



Facebook changes anger users

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The first day of school started off like any other day of school: students dragged themselves out of bed and went online to check their e-mail, praying that all their classes were miraculously canceled. They logged onto Facebook to see if any messages were left for them and were horrified to find that a new feature had arisen overnight.

Facebook, a social networking website designed to keep people in touch with each other, allows people to message each other, share photos and events, join groups, discuss topics, and even blog. Originally, it was designed for college students only, but has since opened up to almost anybody and has over nine million members.

The new feature that upset many users, is the Facebook News Feed. This allows users who are in the same social circle to see what others do. When someone joins a group, comments on a photo, writes on a wall, dis-

cusses a topic, changes their profile, adds friends, and even changes their status, it all appears on their friends' Facebook News Feed.

This immediately outraged students in terms of privacy. Hundreds of thousands of students joined Facebook groups against the new feature to show the people in charge how they felt. The constant joining of anti-News Feed groups ironically cluttered the News Feed. Hundreds of students even went as far as to close their Facebook accounts out of anger.

"I was a little freaked out by the whole News Feed idea, said UW-SP student Laurel Krueger. "Anybody I know could basically go online and get daily updates on my life. They could see what friends I talk to, what events I'm going to, and even what I am up to right now."

"I liked stalking everyone else by watching their feed, but I hated knowing that people were watching

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The main attraction of Wednesday's job fair saw one lucky student win a free ride in a hot air balloon provided by Bill and Jean Sukow.

Photo by Katie Guntz

Tent event revolves around getting students involved

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As 7 p.m. approached on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, many of UW-SP's organizations were putting the finishing touches on the booths they had prepared in hopes of reeling in new members at the annual Involvement Fair supported by the Student Involvement and Employment Office (SIEO).

Among the colorful, candy-laden booths were energetic dietetics students donning red and black aprons, making homemade pasta and promoting the Dietetics Club; girls and guys shakin' it up for the Belly Dancing Club; and the Newman Center's goofy clowns offering peanuts as the prize for throwing ping

pong balls at cleverly arranged glasses.

While the Involvement Fair has been held in the Laird Room of the University Center in the past, this year's event was finely executed in two tents set up outside of DeBot. Kristina Ingrouille, a senior Dietetics major from Fifiield, Wis., said of the new location, "[It] was more convenient for students on campus compared to other years."

"The tent was packed the entire time," said Matt Goodness, a senior Physical Education major and Adventure Racing Club president from Nekoosa, Wis., of the turn out.

With so many students there, maneuvering from table to table proved to be not only

an adventurous experience, but a social one as well. Not only did students meet new people and find opportunities to get involved in new activities, but they also had the chance to catch up with old friends they hadn't seen since the beginning of the semester.

"There were a few people from our club...who where there with other organizations, so walking around I got to see them and catch up with them. It was great all around," said Goodness.

Along with a mid-evening sugar rush and loads of free stuff, the Involvement Fair provided a festive atmosphere and a variety of options for students to pursue their interests, and maybe even find new ones.

UW-SP students give time to help community

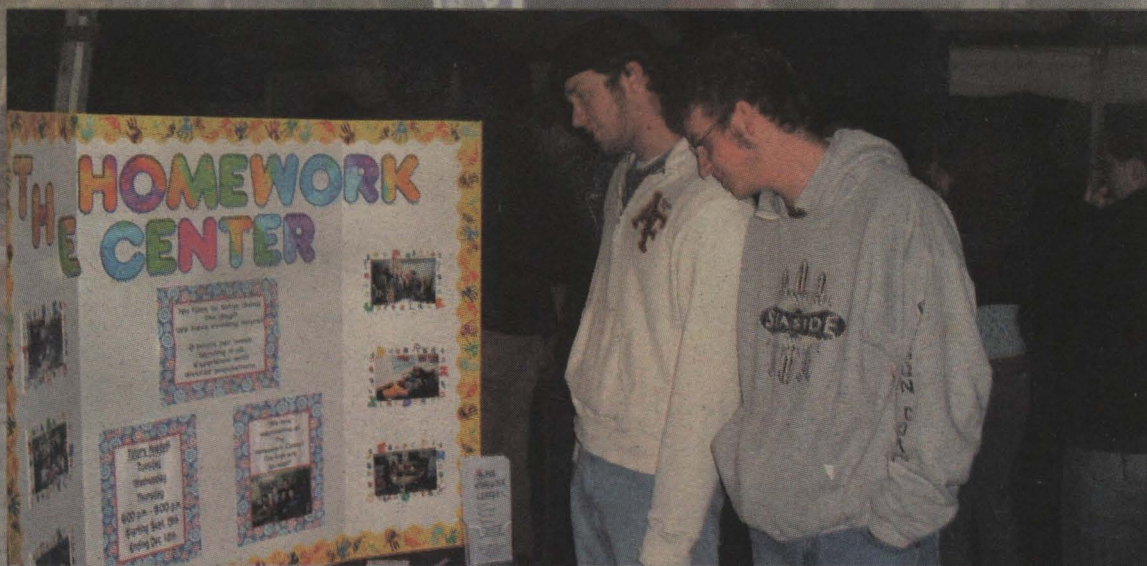
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Through volunteer work, students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have proven themselves to be an important part of the local community. The Association for Community Tasks (ACT), a student organized service-learning program at UW-SP, contributed nearly 7,483 volunteer hours of service to schools, agencies and organizations in

Portage County during the past academic year.

Formed in 1977 ACT originally consisted of fewer than 60 student volunteers. The organization now includes about 1200 student volunteers serving in one or more of six core programs: individual and group volunteering, tutoring,

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Students check out a booth at the Involvement Fair.

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UW-SP's Campus Beat

Noel Fine Arts Building (NFAC)
September 2, 2006 8:08 p.m.
Type: BURGLARY

Received call about three male individuals attempting to steal cigarette disposal containers located by the NFAC. They were not caught.

Neale Hall
September 5, 2006 11:48 p.m.
Type: VANDALISM

CA from Hansen Hall reported that a window in Neale Hall was broken by individuals outside in the circle.

Watson Hall
September 7, 2006 1:40 p.m.
Type: THEFT

CA at Watson Hall reported a girl had her wallet stolen from her room.

Thompson Hall
September 10, 2006 4:55 a.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

A custodian called in about an individual passed out in the south entrance. Individual was treated by medics on the scene.

Neale Hall
September 11, 2006 10:32 p.m.
Type: DRUG USE

CA at Neale Hall called to report the smell of marijuana from a room.

Parking Lot Q
September 12, 2006 4:44 p.m.
Type: THEFT

An individual called from the blue phone at Lot Q to report that their car was broken into.

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everything that I was doing," AJ Zahn said. "I think it was created to break couples up. You could see everything your significant other was doing and who they were befriending. With the wrong couple it could cause a lot of drama."

"It's really creepy seeing what other people are doing. It's a bit too much information to be shared," said Ashley Maehl. "Plus, it's slightly confusing."

After only three days of the new feature, Facebook responded with a change. Members of Facebook were given optional privacy settings to change what others can see in their News Feed. Along with this change came a message from the creator of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, explaining his intentions in creating the News Feed and apologizing for all the outrage he had ensued. He

responded to the chaos by saying, "We really messed this one up."

After the new privacy settings were created Krueger said, "I feel a lot better about the News Feed with the new privacy options and I understand it a lot more also. I'm a lot more comfortable with Facebook now."

Some were still unsatisfied even after the changes.

"I think that it just plain sucks," said sophomore Alex Raabe. "The site takes a lot longer to load up now, and everything I used to usually use is in a smaller corner to the side. The last format was, with no doubt, better than this one. If anything, this new feature is more of a 'drama creator' than News Feed. It's almost impossible to not be a stalker no matter what you do. You sign on and BOOM; your friend left this group, commented this guy, and commented this picture, and really who cares?"

