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Black Student Union serves up a dish of African-American culture to students, community

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Nearly 300 people came to fill their stomachs and receive a little African-American culture during last Sunday's soul food dinner, hosted by the Black Student Union (BSU).

The BSU celebrated its 14th year having the event as the local Stevens Point Post Office unveiled a stamp commemorating black history month.

Historical African-American actress Hattie McDaniel, best known for her role as "Mammy" in "Gone with the Wind," is featured on this year's stamp.

Becky Trzebiatowski, the supervisor of customer service at the Stevens Point Post Office, helped unveil the stamp during a brief ceremony prior to the dinner.

"The stamp initially came out in the end of January," Trzebiatowski said. "We thought this was a wonderful venue to be able to introduce it here in Stevens Point."

With a PowerPoint presentation lighted on the back wall of the Laird Room highlighting famous African-American historical figures,

those in attendance were treated to a performance of the Black National Anthem by UW-SP student Jolie Kadima.

After the room observed a moment of silence for the deaths of Coretta Scott King and Rosa Parks, both advocates of the black movement during the twentieth century, the evening's dishes were finally uncovered.

Catfish, fried chicken, jambalaya, collard greens and cornbread were among the cultural dishes served at the dinner.

Coriey Evans, the vice-president of BSU and a graduating senior, served as Master of Ceremonies

Power of Word performed last Sunday at the BSU soul food dinner.

Photo by Stephen Hittner



at his fourth and final soul food dinner Sunday.

"It's been a pleasure, I'm going to miss it," Evans said. "It's emotional for me because I know that I'm leaving in May, but it's been a great experience. It's great."

Evans said this event brings diversity to the cam-

pus and he's happy it allows the community to learn more about the African-American culture.

"We have a PowerPoint going on and it shows different people that are from our past that made it possible for our present," he said. see Dish pg. 2

Morning-after pill creates stir on east coast, local groups react to the news

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Who says it's lonely at the top?

Earlier this month, three women filed suit against the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, for refusal to fill prescriptions for emergency contraception (EC) in some of its Massachusetts pharmacies. According to some, this violated state law.

"Wal-Mart apparently thinks it is above the law," said Sam Perkins (a lawyer for the three plaintiffs) to the Associated Press.

The law Perkins refers to

took affect last year and requires hospitals in Massachusetts to provide the morning-after pill, also known as Plan B, to rape victims. The law also allows pharmacists to dispense the pill, though it is not required.

So far, only Illinois has a law in place that requires pharmacists to fill emergency contraception prescriptions. It is the first time pharmacists must obey the law regardless of their religious or personal beliefs.

But what happens if this type of law comes to



A half-dozen groups encouraged cultural awareness at Wednesday's "Boxes and Walls" presentation.

Photo by Lue Vang

Wisconsin?

Senior Margaret Martyr, a member of the UW-SP Pro-Choice Alliance, hopes it does.

"It should be law," she said. "I think it should be illegal for a pharmacy to exclude certain medications."

Plan B prescriptions, simply put, are a multiple dose of the same hormones found in ordinary oral contraceptives.

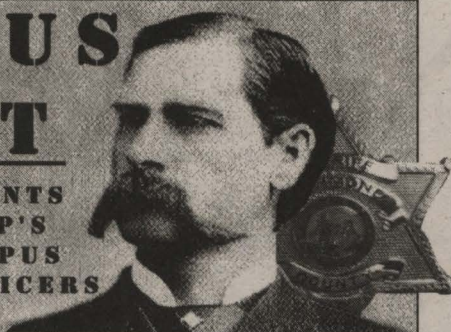
While it is most effective within 12 hours, a woman can take the pills between three and five days after unprotected sexual activity, or after the couple's chosen method of birth control has failed.

While no method of birth control is 100 percent effective, EC claims 71-89 percent pregnancy prevention.

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CAMPUS BEAT

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



Thomson Hall
Feb. 17, 2006 12:02 a.m.
Type: INTOXICATION

An intoxicated person located on the third floor of Thomson Hall prompted a request to have cadets report to the floor. One student was cited for drinking underage and another one was charged for providing minors with alcohol.

Smith Hall
Feb. 17, 2006 1:50 a.m.
Type: PUBLIC DISTURBANCE

Report of people screaming and causing trouble outside of Pray/Sims and Smith halls.

Neale Hall
Feb. 17, 2006 9:31 p.m.
Type: INTOXICATION

Caller requesting assistance to confront a number of intoxicated individuals in Neale Hall. The person described them as intoxicated and hostile.

Baldwin Hall
Feb. 18, 2006 12:49 a.m.
Type: INTOXICATION

Report of an intoxicated female in the fourth floor bathroom of Baldwin Hall.

Parking Lot Q
Feb. 18, 2006 7:18 a.m.
Type: VANDALISM/THEFT

Report from a caller that his car was broken into and that items inside the vehicle were stolen.

Parking Lot Q
Feb. 18, 2006 9:47 a.m.
Type: VANDALISM

Report from a caller that a black Eagle Talon in parking lot Q had a broken window.

CPS Building
Feb. 21, 2006 1:35 p.m.
Type: THEFT

Call from the education department requesting to see an officer in regards to stolen checks.

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According to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), Plan B differs from chemical abortions in that it either prevents the ovary from releasing the egg, or stops a fertilized egg from implanting itself in the womb. EC does not affect an already implanted, fertilized egg.

Even though the FDA first approved Plan B in 1997, some groups on campus don't see any purpose to the Massachusetts lawsuit, or why stores like Wal-Mart should be forced to sell the drug.

"Now, this lawsuit is a part of a larger push saying that women everywhere need to have access to birth control as a necessity like food and water," said Joe Pehoski, a member of Pointers for Life. "When is it ever necessary to have contraceptives in order to survive?"

While views on EC differ on even matters of rape and incest, no one can deny the possibility of such laws in this state.

Representative Therese Berceau from Madison doesn't deny the necessity for such a law. "Some would prefer to believe that if we just tell people not to have sex, they won't have sex. And maybe people will then also believe that babies come from the stork," Berceau told the Badger Herald last year.

Marie Sturgis, executive director of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, argued that the Wal-Mart case shouldn't have gotten so much publicity.

"There's no reason to require Wal-Mart to carry Plan B because every other pharmacy in the state carries the drug," Sturgis told the Boston Globe earlier this month.

While students here on campus can obtain EC at Health Services, Wisconsin has no state law requiring hospitals to offer Plan B to victims

of rape.

"Some hospitals won't do it," said Bill Hettler, Director at Health Services in Delzell Hall.

Hettler also said that people might object to the idea of EC when hospitals are operated with public funding, while other hospitals simply have a religious bias against the drug.

Wisconsin citizens have just recently begun to feel the heat from this issue. Pharmacists throughout Wisconsin have been reprimanded in various fashions for refusal to fill contraceptive prescriptions during the past few years. A recent report from Pro-Choice Wisconsin shows that almost half of Wisconsin pharmacies don't even carry the Plan B drug.

Martyr thinks that is wrong.

"When it's a woman's right to choose, it should be available to her wherever she goes," said Martyr.

It is estimated by Planned Parenthood that over half of the nearly 3 million annual unplanned pregnancies in the country are the result of a contraceptive failure.

But if such a proposal comes to Wisconsin, both sides of the fence are ready.

"We will definitely be urging everyone to call their Congressman, and trying to inform people on how basically unethical this kind of thing is," said Pehoski.

The Pro-Choice Alliance would take a different approach to campaigning for such legislation.

"We encourage different pharmacies to carry it (EC)," said Martyr. "We write letters to the paper."

For more information regarding on-campus medical services, call Health Services at 346-4646. Plan B is also available at Family Planning Services, 345-2929.

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"Without those people, we wouldn't be able to have a program like this."

The BSU prepared all the food served at the dinner as they worked for five hours a day beginning Friday, Feb 17 to prepare for the event.

"I feel very thankful for just being able to pull this program off for the community and for the school as a whole," Evans said.

Bob Tomlinson, the assistant chancellor for student affairs at UW-SP, has attended every dinner since 2000 and thinks the event is a great opportunity for people to learn more about the African culture.

"It's really an opportunity to see a lot of students and a lot of community people," he said. "One of the things that's really interesting (is)

when you talk to students and ask them why they're here, so many times they're here because they're taking a multicultural studies class ... so it's a great learning opportunity."

Having lived in the south for 20 years, Tomlinson was subjected to similar types of soul food earlier in his life. That is why he believes the event is great for the fact that it offers certain foods that aren't often available in central Wisconsin.

