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## No lip-syncing Homecoming

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The up-and-coming pop sensation, Jessie James, will perform on campus to help "pump up the purple" for this year's homecoming festivities.

Dave Kallaway, central Wisconsin radio station 95.5 WIFC's on-air personality, described James at the new Christina Aguilera.

Greg Diekroeger, director of Campus Activities and advisor to the Homecoming committee, did some research with WIFC.

At the time James' song was on heavy rotation.

"The date was available, the price was right, it happened to fall in great with Homecoming and their theme. So it all came together," said Diekroeger.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, with bubble-gum rock band Push Play, is one of James' first stops on her tour.

"I am really excited to start," said James.

She said she really loves going out on the road and playing 45 minute sets rather than 15 minute solo performances like she has been doing lately.

One of her most recent performances on television was on the Ellen Degeneres show.

Many criticisms were thrown her way questioning if she had lip-synced the performance.

James said it is absurd to her why people think she would lip-synch.

"Why would I have ever gotten into this business to be a lip-syncher? I know a lot of people do that, but that's not why got into this. I got into this because I love to sing. I guess people are not used to artists being able to sing and sound that good. So I am taking it as a

compliment, but it also kinda pisses me off," said James.

"It's like I can't do anything right. If I sing the song really, really well then I am lip-syncing and if I mess up the song then I am a horrible live-singer."

James said this will be the largest school venue she has performed in.

"I feel like my music probably reaches out to college kids more than the younger kids or the older crowd. I really feel that is the perfect age group for my music..."

Just more than 200 tickets have been sold already.

Tickets are available now for the 7:30 p.m. show in the Dreyfus University Center Laird Room on Friday, Oct. 9 at the Information and Tickets Center or by calling toll free at (800) 838-3378.

Prices are \$5 for students with a UWSP student I.D. (or free the day of the show if tickets are still available), \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door without a UWSP student I.D.

"I think there will probably be tickets available the day of the show," Diekroeger said. "But I do think if you want to make sure you get in, buy your ticket for five dollars now, because I am pretty sure we will be turning students away."

Check out the numerous other homecoming events through out next week. <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/caro/homecoming/>.



## Faculty asked to relax attendance policies

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After the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point proved it difficult to follow mandated attendance policies for their students in regards to H1N1, the policies will become more lenient.

Some teachers were enforcing strict guidelines for students with "flu-like symptoms," while other teachers were letting students get out of class solely with an e-mail.

Bill Deering, a professor in the communication department, said, "It may be selfish, but I don't want to get sick. If I have a student e-mail me claiming they have the flu or any

'flu like symptoms,' I tell them to stay home."

A proposal by Eric Yonke, the Academic Affairs committee chair, asks students to make the best effort possible to inform their professors in a timely manner and does not require a doctor's note. The Board of Regents recently passed a similar proposal for UW system faculty.

Currently the Student Government Association is working on a letter asking to have the same attendance privileges as faculty.

Some teachers are not persuaded that easily. Bill Hettler told the student senate two weeks ago,

"Although the state mandates that students stay home when they have 'flu like symptoms,' some teachers are docking students for missing class and not handing in assignments."

The Academic Affairs committee has been heading up the campus discussion on this matter. They have come to an agreement to leave attendance policies up to each individual department, said Wednesday's edition of the Stevens Point Journal.

Each department has class

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## News

# UWSP disability services can be beneficial for all

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The leaves are changing and the weather has grown colder: October has definitely arrived. The beginning of October also means the beginning of Disability Awareness month.

According to the US Department of Labor, the month has its roots in 1945, when Congress designated the first week of October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

Additional changes were made throughout the years and in 1988 the week was changed to a month's worth of recognition and renamed "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

There are several departments and organizations on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus that work year round to assist students with disabilities and raise awareness on campus about disabilities.

One of these organizations is Advocates Backing Lifelong Empowerment, a student group that works to raise disability awareness and lobby for appropriate changes on campus. The organization also conducts an annual mobility check scouring campus for areas that may present problems to individuals with mobility issues.

Scott Allen, ABLE president, said Disability Awareness Month is relevant to all students. "Getting people informed about these issues, all of which are too often ignored, is important because it offers a means by which individuals with disabilities can become productive members of society and receive the proper dignity they deserve as human beings."

Savannah Bower, intern at the Disability Services Office, feels that Disability Awareness month is even more important for "able" students than it is for students with disabilities. According to Bower, this month is a chance for all students to learn more

about the challenges that students with disabilities face.

Disability Awareness Month also serves as springboard to spread the word about UWSP's Disability

from the services offered on campus. Based on information from surveys, Allen feels that many people with disabilities do not seek help because they are embarrassed and think that

institution like the Disability Services office is not admitting defeat; it is the calculated, practical acquisition of a tool with which to succeed," said Allen.

The month of October will include a series of free programs hosted by the Disability Services Office entitled "Celebrate All Abilities." The series will consist of 23 programs on disability, ranging from adaptive kayaking to classroom strategies to an autism spectrum panel. The series will kick off on Monday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a Disability Awareness Fair in the DUC Encore that will include nearly 40 informational tables and a welcome speech at noon by Interim Chancellor Mark Nook. For more information on the programs visit: [www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/celebrate](http://www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/celebrate)

Amy Gervasio, chair of the Disability Advisory Council, reports that approximately 360 students utilized services at the Disability Services Office in 2008. This is only 4 percent of the UWSP population but Gervasio points out that accommodations made for students with disabilities can benefit all students. Gervasio cites computer programs that translate text into spoken word, more accessible buildings and clear signage as just a few examples.

Unfortunately, many misconceptions about disabilities still exist, said Allen. Social stigmas can cause students with disabilities to feel isolated. "I've had students with traumatic brain injury who are shy about explaining what happened to them because people make fun of the situation," said Gervasio.

Allen hopes that educating all students about disabilities will break old misconceptions and create a welcoming, supporting environment for students of all abilities. Allen said, "Creating that sort of atmosphere on campus will provide a 'stronghold,' which can extend out into the community, and even the state as a whole, if enough people get behind it."



## Celebrate ALL Abilities

### Disability and Accessibility Awareness Programs for the month of October

#### Week One

- October 5 - Disability Awareness Fair, 11am-2pm The DUC Encore
- October 5 - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 2pm The DUC 374
- October 5 - Opening the Outdoors to People with Disabilities, 3 pm The DUC Room 230C
- October 6 - What is Disability Services and Assistive Technology? 12pm The DUC Room 374
- October 6 - Invisible Disabilities in the College Classroom, 4pm The DUC Room 374
- October 6 - Adaptive Kayaking, 7pm The HEC Quandt Fieldhouse Pool
- October 7 - Premier Tools: A Text-to-Voice Demo, 3pm CPS 107

#### Week Two

- October 12 - Learning to Succeed, 3pm The DUC Room 374
- October 13 - Classroom Strategies for Students Support, 2:30pm The DUC Room 374
- October 14 - Students with Disabilities in College, 3:30pm CPS 230
- October 15 - Coping with Brain Injury is a Family Matter, 1pm The DUC 374
- October 16 - ADHD and College Success, 3pm CPS 233
- October 16 - Movie: The Story of Christie Brown, 7pm The DUC Theater

#### Week Three

- October 19 - Midstate Independent Living Consultants Presentation, 6pm CPS 317
- October 20 - Implications of Low Vision Workshop, 3pm The DUC Room 374
- October 20 - Autism Spectrum Disorders: Perspectives of a Student and Parent, 6:30pm CPS 317
- October 21 - Blindness and Low Vision, 2pm CPS 317
- October 22 - Adapted Recreation/Special Olympics/Young Athletes Programs at the Stevens Point Area YMCA, 1pm The DUC Encore

#### Week Four

- October 26 - Barrier-free Access to Online Resources for All, 12pm CPS 230
- October 27 - Stain Glass Art Demonstration and Accessibility, 11am NFAC 197
- October 28 - Americans with Disabilities Act and Reasonable Accommodations, 11am CCC 104
- October 28 - Responding to Disability: A Faculty Panel, 12pm CCC 104
- October 28 - Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder in Adults, 3pm The DUC Room 374
- October 29 - What is the Disability Advisory Council? 11am The DUC Encore

For more information on events visit: [www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/celebrate](http://www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/celebrate)

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\*If you are in need of any accommodations for the above program(s), please contact the Office of Disability Services at 715-346-3365 or e-mail [dissv@uwsp.edu](mailto:dissv@uwsp.edu)

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Advisory Council and the Disability Services Office. Allen hopes that publicity from events taking place this month will encourage students with a disability to seek assistance

getting help would be admitting inferiority.

