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## 'Student speaks on first hand experience in Iraq

By Scott Cattellino  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

How much do you know about Iraq and its people? What is life really like under Saddam Hussein's regime? These are just a few questions that UWSP student Peter Welch was hoping to answer during his slideshow presentation at the University Center on Wednesday night.

This past May, Welch traveled to Iraq with a delegation of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility. While in Iraq, the delegation tried to target several areas in order to gain a perspective unavailable to the average American.

In his presentation, Welch talked about Hussein's rise to power and his relationship with America. He first came into the political scene in 1963 and with his rise to power Hussein took over the Presidency in 1979. Since then, Iraq has been at war

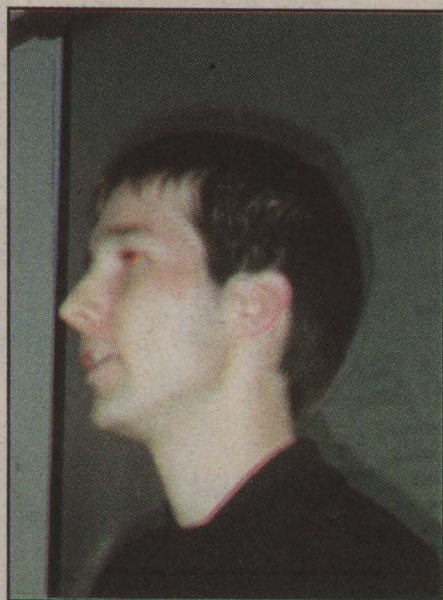


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Peter Welch during his presentation for almost half of the time he has been in power. Up until the end of the Regan era, the United States was responsible for providing Iraq with aid in several areas, including military, chemical and biological, as well as recon information. "These are facts that many Americans don't

know, and need to," claimed Welch.

Meetings with Iraqi officials, citizens and U.N. staff were put together in order to better understand the situation between the two countries. This gave the group members several chances to socialize and help build bridges of reconciliation between Americans and Iraqis.

"Iraqi people are actually incredibly friendly," said Welch of his encounters on the trip. "The children there are some of the most laid back, good natured kids I have ever seen in my life."

The group also witnessed firsthand the impact of economic sanctions on the Iraqi people. Welch pointed out that due to sanctions by the United States and United Nations, all infrastructure needed for the people of

Iraq to survive was taken away just to keep pressure on the Iraqi government. As a result, Iraq's unemployment rate sits right around 50%, their currency has depreciated by about 700% since the Gulf War, and their infant mortality rate has risen to three times the amount it was before the Gulf War.

"People talk about truth being the first casualty of war," Welch said of post Gulf War sanctions. "Political leaders of all countries are willing to be deceptive when it serves a certain purpose."

These sanctions have put an enormous strain on the Iraqi economy, health

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## Doyle in Point

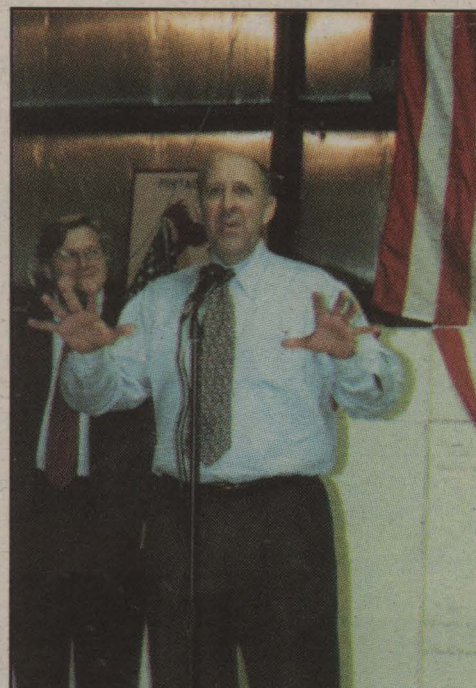


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Jim Doyle was in Stevens Point last Monday at the Democratic Headquarters in one last effort to encourage people to get out and vote. Doyle wasn't here to talk about his promises or push his platform, but rather to encourage his supporters to get to the polls. Doyle believes that if there is a high voter turnout, the election will be an easy win for him. If there is a low voter turnout, Doyle said, "It's anyone's game."

Doyle encouraged people who support him take 10 minutes to get to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

## Politics and Rock'n'Roll

By Erin Hamilton  
NEWS REPORTER

"Get it on" at the Battle of the Bands when Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), Student Government Association (SGA) and Centertainment Productions join

forces to promote "Politics and Rock'n'Roll" at UWSP.

The festivity "rocks on" with Battle of the Bands opening in the Encore at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

PRSSA and SGA have dug up information on all eight candidates running for the generational election, in hopes to educate the audience at the Battle of the Bands about each candidate's main positions and beliefs. They also will advocate the importance of voting, where to vote and how to register.

PRSSA Treasurer and SGA Communication Director, Betsy Nelson, states, "This year there

are eight candidates and only four of them really stand out in people's minds. This event will increase awareness so students can make a more educated decision. Plus, they can have fun listening to the bands."

Self Proclaimed Nickname,

The Frontenacs, Rhodora, Samoni and Tree of Woe duke it out for first place on Friday.

After students have educated themselves on the candidates, SGA and

PRSSA hope that they will get out and vote, so they are offering prizes on a first-come first-serve basis on Tuesday. Voters may turn in their "I Voted" sticker, distributed at the polls the day of the election, for prizes donated by area businesses. Students may turn in stickers to either the SGA booth in the UC Concourse, or the SGA office in room 026 of the UC, on Nov. 5 to claim a reward.

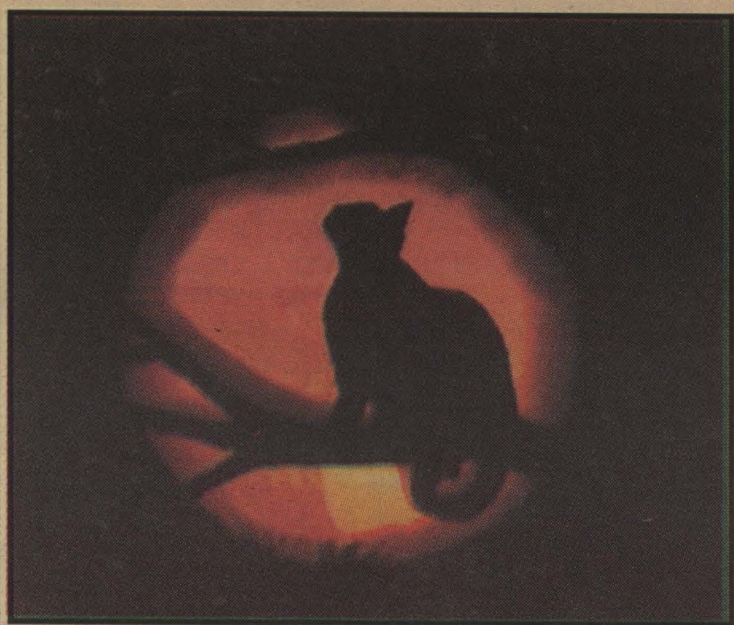


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## Happy Halloween!



## Green Party seeks support from students in Nov. 5 election

Green Party leaders questioned the legality of President Bush's unprecedented efforts to campaign for Republicans in recent weeks. The President's current campaign frenzy coincides with his attempts to prepare the nation for a war the people have said they are not ready for, say Greens.

"We have never seen a president campaign in such a partisan way and so intensely during a midterm election," said Paul Fallon, Green candidate for New York's 26th Congressional District. "Bush has launched this effort at the same time he's trying to convince the American people to support his invasion of Iraq, in the face of the skepticism demonstrated by last weekend's huge demonstrations in Washington and elsewhere."

The Oct. 26 "Stop the War Before It Starts" protests in Washington, D.C. drew about 100,000 people of all ages and political stripes.

"The President is crisscrossing the nation setting fundraising records before the new campaign finance bill goes into effect, in a last ditch effort to use the wealth of his supporters to dominate Congress," said Roy Williams, Texas Green candidate for the U.S. Senate. "He's even pressuring civil service staff to contribute and campaign for Republicans."

The Washington Post revealed last week that the Republican campaign team had issued an e-mail message pressuring government staff, includ-

ing scientific personnel such as the head of NASA, to stump for Republican candidates. Greens recall that President Kennedy suspended his midterm campaigning in October, 1962, during the Cuban missile crisis.

"In an election dominated by some of the worst negative campaigning most voters have ever seen, predictions for low turnouts are common -- except for those supporting Green Party candidates," noted Dean Myerson, Green Party Political Coordinator.

"Greens are receiving record numbers of endorsements and increased media coverage, and voters have noticed our principled avoidance of negative campaigning and our focus on detailed plans to address the problems that affect Americans' daily lives."

Greens talk substance. That's why we're the only party to have grown over the past two years -- by 27% according to Ballot Access News. It's why the Green Party grows whether the economy is up or down, whatever the issue is."

The Green Party is offering competitive and prominent candidates in a large number of races from the local level to statewide races across the country. Greens have gained offices in every election cycle for the past three election cycles and expect a significant increase this year as well.

## UWSP Triathlon Club offers scholarship to incoming freshman

By Sara Franklin

NEWS REPORTER

The UWSP Lactic Edge Triathlon (LET) Club been busy at work. A donation \$1,000 went towards the UWSP Foundation Lactic Edge Triathlon Club Endowment, a scholarship for incoming freshmen.

John Bailiff, race director, professor at UWSP and leader of the LET and his assistant race director along with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson are presenting the award money. "The scholarship money is an example of students helping future students," said Tomlinson.

The 100 plus volunteers and 13 sponsors helped make the first TLE triathlon a success. 358 individual and relay competitors participated between the two distant options that were offered.

Bob Tomlinson concluded that the triathlon was "a fine example of what students can accomplish with their sights on a

goal. We are really proud of what our students have done for the school and community." He stated that one of the most

sists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run, for a total of 140.6 miles.

