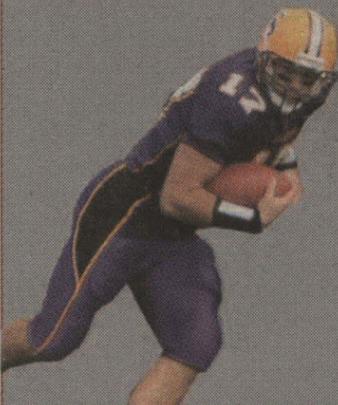


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**Parking ordinance changes, students effected**

By Adam Wise  
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A local city ordinance has changed that has the chance of significantly effecting UW-SP students.

The Stevens Point City Council voted on Sept. 19 to change several facets of the city's parking ordinance.

Among the amendments that were initiated was an increase in all parking citations and a change to the city's overnight parking ordinance.

Previously, cars could park on city streets for up to a half hour between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. Now, no vehicle will be allowed to park on city streets between those hours without permission from the Stevens Point Police Department.

Chris Robinson, the fifth

district alderperson for the city and recent graduate of UW-SP, believes these changes were meant to target the student body.

"I think this is a direct assault on college students," he said.

Robinson offered an example that would have worked under the previous overnight parking ordinance, but now is no longer legal.

He said that if a person offered to be a designated driver for other intoxicated friends, once the driver returned the passengers to their places of residence, parked on the side of the road and helped them to their houses, the driver would now be subject to a citation. Before, they would have had 30 minutes of lee-way time.

Jerry Moore, the 11th dis-

trict alderperson for the city, disagreed with



Photos by: Bob Gross

Robinson's opinion on the reasons for this change.

"This is not aimed at the students," Moore said. "I supported it because we have a lot of parking problems downtown. A lot of people were parking in one place. Instead of moving their vehicle, they were just accepting their ticket because it was such a cheap price."

Moore said in a lot of areas parking tickets were only \$4 which some students would willingly accept instead of paying to park in reserved parking lots.

"Unfortunately we can-

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**Super heroes and super villains invade Stevens Point**

By Adam Eader  
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Every year around Homecoming Stevens Point flourishes with spirit and masses of people and 2005 was no different.

This year's Homecoming parade took place Saturday with the theme being "Super Heroes and Super Villians."

It was a perfect autumn day with temperatures in the 50s and 60s and few cumulus clouds surrounded by a brilliant blue sky.

Packed with over 30 creatively decorated floats and the UW-SP alumni marching band, the Homecoming parade made its presence known as it rallied through the streets of Stevens Point.

2005 Homecoming Chair Elizabeth Ford was pleased with the results.

"(I) really liked all the organization's floats.

I had a lot of feedback on the Spiderman float from the community. Many of the kids liked that one," she said. "The Alumni Marching Band even did their own special song for the judges. I thought they were a crowd pleaser and really sparked the excitement for what Homecoming is all about."

Parade connoisseur and UW-SP sophomore Tina Schuett loved the Scooby Doo float.

"It reminded me of watching the Scooby Doo cartoon on television when I was younger," she said.

Schuett also enjoyed the festivities offered at the Old Main building.

"There was music, games for kids and food," she said. "I think most people from the parade went to Old Main afterwards."

Ford believes the parade still has room for improvement.

"More floats and help from the community would make the parade more of a success," she said. "This parade is not just for the students or for our campus. Many people around the community come to view it. I hope for more participation from the community in the future."

Ford said her most memorable moment of the parade was while watching from atop the Berg Gymnasium.

"It was a good but weird feeling knowing that something you dedicated so much time to was over. I think seeing an event like that run so smoothly and knowing you helped make it happen was the most memorable feeling I have."



Photo by Bob Gross

A super hero hands out candy at the Homecoming parade.

**Regents president denies employment of felons**

By Brandi Pettit  
 NEWS REPORTER

During the past several months, newspapers throughout the country have reported that the UW system has kept incarcerated Professors on the payroll.

According to Regents President David Walsh, this isn't true.

"There are no professors behind bars and still on the payroll," he said just hours before attending a meeting intended to "speed up the termination process" for faculty who are convicted of felonies.

Legislators have called for an audit and have asked the UW system for specific information regarding how many employees have been convicted of a felony. At press time, no answer to this has been made public.

But Robert Coronado, Steven Clark, and Lewis Keith Cohen are all UW- Madison professors who were convicted of felonies. All three remained on the UW payroll after their convictions.

Robert Coronado was convicted of child molestation after sexually abusing three small girls. But according to the school, Coronado was

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# ABC reporter to speak on campus

**Press Release**  
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

A television journalist known for his ability to explain complex news in a clear, compelling and entertaining style is coming to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as part of the 2005-06 Series of Signature Events that mark the opening of the Noel Fine Arts Center.

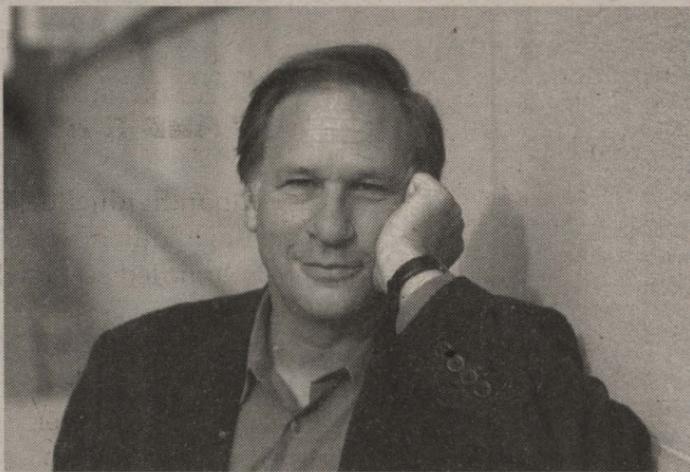
"An Evening with Robert Krulwich" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the center's Michelsen Hall, sponsored by the Division of Communication, the KB and Lucille Willett Fund and the Great Artists Great Speakers Fund. The presentation is free and open to the public.

A special correspondent for ABC News and a frequent contributor to PBS and National Public Radio (NPR), Krulwich will give the address, "Why Things Are the Way They Are," as the first of two Division of Communication speakers this month. In addition, he will discuss his work with communication students while on campus.

Krulwich reports regularly for "Nightline," "ABC World News Tonight," "Primetime" and "Good

Morning America." He also serves as host of "NOVA scienceNOW" on PBS and can be heard on the NPR programs "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered."

He is a correspondent for the PBS investigative series, "Frontline," for which he won a Dupont Award for his coverage of campaign finance in the 1992 presidential campaign, a national Emmy for his investigation of privacy on the Internet and a George Polk Award for an investigation on the savings and loan



scandal. His other awards include four Gainsbrugh Awards from the Economics Broadcasting Association, a Champion Award from the Amos Tuck Business School and PBS's spe-

cial award for programming excellence. His ABC special on Barbie, a cultural history of the world famous doll, also won a national Emmy.

Before joining ABC in 1994, Krulwich appeared regularly on "CBS This Morning," "48 Hours" and "CBS Nightwatch with Charlie Rose." During the first Gulf War, he co-anchored the CBS program "America Tonight" and from 1978 to 1988 he was a business and economics correspondent for NPR. Prior to that he was the Washington bureau chief for Rolling Stone magazine and covered the Watergate hearings for Pacifica Radio.

Krulwich has been called "the most inventive network reporter in television" by TV Guide magazine, "the man who makes the dismal science swing," by the Washington Journalism Review and "the man who simplifies without being simple" by New York Magazine.

Krulwich received a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and a juris doctorate from Columbia Law School. He and his wife, Tamar Lewin, a national reporter for the New York Times, have two children.

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never on paid leave after his conviction. Rather, he was "required to exhaust previously accrued vacation."

Wisconsin Representative Louis Molepske doesn't buy it.

"It's appropriate that (the legislation) has asked for an audit. The taxpayers should expect that if someone is in prison, they should not be collecting a salary."

Paying criminals is only part of the problem. Legislators can appropriate state funding for universities, but it's difficult for them to dictate how those dollars are spent.

Since the early '90s, audits have revealed the UW system offering fewer courses and faculty carrying lighter course loads than it claimed, another showed that the system claimed less administrators than it truly had, and also revealed \$700 a month car stipends for university administrators.

This has fueled the strain between the Legislature and the UW system recently.

"We haven't been able to accomplish a constructive dialogue," Walsh said. "I hope that changes soon."

Adding to the tension is the constant budget constraints. University leaders have raised tuition over 50 percent in the past five years to offset reductions in state spending.

The problem, according to former university lobbyist David Olien, is that since 2003, Governor Doyle has been able to replace half the Board of Regents with fresh blood.

In 2002, when the Legislature proposed budget cuts, the old regents reacted strongly by suspending undergrad admissions. In 2003, when the governor proposed even deeper cuts, the new Board made no such move to protect the budget.

The newer members of the Board "don't understand that their role is not to protect the Governor, it was to protect the students," Olien said.

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make an ordinance that covers the downtown area and not the university campus," Moore said. "Hopefully it will encourage (the students) to use the city bus."

People that need to use city streets for overnight parking may call the Stevens Point Police Department at 346-1500 ext. 2 to request permission.

The caller must be ready to release information including the make of their vehicle, license plate number, location where the vehicle will be parked, and an active phone number of the owner or operator for contact to be made in the event of an emergency or road maintenance.

Examples of some reasons for requests that could be grated are: guests from out of town, cars unable to start, driveway or home repairs, or other similar reasons.

The other addition to the parking ordinance is the ability for the Stevens Point Police Department to place a boot on tires of cars parked on the street that have three or more citations of which all are more than 60 days past due.

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# GEM 'Critical Issues' series launches second season at UW-SP

Press Release  
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The acclaimed GEM Critical Issues International Seminar series begins its second season on the UW-SP campus on Tuesday, Oct. 18 when longtime Wisconsin-based Native American educator and environmentalist Joe Rose discusses "Native American Spirituality and Sustainability."

Rose, associate professor and director of Native American Studies at Northland College in Ashland, Wis., is a member of the Bad River band of the Lake Superior tribe of Chippewa (Ojibwe) nation. He is the first of six speakers scheduled to address the 2005-06 Critical Issues theme "Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Development."

All seminars are free and open to the public. Each seminar is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Melvin R. Laird Room, Dreyfus University Center. The series is hosted by the Global Environmental Management Education Center (GEM), a center within the College of Natural Resources (CNR) on the UW-SP campus.

Speakers have been invited from Native American and other indigenous cultures overseas. They will discuss sustainability from the perspective of indigenous cultures' traditional knowledge, spirituality, community and health.

Native cultures have in many cases existed for centuries in a sustainable manner that preserves the resources on which they depend. Indigenous knowledge may help modern societies grapple with challenges of shrinking resources and increasing strain on the environment.

Rose is deeply involved

in the traditional way of life. He is a champion competition Indian dancer and is lead singer and drummer on traditional Native American songs. His traditional activities include hunting, fishing, wild rice harvesting, making maple sugar, constructing wigwams, tanning hides, building birch bark canoes and participating in Native American religious ceremonies.

Waverly Beach Campground, which Rose owns, is the site of a traditional roundhouse on the Bad River Indian Reservation, a place where individuals and groups engage in traditional Native American ceremonies, outdoor activities and teaching.

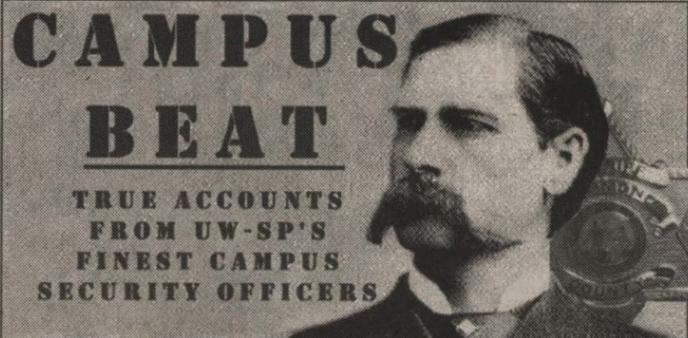
During the 2004-05 academic year, the Critical Issues series focused on Global Security. Six speakers from Kenya, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, China and Australia redefined global security in environmental terms.

The series drew enthusiastic audiences and in one case led to a special course offering by GEM. Geoff Lawton, an Australia-based expert on permaculture, spoke in Stevens Point in May. He returns to Stevens Point to teach a GEM two-week course on Permaculture Design, Nov. 28 - Dec. 9. Lawton and his wife Nadia Abu Yahia, also a certified permaculture instructor, will cover permaculture theory and design principles and more than a dozen specific aspects of sustainable living including soil rehabilitation, water management and energy-efficient housing.

For more information contact Ron Tschida, GEM communications coordinator, (715) 346-4266, Ron.Tschida@uwsp.edu.



Students run through the street during parade. Photo by Bob Gross



Neale Hall  
October 7, 2005 11:02 a.m.  
Type: **THEFT**

Theft of a bike reported outside Neale Hall.

Baldwin Hall  
October 8, 2005 3:11 a.m.  
Type: **HIT AND RUN**

Report of an individual believed to have driven their car into another car in the circle. Individual parked car and fled scene while leaving the vehicle running.

Learning Resource Center  
October 8, 2005 10:08 a.m.  
Type: **VERBAL ABUSE**

Report of an individual that came into the LRC right after opening and started screaming obscenities at the front desk and as he exited the building.

Neale Hall  
October 8, 2005 10:44 p.m.  
Type: **ATTEMPTED THEFT**

Report of individuals trying to steal bikes from the bike rack between Neale and Hansen halls.

