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Fewer keg stands? City to discuss possible keg ordinance

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Things might get a little bit more difficult for students that decide to host large, open-invitation house parties in the coming months.

The city of Stevens Point is looking to pass a keg registration ordinance that would limit the number of kegs sold to a particular address, require a couple forms of identification from the buyer, while also attaching a registration-seal to the purchased keg.

The idea for the ordinance was brought to attention by Alderperson George Hanson who then approached City Attorney Louis Molepske to research and draft the ordinance.

The first draft of the ordinance contains a limit of two kegs that can be sold to one address within a 48-hour cumulative period.

Chief Jeff Morris of the Stevens Point Police Department, said that keg registration will help stabilize neighborhoods

within the city that seem to host many house parties each semester.

"This is certainly one of the most significant issues that Stevens Point faces," he said. "Things that affect the public safety revolve around student drinking."

Lorne Paulson, Manager of JRLiquor, 484 Division, doesn't understand the need for a keg registration ordinance in the city

because barrel sales have been down the past few years.

"I don't think people are having the big barrel parties like they used to, it's pretty much a thing of the past," Paulson said. "If people are drinking, they are buying cases of beer or they are drinking better beer (micro brews, imports, etc.) instead of the half-barrels. It just doesn't seem like



Photo by Bob Gross



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Smoking ban passed for restaurants within city limits

By Matt Inda
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The long debated issue on smoking in Stevens Point carried out to the final vote Monday night.

In a 6-5 common council vote, it was determined that smoking will no longer be

allowed in restaurants and most other business. This, however, does not include taverns.

BreatheFREE, a community anti-smoking organization, has been a strong leader in pushing a smoking ban on Stevens Point for some time.

In spring, they put in place a referendum that would ban

smoking in all bar and restaurants, but was turned down in a 7-4 vote.

Effective April 1, the ban will also extend to such places as health care facilities, public transportation facilities, adult day care facilities, bingo halls, city-owned motor vehicles, elevators and public areas in apartment buildings and condos as well as retirement and nursing homes.

Facilities not regulated by the ban include bowling alleys, home-based businesses, restaurants seating less than 50 persons and taverns.

After debating the ordinance, some adjustments were discussed among the alderpersons and City Attorney Louis Molepske during the meeting. One such discussion was about bars



Photo by Mae Wernicke

Jobb Jones smokes a cigarette at the Mission Coffee House.

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Native soldier recovering after exposure to depleted uranium

By Brandi Pettit
NEWS REPORTER

When 24-year-old Sgt. Jane Doe (the name of the soldier in this report was changed due to the family's wish for privacy) found out she was going back to war-torn Iraq for a second time, she wasn't afraid.

"I love this life," she said. "This is my job."

The Stevens Point native was recently taken off the front lines after two years of strange, painful symptoms and evacuated to Germany, where medical tests concluded she had been exposed to a radioactive substance called Depleted Uranium (DU).

DU has been linked to Gulf War Syndrome, of which 11,000 soldiers who served in the first Gulf War have since died from.

Ingesting trace amounts of naturally occurring uranium by humans is common. However, DU is the chemically enhanced waste product left behind when a nuclear weapon is produced.

Because the U.S. Government has a surplus, DU is sold to foreign countries and given to the military. DU is easy to "roll" into shape, but denser than lead and difficult to penetrate. Because of this, military applications include tipping shells commonly called "armor-piercing bullets," and lining combat vehicles for protection from these uranium bullets, which both sides of Middle Eastern conflicts have used for over a decade.

Uranium bullets are both incendiary and fragmentary. After they hit their target they can burst into flame and they break into small, irremovable pieces once in the body.

When a DU shell explodes on its target, the dust disperses in the air, then settles in the surrounding area. While the dust is too dense to be carried far by wind, it is stirred into the air by footsteps in the dirt, vibrations from a vehicle, or even a mechanic dusting his hands together.

DU can enter the body three ways. It can be ingested with food or water, forced

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Surplus partnership connects UWSP and school district

Oct. 19, 2005

Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND
COMMUNICATION

A mutually beneficial partnership between the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the Stevens Point School District to handle surplus property will become official with the signing of an agreement on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Chancellor Linda Bunnell and school district Superintendent Bette Lang will sign the agreement at 4 p.m. at UW-SP's Surplus Property Office, 601 Division St., and other representatives of UW-SP and the district will attend.

The agreement allows UW-SP to either sell or dispose of surplus items from the school district, such as old computers, electronic equipment, furniture and other items, saving the district costs in time, storage, transportation and personnel, keeping items out of a landfill and in some cases, earning the district a higher profit for items sold.

"This is a win-win situation," said Bunnell. "I am pleased that UW-SP can cooperate with the school district in a program that not only is good for the environment but offers advantages for both parties."

"The opportunity to get items out of storage and into

the hands of those who can make use of them is part of the promoting the mission of education," said Lang. "Having the ability to cut back on expenditures to dispose of obsolete equipment can instead provide revenue which is a positive practice for the district."

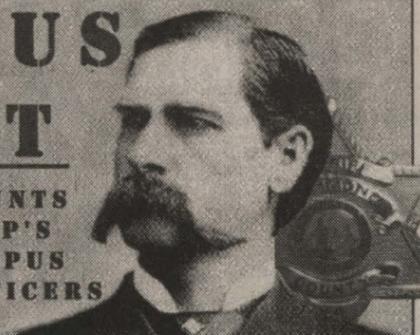
Over the last two months, the agreement has saved the district \$10,000 in fees for disposal of computer parts, says Fred Hopfensperger, program manager of Surplus Property at UW-SP. Additionally, profits from the sales of five pianos and other items have earned the district over \$2,000. UW-SP benefits through the addition of more goods to the Surplus Store, he says, which attracts and keeps more satisfied customers.

Hopfensperger initiated the partnership with the district last spring, inspired by the fact that since both UW-SP and the schools were supported by the state they should work together to save money and resources. He also knew that UW-SP's Surplus Property Office could more easily and cost effectively sell and dispose of items, he said.

"This is really a great opportunity for us to work together since we are both funded by taxes," said Hopfensperger. "This is also a way for the campus to work with our community on a broader scale."

CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
FINEST CAMPUS
SECURITY OFFICERS



Baldwin Hall
October 12, 2005 11:01 a.m.
Type: THEFT

Report of a stolen bike.

LRC
October 13, 2005 4:29 p.m.
Type: VERBAL ASSAULT

Report of an individual attempting to intimidate staff and make LRC patrons feel uncomfortable. He has been at the LRC several times within the previous five days and uses obscene language and becomes out of control.

Pray/Sims Hall
October 13, 2005 11:37 p.m.
Type: VANDALISM

Report of two individuals that were "beating" on the East Pray Hall entrance and possibly broke the window then took off running north towards Smith and Roach Halls. Description of one of the suspects is 5'8"-5'9", medium build, with dark short hair wearing a blue and white striped button down shirt.

Watson Hall
October 15, 2005 9:45 p.m.
Type: MISSING PERSON

A man called in to report his girlfriend was missing. Caller was advised to call her friends or family to try and get a hold of her or find out where she was. He was also advised to call the police department and see if they could offer any assistance if he felt it necessary.

South DeBot circle
October 16, 2005 12:22 a.m.
Type: PUBLIC DISTURBANCE

A resident of Hansen Hall reported excessive noise emanating from the South DeBot circle. The resident also reported a large group people present.

Knutzen Hall
October 17, 2005 11:28 a.m.
Type: VANDALISM

Report of repeated vandalism to construction area.

Campus Beat provided by UW-SP Protective Services



Student Television is holding a contest to find a new slogan!

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they are doing that (hosting parties) as much as they have in years past."

The first draft of the ordinance also requires the business selling the barrel to save a record of the sale for a minimum of two years.

Paulson disagrees with this stipulation of the document.

"What they need them for two years, I don't know," he said. "It seems to me that 90 days would be more than sufficient."

Morris said that the off-campus student in the city is integrated into the regular city life so the empty cups and bottles of beer from these parties are being dispersed over random neighborhood yards.

"As a community we love it that way! we don't want isolated pockets," he said. "But it also brings responsibilities when you live in a regular community. You have to follow community norms."

There is also the question that even if the city passes the ordinance, local citizens may just resort to buying extra keg's of beer outside of the city limits and then bring them back in.

"What we're hoping is (that) the county of Plover will pass a similar ordinance," Morris said. "This is not meant as a cure all. We're not thinking that things can't be got

around."

Paulson has similar doubts about this possibility.

"That would effect our sales pretty big I think," he said. "It's going to be their (Stevens Point Police Department) job to educate the public. They can't go to Kwik Trip on (Route) 66 to buy a barrel and bring it into the city legally, (but) I don't know if that would stop people from doing it."

While a limitation on the number of kegs purchased may likely wind up on the final document, Morris thinks there will be a mechanism for bypassing this for the larger, more formal events that take place at a venue large enough to host it.

"Thirty-three gallons of beer is plenty, you can still get very pleasantly (drunk) with a reasonable amount of people," he said. "It isn't an effort to eliminate all fun, it's just to at least make some type of impact on underage consumption."

Morris said the vote for this ordinance will likely take place in either the November or December city council meeting.

He also invited members of the student body who may have some concerns over the topic to contact him to possibly schedule a meeting to discuss the various elements of this proposed ordinance.

Smoking, from pg. 1

and restaurants that claim the same building.

Kristin's at Middletown restaurant, which shares a building with Rhody's bar, was one example used.

The bar and restaurant are divided by a partial wall that falls from the ceiling a few feet just enough to show separation. They are, however, two distinct businesses. Rhody Mallick owns his smoke permitting bar and has been renting out the restaurant area. However, according to the new ordinance, if the restaurant is to be smoke free with no solid wall between, then the bar must also be smokeless.

The groups that came together from both sides to reach a compromise included BreatheFREE, Be Fair, Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, Portage County Business Council, the Portage County Tavern League, and other medical representatives.

There was no representative that spoke for the restaurants.

Some of those in attendance were unsure of the ordinance's wording in some cases, expressing that it was not clearly written. Various council members and groups involved in this issue were even looking to extend the decision to a later date, until

everything was completely clarified.

Mallick states he is also not in favor of what he called an "incomplete ordinance." But both he and Kristin Mertes of Kristin's at Middletown expressed that they will comply with the new law.

Jane Jones, a health promotion professor at UW-SP, was part of BreatheFREE's push for the spring referendum to ban tobacco use in bars. She believes that this ban is a start in the right direction in aspects like comfortable dining. She also sees it as giving people more job opportunities - meaning for those who may have health issues with smoke or simply do not like it.

Violations of the ban will cost \$75 each time it is breached.

Other parts of the ordinance were postings of signs where smoking is prohibited which need to be no smaller than 24-square inches. Also a hardship clause backs the business allowing a place to be exempt from the ban for



Photo by Mae Wernicke

a year if a loss greater than 10 percent is realized in the immediate three months in comparison to the average of the previous three years.

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the body with a uranium bullet, or inhaled. DU particles small enough can stay in the lungs permanently, giving off long-term radiation.

The Defense Department denies any link between DU and Gulf War Syndrome, releasing an official report on Gulf War illnesses saying, "(We) conclude that stress is likely the primary cause of illness."

Symptoms of this illness vary, but often include: insomnia, severe mood swings, severe pain, menstrual disorders, neurological disorders, gastrointestinal trouble and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome. Long-term exposure to DU often yields birth defects, cancer - most commonly leukemia and multiple organ failure.

Since being admitted to the hospital, Sgt. Doe has been on heavy pain medication for unexplained severe pain. She relies on tranquilizers to get to sleep. Among other things, the doctors have found problems with her liver, gall bladder and pancreas.

Sgt. Doe's sense of duty far outweighs her pain and frustration. While still in a military hospital awaiting various procedures and testing, she has no regrets about her service.

"I knew there were risks going in," she said. "We all do."

The name of the soldier in this report was changed due to the family's wish for privacy.

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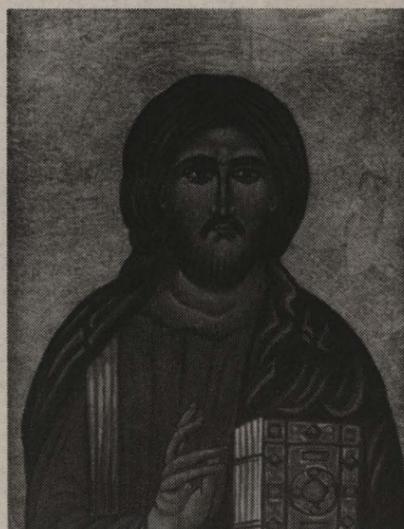
In last week's issue, in "Wang weighs in on the Middle Kingdom," we reported that Professor Jianwei Wang is chair of the political science department. He no longer holds this position.

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Your College Survival Guide: Making the date

By Pat "Repeat" Rothfuss
 NOW! WITH EXTRA CYNICISM!
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 COFFEE HOUSE.

Pat,
 I need some advice. I seem to have a problem that has developed from being rejected by women all too often. Now everytime I want to ask someone out on a date I am so paralyzed with rejection-fear that I simply don't ask.