Leader John Bailiff is a competitor along side the students and completed his first triathlon in July 1983. He has done a total of 152 triathlons between 1983 and 2001 and was a four-time competitor in the Ironman World Championship in Kona Hawaii.

The triathlon club, which began in 1999, has an average annual member count of 15 and being able to do an Ironman is not a prerequisite to joining club. There are varying levels of competitiveness, and many do triathlons to stay in shape or just for fun.

Members meet about once a month and are able to choose which races they want to participate in. For more information, one can contact John Bailiff at [jbailiff@uwsp.edu](mailto:jbailiff@uwsp.edu).

important resources in the community are the students and when motivated "they can move mountains." He also noted that this event was one that puts students in a positive light, and he is impressed with the willingness to put the event on again.

In addition to the scholarship money, race proceeds will also fund The Lactic Edge athletes entry fees and travel costs for the races in 2003. The club's schedule last year included races in Wisconsin, Illinois, Utah and Florida.

Four club members, including president of the club Blake Becker, participated in Ironman triathlons. An Ironman race con-



### Wetlands Lab

Wednesday, Oct. 23 9:12 p.m.

Two door knobs were reported vandalized outside of the Wetlands Lab.

### Health Enhancement Center

Wednesday, Oct. 23 8:15 a.m.

A wallet was reported stolen from the men's locker room while owner was attending class.

### Lot T

Thursday, Oct. 24 10:30 a.m.

A car was reported damaged when the owner returned from class.

### Baldwin Hall

Friday, Oct. 25 8:25 a.m.

A complaint was filed stating that the rear tire of a bike was stolen.

### Iraq

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care and living conditions. Hospitals are constantly dirty, extremely hot and some only have electricity for portions of the day. It is believed that the one thing keeping many Iraq civilians alive is the food distribution and ration efforts. Sanctions have also put a limit on the things that Iraq can import and export. By doing so, about \$5 million of aid and goods are being withheld each year. Oil is the only product that Iraq is permitted to export which places a huge burden on the economy.

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Catholic Bible Study - 7:30 PM Sunday, Newman Center | Pray the Rosary - 12:15 PM Tuesday, Newman Center

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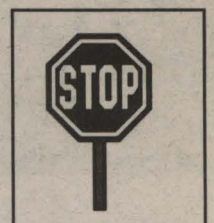
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## Whatever...the world according to Steve

"The Simpsons"...is there anything you can't learn from it? Best show ever.

By Steve Seamandel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

I can honestly say that everything I've ever needed to know, I've picked up from "The Simpsons". Even if I would have never gone through a day of school (primary or secondary) and was raised by a pack of wolves, I think I'd still be about the same person, as long as I had my "Simpsons", that is.

My life with "The Simpsons" began in 1989 when I was a lad of 8 years. My parents saw an ad for the inaugural show, "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire," which was a Christmas special, and suggested that I watch it. I instantly fell in love with it and have taped every episode since. OK, honestly, not every one; I am missing four.

What strikes me the most about "The Simpsons" is how dynamic the show is. It's always focused around poking fun at people, regardless of their appearance, creed, religion, sexual orientation or belief system and somehow, they constantly get away with it. The fact that they portray stereotypes of practically every walk of life on the show through cartoon characters is probably why they can get away with it. They never poke fun at one single entity more than another; instead, they just rip on everyone and everything.

For example, other than the direct Simpson family, there are so many prominent and memorable reoccurring characters that it's hard to keep track if you're not a die-hard weekly viewer of the show. Everyone has their favorite, whether it be Smithers and Burns, Cletus, the Wiggum clan (Ralph, Clancey and/or Sarah), Apu, Snake, Professor Frink, Dr. Hibbert, the Comic Book Guy, Hans Moleman, Moe and the barflies, Dr. Nick, Gil the salesman or the late Lionel Hutz and Troy McClure. I especially love the creepy guy who always says, "Mmmmyesss?," even though I haven't really figured out why he's always around and what his deal is.

Somehow, "The Simpsons" gives us a glimpse into our everyday lives and, at times, can actually make us realize how ridiculous, or outstanding, human behavior can be. And, oddly enough, the show is timeless and no matter what drastic thing happens to whatever character during an episode, everything is reset to normal for the next week.

They've touched on nearly every belief system; hippies and tree-huggers (Julia Hill and Earth First! got theirs, but also recieved some praise), corrupt politicians, the absurdity of other modern-day sitcoms ("Simpsons" parodies include "Don't Go

There" and "Talk to the Hand") and blockbuster movie parodies (McBain definitely serves as a hybrid between Bruce Willis from *Die Hard* and Arnold Schwarzenegger).

And while talking about movies and TV parodies, "The Simpsons" touches on a few spoofs, if not a ton of them, in every damn episode. I did some dry research on the most comprehensive "Simpspons" website out there (<http://www.snpp.com>), in addition to watching about 40 hours of commercial-free shows from my collection in the last week, and had to start making a list of frequently spoofed movies. They include, but are in no way limited to: *The Fugitive*, *JAWS*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Citizen Kane*, *A Clockwork Orange*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Planet of the Apes*, *Back to the Future*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Titanic*, *Star Wars*, *1984*, *Battleship Potemkin*, *The Magnificent Ambersons* (finally, a reference to "comeuppance") and a slew of Hitchcock classics, including *The Birds*, *Psycho*, *North By Northwest*, *Vertigo* and *Rear Window*.

In addition to frequent spoofs, they absolutely rip on the Fox Broadcasting Network in any possible situation. It's an instinctual rule of thumb: don't bite the hand that feeds you. However, in "The Simpsons'" world, nothing is sacred.

Besides spoofing everything under the sun, the writers have concocted some excellent plot lines and individual shows. Some of their best include the Halloween specials, the Sideshow Bob saga, Who Shot Mr. Burns (a blatant spinoff of *Dallas* and *J.R.*, but an excellent plot nevertheless), and anything involving the Beatles (FYI, Ringo, Paul and Linda and the late George Harrison have all appeared on the show).

At least The Simpsons hasn't claimed to be "Bigger than Jesus," although that was the title to the last album by Homer's barbershop quartet. Besides the Beatles' appearances, other substantial music acts have played on the show, with notables including Red Hot Chili Peppers, Aerosmith, Phish, Bachman Turner Overdrive, Cypress Hill, Peter Frampton, The Smashing Pumpkins, Sonic Youth, Spinal Tap, U2, James Taylor and The Ramones.

In fact, the show has so much history and dynamic content that my article did it little justice. If the university ever decides to start a class about "Simpsons" History, can I just teach that instead of trying to cram the greatness of a 14-year saga into a quarter-page article?



## Hoping for a green Wisconsin

At the forefront of this fall's gubernatorial race are two grown men bickering like spoiled brats who seem like they may soon invoke the "My dad can beat up your dad" or the "I'm telling my mom" approach to win the votes of the citizenry. We ought to be offended. These two politicians are assuming that one of them will be chosen to govern Wisconsin while they blatantly disrespect us with a tactless, unimpressive tantrum of a campaign. Lucky for Wisconsin, Jim Young is running as a Wisconsin Green.

Jim Young offers we the people of Wisconsin a passionate candidate committed to working for the people, by the people, and with the people. Jim Young is also a nice guy. I've never interacted with the Democrat, but I have witnessed Mr. McCallum treat a UWSP student like a no-good loser in front of many of Wisconsin's heads of business, government and education at Wisconsin Economic Summit 2. Jim Young wouldn't do that; he likes to smile, hug and get to know you. This is my "vote for the nice guy" argument.

To put it bluntly, we need a regime change in the U.S., and we need to start at home. Jim Young will protect human and social rights, work for an ecologically sustainable future for our kids (and their kids), promote education and enact democratic reforms to simplify and inspire more citizen action in our government. Jim Young will do this by remaining grounded in the four pillars of the Wisconsin Green Party: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Nonviolence and Grassroots Democracy. Check out Young's website: [www.young4governor.org](http://www.young4governor.org).

A note on our current democrat/republican regime's priorities: more money is being spent on prisons than higher education in Wisconsin. Wake up, students and citizens! We need to evolve beyond the inadequacies of the past and nurture our potential today. Plant the seeds and watch them grow. Think green and vote Young!

-Matt Filipiak, UWSP student

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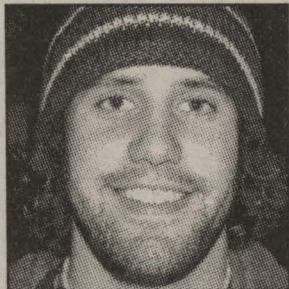
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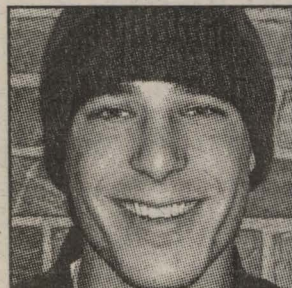
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Emily Kallas, Soph., Undeclared

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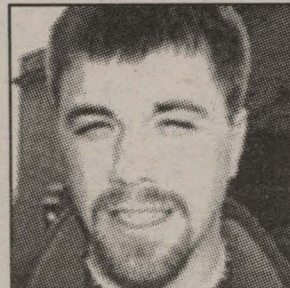
Ryan Hillegas, Sr., Biology

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Amber Eisenhauer, Sr., Fam./Cons. Ed

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Phil Trebatoski, Sr., Comm

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## Billiards trick shot artist impresses Brewhaus crowd

**Andrew Bloeser**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Internationally known trick shot artist, Jack White, appeared at The Brewhaus last Thursday, showcasing the skills that have made him an enduring attraction.

White performed an array of trick shots that remain unduplicated by anyone else in the sport while also promoting his critically acclaimed book, "Learn How to Win at Pocket Billiards."

During the course of his two-hour show, White also took the time to invite three local pool enthusiasts to test his skills at the game of eight ball billiards.