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winter and spring break trips, Hunger Cleanup, Dance Party Marathon and UW-SP Blood Drives.

ACT's purpose is to provide opportunities for students to learn through volunteer work in the community. In addition, the organization serves as a liaison between the university and the greater community and its agencies and schools by helping to recruit, place, orient, supervise and evaluate students involved in community programs. Students manage and oversee the entire program, with an 11-member student executive board overseeing daily operations, volunteer activities and setting organizational goals.

During the past academic year, ACT has served the community with more than just hours of volunteer work. The organization raised \$1,092 for

local charities and collected 477 usable units of blood during Red Cross and Blood Center blood drives.

ACT has also continued its collaboration with the United Way Volunteer Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. The organizations have worked together to create and maintain www.volunteersrock.org, an online database to help users search for volunteer opportunities at more than 60 local agencies. Users can browse the database with or without setting up an account. As of June 12, more than 120 UW-SP students had created accounts on the site, more than twice the number of students who had done so at this time last year.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide:

Beginning Of the Year.

Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEEHOUSE

I love this time of year. After three months of vacation everyone is fresh and rested. All the professors have forgotten how much they hate teaching. They smile and chat with each other in the hallways. They cluster around Xerox machines like lame, tweedy gangs, pretending they're cool despite the fact that they're pushing encyclopedias door-to-door while all the other gangs sell lapdances, PS2s, and cherry-flavored crack.

Returning students are glad to be back, mostly because your summer jobs were tedious and degrading. Three months is long enough so that you've forgotten that most classes are tedious and degrading too. You're full of hope. You're sure your new roommate won't be like the last one who wore tinfoil socks and had a tendency to get confused and occasionally urinate in the refrigerator. You're sure you'll pass Math 106 this time

around, and while you're at it you'll have plenty of time to map out your future career, find true love, attain nirvana, and develop a high-tech cybernetic arm that freely dispenses an infinite supply of orange PEZ.

Sure. You'll have time for all that. After all, you've done the college thing before. You've got it all figured out... Right?

But you freshman are my favorites. I remember what that first semester was like: you've got a new haircut and some of mom's money in your pocket. You're on your own for the first time ever. You have so much freedom that you can hardly keep from shitting yourself with sheer delight.

And you express your near-infinite excitement the same way every freshman has done for the last ten thousand years. You buy posters for your dorm. You order pizza at unseasonable hours of the day and night. You touch yourself [italics] down there [unitalix] in a decidedly impure man-



ner, repeatedly.

Well folks, cherish that delightful innocence for as long as you can. Because soon the horrible truth with start to dawn. You'll realize that freedom isn't all nachos, whip-pets, and wicked touching of the bathing suit area. Freedom is also credit-card debt, STD's that would blister the paint off a car door, and scholastic performance so shoddy that your professors have to invent new grades to accurately represent how profoundly you suck. Something like "Triple F-minus" or "negative B plus."

Some of you, the smarter ones, are already starting to realize how dangerous all this lovely freedom is. Truth be told, your freshman orienta-

tion package should include a coil of industrial-strength nylon cord with a label that says: "Welcome to college. Here's a whole lot of rope. Feel free to hang yourself with it." Unfortunately, the effect would be ruined by UWSP's legal department, which would make sure the rope was actually too short for anyone to [underline] really hang themselves with. And they would attach a second label, larger than the first, with bright red letters saying: "We mean metaphorically. Dumbass."

Truth is, I can't keep you from metaphorically hanging yourself. And, honestly, I wouldn't want to. College provides you an unrivaled opportunity to screw up in a largely consequence-free environment. Screwing up is half the fun. If you don't make at least one or two really nexa-level mistakes in your time here, you're really not getting your money's worth.

What I can do is this. When things get weird, or stupid, or broken, I can offer some advice on how to minimize the dam-

age to your tattered life. If that doesn't work, then at least the rest of us will have a good laugh at your expense.

So e-mail your questions, sob stories, and mewling pleas for help to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. I'll do my best to answer them. Exceptionally good letters will be rewarded with gift certificates from our lovely sponsor: the Mission Coffee Bar. That's right folks, free coffee. The true key to college survival.

If you want a better taste of what Your College Survival Guide before sending in your letters, you can check out the archived columns on Myspace at <http://www.myspace.com/ycsg>

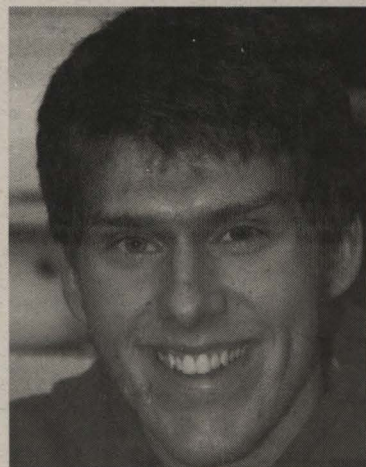
See y'all next week.

This Saturday from 2:00-8:00 in downtown Stevens Point, there's going to be a street party on Strongs Avenue welcoming back the students. There will be food, belly dancers, and live music from Elf Lettuce, Mannequin Hanjob, and The Skattman.

There will also be fabulous prizes provided by local businesses (including the Mission.) They're giving away gift certificates, tickets for live shows, and an ipod Nano. So make sure to bring your student ID.

Point Of View:

Students have responsibility to properly represent UW-SP



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As I entered my first week as Editor in Chief of The Pointer, I focused on what goals or policies I wished to implement for our student-run newspaper. The main points that came to mind were maintaining objectivity in our newspaper, as well as upholding the dignity of the institution that supports it. That means keeping good the name of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, while being fair and balanced in all of our work.

However, these two hefty expectations can sometimes get caught in the crossfire, creating a dilemma. And it didn't take long for these principles

to clash in the 2006-07 school year.

As I sat in class on Tuesday, I noticed that the person next to me was sharing a copy of the *Stevens Point Journal* with fellow classmates. I caught a glimpse of the top story's headline; "UWSP dance team suspends itself." Immediately, my thoughts went back to early in the summer, when news of the scandal broke.

For those who do not know, two Web sites early in June displayed pictures of UW-SP dance team members engaging in suggestive behavior and some underage drinking. Labeled "UWSP Dance Team Initiation," these pictures prompted an official review by the university.

The team is currently under scrutiny of a student conduct panel. Until the panel has decided proper punishment, the team will be self-suspended, as declared in a letter presented to student government. According to the *Journal's* article and a code of conduct, the potential reprimand could be a semester-long suspension.

Since Stevens Point is a smaller community than those surrounding UW-Madison or UW-Milwaukee, news like this can shake the entire city. Even

the fact that the major newspaper in the area placed the story above the fold on the front page shows the impact of the issue, not only in the school community, but in the community as a whole. Stevens Point is a proud place that shares in the pride of athletic and academic achievements. People from all over the world come to UW-SP because of its reputation as one of the Midwest's best in higher learning.

As a student of UW-SP, I feel that this scandal has put a blemish on the face of our institution. It is important for students at the university to realize that they represent the school they attend. From athletes to actors, student media to student government, we all represent UW-SP and our conduct reflects on the school. More often than not, the detrimental reflection is magnified to a greater scale.

No matter the outcome of the investigation, no one can take away the fact that UW-SP's dance team is one of the nation's best. The squad placed first in the Collegiate Pom Division at the 2006 United Performing Association's AmeriCup Nationals and has captured gold in that division for four straight years. It's that kind of recognition that maintains the dignity of UW-SP.

However, one instance of inexcusable behavior can change everyone's perception.