This is one of many misconceptions that Allen hopes to break through education. "Getting help from an

## Add budgeting 101 to your credit load this semester

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The broke college student. The short supply of Ramen Noodles in a college store is a sure sign that this is the fate for many students. Even though a new school year just recently started, chances are, as a student, you may already be feeling strapped for cash having just paid for tuition, housing, books and meal plans.

The worst part is that you can't go knocking on the financial aid office's door until January! Believe it or not, if you are smart and learn how to budget, college doesn't have

to leave you penniless.

Here are some tips that will help free up some cash during college:

You're going to want to write this down. The best place to start when creating a budget is save all receipts and statements for one month. It's an easy way for you to assess what you're spending your money on.

Next, write down your monthly income and list any non-recurring expenses such as renters insurance. Also keep in mind any credit card balances. Are you making enough each month to satisfy your current lifestyle? Have you been able to save any money?

**Time to cut back.** If you answered "no" to the last questions, it's time to make some cutbacks. Begin by

eliminating non-essentials such as cable television or Internet access in your apartment or dorm. Rather than buying books or movies, head to the library on campus. Consider buying used textbooks instead of brand new books. Another obvious way to cut back expenses is to eat out less. To save at the grocery store, make a list before you go, stick to it and be sure to use coupons.

**Make it a habit.** Since funds will likely be tighter for the next few years, budgeting needs to become a habit. Over time you will feel cash flow freeing up, but rather than going on a spending spree, put this extra cash into your savings in case of an emergency, such as a car repair.

**Ask for help.** Budgeting can be

difficult and, like anything, needs practice, so don't be afraid to ask a friend or your parents for extra advice on ways to cut back or increase income. Also, be sure to talk with a trusted local banker as they can provide you with resources and options for making your money work smarter for you.

Remember, learning how to budget while in college is one lesson you don't want to delay on, especially since you now have the support of your parents and the financial aid office. Best of all, this is one lesson you are sure to use throughout your life.

# Women fight for feminine hygiene products on campus

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It's a scenario females know all too well. The dreaded surprise visit of "aunt flow," the "crimson tide" or, as it's more commonly referred to, her period. It's not a pleasant thing to talk about, but some women are talking nonetheless, specifically about the lack of feminine hygiene products

**"It's a women's rights issue."**

**— Smith**

on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. Leading this discussion is the Women's Resource Center, who has been trying to draw attention to this issue since the spring.

A decision was made two years ago to stop supplying feminine hygiene products dispensers on campus after a suggestion to end the program was proposed. Since then the machines have fallen into various states of disrepair and those that look alright simply steal the quarter of any unsuspecting victim in need of a tampon since they have run out of stock long ago. In the past the responsibility to restock and maintain the machine was the job of Academic Custodial Services, but since the program was considered too costly and labor-intensive they dropped it.

"It's a women's rights issue," said Dana Smith, executive coordinator of the WRC. "If a female on campus, student or faculty, is unfortunate enough to need a tampon or pad they are forced to go off campus and

miss their class or meeting. This puts the women at UWSP at a terrible disadvantage."

Progress to bring attention to this issue has been slow but with the new school year, advancements have been made. "The Battle for Tampons," a Facebook group geared to raise awareness of this campus-wide problem, boasts a strong membership of concerned women and empathetic men. With the public outcry getting louder, Greg Diemer, vice chancellor of Business Affairs is pursuing a solution on this service and there is currently legislation being brought to Student Government Association to protect the machines in the future.

Although it's a step forward, Smith warns that right now everything is just talk. "This news is uplifting but the battle isn't over and it won't be until we can get the machines stocked and the right protected."

For more information or to get involved in the cause join the Facebook group online: "The Battle for Tampons." Females in need of feminine hygiene products can go to the Women's Resource Center room, 065 of the Dreyfus University Center for supplies.



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This is considered one of the better looking dispensers on campus; however, what's missing?

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curriculums that are affected by attendance policies differently. Such as labs and class critiques versus lectures and homework.

Hettler said the state issued a report saying, "People are encouraged to follow good hygiene precautions such as hand washing, covering their cough/sneeze with their sleeve or a tissue, and staying home when ill."

Locally, St. Michael's, UWSP

So, here lies the dilemma of how to handle their attendance if affected by swine flu. Although students don't want to fail tests and lose participation points, they are still advised to stay home. One student was even sent out of the residence hall in order to keep the flu from spreading.

Students should get vaccinated as soon as possible to avoid getting sick at all. Flu shots were given free

**"It may be selfish, but I don't want to get sick."**

**— Deering**

and Rice Medical Center released a report stating the many precautions that not only students, but everyone should follow. The report advises people, even if just experiencing one of the symptoms listed, to isolate themselves to eliminate the risk of spreading the disease.

Cough, sore throat, body aches, chills, runny nose, stuffy nose, fatigue, headache, diarrhea and vomiting are all signs of H1N1 or as students prefer to call it, "swine flu."

to students this past week but can still be purchased at local hospitals. If students do find themselves fighting the flu they should work best with teachers to come up with a plan to get the work done. Everyone can help stop the flu from becoming a pandemic.

# Community turns out for Trivia Unplugged

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Trivia is known throughout the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point campus as a pivotal moment in student activities and experience. The countless hours of staying awake in the wee hours of the night to answer questions. Attaining victory is worth it in the end.

It is no wonder that trivia has become a word synonymous with what is known as the "World's Largest Trivia Contest." That trivia contest begins in April of each year, but 90FM teamed up with Arts Alliance of Portage County to host a new type of trivia contest. Trivia Unplugged definitely received a spark from the crowd this past weekend, as teams crammed together to win the title of Trivia Unplugged champions.

Hosted at Ramada Inn in Stevens Point, WI, approximately 400 people in the 90FM listening area and others from as far away as Boston, Mass., joined together to battle in a game of wits. Though this type of event is entertaining, it was also used as a fundraiser for the Arts Alliance of Portage County (AAPC). Arts Alliance is an art advocate that backs certain artistic endeavors throughout the area.

"We advocate for things like public art," said Otis McLennon, the executive director of AAPC. "Most recently we have been involved in the establishment of the Stevens Point Sculpture Park which is scheduled to open in June of 2010."

Trivia Unplugged was held very much like the trivia contest that 90FM hosts in the spring. McLennon states

that each team had the same rules to follow. "No research materials, either analog or digital are allowed in the competition room. No cell phones, no computers, no books, no magazines, no nothin'. The answers to the questions have to come from your head. You either know it or you don't."

Scott Clark, the 90FM station manager, recalls how 90FM and AAPC came together.

"The Arts Alliance of Portage County came up with the idea and asked if they could do this as a fundraiser. We said yes as long as Jim 'The Oz' Oliva could write and read the questions during the event," said Clark.

Jim Oliva, or "Oz" as he is most commonly referred to, along with John Eckendorf write the questions for the annual "World's Largest Trivia Contest" in April. They also reprised their role as "trivia masters" for Trivia Unplugged as they created questions similar to the 90FM trivia contest questions.