Between trick shots and challenges, the renowned pool shark recounted some of the more memorable experiences from his six decades in the game and espoused his love for the sport.

"I've performed in 128 countries. I speak 13 different languages. I've performed for seven and a half presidents and done command performances for the Queen of England. I'm basically awesome," said White at the opening of his show.

At times, the word "awesome" appeared to be an understatement. In one of the performance's best-received moments, White executed a shot that entailed sinking a billiard ball after first sending the ball through

ly at every opportunity, sharing anecdotes from his more than sixty years in the game.

"The most I ever won is a single game is a lot. The most I ever won in a single night is a whole lot," said White.

After pausing to wipe his brow with a huge wad of cash, White continued, "In 1962, I won the world championship. I got \$2,000 and a trophy. I said from then on, if I wanted a trophy I could buy one."

Yet for White, the game of billiards has never revolved around money. After a lifetime of shooting racks, the love of the game remains intact for the man billiards enthusiasts still refer to as the "Professor of Pool-ology."

"I once played for three straight days and three straight nights, said White after his performance. "I was younger then, but even today, I still do over 200 dates a year. I'll die playing this game."

White, who plans to return to UW-Stevens Point in the coming year, will continue his tour of the United States, culminating in Atlantic City, NJ on November 13.

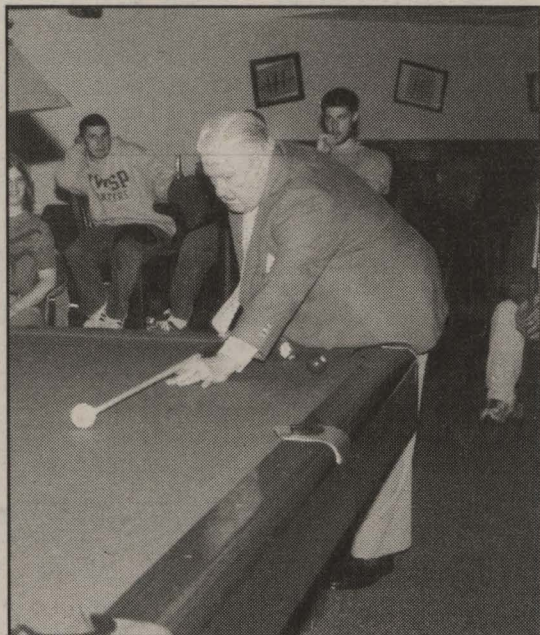


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a construction of three pool cues that were laid out upon the table. The trick, which is considered by many to be White's trademark, earned a standing ovation.

Ever the showman, White also engaged the audience verbal-



## Spotlight Trivia

1. "I do wish we could chat longer, but I'm having an old friend for dinner. Bye."
2. "She just goes a little mad sometimes. We all go a little mad sometimes. Haven't you?"
3. "They're here"
4. "Jason was my son and today is his birthday."
5. "I dunno what the hell's in there, but it's weird and pissed off, whatever it is."
6. "Oh no, it wasn't the airplanes. It was beauty that killed the beast."
7. "Here's Johnny!"
8. "I see dead people."
9. "I'm the ghost with the most, babe."
10. "I am your number one fan. There is nothing to worry about. You are going to be just fine. I am your number one fan."
11. "It's Halloween, everyone's entitled to one good scare."
12. "There's something terribly wrong here in Derry, and you know it!"
13. "Ripley, in nineteen minutes this area is going to be a cloud of vapor the size of Nebraska!"
14. "It was a headless horseman!"
15. "This was no boat accident!"

- a. Misery
- b. Friday the 13th
- c. Psycho
- d. Poltergeist
- e. IT
- f. Beetlejuice
- g. Frailty
- h. SEVEN
- i. The Silence of the Lambs
- j. Halloween
- k. King Kong
- l. The Thing
- m. Aliens
- n. The Sixth Sense
- o. The Shining
- p. JAWS
- q. Fargo
- r. The Blair Witch Project
- s. A Nightmare on Elm Street
- t. Sleepy Hollow

Answers:  
1. l, 2. c, 3. d, 4. b, 5. l, 6. k, 7. o, 8. n, 9. f, 10. a, 11. j, 12. e, 13. m, 14. t, 15. p

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## Thought for the week

*I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween.*  
-Author Unknown

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## Students favor cost-effective costuming

By Andrew Bloeser  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Selecting a Halloween costume can become a daunting task, not just for overzealous

student, Ellen Johnson, also plans to adorn a costume produced from her personal wardrobe. Her costume consists of a tight one-piece pleather dress, accessorized by a spiked collar, fishnet pantyhose and high heeled boots.

"I am a dominatrix," said Johnson, "and I plan to have guys lick my boots as I beat them into submission with my whip."

For some students, relying on the depths of their wardrobes may not be an option. Under such circumstances, local

costume shops may prove helpful, as they did last Halloween for sophomore Jake Grill.

"I spent three dollars at the Halloween Boutique for a Lambchops costume," said Grill.

The costume, which only came in children's sizes, posed special problems for Grill however, as his head loomed exponentially larger than the head of child.

"The costume head was way too small. It actually hurt to smile," said Grill.

While pain is sometimes the price of cost-effectiveness, one must also weigh the positive effects that stem from innovative, low-budget costuming.

One shudders to imagine what Halloween would be without the homeless guy, the male abusing dominatrix, and Lambchops.

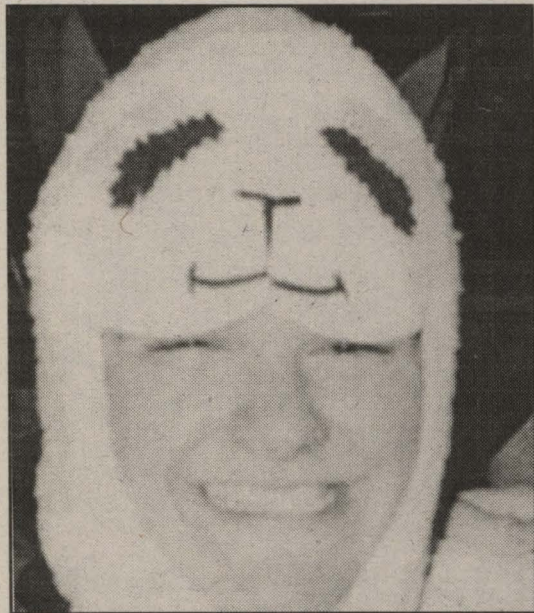


Photo submitted by J. Grill

trick-or-treaters, but also for people in their early twenties.

With Halloween now upon us, many college students find themselves looking for costumes that are inexpensive or easily constructed from household items. For students with a small or non-existent budget, creativity becomes a premium.

"This year, I'm going as a homeless person with mental disabilities," said sophomore Kari Martin. Martin stated that creating such a costume amounts to little more than finding some old, dirty clothes and consuming a fifth of vodka.

"The alcohol impairs my speech and lowers my cognition level. That's important when you're trying to appear mentally unsound," said Martin.

Another UW-Stevens Point

## Where did Halloween come from?

Halloween originated in Ireland by the Celts more than 2,000 years ago. Originally called Samhain, the Celts celebrated the end of harvest and the coming of cold, dreary days.

They believed that during this transition, the boundary between the spirit world and the human world was so thin that spirits could wander freely between both.

Not all spirits were friendly and the Celts were afraid the bad spirits would come into their homes and cause trouble. To prevent this, the Druids (priests and teachers of Celts) went to the edges of their villages and offered gifts to the spirits so they would not enter. They built huge bonfires and sacrificed animals and crops. This is

where trick or treating comes from.

This pagan holiday continued until the 800's when Christianity bloomed. Christians wanted to pull the pagans away from Samhain traditions, which they considered ungodly, so they incorporated All Saint's Day on Nov. 1. All Saint's Day honored the saints but, unfortunately, the pagans held little interest in it.

The church then considered Nov. 2 to be All Soul's Day to honor the dead. This was similar to Samhain and held an alternative to the pagan tradition.

All three holidays are still celebrated today.

## Week in Point

**Thursday, October 31, 2002**

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

Cardio Center Presents: Pilates (Basic) w/Patrick Strong, Allen Center, 7:30-8:30 PM

**Friday, November 1, 2002**

Cardio Center Presents: Pilates (Intro.) w/Patrick Strong, HEC Berg Gym, 1:30-2:30 PM

Cardio Center Presents: De-Stress Classes w/Pamela Gavril, Allen Center, 3:00-4:00 PM

Life After Death - An Evening of Untold History, Schmeeckle Reserve, 4:30-5:30 PM

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Alternative Sounds Presents: Battle of the Bands, UC The Encore, 7:00-11:00 PM

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**Tuesday, November 5, 2002**

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# Your College Survival Guide

By Pat "Irascible" Rothfuss

WARNING: NOT TO BE TAKEN INTERNALLY.

This week we'll be wrapping up our discussion of the women's scoring system.

For you unwashed heathens that don't read the column every week, and therefore don't know what we're talking about, here's the short version. All women are part of a vast conspiracy wherein they get points for making guys act, look, or feel stupid.

More points = more social status for them.  
And now a letter.

Dear Pat,

*I was hoping you could shed some light on a subject for me. Why do women set those "friend" traps for you? First off, they always complain that you don't want to spend time with their friends. Then they ask a question like, "Honey, if I were to die tomorrow which one of my friends would you want to date?"*

*You respond cleverly, "Dear if you were to die I couldn't think of ever dating anyone else," but you are still not out of the water.*

*They come back, "I would want you to find someone to be happy with, NOW pick one of my friends."*

*Now the quandary, do you pick one of her sea donkey friends or, heaven forbid, the goddess of a friend that she feels like she is always competing with.*

PAUSE for long argument.