I haven't had a date in more than two years, and this "disorder" is responsible for that. I have been putting out the "vibe" in my soc. class and have a lovely blonde prospect, but I am too afraid to even ask.

Is there any way to overcome this fear, and once again go out with women? Is there a pick up line that would help? A book I could read?

The Biazzaro Fonzie~

You know what really turns women on Fonzie? Capital letters. Lots of well-used capital letters.

It's tough being a guy. All the responsibility of starting a relationship lays on our shoulders like some great goddamn heavy ox yoke. As a guy, you

really only have two options:

1) Approach women and make desperate, pathetic attempts to wheedle them into dating. Then when they don't want to date us, (which is understandable, really) we

On the plus side, there's no rejection. On the minus, it's a hellish, lonely existence which eventually leads to hanging out in comic-book stores during the day, and hunting for Pokemon pornography on the Internet all night.



feel rejected, depressed, and worthless. However, the only other option is....

2) Don't approach women.

Yup, sucks being a guy. Matter of fact, there's only one thing worse. Being a girl. Women also have two choices and they're worse than ours.

1) Wait for a guy to ask them out. And of course it's always some sleazy guy in a bar. Or some creepy guy in a bar. Or some drunk guy in a bar.

Honestly. Where do you have to go these days to find a nice guy?

2) Ask guys out. HAHHAHAHA. Just kidding. We all know that it's physically impossible for a woman to ask a man out. Really, you women only have one position: sit passively while a parade of jackass men croon slurry compliments and spill beer on you.

Ok, enough cynical mocking. I really do appreciate your problem, Fonzie. Our cocked-up culture has a real problem with assertive women, so the chances of a young lady asking you out are approximately a brazillion to one.

That means it's up to you to break the ice. To quote someone or other, "it's a crooked game, but it's the only one in town."

There are really only two working strategies: honesty and humor. There are a bunch of other strategies (charm, pity, bribery, etc.) but none of them work as well as these two.

HUMOR.

Theoretically, women dig funny guys. I say theoretically because I'm funny as hell, and I never get any. Never. Not even from myself.

"What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?" (You see, it's funny because you'd be asking her in a classroom.)

Pass her a note that says: "Do you like me? If so, check this box."

HONESTY.

Sometimes it is the best policy. Believe it or not.

"I don't know you, but I think I'd like to. Want to have coffee sometime?"

HUMOR AND HONESTY.

The truth hurts, but sometimes it's a funny hurt. If you can combine these two strategies, they will form a giant robot that will fight crime. Or something.

"I haven't dated in a long time, and I've forgotten how. Is this the part where you say you'll go out with me?"

"I'm not very good at asking people out. Could we skip right to the part where you say 'yes' or 'no'?"

"I've been putting out my 'vibe' all semester. Why haven't you asked me out yet?"

Wait, I lied. There's one other strategy...

Write a letter to Pat Rothfuss and hope that he asks the girl out for you.

OK, here goes. If you are a blonde, and female, and have a sociology class. Look around. Is there some guy desperately

Yup, sucks being a guy. Matter of fact, there's only one thing worse. Being a girl.

trying to a) smile b) make eye contact c) generate some sort of "vibe?"

You see him? Would you do me a favor and ask him out for coffee? I'd really appreciate it. Go on. You never know until you've tried.

If you won't do it for me, do it for our society. One small step for woman. One great leap for woman-kind.

To aid your attempt to propagate the species, BF, I'm going to pass along some gift certificates to the Mission Coffee House. As an added bonus, I'll include a rare "I am not Pat Rothfuss T-shirt" that I discovered while I was unpacking. We made a couple dozen of them a few years ago, and I only have a few left. This thing will definitely help you score. Why? Because the first thing women want in a man is a sense of humor. And the second thing they want is to be absolutely sure that he's not Pat Rothfuss.

This weekend you've got some Nu-Jazz/Experimental/Pop showing up at the Mission Coffee House. Please don't ask me what that means. I honestly have no idea what sort of music you damn kids listen to these days. But hey, if you're curious about it you should know that Dafino, Windsor Dr, Salva Me, and the Wanteds will be playing it at 8 p.m. on Friday. Might be a good time.

Saturday you've got a whole passel of techno coming in with Imaginary Friend, Kenesis, Filament, and others. Don't forget, shows at the Mission are all-ages, so it's a great place to take that jailbait high school girl you've been dating. Come on, you know she deserves a night out on the town....

Pointer Poll

by Mae Wernicke

Get your butt outside!

How would you feel about a smoking ban in Stevens Point?



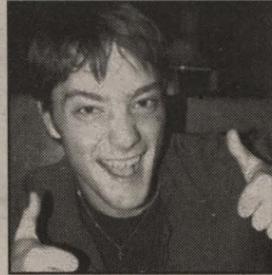
Megan Hertrampf, So. Psych

"I think the businesses should be free to choose whether they want to allow their customers to smoke."



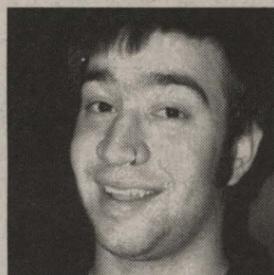
Chris Stanford, Sr. Mass Media

"I understand, but they need to think of viable options for smokers. I don't want to be forced to go outside to smoke when it's zero degrees outside."



Michael Aavang, So. Psych, Philosophy & Math

"There are good arguments on both sides. Actually, I'm for the ban. Number one, I'm not a smoker. Number two, a lot of people aren't smokers. Number three, secondhand smoke is detrimental to your health, and yes, many places do have good ventilation, but there are many places that do not have ventilation at all. There are those who say that the ban would be bad for the economy because those who smoke, which is a rather large demographic, would stop going to places like bars or restaurants because they wouldn't be able to smoke. However, I've read about some studies in California where they actually did ban smoking in certain areas and they did lose the smokers, but the smokers were replaced by people who otherwise would have not come because of the smoke. Replacement ratio was found to be 3 to 1 non-smokers to smokers, so business actually increased."



Adam Johnson, Jr. Psych & Philosophy

"I don't really care."



Ally Bass, Fr. Wildlife Ed

"Within cafes, when the environment is closely knit together and is more socially intertwined, I feel [smoking] should be accepted. A restaurant usually has a more segregated feel, and because the connection between customers isn't as similar, a ban on smoking wouldn't affect me."



Margaret DeVito, Sr. History & Spanish

"It sounds good."

Because I said so



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Apple strikes again!

It happened again. For the second time in less than a year, I have almost been sucked in to buying an iPod. Shame on me.

After my first tango with portable bliss, I was content to write a quip about only wanting the white headphones. But now that I have almost been suckered in twice, I have declared war on "the 'Pod."

My second bout with obsession came last Thursday. I convinced myself it would be cheaper to buy one while still in school, and since I was already set on obtaining a slick new G5 iMac, by any means necessary, why not?

After I started looking at the new i-Pod specs, I was truly amazed by the ingenuity of the good people at Macintosh. More features, more storage, and smaller size: The three key selling-points

for any techno-junkie.

Sweet, I thought. Now I can watch TV shows on it, how cool is that? It would be great on road trips, taking public transportation, waiting in offices... the possibilities were endless!

But then I started to think about it. I could see myself traveling with friends cross-country and when asked how it was, I would reply: "Well, I watched the whole first season of 'Lost,' so, you know, I've got that going for me."

And then there was my freshman year naïve attempt to go "mini-disc," which, according to some choice Web sites, was supposed to be the next big thing. So to show

how hip I truly was, I walked around with headphones glued to my ears. Every day I would get an e-mail or a message on my phone, "Hey Liz, I saw you the other day and said hi, but you had those goddamned headphones on again!" So after two months of this I relieved myself from the voluntary isolation, and have never been happier.

Isolation really seems key here. Instead of interacting with the world, we choose to put ourselves in smaller and smaller boxes. We love our houses and the stuff we keep in them so much, that now we have to carry portable boxes as well?

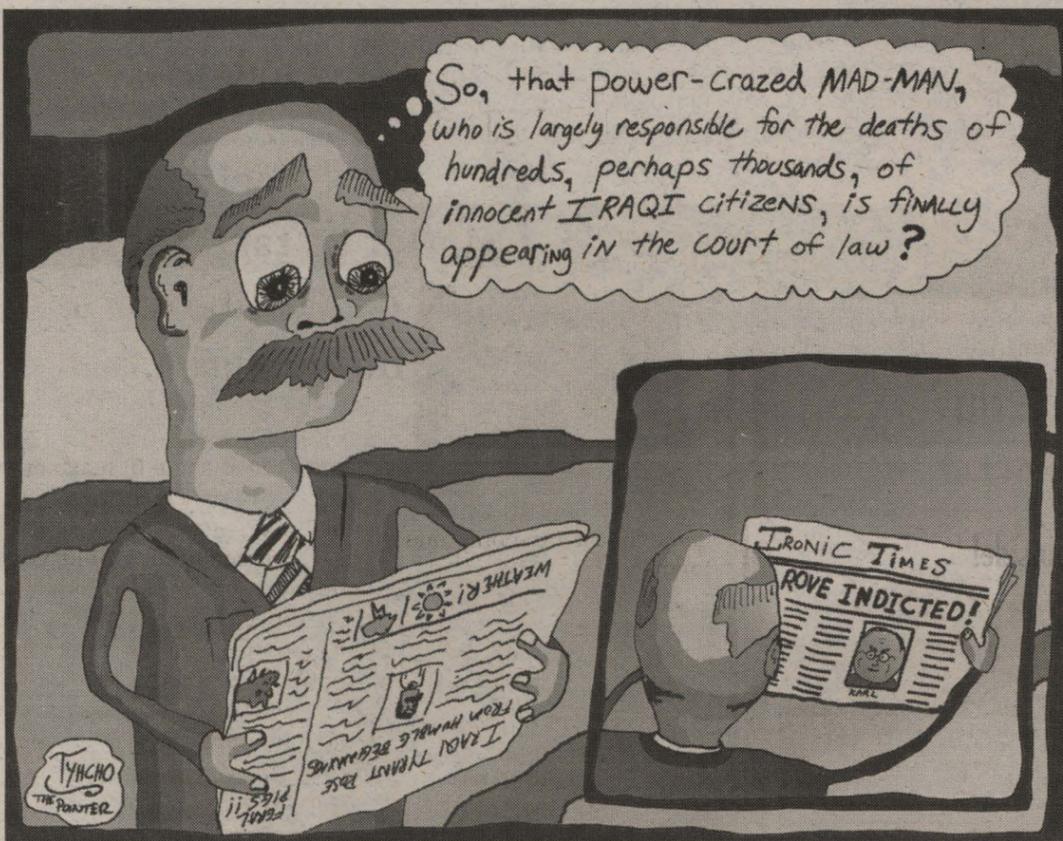
There are so many things I would miss if I still had a Walkman or something with me all the time. I would miss saying hello to people on the street, watching the squirrels chatter and fight about who gets the biggest acorn, or my biggest fear- I might have missed the event that took place last Thanksgiving weekend, on Sunday around 2 a.m. in the morning.

I was walking home from the library, and happened to glance up. I did a double-take - the sky was on fire. No, my mistake, it was the Northern Lights. The entire sky of Stevens Point was a pulsating swirl of green as far as I could see. Parallel waves in some places, right above my head was a throbbing mouth of green light I feared would swallow me alive.

That event was amazing, and a little scary. But if I had been skipping along to Cyndi Lauper, I would have missed out on a great natural event.

So I started to see the whole i-Pod thing, and in a larger sense portable entertainment, as another way to alienate us from each other and the world. Another way to accommodate our ADD lifestyle.

So, since I am older and wiser since last week, I am going to pass on the iPod once again. But the iPod Nano is still a distinct possibility. Fitting inside the tiny square front pocket of my jeans? You can't lose!



Letter to the Editor

Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness month

October is both Breast Cancer Awareness month and Domestic Violence Awareness month. Chances are you or someone you know has been affected by either one of these situations. But are you aware of what to look for? Breast cancer can affect not only women but men as well, especially if there is a history of the disease in the family. Early detection is key. In addition to exams done by your doctor during checkups, self breast exams should be done once a month. Start at your nipple and feel outwards in circles. For women, the best time to do self breast exams is right after your period when your breasts are not tender or swollen. Mammograms should be started at age 40 and done on a yearly basis, according to the American Cancer Society.

Domestic violence is a dark cloud over anyone's life, but it does not have to be. Most people assume domestic violence just involves physical violence. Mental abuse is often used to intimidate and is just as destructive as bruises. If you're not sure if you or someone you know might be a victim of domestic violence, you need to know what to look for.

Some signs include: bruises, a sudden change in personality, forceful sex when the victim is not in the mood, constant belittling by the abuser towards the victim, if the victim suddenly loses interest in something they once took joy in, if the victim becomes isolated and spends less and less time with their friends and family, and if the abuser harms inanimate objects of the

victim. Any of these could be an early sign of impending physical violence. This is not by any means a complete list, but it should get people thinking. The most important thing to remember is to trust your instincts. If you think you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, seek help immediately. It could save a life. If you have any more questions on breast cancer or domestic violence, or if you just want to talk, remember the door to the Womens Resource Center is open to everyone.

