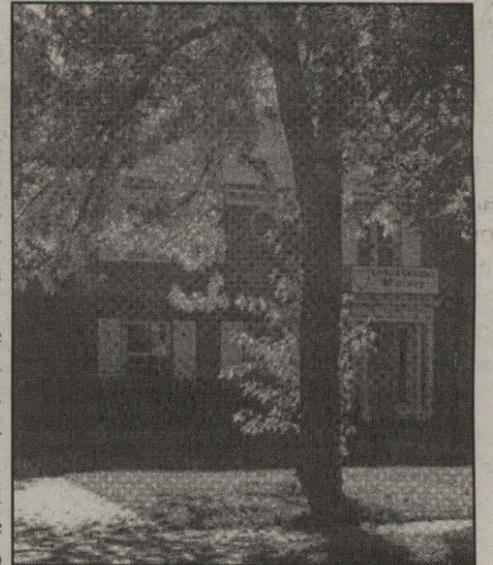


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The United Campus Ministries house.

porting churches and will migrate back to their respective congregations after United Campus Ministries closes.

Reist is seeking another ministry position.

Thought for the Week

*If at first you don't succeed,
find out if the loser gets anything.*

-Bill Lyon



Spotlight Trivia

Stress less: a guide to avoiding burnout

By Amy Zepnick
FEATURES EDITOR

You have more than enough "to-do's" on your list while running out of money and only having one Ramen package for the next week and, hey, isn't the rent due tomorrow?

Let's face it. Handling stress deserves a spot on your resume. But what constitutes harmful stress, and what can you do about it?

Harmful stress takes its impact on you physically, emotionally and mentally. You may have a headache or loss of energy, become irritable or restless and lack memory or concentration. As your blood pressure goes up, work productivity goes down and nothing seems important. Simply put, you are overwhelmed and feel trapped.

Stress can develop into a

more severe form called "burnout" when you have an inability to cope because too much has been added to your plate. You have over-committed yourself and are now feeling constantly exhausted and drained. This is when the body begins to shut down. During burnout, many victims get sick, which commonly includes mono.

When people are stressed, they do one of three things. First, some people may escape from their problems, or ignore everything. Most of the barflies will tell you they have a test to study for, a paper to write or a presentation to compose.

Secondly, to deal with stress, some confront it head-on. Let's leave this for the overachievers.

Lastly, some walk into battle with no weapons, get hit a lot and leave wounded.

Although all common, these coping techniques can be avoided to deal with stress in a healthy way.

Most importantly, make yourself aware of your workload. Recognize trigger factors that identify when you are taking on too much. For instance, if you are getting less sleep because you are up doing homework or working, make adjustments.

Next, relax. Take time out of every day to breathe deeply and take a break. Watch TV or make dinner. By taking your mind off stressful tasks, you are better apt to concentrate when need be.

Also, remember your friends. Everyone needs a good support group to fill one's life with humor, laughter and positive reinforcement. These easily release tension and reduce feelings of anxiety.

Exercise. You hear it everywhere, but it really helps. Even taking a walk releases endorphins that act as a natural pain reliever.

Finally, look at every activity as a change and a challenge. By viewing things in a different light, you are more likely to trick your brain into enjoying the task. Many people who view work as an enjoyable chore tackle it enthusiastically and do not consider themselves a victim of stress.

Stress can attack suddenly so be on the lookout. Keep your life in check and resist the urge to take on too much. Remember the car and the raw that broke its back.

If you are concerned about stress and want more information, contact Counseling Services at 346-3553.

1. At age 16 at the 1984 Olympics, what was Cuba Gooding Jr.'s first professional job?

- a. audio engineer
- b. backup singer
- c. breakdancer

2. What did actor Denzel Washington graduate from Fordham University with a BA in?

- a. drama
- b. English
- c. journalism

3. In which movie was comedian Steven Wright a pilot?

- a. *So I Married An Axe Murderer*
- b. *Swan Princess*
- c. *Reservoir Dogs*

4. Woody Allen's original name was Allen Stewart Konigsberg. What is his legal name?

- a. Stewart Allen
- b. Heywood Allen
- c. Woodrow Allen

5. What is Whoopi Goldberg's real name?

- a. Caryn Johnson
- b. Carolyn Jones
- c. Kathy Jensen

6. Which movie earned an Oscar nomination for Elisabeth Shue?

- a. *Adventures in Babysitting*
- b. *Leaving Las Vegas*
- c. *Back to the Future II*

7. Actress Kate Winslet, at age 11, appeared in a TV cereal commercial frolicking with:

- a. a honey monster
- b. a tiger
- c. a pirate

- Answers:
- 1. c 5. a
 - 2. c 6. b
 - 3. a 7. a
 - 4. b

Special thanks to Halife.com for these great trivia questions.

Stop procrastination ... tomorrow

By Andy Bloeser
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow?

With midterms soon approaching, the answer to that question may be to avoid the possibility of turning your life into a veritable hell.

A recent study from Case Western Reserve University indicates that students who procrastinate in studying for exams, though enjoying brief periods of low stress, tended to have poor health and grades in comparison to students who don't wait until the last minute to prepare for deadlines.

The study indicated that due to surmounting stress incurred by the pressure of accomplishing multiple tasks in

a short frame of time, health and self-esteem were subject to damage.

Research supporting the study illustrated that students who were found to procrastinate before exams reported more health-related symptoms and visited health care professionals with much greater frequency than students who did not procrastinate.

The act of procrastination has been found to have many roots, ranging from poor study habits to excessively grandiose expectations.

A study conducted by counselors at the University of Texas suggested procrastination is often a proximate cause of stress that results from a student becoming overwhelmed by the size and complexity of future

task or failing to allot proper time to complete such a task.

Alternatively, procrastination can also result from a student placing perfectionist expectations on him or herself, causing anxiety that can potentially delay a student from beginning to study.

Suggestions to overcome procrastination problems include setting priorities, eliminating distractions from the study area, and creating a system of rewards and punishments for progress and failures.

Information on improving study habits and information retention skills is currently available at the Counseling Center in Dellzell Hall.



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Your College Survival Guide

Simple Pleasures vs. Stupid Expenses

By Pat "Big Bang" Rothfuss

AS IN "BIGGEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK." SICKO.

Dear Pat,

I'm living on my own this semester (out of the dorms) and it's not nearly as cheap as I thought it was going to be. I'm trying to live inexpensively, but I'm constantly broke. Do you have any advice on how I can pinch a couple pennies?

Kae

Well Kae, the real secret isn't pinching pennies. A better plan is to find smart places to spend your money. Inexpensive luxuries. That's the key.

Actually, it's only *half* the key. The other half is avoiding stupid expenses. Let's start with those, shall we?

STUPID EXPENSE #1: CAR

The biggest, stupidest expense you can have here in Stevens Point is a car. The truth is, you just don't need it. I know this for a fact because I lived here for nine years without a car, and I got along just fine. I live here *right now* without a car. I just walk everywhere.

"Walk?!?" I hear you whine, "But what about when I need to go to the store or rent a video?"

Hmmm, that's a tough one. How about this? Walk your pale, bloated, Midwestern ass over to County Market. Then, on your way back, stop off at Family Video.

I'll admit there are a few times when I need a car. When that happens, I borrow a friend's. In return I pay for a full tank of gas.