*Now that you are convinced that you did something wrong, you try to make up for it by agreeing to hang out with her friends. But then, when you try to be polite to her friends, it turns out to be the final straw. Now you're paying too much attention....*

*So do they get special points for making you chase your tail?*

Dazed and Confused

Before I get to the heart of your letter, I have to ask something. Where the hell did you get "sea donkey?" I mean, what the hell? Have you been drinking paint?

OK, let me share my tried-and-true strategy for dealing with problems like this. When I'm asked one of the no-right-answer questions. I give the most horrible, inappropriate answer possible. To use your example:

**Her:** Honey, if I died tomorrow which one of my friends would you want to date?

**Me:** Rebecca. As if you needed to ask.

**Her:** What do you mean?

**Me:** Duh. Look at her. She's built. She's flexible. Plus she's got those long dancer's legs and an ass like a ten-year-old boy. We'd screw like drunk monkeys.

**Her:** \*stunned silence\*

Why would I say such a thunderously stupid thing? Well, as soon as you get asked a question like that, you know you're screwed. I figure if I'm going to get in trouble, it might as well be for something good.

Second, it's funny as hell. Yeah sure, it's the totally wrong thing to say, but that's the point. It's funny because it's the wrong thing to say. It's usually so funny that I can't help but laugh right there, while they're still staring at me in slack-jawed disbelief.

Lastly, it works. You notice how the conversation ended? That's right, stunned silence. Lets take a look at how it goes if you try to do things the "right" way.

**Her:** Honey, if I died tomorrow which one of my friends would you want to date?

**You:** Wow. Well, I don't think I'd be able to date anyone if you died. I'd be all hurty inside. You know, with emotions and stuff.

**Her:** But I love you. I'd want you to be happy....

**You:** I dunno. Maybe the one that wore the red dress last night? The blonde one?

**Her:** Mandy? You want to go out with Mandy?

**You:** Um... no. I was just picking....

**Her:** You are such a man. You just fall all over anything in a tight little dress don't you?

**You:** I... she just seemed nice, that's all.

**Her:** You're always looking at other women. Do I have to dress like a slut to get some attention from you?

**You:** That's not...

**Her:** Are you calling me a liar?

**You:** No, you're right, [5 points]. I'm a jerk. I'm sorry. [10 points] If you ever die, I'll twist off my genitals with a pipe wrench and bury them with you.

**Her:** God, now I'm all tense, and I've got to leave for work in twenty-five minutes.

**You:** Let me rub your back until then. [16 Points]

So there's the answer to your question DAC. They do get points for making you chase your tail. One simple question and she's scored over 30. If you play by their rules, you're going to lose. My way, at least you'll have a good belly laugh.

Here are a few more examples to get you started....

**Her:** Does this dress make me look fat?

**You:** Just your ass. It's like a sofa cushion that's been stuffed with puppies.

**Her:** Is my sister prettier than me?

**You:** Yeah, but your cousin has got you both beat. She has got to be the hottest fourteen-year-old I've ever seen. Do you think she'd go for a three-way?

Lastly, a few more things they get points for....

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They get two points for every extra store you stop at, plus a point for every package you carry. The cherry on top is you holding their purse: 5 points.

## PDA (PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION)

We're not talking about that time you felt her up at Perkins. From opening doors [1 point], to singing outside her window at night with a mariachi band [20 points], it's all about the points.

I'm willing to do a column on the games guys play if you ladies can just send me some material at:  
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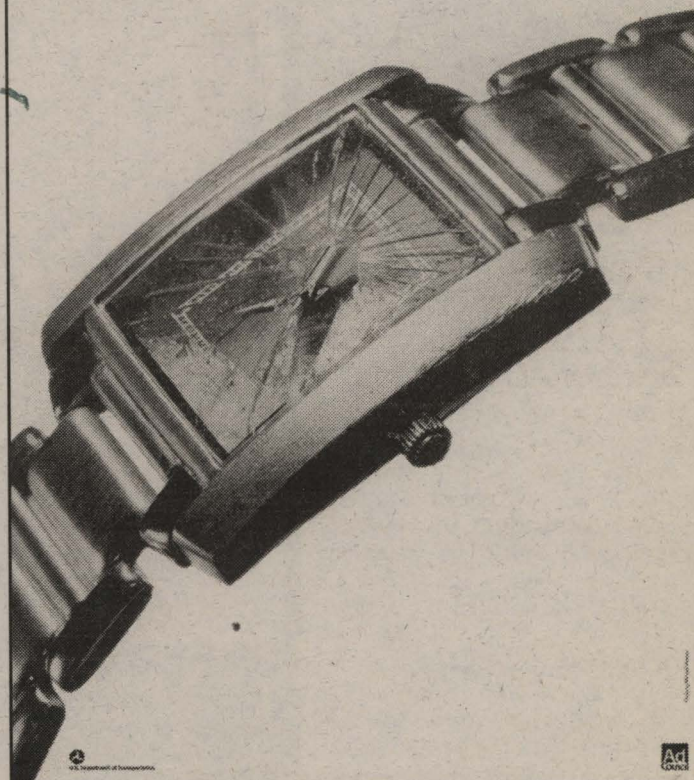
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## Pointer swimmers off to great start

**Young team explodes out of the gates against Titans**

**By Tyler Drummond**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point swim and dive team remained crisp this past weekend as they easily disposed of UW-Oshkosh. The women had a resounding 146-94 victory and the men easily reigned supreme with a 123-78 victory. The win moves the men and women to 1-0 each in conference matchups.

Head Coach Al Boelk comes back for his sixth year, with, in his opinion, one of the most powerful teams he's ever coached.

"We look very strong this year, but I am especially excited about the diving team," said Boelk.

"The diving team is especially young, with mainly freshmen making up the roster. However, I feel that even though we don't have the most experience, we will have a very dominating year with our dive team," said Boelk.

Coach Boelk has been very successful in his first five years as the Pointers' coach. He has a knack for winning the championships, having already claimed five men's and women's titles. He expects his good fortune to

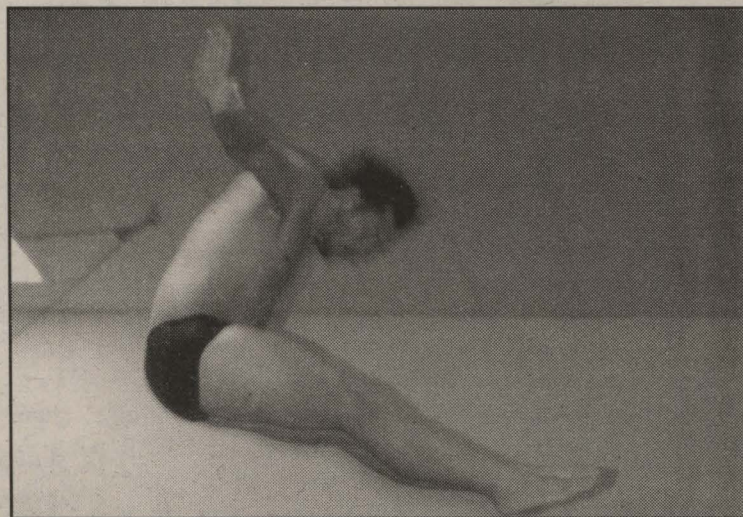


Photo by Luke Zancanaro

*Sophomore diver Dave Hayes performs during the Pointer's meet on Saturday versus Oshkosh.*

carry over into this year.

"I expect us to dominate in the men's division, and it will be real close with the women this year...La Crosse is bringing back a great team," said Boelk.

Jennifer Wood, a freshman diver, sees the team chemistry as a main contributor to the team's success.

"We have such great chemistry," said Wood. "It's like one big happy family."

Coach Boelk also agrees with Wood. "We've never had this much chemistry, the team really works well together. It's a lot of fun to see them working

together so well," said Boelk.

"The coaches do a great job with the swimmers and divers, helping them work well as a team," said Boelk.

"One great thing is to have Amy Steinmetz as our diving coach. Having her work with the divers frees me up to watch and work with everyone on a more one on one basis."

The men's team takes their 34 duel meet winning streak to Eau Claire on Friday and the women will also be in Eau Claire, having won 21 of their last 22 duel meets. The meet is set to begin at 5:00pm.

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- Featured in *Sports Illustrated's* College Preview Issue this year
- Named team captain for 2002
- Played a prominent role in win over Augustana earlier this year

**Major** - Political Science

**Hometown** - Stratford, Wis.

**Nickname** - "Big Luke"

**Most memorable moment** - Beating Eau Claire for the conference championship last year.

**Who was your idol growing up?** - William "The Refrigerator" Perry

**What are your plans after graduation?** - Working in the state capital and hopefully running for office someday.

**Do you plan on playing football after graduation?** - Probably not, but I'd like to coach.

**What is your favorite aspect of football?** - Pancake blocks.

**Most embarrassing moment** - When I was [urinated] on by a rhinoceros at the St. Louis Zoo.

**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?** - Ron Jeremy

**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. Playstation 2
2. Cellular Phone
3. The latest Maxim magazine

**What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP?** - All my teammates and the "fence drill"

**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** - Live it up while you can, because it goes fast.

## Runners gear up for WIAC meet

**By Jason Nihles**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The regular season has finally come to an end and the postseason is here. This Saturday, both UWSP cross country teams will travel to Platteville to run for a conference championship.

"There is a tremendous amount of excitement right now," said women's coach Len Hill. "Everybody is running harder in workouts and our practices have been great."

Men's coach Rick Witt feels the same way. "It is completely different right now," said Witt. "The intensity level has gone up; this is like the playoff in other sports."

Neither team comes into the conference race as the favorite but the coaches remain positive.

"We are almost back to normal," said Hill, speaking of the team rebounding from injuries.

The women plan to run the race in two packs of four. The first group will go out hard and try to stay with the lead pack. Meanwhile, it will be important that the next group run together the entire race and push to stay at the front.

"This is definitely a team thing,"

commented Hill. "We need to work together."

