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Great dancing, great food and great times had by all at the 36th International dinner, put on yearly by the International Club

Campus conducts survey, students request two outdoor ceremonies

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Depending on who you ask, a graduation ceremony can be seen as an event during which thousands of people, dressed in identical caps and gowns, are told by a commencement speaker how individuality is the key to success.

Come late May, 1,200 hopeful success stories will be leaving the hallowed halls of UW-SP to start new lives.

Most of them had to pass dozens of exams before making the cut to apply for graduation, but this year, something new was added to the mix.

"We had some discussions about how we can best schedule commencement," said Bob Tomlinson, Director of Student Affairs.

Tomlinson said that the Sundial, the usual haunt for the on-campus graduation ceremony, has space issues because of the extension of the Noel Fine Arts Center.

Tomlinson said the administration had a few different ideas.

"We could do one big ceremony, with limited seating or have two indoor ceremonies, or two outdoor ceremonies," said Tomlinson, adding that it would be a tight squeeze having to orient the stage against the College of Natural Resources (CNR) Building for one large ceremony.

A suggestion brought up for last spring's graduation included a ceremony at Goerke Field, which has plenty of seating room for guests, but that idea was squashed because the grounds would be too muddy from the snow melt and spring rain mix.

Tomlinson said that the best way to determine what the seniors wanted for their commencement could only be determined by way of a class-wide survey.

"We used a tool called Survey Monkey, which is made for computer illiterate people, like me," said Tomlinson.

The survey was sent out

to students who applied for graduation this coming May, and Tomlinson says he's very pleased with the reaction the survey has generated.

"Almost 1,200 (students) applied for graduation, and a little over 500 responded," said Tomlinson. "That's about 50 percent, which is a great response."

Issues brought before the students not only included the where's, but also the what's.

Students were able to chose between one large ceremony, or two smaller ceremonies, both held on the same day and in the same place, just at different times.

"They (the students) were very clear--the most important aspect was having two outdoor ceremonies," said Tomlinson. "The most important factor was being able to bring as many friends and family as possible."

The administration had originally anticipated that most students would be bringing about five guests into the crowd at commencement, but the survey revealed most planned on bringing an average of eight.

Because of the heightened number of guests, Tomlinson was happy to hear the students speak out. He feels the choices made, thanks to the survey, would help the overall quality of the ceremony.

"This is probably the most important ceremony for our students," Tomlinson said.

The decision made regarding graduation includes two separate ceremonies, broken down by colleges.

One ceremony, held for those obtaining their associate degree and graduating from the College of Letters and Science, will be held at 10 a.m. on May 21.

The other ceremony, held for all those with Master's Degrees and students graduating from the College of Professional Studies (CPS), Fine Arts and Communication, and Natural Resources, will be held Sunday

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IRISH HAVE BIG FEET

SGA President attends national conference in Washington

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"Student Government is fundamentally about service to the community, not about personalities or agendas," said Melissa Cichantek, President of the Student Government Association (SGA) at UW-SP.

Cichantek's fondness for politics and student government led her to the annual American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Policy Conference held in

Washington D.C. March 5-7.

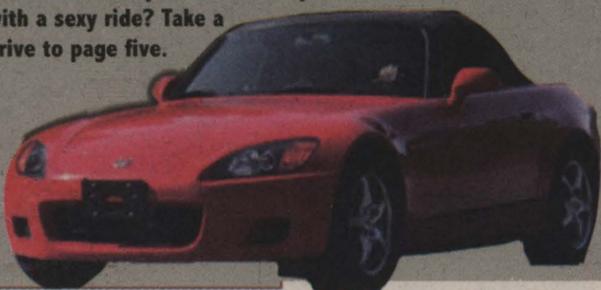
The AIPAC is a pro-Israel lobby organization established in the 1950s. The organization of more than 100,000 members is concerned with the security of Israel and its relationship with the United States.

This conference gives opportunity for AIPAC delegates to meet with lawmakers, administration officials and diplomats to discuss the issues facing Israel.

It also involves more than
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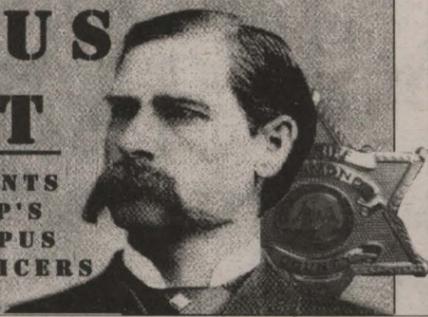
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Sadly, no Campus Beat this week. So have a great Spring Break and make it back in one piece!



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1,000 students, including 130 student-government presidents from all 50 states.

Cichantek, who was awarded a scholarship for the event, states that one of the major topics discussed among all the others was that of encouraging students to get involved on their campus about whatever it is they are passionate about.

"There were hundreds of student leaders from across the country there and we were able to share our difficulties and successes with each other to bring back to our home campuses," she said.

Cichantek said she was struck by how many campuses are facing the same issues, such as rising tuition, decreasing financial aid and difficulty in getting students involved on campus with those issues that affect them.

"Students are a huge population and it is inspiring to think of the power we could have if the majority of us chose to stand together on issues like tuition and financial aid," She said. "It is incredibly difficult to get across to students how vital it is that we band together and pool our influence."

Cichantek not only brought back experience for herself, but also a hopeful cognizance for others.

"The biggest thing I wanted to communicate when I got back from trip was that politics isn't just an abstract discussion; it isn't just a game where characters move around a "Risk" board. Real people are involved in the decision

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at 2 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held in the Sundial.

According to the Office of University Relations and Communications, graduating seniors will be able to purchase their caps and gowns at the temporarily housed Text Rental, 200 Division Street, located in the old County Market suite, directly next door to Family Video.

Tomlinson said many seniors get so wrapped up in the excitement of commencement and seeing their family and friends, they may forget some of the more important aspects of their graduation.

"The most important thing, if you can't get here on time, is to get here early," Tomlinson said. "There's a lot of work that goes in ahead of time to get everyone lined up."

Tomlinson added that students who arrive for commencement late will usually get put at the back of the line.

"It doesn't hurt to get your friends and family here early, too," said Tomlinson. "It makes it easier to find parking."

making process, and the decisions truly are made by those who show up," she said.

Overall, Cichantek said she was grateful for the opportunity to experience national politics first hand.

"I felt an incredible sense of humility from being in a place where so many vital decisions are made every day," she said. "It was incredibly empowering to be in the presence of famous decision makers who believe so strongly in the involvement and power of students and to realize that we are appreciated and recognized."

Cichantek said the AIPAC scholarship is awarded to those students across the nation who express an interest in the conference. It covered her airfare, lodging and registration, which totaled around \$1,300.

Cichantek was invited by the AIPAC after her name was passed along to the committee through a friend.

"It was refreshing for me to be able to travel so far away and experience a new level of government that I haven't been involved in before.

Cichantek said in student government it's easy to feel restricted by their jurisdiction as well as their own home-grown drama. But at the conference she realized how minor it is compared to national and worldwide issues.

"Sometimes I felt silly for getting so riled up about a simple piece of legislation back at UW-SP, when they were dealing with issues of war, poverty and crime in Washington D.C."

The emphasis is that this ceremony is about the students and their preferences, and Tomlinson said this idea is something that is unanimously agreed upon by the faculty.

Several traditions are associated with a graduation ceremony, including the "tossing of caps," which began at a 1912 Annapolis graduation ceremony.

The first-ever diplomas were made of paper-thin sheepskin, hence their nickname today.

While many associate the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," with the idea of commencement ceremonies, it is also an American addition to the ritual. This song was taken from a 1901 production of "Othello," and used for the first time during a commencement at Yale in 1905. The song simply stuck around due to popular demand.

For more information on commencement, visit <http://www.uwsp.edu/special/commencement/> or contact the Office of Community Relations and Communications at 346-3046.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide:

You Can't Dress Yourself.

By: Pat "Rhapsodic"

Rothfuss
WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION
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Dear Pat,

Ok, you were right in your column a while back. I'm a guy and I have problems that I can't possibly cope with on my own. Recently, one of my female friends said, "you'd look pretty good if you didn't dress like such a gimp." This is news to me, I thought I dressed pretty well.

How do I dress less like a gimp?

P.S. Please don't use my real name. I get mocked enough.

For simplicity's sake, Mr. "Don't use my real name" will be hereafter be referred to as "Susan."

Well Susan, my best advice is to get over caring about what people think of you right now. Trust me. It will make your whole life simpler. Just do whatever the hell makes you happy and you can rest assured that even if some people think you're a gimp, at least you're a free-willed, happy gimp instead of an anxious, sheeplike, constantly-worried-about-being-mocked gimp.

But I'm guessing you'd much rather spend endless hours, time, and energy desperately running on the hamster-wheel of fashion. Fine, go ahead. Here's what a guy needs to know to survive in that world.

FASHION IS STUPID.

Don't believe me? Go watch a movie from 1986. Laugh at everyone's clothes and hair. Now, realize that these people were cutting-edge fashionable back then.

Everyone must bow to fashion eventually.

Even I, who couldn't possibly care any less what other people think of my appearance, occasionally make a nod to fashion. Weddings, job interviews, parole hearings, Star-Trek conventions... no, wait, I mean orgies. Yeah. *ahem*

YOU ARE TOO STUPID TO UNDERSTAND FASHION.

You, Susan, are a man. You cannot understand fashion any more than a monkey can build a jet engine. Accept this and move on.

THE SALESPERSON IS NOT YOUR FRIEND.

If you ever forget this fact for a second, you will pay for it. Remember it's the salesperson's job to sell you clothes, but it's their hobby to dress you like a witless freak.

The life of a retail clerk in a clothing store is a nightmare. It's a thin, brittle mask of forced cheerfulness stretched over a howling abyss of self-loathing and rage. Most people assume that this is because retail is hard, thankless work. But the truth

is that dark lord Abraxis has absolute dominion over the souls of anyone who works for more than a 5 percent commission.

IN CONCLUSION:

You need to take a woman shopping with you, Susan. If you want women to like how you look, get a woman to dress you.

I should explain something here. I only own one pair of pants. More than that unnecessarily complicates my life. I find one pair that's comfortable, and I wear it every day (every day I put on pants, that is) until they are no longer able to adequately conceal my naughty bits. Quite frequently, after 13-14 months of continuous wear the pants simply explode off of my body, no longer able to restrain the vast and terrible energies emanating from my manhood.

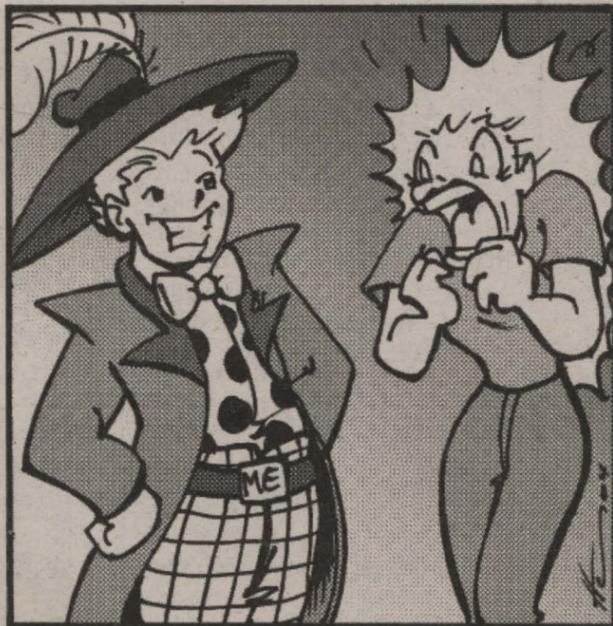
Just a few weeks ago my pants exploded at the deli in Cops, and after carrying home my groceries and putting on a robe, I decided I wouldn't wait for my girlfriend. "I can pick out my own pants." I thought, "I'm an adult. I can handle it."

