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Young promotes Green Party platform at UWSP

By Julie Johnson
NEWS EDITOR

Green Party candidate Jim Young made his way to UWSP on Wednesday, Oct. 23 to promote his campaign for state governor. Young's appearance in the Encore attracted students and non-students from around the area, something that Young really expresses in his campaign.

Campaign coordinator Amy Heart introduced Young and also gave a preview of what the values of the Green Party of Wisconsin are centered around.

Several focal points to

Young's campaign included health care for all citizens, opposition to the Crandon Mines, environmental education and total political reform. Young is also striving for creating new job opportunities for teachers, raising

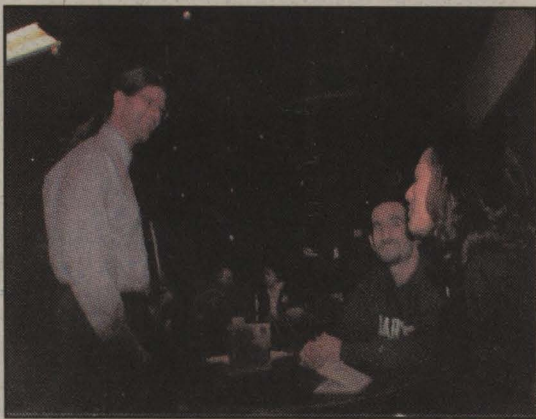


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teachers' starting salaries and increasing funding to repair the state's existing schools.

The event put on by the Green Party included entertainment by means of music and dancers, as well as various activist tables set up promoting Young and opposing a war with Iraq.

The Green Party has seen an extremely effective turnout in Portage County, raking in 7% of the total votes for the Green Party in the 2000 elections. UWSP and student voters played an essential role in the impressive Green Party numbers.

A voter registration booth ensured a continuing trend of Green Party popularity, which allowed students to register to vote in just a few minutes. The booth remained heavily occupied throughout the event, showing that students are full of anticipation about this year's elections.

The Young campaign is using the grassroots approach to get votes. Instead of using the

media to get to the people, Young has been going from door to door and personally informing people of his attributes as a gubernatorial candidate.

During the presentation in the Encore, Young urged people to get involved and continue the

Young also gave a synopsis of his mission, which is to have a "state of balance" throughout our diplomatic system. Young is calling for a balance that includes human and social rights, environmental sustainability and educational opportunities and through

that, provide a true democracy. Young, a native of Milwaukee and a former UWSP student, focused on how change needs to be made working with the government hand in hand. Young, aside from running for governor, was previously a history teacher and is currently working as an assessor for



Photo by J. Johnson

Petition booth on war movement

grass roots campaign throughout the remainder of the election season by running for spots in their local governments.

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It's beginning to look a lot like...



Photo by L. Zancanaro

Students were treated to, or taunted by, an early snowfall on Monday. While many students cursed the heavy wet snow, some took the opportunity to relieve some stress during midterms.

Downtown stabbing leaves local man behind bars

By Scott Cattelino
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A 24-year-old bartender and UWSP graduate was the victim of an attempted stabbing over this past weekend at a downtown bar, which resulted in the arrest of a 45-year-old Stevens Point man.

Paul A. Hering was taken into custody and is still currently being held on a \$5,000 cash bond. According to police, the suspect is facing charges of possession of a switchblade and reckless endangerment. Prosecutors are also considering pressing felony charges against him after the stabbing on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Matthew A. Johnson was the victim of Hering's unprovoked attack at the Friendly Bar around 1:30 a.m. Johnson, an off

duty bartender at the time of the attack, sustained slash wounds on the hand and stomach and received seven stitches for a lac-

switchblade knife.

"I happened to see him coming over my shoulder," said Johnson in an interview. He was able to overcome Hering by grabbing both his wrists and pinning him against the beverage cooler, but not until the blade sliced open a wound of his finger. Joe Barnes, a UWSP student, was able to disarm Hering while Johnson and others kept him subdued until police arrived.

"I yelled 'he's got a knife' and immediately there were two or three other people to help me," Johnson said. "That's really cool that there are people out there that will help you in a situation

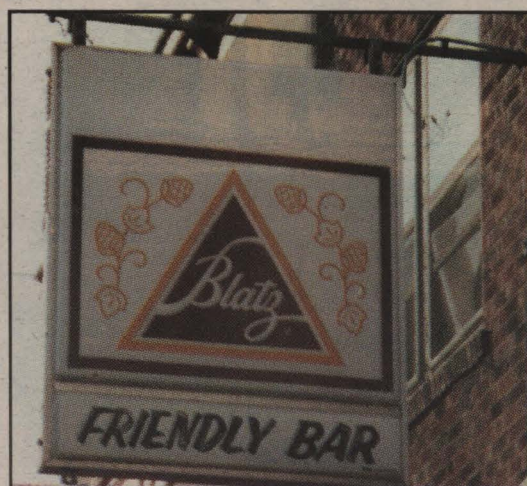


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eration on his right index finger.

Police reports stated that Johnson was talking with friends when Hering, who witnesses say was obviously intoxicated, started coming toward him with a

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United Council includes all UWSP students

Many students at UWSP are unaware that they are members of the United Council of UW Students, but in fact, every student on this campus pays \$1.35 per semester for the membership. The \$1.35 is a mandatory refundable fee, which means that all student on member campuses are charged, and they can request their money back if they do not want to be a member. The UWSP Student Government Association (SGA) holds a referendum every year along with the SGA elections, so that students can decide whether UWSP should remain a member of United Council.

United Council (UC) is a non-profit and non-partisan statewide student organization that promotes shared governance and the Wisconsin state statute 36.09(5), which provides students with control over segregated fees. UC also lobbies and advocates issues that affect students, such as access to higher education. UC has two registered lobbyists and nine professional staff members, including a president, women's issues

director, shared governance director, communication director, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered and Questioning Director.

UC trains students in the areas of coalition building, grassroots lobbying, working with the media, diversifying student governments, and leadership development. UC also puts out manuals and fact sheets, which are distributed to member student governments across the state.

In the past, UC has run a statewide campaign to link financial aid increases to tuition increases, and campaigns to help students get out to vote on their campuses.

UC was founded in 1960, when nine schools met on the UW-Stevens Point campus. Currently, 24 of the 26 UW schools are members. For more information, check out the United Council website at www.unitedcouncil.net.

Two UWSP administrators receive new titles

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has two new vice chancellors.

Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Greg Diemer, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Bob Tomlinson, are not newcomers to UWSP, however. The former assistant chancellors have had their titles changed "to reflect the status of these administrative positions on the UWSP campus," according to Chancellor Tom George.

"The rationale for the title changes is twofold," George said. First, the changes will result in the administrators holding the positions which are titled in a similar manner as their peers at a number of the UW-System cam-

pus. Second, the assistant chancellors, as the heads of their respective line divisions, have duties and responsibilities that are comparable to those of our

institution's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Virginia Helm, i.e., oversight of budget, personnel, and strategic planning.

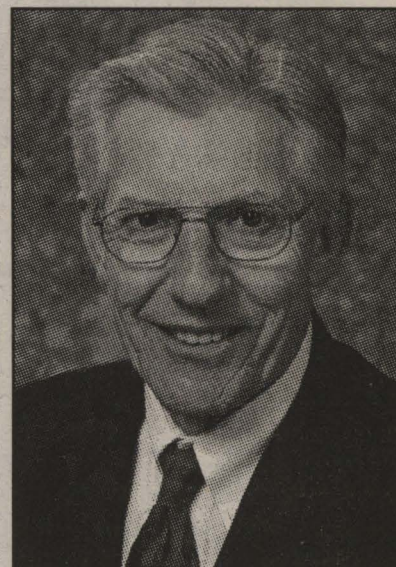
The title changes were recently approved by UW System. No salary increases come with the new titles.

Vice Chancellor Diemer came to UWSP in 1986 from Southwest State University in Marshall, Minn. As UWSP's Chief Business Officer, he provides leadership and direction on the campus operating budget of about \$115 million and administers several operating

units. He is responsible for directing the Capital Development budget that recently received approval for a \$26 million renovation and addition to the Fine Arts Center.

Diemer directs the development of campus e-business initiatives and has helped establish outreach educational facilities, including the Wisconsin Learning Center in the Portage County Business Park. He also has served on UW-System task forces, providing leadership to financial and administrative operations. He holds a degree in economics and business administration from Mankato State University.

Vice Chancellor Tomlinson came to UWSP in 1999 from South Dakota State University where he served as dean of student affairs. He holds master's and doctoral degrees in student personnel and counselor educa-

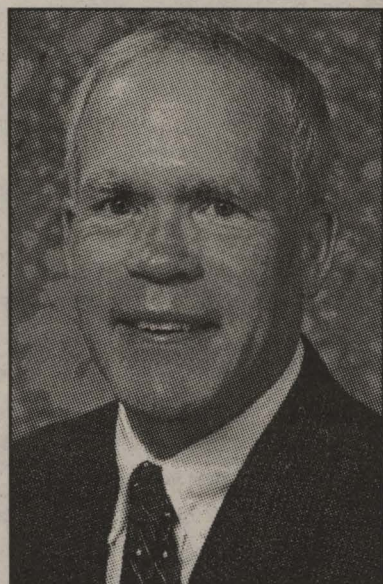


Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Greg Diemer.

tion from Mississippi State University.

At UWSP, Tomlinson has worked with the UWSP Foundation to secure more than \$2.5 million as gifts to support student scholarships and expanded child care facilities and programming. He has begun a women's leadership program for midlevel managers in Student Affairs and supports efforts to enhance campus climate for minority and under-represented students. In addition, expanded dining options for students and improved dining facilities in the DeBot Center are among his initiatives.

Tomlinson also actively participates in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators as the coordinator for the 2003 regional conference.



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson

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"People who hold the decision making positions is how change occurs," said Amy Heart.

Young encouraged all Greens to get involved, no matter how small the movement, similar to UWSP student Matt Filipiak's efforts. Filipiak, a member of the Stevens Point City Council, also instilled this thought to all that were in attendance.

"It only took 98 votes to get me a seat on the City Council, so it is open to all of you that are interested," stated Filipiak.

Themes of environmental activism and awareness constantly resurfaced. Songs and poetry highlighted the needs to change what the environment has now become. Organic farmers were among the topics discussed, as Young wants to focus on the family farm instead of mass-producing corporate farms.

"The land was here before us, the knowledge of the land was here before us and we need to work in partnership with the earth," explained Young.

Jim Young will continue his crusade for the title of Governor of Wisconsin along with incumbent Scott McCallum, Jim Doyle and Ed Thompson, among other independent candidates. The General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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Lot R**Wednesday, Oct. 16 11:36 p.m.**

A student filed a complaint stating that the driver's side mirror was kicked off his vehicle.

Knutzen Hall**Friday, Oct. 18 1:58 a.m.**

The fire alarm was activated on the first floor of Knutzen Hall.

Health Education Center**Friday, Oct. 18 11:40 a.m.**

A male reported that his wallet was stolen from an unlocked locker.