"I think it's a great opportunity for people who have never experienced that part of the country to see some of the traditional dishes in the African-American culture," he said. "It's not very often you see catfish here in Stevens Point, or the way cornbread is made with a little bit of sugar, is a twist."

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Letters & Opinion

In Memoriam of Lukas J. Weiland

The death of a fellow student came as a shock to students at University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point on Monday, February 20, 2006.

Luke Weiland, 19, of Wisconsin Rapids, passed away early that morning at his local student residence. He was a sophomore majoring in computer information systems and a campus employee working at the computer help desk. He wanted to become a game programmer.

As Monday came to a close, Theta Xi Fraternity, which Luke was a member and avidly involved in, held an open meeting for the collective mourning and support of Luke's fellow classmates and friends.

After the meeting, Theta Xi advisor, Bob Stuewer expressed his thoughts,

"Seeing the response at last night's meeting touched everyone who has been touched by Luke's death and it gives me a great sense of pride and admiration for the students who make up the Greek community at UWSP."

"Luke was the kind of guy that would listen to anyone's problems. He loved helping other people. That and he loved being Irish. One day he and I were going to visit Ireland together, because we are both Irish," stated Ashley Stelmack, a close friend and fellow Greek, "He considered Theta Xi his family; he loved those guys more than anything in the world."

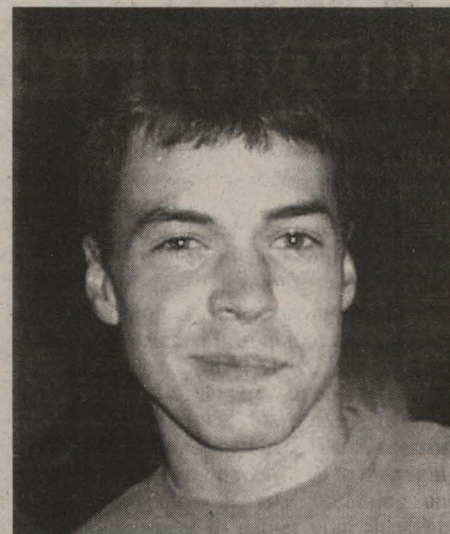
A forum was set up in Luke's honor by his fraternity brother, Philip Gritzmacher. The link to this forum is emoholic.net/thetaxi/index.html.

The forum has allowed friends to share thoughts and memories of Luke along with pictures and encouraging words.

Fellow Greek, Jill Krimmer wrote, "I think now is when we see how big everyone's hearts are, and we grow together. Luke led us to see how important every one of us is to each other. That is a gift he gave us all, everyone that ever knew him, which we should cherish and never forget."

Because of this, a little piece of Luke will live inside my heart and my head everyday, reminding me of all of the people that are here for each other, no matter what."

Visitation for Luke was held Wednesday evening at the Ritchay Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids.



The funeral was held this morning at SS Peter & Paul Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Following the funeral today, a Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the UC in the Heritage room from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Letter to the Editor

Your recent outdoors article, "Wisconsin legislators discuss lowering the hunting age (Feb. 16, page 11)," by Brandi Pettit, would have more appropriately fit on the opinion page, although the argument presented therein was poorly constructed and insufficiently supported. The story in question was printed and labeled as a news story, even though the author made no attempt at objective reporting concerning the issue of lowering the state's hunting age. It is blatantly clear from reading the oblong piece that Pettit personally supports the proposed decrease in legal hunting age. While there is nothing wrong with printing opinions on these matters, Pettit's one-sided views should have been clearly labeled as such.

As for the now-published opinion disguised as objective news, it appears that Pettit (or her editors) need to do a better job of checking their facts. I am particularly wary of one claim furthered by the author that borders on hilarious. In an attempt to negatively cast Wisconsin Democrats as overprotective, Pettit lazily and incorrectly asserted that "Doyle recently made a law

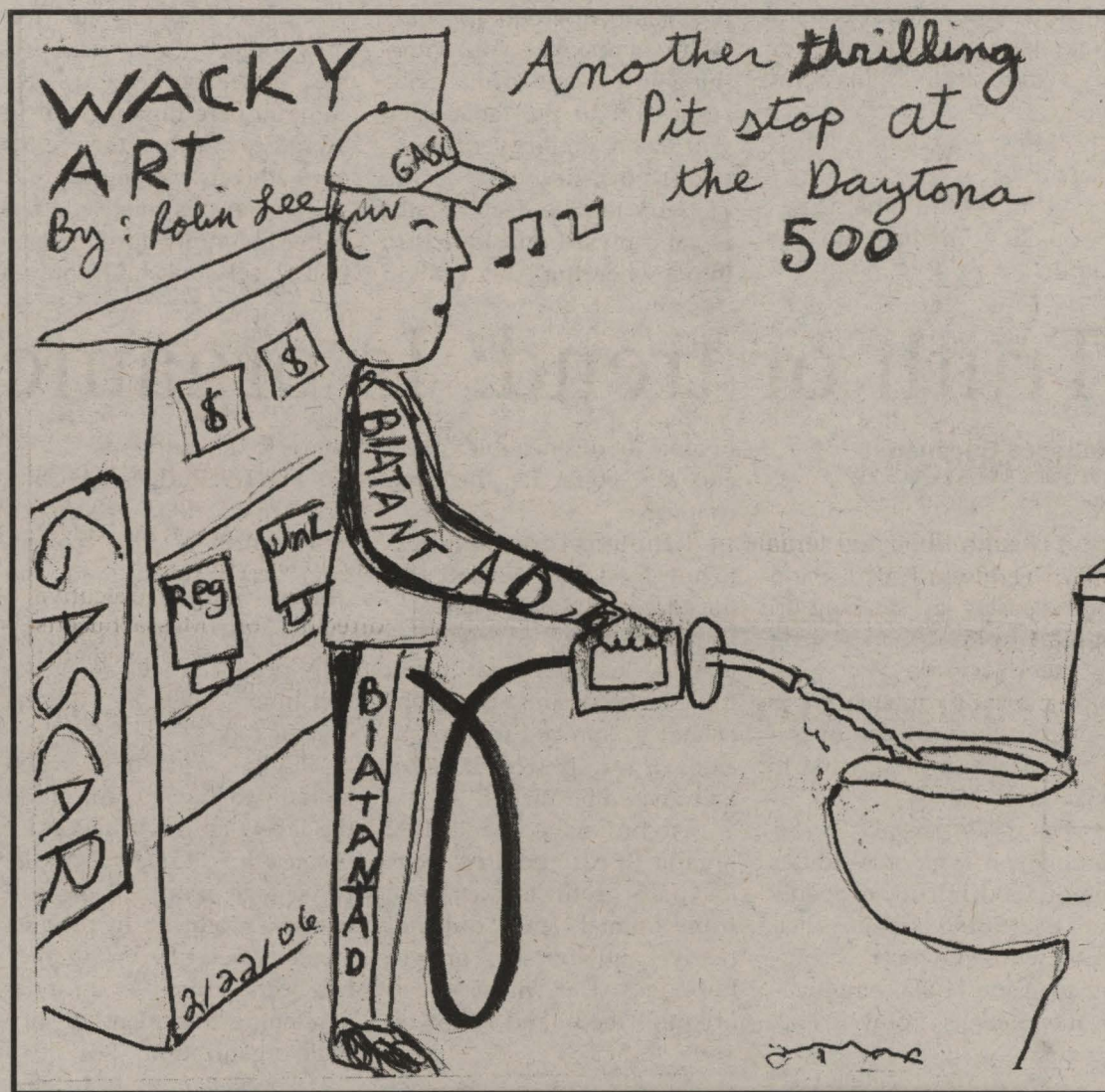
sticking kids back into car seats."

While I am not sure how this ridiculous fabrication helps the author's weak case, I can confidently say that governors don't "make laws." Our well-meaning men and women in the Republican-controlled legislature do. The governor merely signs those bills into law, or vetoes them.

A simple, five-minute search of the legislative Web site that Pettit directly referenced in the story reveals that the Child Passenger Safety Bill mentioned AB618/ Wisconsin Act 106) was co-authored by Senator Carol Roessler - a Republican from Oshkosh, and Representative Jerry Petrowski - a Republican from Marathon.

Trivialities and wild assertions aside, I hope that The Pointer and its staff will be more vigilant in the future concerning the presentation of opinion versus fact. That hallowed journalistic boundary must remain bold and important and palpable, if a newspaper aims to retain any sense of credibility.