But I was wrong. The demon Bepthagor (in charge of all denim clothing) has inspired her minions to produce so many different styles of jeans that even this once-simple item of clothing is now some strange foreign land you cannot navigate without outside help. Only an infernal creature would create "loose fit," "relaxed fit" and "baggy" as three distinct styles of jeans. Carpenter, straight leg, classic, twill? Sweet baby Jesus, what's a twill? Eventually I just went home and spent several days with a towel wrapped around my waist.

So go get someone who knows what they're doing, Susan. Go get a girl.

This Friday at the Mission Oregon Falls is playing with Zero to Sixty Never, The Felix Culpa and Those Royals.

And if that wasn't enough for you, on Saturday you've got a double feature: an early show at 5:00 p.m. featuring Devon Evans with



Floydian Slip, then a later show at 9:00 p.m. with Trampled By Turtles. I've heard a rumor that I might actually be at this show, engaging in a rare night of debauchery. I may or may not be wearing pants.

As always, shows at the Mission Coffee House are open to all ages.

Pat Rothfuss will making a rare public appearance this Saturday at Bookfinders out on Highway 10. Pat will be signing copies of The Illustrated, Annotated College Survival Guide, and the anthology that contains his award-winning story, "The Road to Levinshir."

So be there. Saturday from 11 to 1:00 p.m. at Bookfinders out on Highway 10. A good time will be had by all.

Who are the "Real Feminists?"

Dear Editor:

Imagine my dismay when I click on a link in the SMOD for "The Real Feminists" and I find an advertisement for an event that is not even sponsored by the College Feminists, but rather by the Pointers for Life and the College Republicans.

What event might this be? Well, these two groups plan on bringing a woman to campus by the name of Sally Winn and she will be speaking on being a pro-life feminist.

Now, it's not that I haven't heard of such a thing. I, being a feminist myself, am quite aware of the existence of pro-life feminists. Indeed, being an advocate of choice, I firmly stand by such feminists decision to take such a stance, even if they're wrong. The thing that really cheesed me about this SMOD was the rhetoric of the message and the completely undermining nature of such an event. "Real" feminists? What's the deal with that?

Purporting that there is some kind of qualification to being a "real" feminist (apparently neglecting the reality of being confronted with the daunting choice that some women inevitably have to make) is ridiculous. Seriously -- let's drop the "holier than thou" act.

Despite the audacity of the tactic to advertise the event, I'm glad that I caught this SMOD. Surely, it peaked my interest in attending. And I encourage all of my fellow students, pro-choice and pro-life alike, to attend this event and listen to this woman's take on this very pressing issue. And I hope that in being present we can demonstrate that regardless of our stance on such an emotional topic we are all very much so "real."

(This speaker is slated to be on campus April 4, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Laird Room.)

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UW-SP Student

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## Letters to the Editor

### Pharmacist's choice a neglected topic

Dear Editor,

After reading your article about the "morning-after pill" (2.23.06), I was saddened to discover that you left out an important element in the national debate. Namely, the key notion of "choice."

What about how the freedom of choice applies to individuals and businesses, public agencies, private firms, employers and employees? There are a growing number of pharmacists who seek to... avoid synthetic abortifacients on various grounds, e.g.: medical (the pills hurt patients and kill people), professional (it hurts ethics and business), environmental (it hurts ecosystems) and even on grounds of personal conscience--including even... religion (it hurts souls... my heavens!).

Why were their voices not heard in your article? Do you see the crux of this debate or is your article subtly implying that we should demand pharmacists and others to just bow their freedom before someone else's ideology simply because they say it is "their choice?" Where is the freedom in that?

Secondly, I would like to point out that scientifically speaking, a "fertilized egg" IS a human embryo. And to destroy him/her before, during or after implantation due to a chemical process, viz., alteration of the endometrium from the pill's synthetic hormones, IS a "chemical abortion" (even if unintended). This is a fact. The FDA requires each abortifacient birth control article to include this pharmacological mechanism of operation in every product insert.

Hence, the question of a pharmacist's choice becomes to many a human rights issue regarding the protection of the human person at the earliest embryonic stage of development. As well as the protection of the dignity of the pharmacist as a medical agent free to exercise his or her professional talents in the global marketplace without coercion.

Lastly, I was fascinated by the honest admission by "Planned Parenthood" that "over half," that is, over 1.5 million pregnancies are caused annually by "contraceptive failure." (Interesting they don't mention failure rates when selling or advertising birth control, seeking tax money for their products or insisting upon contraception as a social panacea!) No wonder such organizations make millions of dollars from the coordination of contraception, abortifacient birth control AND surgical abortion-- and now why they want to mandate laws forcing anyone they wish to go blindly along with their opinions and serve up abortifacient drugs for their numerous customers. How very altruistic!

Isn't it ironic that they should attempt this whole farce by claiming it to be about "choice."

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### Local student wonders

I still wonder....  
I wonder what drives people into covering their Japanese made cars with little American flags.

I wonder why Americans are the world's biggest per capita consumers of the National Enquirer, The Globe, and The Star.

I wonder why a lot more Americans would rather watch American Idol than get out and vote.

I wonder if Fox News realizes that the ignorance of the American public is our current president's greatest asset.

I wonder if I would look weird if I were to cover my American made car with little Japanese flags.

I wonder how many world problems have been solved by our nation's use of different colored bows and ribbons.

I wonder why it's so easy to raise hundreds of billions of dollars to commit to the death and despair of our fellow man and then struggle to raise a fraction of that sum in order to help those who have been devastated by natural disasters. I wonder which cause Jesus would work for?

I wonder why imaginary numbers are studied in algebra classes.

I wonder how far I could stretch an imaginary paycheck.

I wonder how Rush Limbaugh became the authority on global warming.

I wonder why every time I see a "Support Our Troops" drive, toothpaste and toothbrushes are on the top of the wish list. If there is a shortage of toothpaste and toothbrushes, is it safe to assume that a shortage of toilet paper also exists? Perhaps we need to invade a country that is rich in toiletries.

I wonder if the Department of Defense regrets sending one of our brave soldiers a bill for \$700 dollars because he had the audacity to actually bleed on his protective vest that he

was issued.

I wonder if this is the reason many soldiers don't have a vest.

I wonder if another tax cut would free up some money so that our troops could be properly equipped.

I wonder if Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has ever regretted telling an American soldier a year or so ago, "As you know, you go to war with the Army you have, not the Army you want." Rumsfeld was trying to quiet down a whiny soldier who was tired of digging through garbage dumps looking for bits of steel to weld onto his vehicle so he wouldn't be blown into little pieces. Rumsfeld went on to assure the soldiers that if a vehicle were to run over a bomb the occupants in the vehicle would never see their families again anyway, so proper armor wouldn't make any difference.

I wonder if our current president remembers Osama Bin Laden.

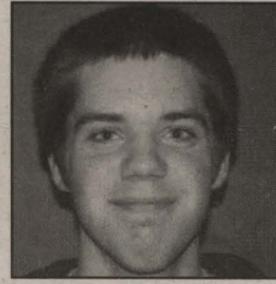
I wonder why I have never actively beat up on a president like I have on our current president. Is it because of the 15,000 or so wounded soldiers, 7,000 of which cannot possibly return to the military because of their new, permanent disabilities? Or is it the 2,397 dead soldiers? (Unfortunately, this number has grown since I wrote this) No, I think the 2,000 amputees are the hardest to swallow. Perhaps the estimated 30,000 innocent Iraqis who have been killed by our pro-life president's modern day Crusade has aggravated me. Or maybe I like pounding on our current president because he's such a delightful punching bag. Regardless of my discontent, one must first look at the bright side regarding the events in Iraq; at least the dead civilians

## Pointer Poll

by Eva Heule

with spring break right around the corner, college students look forward to letting loose in a variety of ways, some more extreme than others...

what is your take on girls gone wild?



Steve Berg, So. Sociology

"I think it's sad; girls aren't just eye candy."



Maryam Razvi, Sr. Math

"Naughty. It's just naughty."



Laurel Carlson, Fr. Communication

"I think it's morally appalling."



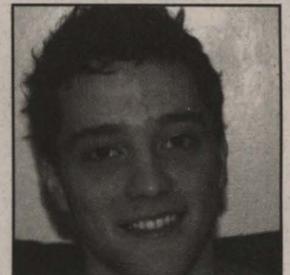
Jamie Fregien, Fr. Philosophy

"I think it's unfair that those people 'prey' on the drunks."



Alan Kellner, So. Philosophy

"I don't understand why a guy would ask someone to do that for a t-shirt, or why a girl would do that for a t-shirt. And the girls don't even make any money!"



Michael Aavang, So. Philosophy & Biology

"Boring and really stupid. The whole girl-on-girl thing or pornography in general, I don't understand the appeal. I like mysterious girls..."

were freed from a brutal dictator prior to being liberated to their graves.

I wonder if our current president will be allowed into heaven. Being a man made of strong moral values, and having never made a mistake, I would think that he's a first round pick.

I wonder if our current president will feel uncomfortable sitting up in heaven alongside some of the thousands and thousands of inno-

cent, but liberated, Iraqi's. I wonder if our current president, or his mother, will give me more reasons to brag about their strong moral values in the New Year.

I wonder if I'll ever forgive our current president for stripping me of the pride I once held for being an American.

Rick Michalec  
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## Earth Day: as much about people as the Environment

As I hope everyone knows, April 22, is Earth Day. That same day in April is also the 22nd annual Hunger Clean-Up, a national student program that UW-SP has participated in for 18 years.

"What is Hunger Clean-Up?" you may be asking. Well I'll tell you.

Hunger Clean-Up (HCU) is a national student community service project that raises money to combat hunger on a local and national level. This is where I should spout some staggering numbers and percentages that show how large the problem of hunger is in America (yes I said America, not Africa, it's not a typo). However, anyone who does not realize hunger is a problem in this country, state and city, probably won't care about the numbers anyway. Since HCU was started in 1981, students from campuses across the country have raised over \$1.75 dollars to fight hunger at the local, national and global level.

HCU is organized around a work-a-thon. Each person is part of a team and

is responsible to get pledges (at least \$25 per person is recommended) for doing "clean-up" work around town. The work includes a broad spectrum including everything from raking yards for those unable to do so themselves, to helping make our parks free of litter. Transportation, breakfast before, lunch after, raffle prizes and music for all of the volunteers will be provided.

Earth Week festivities are traditionally thought of as signing petitions, picking up brochures different environmental groups, leaving the car parked for a day and raising awareness about environmental causes. Every year we confront the same frustrating apathy that seems epidemic across some of our country. But let us not confuse apathy with inability to help the cause. Think Maslow on this one. A person or family working many jobs to barely buy food for themselves, can we honestly expect people in such situations to feel the call to environmental consciousness.

Through this prism, the thought that changing our source of automobile fuel will solve our environmental problem is absurd, even arrogant. The fastest way to get people onboard the bandwagon of earth is to give them the freedoms of human dignity. Starting with such basics as a place to stay and enough to eat--enter HCU.

If you are not motivated by social callings, how about some good old fashioned competitiveness? Last year little old UW-SP raised \$7,400, only one hundred short of third place in the country. Goal: Lets break the top three, heck, lets go for the gold!

For more information about HCU contact Patty Branton (pbranton095@uwsp.edu), or for team leader packets go to the Association for Community Tasks Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/act/](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/act/).