Knutzen Hall**Friday, Oct. 18 1:35 a.m.**

A resident of Knutzen Hall reported a VHS tape stolen from his room during the fire alarm.

Lot Q**Saturday, Oct. 19 10:58 a.m.**

A vehicle was reported to have a damaged driver's side mirror.

Baldwin Hall**Monday, Oct. 19 11:26 p.m.**

The fire alarm was activated in Baldwin Hall on the second floor.

UWSP chemistry professor receives \$118,525 grant

Kevin Czerwinski, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP), has been awarded a \$118,525 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), a unit of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) located in Bethesda, Maryland.

Czerwinski's Academic Research Enhancement Award, "Canthinones as Human Isozyme Selective PDE4 Inhibitors," is a three-year grant that supports ongoing research into the possible use of natural products as anti-inflammatory agents.

"Anti-inflammatory agents are vital in the battle against a growing asthma epidemic, Crohn's disease, and a host of other maladies," Czerwinski says.

"In essence we are seeking to synthesize compounds that occur naturally in plants and may have applications in treating human disease," said Czerwinski. "In this way, larger quantities of the compounds

needed for study may be made available rather than having to harvest the plants in which they occur. Many of these plants only grow in the tropical rainforests where deforestation is already a problem.

According to Czerwinski, compounds from a variety of plants from at least four continents could have applications for his research. As in the past, several chemistry undergraduate students will assist him with the research.

A native of Stevens Point and a graduate of Pacelli High School, Czerwinski earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from UWSP. He attended graduate school at UW-Milwaukee where he earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry. His current research interests include the areas of medicinal and organic chemistry, specifically the synthesis of natural and unnatural products.

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like that."

The assault had apparently stemmed from an incident between the two happening three to four weeks ago. Johnson told police that in a past encounter he had to physically remove Hering from the bar after he refused to finish his drink and leave at the designated bar time.

The conditions of Hering's bond forbid him to possess alcohol or be anywhere it is sold, except for reasons of employment. He also can't have any contact with Johnson or the Friendly Bar, and must check in at the Day Report Center three times a week free of all drugs and alcohol. He is also not permitted to possess any guns, knives or other weapons at any time.

Hering is scheduled to have his initial court appearance at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Portage County Circuit Court.

"I just don't want this to deter people from coming down to the Friendly," exclaimed Johnson, who plans on continuing his duties at the bar. "I like it here, there's always good people here, and I want to make sure that this one guy doesn't scare people from continuing to come down and have a good time."

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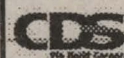
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Whatever...the world according to Steve

"Vote Quimby! This time, he's the lesser of two evils!" Welcome to the Generals.

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I wasn't exactly sure what to write about this time around, but decided to finally give in to the Gubernatorial Race, seeing as how it's the general theme of Letters & Opinion this week.

First off, if you've managed to avoid any exposure to the madness thus far, it must be through extreme effort, i.e. choosing to mute the TV at first mention of Scott McCallum, Jim Doyle and the like. If this is the case, get your head out of the mud and get into this while the race is still "so hot right now."

What better way to procrastinate studying for midterms than sparking up an intellectual conversation about the Gubernatorial Race? You'd be surprised; it's the best way to learn about the candidates and their stances, and you really don't have to say much if you don't know anything about anything. If you find the right person, they'll talk your ear off about the government until you're sorry you ever asked in the first place.

Eventually, you'll learn more and can begin to



Photo by P. Larson

identify with each candidate. Before you know it, voila, you'll be politically charged.

It's not too difficult to easily team up with any one candidate, even if you don't have a set political affiliation, or even firm political beliefs. There are many candidates out there besides McCallum and Doyle, and even a few beyond Ed Thompson and Jim Young.

I've never been a super-charged political activist of any kind, but I sure wouldn't mind seeing a third party candidate, who's surrounded with far fewer scandal allegations, win the General Elections.

Last week, I was watching a program on PBS that contained the general statements of the candidates. I only saw the last two; Scott McCallum's and Aneb Jah Rasta Sensas-Utcha Nefer-I's speech. After I saw Aneb's campaign statement, I decided to educate myself about just what the heck is going

through all of the candidates' heads.

I'm not writing this to endorse a single party or candidate, nor to rag on a particular party or candidate. However, let's look at some of the vital things that should raise an eyebrow.

For starters, two candidates have made appearances on our happy little campus; Ed Thompson and Jim Young. Need I say more? Both of these

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candidates are practicing the exact opposite of McCallum's and Doyle's TV wars; instead of bombarding the airwaves with negative campaign mud-slinging, Thompson and Young go right to their target audiences, which is most admirable. Rather than getting caught up in political wish-wash, they do it the old-fashioned way.

Just by talking to your contingency and being honest about your values instead of telling them that you're the best thing since toast, you avoid having to dodge scandalous rumors and convincing everyone that you're the lesser of multiple evils. This is what is most appealing to me about third party candidates; they have nothing to lose and blunt honesty is their most valuable asset.

Politics are quite simple when broken down. In the end, it's just representatives who come out of their communities to speak for a group of people who believe the same values as them. It's up to the people to choose who will best support the state as a whole.

Now is when it's important for students to step in. It doesn't take long to sit down and educate yourself about any of the candidates. Get out to the polls and cast your vote, no matter how insignificant you may feel it is.

Important Links

<http://www.wisconsinvote.org/>
<http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/>

<http://www.mccallum2002.com/>
<http://www.doyle2002.com/>
<http://www.young4governor.org/>
<http://www.edthompson.com/>



Ed Thompson, the personable candidate

I was lucky enough to meet Ed Thompson for the first time a couple of weeks ago, and I was impressed. He struck me as a real person and isn't much different than us. He listened to my questions and asked his own. He is genuinely interested in students and education. When he smiles or laughs it is sincere, and he is truthful when he says what needs to be accomplished. Everyone calls him Ed. I couldn't imagine calling McCallum or Doyle by their first names, let alone them even stopping in Stevens Point.

Ed is extremely education oriented. For example, he wants to take non-violent criminals out of the prison system, use ankle-monitoring devices on them and save that money for more education programs. Right now we spend \$28,000 per year for each inmate in our prison system. Ankle bracelets on the other hand would cost about \$2800 per year. Ed was a prison guard for five years, and with that knowledge he understands the system and how to improve it.

In addition, Ed wants to expand the school choice program statewide. In Milwaukee last year this saved the taxpayers \$53,000,000. Spreading it statewide could save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. Struggling families will have the same opportunity to send their children to schools that were previously available only to higher income families.

The last thing Ed said during his speech was that he didn't want to be a great leader for Wisconsin. He wants to be a great servant. I think he will be. He wants to do what's best for us, not him and the special interest groups. It is time to get rid of the corruption that exists in state government. Anyone who thinks Doyle and McCallum weren't involved or knew what was going on are blind themselves.

If you want more information about the issues and what Ed has to say, check out www.edthompson.com. If you are interested in helping me get Ed's ideas out there, email me at hwall341@uwsp.edu. SHAKE THE SYSTEM!

-Holli Wallner, UWSP student

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What is a man's place in football?

I read Oct. 17's Man's Take a little later than usual because my wife used it to line birdcages. Upon reading it, I decided the bird crap was an improvement to the article. The column raised an intriguing question in my mind, though: What is a man's place in football? Long deliberation provided three possibilities.

- 1) Occasional, recreational football player.
- 2) Semi-literate, steroid-enhanced thickneck who rams people for a living.
- 3) Ignoramus fan who screams at the pictures on his television screen.

Which one is Craig Mandli? He criticizes Andy Rooney for his sexism, but decides that women should only be allowed to talk about football on TV as sideline reporters, and only as long as they know as much as men. Otherwise, he encourages women to take an active part in football by wearing tight clothes and jumping up and down a lot. Let me ask you, Craig, if old age is Rooney's excuse for his close-minded views, what the hell is yours?

-Brandon Podoll, UWSP student

Does Tommy Thompson really support McCallum?

An interesting development in the governor's race was discussed in *The Capital Times* on Oct. 2. Just who is Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson supporting for governor?

Although Tommy has given a perfunctory endorsement to his Republican gubernatorial successor Scott McCallum, his brother, Libertarian candidate for governor Ed Thompson has reported that Tommy has contributed money to his campaign and has told him that he intends to vote for him.

This does seem most credible as *The Capital Times* noted that Tommy tried to dump, then Lieutenant Governor, McCallum from the GOP ticket in 1998 in order to replace him with a competent running mate - "Bill McCoshen, a Thompson cabinet member and confidante with superior political and people skills."

Adding credence to Libertarian Ed Thompson's assertion that his brother Tommy is indeed going to vote for him

and thus repudiating his successor, was the refusal of Tony Jewell, a spokesperson for Tommy Thompson, to tell a reporter for whom his boss was going to vote.

It should be obvious that former Governor Tommy Thompson lacks confidence in Scott McCallum's ability to govern Wisconsin. This is understandable in light of McCallum's blunders respecting shared revenues with municipalities and his proven fiscal incompetence with respect to his use of the tobacco settlement money.

While it is understandable for Tommy to vote for his brother Ed, I hope most Wisconsin voters will vote for a real change on behalf of competence and fiscal responsibility on Nov. 5 by casting their vote for the Democratic candidate for governor, Jim Doyle, presently attorney general of the State of Wisconsin.

-Forrest "Woody" Weber
Alderman, District 4
Menasha, WI

Freedom-fighters become terrorists

By Cheryl Tepsa-Fink
MANAGING EDITOR

Wednesday afternoon I spent a great deal of time with a sleeping baby cuddled up next to me. Then I checked world news on-line, and I woke up. About 20 Chechen rebels took hostage around 700 people in a Moscow theatre. While watching a blockbuster play, they were held at gunpoint for the sins of their country.

This editorial is not about the history of the Russia-Chechnya conflict; I've only spent the last thirty minutes learning about it. This editorial is about terrorism and the way we think of it.

For centuries, indigenous people living in the mountains of southern Russia have been terrorized and bullied by their neighbors to the north. Russia conquered Chechnya in the nineteenth century, but decided to deport the entire Chechen population to Siberia after the end of World War II. Many died in that frozen tundra before some were allowed back home a decade later.

During Gorbachev's leadership in Russia, he institutionalized the concept of glasnost, a new openness in Russian society. With this cultural revolution came unrest in Chechnya. The Chechens revolutionized too, however they were never quite able to agree on leadership. While different groups in Chechnya fought amongst themselves, big brother Russia stepped in and tried to set up a Russian-sponsored government.

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Needless to say, the rebellious Chechens didn't appreciate this at all. They considered it an over-taking of their country. They were trying for full independence from Russia, and all that Russia offered them was marginal autonomy. A couple peace accords were drafted and put into place, but they fell apart within months.

These Chechens are strong and proud of their heritage and their freedom. Despite the total destruction of their capital of Grozny in the mid-nineties, they haven't backed down yet.

On Wednesday, they captured the world's attention by becoming terrorists. They want to be heard, they want to be noticed and most of all, they want to be free.

