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University facing \$2.4 million in budget cuts



Photo by Trendelina Spahija

UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell speaks to students and faculty about the hard decisions reached regarding budget reductions. The university is facing a reduction of state funding by \$2.4 million over a two year period, and is looking to make up the difference by cutting into program staff. Hardest hit will be technical positions and News Services staff.

Joe Pisciotto
NEWS REPORTER

University staff and non-instructional programs will be trimmed over the next two years as UW-SP attempts to deal with a proposed state funding cut of more than \$2.4 million.

Only administrative aspects of the university will be cut. Therefore, no direct cuts will be aimed at classes or teaching staff. News Services and University Telecommunications (UT) will take the heaviest hits, losing a combined 8.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, with 6.5 of those being currently occupied positions.

In total, decision-makers estimate that about 20 FTE positions will be lost over the next two years due to retirement, layoffs, vacancies, and

other actions.

Other areas targeted for funding cuts or staff reductions include University Hockey Programs, Payment Services, Extension, University Box Office, the Learning Resource Center, Registration and Records, and Career Services.

Additionally, the university hopes to generate revenue by selling the Suzuki House, estimated to bring in \$150,000 and by increasing non-student ticket prices for campus events by 20 percent to maintain current box office operations. Plans also call for raising the cost of parking on campus by \$2 per month.

On April 15, after six weeks of deliberation, Chancellor Linda Bunnell, line officers, and the college deans introduced their proposed budget

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Former Sec. of State Colin Powell visits UW-SP



Photo by Doug Moore

Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State addresses high school delegates of the 20th annual Laird Youth Leadership Day. Other speakers included Gov. Doyle and former Secretary Laird.

Retired General offers words of wisdom to student audience

John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

Former Joint Chiefs Chairman and Secretary of State Colin Powell addressed students as the keynote speaker of the 20th Laird Youth Leadership Day.

The theme of this year's event was "America's Future is You", and former Secretary Powell in statements to the press made it clear that the theme was appropriate given the changing political and economic nature of the globe.

When asked what students could expect in this changing environment, he said that today's students "have to be prepared for a world that is far more complicated, where the old political boundaries that used to keep people separated are falling away. It's an exciting time to be a young person."

Powell said that he would encourage students to always strive to be the best, but not at the expense of service to the public or at the expense of family life. "You should always make sure that you have high standards, as well as high moral standards. You should never settle to be any-

thing less than what you are capable of."

In his keynote address to the high school students who attended the conference, Powell spoke of how relatively simple the world was during the Cold War, as there was a set boundaries and clear lines of who the enemy was.

Although the environment has changed in some ways, Powell said that he was encouraged by the progress of the world in researching the democratic thoughts and ideals that have served the United States well over the last two centuries.

"Many world leaders, even in countries not known for their democratic practices, are reading and quoting sections of the Declaration of Independence. Even if they are not practicing the ideas of that document, the important thing is that they are reading it."

In addition to his other posts of government service, the former Secretary of State also served as National Security Advisor, and in that role he had a chance to meet face to face with former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The former president had to convince a skeptical Powell that his efforts to reform the Soviet Union and pose less of a threat to the United States

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Budget cuts

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cuts to the general public.

"We believe that however painful, and they are painful, any budget reductions will be to us and to those affected directly and indirectly," said Bunnell. "We must respond to the governor's directive, and we must continue to uphold our own values to continue everything possible to ensure student access to a high quality education."

According to Greg Diemer, vice chancellor for business affairs, Governor Jim Doyle directed that instructional programs in the UW System must not be cut. Therefore, administrators felt that it would be ineffective for each unit at the university to deal with the cuts on an individual basis. Instead, the deans and officers decided that it would be best to meet together and focus on specific items that could be cut or reduced.

While instruction won't be directly affected per se, some programs that are related to student activities and university relations may take deep cuts. One such program is Student Television (STV).

"We will not be able to continue producing and airing programs for our public access Channel 10," said Virginia Helm, vice chancellor for academic affairs, "we will not maintain the university message board there, and we will not provide the service that enables STV to put their programs on."

The reason the service will not be maintained is because two engineers and two producer/directors in UT will be laid off July 1, 2006, leaving only two people to handle the production facilities.

"We teach students," said Gregg Orlowski, producer/director at UT. "The instructional capacity of STV will be diminished."

According to Orlowski, the staff of UT is directly involved with helping and educating students. If positions are cut, students will have less professional support.

"One engineer will have to do the job of three," said Gerry Zastrow, engineer for UT. "Students are impacted because they may lose a professional environment to learn television production."

Matthew Lawton, general manager of STV, agrees with that assessment. He said that without those technicians, students will not have a forum to display their work, since UT is solely responsible for operating Channel 10.

Zastrow is also concerned that Distance Learning (DL), a service that allows instruction to be electronically imported to the students in the classroom, may take a hit.

He said that he spends a large part of his day monitoring about a dozen DL programs. He questions how the one remaining engineer will be able to monitor DL, assist students, and perform maintenance at the same time.

Conrad Kelley, senior producer/director at UT, is upset with the criteria for cutting telecommunications. He and his colleagues feel that their department, which has been bounced around under different management and given different mission statements over the years, has been misrepresented in the budget talk meetings.

"They don't see the big picture of what we do here," said Orlowski.

"The administration is making blind decisions on inadequate information," said Zastrow. "Many of them have never been down here."

"We work with students all the time," said Kelley, "that's why we're here." Kelley added that UT has a strong record of instruction, asset management, and partnering outside of the university, all three of which are valuable to education as a whole.

According to Joe Meinholz, Content Director for STV, the UT staff is integral to the classroom production experience. He said that when classes are using the studios for broadcasting they need professional technicians there to deal with immediate technical problems.

"To have these technicians at our fingertips is a huge asset," said Lawton, adding that most of the staff has decades of experience and couldn't easily be replaced.

Kelley said that his department is willing to engage in revenue generation, as they have done in the past, in order to maintain the operation of UT.

"The saddest thing," said Orlowski, "is that there won't be a means for the university to represent itself visually."

"If you look at what Channel 10 has done as far as content for the community," said Lawton, "STV is the only local news source for the community." He added that with the help of UT, Channel 10 airs a variety of community interest programs.

"We don't know precisely what's going to happen with Channel 10," said Bob Tomlinson, vice chancellor for student affairs. "We are committed ... to looking for alternatives for students to gain that kind of experience in the production studio, working with television equipment and that sort of thing, perhaps utilizing resources from some of the network affiliates within the region."

Dave Dumke, director of Information Technology (IT),

Wal-Mart protest vs. nature



Photo by Trendelina Spahija

Although the weather and rock-bottom prices were working against them, a group of dedicated mal-contents from the UW-SP College Feminists, Greens, and several other concerned groups braved the first major thunderstorm of the season to protest against Wal-Mart. The protest drew between 40 and 50 participants at its peak, and roughly 120 total.

is the most recent manager for UT and thinks that a number of adjustments will have to be made, including more student involvement and perhaps an implementation of management software. He is unsure which specific production services will have to be scaled back.

"I fully support the idea of focused cuts rather than across-the-board cuts," said Dumke. "But layoffs are always difficult, because I care about the people that are getting laid off. I wish there was a better way."

"Based on what I've seen since I've been in the position," he said, "it would be an accurate statement that [UT services] are not as tightly tied [to instruction] as other services that IT provides, and probably not as tightly tied as other services around campus."

Colin Powell

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were sincere.

Powell also spoke of meeting the heads of state of the former Warsaw Pact states, and how they were embracing the democratic process. He told these stories to illustrate the fact that during the course of their professional and personal life, they should never stop learning, as he had spent 30 years preparing for a war with an enemy that was now extinct and now he was forced to

However, he acknowledges that professional technicians are necessary for certain instructional production services. He is also open to the idea of trying to save jobs through revenue generation, but added that it would require the support of the chancellor and the line officers.

News Services, who volunteered to cut 1.25 FTE positions last year, also stands to lose as many as 2.5 FTE positions this year to layoffs and possibly one additional position due to a transfer to admissions.

"This is an era to recruit more students, high-quality faculty, to raise private money, and to enhance the image of the university," said Sally Clanton, Director of News Services. "That's difficult to do without quality publications, a quality Web site, and, in general, getting the word

out to donors in the public about the university."

Clanton feels cuts to News Services will have a detrimental effect on the university and on recruitment. "If you don't have quality material and a staff that is sufficient to provide the public and others with information, then it's a short-sighted decision."

All people that get laid off will have one-year notice starting on July 1, 2005. The university pledges to assist employees in finding other work, or if possible, helping them transfer within the university.

The chancellor, the deans, and the line officers are currently accepting input on the proposed budget cuts from anyone who would like to share their thoughts. The comment period ends on April 29 and the final strategy will be solidified on May 2.

adapt to a new and unfamiliar environment.

The former top diplomat also encouraged students to learn from failure in life, but to avoid dwelling on it, as it is in the past and it is important to always move on.

Powell expressed his hope that by reading and thinking about the contents of those documents, a wider group of people will have the chance to be governed by those principles.

"We are an inspiration to the rest of the world, as far as showing the world how

democracy works. We're not trying to impose Jeffersonian democracy on anyone. Nations that are moving in the direction of democracy should count on the U.S. to be a friend."

The Laird Youth Leadership Day was created by the Melvin Laird foundation to bring together high school sophomores and juniors to discuss policy issues and get insights on these matters from government officials and experts.

Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide: ROOMMATE HATE

By Pat "Adoxographer" Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

Dear Pat,

How I can make it to the end of my lease without going crazy and killing the two guys I live with? They seemed cool at first, but now I can't stand to be in the same room as them. One of them constantly eats my groceries then denies it, and he's a total pig. And I just found out the other one has been using the money I give him for bills to pay his share of the rent. I didn't find out until they disconnected our phone.

I consider myself a fairly levelheaded person. I do the philosophy and religious studies thing here at UW-SP. But, I'm about to have a goddamn psychotic episode here. Help me.

Freaking Out On Michigan

I don't know if this helps, FOOM, but what you're experiencing is completely normal. It's all part of the life-cycle of the lease.

The first couple of months are like the honeymoon. You decorate the house, play Frisbee on the lawn, have friendly chats, share food, and generally ignore each other's personality quirks.

But after month two it's all downhill. First you think you're roommates are hella cool, then you're indifferent. Next comes irritation, frustration, and, eventually, frothing rage.

My advice? Cherish this feeling FOOM. There is nothing as pure and clean as the white-hot hatred we feel for our roommates. The only other people close enough to you to piss you off this badly are family and friends, and you can't hate them. You're programmed biologically to love your family, and if you attack your friends who'll help you move your stuff when your lease is up?

So you might as well enjoy it, because there's no way to avoid hating your roommates. It's inevitable. It doesn't matter how level-headed and cool you are. Let me give you a religious-studies-type example of three of the mellowest people in history during the eighth month of their lease.

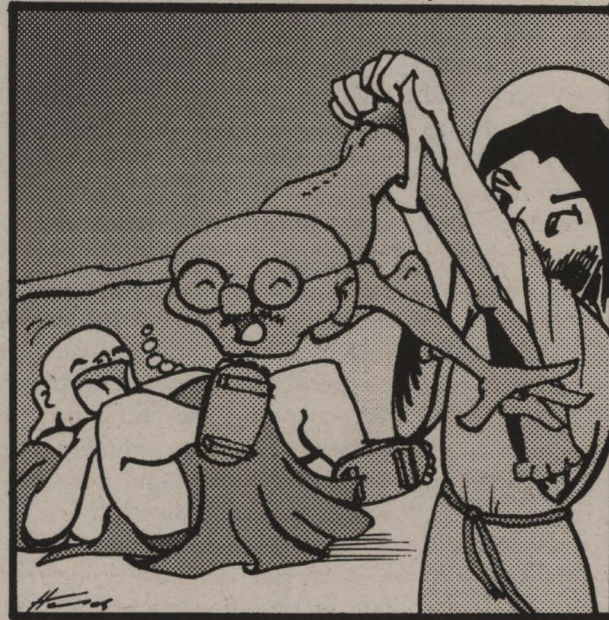
Jesus: Alright, I called this house meeting because things have been getting tense around here lately.