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# Pointlife

## This week's adventure: "high-jacking a Honda" Thirty Minutes to Burn

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Having nothing better to do Wednesday, and half an hour in which to do it, I settled on the idea of test-driving a car. Not that I'm in the market for a new car. Don't get me wrong: I love my salt-laden '98 Saturn sedan. It's just that lately, as the weather's warmed up, I've had the urge to slip into something a little different, fire up the engine and GO.

And what better way than in a candy-apple red, dual-exhaust convertible, especially when it's resting in the Cooper Motors lot on Division Street, a mere half block from campus?

I conned my friend Mae into joining me, and we walked over to Cooper together. I told the girl at the service desk I was interested in a test drive, and waited as the sales rep shored up his latest sale. When he had finished, he photocopied my license and led us out to the car, a 2003 Honda S2000.

"Are you two students?" he asked Mae. She nodded.

"She is," I cut in. For some reason it seemed important

not to draw attention to my student status.

The rep popped the trunk and pointed out the molded top cover rolled up inside. As he attached a license plate, I quickly scanned the window sticker for information: a 2.0-liter VTEC DOHC 4-Cylinder Engine, 6-Speed Manual Transmission, 13.2 Fuel Capacity, Torque-Sensing Limited-Slip Differential... All this was as vaguely informative as a half-forgotten foreign language. For years, my grandfather, a WWII vet and sports car fiend, had tried to instill some know-how into me, but my attention span is short. My eyes settled on the price: \$25,995. Language I understood.

"Are you familiar with this model at all?" the rep asked.

"Somewhat," I said, snapping to attention. I tried to seem knowledgeable. "I've been looking at some other models too. I like the VTEC." He nodded. I wasn't sure how ignorant I sounded. All I knew was the car looked fast and sexy.



Photos by Mae Wernicke

The rep opened the door, handed me the keys and pointed to a quarter-sized red button to the left of the steering wheel, that just screamed EJECTOR SEAT!

"That's your engine start button," he said. I looked closely. It read: ENGINE START. "Just turn the key like you would in your own car and press the button," he said. Then he handed me the keys and recommended we take it on the highway.

"How do we, ah...lower the top - manually?" I asked. "Or is it automatic?"

"I'm actually not sure," he said. "Why don't you test her out first and we can figure that out when you get back."

"What time would you like her home?" I asked. "Midnight?"

His smile looked strained. "Get a good feel for it, how it handles," he said.

Righty-o. Mae and I slid into our seats, black leather buckets that intimately hugged our thighs. I turned the key and pressed the big red button. The vehicle facts sheet had said, "The start button adds to the racecar feel." I hunkered down and tried to imagine I was in a real racecar.

"Ready?"  
"Ready."

We pulled out of the lot and turned left onto Division Street, heading north. I played with the stick (featuring an aluminum knob and leather shaft), and the studded aluminum pedals, slipping from gear to gear to make sure my transitions were smooth. Mae found the roof button and pushed it, but our windows lowered instead, flooding the car with brisk March air.

"Let's take the Mexican Highway," Mae suggested, so at North Point Drive we swung left and headed toward the river. I revved the engine as we passed SPASH, keeping an eye out for potential truants.

"Think we can pick up some high school chicks in our sweet ride?" I asked.

"Doubtful," said Mae. "It's a two-seater."

We pulled up fast behind a green Dodge Caravan, plastered in soccer stickers,

and I realized we were doing 50 mph.

"I had no idea I was going so fast," I said, shifting nervously in my seat and checking for squad cars. "It only felt like 30."

"How fast do you think you can get it out here?" Mae asked.

"I dunno. Let's find out," I said.

We left what seemed to be the residential section and pulled out onto a stretch of lonely road lined with tall, uniform stands of pine. I eased back to a modest 10 mph, convinced myself there were no other cars - or witnesses - and gunned it.

No doubt the double wishbone suspension and front and rear stabilizer bars, which the fact sheet had said provide "exceptional stability and handling" and "add additional control by helping to minimize body-roll when cornering," helped keep us from losing control as we rounded a curve in the road, hit 80, swiftly passed 90, and then climbed to 95 before paranoia finally overtook me and we topped out at 101.

We came barreling to a halt at Casimir Road, where I noticed the tank was on Empty.

"Shouldn't we head back?" Mae asked. "There aren't any gas stations out here."

"Nah. I can usually do 30 miles on an empty tank," I said. But Mae needed to be back for class at 2:00, and it was 1:56. We turned abruptly around and I did my best to burn off as many of the fumes recycling through the engine before we returned to the dealer, narrowly avoiding the curb, dual exhaust pipes rumbling.

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# Pointers abroad lend helping hands in Fiji

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As our eyes fill with the sights of metropolitan Sydney, our memories begin to recall the simplicity of Fiji and our own experiences to help build a new home.

Four vans drove over pothole-filled roads while diesel fumes and thick humid-

ity filled our noses venturing out to join a Habitat for Humanity project. When the vans stopped we were at a neighborhood of houses unlike the neighborhoods we are used to back in the States. Instead of multi-level homes with garages, we saw simple one-room rectangular homes on wooden stilts.

We were pointed to a nar-

row matted area of grass and weeds with muddy puddles leading us closer to the construction site. As we passed a pink house, we entered a secluded area of more squashed down grass. Straight ahead was a house with a chain-link fence surrounding it and a little boy staring through at the group of unfamiliar pale-skinned people that had just entered his backyard.

The previous day we were told we would be painting a house for a woman whose husband was killed. Surprised and confused looks spread across our faces when we were greeted by a cement foundation and frame. In a small pile next to the site was a pile of wood siding.

After meeting the head construction worker we split into groups of four, one group for each side of the house. Our task was to build all four walls. It was only 9:30 a.m. and the heat was already making our bodies sweat, but even that didn't dampen our spirits. We jumped right into work look-

ing for available tape measurers, nails, hammers and saws.

A group of seven Pointer girls joined forces with a group of Fijian college men, also volunteering, to construct a brick and cement wall. Everyone was working together to get the home built. With limited resources, a couple Pointer guys acted as seesaws for boards to get cut. Only having one ladder, a small group of us stood in window frames hanging out of the house to get the last boards nailed in.

The day was filled with laughter, hand saws cutting wood and hammers beating in many skinny nails.

After four and a half hours, two small rain storms and a lot of sweat, three out of the four walls were completely finished.

We took the worn muddy path back to the street to wait for our ride home. We loaded our tired bodies into the warm sticky vans and drove off. As we rocked back and forth driving over the potholes, we rode with smiles. It was not the easiest job to complete but we were happy to give our time and energy to give back to a community that was so generous and kind to us.



Photos courtesy Emily LaChance

## UW-SP International Club attracts diverse members

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This past Saturday, the 36th annual International Dinner was dished out in the Laird Room to many hungry community members, only to be topped off with a night of worldwide entertainment. Although the annual feast and celebration of universal proportion is a well-known event on campus and throughout the community, many people are unfamiliar with the organization that puts all the hard work into the big night.

The International Club is a group of about 200 students, both international and American, who "promote and encourage an exchange of culture throughout the nations by providing opportunities for friendship, understanding and the social interest of its members."

Members meet every second Friday of the month to discuss business matters, listen to guest speakers, socialize and introduce their fellow students to their native countries.

"It brings a lot of diversity... that brings a lot of cultures from around the world," said International Club President Jordania Leon-Jordan. "You can just come to our meetings and then be connected with many parts of the world."

Although a vast majority of the International Club's members are for-

eign exchange students, at least 30 percent are American students.

"We don't really focus just on foreign students," said Leon-Jordan.

The International Club promotes itself to American students through word of mouth, Student Message of the Day and through the activities it offers throughout the school year.

"The student membership is by far the club's best feature. These are young people who have a desire to learn about themselves and others. The membership's worldliness is evident in the club's activities and initiatives throughout the year," said Brad Van Den Elzen, director of Foreign Student and ESL Programs.

The International Club works closely with the Foreign Student Office, and students studying from other countries are introduced to the International Club during their orientation when the club members participate in discussions, tours and presentations.

Leon-Jordan, originally from Ecuador, learned about the International Club on her second day in the United States when she attended the International Dinner. She thought the club was really interesting but became more involved because most of the friends in her English as a Second Language course were part of the club, so she decided to check it out.

Now in her second year of holding an office position, Leon-Jordan said

she has learned a lot from being part of the International Club.

"I have a high acceptance of other cultures," she said. "The importance of one set culture, it could really not make sense to you but it's important to accept."

In the fall, the International Club hosts a picnic for all the international students and their host families to welcome them to Stevens Point and introduce them to the UWSP campus. Then, in October or November, they host the International Olympics, where students feeling athletic can compete in sporting events like basketball, badminton and volleyball.

The club members take canoe trips in the summer and explore any interests students might have so they can fully experience life in Central Wisconsin. Last year, the International Club celebrated the Fourth of July together at Riverfront Rendezvous to get into the spirit of American culture.

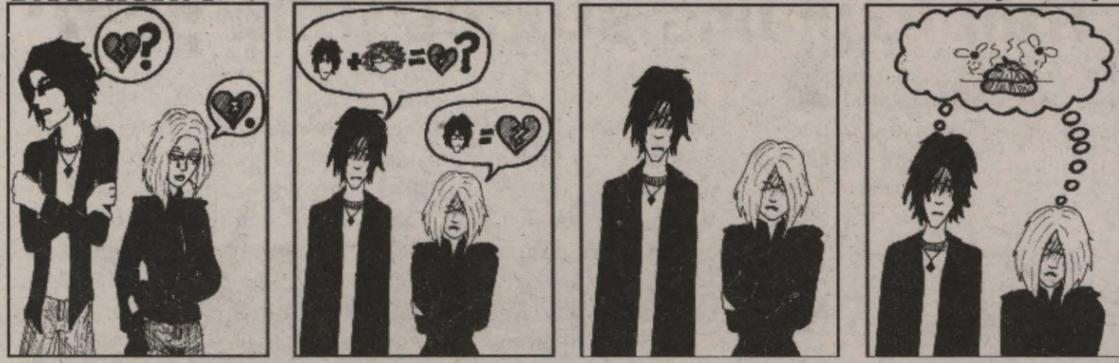
"The club is successful because it balances tradition and innovation: annual activities like the International Dinner provide continuity and proud traditions, while smaller-scale activities evolve to reflect the changing composition and needs of the organization, its membership, the university and Central Wisconsin," said Van Den Elzen.



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# Comics

## Resident's Evil



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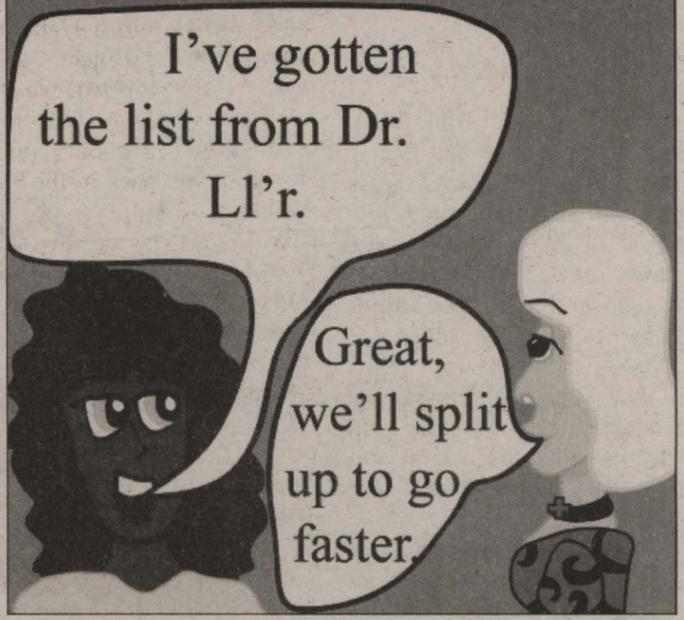
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## A few weeks later.