Neale Hall  
October 8, 2005 11:16 p.m.  
Type: **THEFT**

A student who had her bike stolen from a bike rack located behind Neale Hall earlier reported that more bikes were missing and damaged on the same bike rack.



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# Your College Survival Guide: Past Sins

**Pat "Mithridates" Rothfuss**  
WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION  
COFFEE HOUSE.

First off, I feel like I would be doing all of you a disservice if I didn't mention a movie you should go see: *Serenity*. Learn it. Live it. Love it.

Second, some good news....

Dear Mr. Rothfuss,

On behalf of Cornerstone Press, I'd like to formally congratulate you on the acceptance of your manuscript. Your "Illustrated, Annotated, College Survival Guide," has been chosen for publication.

We're excited to see this collection of your columns reach the public as a whole. We know you've been writing the column for over six years now, so we're sure there's a lot of your fans out there who've never read your early writing. We're looking forward to working with you, and having your book available for sale around Thanksgiving.

Christopher Perkins  
Substance Editor  
- Cornerstone Press

That's right faithful readers, we are printing a collection of the College Survival Guides: five years worth, starting back in '99. We'll be printing never-before-seen columns with the book equivalent of deleted scenes and director commentary.

But wait, there's more!  
Brett, my loyal manservant,



will be providing fabulous illustrations for the entire book. This book will contain stories I've only hinted at in the columns: the truth behind the jokes of clown sex and paperboy abuse. What's more, I have it on good authority that the book will give you superpowers, increase your sexual prowess, and help you reach nirvana. Guaranteed.

Mr. Pat Rothfuss,

I'd like to remind you of a week last semester when you decided to prove to your readers that you could eat for a week

using nothing but your wits and three dollars. As you listed your daily food-grappling techniques I laughed heartily... until you reached your tactics for Wednesday, when you recounted a fake scavenger hunt you conducted in order to scrounge up food.

At this point, a dim light bulb sparked in the back of my brain. I remembered a man in a black trench coat standing in my doorway the previous week, asking for various items, including a paperclip, a purple feather and, most notably, a box of Mac 'n' Cheese.

At the time, I was glad to sacrifice my cheesy mac for the good of the scavenger hunt, but as I read in your column I felt I'd been cheated and outwitted of my dehydrated noodlely sustenance, and a fiery indignation welled up inside of me. Although you fumed my box of Kraft goodness forever in your column, quite frankly, I'd like it back. Identical box of Mac 'n' Cheese will do just fine. I believe they were Blues Clues shapes.

I'd like to note that in normal scavenger hunt situations, I do not ask for my items back. However, due to the extreme circumstances of this hunt, I am, indeed, revoking my donation.

Ms. Lacking Mac  
(AKA. Holly McKee-Clark)  
Professional Coolster

I'm sorry to hear that you feel cheated and outwitted, Holly. Unfortunately, that's the usual side effect of someone cheating and outwitting you. I can't in good conscience replace your Cheesy Mac. Was I devious and tricky? Absolutely. But I was also very forthright about not being able to bring your Mac back.

In short, I cheated you fair and square. No do-overs. Rub some dirt on it and get back in the game.

Besides Holly, I did you a favor. That stuff is all full of MSG, formaldehyde and carbs. I can take it, but only because over the years I've toughened my body with Shaolin training, dark magics and sweet,

sweet methadone.

You're still young Holly, to your delicate physiognomy, eating a box of Mac 'n Cheese is like injecting a full syringe of lead paint directly into your heart. Face it, I took a bullet for you. A delicious, cheesy bullet.

Also, if I bought you a replacement box of Mac, it would invalidate my whole three dollar week. I worked too hard to let that happen.

However, for writing into the column you get a \$10 gift certificate to the Mission Coffee House, and for using the word "shenanigans" I'll throw in another \$5. They've got good food at the Mission: sandwiches and homemade soups. And coffee. Delicious, life-sustaining coffee.

I'll make a limited-time offer to the rest of you as well. If you have an amusing Pat Rothfuss story, send it in to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. If it's funny we'll include it in the anthology, and I'll give you free stuff at the Mission. If you don't have an amusing Pat Rothfuss story, make one up. Maybe I'll include it anyway... Let me repeat: Limited-Time Offer. You have one week to get the stories in.

Friday and Saturday feature various flavors of rock. Mark Little on Friday, and Shattered Red w/ All Fear Aside, and Snooky on Saturday. Both shows start at 8:00 p.m., are open to all ages, and are \$5 at the door. Want more info? Check missioncoffeehouse.com.

Want some lovely, home-brewed college advice? Just send an e-mail to Pat Rothfuss at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. Face it, you want coffee, and you need help. Where else can you get both at once?

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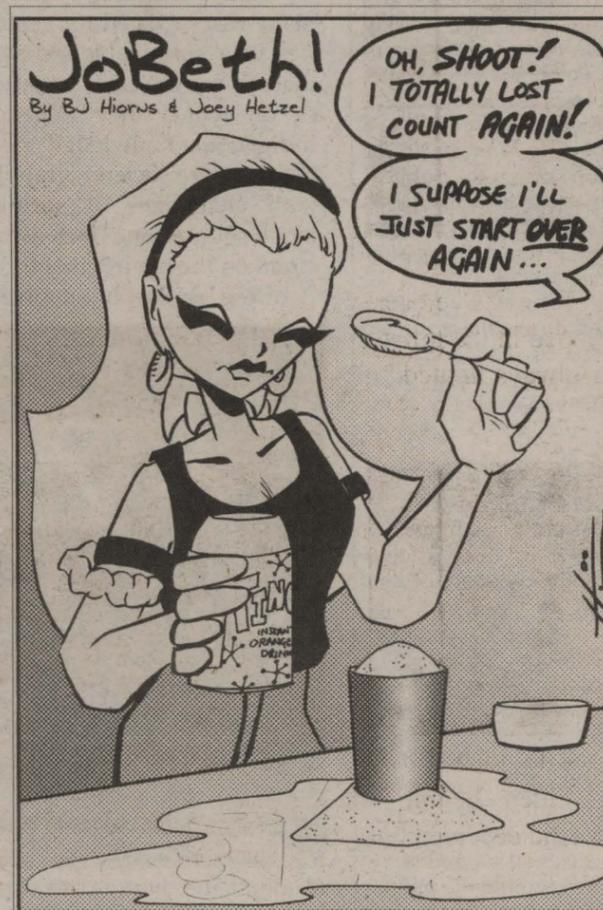
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# Because I said so

**Our school's legacy: philosophy of academia or philosophy of life?**

**Liz Bolton**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
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Sometimes I really question whether taking a fifth year was really worth it or not. I've done so much, inside and outside school; maybe I should have left and given someone else the chance.

Most of my closest friends have left, and at times I am haunted by memories of past years spent on campus. Nostalgic to the point of pain, I still treasure these recollections.

They surface in the most surprising places. A song, or even a bottlecap sometimes spin me into a blizzard of images.

Other times it can be an overheard conversation, words I thought were mine alone, but are evidently shared by most entering college.

I'm no eavesdropper, but every year it is the same thing.

Boy-to-boy: "There is no such thing as free love, man. You're either paying for dinner or the movie, or something."

Girl-to-girl: "Why are boys so dumb?"

Everyone: "So can I use

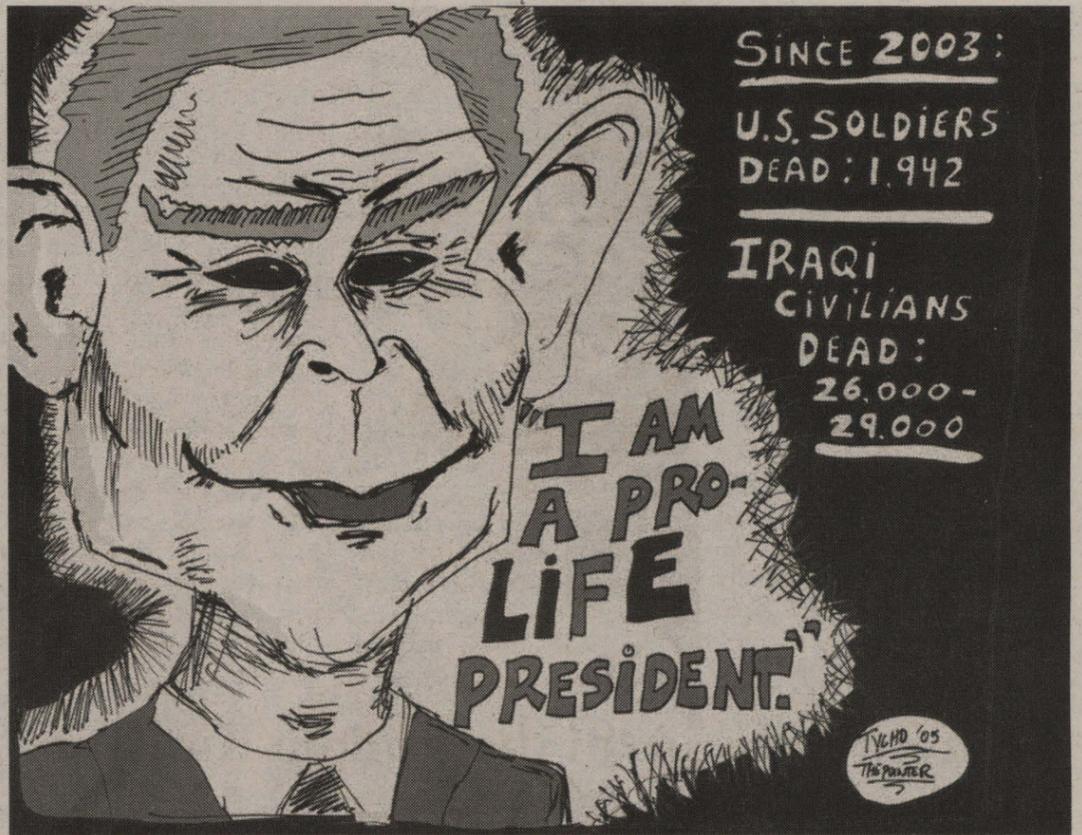
PointCash, or Food Points??"

Some might find fault with this. After all, shouldn't we all think independently? Jiddu Krishnamurti said, "Thought is the response of accumulated memory, and therefore never free."

While this seems discouraging, at the same time it frees us to learn from each other. There are two fundamentally distinct schools of thought at this university. There is the school, obviously, but then there is the student body.

As obvious as this sounds, it really reflects our learning environment, for while we attend classes, the true, independent school of thought here is perpetuated by the student body and passed down generation through generation.

So while it pains me somewhat to hear the slightly naïve conversations of younger stu-



dents, partially because of my own dealings in immaturity, I am thrilled to my core to have the not-so-secret understanding that everyone suffers the same misdeeds in some sense, and overcomes to achieve their own personal freedom eventually.

In other words, we all have to grow up sometime.

Good luck. And stop talking so loud in the Brewhaus. I'm trying to sleep.

## SGA CORNER Late night bus:

Late night bus service proposal will be up for a vote this semester. Many students are confused about this up and coming plan for the UW-Stevens Point Campus's U-Pass system. Our campus currently has a bus program that runs Monday through Saturday around the campus area to the surrounding community, including Wal-mart and County Market. This is free for all students with their student ID. Currently we are looking at adding a late night bus program to the downtown area and back to campus on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (tentatively) from the hours of 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. (tentatively). This would cost the students approximately \$2 more to incorporate this new program. Students currently pay around \$7 for the U-Pass through their student fees. Since this is your money there will be a referendum, in which you, the students, will have the opportunity to vote and decide whether or not we should continue with the program.

### University Committee:

Are you an education major? Are you a graduate student? Are you interested in sustainability issues on campus? Then you have found a niche. Student Government Association (SGA) is looking for those students who want real experience making decisions that affect every student on campus and implementing policies. This is great for any resume and firsthand experience in your future career.

### Check it out:

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- 1 Graduate student
- 2 Students for sustainability issues
- 1 Student for parking appeals (Yes you get to appeal all those pesky yellow tickets on your windshield day after day!)

### Events:

Safety week and alcohol awareness week, more information to come next week!

The honorary Kyle Craemer received the Executive Director of the week, and also was accepted for the permanent Speaker of the Senate, and the Senator of the week was David Davila for all his hard work in committees and being a caucus chair! Way to go SENATE!

Want to learn more about senate? Contact SGA, sgaexecutives@uwsp.edu

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### Staff Edition

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What was the last thing you had to fish out of the toilet?



Adam Wise, New Editor

"Everything I've ever dropped in the toilet has always floated."



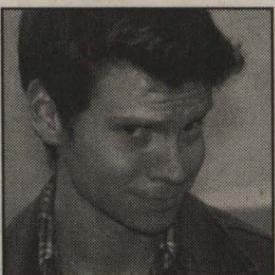
Liz Bolton, Editor in Chief

"My cellphone at the Friendly Bar. It never recovered."



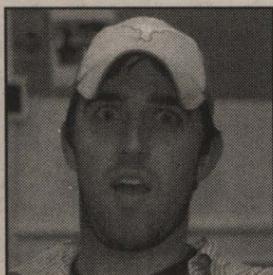
Jacob Eggener, Arts Editor

"My dignity."



Aaron Hull, PointlifeEditor

"A kitten...he got what he deserved."



Joel Borski, Managing Editor

"The girl upstairs loves to watch me paint my toe nails, but I prefer glitter."



Katilyn Cooper, Page Designer

"My retainer."