"This competition is the 'Cadillac' Trivia competition," said David Stenklyft, a member of the Flying Zupan Brothers, who enter all the other major trivia contests in the state. "I was surprised at how hard the questions were and even more surprised at how good the teams were. These are all very good teams."

This fundraising event flickered in the eyes of many teams throughout the day, hoping to receive the trophy as a prize. Though it seemed like a win for the top teams, it was definitely a win for the arts. More information about the Art's Alliance of Portage County can be found at <http://www.artsportagecounty.org>.

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Sudoku 9x9 - Puzzle 2 of 5 - Easy

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# Weekend Buzz

## Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009

Foreign Language Picnic taking place at the Boy Scout Lodge in Iverson Park at 5 p.m. and the cost for students is \$3.

Tournees French Film Festival continues with "Les Chansons D'Amour" in the Noel Fine Arts Center, room 221, from 7 - 9 p.m.

Swanee River Oriole Orchestra plays at Kristin's Riverwalk in downtown Stevens Point from 7 - 9 p.m.

Wrath of the Girth, Cleobury and Beware the Doctor plays at The Afterdark in downtown Stevens Point from 7 - 11 p.m.

Adam Ace, comedian, will be in the Dreyfus University Center Encore from 8 - 9 p.m.

## Friday, Oct. 2, 2009

Residence Hall Association volleyball tournament on the courts behind Smith Hall from 4 - 8 p.m.

Joanna Squire is playing at Rudy's Redeye Grill from 4 - 8 p.m.

Chinese Culture Club Moon Festival takes place in the DUC Laird Room from 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Galynne and MarkOnDrums plays at Emy J's at 7 p.m.

Newport Jams plays in the DUC Encore at 8 p.m.

## Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009

Indoor Farm Market at Emy J's from 9 - 1 p.m.

Spud Bowl featuring the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point vs. University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at Georke Park at 1 p.m.

Wisconsin's largest paranormal conference, The Unexplained Conference, is at the Holiday Inn starting at 7 p.m. and costs \$9 to enter.

Rock Paper Scissors plays at Rudy's Redeye Grill at 8:30 p.m..

Planet of 9 and All Fear Aside plays at Congress Club at 9:30 p.m.

Bags tournament in the DUC Encore from 8 p.m. - 12 midnight.

## Celebrate ALL Abilities



### October is Disability Awareness Month

**Disability Awareness Fair**  
**Monday, October 5, 2009**  
**The DUC Encore**  
**11am-2pm**

Watch for programs on Disability Awareness throughout the month of October

For more event information:  
[www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/celebrate](http://www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/celebrate)

## Random rants with Andy: Wii tennis

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According to my most recent "Men's Health" issue, 46 percent of Wii-related injuries occur while playing Wii Sports Tennis.

In a world where winning means seeing how fast you can row your little wooden canoe down a mineshaft river, or how acutely you aim at targets that cascade zipponiously across your hand-me-down HD television, are we really that surprised that tennis takes the Wimbledon of Wii Sports injuries? Not only do you have to crank that backhand, wind that forehand, and serve like Serena Williams, but it's essential. You have to swing fast and hard if you want Wii to recognize you're a pro. And at the end of the day, that's the way it is. It's the law of the Wii. If we lose, our character does a sad dance. Fail.

Now, here are my two cents: good and bad can come from this statistic.

The bad: You're playing against a loved one. Maybe it's your significant other. Maybe it's one of your parents who just bought you a Subaru full of groceries. Maybe it's your 10 year old cousin, Annie. Something slips, and the next thing you know you're feeling horrible for the rest of Thanksgiving dinner. What's even worse is that Annie doesn't look at you the same. She crinkles her nose and acts as if she didn't hear your Zac Efron joke. And she has good reason to. She's got to face long-division next week, and we all know the fourth grade doesn't let you get away with memorizing the answers like the third.

The good: You're at a party, preferably one of those Wii parties. Sure, it's a good mix of people, but someone invites a friend of a friend that you could care less about. Actually, he's the one that spilled some concoction on you one night a long time ago, and even though he's completely forgotten about it, you haven't. Why would you? Now you're both up for your game of Wii tennis. Your Federer backhand slips. Oops. No, really. Not only do you not feel bad, but it's a great time to inform of the statistic mentioned above. Everyone understands. You're not the bad guy. You're just a guy who keeps his friends close (by showing up to a Wii party), and his enemies closer (Federer backhand). All in all, not a bad evening. It could have been worse. The girl you like could have attended the Dance Dance Revolution party down the street, but she didn't, did she?

But even if you're mildly to hugely successful in either one of these scenarios, what's great about this "ballsy" experience is at the end of the day you can call yourself a statistic. And who doesn't want to be statistic?



## annoying types of **facebook** users

10. The Mafia farmer - "Michael Jordan found a lost sheep on his farm. Billy Bob got promoted to Level 90 in Mafia Wars"

Playing countless hours of games like Mafia Wars or Farmville to the point that all your friends ever see from you are invites and lost sheep, may prove that you just have way too much time on your hands. According to Facebook, Mafia Wars has 25,708,764 monthly active users and Farmville has 51,454,512 monthly active users. Imagine if all those people went out and really created a farm or tried to join a mafia. World hunger and overpopulation solved.

9. The photo posting addict - Posting every single photo you have onto Facebook regardless of how bad you look or how inappropriate they are is not exactly a good thing. In all seriousness, posting photos online can get you in serious trouble if your future employer checks Facebook and most do. People get fired all the time for posting stuff that makes them look bad, especially people who are supposed to be some sort of a role model. This is especially a problem if you're a friend of the photo posting addict, and you do something embarrassing while drunk or just being yourself.
8. The poker - Poking people is SO four years ago. Just don't poke people anymore; it's not cool. Unless of course you are still in high school or middle school.
7. Is - People who just post "is" after their name clearly don't have anything going for them. At least they aren't posting stuff that makes absolutely no sense, but it still a waste of time and space on the newsfeed.
6. The update machine - "Justin woke up." "Justin ate a grape." "Justin is typing."

Do you post every couple seconds to Facebook because you believe people really want to know about your every waking moment? Nobody wants to know about that boring stuff. Post when something interesting is happening or worth talking about. If you're going to do this stuff, go to Twitter where nobody cares. "Justin is writing his JUSTEN." See, nobody cares that I'm writing this.

5. The chat stalker - You're rushing online to check your Facebook, when suddenly you are pounced on by an array of people waiting for you in the Facebook chat. This new gadget allows people to not only watch every move on your page but also bother you whenever you go to the damn page. These people live on Facebook. If I really wanted to talk to you, I'd post on your wall or send you a message. (Example: Steve Danger Apfel)
4. The quiz taker - Taking fun quizzes was once an enjoyable past-time among friends. Now it has become a frenzy of people taking quizzes like mad and telling other people what they got in order to get them to take the quiz as well. Half the quizzes make no sense or only have one result anyway, but people keep taking them.
3. The chronic inviter - "Support my cause. Join my group. Attend my birthday party. I lost my phone. I found my phone. What superpower do you secretly have? Which TOTALLY AWESOME 80's female cartoon character are you? How much wood could a woodchuck really chuck? Join my brothel. Save the whales. Kill the whales."

OK, you probably don't mean to get on anyone's nerves, in fact, you may be really passionate about your cause; you may even have some sort of super power, but please give it a rest. Can't we all JUST be Facebook friends? Do I have to join your Mafia? Do I have to be an 80's female cartoon character or you won't talk to me? I hope not.