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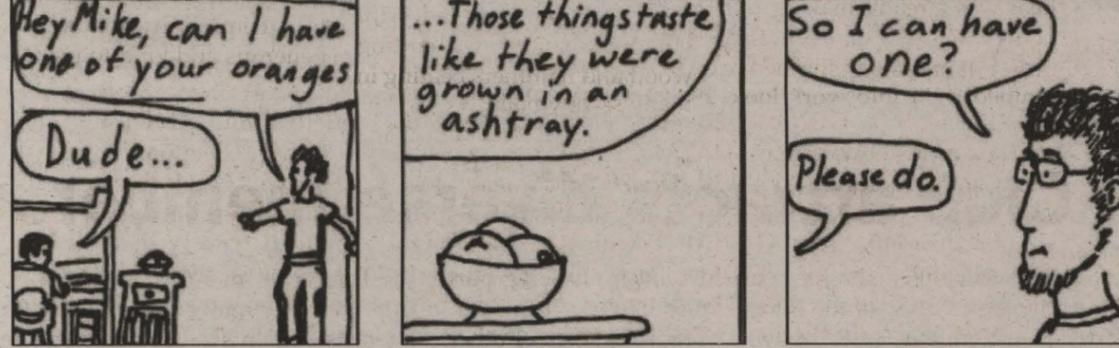
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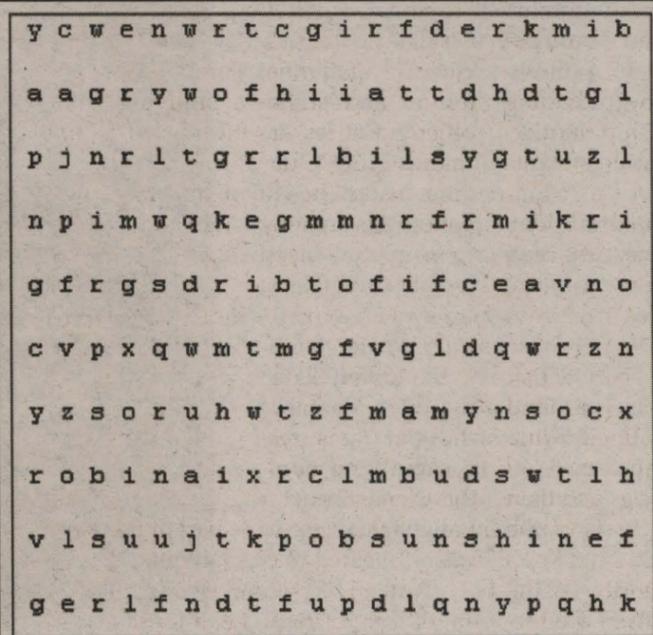


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# Outdoors

## Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail explains stories from past

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The Ice Age Trail (IAT), one of eight National Scenic Trails, winds its way across forested and deforested sections of Wisconsin. While some may complain about Wisconsin, others, like author John Steinbeck in his novel "Travels with Charley," relish in its beauty. Like many of us, this fractured 1,000-mile long trail has traveled a long and interesting path to be where it currently sits.

Throughout history, our earth's temperature has fluctuated from warmer to colder periods. During the cold periods, ice ages have occurred. When ice ages occurred, glaciers formed and spread out from arctic regions. When warm periods occurred, simi-

lar to earth's current climate, glaciers melted and land formations were revealed.

The most recent continental glaciation of North America is called the Wisconsin Glaciation. Depending on who you ask, this period began around 75,000 years ago and ended around 10,000 years ago. During that 65,000-year dura-

tion, glaciers covered most of North America and impacted our earth's landscape, with Wisconsin being

of the Wisconsin Glaciation. Later that decade, Zillmer explained his idea to state and national legislators. In 1958 he created the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation (IAPTF), which is the driving force behind the IAT. In 1964, four years after Zillmer's death, Congressman Henry Reuss and Senator

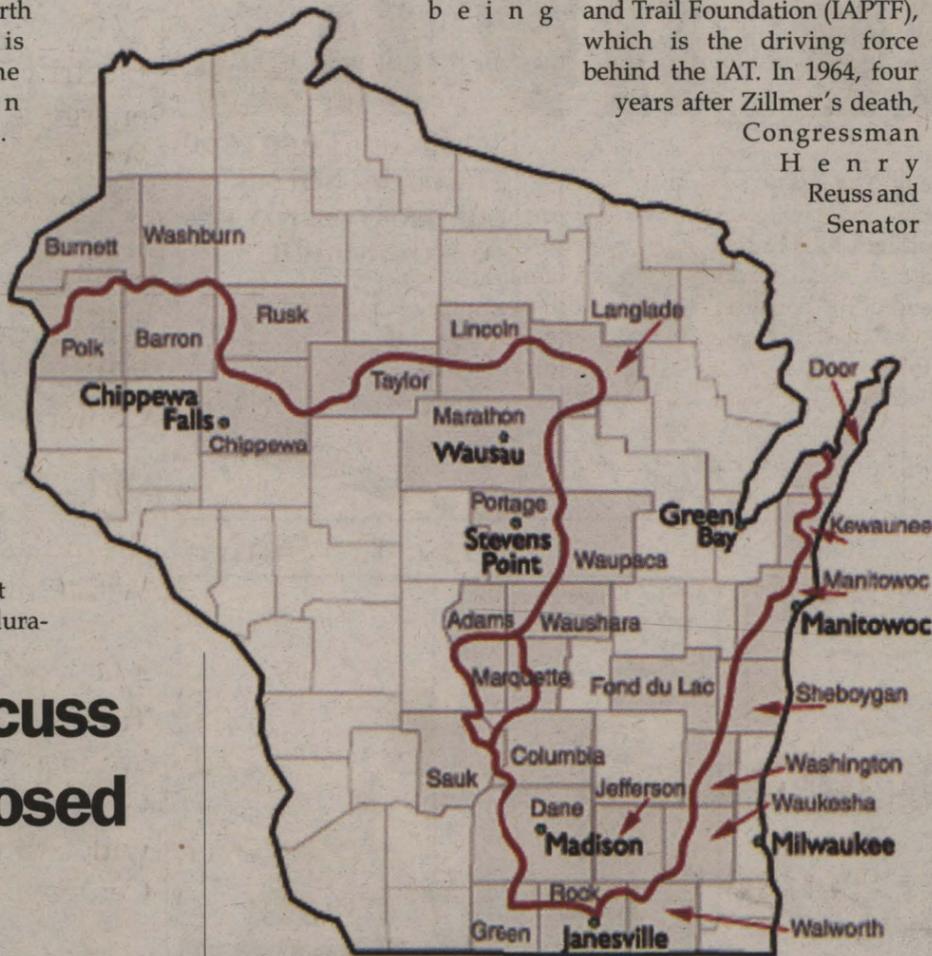
called the mobile skills crew. The mobile skills crew oversees all construction and maintenance of the trail in order to keep it uniform throughout its entirety. The mobile skills crew also constructs trails in hopes to cut down on annual maintenance.

Glacial land formations can be easily detected. A kame is a conical hill created from the pile up of water and debris. Melted water cuts tunnels through glaciers. When melt water came shooting out of the side of a glacier, it carried sand, gravel and cobble with it. A kettle is a depression in the earth. It is caused from large ice chunks breaking off of a glacier and being covered in debris. When the ice chunks melted, the debris collapsed and created a dent in the ground. Some kettles can be more than one hundred feet deep.

Our state's capital sits on top of a drumlin. A drumlin is a teardrop-shaped hill. It usually occurs in groups and is formed miles behind the end moraine.

The nearest segment of the Ice Age Trail to Stevens Point is a fifty-mile section that runs through Waupaca County. Eighteen miles of the Waupaca County section are off road and 32 miles are on roads. The Belmont, Emmons-Hartman Creek segment is around seven and a half miles off road. The Waupaca River segment is about five and a half miles off road. The New Hope-Iola Ski Hill segment is close to five miles off road.

The IAT offers recreational opportunities for cross-country skiers, campers, hikers, backpackers and snowshoers. No matter what you love about the outdoors, you are sure to find it on the Ice Age Trail.



## Meetings will discuss Wisconsin's proposed air quality rules

DNR PRESS RELEASE

MADISON - The public will have an opportunity to learn more and provide input about options for three air quality rules at public information meetings being held in Wausau, Manitowoc and Milwaukee in late March and early April.

The rules are intended to meet federal requirements to reduce sources of air pollution that affect public health and haze, according to Ann Bogar, a DNR air management specialist. The rules focus on both the in-state and out-of-state sources of air pollution that result in 10 counties in southeastern Wisconsin failing to meet federal ozone air quality standards and smog in National Parks and other national scenic areas.

The meetings will include DNR presentations on rule options and a question and answer session for draft rules to meet the federal requirements for:

- The Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), a federal rule designed to control interstate transport of ozone and fine particle pollution that limits emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur dioxide (SO2) from power plants,
- Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT), a requirement in the Clean Air Act that limits NOx emissions from power plants and other major sources in ozone nonattainment areas, and
- Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART), a require-

ment in the Clean Air Act designed to limit emissions that affect visibility in National Parks and other scenic areas from power plants and other large industrial sources.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified 10 counties in Wisconsin - Door, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Washington and Waukesha - that cannot routinely meet ozone standards.

The DNR is seeking public input on draft rule options for each of the three rules. Once options are chosen and the rules drafted, the three-rule packages will go to the Natural Resources Board for authorization for public hearings to be held later this year. When these rules become final, they will be part of the state plan submitted to the U.S. EPA. Additional rules to reduce pollution to reach attainment of the eight-hour ozone standard will be proposed as the process continues in 2007.

Supporting materials will be available in advance of the public information meetings online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/air/HOT/Shrozonestd/>. Written comments may be submitted to the DNR by April 26. For more information about the meetings or on submitting comments contact Anne Bogar at [anne.bogar@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:anne.bogar@dnr.state.wi.us) or (608) 266-3725.

altered heavily. Some glaciers were thought to be two miles thick.

With a little knowledge in geology and geography, you can see signs of the Wisconsin Glaciation all around. The IAT is an excellent place to see evidence of the glaciation, since its course follows the terminal moraine (the edge of the glacier's furthest point).

So how does one of our earth's most tremendous geological and climatic historical events eventually spur forth a hiking trail? From the ambitious thoughts and actions of one man: Ray Zillmer.

In the 1950s Ray Zillmer envisioned a trail that would follow the terminal moraine

Gaylord Nelson helped create the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. Finally in 1980, the IAT was deemed as one of the National Scenic Trails.

The groups that help the IAPTF with the IAT are city, town, and county governments, landowners, the Wisconsin DNR and the National Park Service (NPS). These groups worked and continue to work together towards completion of the trail.

While the IAT's length is around 1,000 miles, 400 of those miles travel along roads and through towns. The IAPTF and NPS train Wisconsin citizens how to correctly build and maintain trails. These trained volunteers make up what is

## OUTDOOR EDVENTURES' TIP OF THE WEEK

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Water, water, everywhere, but no water to drink. This can often be the case when winter camping. Along with melting snow via a stove, a nifty trick for fakin' ice down a notch to its liquid state is to put snow in black, plastic garbage bags and lay them in the sun. Let them sit in the sun for a couple of hours and dump either the water or the semi-melted snow into a pot to finish the process. If you're stickin' around camp, continually add snow to the bags as it melts, due to the incredible amount of snow it takes to make a desirable amount of water. Stop in Outdoor EdVentures to learn more about this trick, along with many other tips and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences.