I'm not endorsing holding movie theatres hostage (the lighting's bad), but I am endorsing hearing both sides of the story. These Chechens deserve to be heard by the international press; they've been through enough.

The moral of the story is that it's too bad Russia has the United Nations in their pocket; otherwise we could stand up for Chechen independence. It's time to start applauding the underdog and shaming the power-hungry aristocracy of the past.

Governor McCallum's hypocrisy

It is indeed disingenuous of the Republicans to attack Attorney General Jim Doyle for alleged dereliction of duty for failing to involve his office in the investigation of the scandals that have arisen in the Legislature.

The hypocrisy of the McCallum crowd should be apparent to all when they read the following paragraph from a news story published in the Nov. 16, 2001 edition of the *Wisconsin State Journal*: "Gov. Scott McCallum blocked Attorney General Jim Doyle on Friday from suing the Legislature over what so far amounts to \$158,549 in private legal fees paid by state taxpayers. Doyle wanted to sue to force the Legislature to stop paying private legal fees for Capitol staffers accused of illicit campaigning." (<http://www.madison.com/wisconsinstatejournal/caucus/7800.html>)

At a time when the caucus scandals involved employees of the politicians in Madison, who now have been indicted for similar offenses, we have the Republican governor of Wisconsin attempting to cash in politically on the alleged corrupt behavior of Messrs Chvala, Jensen, Foti, et al; by pointing accusing fingers at his Democratic opponent.

One argument used by Governor McCallum had to do with the "cost" of the lawsuit.

Attorney General Doyle's response was most appropriate:

"It's quite an argument to say I don't care whether they're breaking the law because somehow it's going to cost money to stop them from breaking the law. That's nonsense."

And nonsense it is.

Certainly, if hypocrisy can be said to have a name, that name is Scott McCallum, present governor of Wisconsin.

-Richard D. Sampson, Appleton, WI

Solution to parking problems

I see that parking is a growing problem at UWSP. My initial reaction to this was typical: students who live in the dorms should only be given parking permits after everyone else has been dealt with, starting of course with seniors and moving down the line of seniority. Students who live in the dorms don't really need a car during the week, and on weekends it would be no problem for them to bike or take the bus to the long-term city parking lot mentioned in last week's article. Maybe the school could work out a special price with the city if a lot of students did this.

Then, of course, I came to my senses and realized the insanity of this plan. Freedom of transportation is a basic American right, and it would be tyrannical to restrict it. I know that many colleges have similar rules, but that just shows how authority figures in the United States like to boss college students around

like they were children. Also, this plan would be a great inconvenience to students who had to park off-campus because the city parking lot is fully a mile away from the school.

As I was parking on Maria Drive before my morning class, I had a parking epiphany: pave Schmeeckle! It wasn't always a park; it has fire hydrants, for cryin' out loud. Why should we keep this silly man-made forest, well trampled by several CNR classes each day, when we have a serious parking problem? The lake is man-made, too, and the animals are so tame you can almost walk up and touch them. Sure it has some old oak trees, but we wouldn't have to pave the whole thing, just some of the Disney part.

As I was walking to class from my car, I decided that the school would never accept this idea. It would look bad for Wisconsin's natural resources school to bulldoze its forest, even

though the school itself is built on an old wetland, or so I hear. I would just have to find somewhere else for our nature-conscious students to park their sport-utility vehicles.

Luckily, while I was saying this to myself, I was walking past the answer. There are three huge fields just north of the school that wouldn't even need to be bulldozed. Well, the fence around the tennis courts would need to be, but the cost of bulldozing would be offset because it is already paved. The football field and the rest of the track would of course need paving. I can't think of any reason the city wouldn't approve rezoning for us. That large of a paved area would require a retention pond, but I'm sure there's enough room. If they complain about green space, well, that's what Schmeeckle is for, right?

-Brandon Podoll
UWSP student

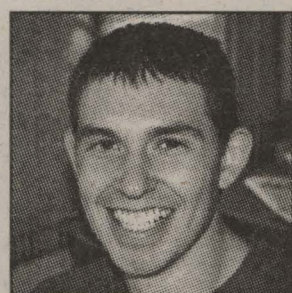
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What does the cold weather want to make you do the most?



Megan Callies, Jr., Health Promotion
Move to California.



Mike Gehrman, Soph., Graphic Arts
Skip class.



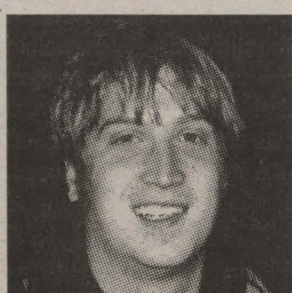
Rachel Marlett, Jr., Wildlife Ed.
Jump in a lake.



Brynne Mitchell, Jr., Psychology
Fly to Florida.



Dustin Arthur, Sr., History
Go to sleep.



Andrew Donohoo, Sr., Business
Party outside in the woods.

Your College Survival Guide

By Pat "The Truth" Rothfuss

YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH.

Alright guys. Listen up. I'm risking my life to bring you this information.

Women are life's great mystery, right? They're unfathomable, ineffable, confusing. I've finally figured out why. We don't understand them because they're playing games with us.

I'm not speaking figuratively. For hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years women have been making men do stupid things, not just for the sheer fun of it, but because they're competing against each other. Their game crosses all boundaries of age, language, and culture. Every woman in the world is playing, and they're playing to win.

Every time they get one of us to do something, they get a certain number of points. The harder it is, the more points it's worth. The more points a woman has, the higher her ranking in girl society. Here's what I've discovered so far....

YOU PAY FOR DINNER.

The oldest girl trick in the book. This one isn't hardly a challenge any more, so it only scores one (1) measly point. Two (2) points if it's a classy joint.

YOU AGREE TO WATCH A CF. (CHICK FLICK)

This one varies, because there's a huge swing in chick flicks. *Pretty Woman* is low end (1) because it has whores and nudie Julia. *Thelma and Louise* is pretty chicky, but it has guns and car chases, so it's worth maybe two (2). *Where the Heart Is* rings the bell at seven (7). If you cry at any point during the movie, they get triple points.

Teasing.

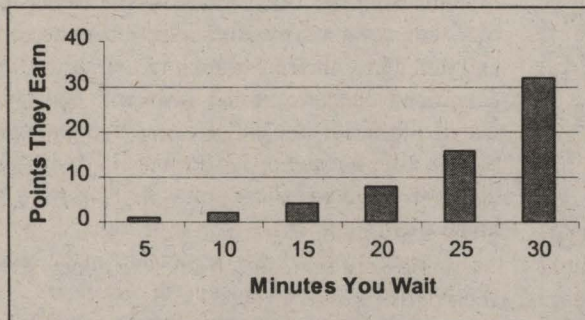
A very subtle category. Difficult to score. Getting a guy to go in for a first kiss and then snubbing him scores a solid 5. Provoking visible "arousal" scores 10. Bona fide blueballs tops the chart at 25.

Games Women Play

YOU WAIT FOR HER.

Up until thirty minutes this one is scored on a good old-fashioned geometric progression. (see fig. 1) After thirty minutes they use some strange equation to calculate earned points. I don't understand it. I think it might be calculus.

I suspect that women invented accurate time keeping to clarify this portion of their game. Furthermore, I suspect they invented advanced mathematics in order to score things more effectively.



SHE GETS YOU TO HUMILIATE YOURSELF IN PUBLIC.

Clothes count, and there's a wide point-spread.

You wear the Garfield tie she gave you (2). You wear a sky-blue turtleneck she picked out (5). You wear a pink sweater with a big-eyed puppy and the words "cuddle me" embroidered on the back (17).

If a girl gets you to dance in public, you're worth at least 3-4 points, per song. Why? Because you look stupid, and they know it. Me, I'm worth a dozen. When I dance, I look like an insane chicken trying to mime something while tripping on bad acid.

Buying feminine hygiene products is the high end of this category. I once left my own birthday party to make a Kotex run. I thought I was being nice. Little did I know that I was actually giving her a present of 75 points.

YOU IMPRESS HER FRIENDS.

You're out with some of her friends. You pull out her chair. You open doors. You don't look at that redhead in the spandex. You don't burp, pick your nose, scratch yourself or engage in any other sort of natural, gratifying behavior.

All the while, behind their casual banter, her friends are watching you like a trained poodle jumping hoops at a dog show. Later, when they all go to the bathroom in a group they'll discuss your performance and assign scores in three categories: Obedience, Gentility, and Whippedness.

YOU APOLOGIZE.

There's a reason Fonzie never said "I'm sorry." Apologies are 10 a piece.

BACKRUBS & GOING DOWN.

See Fig 1.

YOU ADMIT YOU'RE WRONG, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE RIGHT.

5 points if you're alone. 10 Points if you're in front of her friends. 25 points if you're in front of your friends.

PRESENTS.

While some presents are assigned individual points: a drink at a bar (0.25); flowers (2-7); a pint of quality ice cream (4). Most miscellaneous gifts are simply given a value, tallied, and compared to your yearly pre-tax earnings.

High end/romantic gifts must be assessed by at least a dozen different women before points are assigned. Don't believe me? Just give your girlfriend an engagement ring and watch every girl in the world ask to see it.

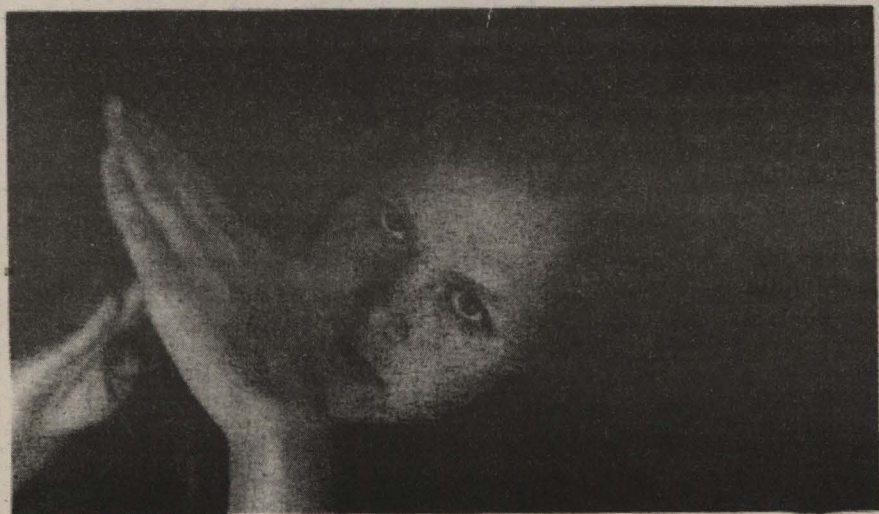
Of course, these numbers aren't set in stone. There are a ton of conditional modifiers. For instance, if they resort to crying to get you to do what they want, they only score half points. On the other hand, if they get you to do something in public, it's usually worth more.

Those of you who understand the conspiracy, send me what you know (prothfuss@uwsp.edu). I'll print the rest of what I know next week, if they let me live that long....