2. Your parent(s) - There is nothing like logging on to Facebook for your daily routine only to realize the dreaded news that you have been added as a friend by your mom and/or dad. Facebook was once meant for college students only. Now your mom can add you and keep tabs on everything you could possibly be doing. A bit scary, especially if they realize you are tagged in photos doing idiotic things and being completely wasted. The only thing more frustrating than being friend requested by your mom is probably...
1. People still in high school or middle school - Facebook was meant for college students or at least for adults. It would still be that way if they didn't get extremely rich by expanding who can use the site. Now, receivin friend requests from your best friends 13-year-old sister is common and downright annoying. They also frequently fall into almost all of the categories above.

Need advice? Want to share some ideas or thoughts?

Email it to [jglod170@uwsp.edu](mailto:jglod170@uwsp.edu) and we will be sure to keep it anonymous and respond in a timely manner here in *The Pointer*.

# spotlight on

## Intercity Impact



Photo courtesy of Katrina Mijal

Students take some time out of their semester to help those who are less fortunate in last year's Intercity Impact.

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College presents its students with many options, opportunities and outlets. With so many options there is bound to be a comfortable fit for everyone, and even an uncomfortable fit for those who wish to leave their comfort zone and enhance their world and self view. Junior, Katrina Mijal, service trip coordinator of the Student Involvement and Employment Office and at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, recommends just that and offers in return a life-changing experience.

From Nov. 6 through 8, a service trip called "Intercity Impact" will take UWSP student volunteers to Milwaukee. Here students will dive into the inner-city to provide help for those in need. Mijal stated that the hungry and the homeless will be those benefitting most from the volunteers weekend sacrifice.

Being the second year of the Milwaukee outreach program, the coordinators from SIEO and Multicultural Affairs have an experienced eye for what will happen. The non-profit organizations that they worked with last year are actually the main reason for returning. The Guest House of Milwaukee was the main organization the students aided by implementing a mailing project and showing a movie for residents. Also students fed lunch to The Rescue Mission, a men's shelter.

Alongside the outstanding partnerships that students are building in Milwaukee lie even more reasons why inner-city Milwaukee is the perfect fit for an annual weekend service project.

"This project is all about helping others, gaining experience, learning about the social issue of poverty and bringing it back to

your own community to make a difference," said Mijal.

Students receive training beforehand to prepare them for situations they may be placed in throughout the Milwaukee experience.

"It is close enough for just weekend travel and a city that is not too big but just big enough to be eye opening," said Mijal. "They need help there and it is a good chance to bring back what we learn in Milwaukee to Stevens Point because Stevens Point does have homelessness issues, too."

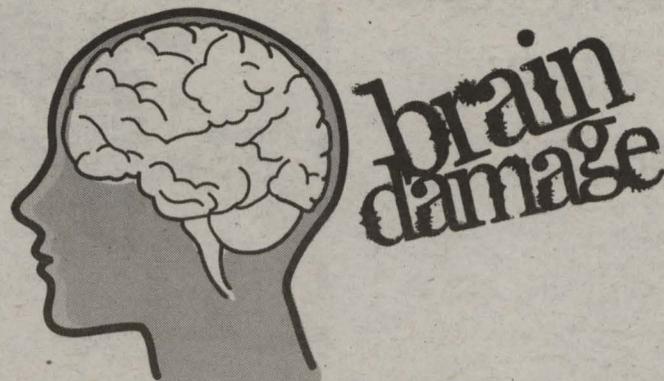
After they return, the group always makes a point to reach out to their own community, with the hopes of helping local organizations like the Salvation Army or Operation Bootstrap.

The involvement doesn't have to end there. SIEO promotes many service trips every year. Previously they have had trips for hurricane relief, in state parks, laboring at a camp for children with HIV or AIDS and in other locations where there is a need they can fill.

This year there is talk of leaving the Midwest and travelling to Moab, Utah, to do an environmentally based service project through the non-profit The Plateau Restoration.

Intercity Impact is accepting students through Friday Oct. 2. Students can contact Katrina Mijal or sign up through SIEO to participate. The cost of the program for UWSP students is \$25.00. This cost includes all trainings, transportation, lodging and most meals. Participants are expected to attend training sessions before the service trip.

SIEO stresses the importance of getting involved and making a difference throughout your time at UWSP and this is an opportunity to do so.



## Happy breast cancer awareness month!

About 2 million women in the United States have breast implants, with 250,000 going under the knife each year. The average age of a woman who gets implants is 34, and 90 percent do it after they have kids. Most women increase by two cup sizes after the implants.

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One in eight women or 12.6 percent of all women will get breast cancer in their lifetime.

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American women's cup sizes break down to the following: A cups are 15 percent, B cups are 44 percent, C cups are 28 percent and D cups are 10 percent, while the remaining 3 percent are AA cups, AAA cups, DD cups and beyond.

Three percent of nipples are "innies," or inverted nipples, according to one survey taken in 1999.

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## Science & Outdoors

# Musky fishing made possible through research

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It is officially autumn and for most outdoorsmen and women, the changing of the seasons calls for a change in sport. For avid fishermen however, October simply means another two or three months of muskellunge fishing.

Muskellunge are trophy fish and usually, so are the accompanying tales. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the musky "is so highly valued that the state legislature proclaimed it the official state fish in 1955."

In the state of Wisconsin, U.S. Hwy 10 divides the inland waters of the northern and southern fishing zones, excluding the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.

While muskellunge season is underway throughout the entire state, the season ends on Nov. 30 in the northern zone and Dec. 31 marks the last day of the season for the southern zone. For each zone, the daily limit is one musky at a minimum length of 34 inches; however, various locations on the Wisconsin River enforce different restrictions and it is important to consult the Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations which can be found on the DNR Web site.

Population management of the state fish requires the DNR to

take action in order to protect the spawning habitat. A recent two-year study that was conducted on 24 lakes in northern Wisconsin gives way to a new technological advancement that revolutionizes the way in which fisheries biologists identify musky spawn locations.



Photo by Joe Meyer

Joe Meyer, an avid muskellunge fisherman, with a recent catch on the Wisconsin River

A computer model was created through the research of the University of Michigan, Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin and the DNR that minimizes the labor and expenses involved in the task of identifying

fish spawning.

Researchers were able to pinpoint the location of mating muskies using handheld spotlights and proceeded to record the position and ecology of the site using digital mapping software. After returning to the location the following day, they were able to

verify, through the presence of eggs, that spawning had in fact occurred.

Until this Geographic Information System model, there had been no accurate way to calculate the location of spawning muskellunge.

As a result, the stocking of fish will become a matter of calculations rather than estimations.

The DNR recently helped the 12 Apostles Musky Club, Inc. of Stevens Point stock 700 muskies in the Wisconsin River. A majority of the funding for the project was made possible through donations and club fundraisers.

Future donations to the 12 Apostles Musky Club, Inc. will allow for further stocking in the area.

The fish were injected with a blue dye in an attempt to track population and were released in the Stevens Point flowage. It is expected that the muskellunge will travel downstream into at least three different flowages along the Wisconsin River.

The blue dye is intended to aid in the tracking of musky recruitment in the future. In any given year, fish recruitment refers to the young-of-year fish that enter a population. In this case, the young-of-year fish are marked with the blue dye. It is the hope of the DNR that the absence of blue dye will indicate a healthy spawning population.

In the meantime, muskellunge fishermen can rest-assured, knowing that as others are using GIS programs and blue dye to ensure a healthy and spawning population of fish, all they have to do is spend the estimated 50 hours waiting to reel in that trophy.

## Peace Corps offers endless opportunities to UWSP students

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Teaching math in Azerbaijan. Helping a small business get on its feet in Mali. Introducing farmers in Ecuador to new agricultural techniques. Developing a library in Honduras. Working with at-risk teens in Cambodia. Educating a community in Mozambique about HIV/AIDS prevention and care. What will you be doing next summer?

With the Peace Corps, these are just a few of hundreds of possibilities.

Since 1961, the Peace Corps has sent 195,000 volunteers to 139 countries. According to the Peace Corps Web site, these volunteers have worked toward three simple goals: "Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women. Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served. Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans."