## Faces in the Crowd: Mark Scarborough

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Mark Scarborough is not your average everyday college student. Scarborough, a journalist for 20 years, is now attending the University to be a secondary English teacher.

Scarborough graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater while also working for the Janesville Gazette from 1979-1985. Scarborough hired on as a correspondent for the Edgerton area and reported on daily events, where before Edgerton only received news coverage if something tragic happened.

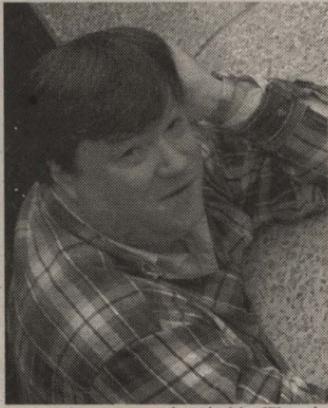


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Mark Scarborough

Scarborough moved on to work for the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune from 1985-2003. When Gannett bought out the paper, Scarborough said his style clashed with Gannett's.

He focused on the community, people, and history. Scarborough said, "Gannett cared more about how the words looked around the shoe ads in the paper." With that, Scarborough left the world of journalism, deadlines, and interviews and decided to pursue English Education.

Scarborough is now focusing on finishing college for the second time and then hopes to teach somewhere in Wisconsin. Scarborough said, "The support of the English department has been great and helped me through the difficult transition of journalism to teaching."

Scarborough is very involved on campus and in the community belonging to many different clubs that focus on literacy and poetry. He is the president of the Psi Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society. They have raised money for Hurricane Katrina and also taught poetry to economically challenged adolescents.

In the community, Scarborough is a member of several clubs including the Riverwood Round Table Literary Society and the Mid-State Poetry Tower in Rudolph. Scarborough also collects first edition Modern American Fiction books, has an extensive autograph collection, and collects political items such as

buttons, and badges from past elections. "I have between 3,000-4,000 political pieces," said Scarborough.

Scarborough recently wrote and published a book of poetry in 2000. *Blackberries Grown Wild: A Few Handpicked Poems* is a collection of 75-100 poems and photos all composed by Scarborough. "Nature, people, and day-to-day happenings inspire me to write poetry." Right now he has no plans to write anymore books because his main goal is to finish school and start teaching. The journalism chapter of his life is done, and he said it's time to open a new chapter of his life: teaching English.

## Wang weighs in on the Middle Kingdom

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UW-Stevens Point political science professor Jianwei Wang was the senior consulting editor for a recently published series of books on China. *The History and Culture of China* is a 10-volume set geared toward high school and elementary students and covers a wide range of issues related to China, including history, architecture, art, economics, and government. Wang agreed to the project after Mason Crest Publishing of Philadelphia approached him to edit the series and enlist Chinese-born faculty

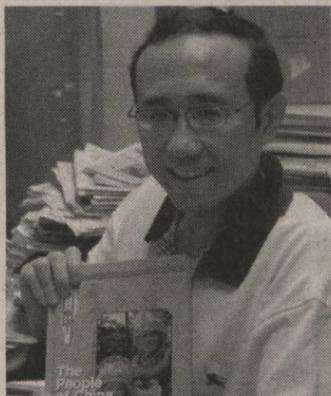


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Professor Jianwei Wang

from American universities to contribute.

"I thought it was important to promote cultural understanding," Wang said. "I think this series is a step in the right direction."

Two other UW-SP faculty members, Yan Liao, an assistant professor in the library, and Jia Lu, a geography and geology instructor, wrote three of the volumes.

Wang is a native of Shanghai and grew up during China's Cultural Revolution. Chinese universities were largely closed from 1966 through 1976, so Wang continued to teach himself after he graduated from high school. Six years later, when

the universities reopened, he applied to Fudan University in Shanghai, one of the nation's premiere educational institutions. He was admitted, and earned a B.A. in 1982 and an M.A. in 1985, both in international politics.

Fudan offered him a teaching position, but Wang decided instead to attend the University of Michigan, from which he received his Ph.D. in international relations in 1994. He then worked for the United Nations peace-keeping operations in Geneva, before coming to UW-SP in 1995.

Wang is now the Eugene Katz Letters and Science Distinguished Professor and chair of the political science department. He is also a guest professor at Fudan University and Zhongshan University in Guangzhou.

Wang advises the United Nations Student Organization, which tries to see international events from other countries' perspectives by role-playing their representatives. He also advises the Chinese Cultural Club, and helped start Chinese Cultural Week and the annual Chinese lantern festival in January.

Wang said that he is glad to see that students are showing more interest in international issues, and he is pleased with the international programs that are offered, and with foreign language opportunities, including Chinese.

The University is still not as internationally-oriented as he would like, however. Specifically, he said he would like to see an international relations major, which he thinks would broaden a lot of perspectives while also providing career opportunities.

"Students are practical. They don't want to study something totally unrelated to their lives," said Wang. "It's important to understand other cultures, because it helps you

understand your own."

According to Wang, most Chinese students understand the United States much better than their American counterparts understand China. In part, this is because most Chinese teenagers start learning English in high school, while only around 24,000 American students in grades seven through 12 learn Chinese. Yet Chinese is the third most-commonly spoken language in U.S. homes, and the State Department designates it as a 'critical language.'

"In a sense, the knowledge gap between Americans and Chinese about each other is understandable," Wang writes in his introduction to *The Economy of China*. "For the Chinese, the United States is the most important foreign country...As citizens of the world's sole superpower, Americans naturally feel less compelled to learn from others."

Wang thinks this mentality sometimes carries over into U.S. foreign policy.

"The U.S. applies a double-standard," said Wang. "It's the idea that, 'We're different because we're good,' and, 'You can't have nukes, but we can, because we won't use them.' It's a problem of American exceptionalism. The Chinese tradition, on the other hand, says, 'If you can't do it yourself, shut up! Clean your own mess first.'"

Wang agrees, however, that the U.S. has a role to play on the world stage. It is appropriate for the U.S. to criticize other countries' policies, including China's, he said, but the U.S. would be wiser to lead by example than by force.

"The Founders said you can persuade, but not impose," he said, likening this

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## From the wire: the latest low-down from Down Under

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Two flights, 15 hours, 21 people and approximately 60 backpacks, suitcases, carry-ons and purses later, the Australia group finally arrived in Fiji.

We landed at two in the morning and went straight to the hotel to freshen up and catch a quick nap before our first full day in Fiji got underway. Some of us really did nap, and others stayed up long enough to see the sunrise. Then, it was down to breakfast and off to Beachcomber Island for a full day of R&R. The water was warm, the sun was hot and the drinks were cold. The perfect setting for some quality nap time to counteract the jetlag. The next day it was out of Nadi and off to Suva for our home stays, village stay and classes.

Once we arrived in Suva, we went to the University of the South Pacific to formally ask permission to be at USP. It included a round of kava, a ceremonial drink, which one has to personally experience since explaining it is hard to do. After the ceremony we were picked up in groups of two by someone in our host families and set off to settle down for a week in our new surroundings.

While we were in Suva, we had a few days of lectures on various topics concerning Fiji and many of the surrounding island nations, such as politics, religion, and geography. The group also did a service project through Habitat for Humanity. We went to a build site where we helped paint some of the houses with primer

and others helped nail wood siding onto the frames that were already up.

We also had a three day, two night village stay just outside of Suva. It had recently gotten running water, although not all the homes were hooked up yet, and they had a generator that was turned on from 6-11 every night. At the village most of us were in homes by ourselves although there were a few people who were doubled up. We had another welcome ceremony with more kava, and then we went to our homes to put our stuff away and meet the rest of the family. Each night there was music and dancing as well as even more kava. It is pretty safe to say that most of us were kava-ed out after the village.

After the village, it was back to our homes in Suva and time to get packed to go to Australia. We all have special souvenirs that will remind us of our time in Fiji, and memories that will never go away. So we say "moce" to Fiji and are looking forward to filling everyone in on all the stories.

If you would like to look at some pictures or see what the group has been up to, just check out our Web site at: [www.uwspausie2005.blogspot.com](http://www.uwspausie2005.blogspot.com).



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Australia program students

# Sick of the same old places? Try the new Kristin's

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Do you find yourself driving in circles looking for a place to eat because you can't decide on what you are hungry for? I know I do, and that's how I came across Kristin's at Middletown. A relocated bar and restaurant now a block from Belts, on the corner of Division and Madison, Kristin's has it all for everyone.

Owner Kristin Mertes prefers to describe it as, "a place where family, friends and

great food come together," a slogan she has had since her start.

Open now only about a month and a half, Kristin's has a menu full of variety. Doors open at 11 a.m. and appetizers, burgers, hot specialty sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads all account for plentiful options. The only nuisance I found, is that the burgers and sandwiches come with chips, not french fries, which cost extra.

Kristin's also has sub sandwiches and a build-your-own pizza option offered all

day long, and can be delivered. Daily specials through the week and kid menus add to the large menu. The kitchen is open until 9:30p.m., but Mertes said she allows later orders as of now, until they get completely settled in.

Running business seven days a week, the interior has a nostalgic touch with pictures of historic Stevens Point on the walls and in the menus. Playing mainly 'oldies' background music, the restaurant includes a three-sided fireplace to add to a calm and relaxing eating environment.

The bar side, however was a bit sportier and included a jukebox headlined with more classic rock.

Service was excellent, as was the food. All sorts of magazines were available to read while waiting for a table or dinner.

Asking Severin Guzzanato, a UW-SP student, what he thought of the new restaurant, he simply replied, "I like squeeze bottles better," referring to the ketchup, in contrast to the glass.

Prices for the dinners and lunches are all college student

affordable as well.

And how about this... no cash? No problem. Kristin's accepts "PointCash" from all UW-SP students.

If the menu isn't enough to draw you in, Kristin's at Middletown has a big projector screen pulled down every Sunday, along with numerous other T.V. sets, for football games this fall.

Catering and a banquet hall are additional services Kristin's offers to the community.

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to an old Chinese proverb: 'Even the best food, if stuffed into the mouths of others, is bitter.' Political freedom is not the only thing human beings are concerned with," he said, insisting on the abstractness of words like "democracy" for those who struggle to meet daily necessities. "For many, the idea of democracy is still a luxury."

China was once a major world power. Six hundred years ago Emperor Yong Le, the first of the Ming dynasty, commissioned Admiral Zheng He to spread word of Chinese might by exploring the sur-

rounding oceans. After Yong Le's death, however, China entered a long period of isolationism from which it has yet to fully recover.

Wang said that although China's political structure is still very authoritarian, and organized political opposition still struggles for a voice, the country has essentially switched from socialism to a market economy. The switch has also brought with it many of the social problems associated with other market-based economies, including drug-trafficking, prostitution, unemployment, and polarized wealth.

"China still hasn't found

the -right mix," said Wang. "Just like in the U.S. 100 years ago, people just follow the money. [Officials] think that gradual, incremental change is best, and that dramatic changes would probably do more harm than good. They don't want chaos from too swift a political transition."

On his last trip to China to visit his father, however, Wang was struck by the investment in education and technology, and said it was "flourishing" compared to a few years ago.

"I think the U.S. will be left behind if it doesn't take education seriously," he said.

As China's officials are fond of reiterating, Chinese

foreign policy has historically been quite peaceful compared to its European contemporaries, and China is using the voyages of Zheng He as a focal point for a renewed Chinese nationalism that embraces the idea of being a benevolent power and reasserts itself as "The Middle Kingdom."

"Compared to other major powers in modern history, the U.S. is probably the most benign," said Wang. "But why can't other countries be as well? Why can't China?"

China's power and influence are steadily growing, especially in the U.S. China is now the United States' third-largest trade partner and one

of its largest creditors. Wang thinks it will continue to be a huge market for American goods and services, and could help or hinder American foreign policy in the U.N.

"Even if you were the best in the past, it doesn't mean you will be in the future," Wang said. "Many people talk about the 21st century being the Chinese century or the Asian century. No one has a crystal ball. We'll have to wait and see. But whether you like it or not, and whether it's as an enemy or friend, China is going to emerge as the next world power."



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## Pointers fall to another ranked opponent on Homecoming

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The UW-SP football team continued its brutal schedule by facing their fourth ranked opponent in five contests this season on Saturday at Goerke Field. The UW-Whitewater Warhawks came into the game ranked eighth in the latest NCAA Division III polls. The Pointers had troubles on both sides of the ball as they lost their second consecutive game 44-12. The loss also marks UW-SP's sixth consecutive homecoming loss. The loss drops the Pointers to 0-2 in the conference and 1-4 overall. Whitewater raised its record to 5-0 (2-0) on the season.

The Pointers started the game with the ball and were able to move down the field on short rushes and a nice throw from Brett Borchart to Jacob Dickert for 22 yards. The drive stalled on the Warhawks

45 and they were forced to punt.

The Warhawks took their first possession at their own 11 yard line and proceeded to march down the field on the legs of UW-Ws Justin Beaver. Beaver would finish the game with 34 carries and 212 yards rushing. The Warhawks' first pass of the game (Justin Jacobs) resulted in a pass interference call against the Pointers. The Pointers had an offside penalty later in the same drive resulting in a first down for the Warhawks. The Warhawks scored three plays later to make the score 7-0 early in the first quarter. Justin Jacobs led the Warhawks' passing attack going 16 of 28 for 316 yards and one interception.