Adam Mella
Madison



SGA Update:

Building Unity Conference set for March 10-12 has extended its registration deadline to March 1st.

With 2 key-note speakers from Manhattan & LA, 50 workshops on diversity, energetic entertainment & scrumptuos dinner, it's going to be a heck of a time in Point!

Register NOW.

Forms are located at the SGA office. Or, email sgaexecs@uwsp.edu or visit www.uwsp.edu/stuorg.sga/ Don't miss out!

LIVING OPTIONS FAIR March 1st from 5pm till 7:30pm in the Laird room. This gives students who are looking for off campus housing an opportunity to talk with landlords and ask questions about leasing or renting. This is not a lease signing, but simply a time for students to ask questions and receive information about off campus living options.

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I tilt my head back and try to make the fuzzy ceiling stop spinning. Don't throw up. Don't throw up. Do NOT throw up, I coax. My stomach churns while millions of hot needles prick my cheeks. Is my heart supposed to be beating this fast?

When I had walked into the Laird Room 25 minutes ago to donate blood, I was a lot more confident that I would make it out alive. In fact, only a slight anxiety had crept into my stomach before I let Cami, the nurse from BloodCenter of Wisconsin, poke a needle into my vein to drain a pint of my blood.

"How ya doin', hun?" Cami asks.

"Um, I feel a little dizzy," I somehow manage to say calmly.

"Okay. I'm just gonna tilt ya back, here," she replies, reclining my plastic lawn chair.

It's supposed to help, but the room goes white instead. Part of me wants to pretend I'm okay so they'll let me go and I can curl up on a couch in the UC to pass out in private. Cami calls a nurse over to take my blood pressure, but after she gets the reading she won't make eye contact with me. Then I hear her whisper to Cami, "71 over 50."

Was I not supposed to hear that?

She turns to me and pats my shoulder. "Oooookay, hun. We're gonna get you something to eat and drink." She rushes off to the table piled with food and beverages to nourish the survivors.

I try to take deep breaths to calm myself, but they turn into a wheezing pant. I might

very well be dying. In the Laird Room of all places. My blood pressure has dropped from 98/68 to 71/50 within 10 minutes and all I can concentrate on are the pins poking into my fiery cheeks.

The nurse returns with a mini sub sandwich and a banana in an attempt to revive me. My hand shakes as I try to peel the banana but somehow I manage peeling the unripe fruit. I attempt to eat, but my stomach doesn't want to hold anything in it. I chew slowly and reluctantly but, looking for a way out of the nausea, I keep eating until it's gone.

"This happens to lots of people," Cami reassures me. "Even the big guys that come in here thinking it'll be a breeze. But then they're the ones who are passing out."

I wish this made me feel better about my current state, but I feel foolish. If only I

hadn't been talking so bravely about it 10 minutes earlier.

Oh yeah. I've donated blood before. This will be no big deal. I know what to expect.

And now I'm reclining in a plastic chair, trying not to pass out. I should've never spouted that nervous chitchat to try to keep my mind off the fact that a plastic tube was hanging out in my vein.

After a few minutes more, Cami looks me over and then has another nurse check my blood pressure. I'm doing a lot better so they let me go.

"Do me a favor, though, girl," Cami says. "We're gonna need you to go sit at that table for about 10 more minutes just so we can make sure you'll be okay." She points to the table where the nurse got my food.

"Okay, sure," I agree, thankful to move.

The nurse who took my

blood pressure helps me pick up my coat and backpack and follows me to the table. I sit, slowly growing stronger, until I'm ready to leave. I walk out of the Laird Room, still a little woozy and still contemplating curling up in the fetal position on a couch in the UC. But, I walk to my two o'clock class instead, thankful for the return to a semi-normal physical state.

In the back of my mind I knew I would get sick from donating even though I pretended that I'd be in and out with no problems. Most people don't react to donating the way I did. However, most people don't have an acute fear of needles and plastic tubing in their arms like I do. Regardless of the consequences, I'm glad I donated and I plan to donate at the next blood drive. It was a tiny price to pay to help in a big way.

Truth or trend: Is organic food healthier?

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A health food craze is sweeping across America and supermarkets are stocking up on higher priced food bearing the label "organic." But what makes a food organic? Is it really healthier for you or is it just a marketing tool used to make more money?

The USDA has placed regulations on what constitutes organic food, but do not openly state that eating organic is better for you. However, according to Anne Hylla, employee of the Stevens Point Co-op,

organic food is healthier to eat and also better for the environment.

"The term 'organic' refers to how food is grown and produced," said Hylla. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that for a food to be organic the crops cannot be sprayed with pesticides or fertilized with petroleum-based fertilizers."

According to the USDA, organic meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products must come from animals that did not receive antibiotics or growth hormones. They must be fed organic feed and allowed

access to the outdoors.

The USDA does not claim that organic food is safer or more nutritious than conventionally produced food, but the USDA has put forth strict national standards for organically produced food to ensure consumers they are buying organic food.

Hylla said that when looking to buy organic food the labels are very important because it will depend on the percentage of organic ingredients in a product. Any product labeled "Certified Organic" has been verified by an independent government or private organization.

Food claiming to be one-hundred percent organic only contains organically produced ingredients and displays the USDA organic seal, according to the USDA. Food with the label "organic" contains 95 percent organically produced ingredients and also displays the USDA organic seal. 70 percent organic uses the phrase made with organic ingredients but is not truly an organic product, and the USDA seal may not be used.

The Co-op and County Market carry varying degrees of organic food depending on what the consumer prefers to buy. Sometimes customers are fooled into thinking that natural foods are organic. Natural foods have not been certified by the USDA organic standards.

The National Organic Program (NOP) requires that agriculture labeled as organic must originate from farms certified by the state that has

met the USDA standards.

Before harvesting an organic crop the land must be chemical free for at least three years, according to the NOP. The NOP also prohibits the use of genetic engineering, ionizing, radiation and sewage sludge. Only animal and crop waste may be used for soil fertility and crop nutrients.

Hylla said, "Using fewer pesticides will improve the environment because organic farmers do not put chemicals into the land which eventually run into the water system. Organic food simply grows naturally without the harmful chemicals."

County Market now carries organic food and the selection continues to increase because the demand for organic food increases. County Market stocks a variety of fruits and vegetables that come from organic farms. People who buy organic food at County Market believe it's better for the body and more nutritious because the produce is chemical free.

According to the USDA, organic does not mean low-fat, reduced sodium or vitamin enriched. Organic foods, like conventional foods, vary in nutritional content and just because it says organic may not mean it is more nutritious than conventional food, but it will be more expensive.

Organic food is more expensive because distribution costs and the organic farmers need to make a profit on their agriculture. At County Market non-organic bananas cost forty-nine cents a pound and

organic bananas cost ninety-nine cents a pound. A bag of non-organic carrots costs 99 cents and organic carrots cost \$2.69 a bag. A three-pound bag of Granny Smith apples costs \$3.99 and the same apples but organic cost \$5.99 a pound.

Hylla said, "Many people view organic food as an elitist luxury, but The Co-op tries its best to make it affordable for everyone because we accept food stamps. The

Co-op wants even low income families to have an opportunity to eat organic food if they choose to."

Though it may seem like a high price to pay for food grown and produced in a healthier way, people seem willing to shell out the extra cash.

Becca Pearce, an organic shopper, said she bought an organic turkey for Thanksgiving this year because it tastes better. "This way I know how the turkey was treated and what the turkey ate," Pearce said. "I am not putting harmful chemicals into my body because the turkey was raised in a healthy environment. I paid twice as much for it as a conventionally raised turkey, but you get what you pay for. I am going to pay extra if I know my body will be healthier."

"Organic shoppers believe it's more than just eating healthy; it's a lifestyle choice," Hylla said. "For me, I know what I am getting, what I am eating and I am healthier because I eat organic food."