# Bike Maintenance Section

## How to replace an inner brake cable and brake housing on a straight handlebar V-brake bike

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First of all, you should replace your inner brake cable (IBC) and brake housing every six to 12 months. You will know it is time to replace them when the housing becomes worn or frayed or your IBC becomes loose and the brake no longer works.

To replace the IBC and brake housing on a straight handlebar, you will need an IBC, brake housing, needle-nose pliers, cable cutters, allen wrench, bike grease and possibly a cable puller for ease.

The first step is to pull the IBC nipple out of the brake-lever-nipple cradle and pull the IBC out of the housing

with your needle-nose pliers. If the brake housing isn't worn, you can use it again. If the brake housing is worn, purchase a new housing of either the same length or to the correct length. Squirt some oil into the housing ends and attach metal ferrules to each end of the housing.

Grease up the IBC and thread it into the brake lever. This will allow the IBC and brake housing to function smoother and longer. Many times when brakes aren't working properly, but physically your IBC and brake housing look good, all you need to do is grease the inside of your brake housing.

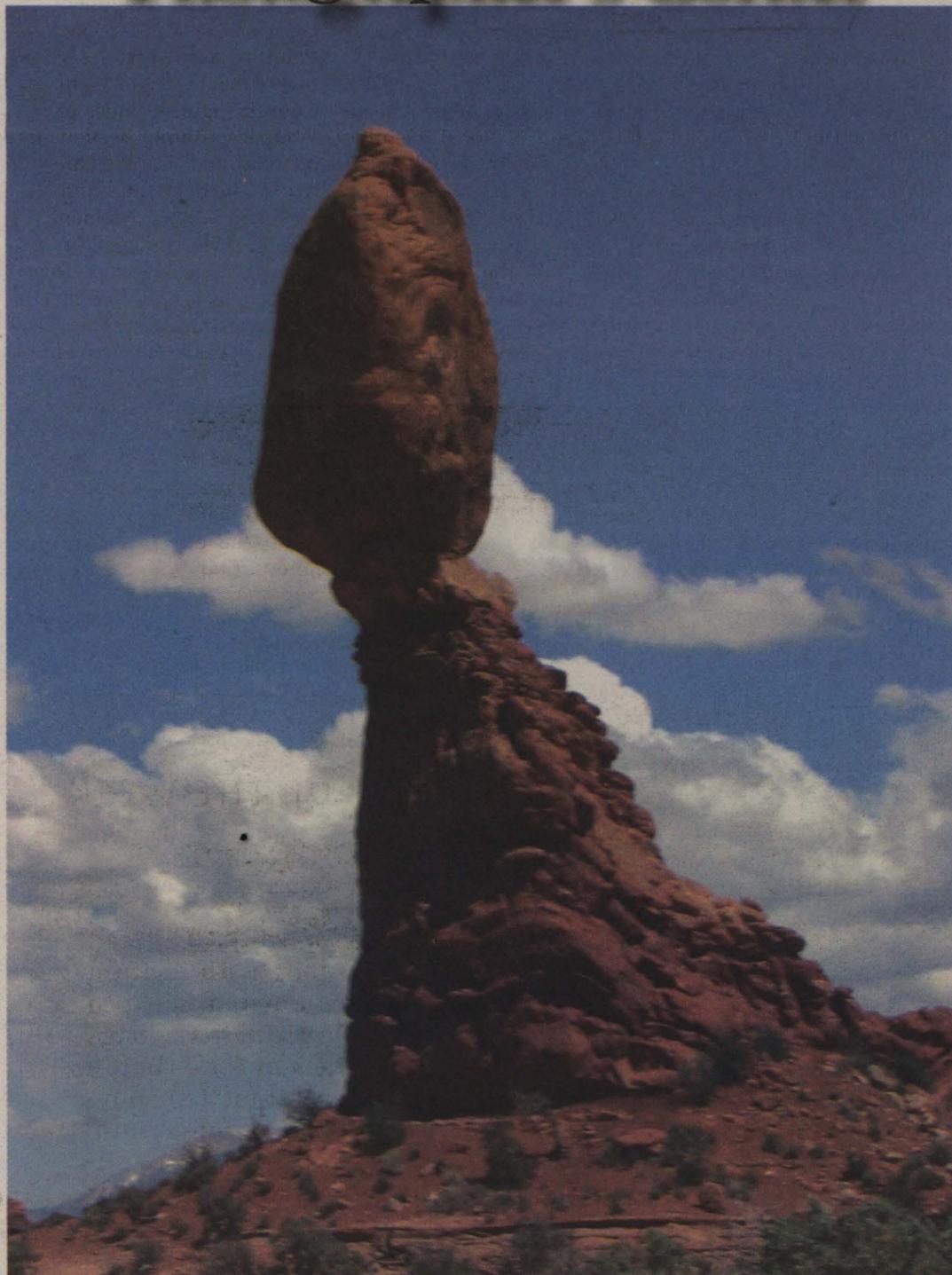
Once the IBC is seen through the barrel adjuster,

pull it through with your needle-nose pliers and set the nipple back into the cradle. Now thread the IBC through the brake housing and set the housing back in the slots that run along your frame.

Attach the IBC to the break arm by setting it into the cable guide, pulling the IBC to bring the brake pads towards the rim and tightening the clamp bolt to secure the IBC.

Pull the brake tight to ensure that you have tightened everything correctly. Fix any part that may be hooked up incorrectly. Cut off any excess cable, but leave two inches extra on the end. To keep the open cable end from fraying, attach a crimp.

## Local Student Photographer's Corner



This picture of Balanced Rock from Arches National Park, Utah

By Adam Hinkle

## Campus of Calendar Outdoor Events

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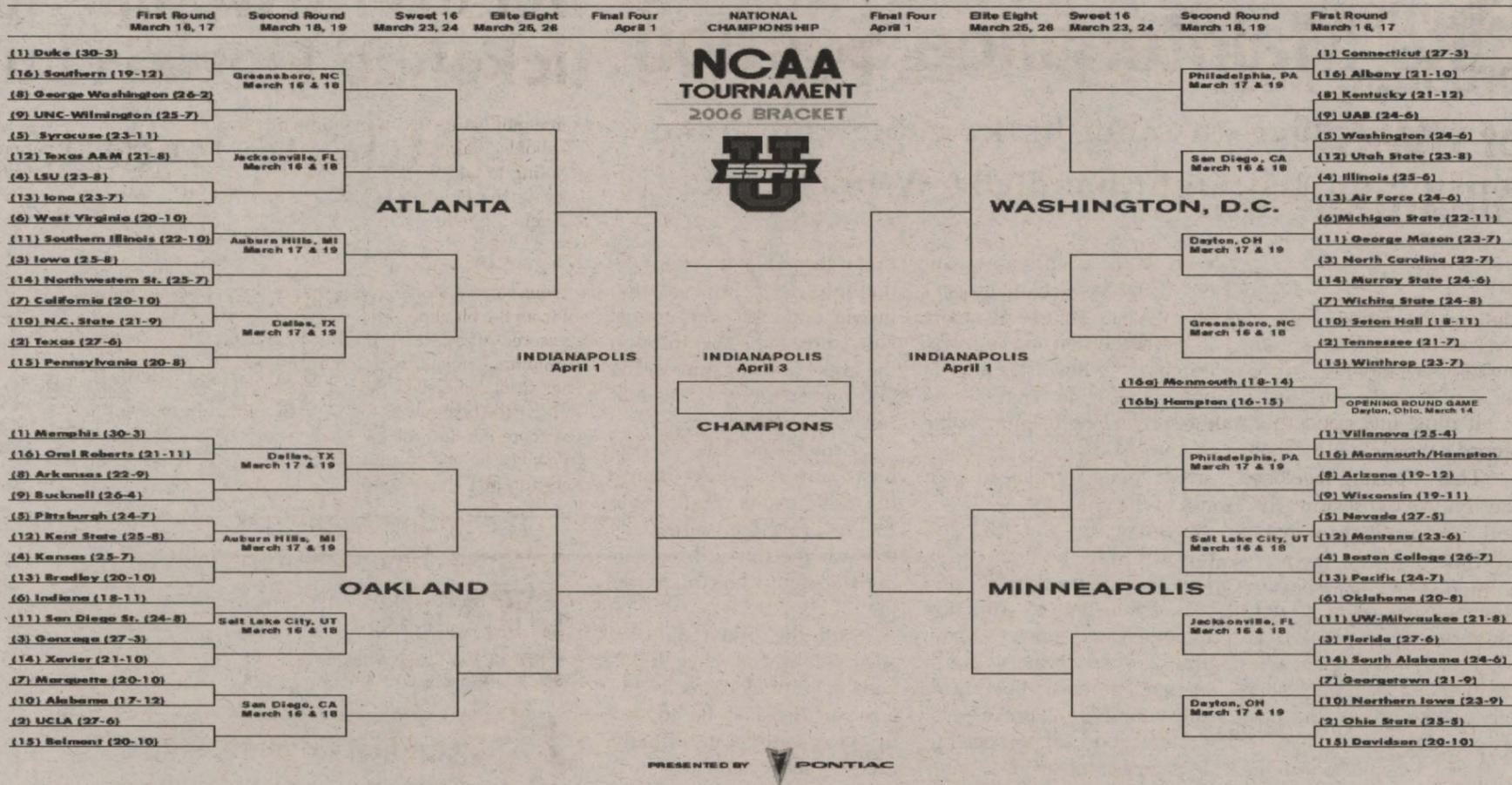
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# A look at who will make a racket in the brackets

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The madness has now reached a fever pitch, as the 2006 NCAA men's college basketball tournament is underway, with first round games tipping-off all around the country. The brackets, which showcase the match-ups of the 64-team melee, are usually seen as indicators forecasting the upcoming weeks leading to the Final Four.

However, this year's collection of teams left more prognosticators reaching for Roloids than for their pens, pencils and remote controls. Seedings, pairings and potential match-ups have some crying foul. In the world of college basketball, the brackets rule all.

The No. 1 seeds in this year's tournament came as no surprise to many. The Duke Blue Devils picked up the top overall position, thanks to a 30-3 record. J.J. Redick led the Blue Devils in the regular season and ACC tournaments, throwing down 27.4 points per game. Coach Mike Krzyzewski has assembled another top-notch squad and leads one of the tournament favorites into their first round game against Southern University.

The Memphis Tigers laid claim to the second No. 1 seed after plowing through the Conference USA regular season and tournament, finishing at 30-3 as well. After missing the 2005 tournament, the Tigers look to fend off their competition in the Oakland Regional which includes Gonzaga, UCLA and Marquette - one of three Wisconsin universities in the tournament this season.

The University of Connecticut earned the No. 1 seed in the Washington, D.C. Regional. The runners-up in the Big East tournament, the Huskies feature six players who average better than 9.7 points per game and have won nine of their last 10.

The final No. 1 seed is also from the Big East. The Villanova Wildcats have seen the most criticism from analysts, most of whom are claiming Nova as the weakest No. 1. The Wildcats use four guards in their starting line-up, a distinction that makes many observers shake their heads in disbelief. Still, their speed and quickness make up for their lack in height.

Each year breeds many Cinderella stories in the NCAA tournament, and this edition shall not be an exception. Teams like Nevada, Wichita State, UAB and San Diego

State are quickly becoming candidates for Prince Charming's date to the ball.

One team that not many people are viewing as an upset special is the George Washington Colonials. After finishing the season with a tournament-best 26-2 overall and an unblemished 16-0 mark in the Atlantic 10, GW has good reason to be upset about their lower-than-expected eighth seed. The Colonials have not only played well against inferior teams, but have defeated the likes of Maryland - ranked No. 23 at the time - and fellow tournament team Xavier. Their seeding, however, puts GW in a potential second round contest against Duke, not a favorable predicament to be in.