Buddha: Again with the peacemaker routine.

Jesus: What's that supposed to mean?

Gandhi: We're not judging you, but you do act like you're in charge of the house. Calling meetings. Making house rules.

Buddha: Yeah, who died and made you God?



Jesus: I died, you pagan asshat!

Gandhi: Hold on everyone, let's not fight.

Buddha: Technically, I'm a heathen, not a pagan.

Jesus: I died for your sins! Is it too much for you to pick up your shit when I have friends coming over? Huh? Is that too much to ask?

Gandhi: Let's just agree to listen to each other's points and be considerate. By the way, Buddha, you left your incense burning when you left yesterday.

Buddha: Did I?

Gandhi: I just thought I'd mention it. Because, you know, it's a fire hazard.

Buddha: Okay, thanks.

Gandhi: I noticed it because I could smell it in my room. I have those allergies to smoke, you know.

Jesus: Yeah. Keep your door shut, Buddha. If I wanted to smell BO and Patchouli, I'd hang out at the Mission Coffeehouse.

Buddha: Wow dude. Harsh.

Jesus: Life is suffering. Suck it up.

Gandhi: Also, I'd just like to mention that possession of any illegal drugs is in violation of our lease. Just in case any of you didn't know that.

Jesus: Right. Thanks. Moving on. The kitchen's a mess, and it's Gandhi's turn on dishes.

Gandhi: I'm fasting. I shouldn't have to clean them if I'm not making any of them dirty.

Buddha: He's got a point, Dude.

Jesus: Then you do them, Sid. I've done them four times in a row. I'm sick of it.

Buddha: No way, those are from that supper with your friends. They've got, like, blood and stuff on them. That's not OSHA approved.

Jesus: It's metaphor blood, you retard.

Gandhi: Now now, name calling won't resolve this.

Jesus: Shut your noise-hole, Gandhi. I'm tired of your passive-aggressive bullshit.

Buddha: Blessed are the meek, dude.

Jesus: Well, forgive me if I'm a little cranky today. I didn't get much sleep last night. It seems like someone was playing their music all night.

Buddha: They're my mantras. They're soothing.

Jesus: Could there be a little less soothing bass? It comes right through my wall.

Buddha: You're a fine one to talk about noises coming through the wall. You think any of us get any sleep when you have that Mary chick over?

Gandhi: Ha Ha! Busted!

Jesus: Get bent, you wrinkled up, nappy-wearing freak. You couldn't get laid in a morgue.

Gandhi: Bring it on, fucker.

Only a few weeks left to get your question answered by Pat Rothfuss. Hurry and send in your pitiful mewling cries for help to proth@wsuunix.wsu.edu.

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Biodiesel is the fuel of the future

A university truck operator pulls up to the diesel pump and begins fueling his vehicle: a task he's performed thousands of times. Instead of inhaling the pungent fumes of diesel fuel, however, he smells the aroma of vegetable oil – the smell of doughnuts. The substance he injects into his tank makes his truck smell more like a bakery than a diesel-burning vehicle. Why?

The truck now runs on biodiesel, a new, petroleum-free fuel produced from renewable resources like soy beans and waste vegetable oil. It biodegrades as fast as sugar, contains fewer toxins than table salt, and is made from domestic resources produced in the U.S. This decreases our dependence on petroleum imports and improves our economy, environment, and national security.

SGA senator Jeffrey Decker recently authored a successful resolution to fuel university vehicles with biodiesel. As of Jan. 1 this year, UW-SP began using a concentration of 5-percent biodiesel, or B5, in all campus diesel engines.

Larry Beck, director of UW-SP Facility Services, says that the switch to biodiesel has been smooth. The lower 5-percent concentration doesn't require modification of current engines. If UW-SP fuels engines with 100 percent biodiesel, they face a possibility of clogged filters due to the solvent effect of high-concentration biodiesel. Beck says that the B5 blend is a good start and that "at such time that [older diesel engines] are replaced and can handle a higher concentration, we will try to [use] B20." Beck also adds that the switch requires a minimal (less than 10 percent) increase in fuel costs.

Engine operators can fuel existing diesel engines with a combination of biodiesel and petroleum diesel with

little-to-no engine modification. For now, the most common concentration is the 20-percent blend (B20) that UW-Madison vehicles use; a mixture proven to be compatible with current engines. Now that the federal government has passed a standard for ultra-low sulfur diesel use, fueling engines with 100-percent biodiesel becomes more feasible as engine manufacturers update gaskets, hoses, and filters.

Biodiesel is now available nationwide in any concentration with little extra cost to the consumer. A biodiesel concentration of 2 percent increases the cost of diesel fuel by an estimated 2-3 cents per gallon. One hundred-percent biodiesel will cost much more, but the price is dropping and will continue declining as demand for the product increases. Fuel companies can distribute biodiesel from any existing pump without changing the infrastructure. The question raised is whether organizations, companies, and consumers are willing to use biodiesel.

Petroleum is a finite resource. We face crucial decisions concerning the fate of our planet and must consider alternative energies like biodiesel as necessary for the future.

Senator Decker, on behalf of the UW-SP student body, has embraced biodiesel as an alternative fuel. We will prove to the community that we can use it practically and successfully. Perhaps the city of Stevens Point, Portage county, and eventually the entire U.S. will join UW-SP in this ground-breaking step toward creating a sustainable future for our planet. Our achievements at UW-SP are proof that, in time, we can accomplish great changes if we are willing to put forth the effort.

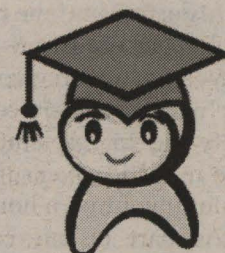
Take back the night
on April 28

Take Back the Night is a rally and speak-out to protest violence against women and all people. The first Take Back the Night took place in England in 1977 as a protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking the streets at night. Over the past 20 years, Take Back the Night events have spread across the nation, broadening in perspective and taking on many forms. These events allow survivors and opponents of sexual assault and rape to unite in their cause to stop the violence.

This year, Take Back the Night will take place on the Allen Center field from 4-9 p.m. Information booths will be present and speakers will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Mayor Gary Wescott. Chancellor Linda Bunnell will follow. Other speakers include Angela Martin from Sexual Assault Victim Services, Kelda Helen Roys, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin, UW-SP English professors Dr. John Coletta and Pat Gott, and Deborah Engel-DiMauro from the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, UW-SP.

At 6 p.m., the entertainment begins with Janelle Larie, vocalist, "Concrete Angel." She will be followed by singer/songwriter Andy Liesener and vocalist Brittaney Vollmer. A bonfire will take place around 7:30 p.m. Food will also be sold.

Amanda Lorge

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Trivia.

How many people receive power each year, from the Stevens Point dam?
Answer on page 5.



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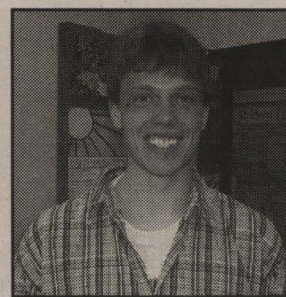
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How are you celebrating Earth Week?



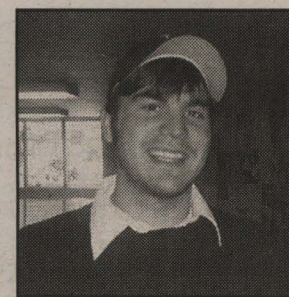
Chris Carlson, Sr. Biology

I'm going fishing and I'll plant a few trees.



Nick Legler, Jr. Fisheries

I'm going to Virginia for a Student Research Conference.



Sam Kreds, Jr. History

Recycling and conserving energy.



Ashley Atkinson, Sr. Env. Education

I'm going to the Ecofair to listen to music, eat food and celebrate.



Danae Gullicksen, Fr. Undecided

I'm going home and planting trees.



Nicole Swanson, Soph. Env. Education

I'm going to hear Jim Kunstler speak, and I plan to go to Ecofair to listen to music.

Letter to the Editor

Check out
the Eco-fair
next Friday

Have you ever wanted to use solar or wind energy? Have you installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in your home? Do you leave your computer in sleep for long periods of time? These acts may seem insignificant but they are well worth your time and effort. By doing these simple acts you can save energy, money, and reduce emissions of CO₂ into the air.

I am part of a student group here on campus, we're trying to reduce energy consumption and support using renewable energy. The overall electrical use on campus is 22,000,000 kWh/yr. Sixty percent of our energy comes from coal, 17.5 percent from nuclear, 2.6 percent from natural gas/fuel oil, 1.8 percent hydroelectric, and the remaining 17.4 percent is power purchased from other providers, which is most likely coal. We are trying to implement the same reduction measures you would in your own home.

As part of our commitment to educating others, we will have a booth at the Eco-fair on Earth Day.

We are so lucky here in Portage County to have such a strong influence in renewable energy including the Midwest Renewable Energy Association in Custer, as they hold an Energy Fair every June. I urge you to attend the Eco-fair held here on campus where you can talk to us and other eco-minded students and organizations. We all have the power to change and/or influence others, as it can be as simple as turning off lights or signing a petition. With Earth Day approaching, I encourage you to make a difference. Look for us and the other booths and exhibits next to the Allen Center on Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lora Schwendinger

Improve your vocabulary with The Weekly Word

Mydriasis (n) -
A continuous
or excessive
dilation of the
pupil of the eye.

*Pico's pupils were
wildly mydriatic
after he ingested
those illegal drugs.*



More Earth Day letters

SGA hosting panel on renewable energy options

Green thumb day is right around the corner - April 22 is National Earth Day! So what is the purpose of Earth Day, besides the ordinary answer of "Hippies gone crazy ... again?"

Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day back in 1970 because he was worried about where our environment was going. No one person specifically organized the protestors or demonstrators or even knew how the reaction of the American public would be until over 20 MILLION demonstrators and thousands of schools participated in the first Earth Day. As a student, Earth Day holds more than just environmental value; it is personal.

Now what can one student do? Well, besides leave a huge ecological footprint, we can recycle. Yes, we all have the three words memorized by heart. No, it is not drop, stop, and roll since this isn't a fire; but reduce, reuse, and recycle. This can relate even to water bottles. If you have a lucky one or an average size carrying bottle, hold on to it. Savor and cherish it, that way you won't keep using bottles so rapidly. Or you can avoid using Styrofoam cups or containers, which would help the landfills and animals who share this ecosystem.

Our government was looking out for animals and

trees which don't always have a voice, but affect us in unknown ways. Your government on campus is here for you too. Do you want to learn more about renewable energy for homes and even on our campus? SGA is hosting a panel on renewable energy options for students and the outside community. It is at 5 p.m. in Room 125 of the UC! If you want to see changes that help our environment and start right here on campus, stop down in the Student Government Association Office. Write legislation and let your ideas and voice be heard. Let's see what we can change!

Michelle Law

Thanks for cleaning up litter on campus

The sun is out, the sky is blue, and the birds are singing. This can only mean one thing...

Spring is officially here! The snow is gone and the litter is - or should I say was - very present on the Stevens Point campus. This past Monday there was a very successful mass campus litter clean-up. The success of this clean-up is due to the 30 plus volunteers that helped out. These volunteers traveled all over campus, throwing away or recycling various types of litter. WISPIRG, EENA, and Student Law Enforcement would like to thank all of the people that volunteered their time and worked so hard to make our campus look beautiful!

Stacey Iruk
WISPIRG

Open Letter

Dear friends of Pointer basketball

When I began coaching it was my hope that I would someday coach a team that matched my ideal vision of what a fearless, selfless and highly united team could be at its very best. During 34 years of coaching/teaching, I have been blessed to be associated with many outstanding basketball teams and so many terrific young men; it's hard to do justice to all of them. Rest assured each team has a special place in my heart along with the players who gave everything they had.