The men's team will stay with the same pack-running race plan they have used all season. However, coach Witt said the team must implement the plan better this week. "Our group has been doing a good job of staying together but they have to stay closer to the lead pack."

Witt remains confident about his team's progress this year. "We are running as well as we can run. Everybody is healthy and we have no excuses."

This past weekend both teams rested as the younger members of the teams

ran an unscored dual meet at Oshkosh. Freshman Kelly Firkins led the women Pointers and fellow freshman Justin Andrews was the top runner for the men.

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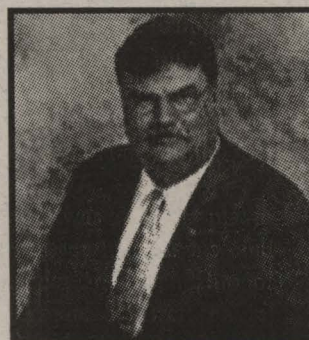
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##### Team favorites:

UW-La Crosse, UW-Oshkosh

**USWP prediction:** 3rd

##### Individual favorites:

Ryan Kleimenhagen, PL;  
Dan Sutton, LaX; Nick  
Boehlke, OSH

##### Top Pointers:

Eric Fischer, Sr.; Jesse  
Bauman, Sr.; James LeVash,  
Jr.

#### WOMEN

##### Team favorites:

UW-La Crosse

**USWP prediction:** 2nd

##### Individual favorites:

Julia Rudd, LaX; Jane-Marie  
Ovanin, EC

##### Top Pointers:

Leah Herlache, So.; Kara  
Vosters, Jr.; Megan Craig, So.





Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Linebacker Nick Haffele wraps up for one of his 15 tackles during Saturday's mud soaked Pointer victory.

## Pointers outlast Titans in Mud Bowl

### Romano and Haffele's big day sparks team

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

After three games in four days following the freak snowstorm that hit Monday, Goerke Field resembled a pig barn or monster truck rally more than a football stadium. Due to this, the UWSP football team (2-1) had to switch up their game-plan going into Saturday's contest against Oshkosh (0-3) at the ancient, embattled ballfield. In what could have turned out to be anyone's game, the old rivals battled to the final play with the Pointers claiming a 12-10 victory.

"When you play on a field like that, it doesn't matter who the better team is," said Pointer Head Coach John Miech. "It's the great equalizer."

Both teams moved the ball effectively down the field for spurts, but were unable to mount long drives in treacherous, muddy field conditions.

Said Miech, "Whoever wins a game like that has to have a little luck involved. We were fortunate just to come out on top."

Each team was stopped up by the conditions and quality defensive play, with neither team getting inside the others' 15-yard line in the first half.

The Pointers then broke open in the third quarter when junior quarterback Scott Krause lofted a pass down the sideline to Romano on a fly pattern. On the play, Romano broke one tackle and sprinted 67 yards for the score. The junior wide receiver finished with six catches for a career-high of 111 yards and Krause was 11-for-20 passing for 179 yards.

"Tony had a good game for us," said Miech. "He was lined up on the only good part of the field, and took advantage of that."

The Titans came storming back, first cutting the lead to 6-3 on a 31-yard field goal by Ryan

Fitzgerald with 8:49 left and then taking the lead on a 20-yard pass from Mike Budziszewski to Steve Wagner on a third-and-seven play.

The Pointers answered on their next play from scrimmage when Krause was flushed from the pocket and found junior wingback Kurt Kielblock, who caught a little swing pass and raced down the sideline 65 yards for the lead.

The Titans made a last ditch effort late in the game, taking the ball inside the Pointers' 40-yard line three times in the final seven minutes. Fortunately for the Pointers, that's all the Titans could muster, as they punted on the first threatening possession and then threw a interception that Pointers' freshman Chase

Kostichka hauled in at the 11-yard line.

UW-Oshkosh again drove deep into Pointer territory and had a second-and-one play from the Pointers' 20-yard line with 40 seconds left. But as Budziszewski dropped back to pass, junior middle line-backer Nick Haffele burst through the Titan line untouched for a 10-yard sack, his 15th tackle of the game.

Kostichka then broke up the third down pass at the goal line down the

left sideline and freshman corner Jared Flesch knocked down the fourth down pass on the right sideline to seal the victory.

With the victory, the Pointers move one step closer to securing their second straight WIAC title,

improving to 3-1 in the conference. The team is now tied with Eau Claire, Stout, La Crosse and Whitewater for the lead atop the division, although La Crosse holds a tie-breaker over the Pointers stemming from their win over UWSP earlier this year.

On Saturday the Pointers travel to Stout to take on the Stout Blue Devils in a match-up of the two pre-season favorites in the WIAC. Said Miech, "This is another big game for us, they were supposed to be our toughest game of the year. We need to go down there and have a good showing."



Romano



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## Soccer team completes undefeated season



Photo by Luke Zancanaro

Freshman Lori Dunning takes a shot against Edgewood on Saturday.

### Team's 13-0-2 record is best in school history

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

At this pace the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team (13-0-2, 8-0) is going to start running out of milestones to reach as they finished up their first unbeaten season ever with a 3-0 victory over Edgewood Tuesday.

UWSP became the first athletic team since the women's field hockey team posted a 9-0-4 record back in 1969.

"It is something unique for us, it seems like there is something different every year," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "It is definitely special for this team and this group of seniors to finish the regular season undefeated."

Senior Molly Cady opened the scoring when she headed in an Andrea Spiel cross 14 minutes into the contest.

The score remained that way until 49 seconds into the second half, when Kelly Fink

recorded her 20th goal of the season off assists from Andrea Oswald and Emma-Klara Porter. Porter finished the scoring for UWSP off of Spiel's second assist of the game to provide the final victory margin.

Point played their WIAC regular season finale Friday when they defeated UW-Platteville 5-0 on senior day. Three of the four UWSP seniors got at least one point in the victory as Cady and Porter scored goals, while Spiel recorded another assist.

The fourth senior, Macy Mory, turned in another terrific effort as well leading the defense to another shutout.

"This has just been a fantastic group for us because each one gives the team something different," said Miech. "They have all stepped up in different situations this year and it's going to be tough to lose four quality seniors like that."

Point kicks off post-season play on Tuesday when they host Platteville in a WIAC quarterfinal match.

## Volleyball team ends regular season with tough loss to Lakeland

### Team heads into WIAC tournament on Tuesday

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team (7-24, 2-6) dropped a difficult back and forth match to Lakeland College on Wednesday night.

After dropping the first set (21-30), UWSP battled back to take the second (30-21). However, Lakeland used a 7-0 run to help take the third set and then a 6-0 spurt to finish off the fourth set and take the match.

"In the second game we just came out and showed how our team is capable of playing," said Head Coach Stacey White. "After that it was just a couple things here and there, and that's what made the difference."

On senior day it was fitting that a senior led the team in kills as Mindy Rockwood had 11 in her final home match. On defense it was the other UWSP senior leading the way as Alicia Schwan dug out 12 balls.

"It would have been nicer if we had won, but those two seniors have been through it all," said White. "They started out as redshirts and they have turned into the heart of our team this year."

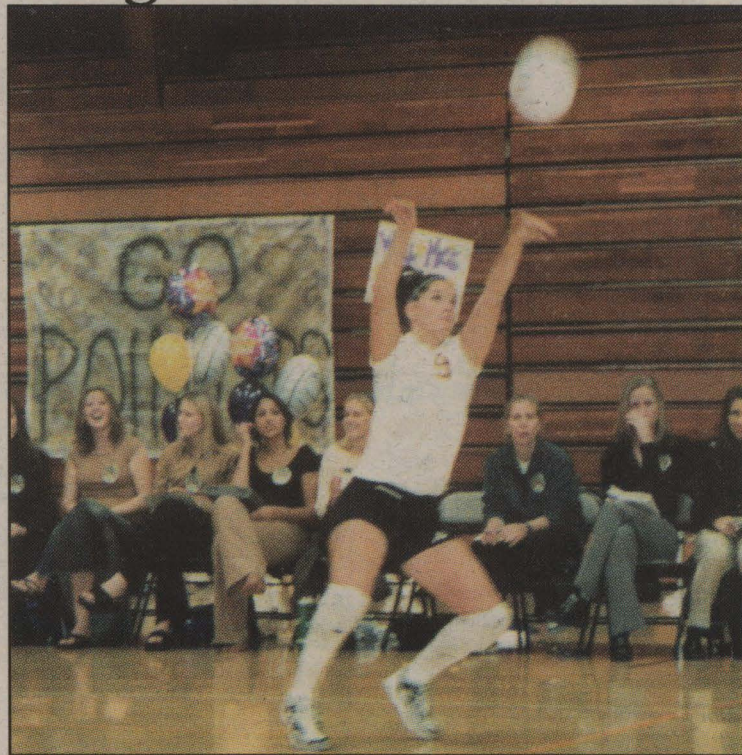


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Senior Alicia Schwan sets up a teammate during the Pointer's game against lakeland on Wednesday.

Last weekend UWSP journeyed to Minnesota for a tournament at the College of St. Benedict. Point scored an impressive five set victory over UW-Superior and dropped another five setter to Concordia-Moorhead as they ended the weekend at 1-3.

Alyssa Mader was named to the all-tournament team after totaling 37 kills and 45 digs for

the weekend.

UWSP heads into postseason tournament play when they take on UW-Whitewater in Whitewater on Tuesday.