But the team poised to make some unexpected noise in the tournament is the UW-Milwaukee Panthers. The homer mentality may seem to have gotten the best of me, but factual data can back me up. The Panthers, Horizon League champions with a record of 21-8, feature a tremendous trio of stars in Joah Tucker (16.5 ppg), Bog Davis (16.1 ppg) and Adrian Tigert (12.9 ppg, 7.3 rpg). UW-M has tournament experience on the court, with the three aforementioned players all participating in the Panthers' upsets of Alabama and Boston College last season. It will be the rookie coach, Rob Jeter, who will be tested and pushed to the limits in the tourney. If the Panthers can roll Oklahoma in the first round, look for them to get back to the Sweet 16.

Alright, now it's time to get down to business. The Final Four picture may be tough to come by, but here is how it is shaping up.

I will take Duke out of the Atlanta Regional, the Pittsburgh Panthers out of Oakland, UConn out of D.C. and Boston College out of Minneapolis. An all ACC/Big East Final Four is no surprise, as six of the last seven NCAA men's basketball champions have come out of either conference.

Duke will down Pitt in the first game of the Final Four and UConn will slide past Boston College in the other. J.J. Redick will solidify his place in college hoops history and be named Most Outstanding Player, as Coach K's Blue Devils take the national championship.

All that's left to do is pop open your favorite cold beverage and plant yourself in front of a television set. It's tourney time.

**Jay Schiedermayer**  
SPORTS REPORTER

I am not a sports expert; actually, I am not even a journalist. I am just an ordinary man who spends way too much time in front of his television and computer looking at all the ins and outs of college basketball, and this is the time where I thrive.

It's March again and that means it's time for the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. 65 teams enter, only one survives. Who is it going to be?

My Final Four goes something like this:

**Atlanta Regional: Duke Blue Devils**  
Duke is led by one of the greatest coaches of all time Mike Krzyzewski and two time All-Americans J.J. Redick and Shelden Williams. Redick is one of the greatest shooters ever to play college basketball. He can single-handedly take a game over with the range of his jump shot or the perfect assist. Williams is one of the most dominating big men in college basketball. Every time he steps on the floor it is a guaranteed double-double.

Helping out the All-Americans are two solid freshmen, guard Greg Paulus and center Josh McRoberts. These two have contributed since the first day they stepped in to Cameron Indoor Stadium. The only downfall on this team is all the attention that Redick gets. It takes the focus away from the team.

**Oakland Regional: Memphis Tigers**  
Coming out of what I think is an up-for-grabs regional, I see the Tigers of Memphis making it to Indianapolis. The Conference USA champions are high flying and very exciting. They can out run anyone in the nation and put up a lot of points in the blink of an eye. Led by Conference USA Player of the Year Rodney Carney and Darius Washington, Jr., the Tigers will pose a tough match up for whomever they play.

They are quite young and in a regional that includes Pittsburg, Kansas, Gonzaga, Marquette and UCLA, the Tigers could fall early, but these young guns know how to win.

**Washington Regional: Connecticut Huskies**

The Huskies were creeping around the top spot all year and I truly believe that they have the most talented team all around in the tournament field. Even though all five starters are averaging double-digit points, this team is led by Rudy Gay and Marcus Williams. Gay can get the

crowd into the game with one of his gravity defying dunks and Williams manages the game like a coach on the court. Not to mention UConn led the nation in blocks for the eighth straight year. The ability to finish on one end and affect every shot taken on the other will put this team in many people's championship game.

One thing that might scare you away from the Huskies is that no team has ever won the National Championship after losing in the first round of the conference championship, but this team can and might do it.

**Minneapolis Regional: Boston College Eagles**

The Eagles made the switch from the Big East to the ACC this year and did not slip up one bit. This team made a splash in the ACC tournament beating UNC and almost taking down Duke, but they have been playing that good all year, quietly. With no big named stars on the roster the Eagles win with physical play and timely scoring.

Center Craig Smith was a first team all-conference performer and nobody knew about him. Boston College will be the surprise of the tournament, being a No. 4 seed. The only fault against this team would be the fact that they got upset last year by UW-Milwaukee in the second round, and might still be stuck on that.

When it's all said and done I believe that the Huskies of UConn will be cutting down the nets after defeating Duke. This game will be a classic. Reddick vs. Gay. Williams vs. Josh Boone. The potential championship between these two teams would be monumental.

The biggest question may be who is going to be this year's Cinderella. Who will be the next UW-Milwaukee of last year, the next 1988 Villanova? There are a lot of possibilities for lower seeds to make it to the Sweet 16 and beyond. My Cinderella is going to be the San Diego State Aztecs. The Aztecs won the Mountain West regular season and tournament championships. This team is led by guard Brandon Heath and has a match-up with Indiana in the first round. It may be a long shot, but fear the Aztecs.

Every person is entitled to their own opinion, so there is mine. The one thing that I can say for sure is that this year's tourney is going to be exciting. Don't forget to tune in.

## Championships produce host of UW-SP All-Americans

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It must feel good to break a record.

This past weekend at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships in Northfield, Minn., the men's and women's track teams placed 20th and 23rd overall, respectively.

Junior Jenna Mitchler, the defending national champion in the 800-meter run, set a season personal record and the St. Olaf fieldhouse record in the mile with a time of 4:56.37 on Saturday. This time was nearly a minute faster than her qualifying time from the previous day, and marked her third individual indoor All-American honor and fifth overall.

Mitchler must have been proud of herself.

"I was happy after I had finished the trials on the first day, and was excited to have won my heat -- setting a new facility record," she said.

The UW-Stevens Point women's 1600-meter relay team of Andrea Irvine, Marie Burrows, Laura Simonis and Katie Simo finished seventh with a time of 3:56.77 earning All-American honors and a best finish in school history for a women's 1600-meter relay team.

On the men's end, Adam Baumann, Ryan Schroeder, Kyle Steiner and Nick Ver Duin also earned All-American honors in the men's 1600 meter relay. The men finished fourth with a time of 3:18.93, commemorating the best finish for UW-SP in the 1600 meter relay since 1997.

Not only did the relay teams earn All-American honors, but two high jumpers did as well. Juniors Mitch Ellis and Kyle Steiner entered the meet as the first and second seeds overall. Both jumpers leaped to a height of six feet and 7.5 inches to place sixth and eighth, respectively. Andy Stoecken of Loras won the event with a jump of six feet, 11 inches.

"A meet is always a positive experience when everyone who came can go home satisfied," Mitchler said.

Just about everyone was able to do so.

The Pointers' next meet will begin the outdoor season in Naperville, Ill. on Saturday, April 1 for the North Central Invitational.

## High five: Another win over UW-Superior punches Pointers' ticket to Frozen Four

Robert Lucas  
SPORTS REPORTER

Now, there's only one thing left for the UW-SP women's hockey team to achieve this year: win it all. The women scored a 2-0 victory over UW-Superior to punch their ticket to the Frozen Four and a chance to avenge an early season loss to Plattsburgh State. Plattsburgh is the top ranked team in the nation and beat the Pointers 3-1 earlier this year.

Point relied on their defense to stifle the Yellowjackets for the fifth time this year (4 wins and 1 tie).

"Our defense is really self-motivated," said head coach Brian Idalski.

That must be some motivation because Point held a massive shot lead after the first two periods before failing to take a shot in the final period. Instead, the Pointers just crowded the goal and kept the Yellowjackets away.

Chris Hanson, who scored her first goal of the year in the previous victory, scored her second on a slapshot from the blueline. The powerplay goal was scored off assists from Nicole Grossman and Jamie Lewandowski. Grossman nabbed her second assist in the game, teaming with Michelle Sosnowski to help Kim Lunneborg score her 10th of the year. Amy Statz's 19 saves helped to shut out the Yellowjackets for just the second

time this season.

UW-SP has extended its nation-long unbeaten streak to 15 games, riding an incredible hot streak into the Frozen Four. They lost to Middlebury in 2004 in the championship game.

"I knew we had talent at the beginning of the year," said Idalski. "My biggest concern was growing pains with our young kids. We've really developed into a great team though."

The Pointers play at Plattsburgh State Friday night at 6 p.m. for a chance to play the winner of the game between Gustavus Adolphus and Middlebury.

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## Science, Health &amp; Tech.

**Cervical cancer vaccine up for FDA approval**Sara Suchy  
SCIENCE REPORTER

There is no cure for cancer yet, but there is a new vaccine likely to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on June 8 of this year, which could potentially make cervical cancer a thing of the past.

A vaccine called Gardasil, which was developed by drug maker Merck, targets the sexually transmitted infection (STI) called human papilloma virus (HPV), which is the leading cause of cervical cancer in women.

According to the American Social Health Association, cervical cancer is currently the third lead-

ing cause of death in women worldwide (behind breast and lung cancer). There are 5.5 million cases of HPV diagnosed per year, which accounts for one-third of all new STIs.

At any given moment, 20 million men and women have an active case of HPV. In 2005 in the United States alone, an estimated 10,370 new cases of cervical cancer were diagnosed with 3,710 of them expected to result in death.

There are approximately 100 strains of HPV and 30 of them are sexually transmitted.

Gardasil targets strains 16 and 18 which together

account for about 70 percent of all cervical cancer cases, according to the Web site "Medical News Today."

In phase three clinical trials of Gardasil, the last phase before application for FDA approval, Gardasil was 100 percent effective against the two cancer-causing strains of HPV, according to Janet Skidmore, Merck spokeswoman.

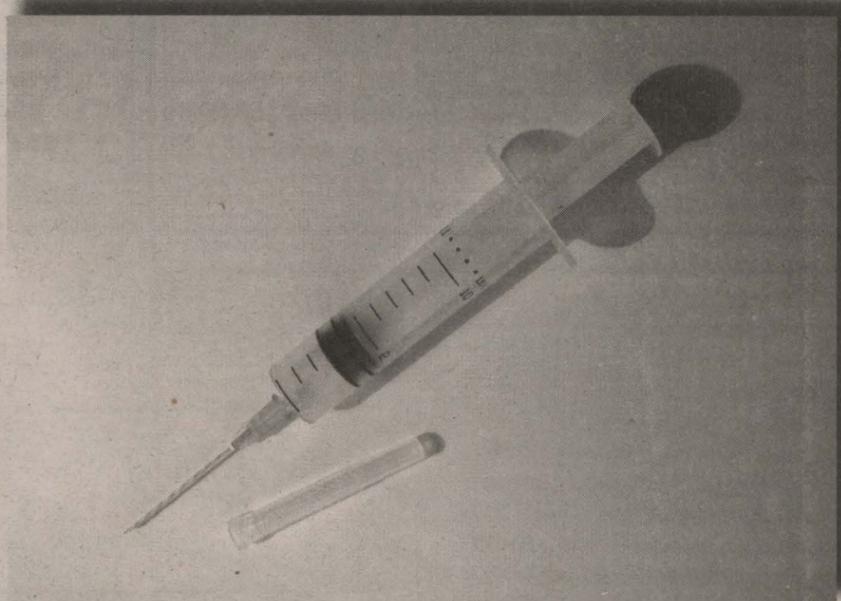
Sandra Ruston, certified nurse practitioner at UW-SP Student Health Services said, "HPV is so invisible... generally women find out they are exposed through their annual Pap smear." For the most part, the infection is completely undetectable. In some cases genital warts may appear, but those are usually caused by strains of the infection that are not cancerous.

Dr. Meg Autry, Professor of OB/GYN at the University of California-San Francisco explains some of the potential problems with the vaccine.

"One, it needs to be administered to girls before they are sexually active," said Autry. Doing this on a large scale will be very expensive and the government doesn't have the budget to do this now.

"Two, women in the U.S. are not dying of cervical cancer [on a large scale]."