Amanda Lorge
Media Coordinator
Womens Resource Center

SGA Corner:

Electronic voting will be held through your e-mail Nov. 14-18 for the U-Pass Referendum. There are a few misconceptions about the referendum; hopefully this will clear them all up for you.

The referendum will have three choices on it, in which you, the student, will be able to select one of three options.

Option A to keep the current U-Pass system

Option B to keep the current U-Pass system but ADD the late night bus route

Option C to not have a bus system at all on this campus

The U-Pass system is part of your tuition and allows UW-SP students to have unlimited rides on the Stevens Point transportation throughout the academic school year. You just show your ID, hop on the bus and go. The transit routes currently go along Division, Hwy 10 towards Walmart, Evergreen Apts., The Village, County Market, and you can connect to any other route at the transit hub near Shopko.

The late night bus service would extend the hours of operation from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and allows students a safe alternative to travel home in the evening, allowing individuals who work or live downtown a safe alternative rather than walking home alone in the cold. The extended hours would be on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Legislation:

Resolution in Opposition to Amendment:

This is a resolution stating that the SGA would be in opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment banning marriage for same-sex couples, domestic partnership, and civil unions.

Current Events:

Women's Leadership Conference - Nov. 18-20 at UW-Eau Claire. Contact SGA (SGAExecutives@uwsp.edu) for more information. All students are welcome to join us for a great weekend! Deadline for registration with SGA is Monday, Oct. 24.

For more information, see United Council's Web site: <http://unitedcouncil.net/activ/wlc/wlc.htm>

“The Nightmare” truly a nightmare

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After more than 15 years attending haunted houses, I feel justified in expecting them to be either fun, frightening, or both. The Nightmare, located on Highway 13 North in Marshfield, is neither.

The Nightmare is an interactive, reality-based maze that depicts the four leading killers of teens and young adults today: alcohol, drugs, suicide and gangs. I knew that it was put on by a church organization, so I was a little hesitant when some friends suggested we see it last Saturday. But I had also heard it was “extreme” and intensely graphic, so I figured I’d give it a shot.

I’ll be frank: the most nightmarish thing about The Nightmare is the wait in line. We arrived around 7:30 p.m., expecting a one- to two-hour wait. We finally reached the entrance to the 21,000 square foot warehouse, where 200 to 300 cast and crew members stage the 20-minute production, just after midnight.

The entrance to the warehouse is probably the scariest part of the entire production, since this is where the black-clad “security guards” who herd you into the entrance chamber first swoop in with their Gestapo-like efficiency. The young girls, of course, are the most likely to get worked up into a frenzied anticipation, as if it can really get any better than this calculated, drawn-out foreplay. Here you wait some more, huddled in little

square formations, for your turn to meet Death, clad in the requisite Grim Reaper garb.

Once the guards bully you into the actual maze, you encounter a series of admittedly realistic productions involv-

How do you like your Christ? Lashed? Thrashed? Flayed? The Nightmare has them all.

ing teens drinking and overdosing on heroin, bleeding to death in a car crash, committing suicide (a girl paints the wall with her brains and you’re sprayed with water), and – best of all – an inner-city gang brawl that erupts into a full-blown shoot-out and ends with a close-range shotgun blast to the youngest actor’s chest. This is all startlingly realistic, considering it’s Marshfield, but not particularly shocking, unless you’ve been able to avoid most forms of mass media for the past 15 years. To be fair, it’s also pretty entertaining.

The Nightmare only really begins to resemble a traditional haunted house when you finally reach the end of the “real-life” sequence and pass horizontally through Hell inside a motorized cage. Here, according to the ominous, disembodied voice booming from overhead, you get to witness the final destination of your depraved, immortal soul.

Lost souls abound, but they don’t outnumber the vicious demons who prey on their writhing bodies by

yanking out their intestines and whatnot. For some reason the creators installed stained glass windows with crosses on the walls, so with all the flailing, shouting, and rose-hued religious imagery, the

Lake of Fire, where “the worm does not die and the fire shall never be quenched,” bears an alarming resemblance to a Catholic church overrun by Pentecostals.

Just when you thought it couldn’t get any more terrifying, the gears crank to a halt and you’re left suspended in the cage in utter darkness. The

spotlight focuses on a creepy mime-like figure who helps the Big Voice (Satan?) slip into a diatribe about the consequences of not questioning the meaning of your existence. A fair point to consider. If the doors were flung open at this juncture, The Nightmare might get kudos for the only haunted house to make you question What It’s All About.

Instead, the answer is hurled at you as you’re shuffled into the final sequence. Of course, it’s “JEE-zus... Chriiiiiist!!!!”

I might have figured this was coming, but there’s no way I could have known how strong. This production makes Mel Gibson’s *Passion* seem tasteful. How do you like your Christ? Lashed? Thrashed? Flayed? How about spewing an exhausted, bloody Bronx cheer from the cross? You’ll

get it all at The Nightmare. And after you’ve witnessed, first-hand, the death AND resurrection of the Lord (narrated by an upbeat voice strangely more ominous than Satan’s), you’re hurried through the empty tomb and into a video room, where Senior Pastor John Freel of Believer’s Church, Marshfield, appears on the screen and gives you all the details about getting right with God, including visiting www.afterthenightmare.com.

So if you like your Halloween horror grim, gruesome, and (literally) God-soaked, bring \$8 and a friend (at least 13 years old) and carpool to Marshfield. The Nightmare doors open at 7 p.m., Oct. 21 and 22, and Oct. 27, 28 and 29. Bundle up. And don’t forget to browse the merchandize room on your way out.



From Many to One...Cheese that is

Coral Heckert
POINTLIFE REPORTER

I remember the first time through the sub line at the UC. You stand there and contemplate what type of sub or wrap you want. Then you get there and you think you know what type of bread or wrap and filling you want. Then the wonderful ladies working there ask you that one ques-

tion you weren’t anticipating at first: what type of cheese would you like? There is provolone, cheddar, American, Swiss, and pepper jack. Ah, to be from Wisconsin where there are as many cheeses as one could possibly want.

Fast forward to present time here at Dunmore Lang College in North Ryde, Australia. We have “roll your

own” days here, which means it is a huge sandwich bar. First thought: what type of cheese will I pick? Answer: Tasty Cheese or Swiss. That’s right! Here at DLC for any given sandwich there are two choices of cheese. There are any numbers of other fillings from pineapple rings to bean sprouts, but alas, only two cheeses.

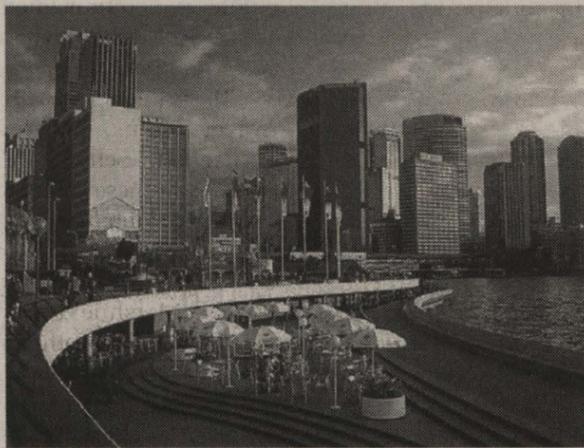
Now, I know that in Wisconsin, there are those few cheeses that come in a number of different forms. But in all reality, I think that Tasty Cheese is going to take the cake on this one. Tasty Cheese comes in the sliced form for sandwiches. It also comes shredded for salads. Then there is the brick form for those who like to slice their own at home, and the can form for those who like to make fancy designs on crackers. The snack dip

form, like the Handi Snacks back home, seems to keep the kids happy. And the cheese sauce form that is put over broccoli and cauliflower is delicious! We still miss cheese though...nothing down here comes close to touching the goodness of fresh cheese curds, or a good slice of cheddar.

Next thing to mention is the color. Tasty Cheese is white. Swiss is white, okay, so Swiss is suppose to be white, but moving on. Colby is white

and so are most of the cheeses down here. You walk down the refrigerated aisle and the whole wall of cheese is white. It is very weird and sort of disturbing to eat a piece of Colby cheese that isn’t yellow.

So, be happy all you Pointers for the great selection of cheese offered by the Sub Ladies. I know what I want when I get home, and it includes a big bag of yellow cheese curds.



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

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The GEM Critical Issues International Seminar Series kicked off its second season on campus Oct. 18 with a message of urgency and hope for the environmental movement.

Longtime Native American educator and environmentalist Joe Rose spoke to a large crowd in the UC Laird Room at 7 p.m. for a seminar entitled, "Native American Spirituality and Sustainability," the first seminar in the GEM Critical Issues series' 2005-06 theme, "Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Development."

The presentation began with a member of the Red Cliff band of Lake Superior Ojibwe (Chippewa) performing a smudge ceremony, in a clockwise direction, to "purify the circle."

"Sustainability is a very illusive word," said Rose, who said the underlying focus of his talk was the primary forest efficiency, practiced by eastern woodland Indians, that says: "Take no more than you need and leave the rest."

Rose, associate professor and director of Native American Studies at Northland College in Ashland, Wis., is a member of the Bad River band of Lake Superior Ojibwe. He was born on the Bad River Reservation, graduated from DePadau High School in Ashland, and earned a B.A. in biology from Northland College. He also has a master's degree in education from Black Hills State College in Spearfish, S.D.

The hour was devoted to Rose's solemn relation of Ojibwe creation and migration stories, which served to illustrate the principles of harmony and sustainability. Rose emphasized the distinction between oral and written traditions, saying that written traditions, which are prone to fundamentalism, are responsible for many of the "holy wars" occurring across the contemporary world.

Oral traditions, on the other hand, are dynamic, alive and flexible, and allow for diversity and harmonious coexistence.

"All creation stories are true," said Rose, quoting previous Ojibwe elders. "Everything is relative, and

has to exist in balance," he said, illustrating with examples of various interdependent dichotomies such as light/dark, black/white, and life/death. "You can't have one without the other."

According to the Ojibwe creation story, the Creator, Gitchie Manitou, takes the four parts of Mother Earth (earth, wind, fire, and water) and blows them into the Megis, the Sacred Shell. From the union of the four elements, Anishinabe - Spontaneous or Original Man - is lowered to the Earth. "Anishinabe" is name the Ojibwe give themselves, and tradition says that all Anishinabe peoples came from him. The name "Chippewa" probably derives from a French corruption of "Ojibwe," a name referring to the unique puckered seam on the Anishinabe moccasin.

In the story, Anishinabe and Myeengun - the Wolf - become blood brothers, and the Great Spirit prophesizes that there will come a time when newcomers will misunderstand them, driving Myeengun into the wilderness. There he will be increasingly threatened as the wilderness disappears. When it does, Myeengun will cease to exist, followed shortly by Anishinabe.

According to Rose, many believe human history has entered the Age



of the Seventh Fire, or The Quickening, a prophesized time when humans will come to a fork in the road where they must choose between the "hard, fast" surface - believed by many elders to be that of unbridled technology - and a more natural path. During

PRSSA heads local campaign

(STEVENS POINT, Wis.) - The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Chapter is gaining real world experience this month while planning a public relations campaign for the Stevens Point Brewery.

The organization was involved on a limited basis at last year's Haunted Brewery Tour. This year, however, the Brewery asked PRSSA to provide them with a comprehensive public relations plan that would bring more members of the community to the annual event.

PRSSA members, along with their professional advisor, Shannon Semmerling, are in charge of Halloween-inspired activities, formulating a theme, production of promotional materials,

advertising, marketing, and volunteer coordination.

Jessica Sword, co-president of the organization, calls the campaign "a great opportunity to showcase our abilities as aspiring public relations professionals; we are excited to be a part of the event."

Besides gaining valuable work force experience in the public relations field, PRSSA is also working to promote a good cause. The members of the organization formulated a plan that would reach out to a community-based group, specifically, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Portage County.

"We wanted to show the community that Big Brothers Big Sisters is a program in need of more support," said Christine Perkins, PRSSA Communication Director. "There are many children still waiting to be paired with a 'big' and we hope that this event will help bring in more volunteers."