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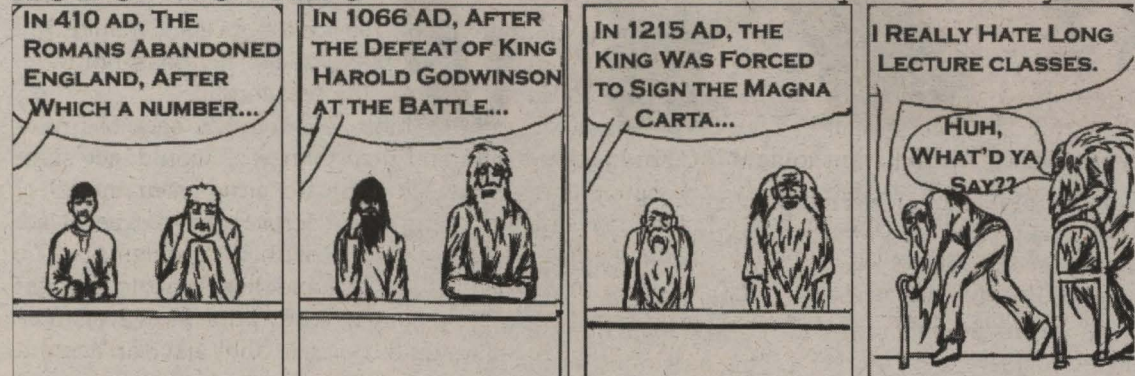
Resident's Evil

By: Joy



Here We Are

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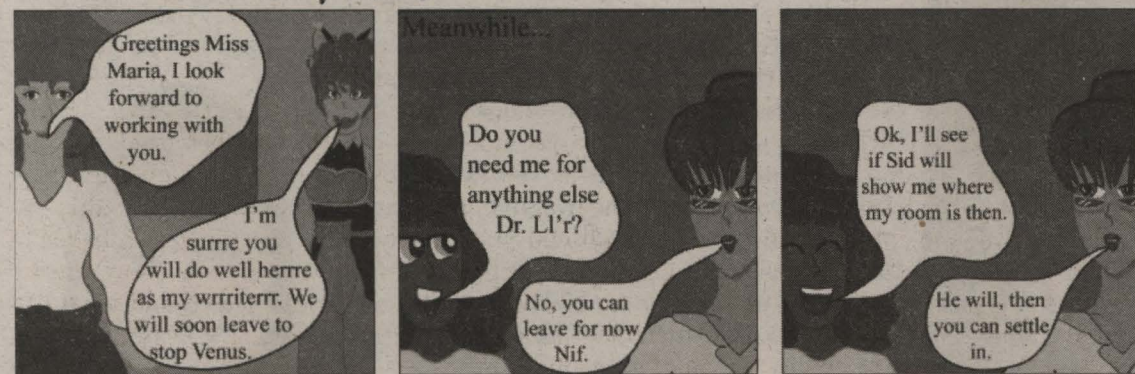
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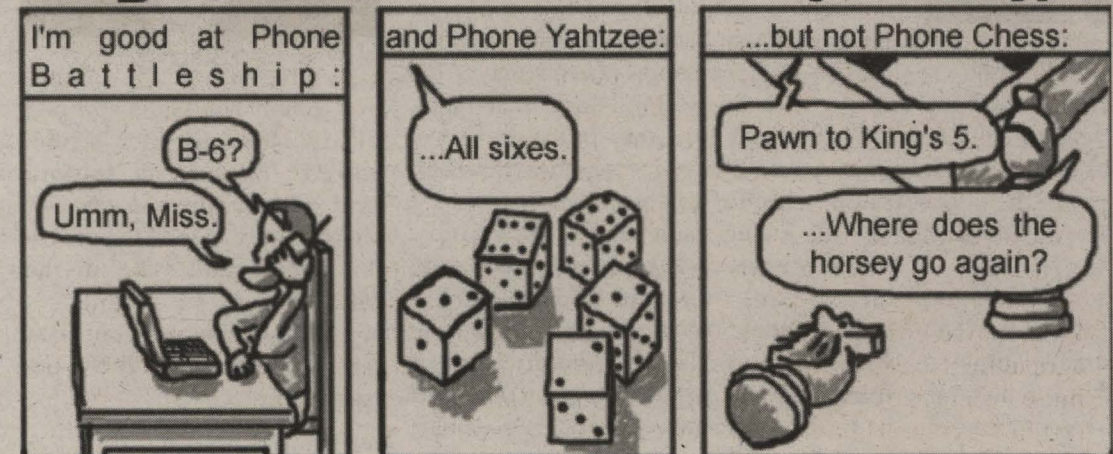
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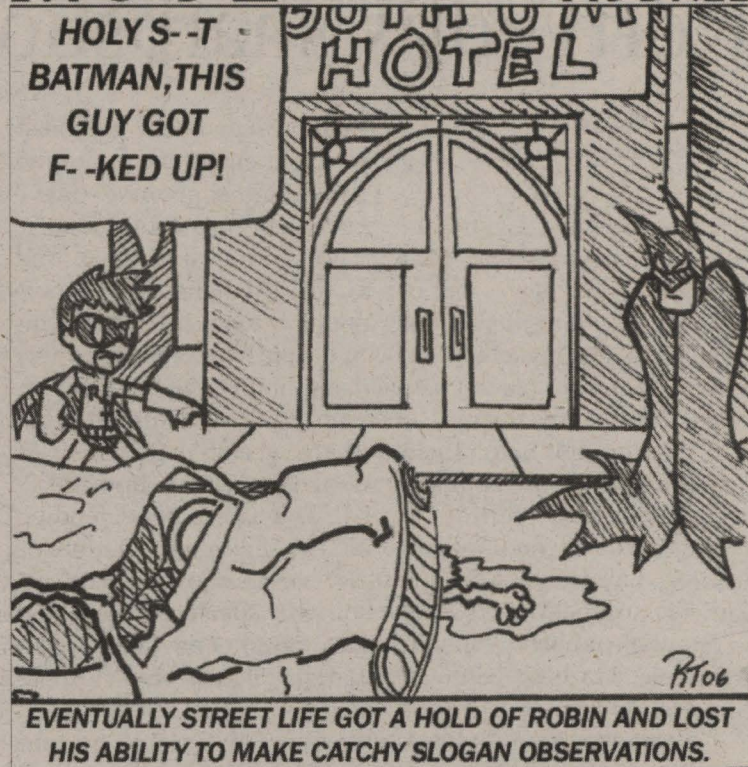
Magic Mike

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MUSE

BY: RYAN TIDBALL



THE THURSDAY WORD: "DITHYRAMB"

Originally, a dithyramb was a Greek hymn to the god Dionysus. These hymns tended to be wild and bawdy. Today, the word is used to mean "A speech or writing in vehement or inflated style" according to the Oxford English Dictionary. Know an interesting word? Send it to jrate567@uwsp.edu

WORD SEARCH: WEATHER

bczaainhtorainensalg	snow
tohebwfbfpknxlwcmcbvb	rain
xagteelsizgflsnwhqd	ice
mdiaaamxjxfisyapnvs	sleet
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njlsgfgeblknktvrnx	cloudy
bdsplberpoicckzmngsa	hot
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SUMMER IN MAINE

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Rortvedt's sharpshooting leads to postseason win

Press Release
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After winning 17 straight postseason games the past two years, the new crop of UW-Stevens Point men's basketball players made itself a warm welcome to playoff basketball on Tuesday night.

Pete Rortvedt highlighted a huge night for the Pointers' freshman class, setting a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament and UW-SP school record with nine three-pointers while finishing with 30 points as the Pointers upended UW-Platteville 70-65 in their playoff opener at the Quandt Fieldhouse.

Rortvedt's performance came on a night that saw the Pointers' freshman class make a remarkable impact, scoring 48 of the team's 70 points as the team played several minutes with five freshmen on the floor. While Rortvedt handled the perimeter attack, freshman Jerome Wotachek controlled the inside, totaling five points, 10 rebounds and four steals in his first career start. The group was pushed into duty with

senior Brian Bauer sidelined by a foot injury and junior Jon Krull and sophomore Steve Hicklin in early foul trouble.

The quarterfinal round victory matched the tournament record for consecutive wins as the two-time defending champion Pointers won their seventh straight in the event, matching UW-Oshkosh's streak from 2002-04. The two-time defending NCAA Division III champions also ran their overall postseason win streak to 18 straight victories after avenging a pair of tight regular season losses to UW-P, which finished 12-13 overall.

UW-SP is now 17-9 overall and makes its fifth straight semifinal appearance on Thursday at UW-Stout. The Blue Devils are making their first trip to the semifinals since 2001 and will meet the Pointers for the first time in the WIAC tournament.

Rortvedt was on fire from beginning to end, hitting an early three-pointer for a 5-0 lead and providing over half of the team's first half offense with 12 points on four-for-four three-point shooting as the



Photo by Lue Vang

Steve Hicklin fires a jump shot in WIAC tournament action.