By the end of the first quarter, the Warhawks were up 14-0 and showed no signs of slowing down. The first quarter alone saw the Warhawks



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Dan Robinson (44) makes a tackle in last Saturday's loss.

put up 231 yards of offense through an unstoppable running and passing game. The Warhawks finished the game with 663 total yards on offense. This was the most yardage

ever given up by a Pointer football team.

In comparison, the Pointers managed only 255 yards on the ground and through the air. Eric Reible led the rushing committee with 15 carries for 54. Brett Borchart went 12 of 25 for 125 yards with two interceptions.

The Pointers one bright spot on the day was their special teams play. Ryan Prochnow had four punts land inside the Warhawks' 20 yard line and his seven punts averaged 43.6 yards. The Pointer kick return team had nine returns for 199 yards. They put the Pointers in good field position several times on the day. Unfortunately, their kicking game was a disappointment with a missed field goal and a missed extra point.

UW-River Falls (2-3, 1-1) comes to Goerke Field this weekend in WIAC action.

## Men's club soccer heads down the home stretch

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The UW-SP Pointers Men's Soccer Club is more than halfway through their season. So far the Pointers have played La Crosse, Stout, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan and Eau Claire. UW-SP has a record of 2-3-2, but their record doesn't express what kind of team they really are.

So far the Pointers have had two home games and five away games. Their losses have been fairly close in score, with the win able to go in either teams' favor.



The UW-SP men's club soccer team

During homecoming week, the Pointers played at the new Student Recreational Fields under the lights against Stout and won the match 4-0. With complete control of the game in both halves, UW-SP showed their smooth natural essence as a soccer club. The Pointers' goals were scored by captain and forward Kent Hutchison, on a breakaway by forward John Kruse immediately after he entered the game, forward Lee Keupper and outside left mid Chris Vertovec. Control of the field was obviously in the hands of the Pointers as they kept possession on Stout's side of the field for the majority of the game. The game ended in all smiles for Stevens Point and their minds

began preparing for their upcoming Saturday rematch against Eau Claire.

Saturday afternoon's game against the Bugolds of Eau Claire saw temperatures around the 50s and 60s. The air was perfect for a soccer game.

The first half was very evenly matched between the two as possession changed feet equally. About halfway through the first half, the Bugolds scored against the Pointers and then took the half 1-0.

During the second half the Pointers, led by stopper Geoff Miller, stepped up their intensity and physical play but were unable to put a score in.

Pointer outside left mid William "Wallace" Klabunde had this to say about the game. "Eau Claire was a tough team and we played fairly well. Our team had plenty of opportunities to put the ball in but we just couldn't finish."

Eau Claire did score another point at the end of the second half winning the game 2-0, but the game was played very equally throughout.

"This was our second game against them this year and our second loss to them. However, we could have and should have beaten them both times," Klabunde stated.

The Pointers have three more games this season. This Friday at 7 p.m. they play Northern Michigan at the new Student Recreation Fields under the lights. On Saturday they play Michigan Tech at 2 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 22 they have their last game at home against La Crosse at 2 p.m.

## Brewers are losers no more

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The Beermakers of Milwaukee have written a new story this season. It includes the termination of a 12-year losing streak as well as uncertain celebration with both players and fans

Heading into a three game season finale against division foe and bottom dwellers Pittsburgh Pirates in the last weekend of the season, the Brewers faced two options: (A) win one game and end no worse than 81-81, or (B) win two and finish with their first winning season since 1992 - a time where many of us were still collecting Robin Yount trading cards. Either way the Crew was guaranteed to not be losers any longer.

The Brewers won game-one in a comeback victory. But, they dropped the last two games to finish even. This was disappointing to some who saw the last seven games of the season as a gift, having faced two losing clubs. However, the Brewers managed only a 4-3 record, which resulted in some player and fan disappointment with the inability to break even. But there are also those who see the 81-81 season as a big jump into next year.

The decrease of 13 games in the loss column for the club was a huge triumph after ending three of the four previous seasons with 94 losses, including 106 in 2002.

The 81 wins allowed the Brewers to attract 2.2 million fans into Miller Park - the third highest in team history. From these profits, the club will be able to raise its payroll to approximately 50 million dollars.

Immediately, eyes turn to first year owner Mark Attanasio and his payroll raise to 42 million dollars - though still considered low in the MLB. The third year trio of GM Doug Melvin, assistant GM Gord Ash and Manager Ned Yost efficiently used that payroll and the above average farm system to create the success.

It is expected for the entire defense to return. Rookie defensive juggernaut J.J. Hardy had a second half surge



with the bat and will sit at shortstop for many years to come. The young and explosive offensive talent in Rickie Weeks will need to work on defense -- leading the club with 21 errors in only 95 games.

Bill Hall, the once utility infielder, should move to starter at third after a breakthrough season. All-Star Carlos Lee, Geoff Jenkins and Brady Clark have the outfield secure and Damian Miller will be behind the plate.

The only question is at first base. Lyle Overbay, their most consistent hitter the past two years is eligible for contract arbitration -- he is only making about \$446,000 and deserves more.

The problem occurs with the Brewers top prospect Prince Fielder, who would play at first, and has too much potential to sit another year. It wouldn't be unlikely for The Crew to trade Overbay - before spending more money on him -- for a solid starting pitcher.

Right-handed ace Ben Sheets was again solid with a 3.33 ERA despite injury and a 10-9 record. Lefty Chris Capuano had 18 wins - a team high since the late 80s. Doug Davis had a solid 3.84 ERA and was third in the National League with 208 strikeouts. And Tomo Okha's future depends on the clubs decision to search free agent pitchers, with the now higher payroll.

The Brewers showed that they are a competitive team and fans and players are looking for them to take the next step in 2006 - the playoffs.

# Astros' thrilling win was out of this world

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Baseball's regular season is not a sprint, but a marathon. A team never wins a divisional title or a league pennant in one week of the season. It takes weeks and months of solid play to be successful in Major League Baseball.

The Houston Astros know all about the marathon of the baseball season.

Back in May, most people wrote off the Astros and believed that they were dead in the water. They were 15-30 at one point and still only managed to pull within 11 games of their opponents in the National League Championship Series, the NL Central champion St. Louis Cardinals.

The Astros still went on a tear in the second half of the season, earning a berth into the playoffs via the wild card. The starting rotation that included Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte

and Roy Oswalt was productive all year for the Astros, but it was the offense of Morgan Ensberg which turned around Houston's season. Ensberg finished the season batting .283 with 36 home runs, 101 RBIs and a trip to the All-Star game.

If getting to the playoffs didn't seem difficult enough, the Astros had to face the Atlanta Braves in the NL Divisional Series. The Braves have won 14 consecutive division titles and had eliminated the Astros in 1997, 1999 and 2001.

Despite facing their playoff nemesis, the Astros climbed to a 2-1 lead in the five-game series. Game four will go down in history as one of the greatest playoff games in MLB lore.

The five-hour, 50-minute game lasted 18 innings, featured two grand slams and vaulted the Astros into the NLCS for the second straight year.

The Braves were in control of the game, holding a 6-1 lead in the eighth. The Astros kicked into comeback mode in the bottom half of that inning. Led by a grand slam from Lance Berkman, Houston pulled within one run. The game moved to the ninth, with the Braves still leading 6-5.

Atlanta brought in their closer, Kyle Farnsworth, to shut down the Astros and send the series to a fifth game. Using the never-say-die attitude that the whole Houston club exhibits, catcher Brad Ausmus stepped up to the plate with the bases empty and two outs. Ausmus delivered a home run to center field that, by inches, sneaked over the yellow line on the outfield wall and the outstretched glove of Atlanta center fielder Andruw Jones.

With the score 6-6, the baseball world settled in for what would become the longest post-season game in MLB

history.

The stalemate remained in place into the 15th inning, when Astros manager Phil Garner called for a relief pitcher from the bullpen. This was not just any reliever - Garner called for 43-year-old Roger Clemens.

In Clemens's first relief appearance in 21 years, "The Rocket" held the Braves to only one hit in three innings pitched, while striking out four batters in the process. Clemens's gutsy performance led to one of the most dramatic hits in the playoffs.

With one out in the bottom of the 18th, little-know outfielder Chris Burke stepped in against Atlanta rookie reliever Joey Devine. Burke, who hit all of five home runs in the regular season, saw a pitch he liked and took the Astros into the NLCS with a game-winning round tripper.

Fittingly, Clemens earned the win in the game.

In the pandemonium of

the 18-inning contest, the Astros used 23 of their 25 players. Only starting pitchers Pettitte and Oswalt didn't see action in the game. The Braves were held scoreless for the final 10 innings of the game and they left 18 runners on base.

The Astros have endured a long regular season comeback, the longest game in playoff history and face the best team in the NL in the series that determines the league's participant in the World Series.

To the Houston Astros, it's all part of the marathon.

## Women runners win at Ripon invite; men place third

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The UW-SP cross-country teams produced another set of strong performances last weekend against in the Ripon Invitational. The women's team took the victory and the men claimed third.

Winning the title, the women had only 19 points - 64 better than second place UW-Oshkosh. It was the total of six finishes in the top-10 that allowed them to do so.

Jenna Mitchler was the invite champion with a time of 18:58.5 in the 5K event. Right behind their teammate was Teresa Stanely (2nd) at 19:27.1 and Ashleigh Potuznik (3rd) at 19:59.0. Tami Scott was sixth place and Hannah Dieringer ended seventh. In the 10th spot was Sara Bias.

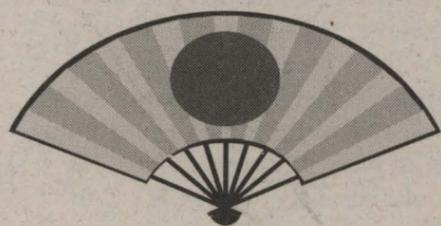
Looking at it as a low key meet, men's coach Rick Witt sent out the "B squad" in the 10 team event, resting the "A squad" for the upcoming invite. By doing so, the Pointer men earned 84 points and were behind both Ripon and champions UW-Oshkosh (32 points).

The only top-10 finish for the guys was Greg Haak at 10th with a time of 27:36.2. Zach Bitter finished the day at 15th, Jon Waldrogl at 18th and Nick Berndt was 19th overall.

However, this was a good opportunity for the runners to show what they can do in a 10-school meet. Witt watched his second squad and commented on the improvements of both Haak and Bitter in their exceptional meet.

Witt awaits the UW-O invite this weekend where the Pointers will be competing against six top-25 teams in the country. "Our young team is getting better and working very hard," said Witt. "I am excited about the progress that we are making."

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**COST/COMPENSATION:** UWSP students pay ONLY \$750-850 to cover costs such as UWSP tuition and mandatory health/travel insurance. **For the counselors selected, we will provide for the following:** Round-trip air transportation from Chicago or Minneapolis (Midwest applicants) and Fukuoka, Japan -- Round-trip ground transportation between arrival city and camp location -- All host family arrangements. (Counselors will not be required to pay any fee to host families for room and board.) -- Food and lodging during all assigned days at the camp program -- Transportation expenses between host family's home and the camp program -- Three UWSP undergraduate credits in International Studies -- Overseas health insurance policy for stay in Japan through the UW-System.



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## New offensive contributors help Pointers earn split in last week's action

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The UW-SP women's soccer team found the back of the net this week with a few new goal scorers on Friday against a tough team and then the team's highest scoring game of the season on Tuesday in a conference game.

The Pointers hung with Wheaton College, last year's national champions, for the first half, only trailing 1-0. Wheaton scored three unanswered goals before two freshmen, Alyssa Spaude and Kaylee Weise, scored their first career goals on the defending national champions. Wheaton scored one more late in the game to make it 5-2.

This Tuesday, Point won a decisive 5-1 conference victory over UW-Whitewater. The Warhawks got on the board first, scoring just over a min-

ute into the game. Amanda Prawat answered twice in the first half for the Pointers, with an assist from Liz Kidd on the first tally.

Kimie Wiepz took over the scoring in the second half, with two goals of her own. Wiepz scored her second goal off of a throw in from Prawat. Gwen Blasczyk scored the backbreaker with a last minute goal from Anna Van Stippen, Stippen's first point on the season.

Meredith DeCaluwe played both games in net for the Pointers, totaling 15 shots on the week. The Pointers are now 6-5-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the WIAC. They have three home games in the next week, including two important conference games this weekend, facing UW-Superior on Friday and UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, both at 2 p.m. Senior Day is next Tuesday at 6 p.m. against St. Norbert College.

## Tennis team wins one event during homecoming week

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The Pointer tennis team stepped aside from the homecoming festivities last week as they were in action against three schools from Oct 5-8.

Winning only one of the three meets, the girls continued their winning non-conference efforts, but extended their struggles within the WIAC.

"Even though we lost this past week [in the conference meets], we played well and improved a lot," said tennis coach Karlyn Jakusz.

In a makeup match from a week prior, the team took on Edgewood College in Madison last Wednesday, and walked away with a 6-3 victory -- their fourth one out of conference. It was the No. 4, 5, and 6 singles players winning for the Pointers. Allison Popple won with 6-1, 6-0 and Mashell VerBockel earned a 6-1, 6-2 victory. Sarah O' Melia added a 6-4, 7-5 win.

The Pointers added with two doubles wins as well. Brown and VerBockel had an 8-2 triumph. Popple and O'Melia also added an 8-3 win.

In the next meet the Pointers fell 9-1, Friday against UW-Eau Claire. Emily Bouche was the lone victor with a 6-0, 6-4 score at No. 3 singles. In a losing effort, Angie Brown displayed the next closest fight with 6-3, 7-5. The girls didn't give Eau Claire an easy time in the doubles, however, losing with competitive 8-6, 8-5, 8-4 scores.