Thought for the Week:

You can't say that civilizations don't advance, however, for in every war they kill you in a new way.

-Will Rogers



She didn't plan on this. Now everything has changed.
What will Becky do? What would you do?

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"Closer" explores sexual relations and infidelity

By Andy Bloeser
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Infidelity will run rampant at the Jenkins Theatre beginning on Friday, Oct. 25, as the Players' Student Theatre stages its production of "Closer," a play exploring the impact of sexual desires.

The play examines the dark side of romantic ambition, telling the story of four troubled individuals linked through a series of unstable relationships. The drama centers on the precarious nature of kiss-and-tell romances and the destruction caused by unenlightened self-interest.

"Everyone can relate to someone in this play," said actress Kelley McLaughlin.

"Everyone has been the person who has loved and has had their heart broken or has been the person seeking love but who never finds it or is satisfied with it. Everyone has been there at least once before."

The central theme of the production presents itself through the character of Alice, a vivacious and extremely self-destructive stripper, played by McLaughlin. Defined as a woman who never looks both ways before crossing the street, Alice's lack of foresight produces both metaphorical and literal effects on the direction of the storyline.

In the opening scene, Alice is hit by a taxi, an event that brings her in con-

tact with other characters who, like Alice, are looking to fill a void in their lives. Those characters include an aspiring writer who mines Alice's private life for the basis for his first novel, a doctor with an obsession with sex, and a female photographer who is desperate for the affection of a man. Each of the characters becomes indelibly linked when the search for prospective bedfellows begins.

Lustful overtones aside, "Closer" highlights the perils of following one's heart to its dregs. Relationships and personal lives fall apart and are subsequently salvaged, only to fall apart again. As the play itself proclaims, "Everyone learns but nobody changes."

"The infidelity is definitely not the focal point," said director Josh Johnson. "[Closer] is really a look at ourselves and how relationships effect our lives. Through his or her experiences, each character learns who he or she is, and at the end of the play, each character is more able to identify with his or her self."

The production opens Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and will run until Sunday, Oct. 27.

When true love hurts: Battling domestic violence

By Amy Zepnick
FEATURES EDITOR

Everyone wants to fall in love, but what happens when Mr. Handsome turns into Mr. Hulk? Domestic violence runs rampant despite its keen ability to hide behind closed doors.

Domestic violence begins when one partner turns his or her anger on the other. This may involve physical, emotional or sexual abuse. This could happen just once or on a regular basis.

According to ASafePlaceForHelp.org, 95% of assault cases are committed by men toward women, making it the number one injury to women exceeding muggings, rapes and car accidents combined. Every nine seconds a woman is battered, adding to 1.5 million victims per year. Of all female murder cases, 42% of victims were killed by an intimate partner.

Most women in abusive situations neglect the following warning signs provided by the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center:

He believes that the man should make all the decisions.

He has a poor self-image and is very jealous when his partner talks to anyone. He has spontaneous outbursts and wants to control his partner's actions.

She has a poor self-image and believes an abusive boyfriend is better than no boyfriend. She starts doing poorly in school and becomes isolated from her former friends. She is dependent on her partner for all the decisions and no longer is in control of her life. Last, she makes excuses for her partner's behavior.

Other warning signs include sabotaging friendships and relationships with family, accusing the partner of sexual infidelities, stalking, threatening to harm oneself if the partner complains of abuse or threatening to rape or kill the partner.

There are many long-term effects of domestic violence. Physical injuries cause medical difficulties when the victim ages. Arthritis, hypertension and heart disease are identified by victims as a direct cause of violence in their early adult lives.

Reoccurring absenteeism

causes victims to lose their jobs. Also, because the victim may need to move to avoid violence, moving interferes with employment and is costly.

Victims become embarrassed by the abuse and tend to isolate themselves from family and friends. If the abuse is not initially treated, victims may later resist support groups and social functions.

One-third of children who witness abuse in the home show significant behavioral and emotional problems, including stuttering, anxiety and fears, school problems, excessive crying and sleep disruption. Boys who witness abuse are more apt to abuse their partners, and girls who witness abuse are more apt to tolerate abuse.

According to the Family Crisis Center in Stevens Point, there are safety precautions to take when you are in an abusive relationship.

If an argument seems unavoidable, have it in a place with access to an exit. Know where the doors and windows are in your home and practice

getting out safely. Have a packed bag ready and keep it hidden but accessible if you have to leave quickly. Devise a code word to use with children, family or friends if you need police.

When you prepare to leave the relationship, open a savings account in your name to establish or increase independence. Leave money, extra keys, important documents and extra clothes with someone you trust. Determine who could provide shelter or money if need be. Keep a battered shelter phone number close, and keep change on you at all times for emergency calls.

You will need to take important possessions with you when you leave, including an ID and driver's license, birth certificates, lease or housing agreement, money, bank or checkbooks, insurance papers, keys, pictures, address book, medical records and medication, social security cards, school records and work permits, divorce papers and jewelry.

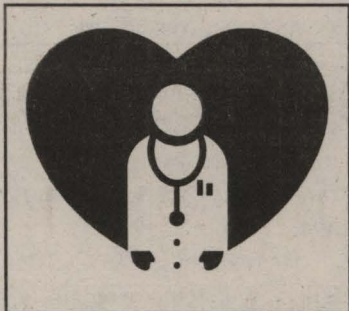
After leaving, safety is still

the key. Keep a restraining order on you at all times. Call the police immediately if your abusive partner breaks the order and find alternative ways to keep safe if the police are slow to respond. Having mace or a stun gun are common defenses. Inform people you know about the restraining order.

At work, inform important people about the situation. This includes office and building security. Show them a photo of your abusive partner if possible. Arrange to have your call screened and devise a safe travel plan to and from work. Have an escort, or an escape plan if something should happen to you when you are in transit.

If you are in an abusive situation, you can contact an advocate at the Family Crisis Center 345-6511 or the Portage County Health and Human Services 345-5350. You can also contact Counseling Services for a complete list of statewide abuse programs. Special thanks to Counseling Services who provided the previous information.

The Health and Wellness Spot



Dear Health Advocate,

I've been having many headaches the past few weeks, especially around exam times. Can you tell me why I am getting these headaches and how I can prevent them?

Headache Sufferer

Dear Headache Sufferer,

Don't feel like you are alone, as many college students suffer from headaches. Most likely the reason for your headaches is stress; however, if your headaches persist over a period of time, it would be wise to seek medical attention.

Homework, tests, relationships, sports, self-image problems and money issues can all bring stress to your life. Stress in your life is good, but an overabundance of bad stress (known as distress) is not good for your body. To decrease stress in your life, try to manage your time better. Prioritize the things that need to be done. Take one thing at a time and make sure to give yourself breaks. Do a relaxing activity you enjoy such as going for walk, talking with friends, listening to music, taking a nap or watching a movie, or set up a ten-minute stress relief session with a Health Advocate.

If you would like to make an appointment, call 346-4313 or visit the Student Health Promotion Office in the lower level of the Allen Center. De-stress your headaches away and have a great day.

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Amber Froland, (UWSP, French Major)

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Week in Point

Thursday, October 24, 2002

UWSP Alumni Art Exhibition,
FAC Carlsten Gallery, All Day
Exhibit runs through Monday, Oct. 28

Cardio Center Presents: Yoga Series I
w/Jeanne Pawlowski, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

CPI Presents Point Brewed Talent:
Skippy, Dave and Friends, UC The
Encore, 7:00 PM

Basement Brewhaus Presents:
Jack White, A Two Hour Pocket
Billiard and Trick Shot Exhibition,
UC Basement Brewhaus, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Friday, October 25, 2002

CPI Alternative Sounds Presents:
Punk In Point 2, UC The Encore,
7:00 PM

UWSP Mostly Percussion Ensemble,
FAC Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

CPI Friday Night Movie Series:
The Rookie, Debot 073, 7:00 & 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 26, 2002

UWSP Football vs. UW-Oshkosh
Goerke Field, 1:00 PM

UWSP Swimming vs. UW-Oshkosh,
HEC Aquatic Center, 1:00 PM

UWSP Soccer vs. UW-Platteville,
Soccer Field, 2:00 PM

CPI Presents: Monster Bash, Costume
Party With DJ, UC The Encore,
9:00 - 11:30 PM

Sunday, October 27, 2002

Light Years from Andromeda
Planetarium Show, Science Building
Planetarium, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

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Light Up The Night... An Evening of
Mystery and Illumination, Schmeckle
Visitors Center, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Cardio Center Presents: Pilates Basics
w/Patrick Strong, 7:30-8:30 PM

Monday, October 28, 2002

Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga I
w/Maureen Houlihan, 1:00-4:00 PM

Cardio Center Presents: De-Stress
Classes w/Pamela Gavril,
5:30 - 6:30 PM

Faculty Recital: Catalin Rotaru, FAC
Michelsen Hall, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

Cardio Center Presents: Pilates
(Intermediate) w/Patrick Strong,
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga
w/Maureen Houlihan, 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Soap Up (Soap-making), Schmeckle
Visitors Center, 6:30 - 7:45 PM

UWSP Horn Choir, FAC Michelsen Hall
7:30 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

Cardio Center Presents: Gentle Yoga III
w/Maureen Houlihan, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

CPI Issues and Ideas Presents: Dance
Lessons, UC Laird, 6:30 - 8:00 PM &
8:00 - 9:30 PM

UWSP Volleyball vs. Lakeland, HEC
Berg Gym, 7:00 PM

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Spotlight Trivia

By Aaron Druckenbrod

1. Which fictional character has
reoccurred in more movies than
any other?

- a. Frankenstein
- b. Dracula
- c. James Bond
- d. Jason

2. What was the name of Richie
Teenenbaum's pet falcon?

- a. Confucius
- b. Jedidiah
- c. Mordecai
- d. Ezekiel

3. What 1933 Marx Brothers
film made fun of the conven-
tions of war?

- a. Ducksoup
- b. Horsefeathers
- c. Monkey Business
- d. Night at the Opera

4. Which actor played
"Ponyboy" in "The Outsiders"?

- a. Tom Cruise
- b. Rob Lowe
- c. Matt Dillon
- d. Thomas Howell

5. Who directed "Fear and
Loathing in Las Vegas"?

- a. Oliver Stone
- b. Hunter S. Thompson
- c. Terry Gilliam
- d. Darren Aronofsky

6. What was Quentin
Tarantino's profession prior to a
director?

- a. bathroom attendant
- b. video store clerk
- c. carpenter
- d. taxi driver

7. In "The Great Outdoors,"
Dan Aykroyd and John Candy
are seen drinking what type of
beer?

- a. Budweiser
- b. Heineken
- c. Miller High Life
- d. Point Special

8. What was the name of Robert
Redford's bat in "The Natural"?

- a. Wonderboy
- b. Slugger
- c. Lucky
- d. The Wizard

9. In "Death to Smoochy"
Edward Norton pulls out a
cookie on live TV shaped like
what?

- a. gun
- b. cock and balls
- c. pot leaf
- d. breasts

Answers:
1. b 2. c 3. a 4. d 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. b

Carlsten Gallery exhibits UWSP alumni art

By Alexander Weber
FEATURES REPORTER

This is your last chance to
get a look at this particular
exhibit of UWSP artwork. The
Carlsten Gallery, on the second
floor of the UWSP Fine Arts
building, is in the middle of its
last week of displaying an
exhibit featuring 41 works of
art by 27 UWSP alumni artists
and the Sesquicentennial Print
Portfolio.