Pointers took a 23-21 halftime lead. The rest of the Pointers' team was a combined five-for-22 from the field and zero-for-six from three-point range in the first half.

UW-SP scored the first seven points of the second half with Krull and Rortvedt each hitting three-pointers during the run. However, every time it appeared the Pointers were ready to put the Pioneers away, UW-P managed to stay in the game.

The Pioneers cut the lead to 39-37 with 8:34 left, but the Pointers scored the next 13 points with Wotachek starting the run with an offensive

rebound basket and Rortvedt hitting three three-pointers as UW-SP went ahead 52-37 with 6:16 to play. However, UW-P again hung around, taking advantage of the Pointers' first four turnovers of the second half and a pair of missed layups on their next six possessions to cut the lead to 52-46 with 3:35 left.

But Rortvedt came to the Pointers' rescue once again, draining another long range shot for a nine-point lead. Two Rortvedt free throws on the next possession finished his scoring with 30 points as he set a career high for the second straight game after total-

ing 18 on Saturday against UW-Superior.

The nation's leading free throw shooting team at 79.9 percent entering the game, UW-SP missed four in the final minute to let the Pioneers climb back within four points. However, Krull made a pair with 11 seconds left to seal the win as the junior was seven-for-seven at the line and scored all of his 14 points in the second half.

Rortvedt's shooting performance eclipsed the previous tournament record of seven three-pointers by Nick Scherer of UW-O in 2001. The former school record was eight by Josh Iserloth in 2002. The Pointers shot just 37.0 percent from the field for the game and minus Rortvedt's heroics, 26.8 percent from the field and one-for-10 from three-point range.

LeVon Crawford led UW-P, scoring 19 of his 21 points in the second half. Jeff Skemp added 16 points and Sean Krause totaled 15 points. The Pioneers were hampered by 19 turnovers and committed 29 fouls.

Pro athletes who just need to go away

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I picked up a copy of this Monday's *USA Today* and was bombarded with a front page story about the most pressing issue facing our country at the moment. No, it was not a story about soldiers in Iraq or escalating tensions with Iran, but it was an intense close up picture of San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds.

The media darling he is, Bonds made ripples with his announcement in that issue of the paper that he was planning on retiring after the 2006 regular baseball season.

"I'm not playing baseball after this," Bonds told *USA Today* in a phone interview. "I'm tired of all the crap going on. I want to play this year out...[m]aybe then everybody can just forget about me."

If only it was that easy, Barry.

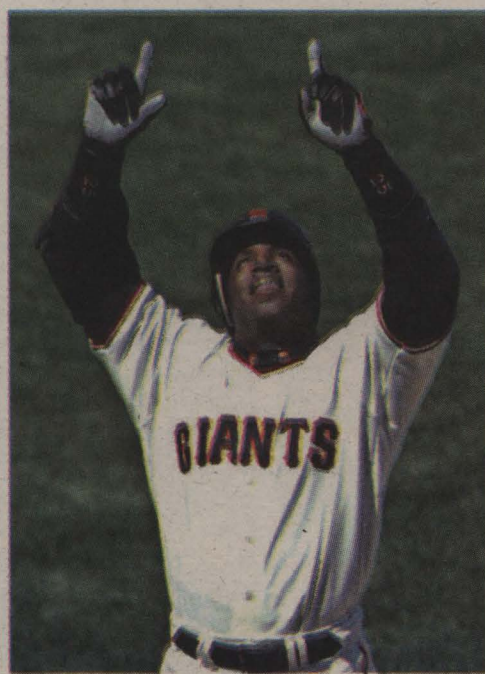
In the same breath, Bonds told MLB.com that he was not going to call it quits any time soon and that he would be able to play another 10 years.

So adds another chapter to the sad soap opera that has followed Bonds over the course of his 20-year career. From allegations of steroid use to his interesting choice comments made about himself, his ego, the media and the game he plays, Bonds has always operated with a negative aura surrounding his being. Fans of the Giants had little to complain about, however, since he did lead the team to the 2002 World Series and compiled record-breaking charges at the 500, 600 and 700 home run clubs.

Now that Bonds is only six long balls away from Babe Ruth in the all-time home run category, some speculate that he is

only in the game to pass the Bambino and allow two African-American players to hold the top two spots on the list (Hank Aaron ranks first overall with 755 home runs).

While it's hard to determine Bond's personal objective for hanging around this long in baseball, it's hard not to



AP photo

Barry Bonds may be done after 2006.

imagine it being anything but selfish. With possibly one more year to solidify his legacy, Barry Bonds has already done himself in. It will be nice to see the negative aura fade into McCovey Cove after this season.

Another interesting story circulating around the sports talk shows this week was the discovery that Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams failed his fourth drug test of his turbulent career.

After Williams failed his third drug test before the 2004 season, he skedaddled out of the country and found new encouragement for life in India in the form of marijuana and holistic medicine.

The crunch on Williams's bank account was too much to handle, so he rejoined the team for last year, earning \$285,882 after deductions levied by the team. Williams did a commendable job as halfback for the 'Fins, totaling 743 yards and six scores in 12 games.

However, if Williams's failed test is upheld (he appealed the ruling earlier in the week), the former Texas Longhorn and winner of the Heisman Trophy will be forced to sit out the entire 2006-07 season.

If it was weed that Williams was caught doing, he should just step away from the game of football and get some help. Even with the \$285,882 that he made last year, Williams still has to repay \$8.6 million to the Dolphins for breaching his contract after retiring in 2004. Ricky might need the drugs just to take the financial pain away.

Three strikes, plus one, should be enough for Ricky Williams to come to the realization that his passion lies elsewhere. Maybe Williams could share some of his drugs with Barry Bonds and that negative aura will turn into peace and love. They could do yoga together to rehab Bond's chronic knee problems.

All joking aside, these two professional athletes (the term is loosely used on my part) drive the over-paid, over-hyped athlete stereotype that haunts the world of sports. They should do the right thing and dissolve into oblivion, never to be heard from again, as soon as possible.

Pointers inch closer to title with weekend sweep

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UW-Stevens Point finished off a weekend sweep of Lake Forest and inched closer to a second straight Northern Collegiate Hockey Association women's title with a 4-0 victory on Sunday in Lake Forest, Ill.



Statz

Junior Amy Statz stopped all 18 shots for her school record 13th career shutout and fourth this season as the Pointers improved to 15-4-4 overall and 9-1-3 in the NCHA.

UW-SP has sealed up at least the second seed for the upcoming NCHA

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Pointers finish season, start WIAC tourney strong with win over Blugolds

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The UW-SP women's basketball team just keeps bringing it.

After two wins to finish the regular season, and a strong start into the WIAC tournament, the Pointers are now the tournament's third seed, behind the second-seeded UW-Oshkosh Titans.

After falling behind in the first half against UW-Platteville

last Wednesday, the Pointers directed the Pioneers to travel back home empty handed, defeating them 81-65.

UW-Stevens Point allowed six turnovers and shot 69.2 percent, but played great defense as the Pioneers were only able to shoot 41.1 percent.

Senior guard Cassandra Schultz led the scoring rally with 25 points and had three total rebounds and nine assists.

Laura Neuenfeldt had 14 points while Nathalie Lechault was five-for-five, adding 12

points for the Pointers.

The bench contributed 27 points, including Jesirae Heuer, who scored 10 points and led the team in rebounds for the evening with five.

Schultz had another big offensive day as she helped the Pointers defeat UW-Superior last Saturday 90-70, and gave UW-SP their first undefeated home regular season since 1976-77 with an 11-0 record.

Schultz posted back-to-back season high point totals, finishing with 26 points, four

rebounds, and eight assists against UW-Superior.

After leading the Pointers to a pair of victories, Schultz was named the WIAC women's basketball player of the week, earning the honor for the third time.

The Pointers led early in the game, and never trailed, while scoring the first 11 points in the second half, and finishing the regular season with an 11-5 conference record, 18-7 overall.

UW-SP had another impressive shooting performance,

draining 54.1 percent of their shots, surpassing 50 percent for the 12th time this season.

Neuenfeldt added 13 points, while Chelsea Kranz had 11.

Kranz scored her career high 22 points after defeating the sixth seeded UW-Eau Claire 84-74 in the WIAC tournament quarterfinal game Monday night.

Kranz scored eight of the team's first 10 points as the Pointers led by as many as 21 in the first half. The Bluegolds, who lost the quarterfinal game for the first time in the eight year history of the conference tournament, tied the game once.