A full tank? Yes a full tank. It's still a hell of a lot cheaper than paying for a car, paying for insurance, paying for parking, paying for parking *tickets*, paying to fix the car when it breaks, and then paying for your own gas anyway.

"Every time I go to the bathroom, it's like a trip to Disneyland."

STUPID EXPENSE #2: CELL PHONE

You think it's high-tech, but the reception sucks. You think the "free" phone is a good deal, but it isn't free, and it isn't a good deal, and it gives you brain cancer.

You think it will help you to get important messages right away, but nothing in your life is so important that it can't wait for an hour or two. Trust me, you're not going to miss a huge business deal on your way to Piggly Wiggly to buy Funyons.

You think it makes you cool, like Neo in *the Matrix*. But it doesn't, it makes you an irritating cock-knocker. When I see some guy talking on his cell I don't think,

"Wow, he must be really important." I think, "Oh great, another sad little man trying desperately to cope with persistent erectile disfunction."

STUPID EXPENSE #3: GIRLFRIEND

Guys, you know what I'm talking about, right? Ok. 'nuf said.

INEXPENSIVE LUXURY #1: QUALITY TOILET PAPER

I usually buy cheap toilet paper. I mean, why shell out extra cash for something that's going down the toilet, right?

Wrong. Recently I bought some ultra-fine stuff. Charmin double roll – quilted, for my pleasure.

It cost, like, 50¢ more than the cheap stuff. But it is pure luxury. It's like rubbing my butt with a fluffy cloud, or some very soft, friendly, magically lubricated sheep.

I swear, every time I got to the bathroom, it's like a trip to Disneyland. I get all excited. I think, "YAY! Time to wipe my ass!"

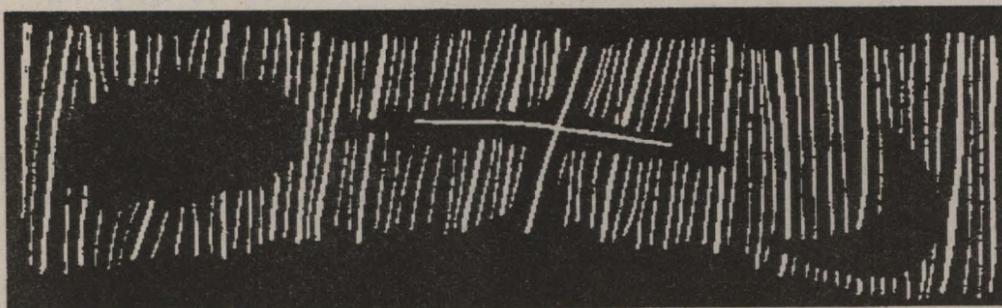
Ahem. Boy, I write a gem like that and then realize I'm out of space for the week. I'll devote next week's column exclusively to Inexpensive Luxuries that every student can afford and should indulge in.

If you have a favorite Inexpensive Luxury that you'd like to share, e-mail it to prothfuss@uwsp.edu. I'll include the good ones in next week's column.

Whoever submits the best suggestion will be lavishly rewarded with an "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt and either a hearty pat on the back, or a friendly spanking, depending on my mood.

"We conclude, based on the facts that are known to us, that a preemptive, unilateral use of force to overthrow the government of Iraq is difficult to justify at this time."

— Letter from the U.S. Catholic bishops to President Bush



Are you aware of what is being considered in terms of war against Iraq, the justification, the potential ramifications?

The ongoing discussion of war is of utmost importance to all of us.

Now more than ever we need to be informed, to read newspapers, to watch TV news, to seek information from reliable sources.

Our community also hopes that this would be a time in which we pray for peace in our world.

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The to-do list in Beth Hoyme's purse will never get done because a drunk driver convinced his friends he'd be fine.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

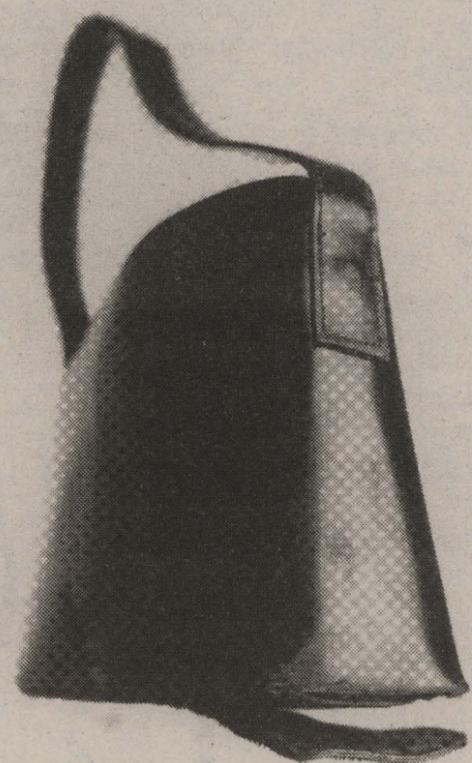


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Cross Country teams run well at Platteville

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

While thousands of alumni and current students guzzled beers, watched football and celebrated UWSP's homecoming Saturday, some other UWSP students took care of other business. With most of the student body busy partying back home in Stevens Point, the men's and women's cross country teams ran their hearts out in Platteville on a very soggy course.

With Saturday being a rest day for both teams' more experienced runners, the younger Pointers used the opportunity to turn in very solid performances of their own.

The women placed fourth out of six teams, beating host Platteville by 21 points and placing just six points behind Lawrence University. Notably, both Platteville and Lawrence ran their regular teams. UW-Oshkosh, who also ran their best, won the meet with seven runners placing in the top 14.

"I was very pleased with how the women ran at Platteville," said coach Len Hill. "They did a nice job of running as a team."

Sophomore Jessie Wyenberg paced the Pointers, finishing in 26:43 which was good for 18th place.

"Jessie ran very well," said head coach Len Hill. "She looked strong and ran that way from gun to finish." Tanya Simonis, Shana Karls and Jenna Ramaker also all ran well. Simonis finished 20th while Karls and Ramaker finished 24th and 25th respectively.

The younger members of the men's team also had a good showing in Platteville. They ran very well as a team and finished 4th out of seven. La Crosse, ranked 5th in the nation, won the meet by having

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Women's golf cruises into third

By Tyler Drummond
SPORTS REPORTER

Going into the WIAC Championship the UW-Stevens Point women's golf team wanted to accomplish two main goals. One, finishing in at least 3rd place, and two, beating Whitewater. The women accomplished both goals with a stellar performance last Saturday and Sunday at the WIAC Championship, played at the Whispering Springs Golf Course in Fon Du Lac.

The women shot a two day total of 731 which was good enough for 3rd place. They were 36 shots out of second place and only 55 shots out of first place. Individually, Junior Andrea Miller shot a two day total of 171, which was 6th best in the tournament.

"We played really well, but we should have been more prepared for the weather. Sometimes the wind was as hard as 35mph," said Miller.

Though the women came out a bit shaky on the first day, a good second day pep talk eased their nerves, allowing the women to shine.

"We improved a lot that second day. Coach Okray's pep talk really helped us out a lot," said Miller.

What's unique about this team is that every member will be back next year.

"We're not losing anyone, and that's important. We've been able to build so much team unity this year, and that will be great to carry over to next year," said Miller.