The alumni exhibit canvas-
es a large diversity of art from

past students. Everything from
etchings to woodcuttings to oil
paintings to handcrafted paper
collages are displayed in the
eclectic exhibit.

Caren Heft, UWSP art pro-
fessor and curator of the new
exhibit, says that "this collec-
tion of art shows the diversity
of art from the alumni and
shows that they did not come
from a cookie-cutter art pro-
gram."

The works vary in subject
from the abstract to realistic
representation. Visitors can

find a painting of a surreal for-
est depicting mist-filled air, as
well as another work depicting
a tangled, overgrown visual
labyrinth of branches. There is
also a portrait of a man with his
draft horse and his dog. Art
enthusiasts may also find a tur-
tle with a fetus on its shell. At
the same time, others can enjoy
abstract wall hangings that cre-
ate osmotic, impressionistic
flows of contrasting colors that
express focal movement and
abstract emotive release.

In the Sesquicentennial

Print Portfolio, visitors can
experience a variety of prints
donated to UWSP's art collec-
tion by Richard and Myrna
Schneider. Like the alumni col-
lection, these prints also vary
dramatically in subject and
style.

The exhibit in the Carlsten
Gallery will remain open until
Oct. 27. The gallery's hours are
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Swift Flis leads Pointers to big road victory

Cory Flisakowski catches four touchdown passes in come from behind victory over UW-River Falls

By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

River Falls (0-2) had no problem stopping ten of the Pointers' (1-1) offensive starters on Saturday. Unfortunately for the Eagles, half-back Cory Flisakowski proved to be that deciding eleventh man, as the sophomore transfer from Illinois caught all four of junior quarterback Scott Krause's touchdown passes, tying a school record.

The catches were Flisakowski's only four receptions of the game and were the Pointers' first four touchdowns as they rallied from an early 20-0 deficit to upend the Falcons 38-27. The Pointers came out admittantly flat, giving up a long touchdown on the first play of the game as Falcon quarterback Dustin Vogelgesang hit wide receiver Weeysama Kennedy with a play-action pass for 68 yards. Vogelgesang and John Peterlik each added touchdown runs before Krause finally found Flisakowski from 66 yards to put the Pointers on the board.

"This was a game that we didn't come ready to play, and that's why they were able to jump out on us," said Head Coach John Miech. "We should consider ourselves lucky that we found some plays that they couldn't cover that let us get back into it."

After a nine-yard scoring pass from Krause to Flisakowski, the Pointers cut the lead to 20-12 going into halftime. "We were able to get the kids fired up during the break, and they came out much better in the second half," said Miech.

The Pointers climbed back into the game late in the third period with a 16-play, 85-yard drive, with Krause again hitting an open Flisakowski in the back of the end zone on a fourth-and-one play from the Falcons' 16-yard line, cutting the Falcon lead to 20-18.

The Falcons answered on the first play of the fourth quarter, when Vogelgesang hit Peterlik with a screen pass on the right sideline that Peterlik took in from 28 yards out to give River Falls a nine point lead at 27-18. But the Pointers quickly shot back, with Krause hitting a wide-open Flisakowski on a fly pattern for a 68-yard score to pull the Pointers within three at 27-24.

It was then time for the tired Pointer defense to shine, stopping the Falcons on their next possession, enabling the offense to get the ball back at their own 29-yard line.

The Pointers then used a nine-play, 71-yard drive to take the lead for the first time with 8:33 left. Krause hit Kurt Kielblock for two screen passes on the drive, including a 14-yard pass on a third-and-13 play at midfield. Krause finished the drive with a one-yard sneak for the 31-27 lead.

Junior linebacker Nick Haffele, who finished with a career-high 16 tackles and 11 solo stops on his way to being named the WIAC defensive player of the week, recovered a fumble at the UW-River Falls 26-yard line just over a minute later. The Pointers took advantage of the short field as Krause again hit Kielblock on a sideline screen pass for 16 yards on third down to the four-yard line. The opportunistic quarterback again finished the drive with another one-yard sneak with 4:25 left to ice the victory.

With the win, the Pointers improved to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the WIAC, while River Falls fell to 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the WIAC.

Next up, the Pointers face the UW-Oshkosh Titans, a team that they have lost to two years in a row.

"We've had our letdown game now, so hopefully that's out of their system," said Miech. "We've listened to Oshkosh talk about having our number for a while now, so it's time to shut them up."



Photo submitted by Jens Gunelson, UWRF Photography Services

Sophomore Cory Flisakowski hauls in one of his four touchdown receptions Saturday in a 38-27 victory.

Volleyball captures key conference win

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team picked up a crucial conference victory over UW-Superior three games to one.

Senior Mindy Rockwood had 16 kills to pace a UWSP attack that saw four players hit double digits in the category. On defense, Nikki Kennedy kept up her solid play this season by leading the team with 28 digs.

"Superior had beaten us earlier and we did not play that well, but we had more confidence this time and I think that was important," said Head Coach Stacey White. "We knew that getting this conference win

was important and the players went out and played really well."

Saturday, UWSP could not keep the momentum going as

they fell to UW - Eau Claire in straight sets. Alyssa Mader had a team high eight kills in the loss, while Kennedy and Alicia



Schwan



Kennedy

Schwan led UWSP in digs with eight apiece.

Earlier in the week, UWSP battled with sixth ranked UW-Whitewater and was able to take a set before falling in four games.

"I think taking a game from

Whitewater is more of a confidence booster for some of our older players who know more about their tradition (back to back national runner-up)," said

White. "When we are on, we can play with anyone and things were just clicking in that set."

Tabitha Lewis put together a solid all-around game leading the team in kills with nine and also combining with

Rockwood to lead the team in blocks with seven apiece.

This weekend, UWSP will participate in the College of St. Benedict invitational which will also feature fellow WIAC school UW-Superior.

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Cross Country coming together for conference

By Jason Nihles
SPORTS EDITOR

With a record-setting snowfall of nearly five inches Monday, nature has reminded us that winter is just around the corner. Likewise, for the UWSP cross country teams, the last big invitational of the season, this past weekend in La Crosse, was a reminder that conference and regionals are just around the corner.

Things are beginning to come together at the right time for both the Pointer men and women. The men continued their pack running style that has been so successful for them this season and finished eighth out of 25. Meanwhile, the women had their entire team racing together for the first time in three weeks and finished sixth of 22.

Men's coach Rick Witt was pleased with his runners' times and how they ran as a pack, but he thought they could have competed better against the opposing runners around them.

"I thought we ran well, but we did not race well," Witt said. "We gave away too many places at the beginning and were unable to catch up."

The men, once again, had all seven runners finish extremely close together as all came in within 26 seconds of one another. James LaVash and Eric Fisher led the way, finishing 45th and 46th respectively. Andy Bednarek finished 49th and Brad Seely came in 52nd.

Sophomore Leah Herlache returning after a three-week absence, paced the women, finishing in 19:06.0 and taking 12th place. "Leah ran outstanding," said women's coach Len Hill.

Kara Vosters also ran well for the Pointers after a three-week break of her own, finishing in 27th place. Freshman Jenna Mitchler continued to impress by running a very solid 19:37.7 for 40th.

"It was an okay race; not our best but not our worst," said Hill.

Friday, the men and women will both compete at UW-Oshkosh. The younger members of both squads will race in a dual against the Titans and the older groups will take the week off to prepare for the Conference meet on Nov. 2 at Platteville.

Soccer clinches 10th title in 11 years

2-1 overtime victory over River Falls clinches WIAC

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

UW-River Falls pushed the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team farther than any other conference opponent this year, but in the end, the result was the same, with UWSP victorious by a 2-1 overtime margin.

The victory clinched the Pointers' 10th WIAC title in 11 years and also gave them home field advantage for the entire postseason tournament.

"Each (WIAC) title is as sweet as the last, and if it's not, then it's time to quit coaching," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "River Falls had a great game plan, packing in their defense. They challenged us and it was a great way to win the conference."

Once again, Kelly Fink provided the difference maker as she scored the game-winning goal 2:30 into overtime off of an assist from Molly Cady.

Andrea Oswald gave UWSP

the lead 16 minutes in when she gathered a loose ball off at the top of the box and fired a shot in the upper corner for the early advantage. River Falls fought back, scoring five minutes into the second half, making themselves the first WIAC team to

team from scoring," said Miech. "It's fun for the media to focus on the goal scorers, but at the same time, there is a team getting the ball to Kelly (Fink) and helping her score great goals."

Fink did not need any help in the first half as she scored two unassisted goals to stake the Pointers to an early advantage. In the second half she got some help, as assists from Jenny Bruce and Kim Reese set up her next two goals to set the new school record.

UWSP had a match scheduled with St. Thomas on Tuesday but it was cancelled due to the weather and will not be made up.

"Getting the game cancelled was a downer for the team, they were really looking forward to a good competitive game," said Miech. "Now we are forced to practice indoors, so the team is going to be hungry for Saturday, especially because it's senior day."

The Pointers will look to finish with a perfect conference mark when their host Platteville in their final regular season WIAC match on Saturday.

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take UWSP to overtime this year.

Fink scoring the game winner should be no surprise as she did the same in UWSP's two other games in the week, including a 4-0 victory over Carleton College during which she set a UWSP record with four goals in one game.

"She (Kelly Fink) is definitely having an outstanding year, but at the same time you have to give credit to our defense as well, for stopping the other

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Rockwood

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Nickname - Mindy, Rock

Who was your idol growing up? - My sister Mel, who has such genuine personal qualities. I always wanted to follow in her footsteps.

What are your plans after graduation? - My first plan is to apply to the peace corps and try to get into the educational part of it.

Do you plan on playing volleyball after graduation? - Volleyball is an important part of my life, and wherever I go I know it will follow.

What is your favorite aspect of volleyball? - My favorite aspect is the team concept. This year I have had the ideal team. We compliment and complete each other like a puzzle.

Most embarrassing moment - I did not talk much as a freshman and one of the first times I said something to my teammates was when I pointed out that a half eaten corn dog in Debot looked like a certain anatomical part of a rat.

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. Wilson (volleyball from "Cast Away")
2. Sunscreen (I burn easy)
3. Pictures of family and friends

What will you remember most about playing volleyball at UWSP?

- I'll remember all the blood, sweat and tears and hard work. And then I will remember where it got us.

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - I just want to thank my coaches and teammates. These last couple years have not been the easiest for me, but I have always had a foundation to fall back on, my team.

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THE BACK PAGE



View from a Pointer:

I can win with the Bears

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

I would like to make it official: I am now declaring myself as a candidate to become the Bears offensive coordinator and general manager.