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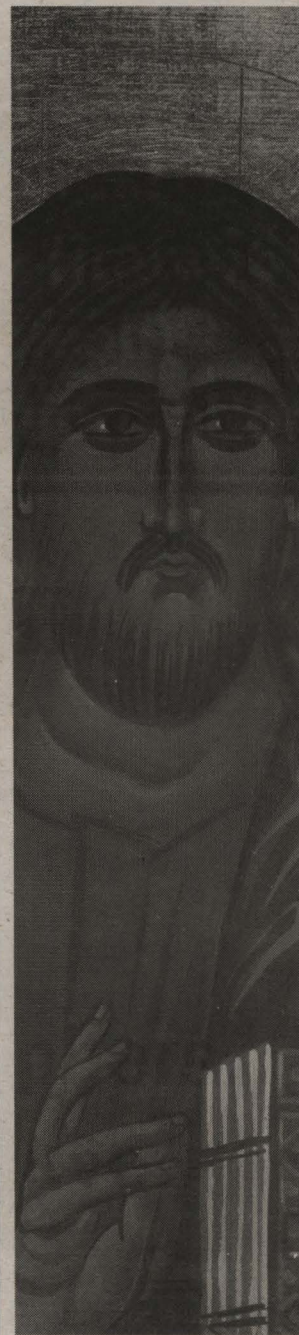
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Life after the UC and the birth of the LRC cafe

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The University Center (UC) has adapted the ways of Michael Jordan as it has taken a year off with an inevitable comeback scheduled for next fall. In the UC's place, the university has created the Food for Thought Café, located near the computer lab on the first floor of the library, moved the bookstore to Division St., and put up "The Tent" to house various social events. Students

have already felt the impact of the UC's demolition and not all have been satisfied with the university's replacement offerings.

Eric Mientus, a sophomore at UW-Stevens Point, and Jill Nystrom, a junior at UW-SP, have taken their cash to local businesses instead of the new locales at the university when in need of things they could previously get at the UC.

"Instead of supporting the UC, I now go to coffee shops and shop at bookstores off-campus," said Nystrom.

Mientus offered similar feelings. "Since the passing of the UC, I've found myself having to spend more money and more time walking to Starbucks to get my coffee."

Some students have already migrated over to the Food for Thought Café in search of a substitute for the ever-popular Brewhaus. Early response from students has been mixed. The café has seen a steady inward flow of students, but it must work, as any new place of business, to create a welcoming environment where students will want to come.

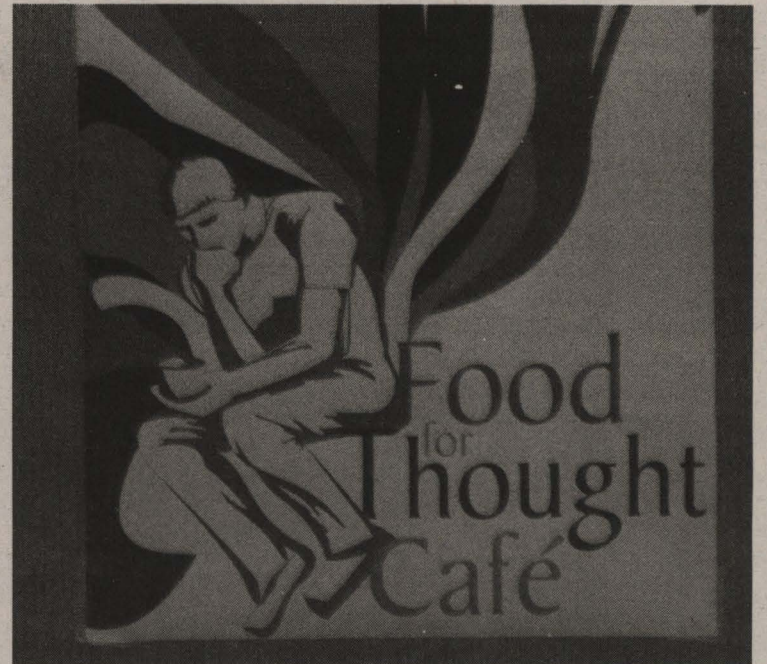
The café has hired students to work its café counter and one of them, Christie Burgess, a junior at UW-SP, touched on why she believed the student body would welcome the café as a positive addition to the University.

"The café will attract students because it is conveniently located where students can study, socialize, and have thousands of resources at their fingertips. They can eat and prepare for class at the same time!"

Cheryl Hucke, a 22-year UW-SP veteran, is also glad to see students accepting the café, stating, "It's great to see the kids back, especially the ones who still talk to me."

Other students aren't exactly sure how they'll adapt to the food and sound limitations presented by the location of the café in the library, where the loose nature found in the UC may turn as stiff as the shift key on kiosk 12 in the café.

"I only got milk (at the café). I wish you could get a full meal like at the UC; such as a sub and bag of chips or Taco Bell," said UW-SP junior,



Food for Thought Cafe sign.

Photo by Ben Karch

Amanda Maule.

Nystrom said, "I want a place on campus where I don't feel like I'm interrupting someone," while Mientus simply stated, "I miss the pool tables at the Brewhaus."

The relocation of the University Bookstore has also caused a hindrance among students who now have to travel away from campus and over to the revamped Northside Mall to pick up their required text rentals and purchases.

"Having the bookstore off-campus has forced unnecessarily long walks to pick up books and has already resulted in myself being late to a few classes," said Matt Koehler, a junior at UW-SP.

Not all students are displaying disappointment with the new location of the bookstore as those in the dorms closer to Division St. and in houses in the downtown area now have a shorter distance to walk when picking up their books.

"I actually like the new location of the bookstore, because it's closer to where I live. It's as simple as that," said Nystrom.

Time will be the key factor in determining whether students welcome the changes, but one thing is for certain: the UC will not be back until the fall of 2007 and students must find more new places to fill the void its absence has created.

Food for Thought Café is located in the southeast corner of the first floor of the library. It's home to enough coke machines to satisfy Michael Irvin, along with couches, plenty of tables, and four Dawgnet kiosks.



Inside of the Food For Thought Cafe

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...what advice would you give to an incoming Freshman at UW-SP

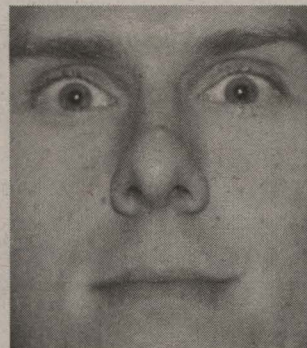
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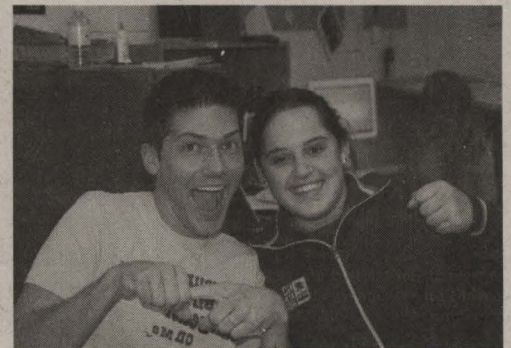
Anne Frie, Outdoors Editor

"Make sure to take full advantage of the meat mountains at Debot. It'll always be there for you when others may not."



Steve Roeland, Head Honcho

"If you can help it, join student organizations that don't require you to stay up until 4 a.m. on Wednesday nights!"



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Thirty Minutes to Burn

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"Thirty Minutes to Burn" returns from the previous school year and details a thirty-minute run through Stevens Point.

The 2006-07 premiere of "Thirty Minutes to Burn" will begin outside of *Graffiti's* on Main Street and wind up, after a Bill Murray-like transition, at the Schmeekle Reserve trail circling Lake Joanis.