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**Soccer:** Platteville (WIAC Quarterfinals), Tues., 3 p.m.\*

**Men's Hockey:** Stout, Fri., 7:30 p.m.\*; River Falls, Sat., 7:30 p.m.\*

**Women's Hockey:** at St. Mary's (Minn.), Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sun., 2:05 p.m.

**Volleyball:** at Platteville Triangular, Fri., 6 p.m.; at Whitewater (WIAC Tournament), Tues., 7 p.m.

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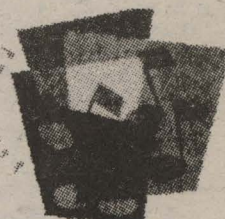
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## The Man's Take: Bravo Esera Tuaolo, that took guts

**Admitting you are a homosexual in the most masculine of environments earns my respect**

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

What exactly is heroic? Is it throwing a winning touchdown pass in overtime? No. Is it hitting a grand slam in the bottom of the ninth to win the pennant? No. Is it taking mountains of steroids to make yourself a freakish-looking animal who is capable of wreaking havoc on opposing teams? Definitely not.

So, what is heroic? It can't be described in words so much as in actions. A sick and dying Lou Gehrig stepping up

to the podium in Yankee Stadium and calling himself the luckiest man in the world was heroic. Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball was heroic. And now, after Tuesday night, former NFL defensive tackle Esera Tuaolo is heroic.

Tuaolo didn't sack any quarterbacks or score any touchdowns, but what Tuaolo did was much greater.

He admitted, to a national television audience, mind you, that he is a homosexual, and has been for quite a while.

I remember watching the Packers in the early 90s and seeing a young Samoan

nose tackle from Hawaii that the Packers had drafted in the second round running up and down the Packers' defensive line making plays.

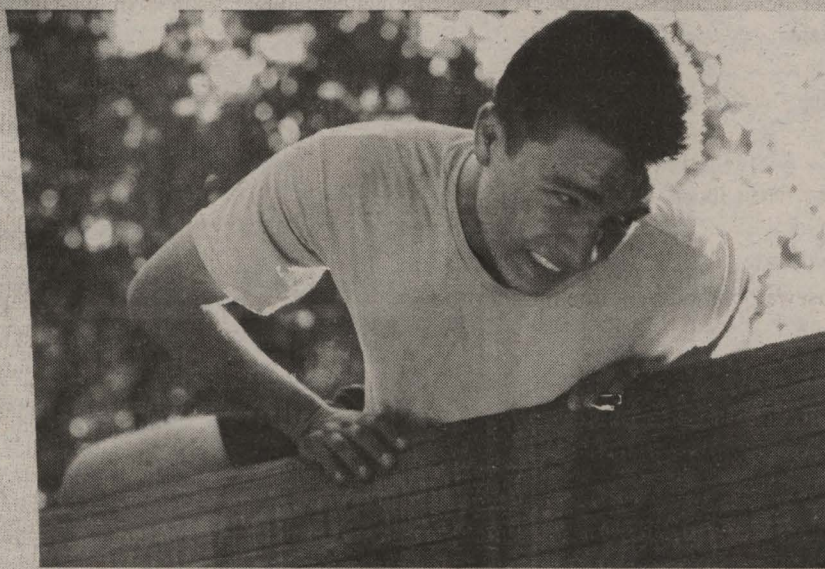
The rookie even sang the National Anthem before a game with the Bears, perhaps the best rivalry in pro sports.

Then, in 1992, with the beginning of the Mike Holmgren regime in Green Bay, this energetic nose tackle was uncerimoniously cut from the team. Holmgren said that he wanted to change the direction in which his defense was going. He wanted to get bigger at the nose,

with high-priced free agent Bill Maas and promising rookie John Jurković. Tuaolo



Tuaolo's Packer rookie card from 1991



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was no slouch at 6'3" and 280 pounds, but Holmgren considered him a soft, finesse player. So after a quality year, this young, talented second-round draft pick was looking for a job.

Now I'm not saying that Holmgren was singling out Tuaolo because he had suspicions of his homosexuality, but doesn't it seem a bit curious that a second round draft pick who played well, was a strong member of the Green Bay community and was a favorite in the locker room would be shown the door?

Tuaolo landed on his feet in Minnesota, providing yeoman's work for the Vikings and later played in Atlanta for their super bowl team. Tuaolo retired from professional football in 2000 after all 31 NFL teams failed to offer him a contract.

Tuaolo now lives in suburban Minnesota just outside of Minneapolis with a partner, Mitchell, and a set of adopted twins, Mitchell Jr. and Michelle.

Tuaolo lives the good life now, but that is a far cry from the challenges he faced during his playing career. His psychological damage was worse than any injury he could have sustained. The secret of his homosexuality kept him up at night, drove him to drink and even tempted him into contemplating suicide.

Tuaolo's teammates would sometimes question their teammate's sexual preference under their breath and would drag him to strip clubs and areas rich in prostitution to quench their own fears.

Tuaolo would play along, many times leaving with a girl and even sleeping with her, but it was all an act for his teammates, coaches and fans. Nobody knew the inner turmoil he was facing.

On Tuesday night, Tuaolo was a guest on Bryant Gumbel's "Inside Sports" program that focused on homosexual athletes in professional sports. Many athletes were questioned about their take on that subject, and many of them proved to be the neanderthals that they really are. Some went so far as to say that if they found out a player on their own team was gay, "He wouldn't make it till the next game, 'cause I'd hurt him in practice."

When are professional sports players, especially football, going to wake up and realize that we live in a much more tolerant world than we did even twenty years ago? True, I have my prejudices in sports just like most sports fans, but when it all comes down to it, I believe in one motto: "Let the best player play."

Esera Tuaolo was a quality player in the NFL for eight seasons and earned the respect and friendship of such football greats as Brett Favre, Jack Del Rio and John Randle. He played with heart, determination and guts.

However, Tuaolo saved his greatest gift for a Tuesday night in October, after his career had ended. For that, Esera Tuaolo, I applaud you. You can be my honorary Pointer Player of the Week.

GO POINTERS!!!



## Terror lurks in Wisconsin's forests

**Leigh Ann Ruddy**  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

There's something lurking out there, ready to suck your blood, infecting you with a laborious disease that drains your body of all its fluids. A parasite crawls slowly, carrying a slow death-causing disease that infects your blood system, slowly causing your body to deteriorate from the inside out. An innocent plant waits in the darkness of the wood, clinging its volatile oils onto your clothes and causing you restless nights of itching.

Although winter is upon the great landscape of the state, these pests still wreak havoc on our bodies and we should always be prepared to defend ourselves against them.

Scientists are still wondering how it came to our region but West Nile virus has made its way into the Midwest, infecting several people in Wisconsin over this past summer. Infected mosquitoes carry the virus and people become infected when they got bit by the infected mosquito. Symptoms of the virus are similar to the flu, including fever, headache, eye pain, muscle aches, joint pain and swollen lymph nodes. More severe cases can cause extreme muscle weakness, inflammation of the

brain, paralysis and coma.

Here in Wisconsin, these symptoms may cause doctors to think they are caused by Lyme Disease, another burgeoning problem during the summer months. Lyme Disease is mostly carried by the deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) in the Midwest, but different species carry the disease in other regions of the country.

The most common sign of Lyme Disease is the "bull's-eye" rash, which usually forms near the bite, and causes migraine headaches, fatigue and muscle aches.

Again, the risk of Lyme disease is lower in the winter months, but a surge of warmer weather in fall can affect the amount of time the tick stays dormant.

Poison ivy lurks in the forest all year long. Although not as menacing during the winter, it is still contagious and will cause you endless days of itching and scratching.

The plant loses its leaves in the fall like most deciduous plants; however, it produces white berries. During the winter, the plant is left with just the stem and white berries. The plant may seem appealing to a passerby, but

West Nile disease ridden mosquitoes have found their way into the Midwest.



Above: Poison ivy berries. This is what the plant looks like most of the wintertime, it is still very volatile and contagious if handled.

Left: Female deer tick. Lyme disease is most prevalent during the summer, however ticks can subsist through late fall.

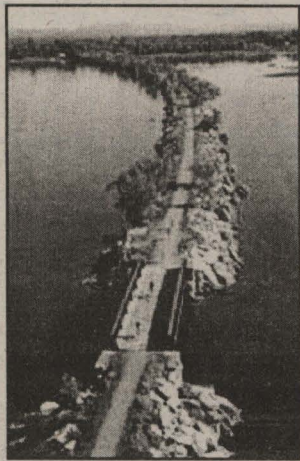
the stem and the berries still carry the poison ivy juices and will burn your skin, causing a reaction.

Certainly these are only a few of the scary things we find in the forests of Wisconsin, but being prepared, as the boy scouts say, is the most important guideline.

## The causeway authority

**Adam Mella**  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I feel it is my duty as the Causeway Authority of Portage County to inform, promote, and raise interest amongst the general public as to the benefits of causeways. In a world of superhighways and an ever-growing transportation system, it may be hard to imagine a feasible alternative to bridges. As a leading authority on causeways, I will try my best to free your souls from their steel-dependence. Remember folks, it was all just dirt, rock and water only a few steps back on the grand timeline.



A lovely limestone causeway of the midwest.

As humans began to develop and our populations rose from gatherers to agriculturalists, our needs to connect to other regions

became even more essential for prosperity. The Aztecs were some of the first people to build cause-

ways as a vital connection to Tenochtitlan, their impressive capitol. In the capitalist market, people damn the wretched waters that interfere with their commerce, so we build coal-burning ferries and ugly steel bridges to cross treacherous waters. In the beginning, however, there were only beautiful, natural causeways placed here and there to progress the wooden carriages and frisky horses. Defined as "A way or road raised above the natural level of the ground, serving as a dry passage over wet or marshy ground," the causeway helped



The simple ingenuity of ancient causeways.

mankind span those liquid barriers for hundreds of years. They provide excellent fishing structures, require fewer resources to build, and never need repair. A causeway crafted by a true master of rocks can easily be called a work of art, as opposed to the numerous eye-sores that are repulsive bridges and viaducts. If only people would see the error of the bridge-hungry corruption, we could all ride our horses in peace.