"The scores might not indicate how well we played," Said tennis coach Karlyn Jakusz, "but everyone competed hard and never gave up."

Closing out the week, undefeated UW-La Crosse arrived and handed the Pointers a 9-0 loss homecoming day. Bouche had the closest match losing 7-5, 6-1 and Brown came up short 6-0, 6-4.

The team is looking to play exceptionally well this week against UW-Oshkosh, River Falls and Stout to put them in a position where they can perform well in the WIAC Championships. All three events this week are away meets, respectively, and take place Oct. 12, 14 and 15.

## Senior on the Spot: Ali Havlik

### Career Highlights:

- One of UW-SP's top reserve defenders in 2004, appearing in all 22 matches off the bench.

- Won team's Most Improved Player award at UW-Green Bay while playing in 17 of team's 19 matches and recording one assist in 2003.



Major -English and Communication  
Hometown -Neenah, WI

Do you have any nicknames? -Al, Hav, Al-Pal, Al-Hav

What are your plans after graduation? -I want to be some sort of a writer. As long as I can write, it doesn't matter what I do.

What has helped you become such an accomplished soccer player? - I don't know if I would consider myself accomplished... but I love to play and try and work as hard as I can all the time. Also, my coaches and teammates help me to always want to do my best. Their encouragement makes me a better player.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - There are so many... I can't choose just one.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - In high school I fell down the entire staircase at my house in front of a really cute, older guy. (Sorry, no embarrassing sports moments.)

What CD is in your stereo right now? - This Desert Life by the Counting Crows

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Jim Croce Live

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - I will remember eating at the Wooden Chair and going on walks and runs on all the trails. Most of all, I will remember the great memories I have made with all my amazing friends.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - The two main influences in my life are my mom and dad. They inspire me and support me in everything I do. They are incredible people, and I am lucky to have them as parents. My third influence is my good friend Carin. You could basically say she is my idol.

## Semling named UW-SP's 22nd head Men's Basketball Coach

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Bob Semling, who served as the top assistant coach for UW-Stevens Point's NCAA Division III championships the past two seasons, has been named the school's 22nd head men's basketball coach.

Semling, 47, officially takes over the position after filling the role on an interim basis since Jack Bennett announced his retirement on Aug. 26. Bennett left UW-Stevens Point as the school's all-time winningest coach with a 200-56 record over nine seasons. A national search was conducted during September to find Bennett's replacement.

It is the first collegiate head coaching job for Semling, who had two successful stints as an assistant coach with the Pointers as well as eight years at the Division I level.

"We're extremely pleased that Bob has accepted our offer to become our next head coach," UW-SP athletics director Frank O'Brien said. "He has been an integral part of Pointer basketball over the



Semling

years and we are very excited that he will be leading our program."

Semling was an assistant coach at UW-SP under Bob Parker from 1988-95 as the Pointers posted a 127-63 record, including a 27-2 mark in 1991-92. He then spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at UW-Green Bay and one year as the Director of Basketball Operations at New Mexico before returning to UW-SP for the 2003-04 season.

"Our staff and players know that the bar has been raised to a high level and we welcome that challenge," Semling said. "This is a job where I know we have the

resources and tradition in place that we can be successful in our league and in post-season play. We absolutely embrace the challenge of continuing to win championships here at Stevens Point."

A Merrill native, Semling was a three-year starter as quarterback at UW-Eau Claire from 1977-79. As a student at UW-EC, he assisted with Ken Anderson and the men's basketball team, making NAIA Final Four appearances in each of his final two seasons. Semling then spent one season as an assistant at Park Falls High School and assisted Bennett for two seasons at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, reaching the state tournament with both schools. Semling was the head coach at Wausau West High School for three seasons from 1985-88 prior to his first stint at UW-SP.

Semling takes over a program that finished 29-3 last year and has won two straight national titles and five of the last six Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships.

## Sandhill Wildlife Migration

Derek Miess  
OUTDOOR REPORTER

Outdoor EdVentures was out again last weekend leading a group of five students to the Sandhill Wildlife Area near Babcock, Wis. for exploration of the wildlife area and observation of the bird migration. Do you know how many birds migrate each fall? According to Mark Leger, a contributing editor to GORP.com, about 5 billion birds migrate across North America annually every fall from summer homes in the north, including Wisconsin, to homes in the south.

This weekend's trip began with a fun and informative Power Point presentation on bird migration compiled by trip leader, Derek Miess. "I wanted to provide everyone with a few insights as to what we might see at the marsh and be able to identify the birds by sight and sound."

Rather than traveling the fastest, most direct route, the group drove along gravel county roads for a more rustic and scenic drive. Along the way turkeys, red-tailed hawks and song birds were seen near the roads.

The first night cooled down quickly and the group responded by setting up camp with little haste. Everyone then eagerly awaited a hot chili dinner to warm their bodies.

The following morning at 5 a.m., Miess, joined by Katie Gumtz, Angel Mabry, Felicia Mabry, Amanda Dent and Colleen Kiefer reluctantly arose from their warm sleeping bags to witness the great migration. On a watch tower in the Gallagher Marsh they waited for the sun to rise. The

sun slowly rose on the horizon and the stars that shown brightly in the night sky faded gradually, yielding to warm sunrays. The Saturday morning air was very cold, 33 degrees Fahrenheit, as the cranes sang in the marsh 100 yards from the observation tower. The peak of the sunrise was captivated by the spontaneous departure of 50 or more Sandhill cranes as they leaped from the shallow water into a circular flight pattern.

"The event was incredible," commented Mabry. The cranes' voices were louder than ever as they circled into the sky, going their separate ways in small groups.

At 7:30 a.m. the consensus among the trip members was to move around to warm up as they had yet to adapt to the cold environment. Back in the van, they toured the Trumpeter Trail, a road tour with an interpretive guide handout that informed visitors about the unique refuge. One of these unique spots included a fenced off pasture where bison grazed.

Kiefer was amazed at how massive the large beasts were. "I knew they were big animals, but they were much larger than I previously thought as I watched them in real life." As the group left the bison area, they stopped to read an educational board noting the Native American uses for bison. Every part of the animal had a use leaving little, if any, to waste.

Dent was taken back when she discovered the use of the bladder, "The bladder was used for carrying water?!" Yuck!"

"Because it holds water so

well, it was a popular method of storing water when fresh water was scarce," Miese added with a comical smile.

"That's gross," Dent replied with the support of everyone else, still not convinced of the ingenuity of pioneers and Native Americans. All of them silently praised Nalgene for manufacturing of their plastic water bottles that afternoon.

The best way to heat a body is through work as the muscles are engaged to move. What better way to work the body on a colorful fall day than a hike. That is exactly what was on the minds of the group. Well, not exactly, as some of the sleepy faces longed to crawl back into a warm sleeping bag. However, Miess motivated everyone to join him to hike on a service road, for trails were few and far between. On the road, they crossed over dikes maintaining marshes, stands of deciduous and coniferous trees, and drainage ditches displaying the various ways the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) managed the land for wildlife benefit within the refuge.

One particularly interesting stop they made was at a quarry pond where fog steamed over the water. The heat from the sun, reflected off of the water, was creating swirling vortexes of convective heat currents that looked like little tornadoes.

The day ended with everyone ready to retire to bed early. But not before a campfire in the Wood County Wildlife Area campground, which gave closure to such a fine day. The fire glowed,

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## Duck hunting tragedy

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This past Saturday an unfortunate hunting accident occurred on Lake du Bay. Jameson J. Rieck, 22, of Mosinee, died when his gun backfired as he aimed at some flocking ducks. Jamo, as his friends called him, was enjoy-

ing a gorgeous autumn day with one of his friends, not realizing it would be his last. I am uncertain of the reasons for the gun's backfire, however, this fall when you are hunting, whether it be white-tailed deer or pheasants, remember gun safety and enjoy the pleasures of hunting for yourself and Jamo.

## Bonsai growing for the college student

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Andrew Koeser, the promotions coordinator of Student Society of Arboriculture (SSA) and a recent bonsai enthusiast, was in Jung's a few weeks ago searching for bonsai materials when he encountered David Ryle, the manager of Jung's Garden Center. Immediately, Koeser was impressed with Ryle's extreme knowledge on various bonsai techniques and asked Ryle to speak at a SSA meeting. Ryle not only spoke during the meeting, but also demonstrated some basic pruning and wiring techniques.

Prior to Ryle's visitation, each SSA student went to Jung's and hand picked "hospital" shrubs to carve into a bonsai. Some shrubs held more wilted branches than live ones, while others held already beautiful foliage. Either way, the shrubs resulted in excellent beginning bonsais.

To begin his demonstration, Ryle told of Japanese and Chinese bonsai practices. Though most people think of bonsai as a Japanese practice, it began in China. There is a large difference in practices. Chinese practices are stricter and more formal, while the Japanese are freer in their styles. American bonsai practices mirror more Japanese techniques.

Ryle discussed the many different types of bonsai styles, ranging from the straight stance of a formal upright, to a colony of mini trees, known as a bonsai forest. This lecture helped students discover various growing options and styles.

Many people think of bon-

sais and see mini trees, which can be the case with some trees. For example, one tree barely stood 2 inches across and only 3 inches tall. However, Ryle also spoke of bonsais that were "three hands," meaning it took three people to pick up the tree and pot - this isn't a "mini" tree.

After much valuable information, Ryle demonstrated how to trim a beginning bonsai. He took a medium-size shrub and hacked it until almost nothing remained. Many of the students, including myself, cringed with each slash.

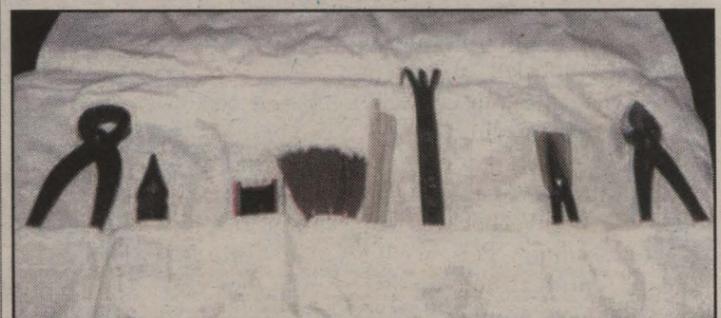
"Nothing is going to get hurt," Ryle reassured everyone. "Nothing is going to die."

With that, each student had their turn and trimmed their chosen shrubs.

"The key to a trimming is deciding what you want," Ryle pointed out on each shrub, while contemplating the various options a shrub had.

When all the shrubs stood nearly naked, only a few branches remaining, Ryle finished off by demonstrating different wiring techniques involved in molding a tree's structure. He discussed cheaper material that can be used, such as aluminum wire versus copper and actual bonsai tools, which can cost hundreds of dollars, versus carpentry tools.

As the class ended, each student left with a new hobby. If you're interested in beginning a bonsai, visit Ryle at Jung's. He'll enlighten you with great beginner advice. And if his wit doesn't charm you, his very apparent Scottish accent will.



Basic Bonsai Tools

Photo by Stephanie Davy

### Campus Calendar of Outdoor Events

10/13 to 10/16 - **Wildlife Student Hunter Awareness: NR 405** (1 cr.)  
(McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee, Ill.)

Contact: Dr. Diane Lueck, Office: CNR 190 or dlueck@uwsp.edu

10/14 to 10/16 - **Holistic Survival Weekend**  
(Treehaven)

Workshop: Fri. 6 p.m. to Sun. 2 p.m.

Instructor: Jason Faunce

Weekend package includes meals, lodging and instruction

Contact: Treehaven (715) 453-4106

Namekagon River Canoeing

(Namekagon/St. Croix River)

Contact: Outdoor EdVentures

10/15 - **Ring-neck Pheasant Season** Opens at Noon

10/16 - **Pop Goes the Hazel!**

(Schmeekle Reserve Visitor Center)

4:30 p.m.

The blooming of witch hazel.

Contact: Visitor Center 346-4992 or Schmeekle@uwsp.edu

10/19 - **CNR Biology Colloquium Series**

(CNR Rm 170)

4 to 5 p.m.

Speaker: Justin Isherwood - Author, columnist and fifth generation farmer

**Ultra-light Backpacking**

(Outdoor EdVentures)

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Contact: Outdoor EdVentures 346-3848

# Beginning backpacking essentials

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Backpacking gets you away from the everyday life and into a world of adventure. William Blake sums it up best in his short poem, "Great things are done when men & mountains meet":

Great things are done when Men and Mountains meet / This is not done by Jostling in the Street.

Before heading out on a backpacking trip there are some basic concepts a person should know: what to bring, what to expect and how to navigate.

What to bring is important because when away from the accessibility of society one must make use of their surroundings.

Some of the most important articles to bring when backpacking are boots, backpack, sleeping bag, stove, purification system, clothing and other essentials.

Boots: Boots protect your feet from bruises and cuts,

offer ankle support and protect your foot soles from harm. There is an array of boot styles out there, but for backpacking in the Midwest you do not necessarily need waterproof boots. Personally, I choose waterproof boots because dry feet offer more comfort. You can also waterproof your boots yourself, saving some money. To protect your feet from aches, blisters and other harms, make sure you break your boots in properly. Before going on a trip, wear the boots around so they form to your feet. You will be happy you did when you are on the trail.