Upon the exit of the car of whoever got suckered into spending gas money on this trip, you must run quickly (or slowly depending on factors of sick, overweight, or just plain slow friends) into *Graffiti's* and order a beverage of any kind (a chant of "Hooray Beer!" is recommended for those who like the taste of hops). Tell the bartender to up his or her speed if you anticipate any mistakes in execution later on; otherwise take it easy and get ready to throw down the

drink. Following the chug, make your way to the bathroom and relieve yourself while enjoying minute 46, and possibly 47, of *Sportscenter* on the perfectly placed televisions in the restrooms.

Once outside, the driver must make a personal decision to set up the car ride to the next destination. Republicans should immediately change the station to 550 WSAU for the *Rush Limbaugh Show*, while Democrats must pat their "Kerry/Edwards in '04" bumper stickers. In the test run, as a Moderate, I felt a little lost, especially since the station I had on was playing Linkin Park and my wrists started bleeding immediately without warning. If you find yourself in this situation, flip through the channels in search of the sound of Ian Anderson's flute or something of similar quality.

After the driver marks his territory, the other three members (you must have four people or this will fail miser-

ably) must decide on a place for lunch. In college, a place for lunch is the equivalent of somewhere cheap. Now this offers an array of choices, so to prevent this from taking you 31 minutes to finish, I've narrowed down the options to Subway and Kwik Trip. Subway may seem like a clear favorite, but that is only to people with little knowledge of the greatness of a Kwik Trip muffin. This country is based on a democracy, so take a vote and become either a Muffin Man (or Woman) or a Subwayward Son (or Daughter). If you take the Subway route, order a 6" unless you are Jared or that D-list celebrity from City Slickers 2 to stay on time.

At this point in time, you should no longer be hungry, so it is now time for some exercise and another car ride (no need to repeat the events of the first car ride), this time to Schmeekle Reserve.

Before we move on, I must offer two tips to prevent



No need for car insurance here!

Photo by Anne Frie

frustration. First of all, avoid the four-way stop near the hospital as Robinson Brothers trucks are likely to pull out and shock oncoming drivers by nearly crushing them. Secondly, those attempting this task in an SUV must not park near the ball parks as the UW-SP baseball team is still

working on basic throwing fundamentals and accuracy. Park on the curb right next to the path entrance and head toward the dirt roads of the "country." If the friends you brought along are animals, the sign says you must continue on in loneliness. Sorry.

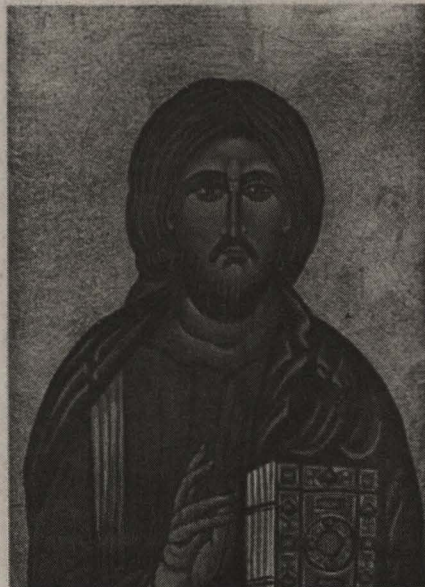
Your group should walk the most inward (to the lake) path around Lake Joanis to get the most authentic and satisfying results. Along the way, I encountered a few obstacles attempting to block my path to completion in under 30 minutes. Four mischievous deer felt the need to obstruct the path ahead, so thinking as if I was a true park ranger, I walked slowly to get close to the deer and prevent them from running away. It somewhat worked, as the deer were as tame as the *Carson Daly Show*. Later on, I came upon another deer, but it was frolicking on private land waiting to get shot and was a little less friendly. Speaking of friendlies, the path is loaded with them. Everyone says hello or waves on the trail, unlike some of the mute folk who wander the sidewalks of the city with paralyzed arms.

The path continues on for a mile, so if your stopwatch is saying you aren't going to finish in time, you better have legs like that pet Jesus lizard you snuck in under your coat and scurry across the shallow part of the lake. If you finish early, high-five each other as it has been issued a continuance by the men of the square table.

Look for "Thirty Minutes to Burn," in the next issue where I won't be making it to IHOP, eating there, and coming back or successfully finding a parking spot within walking distance of campus.

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Pointer football team faces La Crosse in early season conference showdown

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team looks to rebound Saturday from their season opening loss at the hands of Hardin-Simmons (Texas) when they take on conference power University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The Pointers were outmanned down in Texas, falling behind 28-0 before they could even catch their breath. In the first half Hardin-Simmons out-gained UW-SP in yardage by a margin of 338 to 74, making a comeback nearly impossible.

Despite the disappointment of the opening game, the Pointers are optimistic that 2006 will be better than 2005. Last year's 4-6 campaign was just the second losing season in 22 years for

Stevens Point. With 17 returning starters, Head Coach John Meich feels that his team has a good chance of returning to the upper half of the conference standings.

This weekend's home opener is a big step toward gaining back respect from within the conference. La Crosse has high hopes of regaining the conference championship after Whitewater ended their three year reign last season.

La Crosse has dominated the series over the last 30 years, but UW-SP is looking to reverse that trend. This game is the annual Spud Bowl, a game in which the Pointers are 18-1 all time. A big early season win against a quality conference opponent could boost the confidence of the veteran Pointer squad and catapult them toward a

very successful season.

The Pointers will be led by their third year starting quarterback Brett Borchart, who has thrown over 4,800 yards and 32 touchdowns over the last two seasons. Borchart has proven himself as a passer over the course of his career and last year established himself as a running threat as well. Last season, along with his 2,101 passing yards, Borchart managed to lead the Pointers in rushing. The combinational threat of run/pass put Borchart second in the conference in total offense with an average of 224.5 yards per game.

Borchart should get more help this season with a now veteran group of receivers including senior Jacob Dickert, and sophomores Jeremie Schwartz and Brad Kalsow. Dickert

is regarded as one of the top receivers in the conference, ranking among leaders in several receiving categories. Schwartz and Kalsow developed as playmakers as the season progressed and are primed to make a big impact in 2006.

Defensively, the front seven should be solid with starters returning at all four positions on the defensive line and all three linebackers back for 2006. The biggest question mark will be the secondary, where all of last season's starters will need to be replaced.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle for UW-SP to overcome this season is the fact that just three of the 10 games on this year's schedule are home games. Time will tell if this year's squad has what it takes to overcome such an obstacle.

Unprofessional: why Wisconsin sports fans should start watching local athletics

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There has been a beast roaming around our great state since the late 1990s. It started as a myth, something that on paper was so horrifying it was humorous. No way, no how, would anything of this magnitude possibly exist. Not under any circumstance could something so evil, so vile, be true. But then it happened.

Fresh off a Super Bowl XXXII loss to the Denver Broncos, the 1998 Green Bay Packers lost in the last seconds of the Wild Card Game against the San Francisco 49ers. The Packers were our only outlet for success. They were our state's fans' only chance to watch their team make it to the big game. The

Milwaukee Brewers and Bucks, who were previously forgotten about as they had not done anything relevant for the better part of the decade, were given a look.

However, those teams were just not good. They were our home teams, our ugly children that we will always love and support. We hoped for a maturing change that would wipe out the acne, have their body size catch up to their head-size, or maybe even grow a nice goatee. But fans could only look to the past if they wanted to see success.

The Bucks were dominant in the early 70s and early-to-mid 80s, picking up 12 Division Titles, two Conference Titles, and one NBA Championship. The Brewers weren't as fortunate as the Bucks.

Out of 35 seasons after losing the Braves name to Atlanta, Brewer fans have seen one glory year. One. And they didn't even win the World Series. These days Brewer fans hope and pray for a winning season, something that has not been seen since 1992.