With all due respect, the past two years have gone beyond anything I felt we had a right to expect. Back-to-back national championships are still hard for one to comprehend. Our 2004-05 Pointer NCAA champions played this game the way it's supposed to be played. Hard-nosed defense, making plays for one another, passing the ball with an unselfishness that's matchless and competing with an intensity that wore opponents down will be some of the attributes I'll remember.

However, the real legacy of this team is the fact that when the stakes were the highest, the lights the brightest and the pressure the greatest - this team delivered. When our best was demanded we invariably found a way to play our best. That doesn't happen all that often. This Pointer basketball team was smart, tough, coachable and figured out the formula for success. I will be thankful for that the rest of my life.

I am also deeply appreciative of the incredible backing we've received from fans and generous people throughout Wisconsin, the Midwest, and especially the greater Stevens Point area and university. People like you make this journey even more meaningful. If our efforts and striving to be the best means one-half of what it meant to us, I know you are grateful and enjoying the view from the top. The challenges and struggles to get there were definitely worth it. Having your support makes it even sweeter.

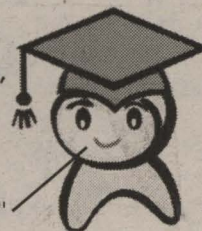
On behalf of our coaching staff, university athletic department and especially the terrific young men who have been part of this historical run, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We understand that we don't always control our own destiny, but collectively we gave it one heck of a run for its money. In the process we found out that dreams can become reality. Sharing it with all of you makes it even more cherished.

With sincere gratitude,
Coach Jack Bennett
UW-SP Men's Basketball

Walter's Answer

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Pointlife

10 ideas to help the Earth

Alli Himle
POINTLIFE REPORTER

Earth Day is devoted to reawakening our sense of ecological preservation in order to conserve the environment for future generations.

It goes without saying that there is a great deal each of us can do to better our world and our own lives. And so, it only seems fitting that at this time we re-evaluate our ways in hopes of making a difference.



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No bag please

Do you really need a bag for those two items you purchased at the University Store? Pass on the bag and use your backpack instead. Save a bag, save a tree.

Get it (not) to go

Planning on staying in the UC as you eat Taco Bell or sip your mocha from the Brewhaus?

Get your food on a tray instead, or use the ceramic mugs in the Brewhaus and return them when you are finished. You also receive a 10-cent discount when you do this! Who would have thought that there were incentives associated with conservation?

Get on the bus

Take advantage of the free student bus pass. With gas prices skyrocketing, save yourself some money while being good to the Earth too.

Every litter bit hurts

Our campus is often regarded as a green campus, and it is only fitting that we keep it that way. The next time you see soda cans strewn

about on the lawn, pick them up and do your part. It won't be long before the one piece of litter you thought of as small and insignificant turns into an unsightly and despicable mess.

Drier hands, less waste

Pass on the paper towels in the bathroom and instead opt for the hand driers. Imagine how much paper would be saved by each person conserving one or two towels.

Lights on, lights off

Turn lights off when they aren't needed. Are you the last one leaving the restroom? Why not turn the lights off as you leave? It only takes

a second to save energy. Furthermore, make use of natural light with the longer days that daylight saving offers us.

No receipt needed

Opt to not have a receipt printed the next time you use the PointCard or ATM terminals. It is one less slip of paper for you to take care of and one less slip to be disposed of.

Recycle, recycle, recycle

The importance of recycling is something that definitely can be understated. From recycling your glass and aluminum containers, to placing your waste in the proper receptacle as you walk about campus, the difference that you can make certainly does not take a great deal of time or effort.

Look twice, print once

Use print preview before printing your documents in order to fix your mistakes prior to wasting paper. Reduce the paper trail while saving yourself money on printing charges. Furthermore, the majority of campus printers are now duplex printers making paper saving one step easier.

Just because it's a buffet, doesn't mean it all needs to go on your tray

As tempting as the food at Debot is, don't feel the need to take it all at once. It is much better to go back for seconds than to leave food on your plate after you've finished.

Remember, even changing just one aspect of your life can have an impact. One person can make a difference, even if it is something as simple as recycling this *Pointer* edition when you are finished reading it.

A place where everyone can think

Katie Polomis
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Twice each week, a group of individuals can be found snuggled into a cozy corner of the Brewhaus, enthusiastically debating.

Members come from all walks of life. Atheists, humanists, and Christians all join together to look at and defend reason, science, and the right to question

"The SFF have not yet got their feet wet"

their education. These reason-minded individuals are known as freethinkers.

A dedication has bloomed from the sometimes heated debates of this group to keep-

ing the students of Stevens Point thinking. Known as Students for Freethought (SFF), this newly hatched organization encourages people to form their own opinions and beliefs in matters of dogma and religion.

Feeling lost from the standard church rules that govern so many peoples' lives? Do

see *Freethought*, page 15

Faces in the crowd:

A Japanese student overcomes the odds

Rick Gambsky
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR



Photo by Holly Sandbo

Sayaka Sato is one of UW-SP's most successful students. On April 4, 2005, she was elected and hired as a multicultural peer advisor for the next academic year. "It is going to be one of my biggest contributions," said Sato.

She will be dealing with programs for promoting understanding toward cultures and diversity. "She is really interested in helping others succeed as well as she has," said professor Rhonda Sprague of the Communication program here at UW-SP.

While attending a Japanese university as an English major, Sato applied to the foreign exchange program and soon after, she transferred to UW-SP. Sato arrived about one and half years ago.

"She's brilliant ... bar none"

When she came to America, Sato did not know a lot of English and was afraid to embarrass herself by saying something wrong. "I was majoring in English in Japan, but I couldn't speak any when I came here," said Sato. "That was horrible."

About half way through her transfer year, Sato got depressed and wanted to return home. "I couldn't keep up with the reading, I did not know how to write the essays," said Sato. Nevertheless, she thought about it and decided, "If I don't do it now, I won't do anything in the future." There has been no stopping her since her resolutions.

Despite the language and cultural barriers, Sato is one of the best Communication students. "She's brilliant," said Sprague. "The strongest writer I have seen in class, bar none." She currently holds a 3.93 GPA.

Sato is active in many activities including a paid position of Japanese class facilitator, for the university distance-learning program. Some of her duties as facilitator include taking attendance, assigning homework and teaching the class every Friday.

"Sayaka has applied for at least four different leadership positions," said Sprague. Sato will also be leading a Japanese conversation luncheon to help

improve her student speaking and listening skills. "It is non-pay, but it will be fun," said Sato.

In addition to her facilitator job and the luncheon, Sato has done volunteer work like translating Japanese to English. She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta and Phi Kappa Phi. She also enjoys doing physical training at the cardio center every day.

Sato hopes to continue her education in the United States all the way through graduate school. She plans to give back to the universities and America by becoming a professor of interpersonal communication or Japanese. "I love interpersonal communication; I want to teach that," said Sato.

When asked why she decided to finish her education in the United States Sato replied, "because it's so much fun and more beneficial, I mean education-wise, comparing to the university in Japan. College in Japan is so lazy and meaningless." She went on to explain that in Japan, people have excellent work ethics but college requirements are so low that to achieve straight As, it is quite easy.

"I live in the Pray Sims dorm on campus. All the international students are going to be staying there, so I meet so many people from different parts of the world, everyday," said Sato. Experiences in other cultures are important to Sato. "It helps people to grow. I used to be such a small person," said Sato of herself before her experiences here in the American culture. "Now, I have grown stronger."

Sato is thankful for opportunities she has received while attending college. She compares her new life to a miracle. She has taken the best parts of her Japanese values and combined them with her new American values to create a new persona. She has found happiness academically and socially while accomplishing much.

Science, Health & Technology

New pyramid constructed by USDA

Government unveils a more comprehensive guide to staying fit

Liz Bolton
MANAGING EDITOR

A well-known symbol of healthy living has gotten a facelift this week. On Tuesday Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns released the new and improved food pyramid. Called MyPyramid, it is replacing the old food pyramid, established by the USDA in 1992.

Prof. Annie Wetter, part of the Dietetics and Nutritional Sciences faculty on campus, is hesitant but thinks it is a big improvement. "Right now we need feedback from consumers, but I see some really good changes."

The old pyramid had a few problems. Terrell Brock of the State Department of Public Health said, "The old guide measured everything in servings. Well, what's a serving?"

For example, 6 to 11 servings of bread seems excessive, depending on how you define it. Followers assumed it was perfectly healthy to gorge themselves on pasta, and

avoid all food containing fat. "This new one uses cups instead, which should be easier to understand," said Brock. "And the language is definitely simplified."

Putting fats and sugars on the top was another problem.

you need to log on to the Web site, www.MyPyramid.com, and input your age, gender, and level of physical activity. It also measures food in cups, instead of ambiguous servings.

The new pyramid also

linked to diseases including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, osteoporosis, and certain cancers.

Poor diet and physical inactivity also results in an energy imbalance. These two factors are the prime suspects contributing to the increase in overweightedness and obesity in this country.

Prof. Wetter does urge caution however. "You do get a number, but it's an estimate. You don't know how much energy your body needs unless you measure oxygen consumption, which is a costly process. So what do you do? You take a sample of people and get an estimate."

One thing the new pyramid does not address, which is the biggest health concern among college students according to a study done in the *Journal of American College Health*, is cost.

Healthy eating and living on a budget requires a little creativity. Man cannot live on Ramen noodles alone.

"MyPyramid is much more user-friendly and accessible to the public, but we will see in the next few years whether it is a success," said Wetter.



Graphics from www.mypyramid.com and the *Journal of American College Health*

Fat was seen as entirely negative, and anything fat-free became healthy.

"Hopefully now people will see avacados, olives, and peanut butter as healthful, even though they contain fat," said Wetter.

The new MyPyramid features several changes from the old one. First of all, it is deceptively simple.

In fact, to really find out how much you should eat,

features a person walking up the side, signifying the importance of small steps and exercise. Brock said, "I like that they include physical activity in the new pyramid. It is really important for balance."

According to the 2005 Dietary Guidelines, which is put out by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), poor diet and physical inactivity are

World declares 2005 year of physics

Global community seeks to raise awareness for physics

Jeremiah Zblewski
SCIENCE REPORTER

The year is 1905 and a patent clerk in Switzerland is publishing four major articles that will change our conception of the physical world and impact all of science. In these papers, he will prove the existence of atoms, set the basis for quantum mechanics and lay out his theory of Special Relativity.

For these reasons, 1905 is often called the Annus Mirabilis, or the Miracle Year.

Albert Einstein was born in 1879 in Ulm, Germany. He barely spoke until the age of three. As he grew up, he was seen as a poor student,

and too rebellious. At 15, he dropped out of high school. He eventually went to college in Switzerland, and graduated in 1900 with an unexceptional record.

After two years of being unable to find steady work, he took a job as a patent clerk, where he spent most of his time working on his theories and trying to get a doctoral dissertation together to send to the University of Zurich, which he did, submitting it in 1905.

The four papers that Einstein published are essential to what we learn in the sciences. For example, his second paper, which proved the existence of atoms, is so fundamental to our chemistry and biology classes that we take it for granted.

Einstein proved their existence by explaining what is

called Brownian motion. This is the random motion of visible particles that had been observed by biologists.

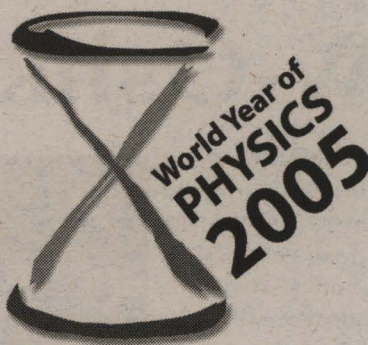
Einstein was able to prove that this random motion is being caused by atoms bumping and slamming into the particles.

His first paper was on the photoelectric effect, which is the release of electrons from smooth metals when light is directed on them.