In developing countries where women don't get annual Pap smears the drug could have the greatest impact.

**Provides protection against number one STI in UW-SP population**

"It takes up to 10 years for cervical cancer to develop from the HPV virus," said Autry. There should be plenty of warning before the disease gets serious, provided that an annual Pap is done.

The third and most alarming problem is that the vaccine may eventually cause a strain of HPV to adapt and become resistant to the vaccine. This potential situation is similar to what is happening with antibiotics.

"The vaccine targets strains 16 and 18, but by vaccinating for one thing we could be creating a monster," said Autry.

That's not to say the vaccine is not a good idea. "This vaccine would be huge as far as international health is concerned," said Autry. "Worldwide, right now, cervical cancer is the number one killer of reproductive-aged women."

A Pap smear is sometimes not enough to diagnose the disease. Pap smears have

been shown to give false negative results.

"Screening for cervical cancer or HPV is in a transition phase at this time," said Ruston.

A test now exists that looks specifically for HPV cells. This test has been proven much more effective in detecting the infection. However, only 21 percent of labs across the nation are using this method according to CLP Disease Management.

How does HPV and cervical cancer apply to students at UW-SP? According to Ruston, "HPV is probably the most common STI on campus, followed by chlamydia."

"HPV is spread through skin-to-skin contact... transmission of the virus does not require fluid exchange," said Ruston.

The surefire way to prevent HPV is to abstain from sexual contact. Another option, which would be less effective, is to use a barrier

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**TP**  
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HOLE

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In our coincidentally continuing series focusing on poop, this week we take you to the backwoods of Appalachia, the Outback or even to our own Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Brace yourself: you're about to learn the secrets of how to generate while you defecate.

When you're on a multi-day hike and nature calls with no outhouses in sight, what do you do? If you're normal, you drop your drawers, grab a tree, and then... well, there's no need for the ugly details. And if you're a conscientious hiker you dig a hole and bury the waste, along with a bunch of toilet paper (or leaves, for the crude), in the ground.

Assuming you're not a masochist and you do use TP, no doubt you've often wondered if there wasn't a better solution than tossing a bunch of bleached paper in the dirt. Stop wondering.

Australian Joy Kogias has been thinking and worrying about this problem for years and has come up with a novel solution: poop and plant at the same time with something called Enviro-roll. That is, she has invented the world's first toilet paper embedded with seeds that will grow into beautiful plants after being buried in the woods.

It sounds unpleasant, what with the seeds in there, but Kogias swears that you won't feel a thing (she says the seeds are dust-sized). Enviro-roll is just like regular toilet paper except it is made from recycled paper. A portion of the profits will go to environmental organizations and the seeds embedded in each roll will be indigenous to the area where it is sold.

The idea behind the product is to help reforest the land that every year suffers further deforestation in the name of development. Growing plants absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that is a major player in global warming.

While there are no data available to suggest how effective each square will be in yielding viable plants, chance dictates that at least some seeds will sprout. Money spent on the TP will also benefit environmental projects around the world.

Kogias has just recently begun the process of manufacturing and distributing the TP, and Enviro-roll should hit the shelves in Australian stores soon. If the product garners attention elsewhere the company will begin the process of producing rolls specific to regional ecosystems in different countries.

Johnny Appleseed would be proud.

**What's Happening at the Allen Center...**Chelsey Ross  
CARDIO CENTER COORDINATOR

Get energized, take control of your health and have some fun at the "Evening of Energy." On Thursday, March 30 from 6-10:30 p.m. at the Cardio Center students are invited to participate in several different programs all offered on the same night. Take a Team Yoga or Latin Dance class or receive chair massages and paraffin hand dips. Participants can also take an informative Energy Medicine or Nutrition class, or join an X-FIT class on the FreeMotion strength machines. Energizing snacks will be available during the evening. And, for the first time Feng Shui and Nia classes will be offered. Cost of the program is only \$5 and participants will receive a free t-shirt. Space is limited, so sign up now. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit [www.uwspcardio-center.com](http://www.uwspcardio-center.com) or call the front desk at 346-4711.

# Wellness activities abound at the Allen Center

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The Allen Center isn't just the Cardio Center, nor is it simply the bricks and mortar that make up a building on the east side of campus. A push to promote healthy lifestyles campus-wide through a variety of activities is making the reorganized Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs a place where students can do more than just work out - it can be an integral part of one's life.

According to Stacey Duellman, programs and promotions coordinator at the Allen Center, the mission of the Allen Center is to provide high-quality services and learning experiences to the campus and the community that encourages holistic development of the individual.

"We know that students who are healthier are going to be better off academically," said Duellman.

Many people equate the Allen Center with the Cardio Center, thinking of it as a place to run on a treadmill or spend some time on the stationary bike. While the Cardio Center is a huge part of what goes on in the Allen Center, there are a lot of other activities happening as well.

"We're really trying to get our name out there so people know there are other departments in the building and other areas to be physically active on this campus to lead an active lifestyle," said Duellman.

A short tour of the building and its four departments might shed some light on the situation.

The Cardio Center is located on the second floor of the Allen Center on the northwest side of the building. Aside from the wide array of car-

dio machines, the Cardio Center also houses FreeMotion weight machines, free weights and Magnum strength equipment. Nationally certified personal trainers are available to students at a small cost and can help plan out all aspects of a workout.

The Cardio Center is also the home to the Holistic Health Program, which

different approach where they provide rental equipment to assist students if they don't want the structure of going to a group fitness class or getting on a treadmill for 30 minutes," said Duellman. "They have the leisurely opportunity to rent [what they want]."

Finally, there's the Student Health

time in the Allen Center, believes her experiences there have helped her in a number of different ways.

"I think the Allen [Center] offers outstanding stress management resources," said Dalton.

As a personal trainer at the Cardio Center and a health advocate at SHPO, Dalton credits her experiences at the Allen Center with helping her prepare for the future.

"It has definitely helped my career choices because it has showed me all kinds of venues of health promotion that are available in the real world," said Dalton, "which allowed me to pick and choose the particular parts of health promotion that I really enjoyed."

Julie Webster, also a senior in Health Promotion and a student employee at SHPO, said that her time at the Allen Center has helped her tremendously.

"Working in SHPO has helped me grow into a confident health professional and has given me on-the-job experience that I can apply to the real world," said Webster, adding that the friendships and connections she has made at the Allen Center will stay with her for a long time.

Aside from her professional goals, Webster has utilized the Allen Center to deal with stress and the demands of school.

"Working out at the Cardio Center in the Allen Center has helped me mentally by allowing me to clear my mind of clutter and focus on my academics," she said.

Program descriptions and further information can be found at [www.uwsp.edu/centers/healthwellness.asp](http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/healthwellness.asp).



offers classes like yoga, Pilates and dance.

The Group Fitness department has programs that meet in various parts of the Allen Center and the Health Enhancement Center. On a weekly basis, Group Fitness offers more than 30 free classes to students, such as kickboxing and hip hop dance.

Outdoor EdVentures is located in the lower level of the Allen Center on the south side of the building. Here, students can rent a wide variety of outdoor equipment and sign up for weekend trips and courses.

"Outdoor EdVentures has a whole

Promotion Office (SHPO), which is located on the lower level of the building near Outdoor EdVentures. The folks at SHPO specialize in helping students change unhealthy behaviors into healthy lifestyle choices. Aside from offering free diet analysis and fitness assessments, SHPO offers personal coaching, stress relief sessions and help dealing with alcohol, tobacco and sexual issues.

"It's really about helping students meet those goals and objectives they want... rather than finding unhealthy patterns of living," said Duellman.

Lana Dalton, a senior in Health Promotion and Wellness who has spent a lot of

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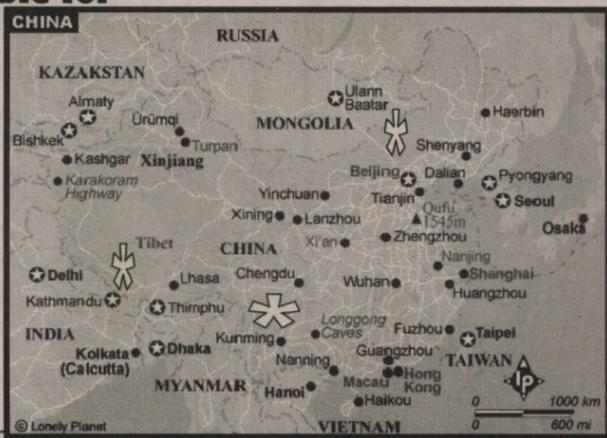
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## Dealing with excessive anxiety and worry

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All of us have felt nervous or anxious some time in our lives. Whether taking a test, preparing for a job interview or getting ready for a date, it would be a safe bet that everyone has felt worry, anxiety and stress. What you may not realize is that an estimated three of every 10 college students have these feelings.

When students are affected by excessive worry and anxiety it often becomes difficult to function in class or at home. Students may experience difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep. One may also feel restless, have sweaty palms, find it hard to concentrate, be irritable or experience muscle tension.

What can you do to help reduce your worry and anxiety? There are a number of approaches.

Make a list of the things you are anxious or worried about. Then, make a plan to take care of what you can on your list. Learn to let go of the rest.

Avoid caffeine and nicotine, as well as drugs and alcohol. These substances will only worsen your problems.

Learn to distinguish good worry from bad worry. Good worry is helpful in planning and problem solving. Bad worry is unproductive and self-defeating.

Learn skills in time management, assertiveness and stress management.

Anxiety and worry can be a normal part of living. In fact, most people experience some anxiety or worry on a day-to-day basis. If your anxiety or worry becomes overwhelming, persistent or begins to interfere with normal daily activities, you may want to make an appointment to talk to a professional.

For more information on anxiety, stress and worry visit the self-help library, located in the Counseling Center, or make an appointment to talk with a professional. Visit us on the third floor of Delzell or call 346-3553.

# "Aida" cast, music dazzle Malevolence

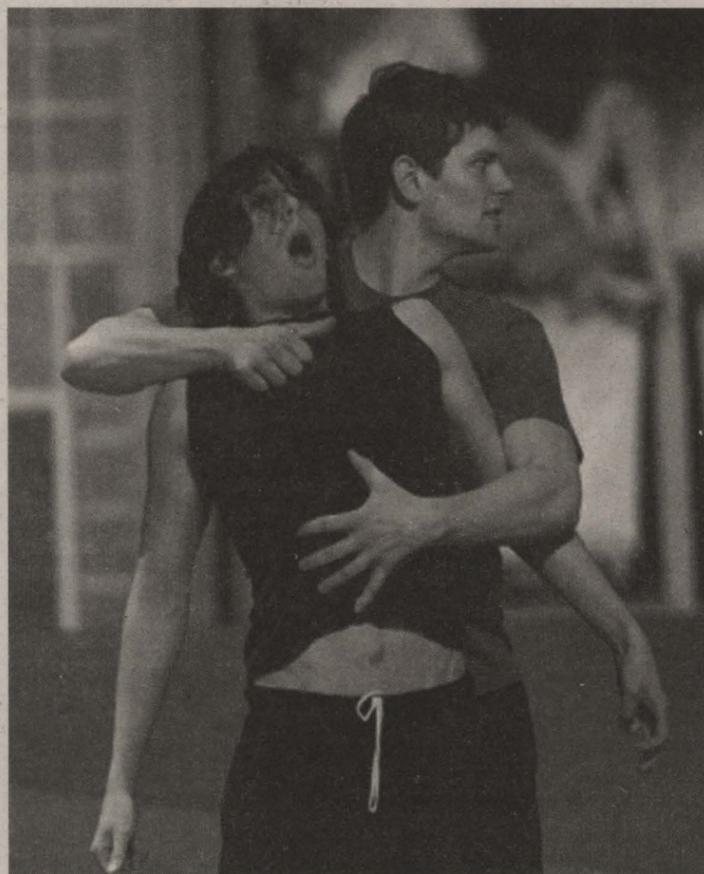
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"Aida," Sir Elton John and Sir Tim Rice's pop-rock musical about a love triangle set in ancient Egypt, enthralled the audience with its energetic songs, colorful costumes and passionate love story in its performances at the Jenkins Theater in the Noel Fine Arts center March 3-5 and 8-12.