At first, the monster was elusive, passing under the radar of the population because the people were given false hope. The Packers kept putting up decent season records. Brett Favre was still throwing lightning bolts into his receivers' hands. They still had stars that fans could identify with and plug onto fantasy teams. Some say the Packers were riding out the success of the Holmgren era, others say the division was horrible. But when it came to making it to the big game they always fell flat. Last year the monster

reared its ugly head, bared its fangs, and scared hundreds of thousands of innocent people in the process.

Now the monster is completely and totally out of control. All three of our professional sports teams are horrid. You could even say unprofessional. Your humble sports editor does not want you to cut ties with your home teams, but what better time is there than now to cheer on your local high school or collegiate teams? There are a number of reasons why you should: they aren't as far away, you can watch them live, for a very reasonable price, and chances are you won't be disappointed.

Between the Wildcats, Falcons, Pointers, and Badgers, I know I won't be.

Pointers enjoy historic day at Oshkosh Invite

UW-SP Athletic Department
PRESS RELEASE

Sunday was a historic day for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's golf program as the Pointers won their largest multi-school tournament and senior Susie Lewis became the first to win an individual title at such an event.

The Pointers edged University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh by two strokes to claim the nine-team UW-O Invitational at Eagle Creek Golf Course in Hortonville. Meanwhile, Lewis shot six strokes better than any other player on Sunday and won the 36-hole event by nine strokes overall to take medalist honors.

UW-SP's victory was the Pointers' first in a meet of six schools or more, surpassing their previous biggest win, which came in

the five-team Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in 1997. The Pointers finished with a two-day total of 695, while UW-O totaled 697. UW-SP led by four strokes after the first day of competition.

Lewis, a senior from Crystal Lake, Ill., shot a 76 on Sunday following her 82 on Saturday for a two-day total of 158. Her rounds were the lowest by any player on each day of the tournament.

Sarah Mosher was fifth overall with an 84 on Saturday and an 89 on Sunday for a two-day total of 173. Jessica Urban added a 92 on Saturday and a 90 on Sunday for a 182 to place 13th overall. Amy Stiloski was 14th with a 91 on Saturday and a 92 on Sunday for a 183, while Katie Kautz was 16th with a 94 on Saturday and a 91 on Sunday for a 185.

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What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?

My favorite Pointer sports memory hasn't happened yet. A win against La Crosse or Whitewater would leave a great memory.

What's your most embarrassing moment?

Nothing too embarrassing has happened.

What CD is in your stereo right now?

"Get Rich or Die Tryin'" soundtrack.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player?

"Four Brothers"

What will you remember most about UW-SP?

My friends and football.

What are the three biggest influences in your life?

My family, sports, and friends.

Wiepz's heroics lift Pointer kickers past St. Thomas

UW-SP Athletic Department
 PRESS RELEASE

For the second time in her career, the junior scored a clutch game-winning goal against the St. Thomas Tommies, tallying a goal with 11 seconds remaining on Saturday to give the Pointers a wild 4-3 win at the Pointer Soccer Bowl.

Wiepz was also the Tommies' nemesis in their last visit to Stevens Point, scoring with 22 seconds left in the first overtime for a 2-1 victory in 2004.

For most of the match it didn't appear as if the Pointers (2-1-1) would need any last second drama as they cruised along with a 3-1 lead before the Tommies (0-1-1) struck for two goals in a 52-second span with just under 24 minutes remaining. St. Thomas goalkeeper Dana Vilar also kept her team in the match by saving a penalty kick with 5:22 remaining after Pointers defender Abbey Kichdoerfer made a long run and was taken down in the penalty box.

However, the Pointers withstood all the St. Thomas momentum and scored the win-

ning goal on a three-on-two breakaway led by Amanda Prawat to earn just their third win ever while allowing three goals or more and first since a 4-3 win over UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 20, 1989.

Prawat also assisted the first goal of the match, dishing to Kaylee Weise for a soft chip just inside the near post at the 11:04 mark. St. Thomas' Abigail Krause evened the match 17 minutes later with a 20-yard kick that floated into the upper at the far post.

UW-SP rallied just two minutes later as Anna Van Stippen scored off a pass from Weise and Prawat notched a goal on a breakaway off a long feed from Liz Kid.

The Pointers appeared to be in full control of the match before a foul gave the Tommies a free kick five yards outside the penalty box. Jade Crepps launched a perfect kick into the upper corner to pull St. Thomas within a goal and the Tommies rode the momentum into another goal from Sarah Balgord to tie the match.

It was UW-SP's fourth straight win over St. Thomas. The Pointers will play at Carroll on Thursday at 6 p.m.

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Maus sets record as Pointers split at tournament

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 PRESS RELEASE

Shelly Maus set a single-match school record for hitting percentage as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point volleyball team split a pair of matches on Saturday at the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational in Bloomington, Ill.

In a three-game sweep of Illinois College, Maus had 17 kills with no errors in 21 attempts for an .810 hitting percentage, marking the ninth-best single-match performance in NCAA Division III history with a minimum of 20 attempts.

The junior middle hitter was named to the all-tournament team as the Pointers finished in third place among six teams with a 2-2 record.

Pam Nora added 11 kills and Amanda Mix had 21 digs as the Pointers won 30-17, 30-22, 30-17. Later in the day, the Pointers lost to Illinois Wesleyan 30-18, 32-30, 30-27 as Maus had 12 kills and Callie Kunde had 10 kills and 21 assists.

On Friday, UW-SP beat Beloit 30-26, 30-27, 27-30, 30-28 as Maus and Kunde each had 13 kills and Jill Wittmann totaled 17 digs. Nora had 10 kills with no errors in 12 attempts.

The Pointers also lost to Carthage 30-13, 30-21, 27-30, 30-21 as Lori Marten had 10 kills and Maus had six kills and nine blocks. Kunde added 25 assists.

Bird flu a low risk for Wisconsin waterfowl hunters this season

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A strain of avian influenza, or bird flu, known as H5N1 has been a recent concern among many waterfowl hunters. Bird flu has killed a total of 130 people in Asia and Europe and has been shown to pass through domestic and wild birds.

But the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and other wildlife agencies say hunters should not be overly concerned about the virus.

Kent Van Horn, DNR migratory bird specialist, said Wisconsin waterfowl hunters shouldn't worry about contracting the disease.

"It's not in North America. There's no evidence of humans getting sick from a wild bird, and those instances where humans did get sick from a domestic bird, was because they were basically living in the same quarters as the poultry."

Despite the low risk, Van Horn says hunters should follow some common sense precautions while hunting to prevent exposure to bird flu, along with a variety of other diseases associated with wildlife:

1. Do not pick up sick or dead wild animals without gloves. Whenever you touch an animal, wash your hands immediately after the contact occurs.

2. Call the WI Dead Bird Hotline (1-800-433-1610) to report a bird dead from unknown causes. If an unusual bird mortality is observed (such as a large number of dead birds) contact your local DNR service center or call the DNR Bureau of Wildlife Management at 608-266-8204.

3. Keep harvested birds cool and dry after harvest.

4. Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning birds.

5. Consider wearing disposable or rubber gloves when cleaning game and wash your hands after any contact.

6. Clean all tools and surfaces used to clean the bird immediately afterward, using hot soapy water.

7. Cook game meat thoroughly; temperatures of 155-165°F will kill most disease organisms, including avian influenza viruses.

"We are currently making a continental effort to survey for bird flu," Van Horn said. "We monitored wild birds this summer and now in the fall we're taking samples to see if any wild birds have this strain. Every state wildlife department has been banding waterfowl, including shorebirds, this



Gina Javurek, holding a fat Canada goose she shot in a local corn field.

summer and now in the fall we'll be collecting hunter harvest samples."

For more information visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/whealth/>.