Einstein explained problems of the theories of his time by explaining this effect, with the idea that light comes in discrete particles and not simply continuous streaming energy. In doing so, he set the basis for quantum mechanics.

His third and fourth papers were on his theory of relativity. The third showed that time is relative. The basis for this theory is that light is always measured at the same speed, no matter what the speed of the observer is.

The consequence of this is that the speed measured will be the same, but the distance the light travels will be observed differently. Since speed involves distance and time, if the speed is changed and the distance changes, then



so must the time.

In his fourth paper, Einstein derived from his theory of relativity the most famous equation of all time: $E=mc^2$. This simply means that matter can be converted into energy.

This is a basis for nuclear power and nuclear bombs. The value of c^2 is quite large, around 90,000,000,000,000. This means that if a single Saltine cracker were completely converted into energy, it would power an apartment for about 10,000 years.

The international community has chosen 2005 as the World Year of Physics in part to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Einstein's miracle year. The United Nations and multiple governments have officially declared it so. For more information, visit <http://www.physics2005.org>.

Scientific Notations

Scientists develop technology to detect lung cancer

Researchers at the University of Liverpool have developed a breakthrough technology that identifies molecular markers in early lung cancer.

Europe goes back to mars

European space scientists have strongly recommended a mission equipped with a Rover as the next scientific mission to Mars as part of the European Space Agency's Aurora programme of planetary exploration.

'Homosexual' fungus is able to reproduce

A deadly fungus that mates only with members of the same sex is still able to reproduce, report Duke University Medical Center researchers in North Carolina.

Killers' parents squash Columbine study

A study of the deadliest U.S. school shooting six years ago Wednesday at Columbine, Colo., does not have support of the two killers' parents.

Solar sail technology could use sun's energy for future space missions

NASA engineers and their industry partners are preparing to test two 20-meter (66-feet) long solar sail propulsion system designs - a critical milestone in development of a unique propulsion technology using the Sun's energy that could lead to future deep space missions.

Improving plastics with corn

The Iowa Corn Promotion Board (ICPB) has signed its first commercial license with Battelle to produce a new plastic additive made from corn that offers a variety of commercial advantages.

Chronic migraine patients may find relief in botox therapy

New research suggests BOTOX (botulinum toxin type A) may significantly reduce frequency of headache attacks in migraine patients suffering from chronic daily headaches.

Anxious and pessimistic personalities linked to Parkinson's disease later in life

Mayo Clinic researchers have found that people who score in the upper 25 percent in anxiety level on a personality test have a moderately increased risk of developing Parkinson's disease.

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Sports

Record-breaking performance overshadows snapped streak

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Losing last weekend for the first time in 14 games seemed to ignite the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team. With an already explosive offense, the Pointers came off a 3-1 weekend series against UW-La Crosse and set an NCAA Division III record in a non-conference double-header at Lakeland College.

Baseball

Coming into the series with La Crosse, the Pointers had won 12 straight games and were looking to take the top spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings.

On Saturday, UW-SP squared off against the Eagles at University Field and encountered a rare pitcher's duel. In game one of the series, the Pointers and Eagles found themselves tied 2-2 after five innings. In the bottom of the sixth, UW-SP center fielder Joel Hojnacki drove in the game-winning run on a sacrifice fly.

Pitchers Jordan Zimmermann and Kevin Pankow shut the door on La

Crosse and the Pointers were able to lay claim to a 3-2 win.

The Pointers' bats woke up in game two on Saturday, knocking in 15 runs on 15 hits in a 15-4, 10-run-ruling of UW-L in seven innings.

Last week's Division III Hitter of the Week, Chuck Brehm, once again led the Pointer offense as Brehm went 2-for-3 with four RBIs in the game. The runs driven in by Brehm came from his third grand slam in the last seven games.

"Chuck is a very focused and driven competitor who, when he is seeing the ball well, can be a devastating force in the middle of our lineup," said Head Coach Pat Bloom. "His recent success can best be attributed to the discipline he has shown at the plate and his willingness to hit the ball to the opposite field when being pitched outside. When he is hot, he can be the toughest out in our lineup," Bloom said.

The Pointers finally met defeat in Sunday's first contest, as the Eagles handed UW-SP their first shutout of the season. The Pointers were held to only two hits in the contest by La Crosse pitcher Joe Bemis. Bemis held a no-hitter

into the sixth in the 7-0 Eagle victory.

Pointer designated hitter Steve Wiczek went 0-for-3 in the game, snapping his 23-game hitting streak.

The weekend was completed on a positive note for the Pointers, as UW-SP took the final game of the season between the two schools in a 10-2 win.

Ryan Byrnes fared well at the dish, going 2-for-5 with a grand slam, a double and five RBIs. Ryan Jones added a solo home run and a two-run double in the game to lead the Pointer offense.

Aaron Achterberg, Matt Polomis and Mike Thrun threw a combined seven-hitter for UW-SP. Achterberg picked up his third win of the year, going five and one-third innings with three walks and a strikeout.

"I think, as a whole, our pitching has improved of late. We are getting more quality innings out of our starting pitchers, and our bullpen has continued to be solid in the late innings," said Bloom.

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Pointers sweep first place UW-Oshkosh

UW-SP News Services

Kelly Jablonski and Stephanie Anderson both twirled strong pitching performances as the UW-Stevens Point softball team posted two shutouts in sweeping Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference leader UW-Oshkosh on Tuesday in Oshkosh.

Softball

Jablonski scattered six hits in a 3-0 opening game win, while Anderson limited the Titans to three hits in a 2-0 victory in the nightcap. The Pointers improved to 7-4 in the WIAC and are now 17-8 overall, while UW-O is now 8-3 in the league and 18-10-1 overall.

UW-O, which went 5-0 in the conference cluster over the weekend, did not have a lead-off batter reach base the entire day and had only one runner reach third base, coming on a wild pitch with two outs in the sixth inning of the second game.

UW-SP scored all three

of its runs in the first game in the third inning as Anderson delivered a two-run single with one out in the inning. She moved to second on an error and to third on a groundout by Rebekah Bauer before scoring on a sharp single up the middle by Laura Zierler. Bauer and Zierler both finished 2-for-3.

Jablonski struck out two batters and walked none while posting the win. Ronessa Stampfli had 11 strikeouts for the Titans, but had a streak of 10 straight wins snapped in taking the loss.

Anderson and Bauer had back-to-back doubles with two outs in the opening inning of the second game and Jenny Feidt scored from first base



Photo by Holly Sandbo
Katie Knoedler winds up for a pitch during a recent game for the Pointers.

on a dropped fly off a ball hit by Anderson in the fifth to account for the Pointers' two runs. Feidt was 2-for-4, while Zierler and Chelsea McIlquham were both 2-for-3. Anderson struck out six in the shutout victory.

Senior on the Spot
Katie Knoedler - Softball

Knoedler

Career Highlights

- Pitched in 16 games (eight starts) in 2004.
- Four-time All-Conference selection in high school.
- Earned honorable mention all-state honors.
- Member of four conference championship teams.

Major - Biology

Hometown - Mosinee

Do you have any nicknames? - None.

What are your plans after graduation? - I am going to school in Philadelphia to be an eye doctor.

What does it feel like to be the lone senior on this year's softball team? - It's great; I make all the freshmen kiss my feet, especially Z.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Definitely all the spring training trips to Florida.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Tripping over first base my first at bat at UW-SP.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Bowling for Soup
What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - *The Prince and Me*

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - All the great friends I made and the pranks we played on them.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My little brother, my organic chemistry book, and most importantly Coach Jamrosz.

Women's track places third at UW-Eau Claire Open

UW-SP News Services

The UW-Stevens Point women had five event winners and placed third among 14 teams at Saturday's UW-Eau Claire Open. The Pointer men's team had no individual champions as no men's team scores were kept.

Track and Field

Julia Slabosheski (Princeton, Wis.) was the women's discus winner with an NCAA Division III provisional throw of 142 feet 6 inches, while also placing second in the javelin and third in the shot put. Jenna Mitchler (Kaukauna, Wis.) edged teammate Megan Craig (Bangor, Wis.) in the 1,500-meter run by less than two seconds with a winning time of 4:41.94.

Marie Burrows (Menomonee Falls, Wis.) captured the 200-meter dash title in 25.95 seconds and Ashleigh Potuznik (Baraboo, Wis.) won the 3000-meter steeplechase by nearly a full minute in 11:32.48. The women's 4x400-meter relay team was also victorious with a time of 4:04.83. Liz Goergen (Apple Valley, Minn.) was second in the 100-meter hurdles and had an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 15.06 seconds.

Mark LaLonde (Park Falls, Wis.) had the highest finish in any event on the men's side, placing second in the 1,500-meter run at 3:57.73.

The Pointers will compete this weekend at the Augustana Meet of Champions in Rock Island, Ill.



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Our View From the Cheap Seats

Sheffield's shove should teach fans a lesson

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

If the ball's in play, stay away.

No, that's not one of the late Jonnie Cochran's famous defense tactics. It's just a common sense statement that fans of all sports should follow.

Last Thursday night in a - go figure - Red Sox/Yankees nailbiter, Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek roped a ball into the right field corner at Fenway Park. As Yankee right fielder Gary Sheffield went to pick up the ball, a Red Sox fan swiped his arm across the wall in the field of play, allegedly coming into contact with Sheffield's head.

After Sheffield picked up the ball, he turned and shoved the fan and had beer spilled on him before throwing the ball into the infield. Sheffield turned toward the fan after the throw, but didn't touch him again. Security came quickly and the confrontation was put down.

As I watched the play evolve on TV, memories of the so-called "Basketbrawl" between the Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons fans crept into my head. Sheffield showed restraint and didn't lose his cool, something that the Pacers forgot to do in their situation.

The investigation into the Sheffield incident has now brought along some penalties for those involved. The fan that hit the Yankee right fielder has lost his season tickets. Another fan that spilled a beer on Sheffield has lost his ability to purchase tickets at Fenway in the 2005 season. As for Sheffield, no penalty has been leveled in his direction as of yet.

If anything good can come out of player/fan altercations, it's that the fans should be taught a valuable lesson: stay where you belong. In baseball, many fans attempt to reach for the ball while it nears the wall. If fans would just stay in their seats when a ball is put in play, no incident would have taken place. The guilty fans from right field would still be allowed at Red Sox games and the world would be a happier place.

While I have some question over the degree to which Sheffield was hit by the fan, the replay does show that the fan made contact with the player. Many analysts say that Sheffield acted on instinct and that shoving the fan was a natural reaction. I disagree with those statements and I think that Sheffield should not have come in contact with the fan at all.

The penalties that Sheffield may receive should be minimal, probably nothing more than a fine. He did keep his cool after he threw the ball in, but he still made an aggressive action toward a fan, even if the fan made an aggressive action toward him first. A fine would show that MLB won't put up with player/fan confrontations.

The Red Sox have done the right thing by taking away the privileges of the fans who acted foolishly. Fan interference, especially when fans make contact with players, shouldn't be tolerated in any way, shape or form. Fans should enjoy the game, cheer on their team and have a good time. If a fan needs to hit a ballplayer to have a good time, a baseball stadium should be the last place they are allowed to enter.

My NFL mock draft top 10, plus one

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

With so many teams at the top looking to trade down, it is pretty hard to predict what will happen in the NFL draft this weekend. Disregarding any trade rumors/possibilities, here's my take at what will happen this weekend in New York.

1. San Francisco 49ers: Alex Smith, QB, Utah

With all the rumors swirling this past week on what Frisco will do with the pick, I am going with Smith. While the Niners might trade the pick or go with Braylon Edwards, I think Smith, and his near genius IQ, is the best bet.

2. Miami Dolphins: Ronnie Brown, RB, Auburn

They need to fill the hole Ricky Williams created last year. While a QB would improve the vertical game, they gave up a second round pick for A.J. Feeley and will need to give him another shot to come into his own.

3. Cleveland Browns: Carnell Williams, RB, Auburn

The starter last year for Auburn goes one pick below his teammate as the Browns surprisingly start with offense, despite the fact that Romeo Crennel wants to beef up that pathetic defense.