Backpack: There are two different types of backpacks: internal and external frame. External frame backpacks have a metal ladder-like piece with the backpack attached. The ridge metal back keeps the backpack upright on your back. Internal frame backpacks do not have the same metal backing. Instead, the internal frame uses a different means of keeping the pack upright against your back. Imagine two flat rigid pieces of metal,

carbon fiber, plastic, or foam running vertically down the pack. Internal frames do a better job of transferring the pack's weight to your hips making for a more pleasurable trip. External frames cost less and do not sit up against your back, which allows your back to breathe better. External frames also offer more options to attach other gear to the frame. When choosing a backpack, it is extremely vital to have it properly fit to your back as well as testing the bag with weight inside. If you are going to spend a lot of money on a piece of equipment, make sure you get the most for your money.

Sleeping Bag: When choosing a sleeping bag you must think about a few key things. Where and when will you use your sleeping bag, how will you carry it and what style will be most comfortable for you? Sleeping bags can keep a person warm in sub-zero temperatures or help a summer camper stay comfortable through the night. If you are using your sleeping bag

during a Wisconsin summer night you have many choices to think about. First off, do you want down or synthetic insulation? Down compresses more and weighs less but if it gets wet it loses its insulating value. Down "is almost impossible to dry in the field," says Rick Curtis in *The Backpacker's Field Manual*. However, if a down sleeping bag is kept from getting wet, it is very effective.

Essentials: The essentials, although different in every backpacking book I've read, do have many similarities. The reason for the essentials is the same in every book: be prepared. I have followed *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* list of *The Ten Essentials* since I began backpacking. The Ten Essentials are: a map, compass, sunglasses, sunscreen, extra food, extra clothing, headlamp, first-aid supplies, fire starter, matches and a knife. Using these articles will help familiarize yourself with them, which is good since these items can help you immensely and some are extremely important to have on a trip at all times.

Of course, many other pieces of equipment are essential for a successful backpacking trip but these are a few that will help you to get started.

## Champion white pine

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This weekend while driving east of Eagle River, along Hwy 70, my fellow travelers and I were taken aback by a majestic treetop, which loomed several feet above the surrounding trees. As we proceeded along the highway we spotted a sign for Avil Lake State Park, where we discovered Wisconsin's state champion white pine, Nimitz.

Nimitz, named after Admiral Nimitz of WWII, was discovered by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s.

Because this white pine was spared during early logging days, this white pine thankfully ages over 300 years. And though the tree's crown has withered to dead branches, this white pine is worth a visit if you are traveling in the Eagle River area.

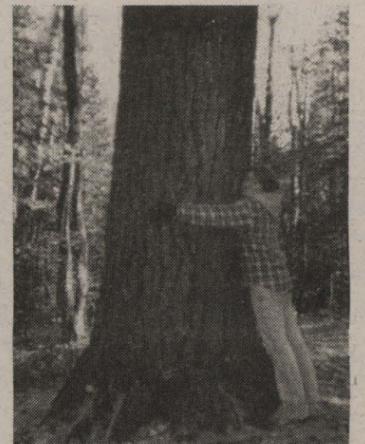


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## Outdoor EdVentures Tip of the Week

**Josh Spice**  
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To minimize the damage of campfires on the land, bring along a small metal pan the next time you go camping. Enjoy the fire in the pan and scatter the cool ashes in the morning. This is an excellent way to enjoy backcountry campfires and still practice Leave No Trace. Stop in Outdoor EdVentures to learn more about this trick and the Leave No Trace philosophy, along with many other tips and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences.




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## Organizations implement sustainability at UW-SP

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Have you noticed how it looks like a garden is growing on top of the Albertson Learning Resources Center (LRC)? How about the large panels sitting on top of Knutzen Hall? Does somebody smell "freedom" fries?

These are a few examples of UW-SP's sustainability efforts on campus, and the efforts grow each year.

Sustainability is not only growing in popularity on UW-SP's campus, but also around the world. As humans realize there are alternative ways of living that may be more cost effective, environmentally friendly, and healthier, the trend of sustainability increases.

UW-SP is a trendsetter for other campuses around Wisconsin and the world, in that we are testing different forms of sustainability efforts for future implementation.

What you may have seen on the LRC is a green roof. Weston Solutions, a company UW-SP hired to add the roof, claims that a green roof "reduces energy costs, extends the roof's life, manages storm water, and insulates the building from outside sound."

The Solar Mining Company of Green Bay installed six solar water panels for UW-SP on the roof of Knutzen Hall. These solar water panels heat all the water used within the residence hall. Solar panels cut

out the need for electricity to heat our water, which in turn decreases electric bills and environmentally unfriendly side effects produced by traditional electricity.

Another example of UW-SP's sustainability efforts is the use of double-paned windows on many of our buildings. Double-paned windows insulate rooms better by having an area between both panes of glass that is filled with air or gas.

The windows cut down on convection by keeping warm air inside and cool air outside. By keeping more warm air inside, there is less need for heat and energy use, thus reducing electricity bills.

An experimental project being planned for the Noel Fine Arts Center (NFAC) will use solar electric panels containing photovoltaic cells. The south-facing windows of the NFAC will be composed of photovoltaic cells that convert solar energy into electricity. It is the same technology that powers many handheld calculators. But instead of helping students crunch numbers, the photovoltaic cells will most likely be devoted to the NFAC's lighting system.

"There is no reason why UW-SP shouldn't try and make at least 20 percent of our cam-

pus energy usage come from renewable energy sources," said Josh Stolzenburg, a student member of the University Sustainability Committee (USC). "Especially if the projects are partially paid for by student segregated fees."

The USC is an organization made up of students, faculty, administrators, the executive director of the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, a representative from Wisconsin Public Service, and a representative from the Stevens Point City Council.

The USC discusses and puts into action many projects that promote, as well as carry out, sustainability projects on our campus.

"The USC is a formalized process of getting messages about sustainability to Chancellor Linda Bunnell," Stolzenburg explained.

So far, the committee has helped to implement the green roof, put the solar water panels on Knutzen, create a Comprehensive Landscape Policy, and get our campus fleet vehicles to use bio-diesel.

Campus organizations such as WISPIRG and the Sustainable Agriculture in Communities Society (SACS) also help promote sustainability efforts on campus.

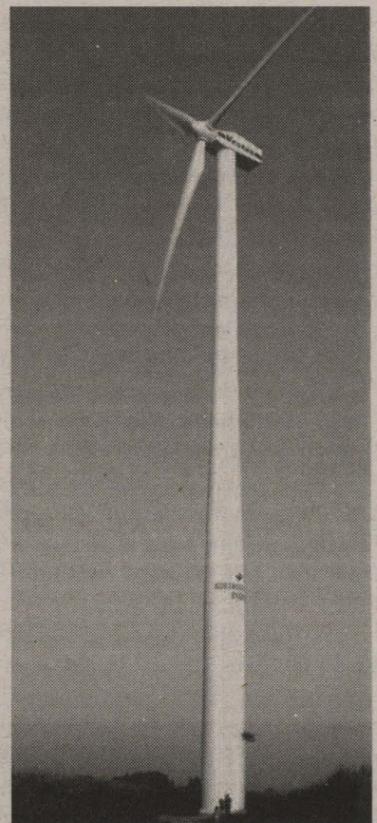
"Basically we formed this society after experiencing, ourselves, what it was like to work on community gardens/farms/projects/etc," said Zach Gaugush, SACS president. "We saw the importance and need for people to be involved in the community at many levels."

"Some of the most fundamental tenets of a community are its environment, food, and people. A healthy environment yields healthy food, which in turn yields healthy people, who in turn seek to maintain the health in all aspects."

In the future, the SACS have hopes of "implementing a better campus compost project, creating a campus gardening site, inviting speakers and giving presentations on many ideas relating to sustainability, taking trips to local farms to help farmers, and continuing to work towards a more sustainable UW-SP."

Another organization that is doing a lot with sustainability projects and education on campus is WISPIRG. Stacy Iruk, president of WISPIRG, had a lot to say about WISPIRG's goals for this school year.

"This year we have signed a national petition comprised of college campuses stating that we are for using sustainable energy instead of dirty energy. We would like to see



10 percent of UW-SP's energy coming from renewable sources by the end of this year. We are working to get a wind turbine on campus and we are continually pooling money together that will benefit the use of renewable energy resources on campus. From Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 we are sponsoring a dorm competition to see which dorm can use the least amount of energy. The dorm that uses the least will get a free pizza party."

For more information or to get involved contact Zach Gaugush with SACS and Stacy Iruk with WISPIRG.

## Gaia Symposium focuses on women in conservation

Prakash Rai  
SCIENCE REPORTER

"Beauty [of wilderness] is a resource in and of itself... I hope that the United States of America is not so rich that she can afford to let these wildernesses pass by. Or so poor, she cannot afford to keep them."

With those words and beliefs, Margaret Murie lived, fought and died. And it was with the words and beliefs of Margaret Murie and Sister

Dorothy Stang in mind that Biology Professor Douglas Post, the Symposium Advisor, and his Biology 100 students organized this year's Gaia Symposium.

Margaret Murie and Dorothy Stang were pioneer women conservationists who devoted their lives to fighting for the protection of wilderness and the environment.

Murie, born August 18, 1902, fought hard particularly

for the protection of Alaska's wildlife. Thanks in part to her hard work, President Jimmy Carter signed into law the 1980 Alaska Lands Act, which "increased national park acreage by 47 thousand acres, added 54 million acres to the National Wildlife Refuge System, and 56 million acres to the National Wilderness Preservation System."

In 1984, Murie received the highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, from President Clinton. She died on October 19, 2003.

Stang, born on the June 7, 1931, literally dedicated her life to her cause. She was assassinated in February while

fighting for land conservation and the rights of poor farmers in Brazil, where she had been working for nearly 40 years.

The symposium was a day-long event, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

In addition to honoring Murie and Stang, the symposium also recognized the contributions of women who have devoted their lives to the science of conservation. As Brent Przybylski, a member of the Symposium Steering Committee put it, the event was meant "to raise awareness of women's work in the conservation field."

Speakers from around the country such as Leslie Weldon, a forest supervisor from Oregon, were invited to attend. Also speaking at the event were UW-SP faculty members James Sage, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, John Coletta, Professor of English, and, Christine Thomas, Dean

of the College of Natural Resources.

Holly Voll, a symposium advisor, believed that it was "a fabulous learning opportunity for students."

The brainchild of Professor Douglas Post and his biology students in 1998, the symposium is an annual event, having a different theme related to conservation each year.

This year's symposium may have been the last one for Post, as he may retire at the end of the semester.

Sarah Brock, a former student of Post's who had come to the symposium said, "he has such passion for science and teaching. It is just incredible."

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# Gaia focus: biology students honor slain environmentalist, Dorothy Stang

Jeff Peters

SCIENCE REPORTER

Last Thursday, a poster full of names hung just inside the entryway of the Alumni room in the University Center. They were the names of 165 Biology 100 students who were in charge of last week's Gaia symposium, an event honoring women who protect our environment.

Douglas D. Post, UW-SP Biology Professor and advisor to the symposium, mentioned earlier how he'd seen the symposium evolve.

"The idea of the symposium was born here," said Post, pressing his fingers against the list of names from his fall biology sections, "and here," he said, as his fingertips moved across the paper towards the Spring students. "The thrust of it changed here."

The thrust he spoke of was the murder of Sister Dorothy Stang, an American nun and environmentalist. On Feb. 12, two gunmen, allegedly hired killers, shot the 73-year-old nun and left her on the side of a road in Brazil.

"One of the students said, 'Why don't we know anything about her?'" recalled Post. That was the moment the symposium found its voice.

Dot, as her friends called her, had already achieved martyr status. Sister Joan Krimm, Dot's friend and fellow member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, spoke during an hour-long remembrance of Dorothy's life.

"She was a free-spirit, stubborn, intelligent, joy-filled, and intensely spiritual," said Krimm.

Her spirituality guided her pas-

sions, and in Brazil she found her life's mission. She spent her last 39 years in Brazil teaching poor farmers sustainable agriculture and fighting for them - until it led to her death.

"As her blood soaked into the ground, her message began to resound throughout the world," said Krimm.

For a few weeks, even a few months, the eyes of the world turned toward the Amazon region, and toward the destruction and lawlessness that ran throughout the land.

The president of Brazil made many promises the day after Stang's death, "not one of which has been kept," said Krimm.

Krimm traveled to the symposium not only to help keep Stang's spirit alive, but also to help keep the eyes and pressure of the world on the Brazilian government.

"The saving of the rainforest, the dignity of the people, was Dot's dream," said Krimm. She'd been fighting for the rural poor her whole life. The landless peasants called her, "Angel of the Amazon."

The loggers that burned down homes and forced the peasants to move again and again called her "The American Terrorist," claiming she was trying to take over Brazil like America was doing in Iraq.

Many loggers made their money by illegally uprooting the rich Amazon forest. The government had done little to stop them, and Stang's fight for a federal reserve where poor farmers could be safe to develop a self-sustaining economy was against the loggers' interests. To them, she was a threat.

Stang received a constant stream of death threats, but continued to move

with the communities as each successive village was burned to the ground and rebuilt. The peasants played a never-ending game with the illegal loggers as they watched their homes burn away, hoping that one day, with the help of the government, the loggers' fire would no longer reach their villages.

In Anapu, a city in the state of Para, Brazil, Stang, with the same stubbornness she'd shown since she was a child, finally had her frustration reach a breaking point.

"Dot said, 'We're not moving anymore. We're going to protect our land,'" recalled Krimm. "She knew that she had a price on her head. She called me in January and she said, 'I found out that I'm worth 50,000 reals,' which is approximately \$20,000. And then she said, 'Well, I thought I would be worth a little bit more.'"