As an authority on causeways, I enjoy going around the countryside charting existing structures (Portage County is the causeway jewel of Wisconsin), and promoting them as complementary elements to our existing transportation sector. Due to the backwaters of the Wisconsin River caused by dam-building, this area is blessed with many causeways; however, as a connoisseur, I always strive to seek out new causeways and other terrestrial-based crea-

**"If only people would see the error of the bridge-hungry corruption, we could all ride our horses in peace."**

tions. For any of you who know of hidden causeways, or would like to get involved in the hobby of enjoying their splendors, feel

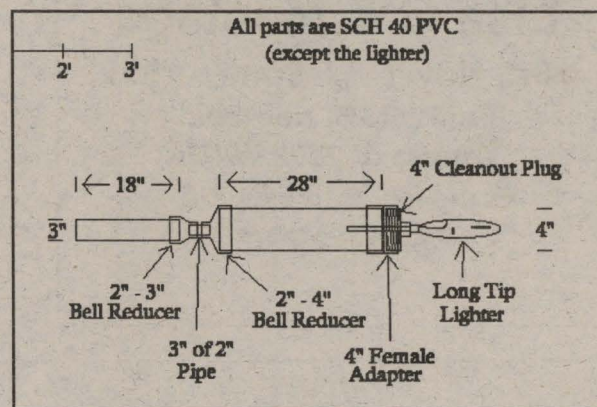
free to contact me in the future, as I am planning on releasing an article listing my favorite causeways and other interesting facts.

## A Halloween practical joke improvement

The toilet paper cannon



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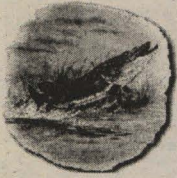
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## Let's go fishing

Think you're brave?

Visit the haunted fur-trading post this Halloween

Adam Mella

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Sure, sure. I'll bet a handful of you think that Halloween isn't so spooky anymore. You think you're brave? A very likely story. Well, it just so happens that I heard a creepy tale the other day from a wily old fella' down at Lake DuBay. He may have been high on the booze, but his haunting tale remains spookily fixed in my memory to this day. Read on, if you dare, and I will share it.

A long time back, the French fur traders began to chart the rivers of the Midwest by canoe, looking for pelts. They traveled far from the nearest forts out east at the time, and often settled small camps in an area during the coldest months of winter. Legend has it that such a camp was built just north of Stevens Point, on a small island in the mighty Wisconsin River.

They constructed two small cabins on the island, but the winter was a harsh one. Being skilled outdoorsmen, the fur-traders should have had no problem surviving the cold. Tasty walleye filled the virgin, untamed river and the land was so filled with wild animals that it would be nearly impossible to starve. The next spring, however, fellow traders found the camp abandoned without a trace of the men except the foundations of their small cabins. No one ever heard from the forward party again. Some say that they moved further inland and lived off the land for the rest of their days and others blamed the weather, but a few locals attest that an evil water fiend or specter inhabits that very island, and was the reason for the men's mysterious disappearance. Years later, a group of several lumber-



A rare photo of the haunted structure in question. Nobody has ever come back with a photo taken at night.

jacks out on a fishing trip in that area also went missing without a trace, and people say that it was the incensed "haints" that caused this obscurity as well.

For those of you that have made it this far and still feel courageous, the location of this island is out past St. Casimir's Church just north of town. Keep following the roads north and west until you reach a gravel dead end road that leads directly to water. Go on foot the rest of the way, heading due west across the thin land bridge until you come to a small channel about six inches deep where you may cross to the island using rocks and fallen timber. Wear boots to avoid mud and wetness. On the north end of this farthest island is the old camp, marked by a crooked oak tree and the foundations of two old cabins, of which only a few stones remain. For those of you that are still feigning bravery, why not take a trip out to the haunted isle this Halloween, sit a spell and start a fire, if you dare?

## Mr. Winters' two cents



Well, "tain't" getting any warmer, kids, that is for certain. Although we've had a couple of beautiful sunny days lately, I believe that winter will soon be upon us. I guess you could call 'em scenic days, with the colorful trees an' all. I've been spending my days lately fishing the river, and let me tell you folks, a pair of nice hand warmers would have been tops out there yesterday.

The "walters" are definitely running hard nowadays and if you can stand to dip your hand in the minnow bucket, them rascals make for one hell of a time out there. Start

a nice fire if you can, and maybe have something heartwarming to sip on in the coat pocket...maybe? What in the hell's wrong with you kids these days? For sure you've got to tip the Thermos back a little while slaying them walleyed pike. Don't they teach you anything in school anymore? Ah, heck, I need to give you young punks advice on sipping like a walleye needs advice on eating fat minnows.

Well, shoot then, I'm praying to the good Lord for an early ice so we all can "Go on and Geeeeeet!"

## Students enjoy an organic experience

Lindsay Heiser

COPY EDITOR

Students from 12 Midwestern states, including nine students from UW-Stevens Point, attended the Students of Sustainable Agriculture Conference at UW-Madison on Saturday Oct. 26. Coming from various disciplines, the students combined to learn what they might do to promote sustainability in their future careers as well as in their everyday lifestyles.

The morning began with workshops to acquaint the attendees with different issues pertaining to environmentally-friendly practices, many of which are being currently neglected by mainstream society. Such issues included agro-ecology, community food security, diversified farming and ecological design.

Roald Gunderson, an architect from LaCrosse, Wis. who also designed the Biosphere 2 in Tucson, Ariz., spoke about the benefits of solar greenhouses and homes made with unprocessed timber and straw bale insulation. In her workshop, sociology professor from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Dr. Mary

Hendrickson emphasized the relationships between farmers and consumers across the globe and also promoted the concept of a Food Circle, in which all members can be aware of who is growing the food they purchase. Also, a panel of organic farmers was present to answer the questions students had regarding sustainable farming practices.

In the afternoon, the students went on tours of

Madison and the surrounding area to see sustainable agriculture practices at work. One group learned about the value of community gardening by stopping at the Farmer's Market, Troy Community Gardens and a student garden on the UW-Madison campus. Another group visited the Black Earth Creek watershed to learn how the Department of Natural Resources is working with farmers to prevent erosion along the stream's banks, and the Lone Rock Sustainable Woods Cooperative to see how a forest can be managed sustainably and still provide a quality product for the Cooperative's patrons.

"The tour was my favorite part because it brought the learning into a hands-on environment and reinforced the learning I've had in the classroom as well as in the seminars and from different reading that I've done. Coming from the Twin Cities, it was an excellent opportunity for me to get a closer look at the river, farms, and small business management in rural communities that can have big impacts on our ability to protect the environment," said Shanon Johnson.

At the end of the day, students gathered for dinner and a discussion as to how the observations they made throughout the day could be relevant to global social, economic and ecological issues. Notably, UWSP student Stephen Roecker said, "I hope the Sustainable Agriculture Conference and other public venues like it help to scatter the false conceptions out there that the current system of agriculture in this country and in the world are not already sustainable."

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Midwest Organic Sustainable Education Service, Organic Valley Cooperative and Natural Resources Conservation Service, the free Conference provided all students who attended the resources to further their studies or interests in sustainable agriculture.



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Students learn about Lone Rock Sustainable Woods Cooperative in a solar barn.



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Inside the solar kiln at the Sustainable Woods Cooperative.

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## CD REVIEW

### 20 Years of Dischord by Various Artists

By Mike Kerkman  
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

Did you enjoy Punk in Point last Friday night? Do you want more? Perfect timing. Just released: *20 Years of Dischord*. It's going to give you your punk rock education.

Started in 1980 (it took an extra 2 years to assemble this compilation), Dischord records became the documenter of the underground music scene in Washington, D.C. Though very locale-specific, even today, the bands and releases reflected (and often initiated) many of the sounds and scenes happening in punk rock through the years.

*20 Years of Dischord* is a comprehensive schooling. The box set (a budget deal, incidentally), contains three CDs (74 songs, 6 live video clips) and an exhaustive 134-page book chronicling the history of the label and each of its bands. The first two discs present one song from each of the label's 50 bands, in roughly chronological order, while the third disc offers 24 tracks of rare and unreleased cuts.

Most of us may be familiar with the label through the work of its co-owner Ian MacKaye, whose current band Fugazi continues to release stellar albums like last year's *The Argument*. MacKaye was also a member at one time or another of a good portion of the bands in the DC scene, and produced the recorded work of many more. This is representative of the familial ethic of the DC punk community: group houses provided the living spaces, individuals traded instruments and bands and siblings could be found performing



on the same bill.

For your history lesson, *20 Years* brings to you the beginning projects of the likes of Mary Timony of Helium and Henry Rollins. The "straight edge" movement started with bands like Minor Threat and The Teen Idles. The Untouchable's "Nic Fit" was made legendary by Sonic Youth's cover of it for their classic album *Dirty*. Bands like Shudder to Think, Jawbox and Dag Nasty were signed here first. Plus, the record company is still going strong today. Check out the brand-new album *Different Damage* from Q and Not U.

Many of the best tracks here are the ones that epitomize what it means to be punk rock including a 45 second political schpiel recorded live in someone's basement. Check Void's "Dehumanized" or the Untouchable's "Stepping Stone." Other standouts are the many tracks that find the bands branching out in new directions, like "They Live by Night" from The Make-Up and "Friend to Friend in Endtime" from Lungfish.

*20 Years of Dischord* is history, political science, hell...family studies. And, at less than \$25, it's also a great lesson in wisely managing your personal finances. Spend the cash for this one.

## The Wookie's Corner

### Phish is back and still king

By Steve Seamandel  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Ahhh, Halloween. It's one of those "concert holidays," right up there with New Year's Eve. And I think that it goes without saying that Phish is easily the best band at tricking their audience on Halloween. Although they're not back in time for this year's spook, I thought I'd discuss their return a little bit.

First off, **Phish** unveiled to the masses that they will have a new album out on Dec. 10. The album, entitled *Round Room*, was the result of a 4-day practice session for their New Year's Eve shows which turned into a recording session. Furthermore, Phish plans to tour the country in February, with dates to be announced in the next month or so.