"Next year I can see us taking second; if not first; we just have a really strong team that's very talented," said Miller.

The women have been able to build so much unity by doing things off the course as a team.

"We always study together, work out together and watch movies together, and that helps a lot with unity. Being able to get along so well is what will propel this team to be the best next year," said Miller.

Volleyball team spikes Northland

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team put together their most dominant performance of the season Wednesday night, destroying Northland College in straight sets (30-16, 30-18, 30-24).

"This was definitely a good win for us," said Head Coach Stacey White. "Hopefully this will boost our confidence, because we have a tough week next week with three conference games coming up."

Over the weekend, UWSP dropped a pair of tough conference matches to UW-Stout and UW-River Falls.

The River Falls contest had a little twist to it. Despite the fact that River Falls won in three sets, the last set was a marathon, as UWSP got edged 38-36. The set almost set a new record as the second highest scoring game in Division-III history.

"It was just crazy," said White. "It was a really great game, and it was one of those things where neither team backed down. Both teams played all out and I am proud of our players for hanging in there."

On Saturday, UWSP dropped a hard fought five set duel with UW-Stout. Point jumped out to a 2-1 lead and looked poised to knock off Stout for the second time in two weeks, but Stout went on to sweep the next three sets for the victory.

UWSP will have a week off before heading back to conference action at UW-Whitewater next Wednesday.

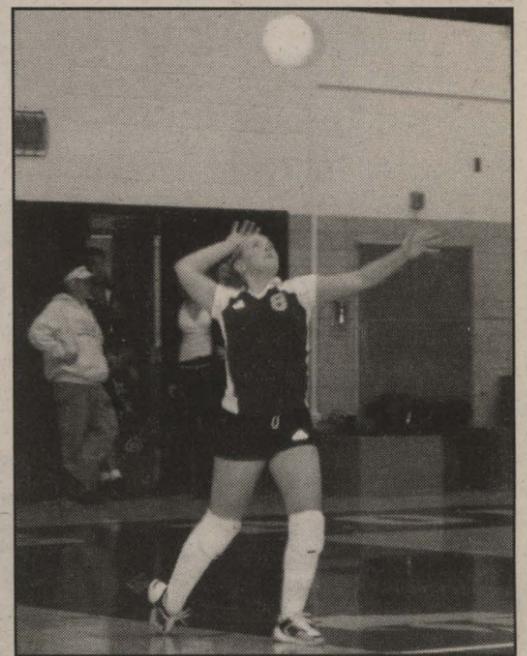


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Freshman Nikki Beaudoin serves against Northland college on Wednesday.

Tennis team upended by Whitewater

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS REPORTER

Last Friday, the women's tennis team carried a 6-2 record into Whitewater to face a very good Warhawk squad. UWSP was on the defensive much of the afternoon as the Whitewater players hit the ball very hard and kept it in play. The Pointers struggled with the Warhawks aggressive play and came up on the short end of an 8-1 match.

"I thought we played well in our doubles matches, and we had chances to win at #1 and #2," said head coach Nancy Page. "Whitewater is a good

team."

In #2 doubles, Rachel Ferge and Jenna Braam dropped a very tight match 9-7. "It was close, and they did have some opportunities to win," said Page. "They played hard and just came up short."

The #1 doubles match featured a unique battle between sisters. Junior Amber Wilkowski teamed up with Violet Adams to take on her younger sister Autumn and Maggie Krueger of Whitewater for family bragging rights. It was not meant to be for Amber, however, as her younger sister and Krueger,

defeated the older Wilkowski and Adams 8-5. "They were really hitting bullets at each other," commented Page on the sibling battle. "It was a good match, and that one could have gone either way."

Violet Adams turned out to be the only bright spot for the Pointers during singles play. She won her #1 singles match in straight sets, 6-2, 7-5. "Violet has been improving each week," said Page. "It was a big win for her, and improved her confidence a lot."

The Pointer women travel to La Crosse next Friday for their last match of the regular season.



The Week Ahead...



Cross Country: (women) at St. Olaf Pre-National Meet (Northfield, Minn.), Sat.

Football: at Whitewater - Sat., 1 p.m.

Soccer: UW-Stout, Tues., 4 p.m.*

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Top two region teams collide in classic battle

2nd ranked UWSP ties 15th ranked Wheaton 2-2

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The two top-ranked teams in the Midwest region met Tuesday at the Point Soccer Bowl in a match that lived up to all the hype. The UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team (9-0-2, 5-0) tied the Wheaton College Thunder 2-2 in a classic battle.

"It was just two great teams battling it out and it was fun," said UWSP Head Coach Sheila Miech. "It was a great game for the audience to watch, a great game for our players to play in and both teams learned a lot."

UWSP came into the match ranked 2nd in the nation, with the Thunder not far behind at 15th. The two teams met twice last year with Wheaton winning both match-ups, including a playoff contest that moved them to the final four. In fact, those were the only two losses for UWSP last year, and Miech admitted that there was a little revenge factor.

"Our only losses last year were to Wheaton twice and obviously you don't want to lose to them. It was a goal; this was the

only team to beat us, so we wanted to go after them."

Wheaton took an early advantage when 3-time All-American Rebecca Mouw got open in front of the net and scored off a pass from Jenny Binger. UWSP then responded midway through the first half when leading scorer Kelly Fink received a pass from Emma-Klara Porter and then got behind the defense to knock in the equalizer.

The score stayed that way until Wheaton's Jessica Elsen used some nice moves and put a shot past goalkeeper Kortney Krill to move back in front. UWSP then found the same combination as during the first half, as Porter once again found a streaking Fink who scored the match's final goal.

Both teams had some opportunities in the final minutes and overtime, but neither team was able to notch a game-winner.

"A tie is fine with me. You know we have not lost a game," said Miech. "Also, we came back twice. It seems like whenever we really need a goal this team turns it on and we have done that all year round."

UWSP will now have a week off and then will return to conference action Tuesday when they host UW-Stout at 4p.m.



Fink



Photo by Patricia Larson

Junior Jenny Bruce races down the sidelines in Wednesday's match-up with 15th ranked Wheaton.

Third time is no charm for Pointers

Young defense eaten up by veteran La Crosse offense

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point football team disguised their green, relatively inexperienced defensive secondary so well earlier this season that the young unit was

generally considered an afterthought heading into this past weekend's homecoming game against the UW-La Crosse Eagles.

A strong pass rush and a zone defense had taken pressure off of a secondary that featured two first-year starters: one was a true freshman, and the other a safety with only one year of experience. However, forced to play man-to-man against an experienced and athletic La Crosse offense, the unit's inexperience reared its head as the defense gave up 276 total first half yards and several decisive plays in the second half as the Eagles pulled out the 31-25 upset Saturday at Goerke Field, spoiling UWSP's homecoming for the third year in a row.

"[This game] showed us how young we are," said Head Coach John Miech. "We have some things we need to work on."

The Eagles (2-2) showed right away that they didn't need any work, as they put together four scoring drives of 11 plays or more, vaulting out to a 24-13 halftime advantage.

The Eagles took the opening kickoff 56 yards in 14 plays and scored on a 36-yard field goal by Bryan Morris for a 3-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, La Crosse made the mistake of kicking right to wickedly fast sophomore Cory Flisakowski, who broke two tackles early on, then streaked up the sideline 99 yards for a touchdown, tying a school record for longest kickoff return.