Just before her death, when the two gunmen confronted Stang, she removed a Bible from the small cloth bag she always carried and began reciting the Beatitudes. The gunmen stood there, listening for several minutes, hesitating until she spoke the words, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Then they opened fire.

They shot her six times; then, after she fell into the muddy road, three more times in the back of the head. Her body lay in the rain for eight hours before help arrived.

At the symposium, nearly eight months later, Krimm honored her fallen friend. "Dot's message continues," said Krimm. "The pressure from the world continues to be put on the Brazilian government."



Stang often wore a T-shirt with the words, "A Morte da floresta é o fim da nossa vida," or, "The death of the forest is the end of our life."

Krimm closed her speech with similar sentiments: "Keep loving the land. Keep loving the people of the land. Don't forget the poor."

As the people filed out, they went past the door, past the list of 165 names, each of whom contributed, in ways small and large, to make sure no one forgets.

"All the students have done significant things," said Post, his warm smile fading into seriousness. "They should be proud of themselves."

## Coots, lunchmeat, science, and paradigms, oh my

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Last week, I accidentally ate turkey. Being a non-meat eater, I was quite overcome. I immediately felt nauseated and began sweating profusely. After all, it had been about six years since I last had a taste of any meat.

Really though, the reaction was mostly from my head. There was no purely physical reaction going on here. My mind was making more of the situation than was really there. I would be okay. But the situation certainly got me thinking, and reminded me of an article I studied last year.

The article discussed the American Coot, an aquatic, duck-like bird that inhabits North America year round, and has serious issues taking flight from water. The bird runs along the surface of the water, flapping its wings vigorously in a torrent of splashes, only to come crashing back down before having another go at it. Sounds like a cognitively challenged bird, right?

Well, maybe not.

According to a study published in the April 03, 2003 issue of *Nature* it turns out that the often-disparaged coot is more on top of things than anyone had previously imagined. Bruce Lyon, Associate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz says that coots can literally count.

Lyon found that many female coots apparently possess the ability to count the eggs in their nests. Up until this study, the behavior had never been observed in any animal in the wild.

Lyon and his colleagues made this discovery while studying parasitism in the coot community. Since coot nests are only large enough to hold around eight eggs, female birds sneak into their neighbors' nests to deposit eggs. If foreign eggs go unnoticed, the host mother will raise them as her own. This situation creates a problem for the host bird and the evolutionary potential of her own genetic line.

Parasitism is rampant in the coot community. The study shows that 41 percent of nests were the victims of parasitism, and each nest received an average of three parasitic eggs. Lyon found that every parasite chick that survives does so at the expense of one of the host bird's natural offspring.

When chicks hatch, they enter a world where mom often doesn't have enough food to go around. In fact, Lyon's study found that 98 percent of all nests lose at least one chick to starvation. In response, evolution has provided a mechanism for mama coot to raise more of her own chicks.

It all starts with mom being able to recognize her own eggs. Each female coot produces an egg that has a unique color pattern. If mom notices a blatantly foreign egg she will bury it in her nest so that it is not allowed to incubate. However, some eggs from different females look extremely similar.

If mom isn't sure if the egg

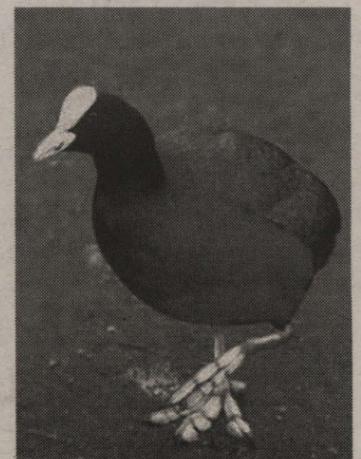
is hers, she will move it to the periphery of her nest, therefore allowing the egg to incubate, but at a slower pace. And since those chicks that hatch earlier have a better chance of surviving, the female coot is giving the eggs that she knows are definitely hers a more probable shot at life.

The beauty of the whole process, contends Lyon, is that coots have the ability to process visual information and decide when to stop producing eggs. In other words, when a mother coot sits on her nest containing both parasitic eggs and domestically produced eggs, she will know how many more eggs she needs to have a full nest of her own.

Previously, most biologists believed that birds decided to stop producing eggs simply by touch - that is, they thought bodies halted egg production according to how full the nest felt while incubating. Lyon's study gives evidence that a mother coot might have the ability to count the eggs that are only her own.

So, after chowing down

on some fowl, I couldn't help but think of the counting coot. Like its avian comrade, the turkey is generally regarded as a dumb creature. But my then over-burdened mind



flashed, "what, really, have I just eaten?"

No doubt, there's more to this issue than intelligence. I'm not trying to make any sort of definitive moral claim here. The issue of meat har-

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## 23rd annual Jazzfest

WWSP 90fm, the campus radio station of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, presents its 23rd annual Jazzfest Friday Oct. 21st - Monday Oct. 24th. Jazzfest consists of 60 hours of non-stop Jazz music and a live concert on Saturday evening the 22nd.

During the 60 hours of nonstop Jazz radio, we will be giving away two Jazz CDs per hour. Each Jazz DJ will feature a particular artist of their choice in addition to playing both traditional and new artists. The radio programming starts at 6 p.m. on Friday and continues until 6 a.m. on Monday.

The highlight of the weekend is the live concert on Saturday evening, which this year features The Tony Monaco trio. The concert is in the Laird Room of the University Center on the UW-SP campus.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with opening act the Marlin McKay Quartet taking the stage at 7 p.m. The Tony Monaco Trio will start at 8 p.m. Tickets for the concert are \$12 for the general public & \$5 for students with ID at the door.

Advance tickets can be purchased at a discount for

\$10 at The Book Cellar, 110 South Main Street, Waupaca and at Living Spirit Books, 1028 Main Street.

Tony Monaco is an award winning (Downbeat critics & readers poll 2003) Hammond B3 organ player with five albums under his name on the Summit jazz label. Among the artists Monaco has played with are jazz giants Ron Carter, Joey DeFrancesco, Lewis Nash, Red Holloway, Sonny Fortune, John Faddis and Mel Lewis. Best known for his 2001 disc, "Burnin' Grooves," Monaco entered the world of music on his eighth birthday when he received an accordion as a present. At the age of 12, he heard a recording of the legendary Hammond B3 player Jimmy Smith (whom Monaco later played with when he was 20) and instantly recognized that jazz organ was his calling. After spending several years practicing, he eventually took to the road to hone his skills. While touring his home state of Ohio, building his fan base and gaining recognition, Monaco's album "Burnin' Grooves" was released to much national acclaim and radio airplay. Subsequently, Monaco and his trio have toured extensively across the United States and overseas

## Brief Encounters

Nine short plays with love, wit, charm and more

Amanda Telischak  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Guest actress Elizabeth Dimon and senior Adam McAlcavey perform in "DMV Tyrant," one of the short plays featured in the Department of Theatre and Dance's "Brief Encounters" at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Oct. 4-9.



You wait, and you wait, and you wait. You are at the DMV and you wait for the woman behind the counter to pull her nose out of the book she is reading for two seconds and give the guy in front of you a moment of her time. How can you expect to get any assistance if Mr. Strong-Willed cannot? Calm down. It isn't real. You are sitting in the studio theatre in the Noel Fine Arts Center watching a short play called "DMV Tyrant." In fact, you have eight more plays to go.

"Brief Encounters," which ran from Oct. 4 through 9 proved a remarkable show compiled of nine powerful short plays, directed by Stephen Trovillion Smith. As stated by Trovillion, "The form [of short plays] is a challenging one. A short play must have all the elements of a full-length production: exposition, rising action, climax, interesting setting and characterization, something to say. And it has to be funny. Or sad. Or thought-provoking. Or all three."

Each play in "Brief Encounters" encompassed these qualities and did so unabashedly and eloquently.

The diversity of works in the show kept the audience interested and eager to see

what would come next. UW-SP theatre students performing in the show were stellar. Using the space in the new studio theatre as fully as possible, actors performed sitting, walking, lying down, standing up, and even stuck in car doors. The cast also welcomed the talents of guest artist

**"Brief Encounters" proved itself to be the perfect show to introduce audiences to the new studio theatre**

Elizabeth Dimon, a native of Florida who has been extremely successful in theatre, as well as the film industry. Watching Beth on stage, I felt as though I was watching a Broadway show; that is the caliber of her talent. The same is true of the director himself, Stephen Trovillion, who performed in several of the works. The actors filled the intimate space and were successful in affecting audience members with their stories.

Before the addition to the Fine Arts Center, the studio theatre, or "black box" existed next to Jenkins theatre. However, since the addition,

a new studio theatre has been built near the new entrance. Its high-tech space is painted in black like the original and equipped with state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems, as well as removable risers and comfortable theatre seating. In fact, the cast of "Brief Encounters" has the distinction of being the first to perform in the brand new space.

Trovillion said, "The studio theatre is a place to produce edgier, smaller in scale or stylistically different pieces that may or may not appeal to general audiences. This is the purpose of a studio theatre and we are very happy to

have a beautiful new one." One piece in the show deeply touched me and other members of the audience. Titled "Beautiful Noises," the piece was thought-provoking and deeply touching. The piece centered around a brother and sister. The sister Rachel, portrayed by Meagan Gilliland, had been trapped in purgatory for some time. Rachel would remain until she could make her mother understand that she did not hate her or hold her responsible for Rachel's death. After recently

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vesting and consumption certainly needs to be approached from a number of different perspectives.

Lyon's study, however, does give us some food for thought (pun intended). What exactly are we consuming? How do we get that food? How do we treat our fellow creatures? Was our food once capable of intelligent thought? Does any of this even matter?

Some may say that Lyon's study doesn't prove anything. One might hypothesize that the coot doesn't really count eggs, but rather disregards what it thinks are foreign objects in its nest; then its body simply lays its standard, pre-programmed number of eggs. That's a fair claim, and more research should be done.

The study does remind us that all life strives for something. While the philosopher Descartes and many others have left us with a legacy and a lens that encourages us to see a mechanized world, the years pass and we continue to question and challenge that assumption. Can the coot change our perception of the world? That remains to be seen.

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# The Profits bring their noise close to home

## An interview

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In case you were living under a rock, last week Madison area band The Profits were in town, playing three shows in dorm basements and another outside of Old Main on Friday Oct. 7. Their latest CD, *Far From You and Your Everyday Noise* was released recently, and the Profits are currently on a mini-tour of the Midwest.

I had the opportunity to conduct an interview with JP Roney and Mike Drohomireky of the band, and they had some interesting things to say about the band and themselves.

When asked about their musical influences, Roney replied with the names Patti Mitchell, John Mayer, and Coldplay. Drohomireky cites Jack Johnson's first album, *Brushfire Fairytales*, Dashboard

Confessional, and Modest Mouse as his biggest musical influences. Drohomireky went on to say he listens to "an eclectic mix of music," and this contributes to his varied songwriting.

While poking around on the Profits' Web site ([www.theprofitsband.com](http://www.theprofitsband.com)) I noticed that Objectivism, Ayn Rand's philosophy, was mentioned several times, and I asked Roney about this and if it had influence on his lyrics. He replied by saying he likes to "keep music far away from politics," and that he looks at the band in a different way than he does philosophy.

The Profits have three songs, "High Horse," "Jailbait," and "Sex at Six" featured on EA Sports' NCAA Football 2006. This was a result of a lucky coincidence according to Roney. The band was playing outside of Camp Randall stadium in Madison at the same time a film crew

was gathering footage for the video game. The producer saw the crowd's reaction to the Profits and asked them to contribute songs to the production.

I asked Roney and Drohomireky about the future of the Profits, and they offered an optimistic view. Roney said the Profits are entering a stage of "playing a lot of shows," and being approached by national acts.

Drohomireky, in a similar vein, spoke of a national tour in the future, after the Profits' successful tours of the Midwest. He also mentioned getting their CD out to a larger public and a desire to sell more copies.

Roney offered the following for up and coming artists who are looking to make it in the music scene: "Emulate

someone, but do [what they do] faster and better and set a clear path and a goal."

Drohomireky added, "Know what you want out of [a band]. Have a common goal, [and] put your time in."

So there you have it. The Profits have worked their way up from playing small Madison shows to releasing

quality albums and opening for the Violent Femmes and Blessid Union of Souls. If there is something to be gained from the story of the Profits, it is that with enough hard work and perseverance (and a few lucky breaks) it is possible for a local band to build themselves up to national recognition.



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Through the guidance

of his sister, Joel had to

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## Serenity in the aisles

### A "space western" with great character

Joy Ratchman

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Joss Whedon's *Serenity* is a very "shiny" movie. That said, you won't understand the full depth of the movie unless you've seen the Fox television series "Firefly." I myself am a newer fan to the series, but after a few friends of mine talked me into watching the pilot episode at the end of last semester, I was hooked. I loved *Serenity*. My sci-fi-loving sister, who hasn't watched "Firefly" yet, found the movie exciting but a bit confusing. Because *Serenity* is completely character-driven, you have to understand who the characters are and where they come from to appreciate the full scope of the movie.

The basic premise is that Earth was used up. Whedon never tells us how, but he doesn't really need to. The world's setup implies a war of some sort, where the two superpowers of the United States and China survived. Together, they formed the Anglo-Sino Alliance (The Alliance for short), and decided to regulate Space for the good of everyone. The remaining portion of humanity exists in a mishmash of these two cultures, trying to eke out an existence in the vast frontier that is Space.