Currently, there are approximately 7,500 Peace Corps volunteers overseas working to promote peace, friendship and understanding in 74 different countries. According to Peace Corps Public Affairs Specialist

Christine Torres, there are currently 17 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point graduates serving overseas and over 380 Peace Corps/UWSP alumni. This ranks UWSP fourth in Wisconsin for all-time Peace Corps alumni, trailing only UW-Milwaukee, Marquette University and UW-Madison.

Why do thousands of Americans choose to leave behind comfortable homes, friends and family each year to immerse themselves in the developing world? To make a difference!

Other benefits of Peace Corps service can include student loan deferment, fluency in a foreign language and the acquisition of skills applicable in almost any future career.

If committing 27 months to training and service in the Peace Corps sounds like your cup of tea, then hit the books. That's right; getting a diploma is step number one. Most Peace Corps volunteers have a four-year degree. Step number two is demonstrating your commitment to serving others by volunteering. Tu hablas Español? Parlez vous Français? Knowledge of Spanish or French is helpful as well.

Although the Peace Corps is a volunteer organization, the application process is still competitive. In fact, each year, over 14,000 people vie for 3-4,000 spots. According to Joshua Becker, Peace

Corps Regional Recruiter, there has been a 20 percent increase in applicants over the past year. The volunteers that are chosen for service are those best qualified to fit the needs of the individual countries.

Feeling deflated because you don't think you'll qualify? No worries. "Any volunteer who is willing to gain the necessary experience can become qualified and can ultimately serve. It's not our business to be turning

**"Any volunteer who is willing to gain the necessary experience can become qualified and can ultimately serve."**

**— Peace Corps**

people away. We want people to have this experience and be able to share their skills," said Becker.

Natural resources students interested in the Peace Corps can look forward to many opportunities in forestry, protected-areas management and environmental education. According to Becker, the organization is seeing many requests for men and women trained in the field of natural resources. In addition, students can work toward a master's degree in natural resources from UWSP in conjunction with their Peace Corps service through the Master's International Program.

The Peace Corps also recruits volunteers in other categories including education, youth and community development, health, agriculture, business and communication and information technology.

Ready to hop on a plane right now? Enthusiasm is great, but patience is a virtue. If you are a senior, start filling out your application as soon as possible. It can take up to 12 months to complete the entire

process. If you are a freshman or sophomore, get involved on campus or in the community and if you have a few spare hours, dust off your old Spanish workbook from high school.

A life-changing adventure awaits, and upon your return, you'll join Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and NBC's Chris Matthews in holding the distinguished title of Returned Peace Corps volunteer.

For more information, explore the Peace Corps Web site at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) or e-mail questions to Joshua Becker at [jbecker@peacecorps.gov](mailto:jbecker@peacecorps.gov).

# Science & Outdoors

## Public interest group is the voice for Wisconsin

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point chapter of the Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group is a young and thriving organization. Though it debuted on the UWSP campus six years ago, WISPIRG has been around for 20 years and is rooted in Madison.

Jarod Gregory, WISPIRG campus organizer, called the organization a "state based, student-led, public interest group" to which Matthew Guidry, WISPIRG treasurer, added, "that pushes for positive social change."

A typical day finds WISPIRG tackling issues relating to the environment, health care, hunger, homelessness and transportation. Currently, they are supporting the federal transportation bill that will "help expand public transportation options and bring new high-speed rail to Wisconsin and states across the country" according to the WISPIRG official Web site.

WISPIRG hopes that the bill, which Congress will take up this year, will improve public transportation and make it more readily accessible. The organization is dedicated to providing innovative solutions for problems that affect Wisconsin citizens.

Meetings, which are held every Monday night at 7 p.m. in room 70E of the Dreyfus University Center, are based around campaign planning, volunteering, press releases and most importantly learning "how to be an effective citizen," said Guidry.

In order to bring awareness to and actively pursue various issues, WISPIRG hosts media and political action events. They invite the public to join in a cause that they believe will better the lives of citizens around the state. Calling or writing letters to state representatives and signing petitions allows an individual to take on the role of an activist.

One way in which WISPIRG is actively involved on campus is a residence hall competition that encourages students to use the least amount of resources possible.

Other events that testify to WISPIRG's community involvement include volunteering at a local homeless center during Hunger Cleanup and a Green Building Tour that promotes energy efficiency among small business owners.

Gregory, who was recently hired by WISPIRG for the full-time position of campus organizer, said that the beauty of the group is that it allows students to "build up their experience by doing things that can make a difference on their campus, in their community and in their state."

## Buckthorn not welcome in Wisconsin under new invasive species rule

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"The UW-Marshfield/Wood County Commission and area volunteers are waging war on buckthorn," according to a UW-Marshfield report issued this past week.

Like Wood County, Stevens Point has also been dealing with its own buckthorn problem.

Buckthorn may look pretty to the uneducated eye. An ornamental bush that boasts berries and flowers, it is an invasive species that deprives native plants of nutrients, light and moisture. The buckthorn degrades and threatens wildlife habitats, contributes to erosion and is highly resistant to disease and insects.

A natural dispersal method occurs when birds eat the buckthorn berries, and proceed to spread the seeds through their droppings, causing the plant to grow wild. The species has the potential to grow aggressively due to their ability to thrive in both shade and full sun.

"As with all species, buckthorns in natural areas are most effectively controlled by recognizing their appearance early and removing isolated plants before they begin to produce seed," according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Although mechanical and chemical methods of control can be enforced, early detection remains the

most effective method of controlling the exotic buckthorn.

Although buckthorn is considered a bush, it can grow large enough to resemble a tree. The size of this plant makes it very hard to cut one down,

the invasive species, although cutting down and removing buckthorn from the woods is also necessary.

As of Sept. 1, it is illegal "to transport, import, transfer, sell and introduce restricted species, like



Photo by UW-Marshfield/ Wood County

The eradication of the buckthorn is underway with the DNR's new invasive species rule.

making it even more difficult to clear an entire forest of the invasive plant. In some cases, a chainsaw is required.

This past spring, staff and students within the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point noticed a large amount of buckthorn in the Schmeckle Reserve. They conducted a long project to remove as much of the buckthorn as possible from the woods.

Education continues to play a crucial role in minimizing the effects of

buckthorn, under the state DNR's "invasive species rule." Matt Frank, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary said of the new rule, "Today's action will help prioritize our effort to efficiently address the threats posed by invasive species." The intent of the new rule is education and eradication, or to at least slow the spread of restricted, invasive species like buckthorn in Wisconsin.

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# Sports

## Students anticipating Monday night showdown

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After playing three games with the Minnesota Vikings and maintaining a firm grip on the most-consecutive starts record, Brett Favre will complete another career first on this week's Monday Night Football by starting against the Green Bay Packers.

After playing with the Packers for 15 seasons and cementing his legacy, Favre will have the opportunity to prove himself against his former team. With both teams looking strong, the NFC North division will have a battle that carries a personal grudge.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students and football fans across Wisconsin are gearing up for a rivalry match with extra incentive. Fans are eager to see Favre's legendary status tested against a rebuilt Green Bay team.

Some Packer fans still give Favre respect, but do not want to see him on a rival team.

"The Vikings haven't done anything right in their entire existence," said UWSP student Ben Kain. "Favre is the only player they've ever had, and I think he'll give up plenty of interceptions against Green Bay."

"They have our old quarterback, but we know how to work him,"

said UWSP student Ben Sturm. "I think it will be really emotional for Favre, after playing with the Packers for 15 years, he's going to want to get back at Ted Thompson and the rest of the team for letting him go after a season that was one game away from the Super Bowl."

"I just wish he wasn't in the same division as us. It's good that he's still playing, but I don't think he'll be able to put up big numbers against Green Bay," Sturm said.