The organization will complete their public relations role by the start of the Haunted Brewery, "Giggles and Screams" event by Friday, Oct. 28, 2005

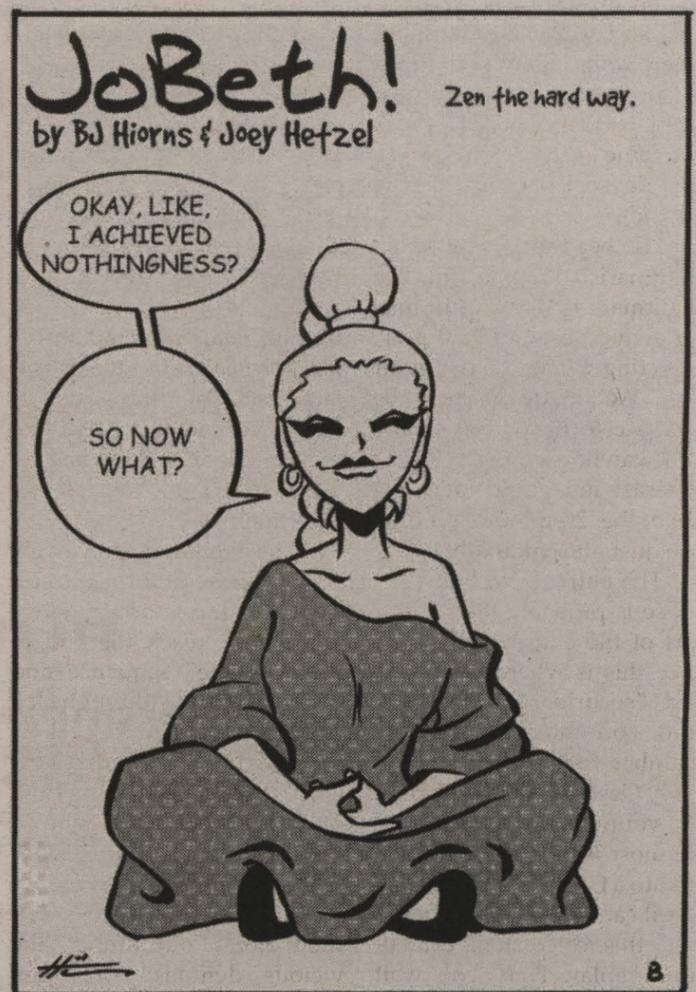
Sustainability is a very illusive word...that says: "Take no more than you need and leave the rest."

this time, new people supposedly will arise, look back to the traditional ways, and share these with people of the Four Sacred Colors: red, yellow, black, and white.

Rose said he sees evidence of this in the renewed struggle to combat environmental degradation and to promote sustainability. He cited the successful purchase and closing of the Crandon Mine and the prevention of an

attempt by mining companies to pump hydrochloric acid into the earth for demineralization purposes.

"It's not hopeless," said Rose. "We can still stand up to [the polluters]."



Area students need tutors and mentors

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Area school districts are looking for college students to tutor and mentor elementary, middle school and high school students.

St. Peter's Middle School in Stevens Point needs students for one-on-one tutoring who can commit at least two times per week, Monday through Friday, from 1:50 to 2:40 p.m.

Tutors are also needed for the Project Knowledge tutoring program. This program matches college students with students at Pacelli High School, within walking distance of campus. Tutors are needed in subjects such as math, social studies, French, and Spanish.

Tutors are placed through

Kappa Delta Pi, the educational honor society. For more information, contact Melissa Greve at mgreve863@uwsp.edu.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is looking for volunteers for its School Buddy Programs in the Marshfield, Auburndale and Stratford school districts. Volunteers mentor elementary and middle school students one hour per week. Some UW-SP students are already involved, but more volunteers are needed. School Buddy programs in these districts are available at elementary schools for grades one through six, and also for grades seven through eight at Marshfield Middle School. Call Big Brothers/Big Sisters at 715-387-6198 if you are interested, or contact buddyprogram@lycos.com for more information.

Pointers notch first WIAC win of season

Rob Clint
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-SP football team got back on track last week with a win over UW-River Falls. The win was the Pointers' first in the tough WIAC conference. It was also payback for a loss to UW-River Falls last year that prevented the Pointers from sharing in the WIAC championship. The final score of 23-16 raised the Pointers' record to 1-2 in conference play and 2-4 overall. UW-River Falls drops to 1-2 (2-4).

The Pointer offense welcomed the return of Cody Childs back from injury with a throw from Brett Borchart and a completion of 11 yards on the first play of the game. Borchart led the Pointers down the field eventually ending the drive in a field goal by Dan Heldmann. Heldmann overcame difficulties last week to have a stellar game, kicking field goals of 23, 26 and 24 yards and adding two extra points.

After trading punts, UW-SP took the ball at their own 29-yard line. Borchart and Childs again led the way as they drove down to the Falcons 9-yard line before adding their second field goal of the game. This set the score 6-0 early in the second quarter. Borchart connected with Childs twice on the drive for 39 yards. Childs

finished the day with 167 all-purpose yards, 107 of them through the air. Borchart had a great day going 23 of 32 for 255 yards and no interceptions. Borchart also added two rushing touchdowns.

On the next drive, the Falcons went away from their predominately rushing offense to throw the ball downfield. The Falcons drove down to the Pointers eight-yard line where they attempted a 26-yard field goal. The Pointers muscled in and blocked the field goal resulting in a touchback and Pointers' ball. Childs had one of his few down moments of the game on the next play when the ball was knocked loose and recovered by the Falcons on the Pointer 28-yard line. Three plays later saw the Falcons kick a successful field goal from 42 yards out. This set the score at 6-3 with over nine minutes to play in the second quarter.

The Pointers answered on their next drive running and passing the ball. Eric Reible had a big run of 27

yards and Borchart finished the drive with a 22-yard rushing touchdown. Borchart led all rushers with 83 yards for the day. Reible was second on the team rushing adding 63 yards. UW-SP led at this point 13-3.

The Falcons responded by returning to their strength, the running game, with an eight play, 73-yard drive for a score. Jeremy Wolff led the way, rushing and passing for 47 yards on the drive. The Falcons got a big break when the Pointers were called for a 15-yard pass interference penalty midway through the drive. Wolff finished the drive with a 32-yard touchdown run with 48 seconds remaining in the half. UW-RF missed the extra point to make the score 13-9 at half-time. Wolff would

lead the Falcons on the ground with 207 yards rushing. The Pointers stifled him through the air though and limited him to three of 15 passing for 47 yards and no touchdowns.

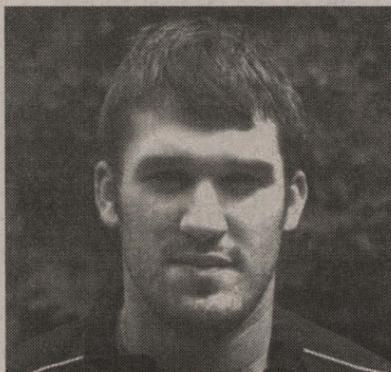
The second half saw the Falcons drive down the field on their first possession only to miss

another field goal from 35 yards out. The Pointers responded with a scoring drive of their own that resulted in Heldmann's third field goal of the game to make the score 16-9 with six minutes to play in the third quarter.

Wolff answered back on the Falcons' next possession with a 69-yard scamper for a touchdown. Bodurski added the extra point to tie the game at 16 with just over five minutes to play in the third quarter.

The Pointers took the kickoff and marched back down the field before Childs lost his second fumble of the game at the Falcons 35-yard line. The Pointer defense stepped up and stopped the Falcons from capitalizing on the turnover, forcing a punt and letting the Pointers get back in control with just under 13 minutes to play. The Pointer offense took the ball and marched slowly down the field, eating the clock before Borchart ran the ball in from 1-yard out for the winning touchdown and a final score of 23-16.

The Pointers travel to Oshkosh on Saturday to face the Titans. UW-Oshkosh squeaked by Platteville last week with a 30-28 win and currently has a record of 2-1 (5-1). The Pointers beat Oshkosh last year in overtime 22-16.



Borchart

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Impact Assessment University Center Addition and Remodeling State Project No. 02K2U UW-Stevens Point Stevens Point, Wisconsin

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been prepared for the UW-Stevens Point University Center Addition and Remodeling project in the City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The project involves remodeling approximately 50,700 GSF and expansions (mostly vertical) totaling approximately 34,000 GSF, as well as major infrastructure and life safety upgrades for the University Center. No state supported funding (tax or general purpose revenue) will be used for this project. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to start June 2006, for targeted completion by September 2007.

The EIA is available for public review at the following locations:

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Library
900 Reserve Street
Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481

Portage County Public Library
1001 Main Street
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Capital Planning and Budget
UW System Administration
780 Regent Street, Suite 210
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<http://projects.msa-ps.com/FinalDraftEIA.pdf>

The EIA has led to a preliminary finding of no significant environmental impact. Written comments on the EIA must be received on or prior to October 31, 2005, and should be sent to:

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UW-Stevens Point earns WIAC academic awards

PRESS RELEASE

UW-Stevens Point was one of six Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference institutions honored with the conference's All-Academic award for 2004-05 as 347 of the school's student-athletes were named to the conference's Scholastic Honor Roll.

Schools whose cumulative grade point average among student-athletes is greater than the overall student body are presented with the All-Academic award. Other WIAC institutions bestowed the award in 2004-05 were UW-La

Crosse, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Superior and UW-Whitewater.

In addition, 347 of UW-Stevens Point's 603 student-athletes (57.5 percent) were listed on the conference's Scholastic Honor Roll, meaning they achieved grade point averages of 3.0 or better. Among that total, 201 of the selections were female athletes and 146 were males.

In the entire conference, 2,258 student-athletes (47.6 percent) recorded at least a 3.0 grade point average during the 2004-05 academic year.

Mitchler, Heldmann earn WIAC Athlete of the Week honors

PRESS RELEASE

A pair of UW-Stevens Point athletes have been selected as Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week for their performances during the past week.

Jenna Mitchler was named the league's women's cross country Athlete of the Week and Dan Heldmann was awarded the football special teams Athlete of the Week honor.

Mitchler, a senior from Kaukauna, won the individual title at Saturday's UW-Oshkosh Invitational as the Pointers placed second among seven teams. Mitchler posted a winning time of 21:41 in

the 6,000-meter event to finish first among 112 participants. It was her second consecutive individual title after winning the Ripon Invitational the previous week.

Heldmann, a senior from Sturgeon Bay who attended Southern Door High School, connected on all three field goal attempts and two extra points to lead the Pointers to a 23-16 win over UW-River Falls. It marked the seventh time in school history that a kicker has made three field goals in a single game and the first since Ricardo Vega against UW-Eau Claire in 2001.

Volleyball team drops matches against conference contenders

Melissa Dyszelski
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer women dropped a four-game loss to UW-Stout last Friday in Menomonie.

The match ended with game scores of 21-30, 30-28, 25-30, and 24-30. UW-Stout (3-4), was accountable for total kills, but UW-SP gave the most effort with 175 total attempts, compared to 172, respectively.

Shelly Maus once again showed her power as she led the team with 12 kills for the evening. Katie O'Brien and Meghan Geis each contributed with six.

Callie Kunde had an impressive 21 assists; Toni Johnson wasn't far behind with 16. Lori Marten had seven digs.

Following Friday's game, the women then traveled west, where they lost in three games 26-30, 18-30, and 17-30 to UW-River Falls (2-5).

The Pointers led the match in total attempts with 115, while the Falcons finished with 113.

River Falls was a bit more aggressive at the net, with 49 total attacks, while Point staggered with 27. The Falcons' stars of the evening

were Kate Thompson, with 17 kills; Andrea Geehan with 13 kills; Kat Krtnick, with 24 assists, and Callie Olson with 19 assists.

On the Pointer side, Maus put points on the board with six kills for the afternoon. Beth Richter and Kate Banser followed with five. Johnson set the hitters up with 11 assists, while Kunde had eight. Marten again went home with seven digs.

The women will play in Menomonie again for the UW-Stout Tournament this weekend, both Friday and Saturday vs. non-conference teams.

Tennis team endures tough conference finale

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The UW-SP tennis team finished out their season last week and unfortunately it was not what they had hoped for.

Looking to play strong against UW-Oshkosh, River Falls and Stout, in hopes for a good conference finish, the team was unable to steal a victory and was held from capturing a conference win this season.

The closest meet was against UW-O where the Pointers fell short 5-4. Angela Brown and Mashell VerBockel took a double's match 8-3 as well as each winning their singles event. Sarah O'Melia also won her single 6-2, 6-0. Cathy Thornburg was disarmed in a in a tight tiebreaker. After falling short 3-6 in set one; Thornburg took the next 6-2, only to be overcome in overtime 9-11.

In River Falls the girls were able to gather two set wins but also dropped seven. Again it was the VerBockel/Brown duo that claimed a doubles with a tiebreaker score of 7-4 after an 8-8 first set. VerBockel also claimed a 6-3, 6-3 singles win as her partner, Brown battled in

another tiebreaker, losing her singles match. O'Melia also went to an extra set but was taken down 10-7 in the finale.

In the year's final meet, the Pointers went to Menomonie to challenged UW-Stout and had another 7-2 loss. Brown won in a straight set singles and O'Melia had a first set tiebreaker win at 7-1 and a second set of 6-1, winning the No. 6 singles. The Brown/VerBockel duo again had a hard fought doubles loss at 8-5.

"It was tough for our team to lose the last three matches of the season," said senior Angela Brown, "especially against teams that we had a good chance of defeating."

Mashell VerBockel had a bit more uplifting outlook, "It was really disappointing but I think even though we lost we know that we'll be playing these teams again in the conference tournament this coming weekend."

"Basically what we don't achieve this year we can just keep as our goals for next year and keep practicing harder," VerBockel said.

The team finished the season 4-7 overall, including a 0-6 conference record.

Up next is the WIAC Tennis Conference Championships taking place Oct. 22-23 in Madison.

Mitchler, Stanley run to another win for nationally ranked Pointers

PRESS RELEASE

For the second straight meet Jenna Mitchler and Teresa Stanley posted the top two individual finishes to lead the UW-Stevens Point women's cross country team as the Pointers finished second in Saturday's UW-Oshkosh Invitational. The Pointers men's team finished seventh overall.