Schultz added 17 points and six assists, while hitting three three-pointers. Lechault totaled 14 points and seven rebounds.

Superman-like performances key in sweep over UW-SP

Robert Lucas
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lake Forest Foresters have proven to be the Pointers' playoff kryptonite yet again. The Foresters swept the UW-SP men's hockey team out of the NCHA playoffs with wins Friday and Saturday in Lake Forest. The Pointers finish the season at 12-11-4, with four losses coming at the hands of Lake Forest.

Lake Forest started out hot in the first game as they scored two goals in the first period. Brian Lee and Tyler Canal each scored for the Foresters, giving them an early two-goal cushion. Lake Forest tacked on another goal midway through the second to amass a three-goal lead. Point finally got on the board two minutes later as Matt Stendahl scored his sixth goal of the year off assists from James Jernberg and Brett Coburn. Four minutes later, Matt Buha would score his first goal of the year to close the game to one. They could get no closer, however.

Brian Lee scored his eighth goal of the year for Lake Forest at the 10:30 mark and the Foresters' also added an empty netter to win by three, 5-2. Point outshot Lake Forest 42-25 but was unable to solve goaltender Brandon Kohuch. They experienced the same problem the next night with a different goalie.

The Pointers outshot Lake Forest again on Saturday night 48-28. It's hard to score on a brick wall though, as Scott Campbell had 47 saves for Lake Forest. Lake Forest again jumped out to an early lead with a goal in the first by Adam Tobias and one by Matt Forsyth in the second. The Pointers' lone goal was scored early in the third by Tom Vernelli, his third of the season. The Foresters answered back with two goals late in the period, one by Brian Lee and an empty netter by Mike Kneeland.

For the season, Sean Fish led UW-SP with 25 points. Rolf Ulvin was second with 24 and Russel Law was third with 22. Marcus Paulson led the goalies with a 2.88 goals per game average.

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Outdoors

SACS hopes to plant a student-run organic garden on UW-SP campus

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While the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is not as advanced as other campuses concerning sustainability efforts, the 2005-06 academic year has shown that UW-SP is beginning to take small, conscious steps towards better sustainability practices on campus.

With the addition of a green roof on a portion of the Albertson Learning Resource Center, a panel of photovoltaic cells installed in the south facing windows on the Noel Fine Arts Center, legislation currently being voted on to make UW-SP 10 percent reliable on renewable energy sources and both student organizations Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG) and Sustainable Agriculture in Communities Society (SACS), UW-SP may be heading in a sustainable direction.

SACS is currently organizing a plan to create a student run organic garden on UW-SP's campus. SACS treasurer Ross Cohen said, "One of the goals of building the garden is to allow students the opportunity to grow organic produce."

The proposed garden will allow students and community members interested in sustainable farming to help grow organic produce as well as act as an important educational tool. "A student run organic garden will benefit an array of academic disciplines, including natural resources, sociology, psychology, chemistry and health promotion and human development, to mention a few," said Cohen. SACS Vice President Ben Wojahn said,



Students may have the chance to participate in sustainable gardening.

"The campus garden can possibly be used by students to gain credits."

At the latest UW-SP Student Government Association Finance Committee Budget Hearing, SACS was allocated around \$5,000 for the 2006-07 academic year. This money will be used to purchase the land needed for the garden, an industrial-sized compost bin, pay a 12 hour per week salary for two student employees, materials for a fence and raised garden beds, tools and seeds. "Getting everything all together in time for the growing season will be one of the greatest challenges," Wojahn said.

A percentage of the harvested crops will be donated to local homeless shelters and food pantries. Another percentage will be sold at Stevens Point's downtown farmer's market as well as some booths around campus. The last percentage will be given to any garden volunteers, especially students. "A sign-up sheet keeping track of volunteer hours will be used to decide who gets hooked up fatty come harvest fest," said Wojahn.

The possible on-campus locations for the garden discussed by SACS, Campus Planner Carl Rasmussen and Grounds Supervisor Chris Brindley are behind Nelson Hall, next to the Allen Center or behind the UW-SP Credit Union. Chancellor Linda Bunnell will make the final decision concerning the garden's future. "If Chancellor Bunnell doesn't approve the campus garden, we will look off-campus for a garden site," said Cohen.

UW-Madison's (one of the many college campuses that maintain a student run sustainable garden) Students of Sustainable Agriculture have been farming the F.H. King Garden since 1979. The farmers use a half-acre on-campus garden site that produces organic vegetables, fruit, flowers and herbs. The F.H. King Garden donates 500 pounds of produce annually to local food pantries as well as provides produce to UW cafeterias.

Cohen and Wojahn explained other benefits of having an organic campus garden. Many scientists maintain that organically grown foods are healthier for people and the environment

than chemically grown foods. Organically grown foods are known to have a fuller taste. Spending time outdoors and physical labor are also beneficial to a persons' physical and mental health. A campus garden will make a great place for students and community members to rally together and learn about sustainable gardening practices. Growing produce locally cuts down on the transportation involved in shipping food from far away to the local grocery store.

"Most importantly though, a student-run organic garden will educate students and community members on the positive effects of sustainable gardening, which will hopefully cause more awareness by students, faculty and the community about the importance of implementing many sustainable practices campus wide. The garden will greatly improve UW-SP's campus appeal," said Cohen.

If you are interested in more information regarding the Organic Campus Garden or about the SACS organization, contact SACS Secretary Zach Gaugush at zgaug927@uwsp.edu.

Local Student Authors Corner

When God decides to paint

I have a tremendous view today as God gets his easel ready and decides to paint the evening sky. I think he may be in an artistic mood. A gorgeous sunny day has given way to a perfect January evening. I am content to sit, rifle straddled, on a moist tuft of Buena Vista grassland and bid farewell as the pines on the horizon engulf the sun. I put my call to my lips and whimper a few soft, sweet, delicious notes to ears of the lurking crimson foxes and buff coated coyotes.

"Don't be afraid to talk dirty to them," a friend once told me when administering advice on how to blow a duck call. I now extend that logic to mimic a rabbit in distress. As I slowly scan my eyes westward to check for movement, the call falls from my gaping mouth, mid squeal. I instantly forget about fur on the stretcher. The fading sunlight in the western sky creates the most beautiful scene my humble eyes have ever seen.

I haven't been to the ocean since I was eight years old, but the only way I can describe it is this: the dark clouds are deep blue waves, white crests crashing into infinity. Wispy, white stratus clouds hang above the breakers as ocean spray frozen in time. The golden blaze beyond is the setting sun, worlds away, and I am sitting on the ocean floor, soaking up this fiery wash.

At times like this I am reassured of divine creation. No random chance could ever create such beauty, no matter how many billion years evolution had to do so. Soaking up one episode of divine sculpture similar to this in front of me, one still frame in the constantly recording video of our universe, could evoke a million thoughts on the producer of such a portrait. However, I feel my pen is not worthy for such an undertaking, to speculate descriptions of the Man Himself. For now I will subsist on the fodder (rather buffet) he gives me in everyday life, such as the eve at hand. The varying shades of orange, yellow, pink and red and hues of blue and purple rays have captivated me so I don't even blink, hardly breathe. No man will ever see this again, for each night God cleans his palette, starts fresh and never paints the same picture twice; but the Buena Vista evening sky will burn forever in my mind.

Andrew Moore

OUTDOOR EDVENTURES TIP OF THE WEEK

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When the temperature really dips down to a dangerous level, one must take all measures to keep clothing and gear warm to ensure comfort. While camping in last Friday night's -18° weather, I put my mittens over my feet, which kept my feet warm all night long. So, instead of just putting clothes inside your sleeping bag to keep them warm, take full advantage of the warmth they can provide. Just make sure not to put stress on the down/synthetic fill, for it can decrease the loft, in turn decreasing the R (insulatory) value of the bag. Stop in at Outdoor EdVentures to learn more about this trick, along with many other tips and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences.

Campus Calendar of Outdoor Events

2/25 - 2/26
Winter Backpacking Trip
With Outdoor EdVentures

2/28
Gem Critical Issues International Seminar Series

3/3 - 3/5
Wolf Ecology Workshop
With Treehaven

3/8
Primitive Fire Making
With Outdoor EdVentures

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Student is living proof that blood donation saves lives

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Freshman Nikki Cousinaw nearly died in 1981.