On the Pointers' next possession, Eagle lineman Robert Lerner returned an errant Scott Krause screen pass 46 yards for a score to put the Eagles ahead 10-7.

The teams then traded scores, as the Eagle halfback Ross Moline added a three-yard touchdown to cap an 11-play, 80-yard drive, while Point wingback

Kurt Kielblock scored on a 13-yard touchdown to pull the Pointers to within four points.

However, the Eagles swooped down on the Pointers one more time with an 11-play, 73-yard drive that culminated in a Matt Makaryk/Matt Rizzo touchdown strike with just 22 seconds left in the half. The craft senior Rizzo finished the day with nine catches for 76 yards, while Makaryk was 20-for-30 passing for 238 yards. The Pointers came out of the half with their spirits high and a new focus on their power running game, utilizing fullback Jason VanderVelden and Flisakowski. This led to a six-yard touchdown run by the unable-to-be denied VanderVelden to cut the lead to 24-19 in the third quarter.

An undaunted La Crosse team again put together a lengthy drive in the final minute of the quarter as Makaryk scrambled 28 yards on a fourth down play to cap an 11-play, 65-yard drive.

The Pointers stayed close as Krause connected with Flisakowski on a 27-yard touchdown to pull the Pointers to within 31-25 with 9:56. But that was as close as the team would get, as UWSP was forced to punt on their next possession and then fumbled a punt and threw a game-ending interception on the last possession.

Special teams continued to be a problem for the Pointers, as freshman Ryan Mullaney missed three of four extra point tries and his only field goal attempt. Said Miech, "We have no one to go to, so we have to stick with [Ryan] for now. He's gonna have to do the job for us."

Next up, the Pointers travel to UW-Whitewater to face a 2-2 Warhawk team. "We have our backs against the wall," said Miech. "For us to be back in the hunt, we have to beat Whitewater."



Photo by Patricia Larson

UWSP running back Kurt Kielblock is bottled up by a La Crosse defender on Saturday.



THE BACK PAGE



View from a Pointer:

Sports is the definition of sophistication

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

All the time I hear about how sports are unsophisticated and how any guy off the street could write about a sporting event. Now, I could map out an entire line of reasoning to these people why I disagree with them, but I don't have time for that right now.

So, I am just going to say, you're wrong. And to prove my point I have, decided to do something unheard of for the sports section: I have composed a poem.

Hold on; don't flip to outdoors quite yet. There is poetry everywhere in sports. Watching Cory Flisakowski return a punt 99 yards is poetry. Seeing Emma-Klara Porter squeeze a perfect pass to Kelly Fink for a goal is poetry. Observing Nikki Kennedy digging a ball out and then spiking home the point; once again, is poetry.

My poem doesn't contain anything like that, though. Instead, I chose to focus on something that receives too much punishment for no reason at all: the ball. The idea came to me while watching a basketball get kicked, spiked and heaved against a wall.

For some reason, this ball abuse struck a poetic nerve. So feel free to get nice and comfortable at your desk, set your ears to "block out teacher interference" and enjoy.

The Man's Take:

Sportscentury and Beyond - Stevie Pointer

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

During halftime of this weekend's football game, I had a little time to ponder.

What, you ask?

Well, the only excitement I had to look at at halftime was our mascot, the enigmatic Stevie Pointer, so I pondered Stevie, while watching him wrestle with one of his canine friends over a stick (I swear, this was the homecoming halftime show!)

Well, I figured that since this marvel of canine ferocity was good enough for a whole halftime show, the student body should get to know him a little better.

So I got out the dog whistle and gave Stevie a jingle, and he agreed to sit down with me for a little one-on-one interview. Here's an excerpt:

The Man: So, how did you get the halftime entertainment gig for homecoming?

Stevie Pointer: Well, after spending a fortune on the alumni picnic, the school didn't have any

money left for halftime. I work very cheap. They just gave me a buscuit and a "No Limit" CD to chew on.

TM: You have a sidekick, Stephanie. Where was she during your halftime escapades?

SP: Steph's my bitch! She just does what she's told. She was off getting me a hotdog and a Strohs.

TM: Rumor has it that your halftime playmate may have relieved himself on the La Crosse sideline? Is this true?

SP: Hell yeah...I told him to, man! Pissed right on the head dude's headset! Nothing like a little canine urine in your ear to break your concentration.

TM: Now you perform some stunts with the cheerleaders. What's that like?

SP: Oh, man, that's great! Have you seen them chicks? Hubba, hubba! *Howls*

TM: You really think the cheerleaders here are sexy?

SP: Dude, look at me. I'm a dog. Not exactly a whole lot of hunnies knocking down doors for an overweight labrador with a drink-

Cross Country

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seven of the top 12 finishers. Justin Andrews, Point's top finisher, placed 26th in a time of 28:06. Freshman David Bell finished 38th in 28:47.

On Friday the older runners of the men's team traveled to South Bend, IN to compete against some very good division one competition at the Notre Dame Invitational.

The Pointers stayed together as a team and ran extremely well. They finished 4th in a 22 team field beating such D1 teams as Western Michigan, UW-Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, and UW-Green Bay.

Senior Jesse Bauman led the men finishing 12th in a time of 26:01. The rest of the team did a real good job of running as a pack, which has been the goal of coach Rick Witt all season. UWSP's 2nd through 8th runners all finished

The Poor Ball

The poor ball, oh yes, the poor ball. Why must it take abuse from them all? The ball didn't miss the shot. But it still got kicked, like it or not.

The ball did not cause the lay-up to rim out. So, there is no reason to slam it and shout.

Even when the times are good, a price must be paid. The poor ball gets spiked when a touch down is made.

In baseball, the ball can be used to cause dread. Just ask Piazza, who got smoked in the head.

Maybe in the future times will change, And athletes will control their rage.

Still you won't see me holding my breath; If I was a ball I might prefer death.

Editor's note: I realize the ball is not a living thing. Other than that, now feel free to sip some wine and listen to Mozart my sophisticated readers.

ing problem. Tearing up

TM: Come on dog, you seem pretty dope. You have problems with the babes?

SP: Evidently Point girls don't like the strong, silent type. Although they do like the whole lifting leg thing.

TM: Well, you ever tried going clubbing?

SP: No, but I'm thinking about it. I hear "Bruisers" is a meat market. Nothing like fresh, prime-cut meat!

TM: But other than that, life is good?

SP: Oh yeah! I have a bitchin' job, sweet digs, fly friends. What more could a dog want?

TM: Dignity maybe?

SP: Ehh, its a hard-knock life, right holmes?

TM: Uhhh, sure.

SP: Hey man, if you're done, I'm heading down to the pound. I have a lounge act there, "Stevie and the Wondermutts."

TM: Never heard of 'em.

SP: Check it out, dude. Tom George plays piano in it. We sing Ozzy covers and John Denver.

within 23 seconds of each other proving that they ran together. Senior Eric Fisher came in at 26:15 in 26th place. Adam Bucholz and Steve Gillespie finished 28th and 29th and Junior James Lavash finished 32nd.

The women will compete next Saturday at St. Olaf College, in a Pre-National meet. The men will take this upcoming weekend off before competing at the UW-La Crosse Invitational, October 19th.