Green Circle displays spectacular fall features

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This week's chilly breezes and rainy weather is a strong reminder from Mother Nature that autumn is quickly approaching. An end to summer may be disappointing for some, but fortunately, cooler temperatures and shorter day lengths will soon trigger a spectacular display of bright orange, yellow and red leaves around campus.

For an inexpensive and easy way to get an up-close look at the fall ensemble around the Stevens Point Area, take a stroll along one of Central Wisconsin's most popular trails - the Green Circle Trail.

The Green Circle Trail is a 30-mile continuous paved and graveled trail that circles Stevens Point, winding through neighborhoods, river shores, prairies and forests.

"I find it really relaxing to ride my bike on the Green Circle on my way to class in the morning," said University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student Rachel Koehler. According to Koehler, the ride from her home on Heffron Street to school is worth the 25 minutes.

"It's nice to get off the main roads and just enjoy nature. In the fall I'm always so busy with school, I never get an opportunity to see the fall colors. Biking the trail, for me, is a good way to see them," she said.

Officially, the trail begins on Business 51 north on the corner of Business 51 and North Point Drive. At the trailhead, you'll find a pyramid-shaped shelter that includes information on the trail's natural history and a detailed map of the path.

Hikers, bikers, joggers, cross-country skiers and wildlife viewers of all ability levels take advantage of the trail's many access points year-round, as

many roads crossing the trail lead back to Stevens Point. Bikers are cautioned, however, as some portions of the trail consist of wood chips or gravel. For this reason, it is best to use an off-road bike.

For more information, stop by the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center at 2419 North Point Drive, in Stevens Point, or visit the Stevens Point Visitor Information Center, located off I-39/Hwy 51 at Exit 161, between the Holiday Inn and Kwik Trip.

Photos show Green Circle Trail sign at the trailhead and wildflowers that are found along the trail.

Photos by Anne Frie



For student, summer job is cat's meow

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Taking care of a family pet, such as a new puppy or kitten, can sometimes be a lot of work. But for most pet owners, the benefits of owning a playful pet far outweigh the responsibilities of cleaning litter boxes.

But what would happen if your new 10-day-old kitten or puppy suddenly gained 10 pounds overnight, grew 8 inches wider and taller, had claws and teeth that grew twice their size and suddenly had paws the size of your palm?

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student Kristina DeWitt experienced first-hand this past summer just how much work it is to take care of some extraordinarily big kittens and puppies - mountain lions, lynx, bobcats, coyotes and wolves, just to name a few.

DeWitt, formerly from New London, Wis., started each work day promptly at 7 a.m. at the Special Memories Zoo in Greenville, Wis. Cleaning cages, getting bottles ready and feeding and watering the rest of the zoo critters occupied most of her morning. But when the morning chores were completed, it was time for animal interaction training, more commonly known as "play-time."

At a zoo, it is important to keep the animals interacting with the public, since most of the animal's lives at the

zoo involve being constantly viewed by the public eye. Much of this human and animal interaction is found in the petting zoo area.

Common animals of Wisconsin, such as goats, chickens, cows and pigs, even albino raccoons have a home at the petting zoo, but this area is also home to a wide variety of juvenile animals. Young coyote and wolf pups, bobcat, cougar



Zookeeper at the Special Memories Zoo, in Greenville Wis., holds a baby cougar.

and lynx kittens, and even a bear cub are handled each day by a zookeeper, who educates zoo visitors about the animal.

DeWitt, among other zookeepers, spent many hours this summer working

one-on-one with the cubs, pups and kittens and informing people about the animals' unique adaptations and behaviors.

"Working as a zookeeper is always interesting because you get to work with such unique animals," said DeWitt. "I never thought I'd work at a place where I could be so hands-on and feel what it's like to be handling a baby cougar or a coyote pup."

As a child, DeWitt loved animals from the first time she got acquainted with the family dog and cat. "I always wanted to be a veterinarian when I was little because I loved working with animals," DeWitt said. "As I grew older and thought about college, I wanted to work more with people, so I chose to study wildlife education and captive wildlife."

So what if your 10-week-old house kitten or puppy suddenly became a cougar kitten or a wolf pup? Don't all canines and felines basically behave in the same way?

According to DeWitt, there is a big difference between the pets humans are used to and the animals in a zoo.

"The zoo received a baby cougar when it was only 10 days old," said DeWitt. "At that time, it was about the size of an 8- or 9-week old normal kitten. I remember it

had really sharp claws and was very demanding. It needed a lot of attention, much more than your average kitten."

A bobcat kitten was also transferred to the zoo at the beginning of the summer. Internally, the young bobcat probably didn't know it was really a bobcat, but as DeWitt observed, it still acted like one.

"A bobcat doesn't play like a normal kitten does," she said. "They aren't as graceful. If it playfully bites your arm, it takes a lot for it to let go because it doesn't realize just how powerful its jaw really is."

Throughout the summer, DeWitt was able to educate hundreds of people about the animals at the zoo. "It was interesting to see how many people had no idea there were bobcats in Wisconsin," she said. "I also noticed the animals loved to watch the people as much as the people loved to watch them, particularly the black bears and the monkeys. They really like to people-watch."

In December, DeWitt plans to graduate from UW-SP, but plans to stay close to the area and the Special Memories Zoo. Her experiences working with diverse animals and people have given her new goals of continuing to do wildlife education.

"This summer gave me a whole new experience. After being in school for over four years, it'll be nice to permanently work with wildlife, which is something I've always wanted to do."

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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Monday, Sept. 18

Student Law Enforcement Association meeting - 6 p.m. in CNR 122

Tuesday, Sept. 19

The Wildlife Society meeting - 5 p.m. in CNR 170
Sustainable Agriculture in Communities Society meeting - 7 p.m. outside CPS cafeteria

Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association meeting - 7 p.m. in CNR 122

Backwoods Baking and Cooking Skills

Demonstration - 7:30 p.m. at Outdoor Adventures (call to reserve a spot)

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Roots & Shoots meeting - 5 p.m. in Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education (4th floor library)

UW-SP Parks & Recreation Association meeting - 5 p.m. in CNR 361

American Fisheries Society meeting - 5 p.m. in CNR 120

Thursday, Sept. 21

Society of American Foresters meeting - 5 p.m. in CNR 170

Soil & Water Conservation Society meeting - 5:30 p.m. in CNR 255

UW-SP Fire Crew meeting - 6 p.m. in CNR 170

Friday, Sept. 22

Outdoor Adventures
Sylvania Wilderness Canoe Trip (Sept. 22 - 24, students must sign up by Sept. 18).

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Delzell Hall is not a myth

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As I was heading over to Delzell Hall for my interview with Sandra Ruston, RNC, I realized that I wasn't exactly sure where Delzell Hall was. A few wrong turns later, and five minutes late for the interview, I found it. When I told Ruston, about my ordeal, she asked me if I was new to the university. I was somewhat embarrassed when I told her that I am actually a senior. Delzell Hall is the home of UW-SP Health Services. I spent the next half hour with Ms. Ruston, R.N.C. and I learned a lot of useful information. Delzell Hall is across from St. Michael's Hospital, and the general hours are Monday through Friday from 7:45am until 4:30pm. The number for UW-SP Health Services is 715-346-4646. There is a very large and friendly staff that is more than willing to assist students with their ailments. Any person enrolled at UW-SP

is eligible for the health services provided in Delzell Hall. Part of everyone's tuition goes toward the health fee which covers the expenses that arise from services offered.

Ruston provided me with a brochure that detailed several of the services covered by the health fee. Some of these services are: unlimited visits, allergy shots, clinical and pharmacy services for acute illness and injury, STD screenings and treatment, reproductive healthcare, limited physical therapy, and also nutrition counseling. The health fee often covers the cost of prescriptions that are prescribed by the Delzell staff.