At the age of five days old Cousinaw was diagnosed with polycythemia, a rare blood disorder that causes the bone marrow to produce abnormally large quantities of blood cells. Cousinaw's blood was so thick it couldn't flow through her veins, and so the

doctors needed to perform a full blood transfusion.

"They had to take it all out and put all new blood back in me," said Cousinaw, now 24.

Cousinaw has tried to donate blood on one occasion as part of an extra-credit project for her high school history class, but was deferred.

"I thought it was because I had a blood transfusion before 1987, but it's because of the polycythemia. Once you have

it, you can never give blood," said Cousinaw.

Cousinaw is only one of so many throughout Wisconsin who are unable to donate blood because of medical reasons. It was this reason that kept Cousinaw away from the recent blood drive at the University Center.

For anyone willing to help save a life, the BloodCenter of Wisconsin and the Association for Community Tasks (ACT) opened the Laird Room doors on Monday and Tuesday.

Vicki Bohman from the BloodCenter was fairly pleased with the turnout.

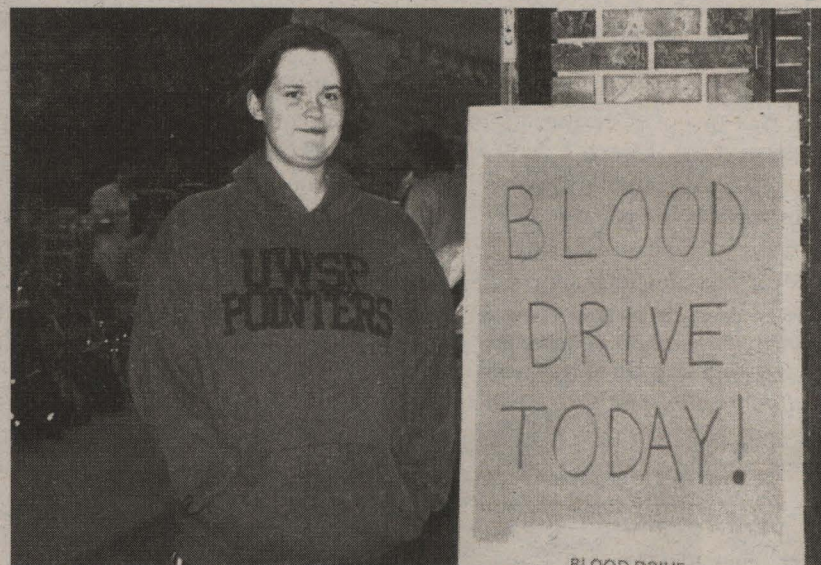
"It's been pretty good so far," said Bohman on Tuesday. "We saw 61 people yesterday, and collected 50 pints of blood."

The need for blood is great throughout the country, but Bohman says all of the blood collected through BloodCenter blood drives, including this one, stays in Central Wisconsin.

"These drives support the need for blood locally. We're the sole supplier for Saint Michael's (Hospital) to help patients in the community," said Bohman.

Bohman said that the drive was expected to bring in roughly 100 pints of blood for local emergencies. The lower turnout, according to Bohman, was attributed to the cold weather.

"More people are ill this



Cousinaw outside the Laird room on Tuesday.

Photo by: Brandi Pettit

Permaculture course coming to campus this spring

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SCIENCE REPORTER

In addition to the pending SGA referendum for renewable energy on campus, a different kind of environmental preservation program is about to come to UW-SP. The Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center at the College of Natural Resources is offering an exciting class this spring in which students will be able to earn a certificate in permaculture design.

Permaculture design, founded by Bill Mollison, Director of the Permaculture Institute and former environmental studies professor, is a relatively new trend among environmental activists across the United States.

The Permaculture Research Institute of Australia explains that permaculture "is the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems which have the diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems." In practice, permaculture provides food and shelter in a sustainable way.

According to the GEM Web site, students taking a permaculture course will learn how to match the diversity and resiliency of natural ecosystems. Homeowners and landowners will learn ways to work with nature in creating landscapes and gardens.

The permaculture course offered at UW-SP will cover theory and principle of design, domestic food security and production, garden, mini-farm and farm design, ecological pest control, orchard and tree crops, forestry and bamboo plantations, bush foods and forages, soil rehabilitation,

wildlife, water harvesting and much more.

The industrialization of this country and increase in population has certainly taken its toll on our environment. In an article in the journal "American Gardening," Linda Thornton explained that "by implementing the ideas central to permaculture, this increase in population can be accommodated with minimal harm to the environment."

Upon completion of this course students will receive the Permaculture Research Institute's Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC). According to the GEM Web site, similar programs taught around the world are renowned for producing "ecological activists with design skills." The program can help connect students to a global network of permaculture contacts and projects.

This certification looks very good on a resumé and is the first step in obtaining a diploma in permaculture design, which, according to GEM "requires two years of practical application of permaculture in a range of disciplines."

The 72-hour course will be offered on campus on weekends starting April 8-9 and will run through May 20-21. Students can register online through the GEM office Web site or through the mail with a \$100 deposit. The cost for the course is \$950 if registered by March 1, and \$1,000 thereafter. Textbook purchase is an additional cost.

For more information stop by the GEM education center in the CNR, call 346-4266 or visit www.uwsp.edu/cnr/GEM.

time of year, with colds and flu. Our fall drives tend to be busier," said Bohman, adding that blood drives held in the fall, when students aren't as busy, bring in more juicy veins.

Advertising for the blood drive was visible everywhere in the past several weeks. Flyers were hung throughout campus, e-mails were sent via Message of the Day, and the BloodCenter even made contact with previous donors.

"We sent postcards out to kids who donated in the past," said Bohman, adding that the idea was to help spread the word when those donors spoke with their friends.

"Word-of-mouth is the most effective way to advertise," Bohman said.

For the roughly 100 students, faculty and community members who gave blood in the Laird Room, that donated blood goes a long way, especially for people like Cousinaw.

Cousinaw's disease still causes her problems, with a troublesome heart murmur,

joint pain and shortness of breath. For some patients, the abnormality can eventually turn into a form of leukemia.

Cousinaw hopes that more people can understand that some just can't give blood.

"If I say I can't donate, they give me a look. I'd be there every month if I could," said Cousinaw.

Bohman said that there are plenty of upcoming chances to donate, for both seasoned veterans and those new to giving blood. Another blood drive will be taking place on campus on April 24.

"Mark that on your calendar," said Bohman.

Cousinaw hopes more people will take advantage of the opportunity to help save a life.

"Somebody gave their blood; that's why I'm here," said Cousinaw.

For more information on the BloodCenter of Wisconsin, call 1-888-310-7555. For more information regarding polycythemia, visit www.nih.gov.

What's Happening at the Allen Center...

Chelsey Ross
CARDIO CENTER

Reiki certification will be taking place this weekend on Friday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Taught by Reiki master Pam Gavril, Level I certification will teach you the basics of the healing power of Reiki. It is a hands-on healing method that works with the natural flow of energy in and around the body, accelerating the healing process and contributing greatly to a person's state of well-being. Cost is \$110 for students, \$125 for faculty/staff and \$145 for community members. Stop in at the Cardio Center front desk to sign up or for more information.

Did you know the Student Health Promotion Office offers 10-minute stress relief sessions for only a quarter? You can also take advantage of free fitness assessments, free diet analysis and free personal wellness coaching. Stop by 004 Lower Allen Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, or call (715) 346-4313 for more information.

Arts & Review

"Grey's Anatomy" is just what the doctor ordered

Dan Richter
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, I'm never eating another apple ever again. In fact, I can't wait until each Sunday night rolls around so I can see my doctors on ABC's "Grey's Anatomy." I'm utterly addicted to the drama, suspense and comedy that they prescribe to me week after week. Luckily, I can now make an appointment with them whenever I want since

the first season is now out on DVD.

"Grey's Anatomy" premiered as a mid-season replacement on the ABC network last March in order to help resuscitate the network's primetime schedule from the life support it was on. The hour-long medical drama is about the quirky yet dramatic lives of five surgical interns fresh out of med school and just starting their seven-year residency at Seattle Grace Hospital. There's the main character, Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo), whose mother was a surgical legend and now has to live up to the family name; Christina Yang (Sandra Oh), who is emotionally unavailable, headstrong, and competitive; George O'Malley (T.R. Knight), a puppy-eyed and good-hearted guy with his sights set on Meredith; Izzie Stevens (Katherine Heigl), an optimist and former lingerie model; and Alex Karev (Justin Chambers), the cocky, overconfident one. There's also Meredith's beau, Dr. Derek "McDreamy" Shepard (played by Patrick Dempsey). On the morning of her first day of work, Meredith wakes up next to Derek after their one-night stand, both

unaware that they will be working together in just a few short hours. To Meredith's horror, she finds out that not only is Derek one of her co-workers, but also one of her bosses. Herein starts the drama.