4. Chicago Bears: Braylon Edwards, WR, Michigan

The Bears will be ecstatic if Edwards falls to them at the fourth pick. While several teams are rumored to be enamored with this elite prospect, some even calling him

the top talent available, it will take too much to trade up and get him. He will make an impressive duo with Muhsin Muhammed.

5. Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Aaron Rodgers, QB, Cal

John Gruden isn't sold on Chris Simms and needs a quarterback with Brad Johnson having been shooed out the door. While Rodgers' cockiness is scaring some people, he has the talent to be a starting quarterback in the league.

6. Tennessee Titans: Antrelle Rolle, CB, Miami

After losing a lot of talent this year in cap-cutting moves this winter, the Titans begin rebuilding their team with the best corner in the draft.

7. Minnesota Vikings: Mike Williams, WR, USC

The Vikings go from one freak to

another with the pick of this behemoth as he replaces the best WR in the league and instantly becomes Daunte Culpepper's favorite target for the next six years.

8. Arizona Cardinals: Cedric Benson, RB, Texas

Since the Cardinals lost Emmitt Smith to retirement, the team needs to add a running back somehow Saturday. If a proposed trade of L.J. Shelton to Buffalo for Travis Henry never happens, the Cardinals get their man here at the eight spot.



Edwards

9. Washington Redskins: Adam Jones, CB, West Virginia

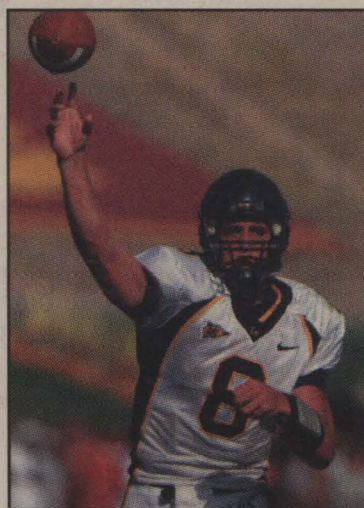
A very small corner that can be used as a returner, the Redskins use this pick to replace Fred Smoot who left the capital for the warm weather in Minnesota. They could be tempted to take a waiver on Carlos Rogers.

10. Detroit Lions: Derrick Johnson, LB, Texas

Even though there have been rumors that the Lions would be tempted to draft a quarterback in the first round, doing so would break Joey Harrington and add many problems to the locker room. With Johnson, the Lions are getting an athletic, quick linebacker and they will easily have the best corps of linebackers within 2-3 years.

24. Green Bay Packers: Erasmus James, DE, Wisconsin

I see the Packers getting another pass rushing specialist and using the pick on someone all Packers fans will know. While the Packers will be drafting a QB this year, no one will warrant the pick here. If safety Thomas Jones from Georgia falls, Packers could take him as well.



Rodgers

This Week in Pointer Athletics

Baseball - Home vs. Ripon (DH) - April 23, noon. Home vs. Marian (DH) - April 24, noon.

Softball - at St. Norbert (DH) - April 21, 3 p.m. Home vs. Lakeland (DH) - April 24, 1 p.m.

Track and Field - at Augustana Meet of Champions (Rock Island, Ill.) - April 23

BASEBALL from page 8

After a weekend of WIAC baseball, the Pointers prepared to encounter six non-conference games in the coming week. The first non-conference foe that UW-SP encountered was Lakeland College.

Game two of the doubleheader offered no record-breaking performances, but did lend another Pointer triumph. Wiczek continued his fine season in game two, going 2-for-5 with a homer,

driving in three. UW-SP took a sweep of the Muskies with an 8-3 win.

On Monday, the Pointers were given little resistance during their doubleheader against Lakeland College as they won both games by the scores of 15-1 and 8-3.

The Pointers improved their record to 23-4 overall and 13-3 in the WIAC. UW-Whitewater has regained the top spot in the conference standings with UW-SP sitting only one game behind.

The Pointers host non-

conference doubleheaders this weekend, as UW-SP will face Ripon College on Saturday and Marian College on Sunday.

In game one of the Monday doubleheader, the Pointers made history in the fifth inning. UW-SP went shopping in the gaps, successfully executing six doubles in one inning. This set a new record in NCAA Division III baseball. In that inning, the Pointers scored nine runs, helping them to a 15-1 win in seven innings

over the Muskies.

"As a coach, I don't become aware of those 'record-setting performances' until after the game has been completed," Bloom said. "Getting six doubles in an inning would be an indication that we did those things well at the plate. Our guys were seeing a lot of first-pitch fastballs early in the game, and I think they finally capitalized on their pitcher's aggressiveness in that fifth inning."

Outdoors

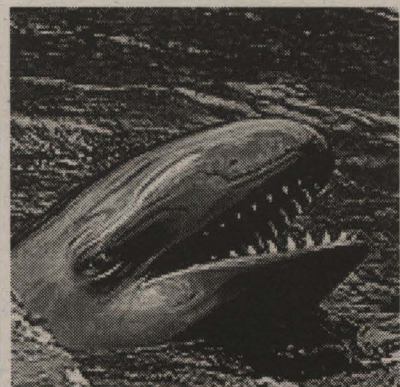
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Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Officials at Sea Life Park in Hawaii were recently pleased to announce that one of their most prized family members has given birth to a happy, healthy baby girl.

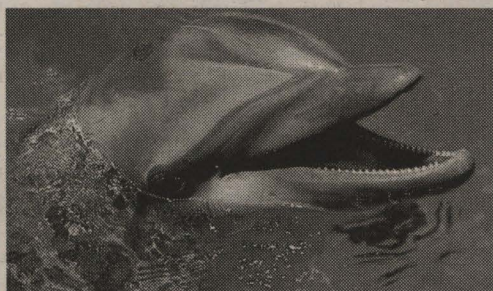
What makes this new arrival so special? Well, for starters, the mother is a wholphin - a half false killer whale, half bottlenose dolphin combination. The 19-year-old, named Kekaimalu, is the only pure wholphin in captivity worldwide.

The baby's suspected father is also a park family member - an 8-foot-long, pure-bred bottlenose named Mikioi.



It's true. I am a false killer whale.

The yet unnamed daughter was born on December 23, roughly 4 months ago, but park officials chose to hold off on announcing the arrival because of management and ownership changes within the park recently. The one-quarter whale, three-quarters dolphin youngster has



You know what they say about whales with unusually large dorsal fins.

a slick combination of bottlenose grey and false killer black skin covering the entirety of her body.

Kekaimalu has given birth twice before but, unfortunately, one died shortly after birth and the other only lived to the age of nine. The new arrival is doing just fine though, and there is no reason to expect that she will face any complications at this point.

Though rare, couplings between whales and dolphins have reportedly occurred in the wild previously. The phenomenon is possible because, though the animals are different species, they are classified in the same scientific family. According to experts, whales and dolphins really aren't that different in terms of taxonomy.

Size, however, is the one area where these two species tend to distinguish themselves.

Kekaimalu is reportedly the product of a coupling that occurred nearly two decades ago between two animals that later appeared in Adam Sandler's movie "50 First Dates" - a 14-foot, 2,000 pound false killer whale and a 6-foot, 400 pound bottlenose dolphin.

Don't ask.

People asked to report sightings of specially marked ducks

DNR Press Release

MADISON - Waterfowl researchers and wildlife biologists are asking the public's help in reporting sightings of specially marked ducks, known as either lesser scaup or bluebills. People can report sightings including the location, color of the marker and any letters visible on the marker by calling 1-888-MINNDNR (1-888-646-6367).

The birds are marked with colored "nasal saddles" over their upper bills. The saddles were applied to birds captured on pool 19 of the Mississippi River near Keokuk, Iowa. Several colors are being used. A close-up photograph of a scaup with a blue saddle is available on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Web site.

"Scaup migrate through Wisconsin on their way to more northern breeding areas and are a popular gamebird," said Kent Van Horn, DNR waterfowl biologist. "Over the last 25 years or so we've noticed a steady decline in the breeding population and we're wondering why?"

"Locally, there's been a shift in their migration routes in response to changing food and habitat conditions," says Van Horn, "and biologists have observed some die-offs on the Mississippi River and in the Milwaukee area from parasite infestations, but these events don't explain the decreasing continental breeding population."

As for a possible cause of the decline, Van Horn says that is what this research effort is attempting to uncover. Previous research done at Louisiana State University suggests that scaup were losing weight when they migrated across the upper Midwest, arriving on their Manitoba, Canada nesting grounds in poor condition.

"This could mean that when they arrive on the breeding ground they would not be in good enough condition to nest successfully," says Van Horn. "The cause of the decrease in body weight is unknown but may be the result of poor habitat or contaminant issues along the migration route. That's something we're trying to understand."

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Uecker helps strike out Wisconsin wildfires

DNR Press Release

MADISON -- What does baseball have in common with Wisconsin's spring fire season? This spring it will be Bob Uecker - commonly known as "Mr. Baseball" on the Milwaukee Brewers Radio Network - who will be helping the state Department of Natural Resources alert people to the main causes of spring wildfires in the state.

Uecker will be featured in radio announcements that will air during Brewer games that address how people can help prevent wildfires while doing spring clean-up activities and properly handling campfires while enjoying the outdoors.

"This is a wonderful campaign for the people of Wisconsin," says Paul DeLong, Wisconsin Chief Forester.

"It incorporates several messages related to the importance of protecting people and land from human caused wildfires."

The main goals of the campaign are to reduce the number of fires caused by people burning debris burning or using fires recreationally in fire-prone areas.

Three separate ads will make up the campaign. Federal funding under the National Fire Plan for Hazard Mitigation is paying for the ad campaign.

The Brewers Radio Network has statewide coverage with 36 affiliate stations, many in areas of the state with a greater potential for forested and grassland fires. Wisconsin's typical fire season begins in early spring just after the snow cover disappears and the vegetation is dry and the humidity is low, and runs through early June.

Weekend Weather Outlook:

Friday: Chance of showers.

High: 52

Low: 25



Saturday: Partly cloudy.

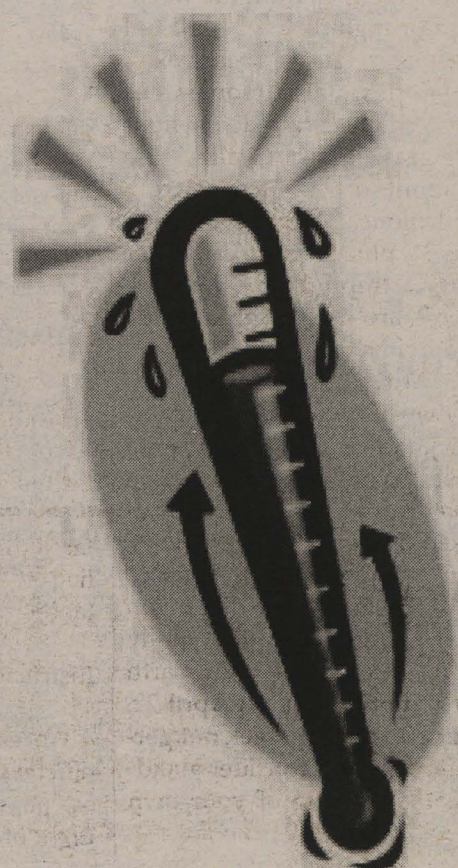
High: 48

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Sunday: Partly cloudy.

High: 58

Low: 32



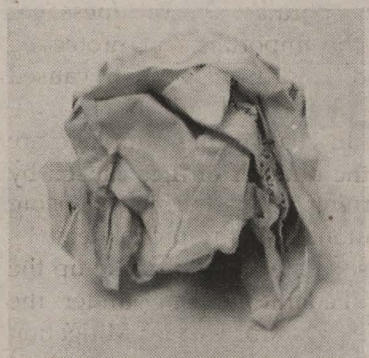
A time to show respect

Celebrating our planet starts right here on the UW-SP campus

Stephanie Daly
OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

Where can a person find a Miller Lite bottle, half a McDonald's cheeseburger, a plate from Debot, and a student ID card?