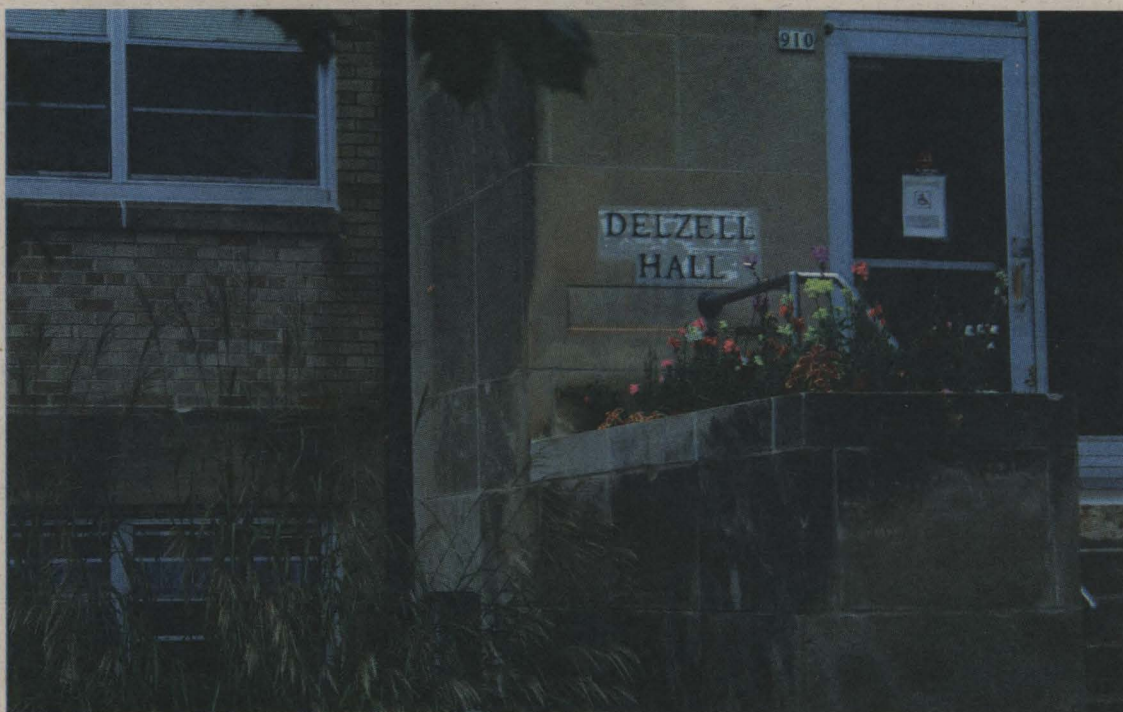
One area Ruston highlighted was the Family Planning Waiver Program that is now available. The Family Planning Waiver helps low income women receive free reproductive health care. Some services offered through the Family Planning Waiver are contraceptive supplies, emergency contraception, education and information, and also

pregnancy testing and counseling. You can contact UW-SP Health Services to find out if you are eligible for the Family Planning Waiver services.

Ruston also mentioned that they are getting ready for next month when Health Services will offer free flu shots. She

wishes more students would come and take advantage of this service because she sees so many students come in very sick during finals week. After spending time at Health Services, I thought about the many times I have been sick over the past three years and

how I wish I had known more about Delzell Hall. I highly recommend that everyone check it out because it's so close, and most of the services are included in our tuition, so we might as well use them!



Delzell Hall Houses all Student Health Needs

Photo from www.go2allen.com

What's happening at the Allen Center for health and wellness programs

Chelsey Ross
CARDIO CENTER
SCIENCE REPORTER

Free Group Fitness classes are now underway!

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Also, join Group Fitness for a great workout at the "Group Fitness Challenge" on Wednesday, September 20 from 3-7 p.m. outside of the Allen Center, and help yourself to free food and beverages.

You're invited to the debut of the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs at our "Get to Know Allen" week September 18-22. Free activities will be going on every day, with plenty of free food and free prizes as well! UW-SP students can also receive a free t-shirt for visiting the

Allen Center! Members of the Cardio Center can bring a friend to workout for free all week, and free bike rentals and free stress relief sessions will be available from Outdoor EdVentures and Student Health Promotion Office during the week.

The grand prize drawing will take place on Friday, giving all students a chance to win a Free year-long Cardio Center membership! Don't forget to stop by the Allen Center throughout the week! For a complete list of weekly events, visit www.go2allen.com.

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Assistant professor's 'Consuming Nature' explores Fox River Valley environmentalism

Press release
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Environmental debates, right or wrong, often pit the protection of nature against economic growth. But as author Gregory Summers reveals, environmentalism has unsuspected roots in consumerism that extend deeper than our present-day dilemmas.

Summers, an assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-

Stevens Point has just released a book, "Consuming Nature," published by University Press of Kansas.

Summers takes readers to Wisconsin's Fox River Valley more than fifty years ago to recount how technological and economic progress contributed to growing opposition among residents toward the industrial pollution of the river. On the one hand, there was the Wisconsin paper industry, long the largest employer in the area but

also largely responsible for polluting the Fox River. On the other hand, there was the burgeoning demand for outdoor recreation among local residents, which put the river's recreational and aesthetic benefits on an equal footing with its industrial potential. As a result, many citizens felt that paper mills no longer deserved carte blanche to dump their waste.

According to Summers, this shift from an industrial to consumer society eventually showed up in a small Green Bay courthouse. There attorneys for the Izaak Walton League confronted Adolph Kanneberg, a long-time conservationist now

defending the paper industry, with charges that the Fox River had been defiled. But "Consuming Nature" ranges well beyond this courtroom battle. Drawing on prominent national figures, from Frederick Jackson Turner and Theodore Roosevelt to Joseph R. McCarthy, the book shows how this local drama was playing on a much larger stage. Wisconsin's showdown over water quality, in fact, was being repeated throughout the country in similar disputes involving urban sprawl and the destruction of wilderness, as Americans struggled to balance their use of nature against the need to protect the environment.

"Environmentalists and their opponents have more in common than either side realizes," said Summers. "Understanding their shared history may not solve today's environmental problems, but it does give us a better place to carry on the conversation."

An expert in U.S. environmental history, Summers earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Akron, a master's from the University of California-Santa Barbara, and his Ph.D. from UW-Madison.

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New "Madden" more than a roster update

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Despite a 26-0 smack-down at the hands of the Chicago Bears last Sunday, the Green Bay Packers still have a chance this year to make the playoffs. At least on video-game consoles, they do.

My current obsession on Microsoft's older Xbox is "Madden NFL 07," the 17th installment of one of the most popular sports games in America. Gracing the cover of this year's game is Shaun Alexander, last season's NFL Most Valuable Player. Alexander's presence on the cover highlights the game's new rushing features, the

biggest new addition to the "Madden" series this season.

"Leadblocker Control" puts virtual athletes in charge of opening holes for running backs. While somewhat useful, I find myself never needing to control a lineman or fullback. Instead, the artificial intelligence players do a good job of opening holes themselves.

My favorite mode in "Madden NFL 07" is Superstar Mode: Hall of Fame, which allows a gamer to earn a spot on an NFL roster. While Superstar mode was in last year's game, it has been tuned-up.

The main goal of this year's version: get inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. From hiring an agent to the ever-popular IQ test,

Superstar mode is engaging and adds a single-player element to the game.

Despite the retooling of Superstar mode and the ability to control blockers, there is little change to other aspects of the game. I am one who feels that if "Madden" isn't broken, why should it be fixed? However, the Franchise mode is largely left alone, save for player roles and new college scouting.

To many fans of the game, "Madden NFL 07" feels like "Madden NFL 06" with a roster update. But like my feelings toward Packers quarterback Brett Favre, it is always nice to see "Madden" coming back for another year.