It has become quite obvious that John Shoop, current Bears offensive coordinator, is incompetent. He does not grasp the concept that for an offense to be successful they must throw the ball downfield at some point.

I know that my detractors will say I can't do any better. They will also probably point to

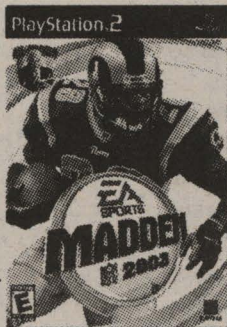
my lack of experience (because I in fact have no *real* experience as an offensive coordinator). But I say, in the words of analyst Lee Corso, "Not so fast, my friend."

Through the magic of Madden 2003 on the PS2 console, I am now able to coordinate the offense with the best of them.

In my franchise, which can last 20 years, I have made the playoffs three consecutive years, and advanced to the NFC championship game in my

latest season.

With my offense, teams must respect deep ball to my wide receivers (David Terrell and Marty Booker) and stop my running game with Anthony Thomas. And let me tell you something: they can't.



Furthermore, my Madden record shows I can succeed with the same team John Shoop is failing with.

This leads me to the second job I am applying for, General Manager.

Once again, I point to my success with Madden. I drafted a young QB with a great arm and good speed, and he is developing into a fran-

chise player. I traded for a tight end to take some pressure off my receivers, and he was elected to the pro bowl.

I have also managed to resign key players, while adding free agents to shore up weak spots.

Sure, I can already hear your catcalls that being good at a video game does not qualify me to run an NFL team. Or, you might be seeing that I am a video game dork, but I feel we should concentrate on the former question for now.

I too once doubted whether my Madden skills could transfer to real life, but I doubt my abilities no more after watching Marty Booker catch a pass on Sunday while running the same pattern that I had scored a touchdown with many times.

So that the Bears management realizes their opportunity, I think I will just wait by the phone until they give me a call.

I can always play Madden in the meantime.

Tennis season ends at conference finals

By Tyler Drummond
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point Women's Tennis Team's season came to an abrupt end this weekend as they crashed into the wall known as the WIAC Championships. The women didn't fare well last weekend as they took 7th out of 7 teams.

However, in the middle of the wreck there were a few bright stars to be found. One of those bright stars for the women was Kim Goron, who won the consolation at the number five singles.

Goron also teamed up with Tiffany Serpico to take the consolation in the number three doubles.

The team started out the season hot by riding a 6-2 record until their game fell apart and they finished the regular season 6-5, and then took 7th in the WIAC championships.

One positive sign for this team is that they are young, and will be returning all but two players next year. The main core of the team will be staying together and maybe that will help push the women to a higher level.

They will have to concentrate more next year at keeping their head in the match all season, and if they can do that, this talented young team will definitely propel themselves to the next level.



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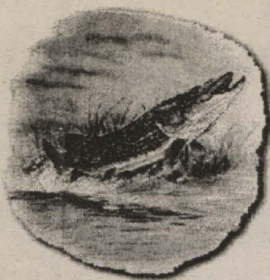
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ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

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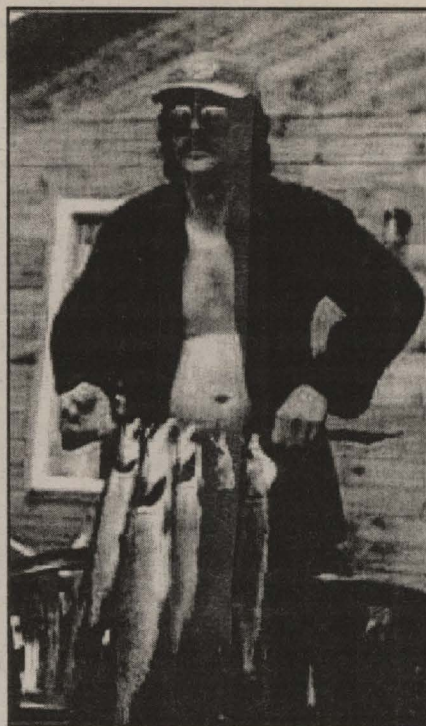


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Walk the wallows of Schmeckle for the mysterious Will 'O the Wisp

Leigh Ann Ruddy

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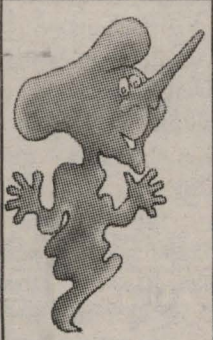
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Mr. Winters' two cents

Hello again, fellers and fellerettes; how ya'll been? Can you believe it, five inches of the white stuff? As an ancient man, I sometimes think of moving to Arizona or Florida, but then I ponder all the great things that happen in my old home state. Yes, the snow is chilling, and that's why fishing in fall sometimes needs a break. It's the perfect time of year to just sit in, stay warm near the Ben Franklin, and listen to the series on my ol' transistor radio. Of course, the company of friends and long time fishing buddies like Shitty D. and Opiates makes for an interesting night. We just sit around the radio passing my old hickory smoking pipe and shooting tales of the mighty *esox lucious*. Lastly, when the game is done, my fishing buddies know to stoke the fire one more time, and then "Go on and Geeeeeet!"



—Mr. Winters

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So here we are folks, it's midterm time. It seems every year we get stuck in a slump near the end of October and can't remedy the situation until Thanksgiving. Then, we charge forth into finals week and December and finally have a nice, well-deserved break.

So what can we do in the meantime to de-stress and relax?

We can take a hike in a little place many of us take for granted; Schmeekle Reserve. I admit, I'm guilty of taking our wilderness for granted, but it has proved to be one of the best stress relievers my four years here.

As the semester rolls onward, students are bogged down with worries of tests, quizzes and the seemingly never-ending slurry of papers. There's no doubt our time is spent wallowing in our own self-pity because it seems like everyone else doesn't have any homework to do, but we're all in the same boat, and we're lucky to have such a wonderful place to decompress.

I've spent many wonderful times in Schmeekle, walking briskly through a snow-covered field, laughing uproariously on the footbridges over the marshes, silently stalking for spring wildflowers and jovially climbing towering pines in the midst of dark-

ness, all in the company of great friends without any worries at the moment.

Schmeekle is our own reserve; we should utilize it for the potential it has and try never to take this gift for granted.

A walk can do wonders for not only our physical health, but also our emotional and mental health. I suggest taking a break from all the stresses of school and midterms to take a walk through the marvelous forest. Autumn colors are still aglow (although covered in a light dusting of un-called for snow) and there's nothing like the smell of a dank forest floor to bring back memories and remind us to slow down a bit. Live happy; enjoy the earth!



Photo by L. Ruddy

Prof seeks patent for invention

Bryant Browne, associate professor of soils at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's (UWSP) College of Natural Resources (CNR), is seeking a U.S. patent for a device that measures multiple dissolved gases in both surface and groundwater.

"We've discovered a fairly universal approach to collect and measure a multitude of dissolved gases present in ground water, rivers, streams, lakes and even oceans," said Browne.

The collection of dissolved gases from water is not new. "But the ability to rapidly collect a large volume of dissolved gas in one sample so simply and quickly is unprecedented and affords several advantages for environmental research applications for both private and public sector interests," he said.

According to Browne, the essence of this process is extracting natural and man-made gases out of any existing body of water using a simple pumping process. One can then ana-

lyze the sample to identify and quantify multiple constituent gases so they can be applied as environmental tracers or used for studying biogeochemical processes. Existing approaches typically require different gas extraction methods for each constituent to be analyzed.

"Since the number of methods necessary adds up quickly, it becomes less and less feasible to measure multiple gases in water," said Browne. "Our process overcomes that problem."

Among other applications, Browne has used the device to quantify emissions of global warming gases when agricultural pollutants in ground water enter streams, to study natural processes in sediments and wetlands that convert nitrate pollution to harmless N₂ (nitrogen) gas and to chart the historical degradation of groundwater quality over the last 60 years.

"I envision being able to affix the date of origin for ground water itself," said Browne. "That's exciting, because you'd be able to construct the history of groundwater quality and learn more from past mistakes." According to Browne, rainfall and snowmelt in the 1940s and 1950s had very small amounts of dissolved chlorofluorocarbon (CFCs) gases, but today they have quite a lot.

"As it turns out, the historical atmospheric buildup of these industrial gases is mirrored

quite well in groundwater. This device makes it much simpler for scientists to link "CFC age" and water quality, and we've been able to generate a lot of high quality data."

UWSP has been successful in charting the progression of nonpoint source pollution in Central Wisconsin groundwater since the mid-1940s to the present. There's been an enormous and continuing increase in nutrients and pesticides since the early 1970s, according to Browne.

Browne believes there are important applications for industrial point source pollution as well. "We think it can be used to improve the delineation and monitoring of volatile organic pollutant plumes in ground water." It may also provide a new and feasible ground water remediation tool. "We're able to get about 30 percent of the total dissolved gas out of water in one pass through the device and we think this might be enough to make it a practical tool to clean volatile organic chem-

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A formal patent, "Collection of Dissolved Gases From Groundwater," has been applied for with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. Browne expects to hear a response to his patent request next summer. He has been working to move his idea from the classroom to application thanks to WiSys, a subsidiary of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. WiSys helps UW System faculty secure copyrights, patents or licenses on their work.

According to Browne, UWSP has one of the few dissolved gas laboratories in the nation equipped to measure age-dating gases as well as biogenic and inert gases. Graduate students under Browne and other professors are already utilizing this research technique.

Browne, a teacher of water chemistry and soil physics, received undergraduate degrees from Boston College and the University of Massachusetts, a masters from the University of California-Berkeley and a doctorate from Syracuse University. He has created several laboratory manuals and is the author of publications in professional journals. In 1996, he received UWSP's Excellence in Teaching Award. He joined the faculty in 1993.

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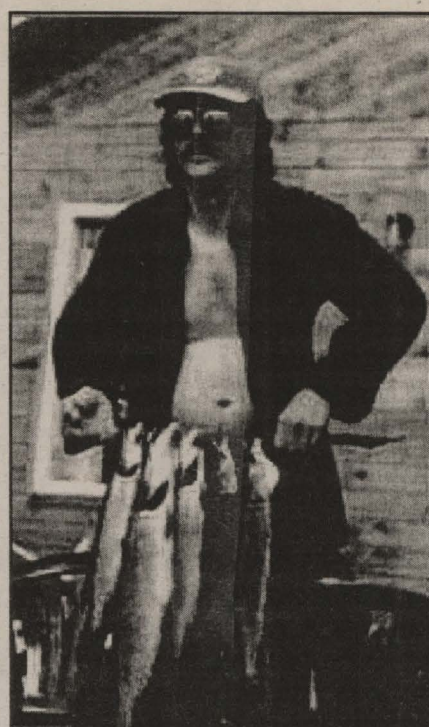


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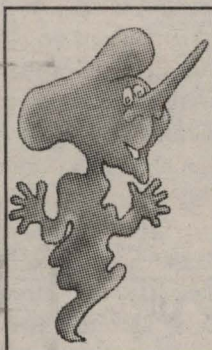
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Mr. Winters' two cents

Hello again, fellers and fellerettes; how ya'll been? Can you believe it, five inches of the white stuff? As an ancient man, I sometimes think of moving to Arizona or Florida, but then I ponder all the great things that happen in my old home state. Yes, the snow is chilling, and that's why fishing in fall sometimes needs a break. It's the perfect time of year to just sit in, stay warm near the Ben Franklin, and listen to the series on my ol' transistor radio. Of course, the company of friends and long time fishing buddies like Shitty D. and Opiates makes for an interesting night. We just sit around the radio passing my old hickory smoking pipe and shooting tales of the mighty *esox lucious*. Lastly, when the game is done, my fishing buddies know to stoke the fire one more time, and then "Go on and Geeeeeet!"