Mitchler won the women's individual title and Stanley finished second. Mitchler completed the 6,000-meter event with a time of 21:41 with Stanley coming in right

behind her at 21:43, repeating last week's effort from the Ripon Invitational. Ashleigh Potuznik posted a time of 23:16 to place 15th. Ashley Woest and Hannah Dieringer finished 21st and 22nd, respectively, to complete the Pointers scoring.

The 15th-ranked Pointers finished with 61 points in the seven-team meet, which was 14 points behind champion Washington (Mo.), which is ranked fourth nationally.

The UW-Stevens Point men totaled 187 points in the 12-team meet. Five of the six

teams that finished ahead of the Pointers were nationally ranked, including overall champion Calvin (Mich.), which is ranked No. 1 in Division III.

Dominick Meyer was the Pointer men's top finisher with a time of 25:40 on the 8,000-meter course. Josh Kujawa posted his best time of the season at 25:43 to place 23rd overall. Travis Nechuta recorded a time of 25:59, finishing 37th. Justin Andrews and Joe Rodriguez rounded out the Pointers scoring, finishing 52nd and 56th.

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College football's super Saturday

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The best place to be this past Saturday was directly in front of a television, watching college football. This past weekend's football action was top-notch, with exciting endings, big-time rivalries and Heisman-type performances.

The fact that I am a fan of the Wisconsin Badgers has nothing to do with the reality that the 2005 version of the Wisconsin/Minnesota rivalry game was anything short of classic. The Golden Gophers rushing attack, led by tailback Laurence Maroney's 43 carries for 258 yards and one touchdown, held the Badgers' defense at bay and forced the UW offense to play catch-up. With 35 seconds left in the game and Minnesota leading 34-31, the Gophers were set to punt to the Badgers' dangerous return man Brandon Williams. His services, however, were not needed on the play.

Minnesota punter Justin Kucek mishandled the snap and, after recovering the ball, attempted to punt it away. The kick was blocked and the ball was recovered in the endzone by the Badgers, resulting in the go-ahead score.

The Gophers had a glint of hope with the ensuing kick-off, but Minnesota again fumbled and lost the ball. The Badgers had come back to keep Paul Bunyan's Axe in their possession with a 38-34 win.

In another Big Ten instant classic, Michigan took on undefeated Penn State. A defensive struggle in the first half, the Wolverines held a small 3-0 advantage at half-time. Defense prevailed in the third quarter as well, with only 10 points scored between the two teams. At the opening of the final quarter, Michigan led 10-3.

The points that both teams failed to score in the first three quarters came out in full force in the fourth, with a total 39 points tallied. Penn State scored 22 of the points, but was unable to stop the Wolverines from adding 17 to their total. In the end, a 10-yard pass from Michigan quarterback Chad Henne to receiver Mario Manningham with no time remaining handed PSU their first loss of the season in a 27-25 squeaker.

Texas quarterback Vince Young may have captured

player of the week honors in a 42-17 rout of Colorado. The Heisman hopeful lit up the Buffaloes for a career-high 336 yards passing, 58 yards rushing and five total touchdowns (three rushing, two passing).

But the game of the day was the most hyped contest of the week. No. 1 ranked USC came into South Bend, Ind. to face No. 9 ranked Notre Dame. The game lived up to its billing and included drama, a fantastic finish and gutsy performances from both teams.

Notre Dame's quarterback Brady Quinn is arguably one of the most improved players in the college game today, and his 19 completions in 35 attempts, 264 yards and two touchdowns (one passing, one rushing) proved it.

No matter how well the Irish played, the day belonged to the "Men of Troy." USC pounded out a nine-play, 75-yard drive - which included a 61-yard pass from quarterback Matt Leinart to Dwayne Jarrett on a fourth-and-nine play - with time running down in the fourth quarter and trailing 31-28. USC worked the ball down inside the Irish one-yard line on a Leinart run in which he lost the ball and had it trickle out of bounds. As the referees determined where the ball would be spotted, the clock ran out and Notre Dame assumed victory.

However, the officials determined that seven seconds should be on the clock, but the time would run as soon as the ball was put in play. This left Trojan head coach Pete Carroll with a decision: have Leinart spike the ball and kick the field goal to tie the game or go for the score and the win. Carroll left the decision in the hands of his Heisman-winning quarterback.

As the ball was set into play and the clock began its countdown, Leinart turned to USC running back Reggie Bush and instructed him to help move the pile into the endzone. The Trojans were going for the win.

Leinart took the snap and leaned into the middle of the clashing linemen from both teams. With Bush's assistance, Leinart spun to his left and wiggled his way into college football history. The Trojans had scored. The Irish's last ditch kick return was quelled and USC claimed the 34-31 victory.

College football's long and storied history can add one more historical day to its long list of unforgettable memories. Last Saturday's action brings one question to mind: What will be in store for next week's college football games?

Senior on the Spot

LaRon Ragsdale - Football

Career Highlights:

- Started all 10 games at cornerback in 2004.
- In 2004, LaRon became first Pointer player since 1972 to return two interceptions for touchdowns in the same season.
- Led team with four interceptions, including picks in three straight games last year.



Major - General Studies

Hometown - Mil-Town (Milwaukee)

Do you have any nicknames? - Boogie, L-Ron, Token, Black, Carlton, Tweety Bird.

What are your plans after graduation? - Become a cop and arrest my friends back home.

What has helped you to become an accomplished football player?

- Coaches such as Deates and Taynor teaching the game of football and making me a better player.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - My interceptions for touchdowns and getting hit by Jared after them.

What is your most embarrassing moment? - None

What CD is in your stereo right now? - In my room, I have my brother's CD, but in my car, I have Kenny Chesney (Tamaris used my car last).

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days or The Notebook

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Being an African American in a white school.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Mom, Dad, and all my friends at UW-SP.

Pointer offense propels team to WIAC victories, win on Senior Night

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The Pointers offense exploded again this week, with goals coming from ten different players, including all four seniors on Senior Night. Point came out of the offensive week 2-0-1, with a conference win and a tie.

In Friday's match against UW-Superior, the Pointers got on the board fairly early with a goal by Gwen Blasczyk, assisted by Amanda Prawat. The Pointers hung on

until midway through the second half, when Kaylee Weise scored her first of two goals, both assisted by Anna Van Stippen. In between her own goals, Weise set up Liz Kidd, leaving Superior scoreless in

the 4-0 Point victory.

On Saturday, Point tied conference leader UW-Eau Claire 2-2. Eau Claire got on the board first, but Van Stippen tied it up before the half, with a little help from Weise. Eau Claire scored first

at outcome of the game, scoring three goals in the first fifteen minutes. They built that lead up to 5-0 by half, and scored another five unanswered goals in the second half. Eight different Pointers scored, with a goal each coming from Kidd,

Erin Walsh, Blasczyk, Ali Havlik, Katie O'Leary, and Fritsch, while Prawat and Jennisa Koch tallied two apiece.

Point improved their record to 8-5-2 overall and 4-2-2 in conference play.

They are currently in third place in the WIAC. The Pointers face non-conference opponent University of Chicago on Saturday in their last regular season game. The WIAC Tournament opens with quarterfinals on Nov. 1.



Gwen Blasczyk looks to score against St. Norbert in a 10-0 win over the Green Knights.

Photo by Bob Gross

Controversial tasers used by Stevens Point police

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Tasers are the way of the future. At least Portage County police officers seem to think so.

According to Captain Kevin K. Ruder of the Stevens Point Police Department, "Tasers are extremely effective, not only in pacifying or subduing the perpetrator, but also in reducing injuries to suspects and police officers." He said there were many cases where officers simply had to show the taser and suspects would calm down.

Ruder, who was voluntarily shocked with the taser himself, said that paramedics are only notified in cases of excited delirium. In other words, if the suspect shows signs of erratic or irrational behavior after being stunned, then medics are called in.

Excited Delirium Syndrome is a condition that is characterized by a disturbance in the mental condition and level of consciousness

over a relatively short period of time. The subject becomes disoriented and may even hallucinate. If officers see any of these symptoms, they are required to call for help.

There have been no serious problems involving the use of tasers in Stevens Point, Ruder said, and there have been no reports of long-term effects or injuries.

Tasers are 50,000-volt stun guns that fire barbs connected to remote probes. They stop a suspect by paralyzing the body with electricity. The Stevens Point Police Department uses two models: one that shoots the barbs 21 feet, and a longer one that shoots to 35 feet. Both deliver a five-second shock to the subject.

Proponents of tasers claim they are extremely safe and effective; but opponents point to many taser-related deaths as a reason to discontinue use of tasers. At least 40 people have died after being tasered.

Taser International, the maker of the stun guns, says

that each of these deaths was not caused by the tasers, but by something else. They claim that of the 40 taser casualties, all the individuals would be dead anyway because of drug use, excited delirium, or fighting with the police.

Taser opponents see this as erroneous logic, because they claim there is no evidence that necessarily points to these other causes.

John Webster, a professor of biomedical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is working on a hypothesis that taser-related deaths are a result of heart failure caused by drug use or other medical factors, not electrocution. He is using three groups of 150-pound pigs (pig hearts are more like human hearts than any other animal): one group will be given cocaine, one group will be shocked, and one group will be shocked and given cocaine.

Webster hopes to determine why people are dying from taser shocks if electrocu-

tion is not the direct cause. He also hopes to determine whether other factors such as cocaine use or potassium emissions are the cause.

State guidelines for taser usage are currently being implemented. The Wisconsin Department of Justice's Training and the Standards Bureau in Stevens Point have held public meetings to tackle the issue.

Both citizens and law enforcement agencies want a review of tasers and complete guidelines for its use. The state has implemented procedures that include training for all officers and new definitions to determine just when tasers should be used. There is a link to complete hearing details and updates posted online at <http://wilenet.org/>.

Tasers are an effective tool for law enforcement, but are

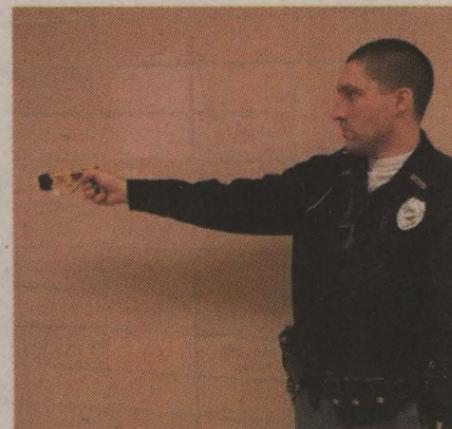


Photo by Bob Gross
Stevens Point police officer demonstrates a taser gun.

they too dangerous? More research needs to be done to really determine the answer. More than 7,000 police agencies have been using them and the number will probably only grow.

Are tasers really the way of the future? With the growing debate over this controversial issue, only time will tell.

SGA votes to bring fair trade coffee to campus

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Besides the large thermos that holds the coffee you purchase on campus, do you know where that coffee is coming from?

Almost all the coffee sold in the United States is grown in South America, Africa and Asia. Coffee is the world's second largest traded commodity after oil, which means that the coffee industry is very big business.

UW-SP Student Government Association (SGA) has voted to switch the coffee UW-SP purchases and sells to Fair Trade Certified coffee. This decision is in line with SGA's policy that UW-SP should work to make our campus more ecologically and socially responsible.

Fair Trade Certified coffee ensures that farmers and workers from less industrialized countries who produce coffee are paid a fair price for their product.

Fairtrade Labeling Organizations International (FLO) is a world mediator that makes sure farmers and workers are currently getting paid at least \$1.26 per pound for their coffee. FLO also assures coffee-purchasing companies that their coffee is produced using organic and/or shade grown practices.

According to FLO, the consequences of not supporting Fair Trade Certified products are dramatic, leading to

"economic crises in Burundi, Guatemala, Tanzania and other countries that depend on coffee exports for economic health, [with] millions losing their livelihood and many more who can no longer pay [for] school fees, medical care," or food.

Ross Cohen, Executive Director of SGA, is a stern advocate for bringing Fair Trade Certified coffee to campus.

"Coffee is a privilege that is unnecessary for our health and education," Cohen said. "Since we want to continue enjoying that privilege we should do it in a manner so others in third world countries may have the privilege of supporting their families and putting clothes on their children's backs."

Now that SGA has voted to have Fair Trade Certified coffee on campus it is up to university authorities to decide the next step. That step will begin with deciding who will distribute food products to our campus.

Currently, UW-SP's university dining contract is with Chartwells. Chartwells supplies the food served in Debot, the Pointer Express, the Wooden Spoon and for catering events.

When the U.C. renovation is complete in 2007 there might be a new food distributor on campus. Chartwells' contract will expire after this

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Research Corner

Veronique VanGheem, student in restoration ecology

What have you been researching?

The habitat restoration of the Oregon silverspot butterfly interested me and I thought that an experiment may help because the plants we were studying are an integral part of the butterfly's ecosystem. Inoculation methods (traiting the plant with the appropriate strain of bacteria to stimulate maximum nitrogen fixation) could tell us whether or not it is important to inoculate the plants or seeds when trying to restore these plants in their natural habitat, or if they can just get the bacteria from the environment by themselves.