Sturm also expressed satisfaction with the Packers' passing game.

"Aaron Rodgers is looking good this year. I was disappointed after last year when he wouldn't finish the games, but this year he's stepped up," Sturm said. "He's doing what Favre used to do—throwing the bombs."

There is no shortage of Vikings fans on campus, and they are more than happy to have the former Packer on their side.

"I think the Vikings are the best I have seen them in a long time.

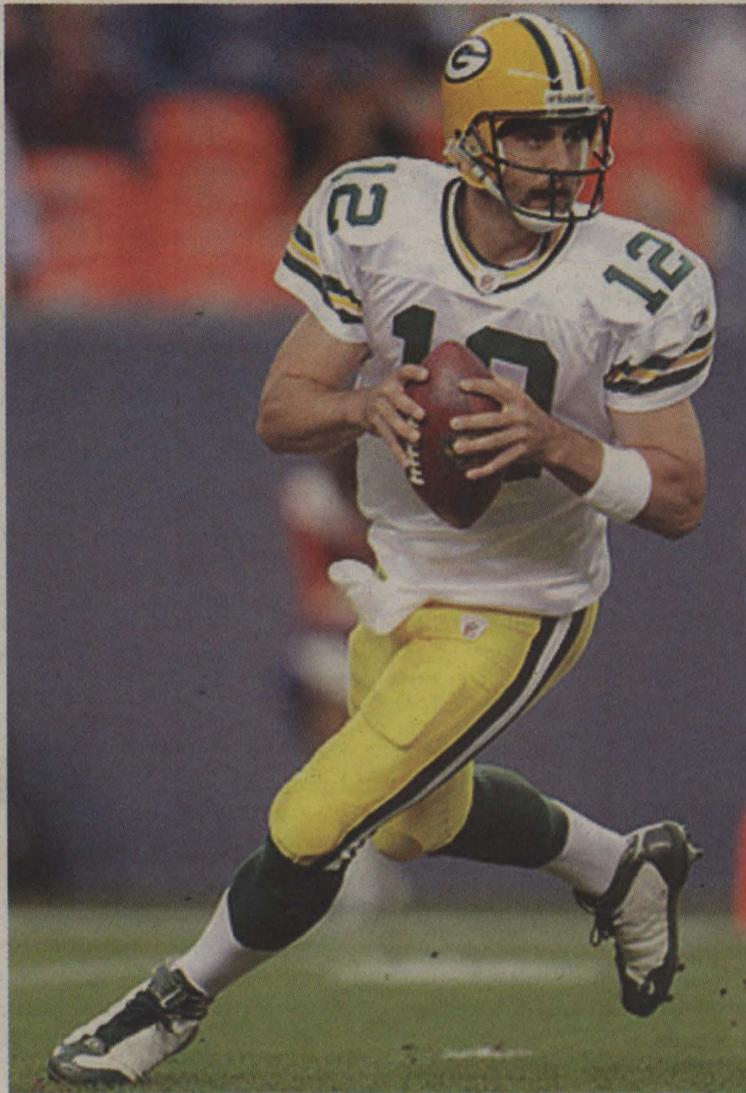


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Aaron Rodgers and the Packers will travel to Minnesota Monday night.

They have talent everywhere," said UWSP student Tyler Gagner. "I don't think there is any Vikings fan who

can badmouth Favre after last Sunday's game. His performances have been everything we could have asked for."

"I expect the Vikings to shut down the Packers' pathetic run game and it will come down to putting pressure on Rodgers to interrupt their pass game," Gagner said.

Two well-developed teams will face-off on Monday, but the added significance of Favre's history with a team that let him go is what fans are really looking forward to.

"He'll be shaking a lot of hands with people on the other team. He has a lot of personal relationships there, but I don't think it will affect his skills," UWSP student Matt Flintrop said.

"He's going to know more about the opponent and their defense. I think his ability to pull through in clutch situations will come through, just like last week's game-winning pass in the final seconds."

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. on ESPN's Monday Night Football.

## As season ends, Brewer fans get ready for next year

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Major League Baseball's regular season is coming to an end, and unlike last year, the Milwaukee Brewers will not be in contention for a playoff berth. It has been a long, injury-plagued season after a start that saw them at one time 11 games over the .500 mark.

For a couple of Brewer fans, the time to begin looking forward to next year starts now.

Kevin Butters, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, keeps an eye on the remainder of the season, but with optimism for the future.

"I'm looking forward to next year with a healthy lineup and hopefully some new pitching," Butters said. "Pitching was our biggest problem this year."

The starting pitching rotation lost

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two key members in Ben Sheets and C.C. Sabathia last offseason. With Sabathia and Sheets last season, Brewers starters posted a 3.86 earned run average, good for second in the National League. This season, that rank fell to last in the National League among starting pitchers, with an ERA of 5.26.

"C.C. was a powerhouse last year," Butters said. "This year we didn't have that, we needed more starters."

Alex Miller, also a senior at UWSP, saw the drop-off from Sabathia and Sheets as the glaring weakness on this season's team.

"We had no C.C. and no Sheets, we had [Yovani] Gallardo, but Suppan was not a good number two," Miller said. "I think next season Attanasio needs to use some of that money and buy some players because people are still showing up to the games and supporting the team."

Both Butters and Miller believe the Brewers should try to bring back second baseman Rickie Weeks, who



Photo by Morry Gash, AP  
Prince Fielder was a bright spot for the Brewers this season, batting .295 with 43 HRs and 137 RBIs.

was lost for the season in May with a left wrist injury and see if he can duplicate the hot start he got off to this season.

"They need to see if he can do it again over a full season," Miller said.

Weeks had a .272 batting average with 9 home runs and 24 runs batted in 37 games before he was injured.

Despite the down season, both students plan to renew their ticket plans and remain excited for the Brewers in 2010.

"Of course I'm excited," Miller said. "You have to be, 'cause it's the Brewers."

## Popularity continues to rise for men's club soccer

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's club soccer team has no coach and very little money. Yet they remain committed, and have lofty goals for the 2009-2010 season.

"This year we are doing better than last," said junior Korey Lofy, who has played on the team for the past two years. "Our success is due mostly to team chemistry, as well as offseason involvement."

The team relies heavily on its athletes and club officers to hold everyone accountable for workouts. Officers include President Spencer Lichon, Vice President and Secretary Mike Braunsky, and Treasurer Lofy.

During their offseason, players participate in intramurals, pick up games and lift weights together. Those who trained in the offseason stole the advantage at a tryout that swelled with 44 players. Due to league rules, the roster had to be reduced to 22, but the team feels they have put together a team with depth and potential.

"This year it feels like we have a good chance at extending our season, we have had a lot of support, practiced hard, and played well,"

Lofy said. "We just have to keep playing our best, and getting fans to our games."

Not being a varsity sport doesn't mean this team is on its own. They are funded by the Student Involvement and Employment Office and also receive support from various other areas. The girl's varsity team gives them old soccer nets, former teammates provide supplies like soccer balls and the fans of course, provide encouragement, especially when games get tough.

The team also expressed how much they appreciate the field maintenance crew who keeps their fields cut, watered, painted and ready for competition. Some UWSP varsity teams don't even get to compete at home and club soccer loves that they can. Players do have to pitch in for uniforms, league fees and other costs, which is sometimes discouraging, but doesn't keep them down for long.

To see them progress throughout the season you can check out the schedule on [www.geocities.com/mwalliance/2006gldschedule](http://www.geocities.com/mwalliance/2006gldschedule). The games are usually played against UW-Milwaukee, UW-Lacrosse, UW-Whitewater, UW-Eau Claire, Northern Michigan, Michigan Tech or Marquette. To become part of their support network check out a game, become a fan and show some Pointer pride!