Secondly, now that other bands are finally declaring their home venues for New Year's Eve, a lot of fans are discussing the impact of Phish's return on the attendance of other shows. Bands that pull in audiences in between 3,000 and 10,000 are sure to see a slight dip in attendance, in addition to less frequent wook sightings in the lots.

Finally, some questions that have been pondered since Phish's hiatus-beginning shows at Shoreline will be answered. Is **String Cheese Incident** for real? Can moe. still sell out the Aragon on New Year's Eve with

Phish back in the game? Are **The Disco Biscuits** gutsy enough to play post-Phish shows in Hampton, Vir. in January? Time will tell. However, I'd say that Phish still reigns as the supreme and divine king of the jamband circuit, like it or not.

But enough about Phish; there are plenty of bands gearing up for a November run. The Disco Biscuits will roll through the Midwest on Nov. 7 at The Rave in Milwaukee and Nov. 8 at the Vic Theatre in Chicago.

The following weekend, **The New Deal** will make their first appearance in Wisconsin at Thai Joe's on Nov. 15; **The Westfall** will open the show. **Robert Randolph and the Family Band** will also play a show that night at Luther's Blues in Madison.

Three notables will play in Milwaukee and Madison for pre-Thanksgiving bashes. Both **Ben Folds** (solo) and **Les Claypool's Frog Brigade** will play The Rave on Saturday, Nov. 23 (on different floors, of course); **Yonder Mountain String Band** will make their first appearance at The Barrymore Theater on the same night. Ben Folds will also play at The Barrymore Theater on Sunday, Nov. 24.

Prepare yourself for the inferno. Until next time, "Who got my phatty Sammy Smith Oatmeal Stout?"

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

## Movie Review

### The Truth About Charlie

By Geoff Fyfe  
ARTS & REVIEW REPORTER

One of the annoying things about Hollywood is the constant remaking of classic films, ignoring the fact that if something is a classic, it was usually done right the first time.

Director Jonathan Demme (*Silence of the Lambs*, *Philadelphia*) has now taken his shot at a classic by transforming the Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn charmer, *Charade*, into *The Truth About Charlie*. While his attempt at remaking a classic is better than most, it still raises the question "Why?"

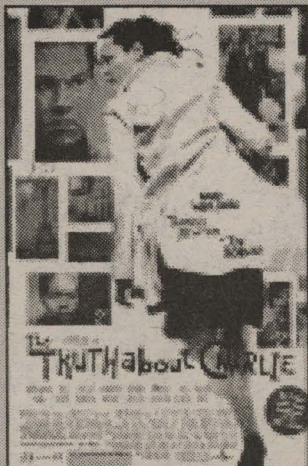
The Hepburn-style heroine in this version is Reggie Lambert (Thandie Newton), a young woman returning to her Paris home from a vacation in the Bahamas. Reggie gets a nasty shock when she finds her apartment ransacked and her soon to be ex-husband, Charlie, murdered. She soon discovers that her husband was not who he had seemed to be.

Things get confusing as a "Mr. Bartholomew" (Tim Robbins), supposedly a U.S. official, meets her to report that Charlie was his associate and possessed \$6 million worth of stolen U.S. government funds. He wants it back, or else. Meanwhile, the French cops are harassing her for information, a woman who claims to be Charlie's mother (he told Reggie that he was an orphan) wants to kill her and three menacing operatives, ex-colleagues of Charlie, are after her for the stolen money.

The only aid Reggie receives is from Joshua Peter (Mark

Wahlberg), a mysterious American charmer who she met in the Bahamas. He takes her in and seems to want to help her. But why do her pursuers call him "Dyle" and why is he so willing to help her? Reggie isn't sure, but as the double-crossing begins and the bodies start piling up, she'd better figure it out or she may not live to know the answer.

Confused? It's okay to be confused with a movie that has double-crosses after triple-crosses and a plot so perplexing it would help if a flow-chart were provided. The film makes a valiant attempt to pull everything together by the end but still seems muddled.



Ultimately, *Charlie* pales in comparison to the original. The chemistry between Grant and Hepburn in *Charade* cannot be recaptured, and everything just seems like an imitation. Demme makes it look good and gives his best effort, but it just doesn't work. The acting falls short, too. Robbins is rather bland, the three operatives are given too little screentime and Wahlberg is no Cary Grant.

The one saving grace of the movie is Newton. The lovely South African-born actress first came to attention with her title role in *Beloved* (also directed by Demme) and as Tom Cruise's thief paramour in *MI:2*. It's easy to see why Demme cast her in the Hepburn role, with her fragile beauty and boundless spunk. As confusing as the scenario is, she resourcefully tries to figure it all out and save herself. Hopefully, this will propel her to bigger stardom in Hollywood, and she'll know to avoid remakes like this from now on.

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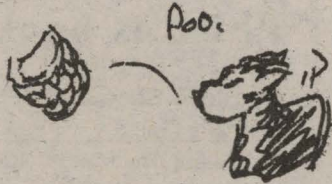
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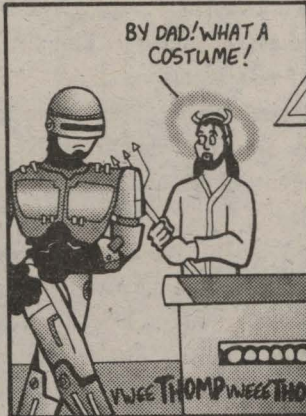
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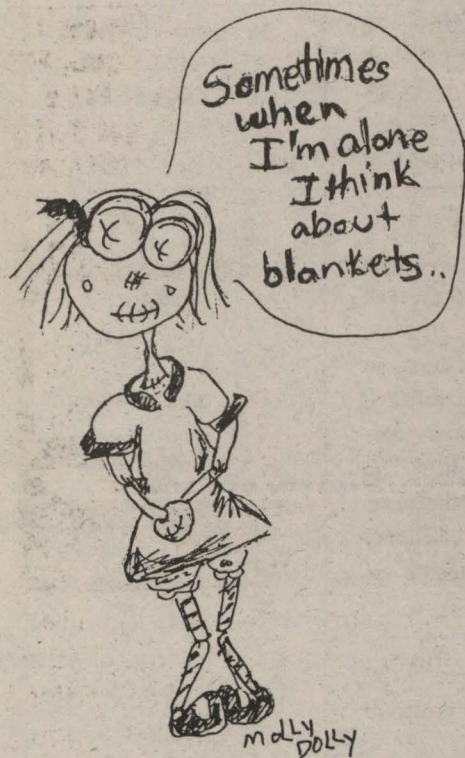
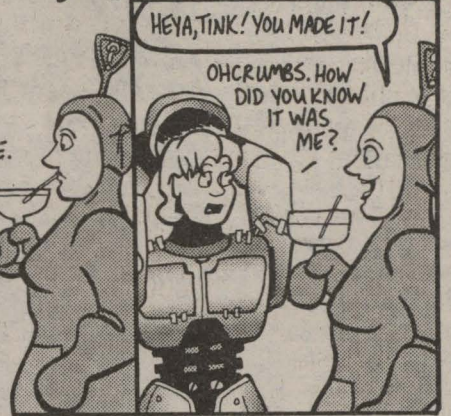
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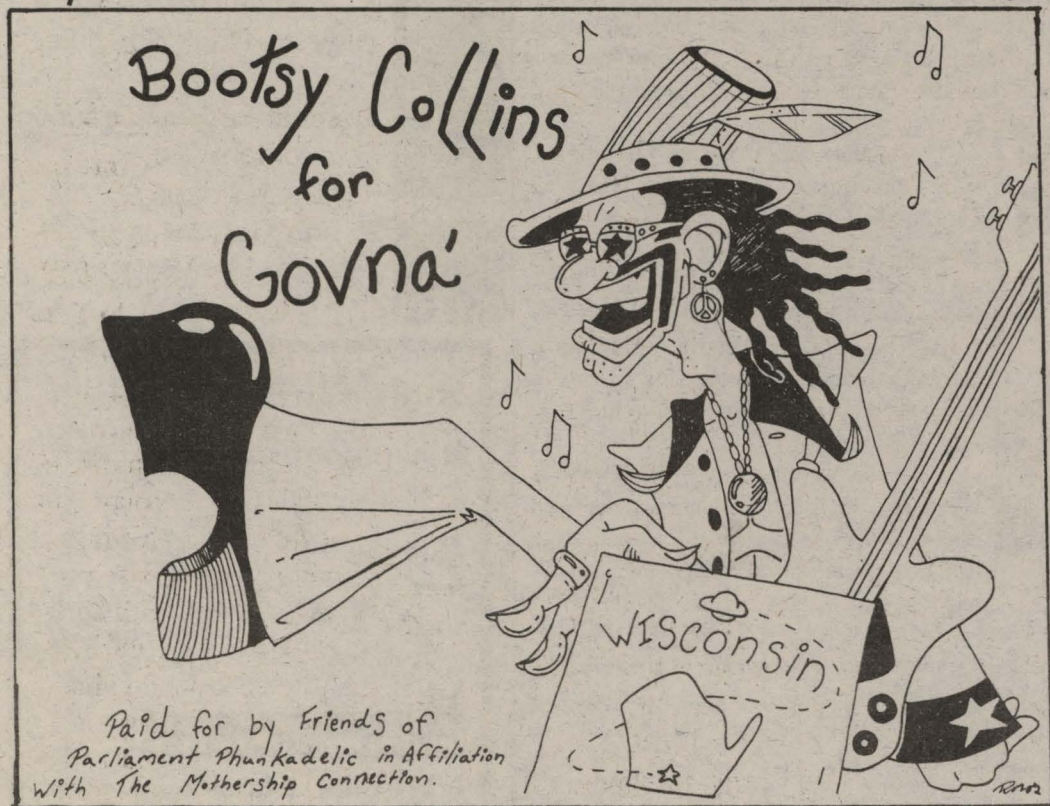
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