I chose to focus on a legume riverside lupine in this study, because of its significance to the habitat restoration for the endangered silverspot butterfly. Riverside lupine grows naturally in communities with western dog violet, the essential host plant for silverspot larvae. I believe that understanding the methods of Rhizobium (bacteria that induce the formation of nitrogen-fixing nodules on plants) inoculation will aid in restoration efforts of silverspot habitat. I researched if the method of Rhizobium inoculation would affect the growth of the riverside lupine. I also researched whether inoculated lupines would still be nitrogen limited. My hypothesis was that direct application to the root would be the most effective inoculation method and that inoculated lupines would

still be limited.

What's the deal with nitrogen in your research?

Nitrogen is an essential plant nutrient. It is the nutrient that is most commonly deficient in soils, contributing to reduced agricultural yields throughout the world. Molecular nitrogen makes up four-fifths of the atmosphere but is metabolically unavailable to "higher" plants and animals. Certain bacterial species, including rhizobia, are able to convert atmospheric nitrogen to organic forms (nitrogen fixing) that may be absorbed by plants. Many legume species (like riverside lupine) form symbioses with nitrogen-fixing rhizobia in which the plant supplies carbon and the bacteria fixes nitrogen.

What did you find?

Our results were a little inconclusive. There was no significant statistical difference in aboveground or belowground biomass between any of the six different treatments we tried. Because there was no significant difference in either the aboveground or belowground biomass throughout the treatments, I cannot determine that any inoculation method or the addition of nitrogen affects riverside lupine growth differently.

What's next?

In the future, we are



Photo by Kama Almasi
An experiment with riverside lupines.

going to try to find a different measure of nitrogen fixation besides biomass; and if it is more sensitive, we think we'll be able to pick up on some better results. We are actually going to use an instrument that measures nitrogen fixation from the crushed leaves next time. We will also include a treatment of plants that will be inoculated with bacteria as seeds. We think this may show a higher rate of nitrogen fixation. Right now, from the data we have, the trends show that because the plant compensates for lack or excess of ambient nitrogen, it is not necessary to both inoculate and add nitrogen fertilizer to the lupines we were trying to grow.

I'm hoping that my restoration experience here in Mexico will give me more ideas for the project when I get back in the spring. I think that being here will give me a grasp on what kind of theories for restoration management are more applicable and which are more theoretical.

Forestry students awarded grant money to study Christmas trees

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It's only October, but two UW-SP students are already focused on Christmas trees.

That's because Andrew Kooser (urban forestry), and Nick Jensen (forestry management) have been awarded grant money to research whether these chopped conifers really need the water that they are traditionally given once inside our homes.

"The research project started out as a bet between two of my professors," said Kooser. "They never really understood the reasoning behind watering a Christmas tree."

When a tree is cut, the root system is removed and the conductive elements in the tree are sealed over with resin excreted by the tree, leading Kooser to wonder if the tree benefits from the water we supply it in the tree stand.

"There isn't really any existing research on it," said

Kooser. "We pretty much want to see if the water taken up by a Christmas tree can actually help to maintain freshness and needle retention."

Aided by a \$500 Student Research Fund Grant, the students plan to test their hypothesis in a four-week experiment - the average amount of time people keep trees in their homes - this January.

Using 60 trees from four common Christmas tree species donated by the Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producers Association, Kooser and Jensen will conduct their experiment in an old rented building somewhere in town, since there isn't enough space on campus to accommodate the trees.

According to Kooser, the experiment will be conducted in a heated building to replicate environmental conditions common to most houses.

The students will give 50 percent of each tree species water, while the remaining

trees will serve as the control group that doesn't receive water. They will then measure for a number of factors including water uptake, needle moisture, sap flow and photosynthesis.

"All of this is going to be put together to give us an idea of where the water is moving to in the Christmas trees, and where it's leaving," said Kooser. "You can put a 2x4 in water and it will soak it up, so we're going to see if the tree is actually sucking up water, or if the conductive tissues are doing the sucking."

As Kooser prepares for the experiment, Les Werner, his faculty advisor and a lecturer in urban forestry, is writing a grant proposal to try to procure a \$5,000 University Personnel Development Committee Grant (UPDC) to aid in the research.

The implications of their research could reach beyond

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Students have options when it comes to flu prevention

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Fall has arrived here at UW-SP and we are drinking hot apple cider, finding that perfect Halloween costume, anxiously anticipating midterms, and for some of us, waking up in the middle of the night with a hacking cough, a raging fever, and worshipping the porcelain god (and not because of that last beer bong). The cold and flu season is upon us.

Lucky for us, we have a team of doctors and nurses at our beckon call right here on campus to help us through those seemingly inevitable days of hell that we go through when in the clutches of our annual cold or flu.

According to Dr. Jim Zach of University Health Service the school will again be offering a limited number of influenza immunizations this November, both injectable and intranasal types.

The injectable vaccine contains a killed virus. Those with allergies to eggs should not get the vaccine, said Zach, and those with a fever should wait until it resolves before getting the shot.

An intranasal vaccine (FluMist) is given as a brief spray into a nostril. It is approved for people between the ages of five and 49, who are basically healthy. According to Zach, it is a live virus vaccine, so there are some additional precautions compared to the injectable vaccine.

Because flu strains mutate often, a new influenza vaccine is developed every year to immunize against the anticipated pervasive strain. Doctors recommend getting a flu shot each year to help protect against the current virus.

Health Service will have free flu shots and FluMists available to all UW-SP students from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17 in Delzell Hall. This year they ordered 1,000 shots and 50 FluMists. They are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Influenza often manifests in the population in winter and early spring. It is a viral respiratory infection with symptoms including sudden onset of high fever, cough and muscle aches.

According to Zach, the incubation period from infection to symptoms is one to three days and the most severe phase of the illness lasts about five to seven days. It is spread through respiratory droplets created by coughing and hand-to-nose contact.

In addition to the flu, we must face the common cold. "Students need to make sure

they get the rest they need, which is hard, because most of them have such busy schedules," said Barb Nordstrom, licensed practical nurse (LPN) at Health Service. "We usually tell them to try and catch up on sleep during the week-ends."

Also, cough drops, decongestants, cough suppressants,



Photo by Bob Gross
Student gets an early influenza shot.

ibuprofen and acetaminophen are available at Delzell free of charge to UW-SP students. "All they need to do is come in and fill out a questionnaire with their symptoms," said Nordstrom. "If your symptoms persist for more than two weeks without improvement, get worse, or you start running a fever, you should come into the health center for an appointment."

There are also ways to prevent getting sick by maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Sheryl Poirier, coordinator of Fitness and Recreation at the Allen Center, said: "The Allen Center offers many opportunities to keep your body healthy and your immune system strong and ready to fight off disease."

The Allen Center offers a plethora of activities including a full service Cardio Center, group fitness classes, personal trainers, professional massages, and the Student Health Promotion Office, which can help students with anything from developing good nutrition habits to curbing a smoking addiction. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 346-4313.

Poirier added, "Remember what your mother always told you: wash your hands and cover your mouth when you sneeze."

Just practice common sense and utilize the great resources we have on campus and everyone should make it through cold and flu season 2005-06 unscathed.

For more information about influenza, illness, and vaccine options, visit <http://wellness.uwsp.edu>. To make an appointment with University Health Service, call 346-4646.

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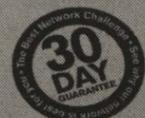
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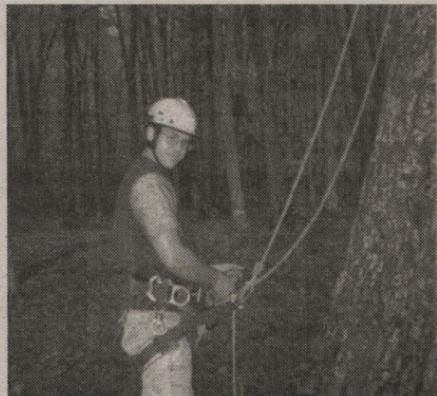
Outdoors

Backpackers take to the trees in the Porcupine Mountains

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What is more beautiful than catching a sunset over Lake Superior during the peak of autumn? It was supposed to be a sunrise from the branches of a massive hemlock that overlooked Lake Superior's rocky coast. But much to Phil Prohaska and Jarod Faas' disappointment, a sunrise in the trees wasn't all it was said to be.

Early morning on Saturday, Oct. 16, Jarod Faas, Phil Prohaska, Glen Wills, Andrew Koeser and myself, all members of the Student Society of Arboriculture (SSA), set off to the Porcupine Mountains for a backpacking escapade. After five hours of



Jarod Faas setting his harness. Photo by Steph Davy

driving, a few bathroom breaks and a stop at the state park visitor center, our group ventured through the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park where we encountered rolling hills decorated with spectacular hues of yellow, orange and red.

Once we had parked our cars, we hiked three miles on the Pinkerton Trail to Lake Superior. While hiking, Faas, Prohaska, Wills and Koeser, all urban forestry majors, identified individual trees by bark and foliage. As an English major, I found this quite informative and entertaining.

Eventually, we reached our destination and set up camp along the Little Carp River and Lake Superior. While Wills, Koeser and I set up tents on the ground, Faas and Prohaska assembled climbing ropes into a nearby hemlock and strapped on helmets and harnesses, taking camping to the new extreme.

Intrigued, I watched as Prohaska quickly maneuvered up the hemlock using a foot lock method. Once both guys were positioned in that tree, it was like two little boys playing in a tree house, and they fiddled in the tree until a brilliant sunset brought them to the lake's shore.

After the sun disappeared into the

waves, we all gathered around the fire. Still wearing their helmets, Faas and Prohaska told us about their climbing.

"That hemlock is solid," Prohaska said. "You're up there and you can see all the other trees blowing, but nothing moves in the hemlock."

"Each branch is like a floor," Faas commented. His chosen floor happened to be the top floor tree penthouse. Faas had found a sleeping area just under the central lead of the tree or the highest branch.

As our fire burned, we snacked on cheese and crackers and laughed at silly stories. Finally, Faas and Prohaska decided it was time to attempt climbing in the dark to their branches to sleep. With the help of a flashlight the two disappeared up into the darkness until morning.

Around 7 a.m., I heard Faas and Prohaska chattering like squirrels in a tree. Prohaska's voice boomed down to where I slept. "A half an hour is all I got," he explained to Faas, referring to sleep.

After Faas and Prohaska climbed down from the tree, Wills, Koeser and I listened as they told of their nighttime experience. Prohaska said



The view from the top of a hemlock. Photo by Steph Davy

that he had heard a sunrise from a tree was amazing. Unfortunately, that morning it had been cloudy and the long, chilly sleepless night had not delivered. Yet, as I drove a sleepy Faas and Prohaska back to Stevens Point, they said it was a great weekend and if they had better gear, sleeping in a tree would be the way to go. Maybe next time, guys.

Thanks Andrew, Jarod, Phil and Glen for an unforgettable camping



Phil Prohaska. Photo by Steph Davy

The transition of autumn

By Prakash Rai
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As you may have noticed, chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits and other animals have started to disappear as they begin to store up and prepare for hibernation. The temperature has also begun to fall and each day seems shorter than the previous day. You may also have, by this time, started to dig out clothes that you haven't worn for months while packing away summer clothes. These are clear signs that winter is approaching and now you are going through a transition phase. And this transition phase is called autumn.

For many of us, autumn represents only the coming of winter, the preparation for the cold and the snow.

Having had such a warm and sunny summer, this autumn to many of us is like a mourning period, whereby we console ourselves and prepare to face the cold of the winter physically and psycho-

logically. Some people actually develop a real medical depression because of the coming of winter (and winter itself) called Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. In addition to depression, they may also suffer physical problems like joint pain and sleeping difficulties.

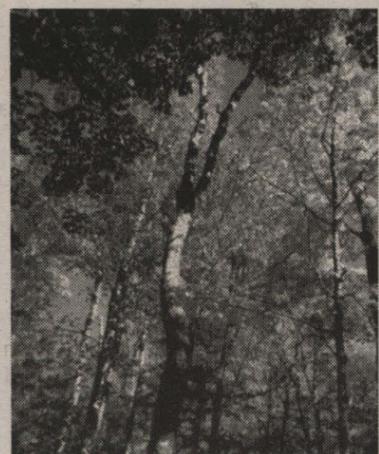
Yet despite all these, autumn has its own warmth and beauty, which may be overlooked sometimes.

There is warmth in autumn, in the luscious, mellow, rustic colors of red, yellow, brown and orange, and their admixtures that dress up leaves, making them look like flowers that only bloom in autumn.

There is beauty in the way these leaves then break off and fall onto the ground, softly and weightlessly like an old person, who has lived a full and happy life, dying as he drifts away to dreamland, unconscious of his death.

The leaves then die, wither and disappear. But unseen, these leaves actually start a journey of renewal and regeneration. Eventually they reappear as new leaves or other life forms. And so this cycle continues.

So autumn is really a reminder of the cycle of life. It reminds us that there can be no beginning without an end. Autumn is warm and beautiful and is to be appreciated for what it is. Enjoy your autumn.