SENIOR ON THE SPOT

ANDREA SPIEL - SOCCER



Spiel

UWSP Career Highlights

- 2002 Team Captain
- Has appeared in 62 of possible 68 career matches during three year career
- Had WIAC record-tying three assists in win over Platteville in 2000 tournament.

Major - Psychology

Hometown - Madison, Wis.

Most memorable moment - Beating Trinity University in Texas. We had never beat them, and it was a great challenge. I had a great sense of gratitude.

Who was your idol growing up? - My 7th-10th grade soccer coach, who taught me all my skills and knowledge of the game

What are your plans after graduation? - I want to go to grad school in psychology somewhere in the midwest.

Do you plan on playing soccer after graduation? - Not professionally. Maybe recreational soccer.

What is your favorite aspect of soccer? - Setting up a goal when I put a corner kick in just the right spot.

Most embarrassing moment - During a fiasco in Texas earlier this year I got locked out of our hotel room in my underwear.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - Probably my dad. He's one of the most laid back people I know, and he really seems to enjoy life. I don't know too many people like that.

If you were going to be stranded on a desert island and could choose only three things to bring with you, what would you choose?

1. Jewelry (always worn except during matches)
2. Family
3. My teammates

What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP? - The relationships and friendships I have made. My best friends are my teammates.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - Continue the winning legacy.

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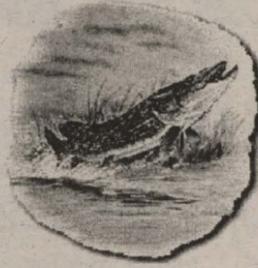
seven of the top 12 finishers. Justin Andrews, Point's top finisher, placed 26th in a time of 28:06. Freshman David Bell finished 38th in 28:47.

Mr. Winter's two cents

Hey folks, back again with the simplest, most useful two cents yet! It's the perfect time to get out for those "walters, wallys, or walnuts." That's right, man's second best friend (and the tastiest), the walleye. This week I'd like to tackle the most simple technique for fishing these beauties. Before depth finders or trolling motors, this method always did the job, and still does. Starting off with bait; a live bait rig would serve you right, fitted with a lively minnow, leech or worm, depending on the walleye's preference that day. A six to eight pound test should work well, attached to a spinning reel and a light action rod. I like to throw a few lead weights on the line about ten inches from the jig when fishing in swift current. Toss him in the water and like Ron Popeil says, "Set 'em and forget 'em." However, in this case, don't completely forget your rod, but simply watch carefully for any slight movement, tip ding, or slackening of the line. These tell-tale signs of a walleye's sneaking bite must be detected if you want to cash in on simple fishing schemes. If you suspect a bite is on, let the fish have a little slack to run with, and then slam that hook into the rascal when you feel him tug. Using this classic technique will have you hooking into more walleye, but for now, I've got to take a nap. So until next week kids, "Go on and Geeeeeet!"



— Mr. Winter



Lets go fishing

Simple pleasures, frog rodeo and a fine evening on a bridge

The church of late-night fishing

Adam Mella
Assistant Outdoors Editor

All week long, it's been busy this and busy that. Can't a fellow just have a minute or two to just ...reminisce? My plea was answered the other night after two exams and a week that has offered only problems, hectic engagements and a schedule full of work and lacking fun. My roommate came home and offered this tasty morsel out to me: "Smells like they [walleye] are moving

sanctified way, catching fish and shooting wild tales back and forth.

It is the "damnedest" thing sometimes! A few bugs begin to gather around the dazzling light of the halogen beam, and out of nowhere comes this crazy frog, hopping in search for a nice meal. He hops up onto one of our half crushed aluminum cans and starts eyeing up the juicy bugs on the lantern's hot glass. I wouldn't shoot you readers any bull. The wild frog starts to gobble those bugs up like a he is possessed

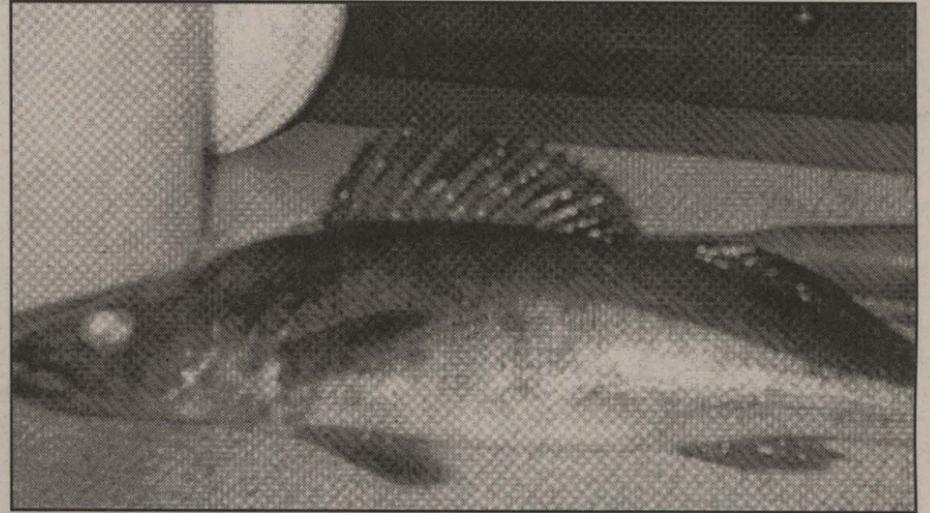


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Some good eatin' on the table, thanks to a good night walleye fishing.

up to feed, so I reckon we ought to let 'im have it." Sounded good to me.

We hit the road with some big fathead minnows, a couple of jigging poles and the bluegrass screaming. Singing along to the tunes and "preparing" ourselves for a relaxing trip to the pond in other ways, we were flying along behind the trusty Duster. The ponies were roaring, and the headlights were illuminating pavement at speeds unheard of, with the river at our side. We were heading to the backwaters, towards a little bridge that crosses a modest little stretch of water that was just filled with walleyes. We arrived at the end of a nice ballad by the Osborn Brothers, convening another session of the Church of Late-Night Fishing. I smell the fish indeed, and it only takes a second or two to fire up the lanterns, to have a nice fire at our backs, and to toss the lines into the water. The feed is on.

by a feeding demon. Eating one bug after the other, he hops off the can, eats the bug and then back to the can. The dang thing is going so wild it is like watching a frog rodeo (if such a thing ever existed). He didn't seem to mind us watching, and he just kept on eating until he had filled up right. We probably missed a few bites watching the spectacle, but hell, sometimes the nature around you is more exciting than the fishing.

We managed a few keepers and had a fine time getting our minds of the hustle and bustle and onto the simple things that make life so pleasurable. I may not go to the steepled sanctuary every Sunday, but between God and me, sitting on a bridge with good buddies and enjoying the wonders of nature that He provides is about all the reflection a busy gentleman like me needs to feel blessed and completely redeemed. So I say to you, vitiated reader, "Let's Go Fishing!"

The Lord works in mysterious ways, it is said, and our church is no different. We have chosen to honor Him, with sacrificed walleye and diligent fishing. The night is spooky, with a fresh rain put into the stream and a warm front moving through. A gentle breeze moves by, and foggy devils attempt to skew our vision from the greater goals. Mysterious, undeniably, for even in these peculiar weather patterns we manage to find a few walleyed pike that are interested in a late night snack. A few Red-Dogs later, we notice an odd road sign down the way that appears to be a man holding a gun or elongated tote. We give a holler to the big fella'; and go about our



Photo by author

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY



Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of rain.