—Mr. Winters

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Leah Worzella (Design team: Sara Jones, Carrie Mayer & Worzella; Faculty Mentor: Nisha Fernando, Interior Architecture)
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"Queen Elizabeth I: Shakespeare's Muse"

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"Methods of Theatrical Scenery Automation & Motion Control"

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"Nitrous Oxide in Groundwater Discharge from an Agricultural Basin"

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3:30 - 3:50 (Oral Presentation)

Benjamin E. Kucera (Faculty Mentor: Robin Tanke, Chemistry)
"Synthesis of Phosphine Supported Germanium Nanoparticles"

Poster presentations 3:50 - 4:15 pm

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"J2"

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Words of Wisdom From the Senior

Anyone who doesn't like "SpongeBob SquarePants" is a humorless drone.

By Josh Goller
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

He lives in a pineapple under the sea; yellow, absorbent and porous is he. Who knew that a cartoon about a sponge and his starfish buddy could be so damn entertaining. I first viewed Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob SquarePants" back when it was still watched primarily by children. But when I purchased a SpongeBob t-shirt, I suspected that this show might have turned into something bigger. However, it wasn't until I was given a pair of boxer shorts adorned with images of the Absorbent One that I realized the magnitude of the SpongeBob phenomenon. He was so popular that images of him were actually in contact with my loins.

The genius of this cartoon lies in its nonchalant embrace of the absurd. Bikini Bottom, a strange underwater community, where all sea creatures walk or drive to get where they're going and a squirrel walks around in a full scuba suit, serves as the setting for this animated gem. The show possesses a few enormous conundrums, such as how a sea sponge can own a meowing snail for a pet and how a crab could possibly father a sperm whale, but this only makes the cartoon that much more enjoyable.

SpongeBob's appeal often lies in the fact that he can annoy to the point of amusement. Mr. SquarePants perhaps owns one of the most blissfully annoying laughs in television history. At the same time, the show possesses an almost "Ren and Stimpy"-like quality in its physical comedy ranging from gruesome jellyfish stings to discombobulating laser blasts.

During the slow-paced Stevens Point summer, I often found myself plopping down to watch this animated guilty pleasure. I've grown to love SpongeBob's slow-talking, witless starfish companion Patrick so much that I sometimes have the urge to hack him into five separate pieces so he could regenerate into five new Patricks. The best part about Senor SquarePants is that every college student can relate



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to him. He lives at a shitty house, presumably paid for by his meager earnings from his low paying fry cook job, while hanging out with low lifes that literally just crawled out from under a rock. If it were possible to drink underwater and he had a basement, you know SpongeBob would throw a full on raging kegger at his house. Hell, a hoard of jellyfish once hosted a bumpin' rave at his pineapple pad.

After schooling myself in knowledge of the Absorbent One, I became curious about what great treasures I could dig up on the Cartoon Network. I soon became addicted to Dexter's Laboratory and spent countless hours watching the boy genius's intricate attempts at innovation and invention thwarted by his airhead sister Dede's interference. She is the perfect Pinky to his pulsating Brain. Meanwhile, the machismo-packed Johnny Bravo cartoon appealed to the chauvinist in me, and Courage the Cowardly Dog always proved to be a disturbing trip to some sort of bizarro-land that actually freaked me out when I was in the right frame of mind.

I'll even admit that the Powerpuff Girls have been beginning to draw my attention. While this show may seem a bit soft and cuddly on the outside, it's impossible to resist for the simple fact that it stars a villainous monkey mastermind bent on world domination, and therefore is inherently worth watching. As a fan of metropolis-destroying mega-monsters like King Kong and Godzilla,

I have to appreciate the wide range of gargantuan city-destroyers that threaten Townsville from one episode to the next.

Sunday night's Adult Swim programming even allows me to mesh my unhealthy obsession for Will Ferrell with my love of twisted animated characters thanks to the bizarre cartoon The Oblongs. Ferrell voices the torso father of a gruesomely deformed family and is constantly faced with problems caused by being appendagely-challenged. In one particular episode, Ferrell's character is trapped for hours in a clothes hamper he fell in to, not being rescued because his "screams were muffled by underpants." This cartoon reinforces my developing theory that hideous animated deformities are hilarious.

So in closing, I'd just like to say that this lame-o misses Saturday morning cartoons.

The Wookiee's Corner

The low down on where to get down in Wisco

By Steve Seamandel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

If this week is any indication, apparently, the Wisconsin cold isn't enough to scare bands off. There have been several acts announced within the last week and right now, a midwestern jam-band freak should be pretty satisfied with the amount of quality shows coming to the area.

First off, Canadian progressive/house band **The New Deal** will be playing in Milwaukee at Thai Joe's on Friday, Nov. 15 and at The Park West in Chicago on Saturday, Nov. 16. **The Westfall** will be opening the show in Milwaukee while midwest heroes **Umphrey's McGee** blaze the trail in Chicago.

Secondly, pedal-steel guitarist virtuoso Robert Randolph and his band **Robert Randolph and the Family Band** will make a rare appearance in Wisconsin on Friday, Nov. 15 in Madison at the Alliant Energy Center, opening for **John Mayer**. Randolph just absolutely smokes on pedal-steel and going to see him in an opening slot isn't as bad of an idea as you'd think it is. After their opening set, the family will truck over to Luther's Blues for a solo gig as well.

Looking for a show to entertain yourself with on Halloween? Head to Madison for a few bigger shows; either **Natty Nation**

at Luther's Blues or **The Big Wu** across town at the Barrymore. Remember, The Big Wu is sans Jason. I've seen them once since the split, and although they're not horrible, Fladager's absence is definitely notable. They attempted classics like "Save Our Ship" and "Southern Energy" which just fell short of minimal Wu expectations without Jason. However, Chris now does look surprisingly like Trey, plus 20 pounds or so.

Yonder Mountain String Band will pick their way through Wisconsin on Saturday, Nov. 23 when they play at the hallowed Barrymore Theater in Madison. If you can get there, do it. Their "newgrass" sound is really gaining popularity, and they do it well.

If bluegrass isn't your thing, maybe the crazy antics of **Les Claypool's Frog Brigade** are. They'll bring the nuthouse straight to you at the Rave on Saturday, Nov. 23.

And, lest we not forget the creme de la creme, **The Disco Biscuits** at the Rave on Friday, Nov. 8. I really hate to hype a band this much, but trust me, just go. And be sure to leave Saturday, Nov. 9 open just in case you get hit so hard by them that you find yourself following them to the Vic Theatre in Chicago for another dose.

So, get those calendars straightened away, and until next week, "Lez me get a schwill a' dat, a'ight bra?"

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"The Elephant Man" stampedes through Point

By Amanda Rasmussen
COPY EDITOR

"The Elephant Man" opened the Mainstage Production season combining an elegant, yet minimal set, elaborate Victorian era costumes, a rich story line and a talented cast for a moving theater experience.

The majority of the story takes place in the London Hospital in late nineteenth century London's White Chapel district. The recently hired Dr. Frederick Treves discovers John

Merrick on display as "the Elephant Man" and is intrigued by the variety of crippling deformities that Treves, portrayed by Eli Kranski, described saying, "It suggested, but was not, elephantiasis."

After being abandoned in Belgium by his "manager," Merrick takes refuge in the London Hospital under the care of Treves and Carr Gomm, played by John Blick.

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When in doubt, get a Woody

Woody Allen's consistently memorable films can provide relief for the most indecisive of video rental store patrons

By Josh Goller

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Woody Allen has been one of the most prolific filmmakers of the last several decades. Churning out film after film on a yearly and sometimes bi-yearly basis, Woody always creates a new spin on his neurotic approach to relationships and sexual desire that serve as the center of his films.

However, what makes Woody Allen's films so great is his ability to stray completely away from his usual sex-comedy genre and dip into other forms of humor and direct movies with more drama than laughs. Serving as a modern-day Plato debating the merits of loving the lover versus the non-lover, Allen's Big Apple-based films deal with romance, sex, neurosis, mystery and fear of death, while underscored by a beautiful jazz and classical music-oriented sound track.

Allen made his directorial debut in 1966 with the release of *What's Up Tiger Lily*. This film is different from every one that followed for the simple fact that only the voice track is Allen's own work. *Tiger Lily*'s visual footage is actually from a Japanese spy film. While a landmark film for its originality, *Tiger Lily* never received great critical acclaim.

With the 1971 release of *Bananas*, Allen first hit the mark with critics. This absurd comedy about romance and dictatorship is an example of Allen's early, undeveloped yet still original humor. A torrent of physical gags and bizarre political satire, *Bananas* isn't as sophisticated as Allen's later works but establishes his basic comedic style.

Allen delivers notable efforts in *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex* (1972) and *Sleeper* (1973), but it wasn't until 1977's *Annie Hall* that he finally established himself as an auteur. Using memorable one-liners to thinly disguise this sentiment-filled storyline, Allen journeys into original cinematic affects that ultimately led to this film winning an Oscar for Best Picture. By deviating from the traditional happy ending, *Annie Hall* becomes a dynamic, bittersweet story of lost love that provides laughs along with cause for introspection.

Manhattan (1979) followed a similar con-



cept to *Annie Hall*, but employed new dimensions to Allen's indecisive love life with Mariel Hemingway playing his underage girlfriend. Shot in beautifully crisp black and white film, *Manhattan* is another of Allen's classics, which any true fan would include in his or her personal library.

The mid-eighties became the breeding ground for some of Allen's best endeavors. Allen travels beyond the realms of reality in *The Purple Rose of Cairo* (1985) as a movie character walks off the movie screen and into the physical world. With *Hannah and Her Sisters* (1986), Allen laughs at the cliché love triangle and opts to weave an intricate web of sibling spouse-swapping in a scatterbrained approach to romance that is typical of Allen's always original take on romance. Later, Woody acts as narrator in the nostalgic trip back to 1940s family life in *Radio Days* (1987).

Allen also continued to write, direct and act in great films throughout the 90s. *Manhattan Murder Mystery* employed the services of long time Allen favorite, Diane Keaton, while *Bullets Over Broadway* received more Oscar nods for the aging director. Allen poked fun at and paid homage to the musical with *Everyone Says I Love You* (1996). *Deconstructing Harry* (1997) proved just how well-respected Allen is in the cinematic community as he was able to cast some of Hollywood's elite actors in some of the most limited roles.