## A nervous Yankee fan; feel free to direct sympathy elsewhere

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This past Sunday, the best team in Major League Baseball completed a sweep of their archrivals, won their 100th game of the season and clinched a division championship along with home field advantage throughout the upcoming playoffs. You could say it was a relatively decent day for the New York Yankees in what was just the first step in a process that, if everything goes right, could end in the 27th World Series championship for the franchise.

The way this season has come together, it should seemingly be difficult to find many reasons not to be excited for the playoffs. But this is sports, and strange things happen. The Divisional Series is a best-of-five, not seven, meaning fewer margins for error in every game, which is one reason why I don't trust the MLB playoffs. They have been synonymous with "weird, fluky things happening" over recent years (I mean, Geoff Jenkins won a ring last year, what could be stranger than that?). If you're a fan of a 100-win, heavily favored team, this is not good news. No, I'm not concerned at all.

Granted, this year's version of

the Yankees is almost certainly their best when compared to recent years' playoff flops. Mark Teixeira has basically fulfilled even the loftiest of Yankee fans' expectations, and that is saying something. They accidentally found an eighth inning bridge to closer Mariano Rivera in Phil Hughes, which may have been the most important personnel move of the season. And then there's Alex Rodriguez, who has somehow found a way to play baseball while maintaining some semblance of a personal life. I had always thought the two were mutually exclusive. To me, that was probably the surest sign that things were going pretty well in the Bronx this season.

Still, I have no idea what to expect in the playoffs. Will a swarm of bugs attack A.J. Burnett, causing him to throw wild pitch after wild pitch, similar to what happened to Joba Chamberlain two years ago in Cleveland? Will somebody from the Twins or Tigers, presumably someone I have never heard of, step up and make a name for himself? And what the heck are they going to do with Chamberlain? I get the feeling this guy shows up at the ballpark on some days wondering if the coaching staff is going to ask him, "How about you pitch underhanded today? We really want to save that arm of yours."

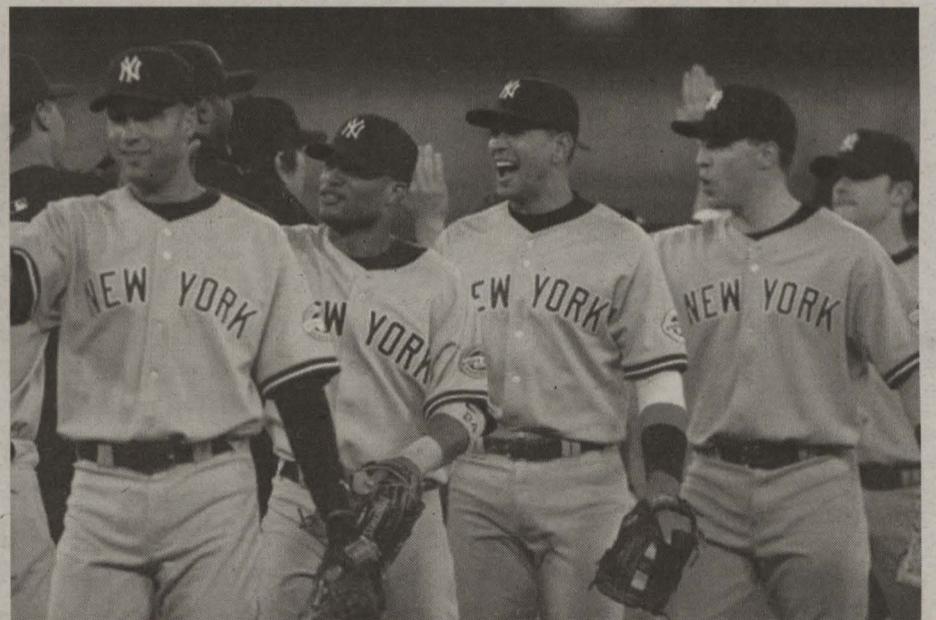


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Yes, that is Alex Rodriguez smiling.

The fairly comfortable lead the team enjoyed the past few months may have led to the decision to basically bubble wrap Chamberlain's arm, but at some point it would be nice to see the restrictions lifted just a tad. Maybe it's just me, but the playoffs seem like as good a time as any.

Regardless of the questions I ask and concerns I may have (both real and imagined), I know this team is good. I have seen them prove this in just about every way a baseball team can during the season: pitchers' duels, high scorers, walk-offs, late-inning comebacks, run-of-the-mill 7-2 or 9-4 games and games they had no business winning, but somehow, usually did. What's more, this Yankee team seems to actually like each other,

like a legitimate lets-spend-the-off-day-together type bond, which was not always apparent with previous, more uptight, Yankee teams.

Something is certainly different this year. That is probably what worries me most: what if everything that seems so lined up for a deep playoff run suddenly disintegrates, and this team ends up being remembered as nothing more than the other recent playoff busts? They deserve a kinder fate than that in Yankee history. I hope.

(Note: As I wrote this, the Yankees completed their 15th walk-off victory of the season, this time against the Kansas City Royals, 4-3. Let's try to save a few of those for the playoffs, alright guys?)

# Theater department to perform 19th century Russian comedy

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In 1836 Nikolai Gogol's play, "The Inspector General," was performed to the world for the first time in St. Petersburg, Russia. The play was in jeopardy of falling into obscurity because of its controversial themes, but an unlikely audience member would save the play. Czar Nicholas I was in attendance the first night and it was his appreciation for the play that kept it safe from the censors in Russia at that time. Now, thanks to Czar Nicholas, Stevens Point will get a taste of what the fuss was all about.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point theater department will start its 2009-2010 theater season next week with a production of the Russian comedy "The Inspector General." The comedy is being directed by Jeffrey Stephens, who wanted to bring part of his background to UWSP this year.

"My Ph.D. is in Soviet and Russian theater history," said Stephens. "I was always interested in 19th century Russian theater, Gogol's "Inspector General" is pretty much the only 19th century comedy that was written in Russian that sort of translates well."

According to Stephens, the play, which has been extremely popular in Russia and the Ukraine since its debut, has recently been gaining popularity in America.

"It says something about the

relevancy of the play. Without sounding too political with what has happened in the financial markets in the United States and the exposure of the greed that was out there and the taking advantage of every opportunity to make money at all costs, those things are in the play," said Stephens.

**"It's a difficult sell, 19th century Russian comedy, [people think] ooohh great."**

**— Stephens**

The play follows Khlestakov, a copy clerk from St. Petersburg on his way to see his father when he is mistaken for a government inspector. The corrupt leaders of the town stand to lose everything if the inspector sends back a negative report. From there, the corruption and greed only mounts.

"It's a play about how an entire town is so gullible as to assume that this fool Khlestakov is a government inspector and their willing to do anything to bribe them over to their side," said Stephens.

The play is set in the 1830s and required a lot of research from the students to understand the characters they were to play, as well as the state of Russia at that time. According to Stephens they are also trying to stay true to Gogol's intention.

They had just under a month to

do it. Stephens and the cast have been working since Sept. 4 to get the show ready for its opening on Oct. 9. According to Stephens, the students have stepped up to the challenge.

"They're really doing great work, we just feel like we've been here for weeks and weeks and weeks and it's only the fifth week of the term right

now," said Stephens.

Though the play is 173 years old, Stephens said people will be surprised how funny an 1830s Russian comedy can be.

"It's a difficult sell, 19th century Russian comedy. [People think] 'ooohh great'," said Stephens. "That's why we put 'Mother Russia's favorite comedy' on the poster."

The show opens October 9 at 7:30 p.m. with the first run going through Oct. 11. The second run of the show begins Oct. 15 and runs through Oct. 18. Tickets can be purchased at the UWSP box office.

## Tournees french film festival begins

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point got a taste of French culture on Sept. 24 with the showing of "Entre Les Murs" the first showing in a series of French films by French Professor Michelle Slater. Slater, an assistant professor of French at UWSP, received a grant to create a French film arrangement of differing themes. Slater received the grant from the Tournees Film Festival, which annually gives \$200,000 in grants.