SATURDAY



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Lapas chattering in flight give a reason to fight

Rebecca Guenther
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The rainforest truly is a brilliant place, a place full of magic and wonder. Waking up to the call of the howler monkey and the various species of parrots makes a perfect alarm clock, just about the right time for a morning birding trip. The heat and humidity took a while to adjust to, but now that I am back, I seem to be perpetually cold. The insects were vicious and poisonous snakes plentiful. The invigorating feeling of rain in the middle of a hot day felt amazing, and the sound of it on the metal roof made the house seem more comfortable. Life was simple, as simple as it's ever been for me. A few months that were nearly devoid of technology, lights and endless

stress. The excitement of seeing a new bird, snake, mammal, plant, reptile or amphibian was the motivation for each day. Finding adequate words to describe three months in the rainforest is a challenging task.

This past summer I fulfilled my internship credits through Friends of the Great Green Macaw in Provincia de Heredia, Costa Rica. Scott Hocking, a biology student at UWSP, and I worked together on a palm tree and other plant species inventory of the property. We collected various palm tree specimens that will be used for research in the UWSP herbarium.

Friends of the Great Green Macaw (Amigos de la Lapa Verde) is an environmental non-profit organization, which was started by UWSP graduate, Andrew Rothman. The Great Green Macaw is a beautiful member of the parrot family, whose habitat and population are rapidly

declining to dangerous levels. It is estimated that only 250 macaws remain in Costa Rica. Friends of the Great Green Macaw aim to protect, preserve and rehabilitate the habitat and population of the Great Green Macaw in Costa Rica. Friends of the Great Green Macaw own approximately 550 acres of tropical moist lowland in northern Costa Rica and works to protect the parrot's habitat through a native reforestation project

by providing feeding, nesting and roosting sites for the bird. Internship and volunteer opportunities are also available through Friends of the Great Green Macaw. You can find out more about Friends of the Great Green Macaw and their efforts by visiting their website at,



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Taking a break in the midst of the Costa Rican rainforest.

www.GreatGreenMacaw.org.

Friends of the Great Green Macaw of UWSP will present the history, efforts and goals for the organization on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Room of the UC.

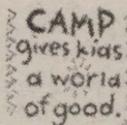


Flora of the Costa Rican rainforest

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plants, animals and the Costa Rican culture during winterim (Dec. 27, 2002 - Jan. 16, 2003). We travel through rainforests, cloud forests, camp on the Pacific coast, stay with families in a small village, snorkel off of the Jurassic Park-famous Cano Island and spend a few days living in a tropical paradise. Costa Rica is a peaceful democracy and a beautiful country which has creatively protected its native beauty by developing their economy around ecotourism.

To learn more about the Costa Rican Tropical Ecology Winterim Trip contact International Programs or Nancy Turyk (CNR 216, 346-4155) or Sue Kissinger (CNR 180, 346-4081).



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OUTDOORS EDITOR

This Saturday, Oct. 12, Environmental Educators and Naturalist Association - National Association for Interpreters (EENA-NAI) of UWSP will host Ag-Fest at Pfiffner Park on the Wisconsin River, just past downtown on Highway 10 West.

Ag-Fest is a day long event, intended to create awareness about the environment in the community. The festival is scheduled to run from 11

a.m. to 6 p.m. Free organic produce has been donated from local organic farms, including: TAZ farm, Sunnysky farm, Malek farm and Oakridge organic farm. Members of EENA-NAI and other community volunteers will prepare and grill the food.

Various bands are scheduled to entertain the attendants of the event at the bandshell in the park. There will also be a chance for open mic.

EENA-NAI is an organization that educates local children on environmental topics, they also do various environmental projects on campus, as well as in the community.



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Gypsy Moth Awareness Week: October 6-12



The male and female Gypsy moth

because late fall and winter are when people should be preparing to lessen gypsy moth problems next year, according to Andrea Diss, gypsy moth program coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources.

"It might not seem the most obvious choice of timing, but it really is optimal," Diss says. "Now is the time for landowners to determine if the gypsy moth is going to be a problem for them next summer. If they do have a gypsy moth problem, now is the time that homeowners can identify and destroy gypsy moth egg masses to reduce next year's caterpillar population. Now is also the time landowners should apply for the DNR suppression program if their gypsy moth problem is so big that they need an aerial spray to bring the pest under control."

In an effort to make the public aware of the threat that gypsy moths pose to their property and the options they have to prevent such damage, Gov. Scott McCallum has designated Oct. 6-12, as Gypsy Moth Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

While people are probably most aware of the state's gypsy moth problem in June and July - when the moths are in the caterpillar stage that causes the most damage to trees - Gypsy Moth Awareness Week is being held in October



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PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR PERSONAL HOUSING LIST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND YOUR PAST REFERRALS.

Words of Wisdom From the Senior

To attain enlightenment, one must embrace the nerd within.

By Josh Goller

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

As I was sitting in my basement bedroom, writing in my personal journal (a big boy's equivalent to a diary), listening to tunes from obscure local bands while sipping a piping hot cup of chamomile tea, I realized something. I'm finally getting in touch with my inner nerd.

While I've always been one to shun the mainstream, only recently have I elevated my entertainment beyond the puking-on-myself-after-a-night-of-binge-drinking stage. I believe I've tapped into a state of consciousness that I've quested after throughout my college career: I don't give a shit what other people think anymore.

I'm not sure, but I think I first entered into this transcendental realm of nerdery when I solved my pants-falling-down problem by wrapping a length of nylon rope around my abdomen rather than buying a belt. I first suspected that I might be shunning the demands of popular culture and the integral aspects of being "cool" by making a few solo trips out to Schmeekle just to watch the sun set. However, it wasn't until Homecoming Saturday, with the drunken Partner's orgy taking place less than a block from my home, that I realized I actually preferred the surroundings of my room to midday debauchery.

To test this notion, I ventured out to Witz End alone to watch the reggae band Natty Nation on Homecoming night. Not only did this



experience completely convert me to nerdism, but I felt the sweet release of dancing without inhibition. I didn't know a single damn person there, so I felt free to flail about like an epileptic Pentacostal with fire ants squirming about in his boxer shorts, and I loved every minute of it.

So I've fortified the walls of my secluded basement bedroom and established it as my official hermitage where I may meditate on the sacred teachings of the great nerd masters, composed mainly of Dalai Lamdas Louis, Gilbert, Poindexter and "Booger," taking care to stray away from the Neo-nerdistic teachings of Urkel, which have caused a great rift in the nerdist community, by the way.

I now shun former pleasures of this world, like power hour and subsequently getting hassled by the cops for ripping up marigolds from neighborhood flowerbeds. Since I adopted this form of nerd consciousness, I've found myself voluntarily reading novels and watching abstract films by myself while etching out my manifesto with the dark blue ink of my favorite pen. Some of my most enjoyable moments are spent holding its thick, rubbery gripper as it races with fluidity across my page. That's nerdy.

Perhaps this is only a passing phase brought on by a few too many herbal supplements or the delayed result of that nasty blow to my head a few years back, but I think I'll stay committed to my new belief system. One thing's for sure, however, I should really lay off the philosophy classes.