Currently, there's two Woody Allen films in the new release section at video rental stores (*The Curse of the Jade Scorpion* and *Hollywood Ending*), a testament to Allen's consistent productivity. No other writer/director of recent history has accumulated such an impressive dossier. Allen continues to thrive in his volatile industry with articulately written dialogue applied to perpetually original plots and is perhaps the only example of true auteur in film today.



object of scrutiny and the characters describe how they identify with Merrick.

As Merrick becomes more adapted to society, Treves observes his condition worsening and associates the two developments. He becomes disgusted with society and his role in subjecting Merrick to it. Merrick dies shortly thereafter in the London Hospital.

In portraying Merrick, sophomore and first-timer to Point's stage, Adam McAleavy used body contortions and a limp to give the illusion of deformity. The actual magnitude of the deformities was revealed in a slide

show of the real John Merrick during the action of the play.

"The Elephant Man" explored society's ability to influence the individual and the delicate balance between science and religion. It entertained with unexpected comic relief. The sets and costumes were amazing, and constructed almost entirely by UWSP students.

Mainstage Productions will continue the season with "Children of Eden" Nov. 15-17, 20-23. If you missed "The Elephant Man," don't make the same mistake twice. There are some talented performers on this campus. Get out and see them.



Movie Review

The Ring

By Geoff Fyfe

ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Any horror film can provide gore, but the truly scary ones can create an atmosphere of such fear and dread that it's almost unbearable. Based on a 1998 Japanese film that went one of the biggest box office hits in that country, *The Ring* is one of the most unnerving and ultimately horrifying films of recent memory.

Like the horror classic *Candyman*, this film gets its inspiration from urban legends; this time it's a story about a mysterious video tape that brings death to those who view it. Following the viewing, the phone always rings and a child's voice whispers "seven days." Sure enough, exactly a week later, the viewer meets a gruesome demise.

The Ring centers around the Seattle newspaper reporter Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) whose teenage niece recently perished along with three of her friends. A week after watching the video tape at a woodland retreat (in a cabin that looks like its designed by Blair Witch) all four girls die at exactly the same time. Determined to find the truth, Rachel travels to the cabin, procures the tape and, upon watching it, seals her fate.

The footage of the tape itself is quite spooky, involving a series of nightmarish images that look as though they came out of a Salvador Dali painting from hell. Images include masses of maggots, dead horses, a mysterious woman, impalements and the infamous "ring" of the title (which resembles a solar eclipse).

Rachel, not willing to sit down and wait for death, is determined to find out the truth about the tape and

stop its power. Soon, however, the tape is exposed to her photographer ex-husband and six-year-old son, who begins receiving clairvoyant messages from his dead cousin and another, much more menacing force. After this the race is on to discover the tape's origin and destroy the terrible evil it contains.

The Ring's plot is sometimes lacking and doesn't always add up, but plot is not key in this film. What the movie does and does best is frighten. The entire atmosphere (aided by the gloomy, rainy Pacific Northwest) is almost unbearably frightening at times, turning such innocuous items as ladders and trees into things of utter dread. When the big scares come, they hit and hit hard, and the nightmarish climax will keep you up at night.

The film does have a few flaws. Why does Rachel show the tape to her ex, knowing full well the consequences of him seeing it? Why does she leave the video out so her son can get a hold of it? And why do movie characters always do the dumbest thing imaginable? But I quibble. *The Ring* delivers the goods, aided by a good cast anchored by rising star Watts and Brian Cox (the original Hannibal Lecter) in a chilling cameo role as a taciturn horse farmer somehow connected to the tape.

Other horror films reassure us with cartoonish monsters and slashers that we know are just make believe. *The Ring*, however, shows us the real terror these films can inflict, the dread that in the dark corners of the world, evil things lurk waiting to strike all who cross their path.



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Elephant

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In an attempt to introduce Merrick to polite society, Treves asks Mrs. Kendal, an actress portrayed by Susan Marris, to visit with Merrick. Throughout their encounters, Mrs. Kendal, as well as the audience, begins to see a sweet, pious man with a quick wit and a unique outlook on life and introduces him to the elite of London's society.

The impact that Merrick has on the people he meets is revealed in a slightly abstract dream sequence where Merrick's deformities melt away, Treves becomes the

jackie's fridge

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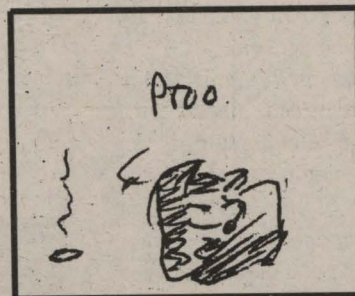


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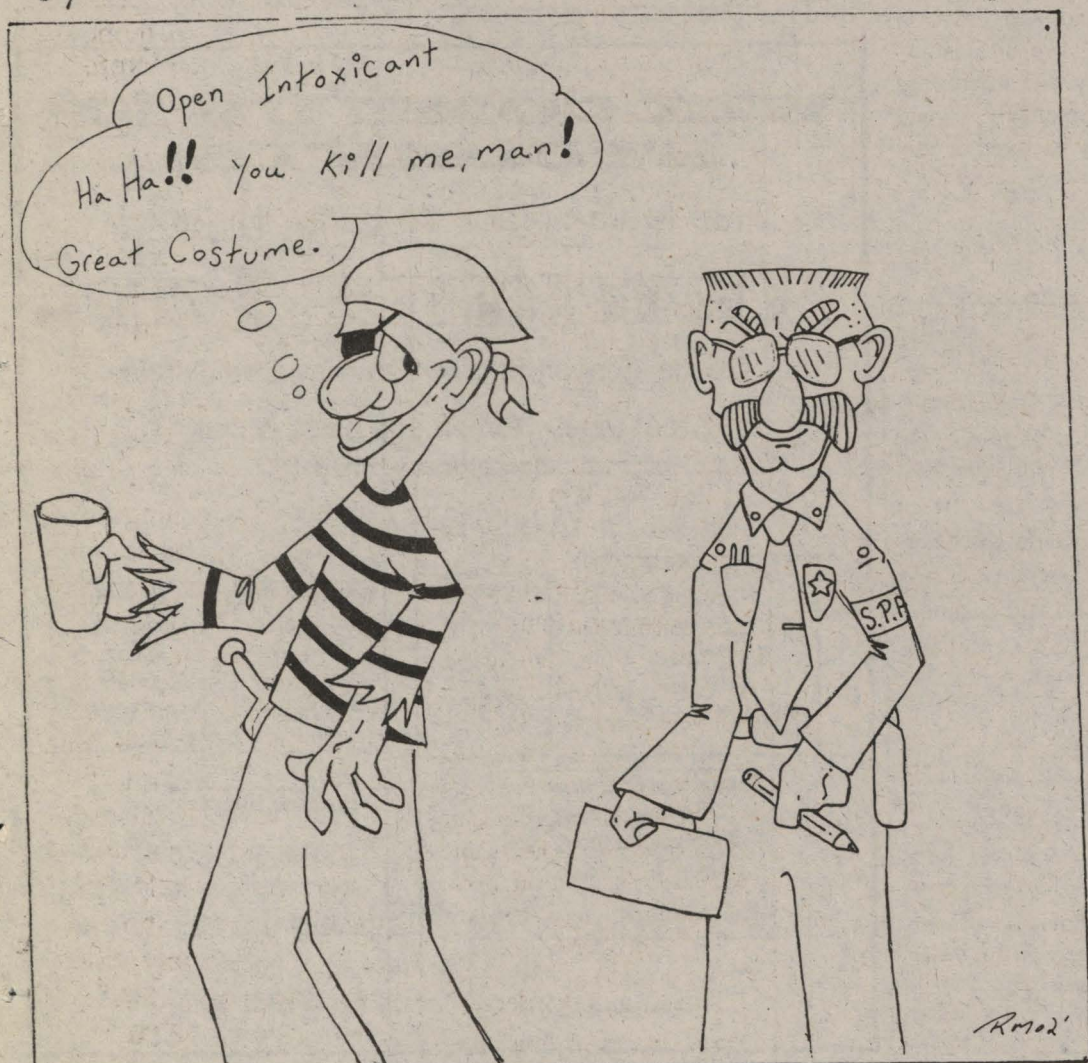


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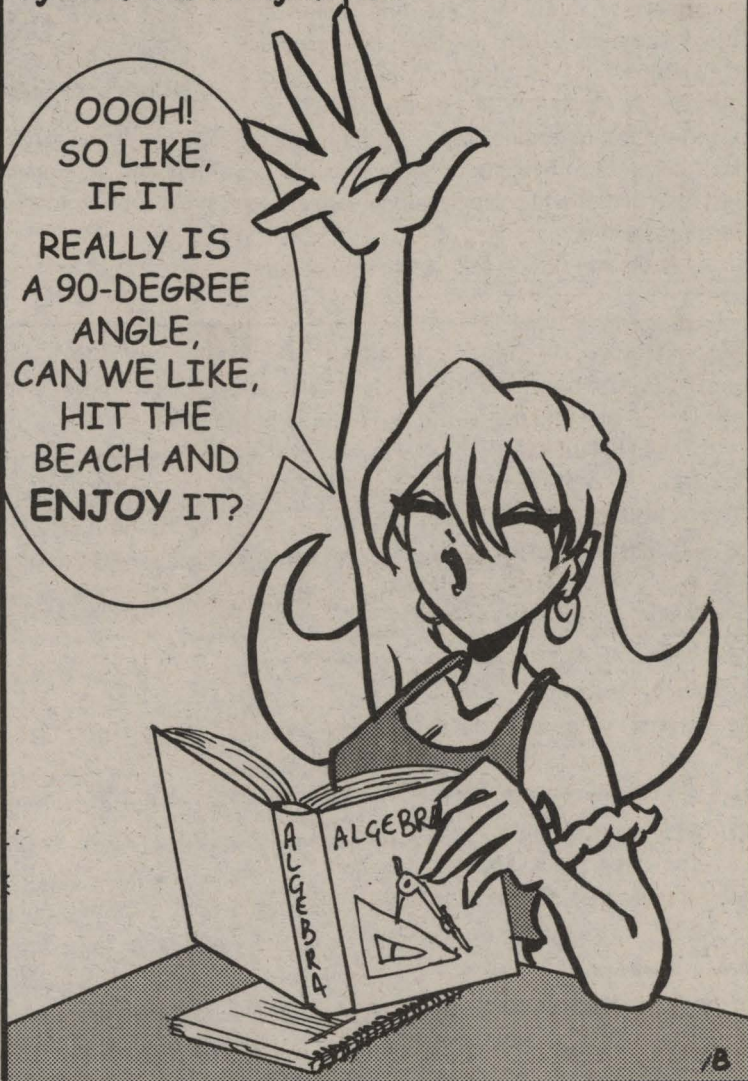
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