Most likely, almost anywhere on campus - and if you're real lucky, the Miller Lite bottle will be shattered into tiny bits of brown glass, accompanied by four neighboring beer cans. For any student grounds crew worker, if there weren't flowers to be planted, leaves to be raked, grass in need of mowing, or weeds to kill, trash pickup could be an every day occurrence.



As a student grounds worker for almost two years, I find it not only disgusting, but also disappointing, coming from a university that is well-known for its natural resource programs. Almost like clock-work, every Monday and Friday morning the student workers are greeted at the Baldwin circle with a drunken mess from the weekend or night before. Half-full beer cans, crushed beer boxes, cigarettes, and sometimes busted dorm windows litter the grass and sidewalks. The amount of garbage is truly ridiculous. And why? There are 34, plus garbage cans scattered throughout campus. Three are located around the Baldwin circle.

Are students not aware of the mass amount of littering that occurs? If this is the case, I could easily set up a few hours of trash pickup, all included with trash pinchers, gloves, and enough bags to last for an entire day. I'm not asking anyone to literally collect trash, but with Earth Day approaching on April 22, make an effort to seek out garbage cans and consider avoiding the creation of your own trash.

Amazing Alaskan adventure, cont...

Part II of this incredible expedition into America's last true wilderness

Hilary Bulger
OUTDOORS REPORTER



June 14 - 5.5 miles - We went up about three billion feet into the Talkeetnas. We got to see our first caribou. It was a young female, we decided. We also saw some moose, two golden eagles, and some plover. Anyway, it was our longest day so far, but everyone held up well...

~ Sam

June 15 - Layover Day - I'm looking at a mountain waterfall and the only word that comes to mind is Narnia. Narnia is a place that looks magical... A little piece of heaven.

~ Matt

June 16 - 5.5 miles - Today was a day of mystery and an abundance of fantasmagoria. The Alaskan bird trotted mere steps from us. In the end we all went swimming. Note: The fauna was stupendous.

~ Evan

June 17 - 7.5 miles - When we got to the Oshetna river valley we saw scattered caribou. We sat to watch and the more we looked, the more we saw. There must have been 1,000 caribou here. A group of 100 to 200 of them circled around us - some with huge antlers, others with small baby caribou - too cool.

~ Brian

June 18 - 6.5 miles - Today we went to Nowhere. And it was very beautiful.

~ Sarah

June 19 - 4 miles - We finally changed views from Oshetna and Nowhere Land; we moved to the place that Craig's always wanted to be since he was born, the mystical "Black River Valley." ...We needed a landing site, an airstrip. Craig found the site and rushed everyone to get hands on duty. We were filling all the possible ditches and uneven terrain under the Alaskan burning sun. Our food bags served as shovels carrying tons of rocks collected by our bare hands for more than three hours. ... "What a project," to finally see the "International Black River Airport" [Our group hiked farther than groups in recent years, and the pilot had not landed there in so long we had to "build" him a place to land].

~ Yan [Backpacking Instructor]

June 20 - Layover Day - We earned our way to an official layover day - no classes, no mandatory hikes, etc. Eight of us chose to hike eight

miles round trip to some lakes or a refreshing swim; five of us lounged around under the suntarp (it was another hot one) reading, baking, talking, and napping; and one of us watched birds through 'binos.

~ Kristi [Backpacking Instructor]

June 21 - Summer Solstice - [For three days, we hiked in small groups with instructors, so the mileages were different, my group did 16.5 miles.] We hiked about seven miles, about a mile and a half of which we were walking through marshy fields infested with mosquitoes. We finally had to bust out the head nets. They were pretty obnoxious.

~ Leah

June 22 - Once upon a time there was a group of people hiking with heavy packs. These people wanted to get over a hill, but to get down or up the hill they had to hike through lots of thick brush for about a mile and a half. Short story, these people got to the Oshetna River and set up camp. Then we slept. The good thing is that we got to Camp at 4 p.m. because we started hiking at 6 a.m. We are happy!

~ Allison

June 23 - We were entertained during a break by an aerial display - a gray jay chasing down a smaller bird, finally nailing it and heading off with it - lunch for little ones, no doubt. Our reunion took place at the head of Landslide Creek, where a lake provided a great swimming hole and a needed bath.

~ Craig [Semester Proctor]

June 24 - Layover Day - It was a very happy day today! No hiking, I ate p'corn, chocolate, and I saw a fox and a baby tundra rat [a nickname for tundra ground squirrels developed by Sam]. ... Tracy is snoring right [now]. Maybe I'll stick a wasabi pea up her nose. Mhuahaha... But we haven't learned how to deal with that sort of injury yet.

~ Hilary

June 25 - 6.5 miles - Yes, yes I got my first Yahtzee today. ... Saw lots of caribou, and Sam just spotted a bunch of sheep on the side of the mountain and eagerly awaits to see one fall. ... A pretty low-key day, had a meeting

informing everyone assignments are due in 40 hours, counting down.

~ Tracy

June 26 - 7 miles - 'Twas a beautiful day in the neighborhood. A good, long hike brought us to our last site before independent student travel. One more week and the hiking section is complete. Team SAK2 [our course number] had a romping good time at a late, instructorless meeting. Maybe it's the sun seeping into our every move, making us light-humored. We were all kooky and loopy and somehow on top of things. ... The I-team [the instructors] saw (drumroll please) a grizzly bear!!! It was a female with all sorts of browns in her coat.

~ Elsie

June 27 - Layover Day - Mike [the pilot] brought us ice cream! It was absolutely amazing! We also planned our routes for the student-led expeditions, which start tomorrow. ... This section has passed so quickly and I know I've already learned so much - about Alaska, myself, and all of you...

~ Ashley



June 28 - [For six days, we hiked in small groups without instructors, so the mileages were different; my group did 27 miles.] - Some of the time we spent chasing tundra rats. We weren't able to capture any, but we have learned a lot about their behavior. The day of reckoning will come soon! ... Hiking at night is awesome. We got to the top of the 1200 foot peak and could look out over Horsepasture and had a cliffside photo session.

~ Sam

June 29 - midnight- Still hiking. We've reached the elephant graveyard. Rocks jut from everywhere. ... The darkest night we've seen reveals a 200-foot canyon that is Bubb Creek. ... Smoke lingers tonight. [There was smoke in the air for about a week due to forest fires.] Valleys of fog and thick vegetation. Everything looks like a grizz.

~ Matt

June 30 - Soft boiled days equal soupy nights. Like

today. Began with smoke flattened steel cakes and grammar class. Tricky hills and expert navigating led us to Placer. Doug [Peak] has yet to be seen unfortunately. ... We see the pass, but underestimated the day. Sam saw wolves and I nearly vomited. Two dead tundra rats sighted.

~ Evan

July 1 - Lazy. That's the word of the day! We slept till 11 a.m., feasted all day, hiked an amazing quarter mile up a nearby hill for dinner. A world record was broken - we played the name game for five hours! Doug Peak remains unclimbed - too much smoke and fog to even see it.

~ Brian

July 2 - Almost perfected Mickey Mouse pancakes. ... Back on ATV trails, sucks knowing we're heading closer to town/civilization. ... Matt and Sam went therma-rest floating, saw a black bear track, Tracy's feet hurt, Brian only ate one bowl of couscous for dinner - he's possibly sick.

~ Tracy

July 3 - Tomorrow at 7 a.m. we get picked up and our hiking section is over. Crazy. Today was really hard for me. ... We passed where the instructors were camped because of the fog and ended up doing like four or five extra miles. People were not communicating well and I was really hurting today for the first time.

~ Hilary

July 4 - Four miles to the road where we got picked up, then at the farm, NOLS Alaska Headquarters.

Hil's bday - 21st!

~ Elsie

July 5 - At the farm. So our strange nation has been celebrated once more with fireworks that are somehow still cool even though no darkness sets a backdrop to their sparks. The farm rocks on, donkey hee-hawing til the break of dawn. ... Seeing Yan and Kristi blissfully reunited with their sweethearts is good stuff. It's nice to leave them looking happy.

~ Elsie

Eleven students, three instructors, 27 days, 114 miles, no showers, one amazing time, and two sections left...



Arts & Review

Original, athletic dance takes the stage at UW-SP

Carmen Speich

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Danstage, the annual spring dance program concert is hitting the mainstage in just two short weeks. Here, pieces choreographed by faculty, guests, and selected students will be performed in front of hundreds of adoring fans each night. It looks so glamorous, and so effortlessly easy. But don't be fooled. Dance is a highly competitive and difficult art form, which has been compared in difficulty to professional football. Can this be true? To find out, we'll catch up with four UW-SP dancers, to find out if dance really is as hard as a sport, and we'll examine the role that sports have played in the making of these dance majors.

Sophomore Gerald Avery participated in many sports in high school, including wrestling, football, baseball and

basketball. Although at first he never considered college as an option, after hearing about the dance program here at UW-SP he decided to try out, and was accepted. The very first dance class Avery ever attended was as a freshman dance major. He attributes his dance to his background in competitive sports, which has kept him in shape.

Senior Sarah Seifert started tap dancing in kindergarten, and hasn't stopped dancing since. Up until junior high, she was active in baseball, swimming, basketball, softball and tennis, later deciding to focus solely on dance. One might think that her extensive athletic background has influenced her dance, but on the contrary, dance has consistently influenced her sports. The keen body awareness that she has developed has helped her

avoid injuries. And although Siefert wishes that she could have done more swimming, she has no regrets. "Dance is a constant in my life when everything else is going crazy. I'll never stop."

Marika Loftman-Davis didn't always have her heart set on dance. Her interest evolved from figure skating, a sport that she started at the ripe age of four. Loftman-Davis has trained with Olympic gold medalists in the areas of synchronized, team and solo skating. During the summer she would train intensively, five days a week 12 hours a day. Included in that training were ballet and jazz classes in a studio above the ice rink. During her last year in high school Loftman-Davis developed a greater passion for the art of dance and began her new life in the dance world. Her back-

ground in figure skating has proven to be quite the advantage, considering her late start. Her training has given her the concept of rhythm, jumps, fluidity, and rotation, all of which are common movement concepts in dance.

When asked to compare dance to sports, Loftman-Davis contends that dance is much harder and more complex than her past athletics. "The approach used to reach a particular movement in dance requires a keen awareness of the entire body at all times. The other areas such as focus, articulation, memory, endurance, and the ability to learn movement phrases in a short amount of time sets dance apart from other sports."

Kim Pieronek also attributes her successful dance career to past athletics, and the keen body awareness learned through dance has lent itself to opening up opportunities. "At the beginning of my second year as a dance major I ended up spraining my ankle and spending a lot of time in the athletic training facility. I loved learning about injury

and injury prevention in athletes, particularly professional dancers. I am now a double major in dance and athletic training, hoping to work as a trainer for a major dance company when I graduate!"

Pieronek contributes her overall success to the teachings of dance. "Dance has taught me motivation, determination and commitment. Dance is a discipline and requires a lot of physical and mental hard work, especially at the collegiate level. These qualities have helped me not only in sports, but also academics." Pieronek's background of gymnastics and soccer is also working in her favor in college. "Working in UW-SP's Athletic Training Facility, I work with athletes every day. Dance and sports athletes put their bodies under the same stresses and they both suffer the same types of injuries."

But wait: Just how hard is dancing? According to Pieronek, it's harder than it looks. "Dancers must have the ability to jump as high as hurdlers, the balance and flexibility of gymnasts, the

see Dance, pg. 13

Check it out: Right now in the Noel Fine Arts Center courtyard

Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR



Photo by Susan Morrison

Above is a sample of the work on display in a walk-through mural in the courtyard of the Noel Fine Arts Center, created by 41 students in Susan Morrison's Art 104 class. The brightly designed pieces are actually strung through and across the courtyard, creating a dramatic visual experience. The work shows how unity and beauty comes from collaboration.