The Wookiee's Corner

The low-down on where to get down in Wisco

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Greetings wooks. Fall tourin' season is approaching rapidly and it's time to start marking shows on the calandar.

On Friday, Oct. 11, jazz-funk group Soulive slips into

long on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Popcorn Tavern in LaCrosse. If you haven't seen these guys, they're worth the trip and are getting better show by show. Drawing heavy influences from the now defunct Greyboy Allstars, The Westfall has been making a name for themselves and just might be Wisco's claim to fame in the jamband world.

Before you go:

<http://www.soulive.com>

<http://www.ulu.net>

<http://www.delmarplaypen.com>

<http://www.thewestfall.com>

<http://www.wailers.com>

<http://www.strangefolk.com>

<http://www.thekego.com>

<http://www.thaijoes.com>

<http://www.luthersblues.com>

Luther's Blues in Madison. They don't make it to Wisco much since they hail from the Big Apple, so this show'll surely be a treat. Next Sunday, Oct. 13, Derek Trucks Band will play at Luther's as well.

Also in Wisco this Friday, ulu will play a few sets at Thai Joe's in Milwaukee, and Wisconsin home-grown boys Del Mar will bring their act to the Keg right here in heady Stevens Point. Big ups to the Keg for booking some of the smaller local talent on the jamband scene, because you're sure not going to find too many booked anywhere on campus.

Wisconsin's best kept secret, The Westfall will funk all night

Rounding out next week, The Wailers (yes, those Wailers) bounce into Madison on Wednesday, Oct. 16 and will perform at UW-Madison. Also on Wednesday, Strangefolk will make a rare midwestern appearance, playing at the Rave in Milwaukee.

If those bands don't do it for you, fear not, as there are a plethora of decent national acts swinging through the good land very soon. Hookah, Ratdog, Sound Tribe Sector 9, Particle, Keller Williams and the Disco Biscuits will all represent hardcore (some harder than others, of course) in the next month.

So, until next week, "can I get a schwill a 'dat, bra?"

Movie Review

Vulgar

By Josh Goller

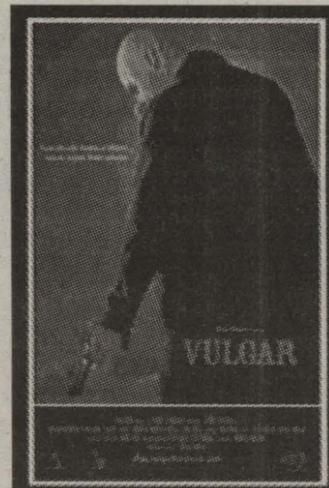
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

It's a rare thing to find a film with Kevin Smith in the credits that isn't located in the comedy section at video rental stores. So when I flipped over the box to *Vulgar* the other night, I was shocked to see that this movie with a trench coat clad, gun toting clown on the cover was produced by View Askew, Smith's own production company.

Featuring *Clerks* star Brian O'Halloran as Will Carlson (a.k.a. Flappy the Clown), *Vulgar* starts in similar fashion to every other work that Kevin Smith has a hand in. The film begins with the same subtle, well-articulated humor about daily life lamentations as most of Smith directorial efforts, however director Bryan Johnson soon adds a twisted dimension that carries throughout the rest of the film.

Will's pathetic life revolves around the joy he receives from working as kid's party entertainer Flappy the Clown for only a few hundred dollars a month. His infrequent visits to a nursing home to spend time with his invalid mother result in brutal verbal attacks on his character, as his loveless mother declares his life an utter failure. The drifters around his trashy residence sleep in the backseat of his car at night.

His listless life is changed forever when he decides to dawn drag (and full clown makeup) in an effort to cash in big as a gag bachelor party stripper. As he arrives at his first gig in a seamy, dimly lit hotel room, the self-proclaimed *Vulgar* the Clown is subjected to a violent sexual assault by a sadistic father and



his two mentally handicapped sons. This intense *Deliverance* meets *Blue Velvet* scene almost instantaneously transforms the seemingly lighthearted movie about a clown into a swirling vortex of perversion and brutality.

As Will recovers and returns to his life as a children's entertainer, he attains fame and fortune by cashing in on his heroic rescue of a young child, an act that lands him his own children's television show. As his attackers recognize their victim on TV, Will is plunged into a world of terror as his relentless pursuers infiltrate every aspect of his life.

Starring other View Askew regulars such as Ethan Suplee, Jason Mewes (snootchie bootchies) and even Smith himself, *Vulgar* provides an intense experience that treads on ground most films shy away from. Not for the faint of heart, this film combines crude, violent images and an early touch of dark comedy with an original story that results in a film that may be worth viewing once, but only once.

Tops at the Box Office

1. *Red Dragon*
2. *Sweet Home Alabama*
3. *The Tuxedo*
4. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
5. *Barbershop*
6. *Jonah: The VeggieTales Movie*
7. *The Banger Sisters*
8. *The Four Feathers*
9. *Moonlight Mile*
10. *One Hour Photo*

Opening this week

- White Oleander*
Brown Sugar
Punch-Drunk Love (Ltd.)
Tuck Everlasting
Rules of Attraction
The Transporter

Upcoming DVD Releases

- Beauty and the Beast*
Farscape (Season 2, Vol. 4)
Scooby Doo
Saturday Night Fever
Grave of the Fireflies

Local Live Music

Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 10

@ The Encore

Irene's Garden

Friday, Oct. 11

@ Clark Place

Pat McCurdy

Saturday, Oct. 12

@ The Mission Coffeehouse

Teague Alexy

w/Medication

@ Witz End

Marques Bovre
and the Evil Twins

Wednesday, Oct. 16

@ The Keg

Self-Proclaimed Nickname

Friday, Oct. 18

@ The Mission Coffeehouse

Ivan Okay

(a.k.a Ivan Klipstein)

@ Witz End

Samoni

Saturday, Oct. 19

@ The Mission Coffeehouse

Alpha Dog

Ditz

@ Witz End

Irene's Garden

What a Spanking

An interview with Wammo and Christina from The Asylum Street Spankers

By Juanis Baetronis
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

The Asylum Street Spankers are a seven member, totally acoustic vaudevillian musical act hailing from Austin, Texas. On Oct. 2, I had the opportunity to interview two of the members before their miraculous show at Witz End. I conducted this interview with Wammo and Christina Marrs in an unruly manner with poor taste and schizophrenic ranting, so take it with a grain of salt.

What's the meaning behind the name The Asylum Street Spankers (A.S.S.)?

Wammo: Well, um, my cat. You know those little magnetic poetry things? My cat likes to mess with them on the refrigerator, and he put those three words together and I thought, "Damn, that would make a great band name."

I always liked the Shrimp Petters as a band name.

What influences, if any, have helped the sound of the Spankers?

Christina: Basically any sound influences the Spankers, any style. We started as a kind of country blues jug band thing, but we like to take our influences from everywhere.

Wammo: Insects, logs, carpet.

Is there any specific cause that the A.S.S. are currently fighting for? Kind of like how Michael Jackson fought for monkeys as pets in the mid-90s?

Christina: Well, we're all pretty pro-marijuana.

What's your two favorite past times?

Wammo: Drinking and fornicating.

What's the craziest thing that has ever happened at a show?

Wammo: There was that guy who got struck by lightning. He was naked, dancing around and decided to climb this pole, and the pole got struck by lightning.