Enjoy the color of autumn. Photo by Steph Davy

Pop goes the (witch) hazel!

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This last Sunday, a stunning fall day, I took off with a friend for Schmeckle Reserve to find out what a guided hike called "Pop Goes the Hazel" meant. My friend and I discovered that it means exactly what it sounds like.

On the guided hike, which lasted about an hour and was led by a shy, yet friendly informative young man, the 15 participants learned that the seed capsules of the shrub witch hazel pop with a crack when they mature, shooting seeds up to 10 yards. These nutty seeds were a treat of Native Americans and have a pistachio-like flavor.

Besides popping seed capsules, witch hazel's yellow, thready blossoms are the last

wildflowers to grace autumn woods.

"I kind of like witch hazel because it blooms so late," said Dan Dorrlor, one of the participants on the hike. The four-petaled flowers blend in a little bit with the yellowing leaves during the fall, but continue to bloom into winter.

There is quite a bit of folklore, especially European folklore, regarding witch hazel. Diving rods, which are made of a forked staff of hazel wood, were used by witches and other people of extraordinary powers to locate water, minerals or to cast spells. Another story is that a little witch hazel carried around in your pocket will cure your broken heart.

Witch hazel's bark and leaves are astringent and still used medicinally today. The witch hazel extract is used as

an antioxidant, a radiation-protector, an anti-inflammatory and to stop bleeding. Also, witch hazel is used as an astringent in soaps and other personal products.

Overall, the hike was a great experience. It was gorgeous, informative and quite pleasant. "Witch hazel is quite a unique species and I enjoyed learning more about it," Dorrlor said, who later added, "It was pretty beautiful."

Schmeckle Reserve has several more guided hikes and activities coming up this semester. Check out the visitor center or their Web site for more information. Most programs are free, about an hour in length and right next to campus, so do not miss a great opportunity to get outside!

Outdoor EdVentures Tip of the Week

Josh Spice

OUTDOOR EDVENTURES MANAGER AND TRIP LEADER

By using a tuna can, you can save money and pounds on a camp stove. First, buy a can of tuna, eat it and rinse. Make a circular pot stand out of hardware cloth, available at the local hardware store. Buy a can of denatured alcohol, which burns the cleanest of all the alcohols, and pour a couple ounces in the tuna can. Light the fuel, put the pot with water on to heat and before you finish setting up your tent, you'll have boiling water. Total cost is around \$5 and the weight should be under 5 ounces. If you're feeling really crafty, check out the Pepsi can stove instructions at pchiker.com. Also, stop in at Outdoor EdVentures to learn more about this trick, along with many other tips and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences.

Kill your television, ride a bike

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Twenty-five minutes. That's about all the time it takes to bike anywhere around Point. There are only a few hills around this flat city of central Wisconsin, nothing to bike up, and unfortunately, nothing to bike down. Everyone, (can you all hear me or do I need to write louder) EVERYONE should have a bike and should ride a bike.

How much is gas now? I don't know; my car is totaled so I haven't driven it for awhile, but I know gas costs more than biking to class, to downtown or to anywhere else. Sure, I can throw statistics up in your face about how much the environment suffers as a result of our comfort-obsessed society, of our dependence on gas-guzzling four wheeled pollution machines, of our perpetual and now inescapable reliance on technology to help us work,



Photo by Steph Davy

play and enjoy life. But hey, I'm assuming you are smart people and already know that (and if you don't know that, then you just got smarter!). Since you, the informative reader, are aware of these contradictions that surround us everywhere, there can only be two possible choices: to ignore or to act.

To bike is much easier exercise and a simple mode of transportation; it is a way to counteract, in a powerful individual way, these practices that are harmful to the environment and in consequence harmful to our existence. Now, I don't want to sound righteous, but I can write down tons of words by profound thinkers who are much more eloquent and precise than I, that essentially say this: The life of the human race and the individual human being is unquestionably and without doubt intertwined and inseparably linked to the condition of the environment which we call our world. But you savvy readers out there already know that, right?

So, as current bikers or future bikers, take the Green Circle challenge. As a 26-mile loop, the Green Circle winds around Point from Schmeckle, past the Plover River, through Iverson Park,

along the Wisconsin River and meanders through Bukolt Park. You can ride it in a few hours or spend most of the day stopping and starting along the path. It even has some hills! Get your bike and ride the Green Circle before the trees lose all their leaves and before the winter snow decides to bury everything in white. But most of all you should bike the Green Circle because it is there for you, the reader (and biker) to enjoy. But you sublimely intelligent readers already know this, right?

Think a second: how much time do you spend behind a television screen a day? Behind a computer screen? Behind your car window (yet another screen)? All three combined? Now, I know that spending some amount of time behind these screens is an evil necessity; hell, I'm behind one right now writing this article. Still, nobody should allow screens to rule over them in any way, shape or form. Put a brick through the screens once in a while, escape them and go out and experience the world through all of your senses, which of course, is exactly what biking does. So buy a bike, kill your television, and give your lungs some fresh air.

Campus Calendar of Outdoor Events

- 10/20 – **Mark & Kristine Klish Pasture Walk**
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Explore soil fertility.
Contact: Teal Fyksen 343-6216
- 10/21 to 10/23 – **Red Cedar River Canoeing**
Contact: Outdoor EdVentures 346-3848
- 10/22 – **Hoot & Howl Fest**
(Central Wisconsin Environmental Station: Sunset Lake)
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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Mead Wildlife Area DNR Education & Visitor Center Open House
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- 10/25 – **Resume Workshop**
(CNR Rm 120)
7 to 9 p.m.
- 10/26 – **CNR Biology Colloquium Series:**
Soils and Water Conservation: It's What We Make It
(CNR Rm 170)
4 to 5 p.m.
Speaker: Dave Jelinski, Director of Land and Water Resources, WI Department of Agriculture, Trade Consumer Protection
Winter Camping
(Outdoor EdVentures)
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Contact: Outdoor EdVentures 346-3848

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Impact Assessment Air Pollution Control System (Baghouse Addition) UW-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been compiled for the proposed UW-Stevens Point Air Pollution Control System (Baghouse Addition) project in the City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The project consists of constructing an addition to the central heating plant to house a new air pollution control system (baghouse) to control particulate and heavy metal emissions from the flue gas exhaust of the coal-fired boilers at the UW-Stevens Point Heating Plant. The plant is located at 1925 Maria Drive, along the northern edge of campus in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to start May 2006, for targeted completion by September 2006.

The EIA is available for public review at the following locations:

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Library
900 Reserve Street
Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481

Portage County Public Library
1001 Main Street
Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481

Capital Planning and Budget
UW System Administration
780 Regent Street, Suite 210
Madison, Wisconsin 53715

www.keyengineering.com

The EIA has led to a preliminary finding of no significant environmental impact. Written comments on the EIA must be received by November 4, 2005 and should be sent to:

KEY Engineering Group
Attention Jeremy Schwartz
735 North Water Street
Suite 1000
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Arts & Review

Wallace & Gromit return

Giant vegetables and monster rabbits

Blair Nelson

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER



Wallace & Gromit, from the acclaimed short films by Aardman animation studios in England, return for more small-scale mayhem, mystery and laughs, in their oddly exciting *Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. Those unfamiliar with the famed duo have the perfect chance to plunge into their world with this installment.

Directors Nick Park and Steve Box come together once more to bring their latest tale with the same broad-range humor that warmed their last outing, *Chicken Run*. But even better, *Were-Rabbit* offers horror movie spoofs aplenty and crafty inside jokes, plus some all-around hilarity.

The plot centers on Wallace (Peter Sallis) and Gromit, who work as a team for Anti-Pesto, ridding gardens in the village of the rabbits that plague them. It is in these gardens where the villagers employ some fascinating machines

in order to protect their bevy of vegetables for the upcoming annual Giant Vegetable Competition. Garden gnomes are outfitted with infra-red, and multiple locks are tightly secured. These people are serious about their veggies.

When an alarm is triggered, Wallace and Gromit spring to action. Well, Wallace may spring, but Gromit is the silent smart-thinking protector -- and is always on the watch for lurking trouble. (He also keeps a secret watch on his own prized melon that he hopes to enter into the competition.) His master is literally dressed by an invention of his own making (Wallace is a gifted inventor as well), and other gadgetry prepares him for the night's latest job. Amusing work follows.

However, when Wallace's new invention for "brainwashing" the rabbits goes awry, the accursed were-rabbit is unleashed. This creates nightmarish havoc for Wallace and Gromit's business, because they can't keep up with the beeping eyeballs on their clients' pictures which alert them when there is trouble. How can they get out of this one? And who's going to save the day?

Wallace has another problem though: he's falling in love with local Lady Tottingham (Helena Bonham Carter). However, antagonist Victor Quartermaine (Ralph Fiennes), who supposedly wishes to betroth "Totty,"

wants to get rid of Wallace and kill the were-rabbit, in order to appease the restless villagers. Fiennes puts in a funny performance here that you would never know was in him. Only Wallace, whose great weakness is cheese, has bigger--and funnier--problems of his own. Too funny, in fact, to talk about.... Will Wallace get the girl? Will Gromit get his Golden Carrot, the high prize of the competition?

This film has many outstanding elements. For one, these are clay characters brought to life through stop-motion animation--a painstaking process that requires intense patience. It took five years to make this film, yet it seems fluid as each frame progresses. The animation comes to life with realism. Of course, there needs to be a good story, too. There are allusions everywhere, clever characters--including the silent dog Gromit, who is easily the film's best--and horror movie homages that work surprisingly well for an animation film. But that's the magic of it.

What can surpass the plain airy loftiness of floating rabbits? Just sit back and enjoy a finely tuned animation film that has the same impact as some of the best movies out there. *Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit* carries that in its veins, with well-written humor at every turn, and much, much more.

In celebration of the completion of the Noel Fine Arts Center, Student Art League Film Series presents: PROFESSOR PICKS - Six films selected & hosted by professors from each school within the College of Fine Arts & Communication.

-FREE MOVIE-

North by Northwest: (U.S. - 1959) A suspense thriller that finds Roger Thornhill, a Manhattan advertising executive, mistaken for a spy. Considered by many to be the prototypical pure action movie, creating the template for later James Bond and Indiana Jones movies, the film is a cross-country roller-coaster ride. The magical combination of Alfred Hitchcock and the debonair Cary Grant makes NORTH BY NORTHWEST a suspense-filled standout.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 23rd SHOWTIMES:
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*** 8:00 show hosted by Lawrence Leviton - MUSIC**

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About Samite



African musician Samite (pronounced 'Sah-mah-tay') was born and raised in Uganda, where his grandfather taught him to play the traditional flute. His primary schooling was within the King's Courtyard where the royal musicians played for the King. That daily influence permanently instilled within young Samite, the rhythms and patterns of the traditional music of his people, the Baganda.

Delivering his moving vocals in his mother tongue, Luganda, he mesmerized audiences with original compositions played on kalimba (finger-piano), marimba (wooden xylophone), litungu (seven-stringed Kenyan instrument) and various flutes--traditional and western.

In 1982 he fled to Kenya as a political refugee, and immigrated five years later to Ithica, New York where he resides today.

Samite's sixth and newest CD *Tunula Eno*, released by Triloka/Artemis, is a work of commitment, devotion and an overwhelming sense of humanity. Written and recorded during the last year of his beloved wife Joan's life, the CD is a celebration of that which makes us human: love, loss, endurance and hope.

Samite spent the summer of 1999 traveling through parts of Africa and filmed the PBS documentary, *Song of the Refugee*. This film along with Samite's fifth CD release, *Kambu Angels*, was inspired

by a desire to present African refugees hope for the future in spite of the suffering and loss they have endured. Media coverage during the darkest days of crisis concentrated on violence and destruction, with little or no coverage of the reconciliation and healing process now underway. One of Samite's goals is to open peoples' minds and hearts to the common threads of human concerns, conveying optimism through stories and song. "I (Samite) am convinced that we are all moved by the same desires, needs and emotions, regardless of the language in which those feelings are expressed."

Words from Samite:

My last CD was influenced by my dear wife's sickness and death and most importantly the love we felt for one another that helped us to go through the most difficult time of our lives. The new CD takes you on a long journey starting from my childhood in

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The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy on DVD

Blair Nelson
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman) pleads desperately for construction workers not to demolish his home in order for a new hyperspace motorway to be built. He even lies down next to a bulldozer's forks, protesting in a final strategy. Should he be this dubious?

As he walks back, aided now by an African-American (Mos Def) pushing a shopping cart full of beer, his house is torn down piece by awful piece, the final wall wailing and then falling with a thunderous roar. Arthur stands emasculated, hands spread to the heavens in a cry of "Why!?!?" Ford Prefect (Def) secures Arthur and points his thumb to the sky, and both men are whisked away. A moment later the Earth is completely annihilated with a small, rather silent kaboom.

Armageddon has reached its apex.

Is this the plotline of yet another disaster movie from

Hollywood, set in the science fiction genre? Not exactly. This is the wonderful bizarre world of author Douglas Adams, creator of the famed and well-known sci-fi book series *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Here it is turned into a feature film for the first time, (the mini-series came out in the early 1980s) directed by newcomer Garth Jennings.