Another event coming soon to the Noel Fine Arts Center is the Foundations Show, which will be in the Agnes Jones Gallery, CPS, April 25-May 15. An opening is scheduled for Monday, April 25th, 3-5 p.m. with food and music. All are welcome! The art department would like to thank DigiCOPY for their generous support of this event.

Seussical delighted audiences with liveliness, music and dance

Amanda Telischak

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Seussical the Musical was a treat for eyes and ears. The lighthearted play enchanted audiences of all ages with memories of Dr. Seuss stories. The musical was impressive for not only its brilliant acting, but also for its breathtaking scenery and colorful lighting.

Directed by Ken Risch, the play is a collaboration of many favorite Dr. Seuss stories, including characters such as the Whos from Whoville, in their costumes made entirely of pink fabric, The Cat in the Hat, Thing One and Thing Two and many other brightly decorated characters!

There was an abundance of energy on stage, upon whose effects were heightened by the amazing set pieces, all of which were re-created precisely to match the lands in the Dr. Seuss books. The most impressive piece of scenery was the multi-level rotating platform in the center of the stage, complete with stairs which the characters walked up and down as it moved! Lights of purple, blue, green, red and pink also added a great deal of magic to the show. With the abundance and excitement of the many lights, lighting designer Tristan Christ was able to create a magical world of make-believe.

Justice would not be given to this show if the characters themselves were not discussed. The show, in fact, exhibited the highest caliber singing and acting. The voices of the characters were perfectly harmonized, and captivated listeners. The show had a perfect balance of large colorful numbers, as well as some softer, more intimate ones. The opening number, "Oh The Things You Can Think," led by The Cat in the Hat, was so alive with color and movement, at times one didn't know where to look! Horton the Elephant, played by Derrick Gaetke, impressed audiences with his beautiful voice and left audience members breathless after his beautiful duet with Jo Jo Who, played by Clark Ausloos.

Mischievous and funny, Dave Schoonover, who played the Cat in the Hat, embodied his character very well! His tall and thin stature, along with many of his ridiculous movements, such as over-exagger-

ated tiptoeing steps, made him fit the part perfectly! He did an excellent job of getting the audiences' attention and making everyone laugh. Thing One and Thing Two are always a crowd favorite with their silly and childlike manners. Ashley Schmitt and Dan Gutierrez were perfectly cast as these characters, as they reflected their fun-loving and happy personalities. Kelly Krekelberg was adorable as the one-feathered Gertrude McFuzz, and Courtney Jones was magnificent as Mayzie LaBird, whose costume was so beautifully decorated it no doubt was an audience favorite.

The entire cast of characters, too many to list, did a sensational job! The dedication and long hours put in by everyone involved with the show were well worth it, as *Suessical the Musical* will no doubt live in the hearts of those who experienced it for years to come.

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Comics come to gory life: *Sin City*

Blair Nelson

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Sin City

Directed by Frank Miller and Robert Rodriguez
Starring Bruce Willis, Jessica Alba and Clive Owen

A young girl stands transfixed on a rain-swept pier with a gun aimed at her head. Detective Hartigan, (Willis) one of four narrators, marked with a distinguished cross-shaped scar on his forehead and troubled heart, is trying to save her from the rapist and murderer who wants to end her life, a man named Rourke Junior. He brutally puts a final bullet in Rourke's groin, perhaps as punishment, or maybe just as full vengeance. Welcome to the extreme, sensationalized world of Frank

Miller's *Sin City*, in which eight-year-old Nancy is the only real semblance of an angel.

The film is the product of director Robert Rodriguez (*Spy Kids* films and *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*) and accomplished writer/director Frank Miller, based on his popular graphic novels. (Quentin Tarantino is also a "guest director.") This blistering new film holds absolutely nothing back; the violence comes in massive bombardments and squeamish detail - you must have a good stomach to view most of the movie - ranking up there as one of the top violent film ever made, save maybe for *Passion of the Christ* or Brass's *Caligula*. The blood comes in

white, red and even yellow, and the red bleeds through the black and white vividly - it gushes as frequently as heads are decapitated and bodies mutilated. Only in this creation can Jackie Boy, looking like a psychotic Eric Draven from *The Crow*, have the barrel of a gun impaled in his forehead and still be alive and talking. Only in this world can a man hang from the teeth of a statuesque T-Rex. Later his pursuer, Dwight, ends up in an uncanny resemblance of the La Brea tar pits with Irish assassins determined to kill him. And only in this world are the dead not really dead.

If you can surmise the lavish and relentless violence, there is a great deal to love about *Sin City*. The characters' dialogues are amazing, often humorous, and very clever. The cast is well chosen - Clive Owen and Mickey Rourke's performances are the standouts - and many of them will surprise you, such as the character Kevin, played by Elijah Wood. Kevin looks

clockwork to the same character in the graphic novel, and similarly, Marv's story is practically identical to the original story. The women performers are just as good: the female hookers and vigilantes of Old Town, wearing enticing outlandish outfits, are as cold-blooded and dangerous as the men, especially Gail, (Rosario Dawson) who can both delight you and then take a chunk of flesh from your neck.

Frank Miller is known for the "look" of his material, for instance his work on *Batman*, and he delivers it here in film noir flare. It works perfectly and it gives the film tremendous strength and stout heart. It's nice to see artists still employing a technique that seems a dying breed. Finally, the best part about *Sin City* is that for the first time in cinematic history, a 100 percent faithful comic book adaptation has been made, and you can emotionally feel the pages coming to life. Miller and Rodriguez should be proud of such an accomplished feat.

Coming Soon: Original plays by local authors

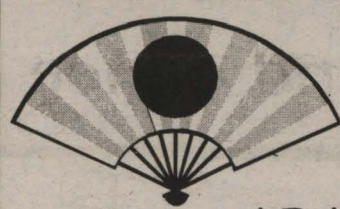
Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

The 2nd annual Central Wisconsin Playwright's Showcase will present five short plays full of laughs and drama by local authors on April 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Laird Room of the University Center. *Killinger Anders*, by poet Mark Rozmarynowski, will start the show, followed by former UW-Marshfield professor Robin Roberts' comic *The Get*. Next will be UW-SP's Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Arthur Herman's drama *Vacancy*, and last but not least will be UW-SP circulation librarian Andrew Pech's two works, *Disturbed*, a comedy, and *Kitchen Table*, a drama about coping with death. Tickets are available at the door or at the UW-SP Box Office, and are \$6.

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Dance

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cardiovascular endurance of a runner and still have to have enough muscular control to do all this with grace and without showing any effort in their faces! Dancers aren't allowed to grunt when their muscles become fatigued! Dancers make what they do look easy. It's this illusion that makes dance art."

"If it's as hard as people say it is, why do people do it?"

So, in summary, why is dance still not considered a real physical activity, such as competitive sports? According to Pieronek, "Dance is just as mentally and physically demanding as any sport. Dance isn't an activity; it's a way of life. The average public sees dancers as people with superhuman flexibility and strength. When people come to see a dance performance, they see the glamour of dance. They see men and women covered in make-up, with the hair perfectly secured and covered from head to toe in beautiful costumes. Part of a dancer's training is making every

movement seem effortless and enjoyable, thus that's what people believe dance is."

If it's as hard as they say it is, why do people do it? For Pieronek, "the most rewarding things are the smiles on the audiences' faces after a show. It's the little girl telling her mom how she is going to be a dancer when she gets older. It's the 85 year old woman that is reminded of her dancing career, and it is living the dreams of those people who never had the chance to dance! If I could do it over, I wouldn't change a thing. Dance has helped me define the person I have become. Every day I dance, I work a little harder than the day before. Dance has been part of my life since I was three and I will continue to dance for the rest of my life."

So the next time you see some burly football players crash into each other on the field, just remember that athletics and dance have more in common than what meets the eye.

Danstage is May 6-8 and 12-14. Tickets are available at the Box Office, and are \$3 with student ID.

Poets!

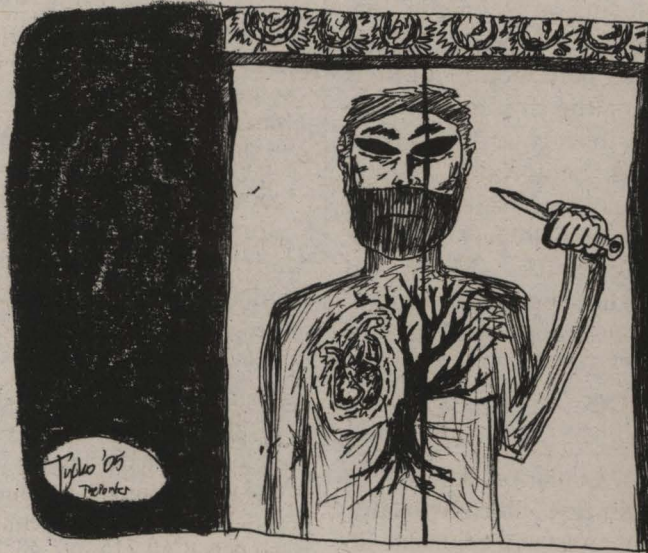
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I DON'T MIND...

THE CAUSEWAY AUTHORITY
THE AMAZING-TRUE LIFE OF ADAM MELLA

... BUT I'VE
GOT WAY
MORE
CHEST-HAIR
ON THE
LEFT SIDE
OF MY
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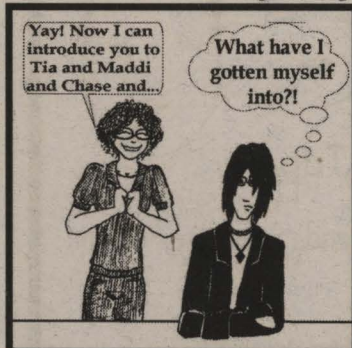
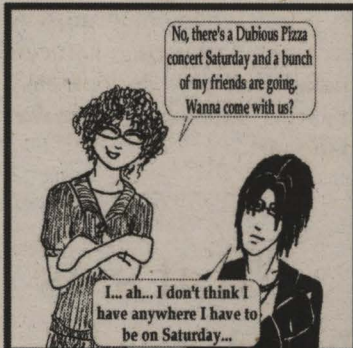
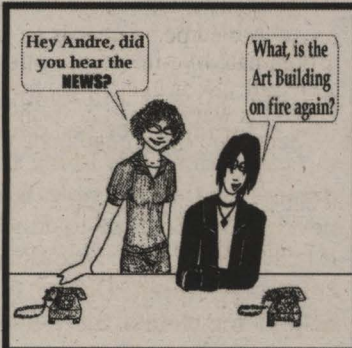


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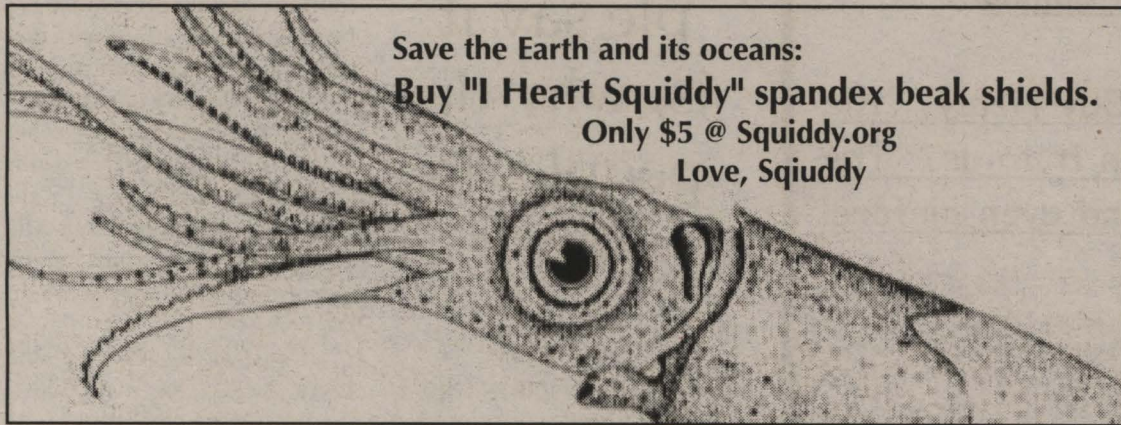
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Tetris