Because of its late start in March, the first season of the show only has nine episodes, however four subsequent episodes of the show that were originally filmed for the first season were cut and saved for the show's super-sized second season, which features 26 episodes. However, over the course of those first nine episodes, the drama, emotion and intermittent comedy of the storylines never once falter. The show has dramatic and heart-wrenching cases, such as a man with severe Parkinson's Disease and a former nurse who returns to the hospital to die, but is also peppered with quirky and bizarre cases that make the show that much more enjoyable and fun, such as a woman who bites off a man's penis or a psychic that calls the bluffs of most of the surgical staff.

The show's cast is comprised of relatively unknown actors, with the mild exceptions of Oh and Dempsey. Despite the fact that the actors aren't big-name stars, they nonetheless possess what I believe to be some of the best acting chops on television. Their characters interact and feed off one another so well that one feels like they're not watching a television show, but rather like a co-worker in the

hospital watching these people from across the room.

The show's music is another integral part that makes the show the experience that it is. In any given episode one can find the musical stylings of bands like The Ditty Bops, Joe Purdy and Tegan and Sara being set to surgeries, enemas and conflicts. I highly recommend the show's soundtrack, also out in stores, if you don't own it already.

Like most DVD releases, this one is accompanied by special features, but only few are worth watching. There's episode commentary for the pilot episode only, one with the show's creator and another with the show's stars, so it's a bit tedious to watch the same episodes three times, once for enjoyment and twice for different perspectives. The only extras that are interesting are deleted scenes from the pilot, which provide interaction and back stories of characters lost in editing, and the pilot's commentary with the actors, which is light and playful.

If you buy the first season of "Grey's Anatomy" for anything, don't buy it for its packaging or special features, but for the show's stand alone episodes, which in themselves are worth the money. The show is not only enjoyable, well-written and well-acted, but also thought provoking and intuitive. My suggestion: go out and buy the first season of "Grey's Anatomy"—STAT.

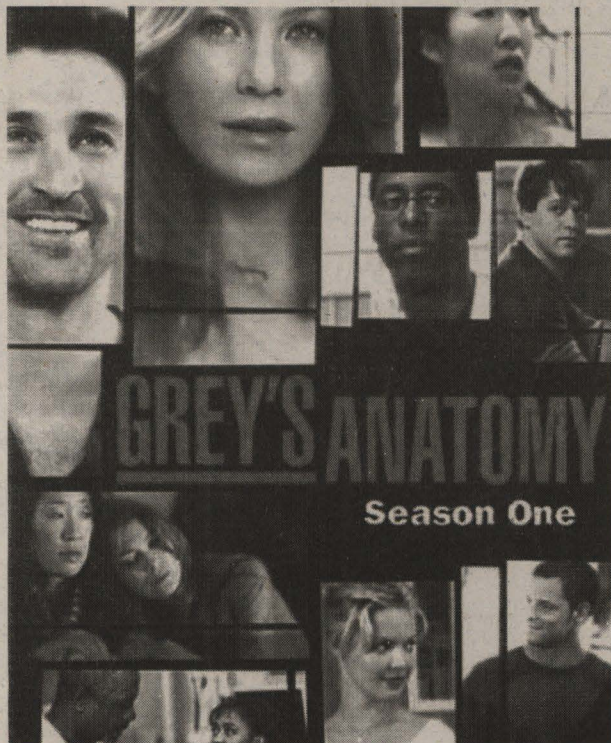


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Great acting, but just another zombie movie

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Faithful readers of this section understand I'm not a drama movie gal, so I have no romance movies to offer you on this post-Valentine's week. And so instead, I bring you a story of two lovebirds, whose last peaceful weeks within the confines of a mental institution are interrupted as the residents undergo a biological transformation into flesh-eating zombies.

Cool, huh?

"Day of the Dead 2: Contagium" promises itself to be both a prequel and sequel to all other Living Dead movies. While it's got little to do with any of them, it's still cute.

Emma (Laurie Baranyay), a suicidal cutter, is in love with Isaac (Justin Ipock), a necrophiliac. Their love can never die. Cheesy? Maybe. Does it belong in this kind of movie? No. But the acting is very effective, and the endearing scenes between them—mercilessly few—are very convincing and well placed.

The first 30 minutes of the movie focus on the residents and their quirks, and the medical staff, some of which are just as psychotic as the residents. It's amusing, but you soon find yourself checking your watch and re-reading the DVD cover to make sure you did indeed rent a horror flick.

The strange looking medical vial, stolen from the military some 40 years before, mysteriously appears inside the facility, and releases a sparkly, Tinkerbell-looking "virus" into the air. Emma,

Isaac and their friends all inhale the virus, which sprouts coughing fits. The next day they wake to find their skin peeling and engage in vomiting matches between bites of breakfast.

Odd behavior spreads—you know, dying, returning to life, then biting people—and soon, the hospital staff decide to lock the doors. Their plain-clothes doc, Donwynn (Stephan Wolfert) can't find answers on the Internet, which is now their only source of communicating to the outside world. Even after the first patients start eating each other, the chief doctor, a Nazi-looking fellow, decides that calling the CDC, the army, or even the police, isn't at all necessary.

This movie's makeup director must have been about five minutes older than my goldfish. In other words, there was no direction. Very little consistency to the zombies' drool and pus, and many of them looked like they came straight from a GWAR music video.

It would seem everyone who auditioned for a role in this movie did so under the impression they were going for an Oscar. The acting is great, even though you've never heard of any of them. But the storyline belongs on a roll next to the toilet.

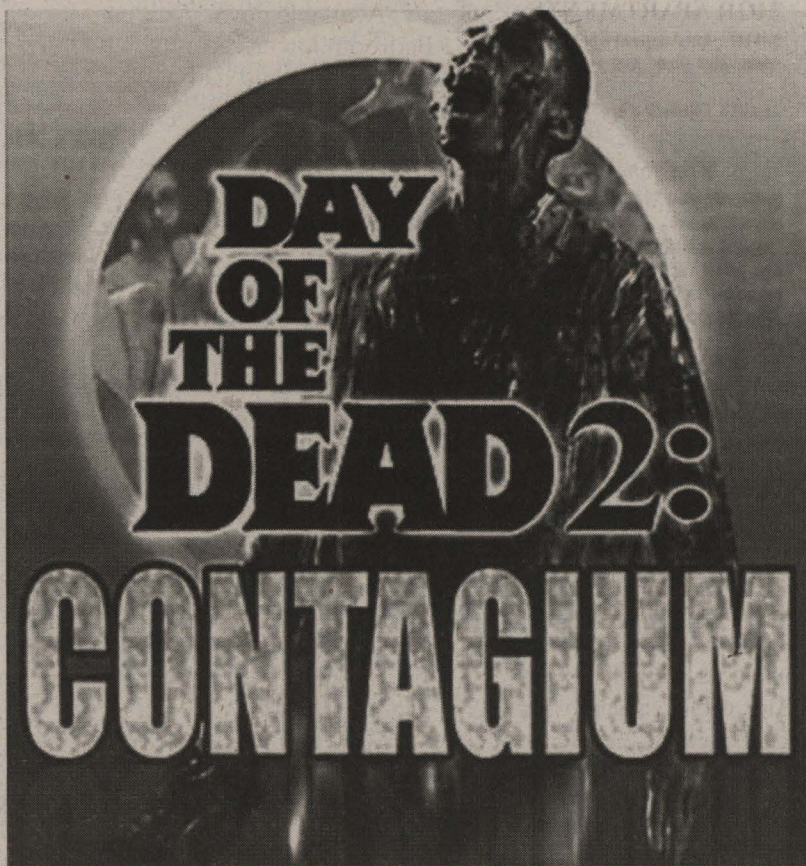


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Nicole Grossmann and Michelle Sosnowski each had a goal and assisted on the other to give the Pointers a two-goal lead on Sunday. Grossmann had a first period power play goal and Sosnowski scored midway through the second period. Kim Lunneborg added an assist on Grossmann's goal.

The Pointers added two goals in the final three minutes of the contest with Jessie Suter scoring off an assist from Katy Lankey and Madison Darud netting a goal off a pass from Jenna Daggit.

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