Any quotes that you live by?

Wammo: "Don't pet the black dog."

I personally like "Life without vices is like mice without mices." I think Lord Byron wrote that during his clubfoot stage.

What are your three favorite bands?

Wammo: I have to narrow it down to three? Well, the three that are in my CD player right now are The Beatles, AC/DC and Ella Fitzgerald.

Christina: That's an impossible question.

What is your opinion on the President's decision to define Canada and especially Saskatchewan as an 'axis of evil'?

Wammo: Ha, why did he say that? I haven't heard of this.

Christina: We're thinking of asking for Amnesty for Canada.

How do you feel about donkey punching?

Wammo: I don't hit animals. I only kick them.

Have you ever thought of converting the band name to Spanish, so instead of A.S.S., it would be El Asilo Callejero Azotaras?

Wammo: That sounds good. I never thought of that before.

Would you rather be the bolt-gun operator at a meat packing factory or a feeble-minded altar boy at a monastery?

Wammo: Feeble-minded altar boy at a monastery. Have you ever been to a meat packing factory?

Yeah, the bolt gun is the worst.

Wammo: Yeah, the bolt gun is the worst.

Would you rather be bucktoothed with a baby arm, or a leper with Turrets?

Wammo: Is it a baby's arm holding an apple?

Well, you know, like a baby arm?

Wammo: Falilimean...falilimeaning...I think that question is in poor taste.

I feel that war is for sissies. What's your opinion on having Don King organize a pay-per view bout in which George W. Bush would go toe-to-toe with Saddam Hussein, preferably in a "GrecoRoman-kick-you-in-the-balls" type of fight, instead of invading Iraq.

Wammo: If war was really for sissies, man, and there was nothing but sissies in war, there wouldn't be any war. It would be just like one giant cluster-screw. It would be like penises and vaginas of joy and you wouldn't have to worry about killing each other.

Overall, the Spankers put on the best show I have seen in 23 years. Well, there was that one Mr. Goodbody presentation in the third grade, which was a rather spectacular event. But The Asylum Street Spankers are definitely the best live act to date. The diverse talent of the group was amazing. Whether it was Christina playing on hand saw or the random German hip-hop, it was a show that I probably won't forget. To check out some music or read reviews about the Asylum Street Spankers, go to their web site at www.asylumstreetspankers.com.



Christina Marrs and Wammo of The Asylum Street Spankers



Weekend in Review

A chronicle of live music in Point

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

LEVITT8
Friday, Oct. 4
Witz End

Calling their brand of music "dance fusion," the Minneapolis-based band LEVITT8's show was one that any jam band lover would appreciate. Despite a low turnout, LEVITT8 didn't hold anything back and created a sound that blew their already-solid studio album out of the water. Bassist Jeff Westervelt gave an outstanding performance while guitarist and lead singer Matthew Levitt's high frequency guitar licks gave each song character.

The band enlisted the help of King Freud guitarist Ryan Freud for this performance, and the action proved worthwhile as he sang for their cover of "Ziggy Stardust." LEVITT8 also paid homage to Pink Floyd with a powerful cover of "Have a Cigar." Other highlights were extended versions of "Clover," "Nope" and "Music" from their Tao Jones album along with some intense bass-centric jams that got the crowd bumping.

Grade: A-

Split Habit
Friday, Oct. 4
The Mission Coffeehouse

This pop-punk band from Chicago filled The Mission with their Brit-pop influenced music. The crisp, energetic vocals of lead singer Travis Brown carried the show, as Split Habit produced music similar to peppier Green Day or more aggressive Weezer. The moderately sized crowd seemed to eat up every tune as Split Habit turned out a show that kept everyone on their feet. Despite a fairly short set, the show was another success for these Chi-town pop-punkers.

Grade: B+

Johnny Toymaker
Friday, Oct. 4
The Mission Coffeehouse

With their aggressive punk tunes, Johnny Toymaker may have been a joy to loud music fans. However, despite the energetic play of guitarist Juan Avalos, the band sometimes seemed like little more than controlled noise. The hearty vocals were nearly impossible to hear, something that was really detrimental to the show. But Johnny Toymaker did manage to connect on some of their songs and, all in all, put together an entertaining show.

Grade: C+

Natty Nation
Saturday, Oct. 5
Witz End

Easily Wisconsin's best reggae band, Natty Nation did not disappoint the sizable crowd at Witz End. Members of Reggae Ambassadors Worldwide (# 665), Natty threw down positive vibes that got the room bouncing. Lead singer Demetrius (Jah Boogie) Wainwright's Marley-esque vocals elevated the roots rock reggae beats to heights that got everyone in the diverse crowd jiving. This show proved that some of the best reggae music can come from somewhere as unlikely as the Midwest.

Grade: A-

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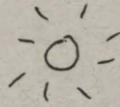
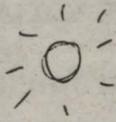
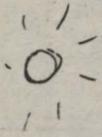
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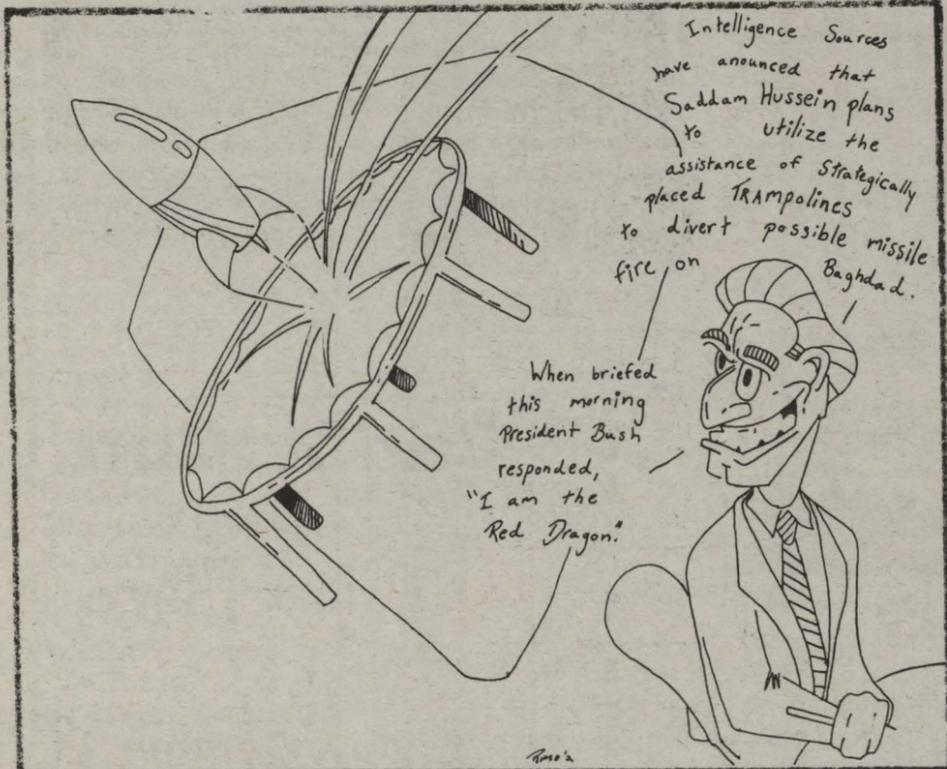
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