Resident's Evil

By: Joy

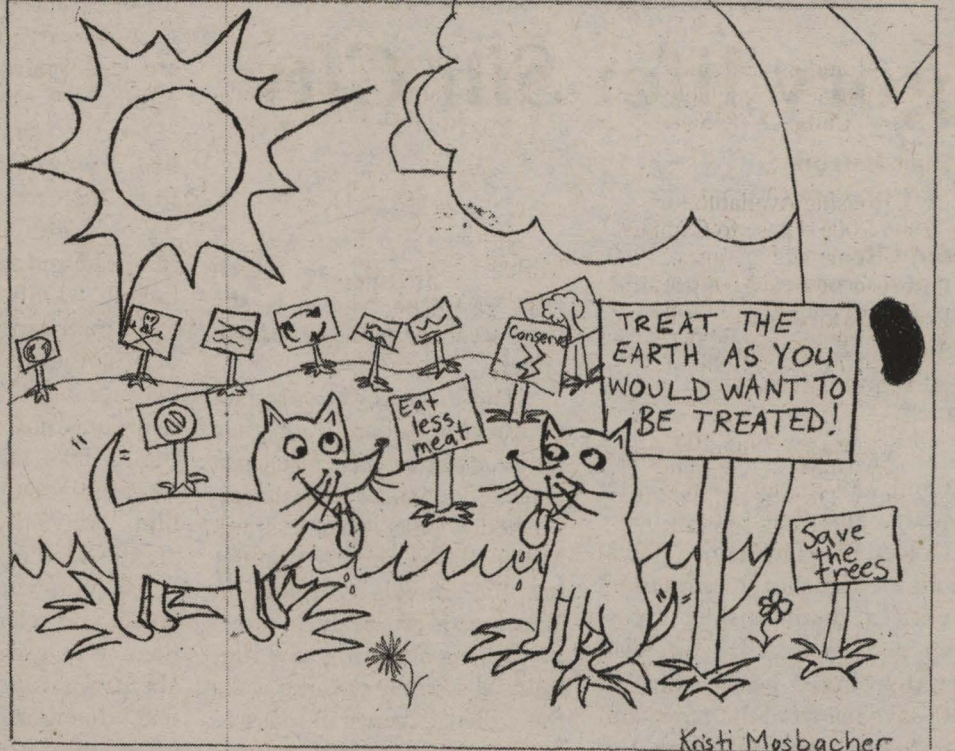


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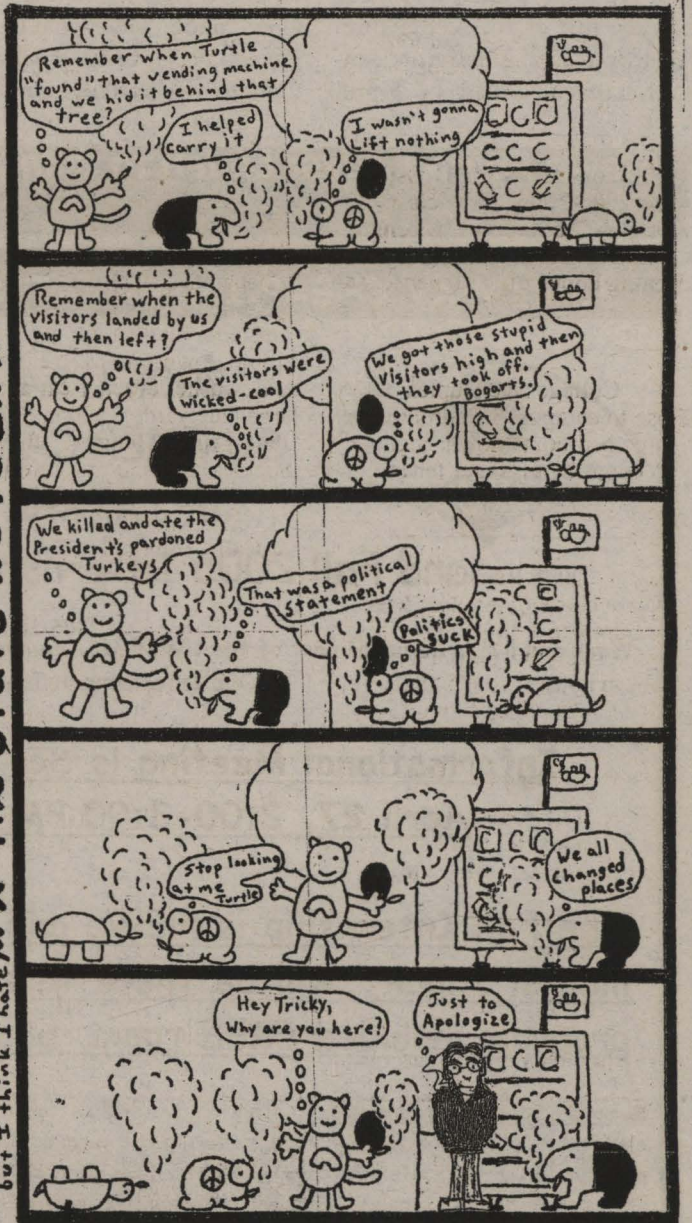
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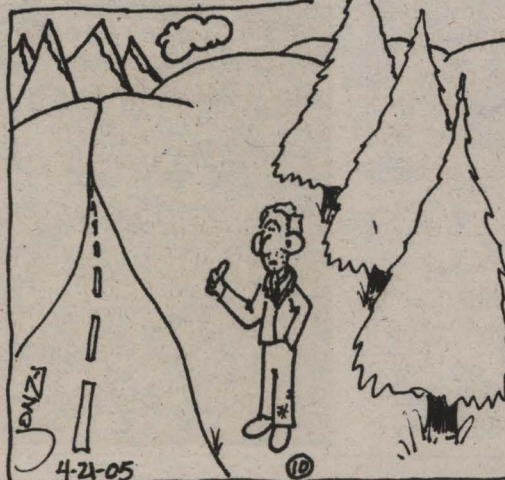
Kisti Mosbacher

COOKARACHA: So, does this mean I can stab signs into you, Enchi?

I don't know you, but I think I hate you ★ The State We're In ★ R. Anderson



the Old Man
theoldman@email.com



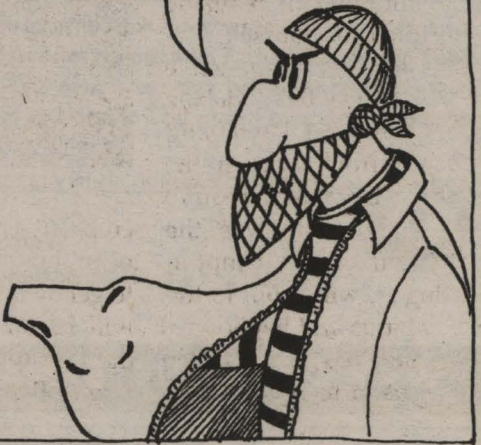
WHILE HITCH-HIKING BACK TO THE OLD MAN'S MOUNTAIN TO RETRIEVE HIS BELOVED SILVER SPOON, W IS ACCOSTED BY A MASKED MAN...



YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
I'M THE PRESIDENT!



Well, then... GIVE ME ALL MY MONEY!



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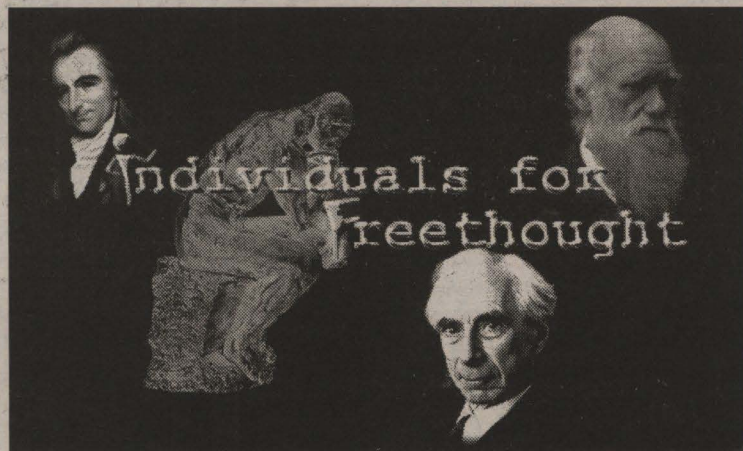
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from **Freethought**, page 6

traditions seem antiquated?
Are authority figures making
decisions that seem to have
no real merit for the lives of
people today? Then the SFF
may be the organization to
turn to for help in realizing
how to think for yourself.

The SFF is responsible
for the highly intense debate
between Dr. Peter Payne and
Dan Barker from earlier in the
semester: "Do ethics require
God?" The debate was the
organization's first attempt at
spreading its wings out to the
rest of campus and beyond.

The SFF is still a toddler
in comparison to many other



clubs (it is just one semester
old); they have not yet begun
to get their feet wet. Soon they
will be raising awareness for
the fast approaching National
Day of Reason. Created to cel-

ebate reason, this day is a
response to the National Day
of Prayer, a federally-funded
breach of the constitution.

Celebrated on May 5, the
National Day of Reason aims

to raise awareness about the
religious liberties that can be
squashed when government
begins to intrude on people's
private worship. Although
no plans for National Day of
Reason are set in stone, the
SFF is looking toward getting
a band to come and play to
generate awareness.

Although the faculty advi-
sor is professor James Sage
from the philosophy depart-
ment, membership is not lim-
ited to philosophy-minded
people alone. Psychology and
English majors help to com-
pose the officers of the club.
Even though the Student
Government Association has
yet to recognize them for post-

ing on Student Message of the
Day, SFF hopes that their exis-
tence does get around.

"It's not just limited to
secular people," Vice President
Matt Florence emphasized,
"Free thought is very open."
Meetings are non-mandatory
and most often take place on
Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m.
in the basement Brewhaus.
Interested individuals can
look forward to meeting this
Thursday.

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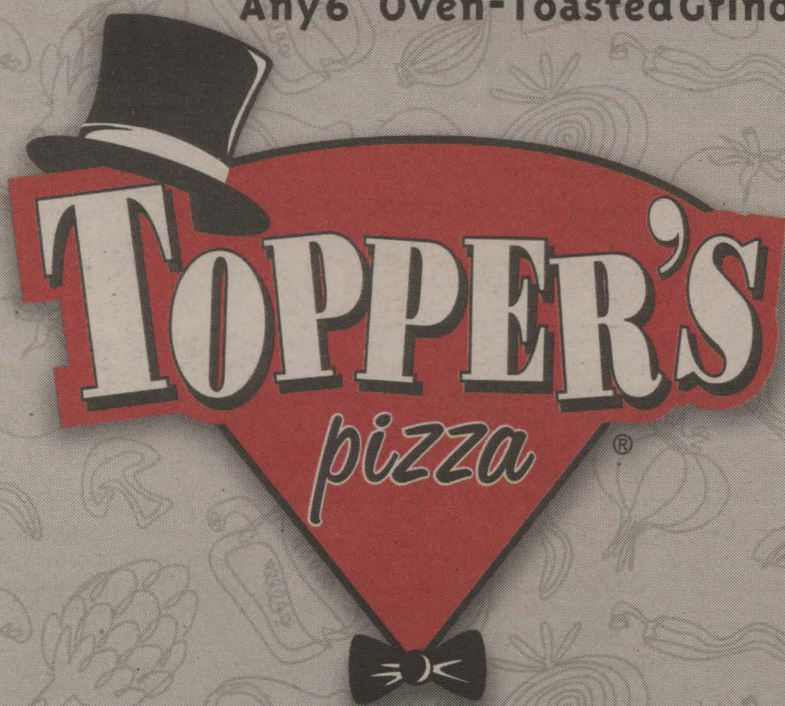
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