Whedon undertakes an incredibly complex task by attempting to introduce us to a full cast of nine main characters in the course of a two-hour movie. Over the course of the "Firefly" series, he was able to single each character out and spotlight his or her main characteristics. We learn that Malcolm Reynolds (Mal), the captain of the ship, and his first mate Zoe, fought in a war for independence against the Alliance for the independence of the outer planets in the system. Mal and Zoe were some of the last to surrender. Zoe's husband, Wash, is the pilot of the ship. He's an easygoing, lovable sort of character who wears

tacky Hawaiian shirts and is prone to playing with plastic dinosaurs in his free time. Zoe is fiercely loyal to both of them, a situation which creates a bit of tension when the two men are at odds with one another. The others are Kaylee, a down-to-earth, upbeat young woman with a talent for keeping engines running smoothly, and Jayne the mercenary, who only thinks of himself and how much he'll get paid. In order to make a bit of extra cash, the crew picks up Simon Tam, a



The cast of *Serenity*

doctor on the run from the Alliance, and his younger sister, River, a genius on whom the government has been performing experiments.

The movie focuses on the balance between Mal's need to take care of his community (the crew) and the problems that result from having intergalactic fugitives (Simon and River) on board. Along the way, they receive help from two old friends who have left the ship. Shepherd Book appears to be a preacher, but he has some sort of past with the Alliance that is one of the series' (and the movie's) big secrets, and Inara, a Companion (think "escort") who serves as bait. Between Mal and Inara there are obvious feelings on both sides, but neither has, at this point, figured out how to deal with

them. You should probably also know that Simon Tam and Kaylee have feelings for one another that, throughout "Firefly," were hampered by Simon's tendency to lodge his foot deeply in his mouth. That's where the appeal of the movie lies. The scenario is fantastic, yes, but it is far more believable than, say, George Lucas's *Star Wars*, because the characters behave like real people.

Whedon's dialogue is excellent and showcases the interplay between his characters. They really are a lovable cast, as anyone who has spent any amount of time with them will tell you. On one level, the movie is a great sci-fi action film with excellent special effects, believable characters and a dose of humor thrown in for good measure. On another, it is interesting to go through and pick out all of the little tidbits that make this futuristic scenario seem like a logical extrapolation of modern times. This is especially evident in all of the little pieces of modern culture that Joss throws in as evidence of the "past." Mal quotes, of all things, Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," a poem that we've all had to read at some point in English class. Shepherd Book is a remnant of Christianity. Another minor character derives his name from a T.S. Eliot poem. The blend of cultures, frontier, and space is seamless, and it makes sense. If space is, indeed, "the final frontier," then it makes sense for a frontier culture to be born in the midst of it, not just among the scientists and great names of the future, but among the ordinary people for whom it is a reality.

I've only scratched the surface of what makes *Serenity* a great movie. My advice: Go see it. Then go out and buy, borrow, or otherwise get your hands on a copy of "Firefly." I can guarantee that *Serenity* will leave you hungry for more.

find a way to make his partner Arliss, portrayed by Jacob Janssen, and his mother, portrayed by Elizabeth Dimon, learn to understand each other and for his mother to accept the love that Arliss and Joel shared. Until Rachel and Joel could move on they both had to make their loved ones hear them. Rachel knew nothing but darkness, until finally she made her mother see the love that she had for her mother. Joel was also able to finally connect with Arliss and speak through him to his mother, connecting the two of them. The piece was powerful and real, and audience members were moved to tears.

From the DMV to moving into the afterlife, "Brief Encounters" proved itself to be the perfect show to introduce audiences to the new studio theatre in the Noel Fine Arts Center. Its variety and color filled the theatre with life, love, hardship, laughter, wit and charm. It sensationally succeeded in feeding a variety of interests.

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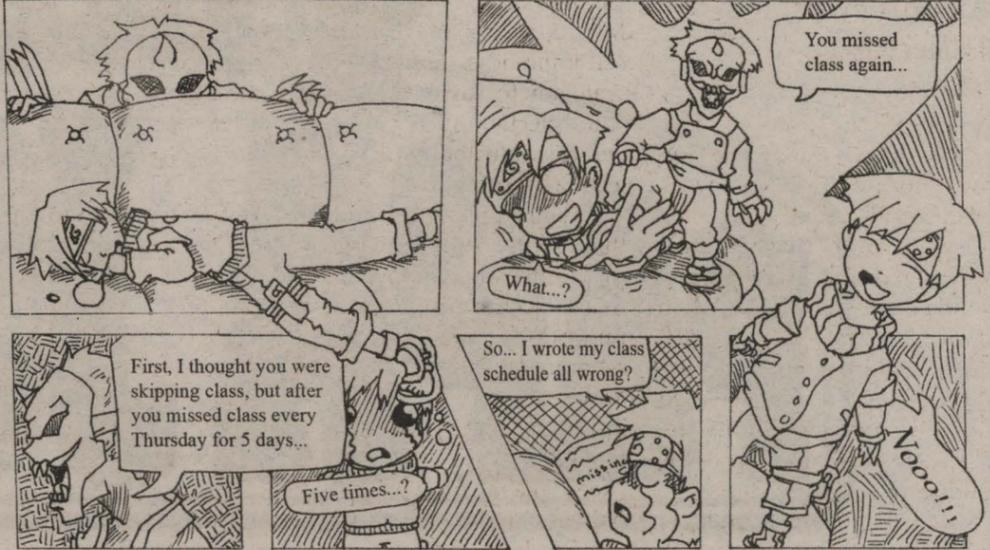
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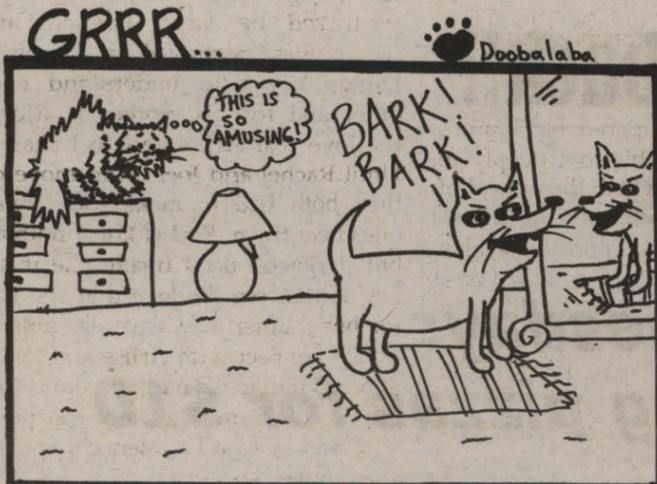
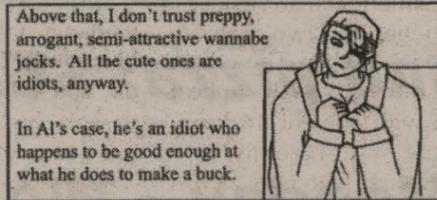
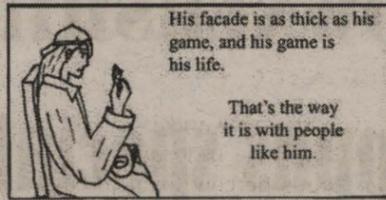


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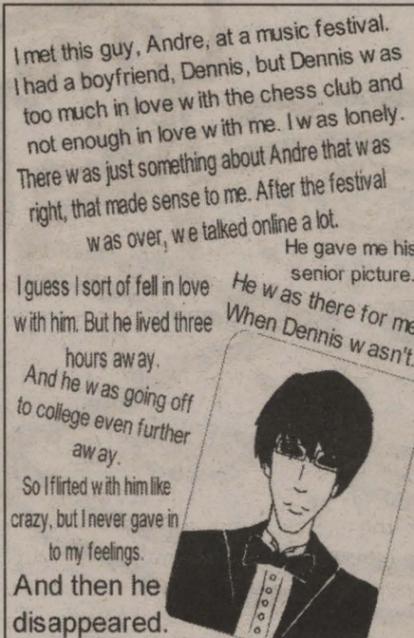
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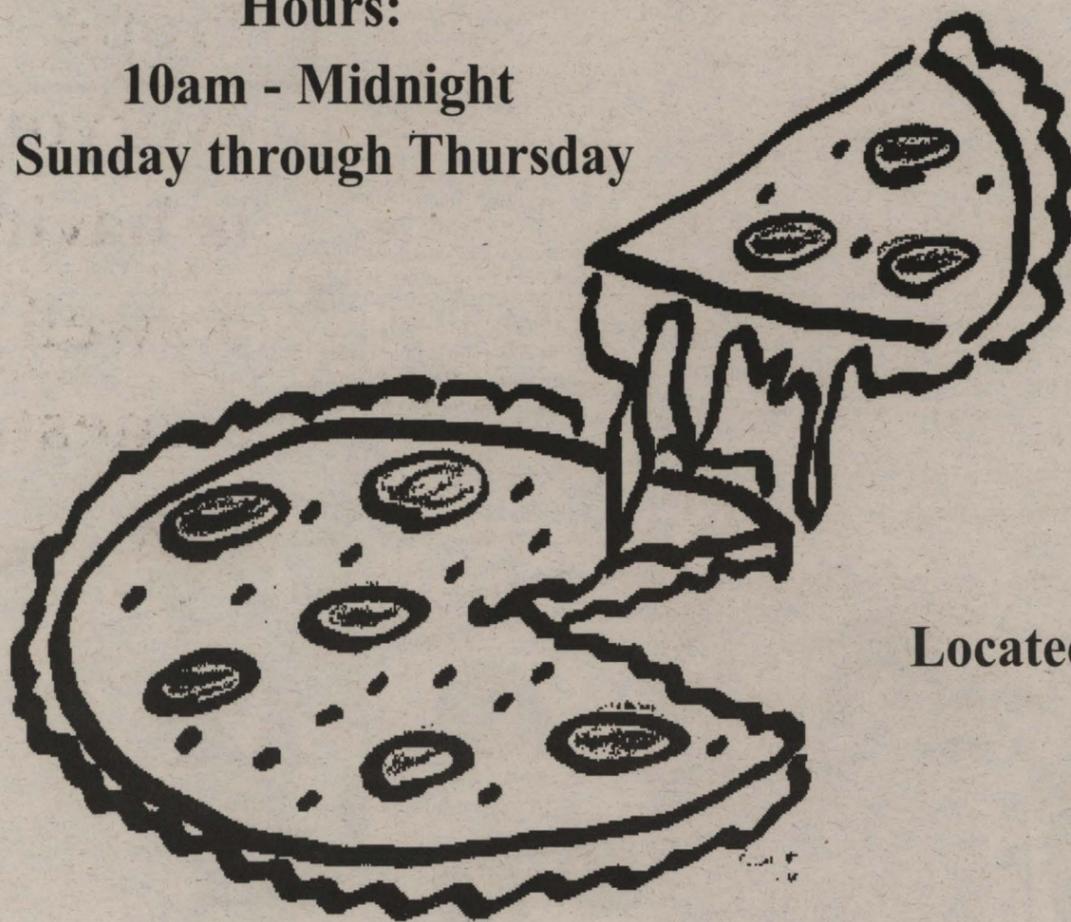
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## Kristin's from pg. 7

The restaurant seating was comfortable, but could become a bit congested when completely filled. Seating options include tables, a few booths and a bar, which circles into the restaurant area.

Passerby student Nick Heitman said he enjoyed his experience there and unsurely chuckled his only complaint as, "the bathrooms leave something to be desired."

Kristin's has had two previous locations, most recently in Whiting and also in Park Ridge. This is now Mertes' eighth year in the business and she wants everyone to know that it's a place "where you can come in and just socialize."

## Sandhill, Continued from 11 pg

protecting the group from the chill of the night.

All in all, the trip was successful and educational. Miess would like to personally thank Katie, Amanda, Colleen, Angel and Felicia for making this trip successful and looks forward to meeting more outdoor enthusiasts like them on future trips from Outdoor EdVentures!

**Hope everyone is having a swell semester! Ed.**

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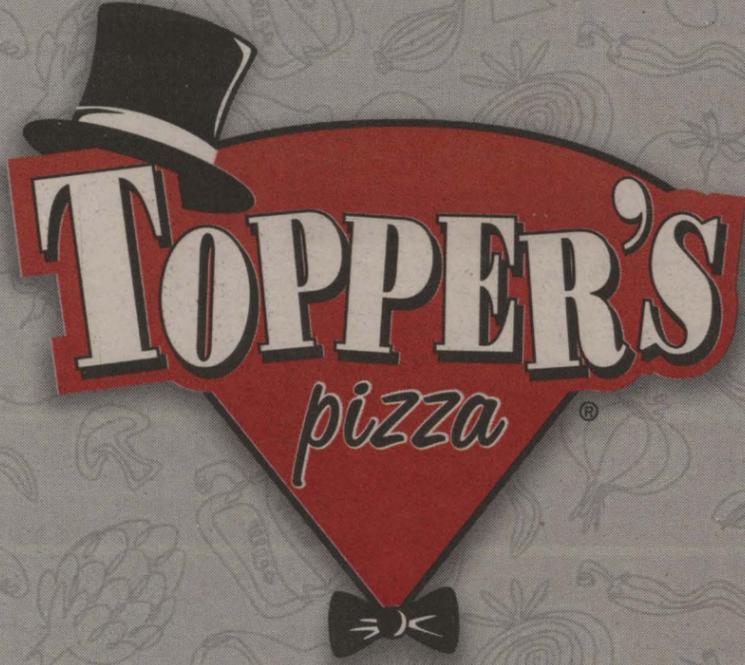
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