The galaxy depicted is a strange, rather extraordinary one, filled with some weird, if not amusing, creatures--including the Vogans, who look like tall blobs and speak in funny British accents and lack poetry skills; Marvin, (voiced by Alan Rickman) the manic-depressive creature who is shaped like a bloated letter "i;" and the president of

the galaxy, Zaphod Beeblebrox, who speaks in Elvis vernacular and has the uncanny visage of the lead singer of Nickelback.

one second. Who knew the galaxy as we know it was so strangely bizarre?

This version of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* owes credit to its earlier incarnations, including the five books by Douglas Adams and the BBC radio shows he wrote. Douglas also wrote both screenplays for this film and the mini-series, and you can see his influence wrapped around every word. The expressive narrator keeps things interesting, explaining how the galaxy works. At other times the movie has a Monty Python pull to it, and this is not unexpected because Adams once

penned an episode of "Monty Python's Flying Circus." The "sighing" door is also a kick, as far as laughs go.

Of course, effects have

come a long way since the 1980s, and *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* is visually painted in glory from CGI, showing the universe in all its splendor. Magrathea is particularly impressive, with Norwegian-influenced snowfields, and a portal device covered in icicles. Moreover, once you meet creator Slartibartfast, a sweet, gentle man, he offers views of an unnamed planet that are both awe-inspiring and sweeping in their grandeur. Nature would be exceptionally proud.

All in all, it's about time an above-average science fiction tale came along; they have been missed. Though not as loveable as the original mini-series, this version benefits the most from its depiction of a universe (whacky at times) never seen before, except in our greatest imaginations. Jump to light-speed, but don't forget your ever-important point of view gun for the ride there.



Luckily both are very funny, especially Sam Rockwell, who plays the concited Zaphod with intelligence for what he is, never making him dull for

Political, Social, and Cultural Transformation in China, June 19-July 9, 2006

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In conjunction with Chinese universities and institutions in Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Departments of Political Science and Sociology, and the International Programs Office will offer a three-week travel-study program focusing on the contemporary political, social, and cultural transformations occurring in China.

PROGRAM LEADERS: Prof. Bob Wolensky, Sociology, and Jianwei Wang, Political Science, will serve as the group leaders. Prof. Wolensky has had extensive experience leading study abroad programs at UWSP, and Prof. Wang is a native of Shanghai who has traveled extensively within China and has conducted research on Chinese society and politics.

COST: \$4500-4975 (tentative and based on 25 student participants). This includes: airfare, lectures, accommodations, most meals, in country air and ground transportation, guides, guest lecturers, receptions, mandated UW-system health insurance, four Wisconsin resident undergraduate credits. *Your Financial Aid applies.*

CREDITS: Participants enroll for four credits of Sociology, 395 & 497 (or graduate credit in Sociology 796) or four credits of Political Science, 397 & 499 (or graduate credit in Poli Sci 796). Students who are majoring or minoring in Political Science and/or Sociology, as well as other majors and minors, are invited to participate in this exciting study abroad opportunity.

APPLICATION: Request an application form from Drs. Wolensky or Wang or from the International Programs Office. Enrollment is limited; late applications can be considered only if there is room and time to secure passport, airline ticket and visa, which can take several months.

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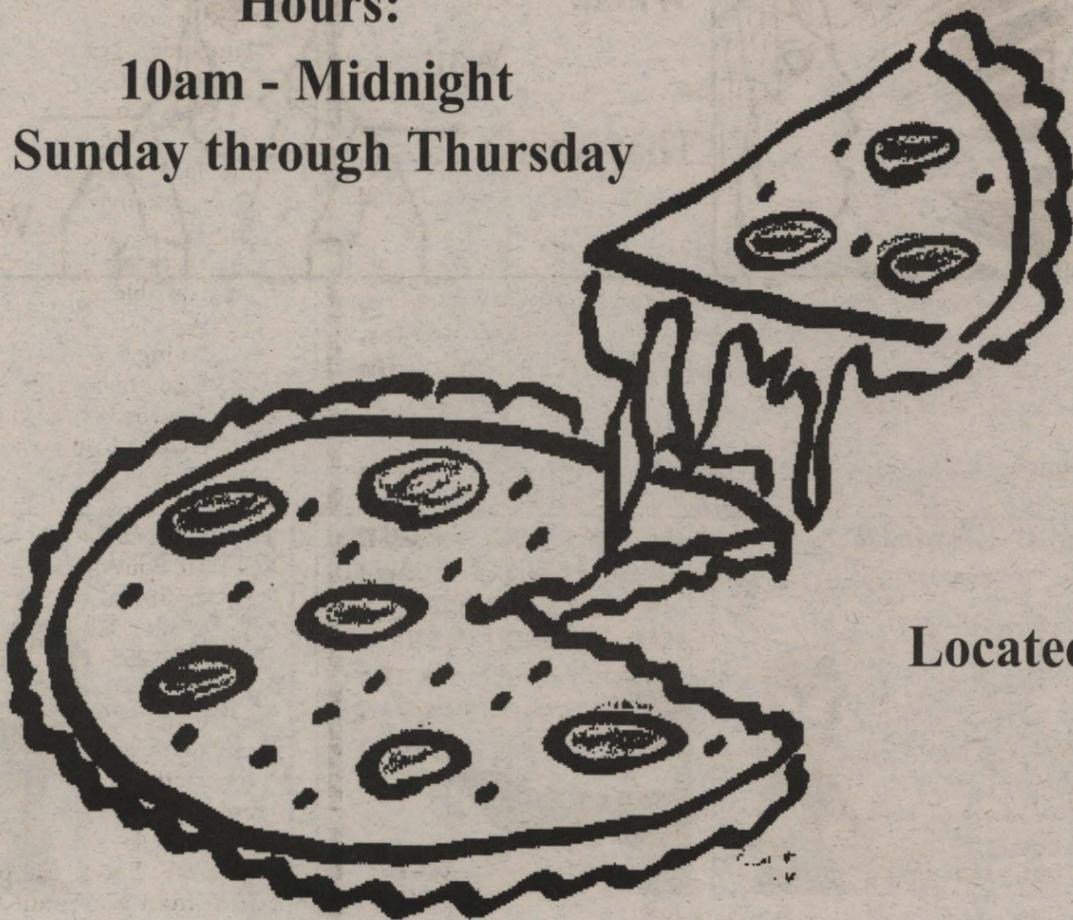
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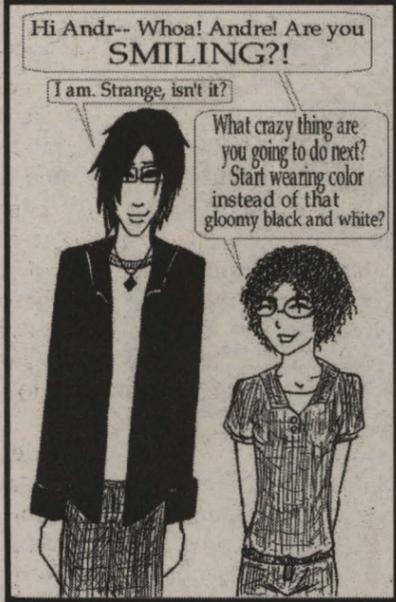
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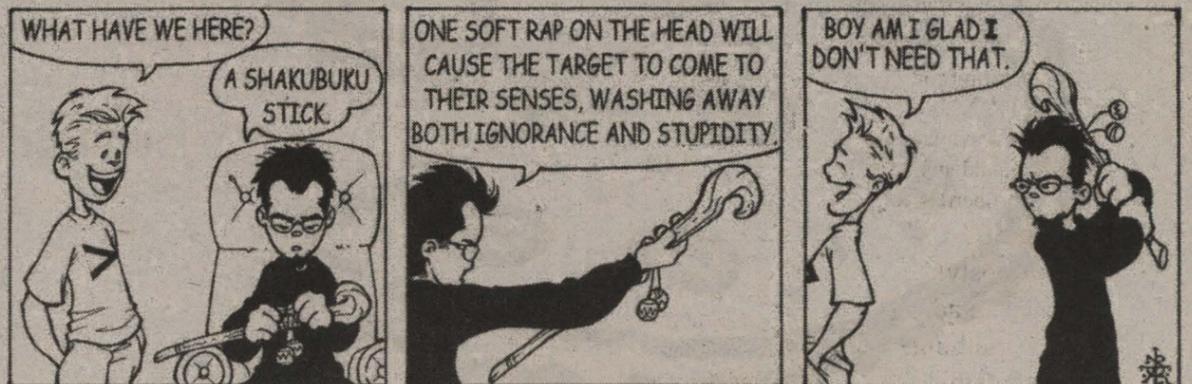
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Forestry, from pg 12

the university. Currently, local fire codes require that Christmas tree owners water their trees to keep them from going dry. If it turns out that watering the trees does nothing for moisture retention, then there may be reason to reexamine those codes.

Also, the experiment may yield results that show Christmas tree producers which tree species are most suited to an indoor environment.

"The Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producers Association will be having a conference that coincides with our experiment, and I'll be giving two talks to them," said Koeser.

Upon completion of the experiment, Koeser plans to submit the results for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, and also present the information at different symposiums around the nation.

Samite, from pg 15

Uganda when my grandfather would be called to save us from "Embalasasa," a beautiful, multi-colored and poisonous lizard that would appear. This lizard was so colorful that you wanted to touch it but we were warned that it bit and it's bite was very poisonous. We knew we were safe as long as grandpa was around. In this song I am telling grandpa to come back from where he is resting in peace to help us get rid of this creature called AIDs which is hiding behind the beautiful, colorful, irresistible animal called sex. This is going to be the title song on the CD "Embalasasa." It is scheduled to be released in early February of 2006.

I am getting ready to go on tour in Latvia in the month of August. In addition to the usual performances, we will have a chance to take music to children's orphanages around the country.

-- Samite

General Information

Samite along with two accompanying musicians will be performing this Friday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. in The Encore. Tickets are free for students with UW-SP ID, and \$4 for non-students.

For more information go to www.samite.com

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SGA, from pg 11

school year. That means that UW-SP must make a new contract with a company.

Executive Director of Campus Life Rosanne Proite, along with other faculty, must choose which distributor they feel is best qualified to work with UW-SP. If Fair Trade Certified coffee is accepted by Proite and others, it must be written into the new contract.

Currently, Chartwells has a Fair Trade Certified coffee choice, but UW-SP doesn't use it.

Many Fair Trade coffees are also certified organic and shade-grown. Organic coffee is produced according to federal organic standards set by the United States Department of Agriculture. To be organic, a product can't come from genetically modified plants or have pesticides or herbicides used on it.

Many scientists say that pesticides and herbicides are bad for our soils, waters, animals and health.

Shade-grown coffee practices allow farmers the opportunity to grow coffee plants without clearing away forests or fields. Instead, the plants are grown within the forest. This type of growing keeps the biodiversity of the forest alive and protects forests from slash-and-burn destruction.

If UW-SP decides to make all coffee bought and sold on campus Fair Trade Certified, then that will be the only coffee option available to students on university property.

Greg Diekroeger, Assistant Director of Campus Activities, estimates that the price for a cup of coffee in the Brewhaus will probably increase 30 to 45 cents.

In defense of the price increase Cohen stated, "We don't use sweatshop labor for producing UW clothing, so why should we use sweatshop-type labor in the production of our coffee?"

Currently, if you use a reusable mug in the Brewhaus you save 15 cents on coffee. This discount will continue even if UW-SP decides to sell only Fair Trade Certified coffee.

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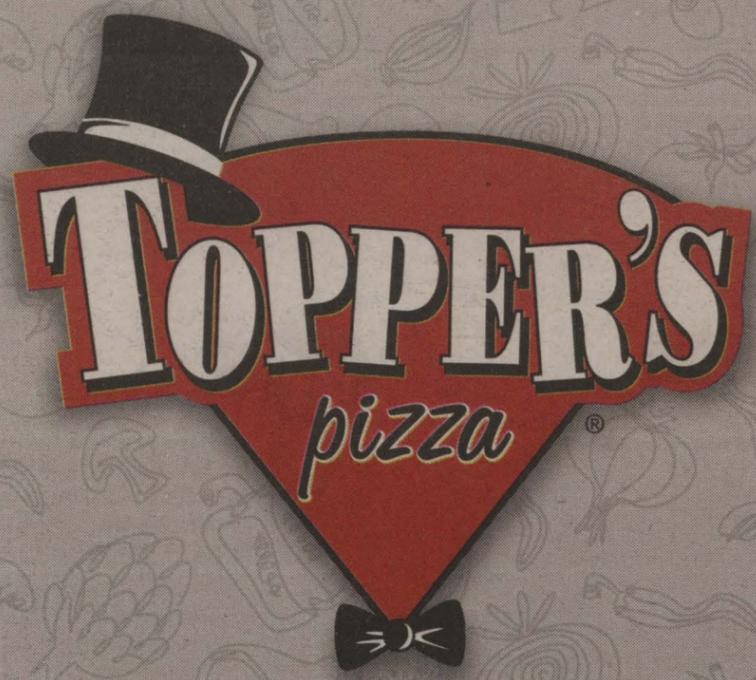
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