Tech Tidbit

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Hey freshmen! Welcome to college, land of all you can eat buffets, \$5 a cup Milwaukee's Best Light all weekend, 2 a.m. orders of Topperstix, and countless hours of sitting on your butt "studying." Sounds like tons of fun until November rolls around and those jeans are feeling a little snug and sweat pants become your new best friend. The freshman 15 is a cold hard reality.

There are two great programs on campus which offer fun and interesting ways to stay in shape for little to no cost, so you'll have money left over for that late night Taco



Group Fitness Spin Class helps keep those unwanted pounds off.

Photo by Chelsey Ross

Bell craving.

Group Fitness is a program housed in the Allen Center, which offers free aerobics classes taught by students, and offers both toning and cardio classes for all your fitness needs. Some of the classes offered include, step aerobics, spin, cardio kickboxing, water aerobic, ball, dynamic defini-

tion, rear attitude, hip hop and many more.

"Group Fitness is a wonderful way for students to get in shape without having to buy a membership to a gym," says Katie Olson, the Group Fitness Student Manager.

If you really want to shake up your fitness routine with a less conventional work out,

wander your cute self back to the Allen Center and take one or more of the many Holistic Health Classes.

Holistic Health is offering some new eclectic classes this semester like Tribal Fusion and Belly Dancing, Nia (a free form dancing class) and some tried and true classics like Power Yoga, Meditation and

Yoga, Karate, and Pilates. All classes are \$20 for students for a 6-week class. Classes start this week, and there is still room for more participants.

So, what will it be: beer bongs, chalupas and stretchy pants, or Pilates, spin and your skinny jeans? Don't let the freshman 15 happen to you!

Arts & Review

"Little Miss Sunshine" makes for one crazy road trip**Laura Shoup**THE POINTER
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Looking for a good movie to check out this weekend? Try the new indie flick "Little Miss Sunshine"—an offbeat story following the adventure of a quirky, unconventional family on a wild cross-country excursion.

Six eccentric family members pile into an old VW van with one mission in mind: to help make the dream of seven-year-old Olive, the youngest daughter, come true by getting her to a junior beauty pageant in California.

As odd as this storyline sounds, it makes for a hilariously entertaining film experience. This dysfunctional group of characters includes: a scholarly post-suicidal uncle, a father who is a failed motivational speaker, a nihilistic Nietzsche-reading adolescent boy on a vow of silence, a mom who provides the only source of stability, a crude and uncouth grandpa with a drug habit, and the charming, innocent little Olive.

Although they initially clash horribly and rub each other the wrong way, after a few days stuck in the same vehicle and some unexpected roadblocks, they learn that families need each other, no matter how crazy the situation.

And there's nothing not crazy about this situation. Everything from a van that everyone has to get behind and push before anyone can get into, to a dead body in the trunk, this movie is definitely not lacking in laughs.

Even so, the movie also does have a few particularly heartwarming, more dramatic moments that you don't typically see in films like these, but which add a greater depth to the art of this film.

"Little Miss Sunshine" premiered at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival back in January before hitting the big screen earlier this month. It is the first feature film from the husband/wife director team of Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris.

The main cast mem-

bers include Greg Kinnear, Steve Carell, Toni Collette, Alan Arkin, Paul Dano, and Abigail Breslin (the little girl from "Signs"—if you thought she was adorable back then, you will love her in this one). This group of talented actors worked very well together, and the character development added a lot to the depth of the film. I personally was impressed that Steve Carell pulled off a more serious role, rather than the slapstick comedy he is usually attributed to.

The music used also fit very well in the movie. Several different artists contributed to the soundtrack, including folk pop artist Sufjan Stevens, but the overall sound is very consistent and cohesive throughout, fitting perfectly with the style of the film.

Although "Little Miss Sunshine" may be stereotyped by some cynics as just another eccentric, artsy indie film, its perfect balance of humor and sentimentality give it a creative originality that many others in its genre lack.



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Frank Warren will be at the reception.

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An exhibition of poster works from Twin Cities Graphic Designers.

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Saturday, February 3, 2007

This major community fundraising event funds student scholarships in the Department of Art & Design and Theatre & Dance.

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February 11-March 4, 2007

Guest Curators: Bob Erickson and Melissa Dahlquist

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Calender of Events

With the UC being shut down for the year, so are some of campus' more popular entertainment venues, such as the Encore and the Basement Brewhaus. But there are still a ton of music events going on. Here's some of the stuff happening this month:

Thursday	14	Concert: The Profits—8 p.m. DeBot Tent
Friday	15	Point Brewed Talent: Making Out—8 p.m. DeBot Tent
Saturday	16	Slam Poet: Mayda del Valle—8 p.m. DeBot Tent
Thursday	21	Student Flute Recital: Paul Doeblen—7:30 Michelsen Hall
Thursday	21	Point Brewed Talent: The Grateful Dead—8 p.m. DeBot Tent
Friday	22	Singer/songwriter: Joe Lally—8 p.m. DeBot Tent
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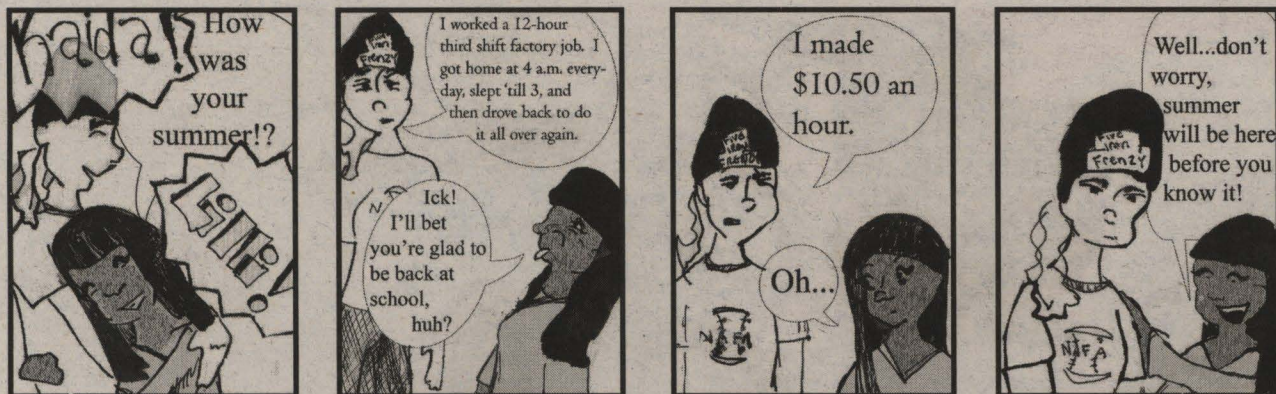
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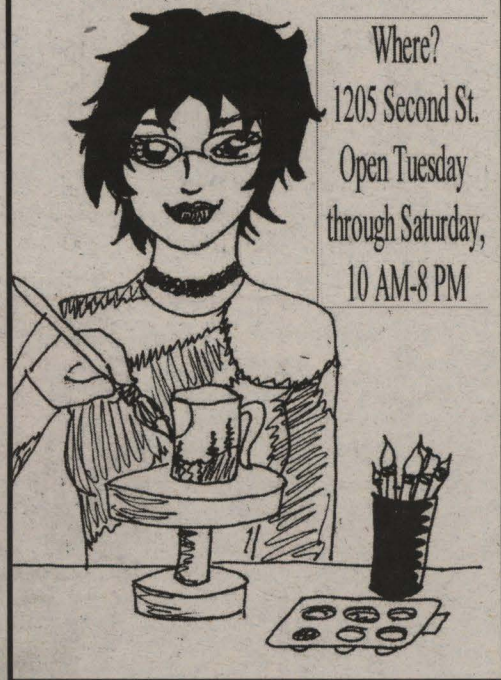
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