The award-winning Broadway musical told the story of an Egyptian captain, Radames (performed by Curt Hansen of Hartford), who falls in love with Aida (Marie Martinez of Kenosha), a Nubian princess he has taken captive. Now a servant, Aida befriends Radames' betrothed, the Egyptian princess Amneris (Marie Holzmann of Fond du Lac). The three, caught in this triangle driven by love, learn their decisions have devastating effects on their lives and Egypt's history.

"Aida" explains Pharaonic Egypt, and its first successful attempt to establish an empire during the Golden Age. The musical shows the effects of the Egyptians' desire to conquer and the life of the slaves under Egyptian control.

Though the backdrop is



Two actors rehearse "Aida"

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set thousands of years ago, "Aida" mimics our own time of racial divides, power struggles and warring countries, making the audience wonder if time really does heal all wounds?

"Aida" clearly had a great staff of people working in all

areas to put on a successful show. Director Ken Risch, and Musical Director and Theater Professor Alan Sorter should be proud of the cast and crew for their performance and

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Isn't it amazing how horror movies are a world completely devoid of horror movies themselves, leaving the characters with no manual to learn from?

A retiring serial killer kidnaps six-year-old Martin to teach him the business. This poor kid is forced to watch "unspeakable crimes" towards countless victims over the years.

Only two men in Hollywood are allowed to cause onscreen harm- mental or physical- to a child: George Romero and Stephen King. Strike one for false assumption.

The movie opens with a crying young woman hanging from the ceiling. Martin watches a dark figure approach the woman and repeatedly attack her with a knife.

Really- everyone knows the whole point of suspending your victim is for torture and disembowelment. Strike two for fraud.

Ten years later, four losers decide to rob a bank in order to solve their financial problems. While on the lam, they kidnap Samantha (Samantha Dark) and her daughter Courtney (Courtney Bertolone), taking them to an old, genuinely creepy-looking house in the middle of nowhere.

Courtney escapes, running to the neighbor's for help, where she encounters

the now grown up and evil Martin, but safely hides for much of the movie in a closer.

The unimaginative killer, wearing a flour sack over his head, then sneaks to the other house, and knifes the other's.

One bank robber remains, Julian (Brandon Johnson), who takes pity on Samantha, and together they go off in search of Courtney.

The house they enter is all decked-out like a haunted bachelor pad: months of dirty dishes, weird things hanging from the ceiling, blacked-out windows, and the obligatory ring around the tub.

The two find bodies covered with a sheet in a dark, spooky room, but fail to expose the bodies.

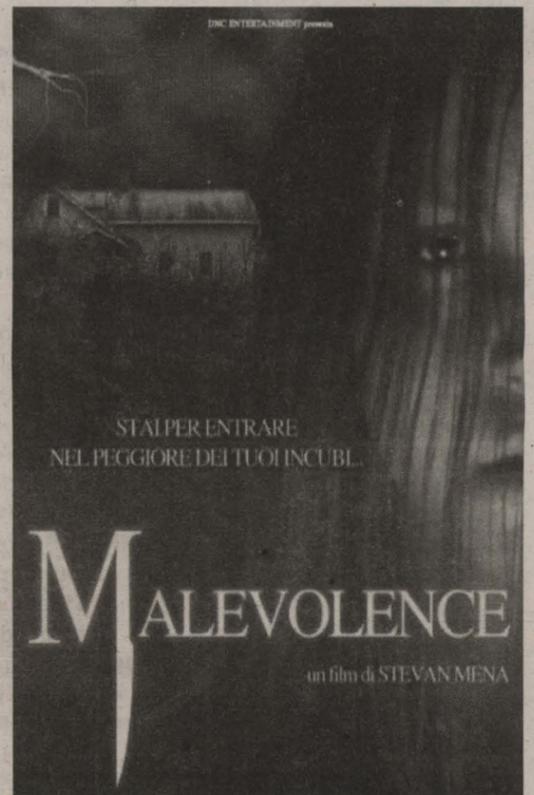


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Strike three--a blatantly missed opportunity for a major scare.

The house is full of dead bodies, but the problem is they're all either plastic skeletons or mummified remains wrapped in bed sheets, indicating the producer didn't

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ability create a memorable production.

"Aida" delivered a dazzling performance that kept viewers on the edge of their seats for the entire show. Hansen, Martinez and Holzmann showcased their vocal talents singing with emotion-filled soulful voices for every song.

The dance choreography moved with an exciting exotic feel, especially during the scene in the Nubian slave camp with "Dance of the Robe" and "Dance of Anguish." The dancers moved with rhythm and energy similar to an African tribal rain dance with drums, bare feet, and exaggerated body movements.

"With a cast of 50 and large-scale set pieces, the show is one of UWSP's largest productions to date," said Risch, and for the first time

in recent history, the hydraulic orchestra lift is one of the major scenic pieces.

Composer Elton John and lyricist Tim Rice also collaborated to create the music and lyrics for Disney's "The Lion King," for which they won an Academy Award for best song. "Their music in 'Aida' embraces many styles," said Shorter, "from pop-rock to reggae to gospel to Broadway ballad."

"It's exciting, moving and exotic in feel, as well as laden with a familiar Elton John style," Shorter added. "At times it is huge and full and rich; other times the music is delicately simple and reflective."

"While it's a romantic tragedy, there is a lesson to be learned," said Risch. "It's about stepping back, accepting others and finding beauty in diversity."

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think to spend the film's meager budget on any grease paints or corn syrup.

Julian and Samantha find Courtney, and the struggle for freedom from the spooky house ensues.

It's nothing beyond what you've seen in dozens of other movies.

Whoever wrote this movie severely overdosed on Halloween. We have a knife-wielding masked maniac, the creepy looking house, and the Psycho-esque music coinciding with knife plunges. It's practically identical.

The ending is truly creepy, but unfortunately is a small redemption.

Overall, "Malevolence" is 85 minutes of my life I'll never get back.

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method such as a condom.

If Gardasil is approved, the goal will be to distribute it on a large scale, targeting preteen girls in schools. If this is done, "it may prevent 70 percent of cervical cancer deaths worldwide," said University of Washington Professor Laura Koutsky, Ph.D. "Widespread vaccinations can create protection for an entire population, not only the people who are injected, but also those they have sexual contact with."

Like any new drug that targets STIs, controversy surrounds Gardasil. Some socially conservative groups think that this drug is a bad idea.

"Giving the HPV vaccine to young women could be potentially harmful because they may see it as a license to engage in premarital sex," Bridget Maher of the

Family Research Council told the British magazine New Scientist.

Autry disagrees. "This is their argument for everything," she said. "They use this argument as a reason to not give college students condoms, but it is never supported... it doesn't make them more promiscuous."

But there are limitations to any vaccine. It is not a barrier method and it is not birth control. It will not protect against other STIs including HIV, but it does offer some peace of mind for men and women who are sexually active or will some day become sexually active.

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## ESL summer programs coordinator retires from UW-SP

### UW-SP Press Release

Meryl Lee Nelson, an administrative specialist in the Foreign Student Office and English as a Second Language (ESL) summer programs coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, retires this week after 15 years of service.

As ESL summer programs coordinator, Nelson has helped to design and run the English for College program for first-generation high school students and the Dokkyo ESL program for students attending Dokkyo University in Japan. As an administrative specialist in the Foreign Student Office, Nelson has introduced foreign students to the culture of Central Wisconsin.

In 1991 she joined the staff at UWSP as coordinator of special programs for the English Language Institute, which later became the ESL summer programs. She has created and maintained the Web sites for the ESL summer programs, created promotional materials for the Dokkyo ESL program, and brought the Japanese Student Services

Organization Scholarship to UWSP. In 2002, she traveled with her husband, Stu, to Dokkyo University to premier a promotional video in Japanese created at UWSP especially for the Dokkyo Summer Program. Nelson also returned to school and received her ESL minor for Teacher Certification in 1999.

"My working life has been dedicated to the proposition that work should be meaningful and learning should be fun," says Nelson.

Nelson earned a bachelor of arts in English and communications/drama from UWSP in 1972. She also met her husband while serving as a leader in a UWSP student outing club called the UAB Trippers.

She began her career in the fall of 1972 as an English teacher at Tigerton High School, and then taught at Pulaski High School. For Nelson, teaching also was a learning experience. Years later, she applied her teaching skills to her work with the ESL summer programs, creating an engaging and supportive learning environment for the students.

In 1977, Nelson and her husband returned to

Stevens Point. She was an administrative assistant for the Point Area Bus Co-op, now the Stevens Point Transit Authority, and also worked for the Wolohan Lumber Company in Plover.

In 1980, she returned to education, serving as a teacher for homebound students in the Stevens Point Area Public Schools until she began her work at UWSP. In addition to teaching, Nelson also began to operate Weather-Wise Shades, her own energy-saving window treatment business.

An avid traveler, Nelson has visited England, Israel, Paraguay, Japan, Norway, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Vancouver and Mallorca. This summer she and her husband with two other couples plan to travel to France. They will spend a few days in Paris before renting a barge to navigate the canals. Besides more traveling, the Nelsons also intend to spend their free time skiing, bicycling and learning to sail their 22-foot sailboat. They will continue to be involved in the Dokkyo summer program by hosting a Japanese student as they have done every year since 1991.

## UW-SP offers bicycle tour of France

### UW-SP Press Release

The Department of Health Promotion and Human Development at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is offering a bicycle tour of the Normandy region of France June 15-July 3.

The trip, one of the UWSP Bicycling and Hiking Adventure Tours, will be led by Paul Mertz and Steve McClaran and will cost approximately \$3499 including airfare, accommodations, several meals, and much more. It is designed for athletic tourists who wish to experience parts of Europe that most visitors never see. Adaptability and a sense of adventure are more important than cycling experience.

Participants will explore the beautiful Duchy of Normandy, a historically and culturally rich region of France. Now known for its scenic coast and attractive farmland, the area is also the site of two historic military events. In 1066 Duke William launched his famous invasion of England from the shores of Normandy and almost nine centuries later the great D-Day landings of 1944 took place along the same coast.

The tour begins with a flight to Paris and a transfer to Bernay, a small town near the coast. After two nights, the group will move on to Honfleur, a small port town

favored by many impressionist painters.

From Honfleur participants will pedal to Riva Bella and Ouistreham at the eastern end of the D-Day Invasion front. Nearby is the Pegasus Bridge, a crucial installation captured by the British in the first action of D-Day.

Traveling west, the group will have easy access to Caen. Now a university town and administrative seat of Lower Normandy, this town was Duke William's capitol and later a World War II battle center.

The group will continue to Bayeux, home to the Bayeux Tapestry and an excellent base for biking to the Omaha Beach invasion site. From there participants will travel to Carentan near the St. Mere Eglise and Utah Beach invasion sites. The group also will travel to the coastal town of Granville and the famous abbey at Mont St. Michel.

The group will then turn east for the return part of their journey through Vire and Argentan and return to Bernay to complete their circuit.

A \$200 nonrefundable deposit is required to reserve a place on the trip and early registration is advised. For more information and registration forms, contact Kim O'Flaherty, UWSP Adventure Tours Program Manager, koflaher@uwsp.edu or (715) 346-4080.

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