The Tournees Film Festival is a program designed to give students a chance to see contemporary French cinema on a college campus. By partnering with hundreds of universities worldwide, its focus is to encourage schools to start French film festivals on their own accord. The original concept of the program is to promote the creation of a French film series, which might one day become self-sustaining. Professor Slater received a grant of \$1800 this year to bring five French films to Stevens Point.

"I chose five films that represent the multiple possibilities of genres and styles within French cinema. All of the films are contemporary," said Slater.

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## Student recital brings fine arts departments together

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Department of Music will host a joint-student recital featuring new works by music majors Matthew Muelling and Kyle Brooks along with a live visual art performance by student-painter Alex Landerman on Oct. 8 in the Michelsen Recital Hall.

"The idea came together last year when Kyle Brooks and I began planning a recital," said Matthew Muelling. "It began to form and the underlying theme became musicians and artists coming together to support each other."

The recital will showcase the talent of students from every fine arts department. The recital will present the new original compositions by Muelling and Brooks as well as the talents of students from the dance and art departments. The show will conclude with a performance by a

viola choir, consisting of 30 students and faculty.

"I thought it would be an interesting idea to get people from all over the fine arts building to do something together," said Muelling. "I see dance students, and other artists around the building, but I don't really know them because I don't have class with them. After taking a dance class last year, I thought 'why not get everyone doing something that

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**— Muelling**

represents all of the arts?"

The musical compositions will represent many moods, and feature interesting combinations of players and instruments.

"Throughout the whole recital we have a smattering of intense, exciting

music and really soft, lush music," said Muelling. "One of the pieces is a duet of flute and drums, and another piece has 37 violas. It doesn't get much more different than that."

While the musicians and dancers perform, artist Alex Landerman will be painting on stage, translating music into art. His canvasses will be exhibited in the Schneider Student Gallery later this year.

"This is going for emotion so I'm

going to try and put as much of that into it as possible. Since there's such a variety of an emotion in this music, it's going to be kind of difficult," said Landerman.

Muelling says that apart from being a free performance, the rare

collaborations between the arts programs are something students won't want to miss.

"It's also something that really isn't done at all on this campus. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that musicians, painters and dancers have worked together on a recital," said Muelling.

Muelling also noted that the audience would be hearing a large amount of all-new material. The show will showcase 10 world premieres in one night.

"Normally, to hear a world premier is a big deal, and we're having ten of them in one night," he said.

The recital will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 in the Michelsen Recital Hall in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

## Arts &amp; Culture

## 90FM Reviews: Washed Out

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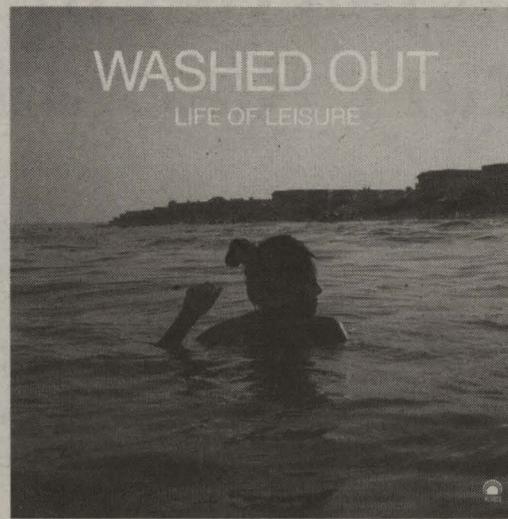
From the opening finger-snaps of Washed Out's "Life of leisure" EP, the agenda is clear - get as many people to groove together as possible. Across six distinct electronic dance tracks, Washed Out proves that he is a confident auteur. Surprisingly enough, this debut release is the result of only a month of work using the moniker Washed Out. The EP was recorded in a bedroom (the hallmark of do-it-yourself and independent music), though the audio quality does not suffer because of it.

The "Life of leisure" EP conjures a variety of moods with little aid

from any typical lyrical memes. More often than not, the words are practically indiscernible in the mix. Washed Out's voice is both a mournful and tenderly evocative croon, and though what he is saying is often lost in waves of reverb, there is no disconnect between the listener and the singer. The songs range from yearning slow-burners ("I feel it all around") to slinky urban grooves ("Get up," "Lately") and triumphant celebrations ("New theory").

The beats are typical dance fare throughout the album, though this does not detract from the experience in the slightest. An insistent kick-snare combination pulls the listener through most of the songs at a steady pace, allowing other elements of the

music to really shine. The chief strength of the EP is the giant walls of beautiful noise that Washed



Courtesy of Washed Out

in pitch using a delay effect, like a frenzied crowd being urged along by the music. The song "Lately" has the rhythm enhanced by a sample of someone repeatedly saying "Yup!" and then the whole thing abruptly ends with an acoustic piano chord that isn't even allowed to sustain.

All of the odds and ends of the album (even the abrupt endings) signal what could be a very promising and more

Out can create. Through the use of warm and enveloping synths, the aforementioned whooshing vocals and slightly crackling textures, the "Life of leisure" EP creates an inviting and roomy headspace for you to drift away in. Coincidentally, considering the album's late September release date, it makes a great backdrop for the waning summer.

Also noteworthy are the fun little details of the album that flesh out the experience and make it feel a touch more human. On "Hold Out," there is what sounds like a little kid joyfully running his fingers over an aged keyboard and a strange "Whooh!" that increases

fleshed out full-length album in the future. Given more than just a month to come up with material, there is no telling what Washed Out could bring us. His songwriting is already very poignant and developed, all that's missing is a cohesive package. As it stands, the "Life of leisure" EP marks a great success for Washed Out. Various styles of electronic dance music wonderfully color the album and beckon listeners to lose themselves in a gauzy dream-world, if only for a brief 18 minutes or so. There's always the repeat button!

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Slater is showing the films on campus in an array of times throughout this next month. The films will be shown weekly on Thursdays between Sept. 24 and Oct. 29. The next film to be shown will be "Les chansons d'amour" on Oct. 1 followed by "Roman de gare" on Oct. 8. The

reguliers, or "Regular Lovers" takes place in 1968 with a man wanting to join the students' revolt movement. By becoming close with another girl, he finds himself and the link between the past and future along the way.

Without this festival students at UWSP probably wouldn't be exposed

**"I chose five films that represent multiple possibilities of genres and styles within french cinema."**

**— Slater**

festival will finish up with "Il y a longtemps que je t'aime" on Oct. 15 and "Les amants reguliers" Oct. 29.

The five films to be shown feature a wide range of subject matter. The film "Entre les murs" or "The class," is a documentary about a teacher and his students in a junior high classroom, learning about the French language and the oncoming threat of cultural dissimulation. "Les chansons d'amour," or "Love Songs" is a musical film about love and its perils. "Il y a longtemps que je t'aime," or "I've Loved You So Long" is a film about a woman with a tough exterior recently sprung from prison and how her heart warms to family - but not without moments of relapse. "Les amants

to the films. The language barrier alone is enough to keep most people away.

"Living in the states the only place to be exposed to these movies [is] in class. I've actually bought two or three French films that I watched in class because I enjoyed them so much. It was awesome knowing that I was laughing, watching, and understanding something that's in a different movie. They are a great tool for learning the language and culture," said Krish.

Though it is helpful if you know French, all of the movies that Slater showcases have subtitles.

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# Letters & Opinion

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experience by doing things that can make a difference on their campus, in their community and in their state."

For Guidry, WISPIRG was an invitation to re-evaluate his future goals. Although he originally intended to pursue a physics major at UWSP, his involvement with the organization led him to change his focus of study to political science and environmental law. As a result of his involvement with WISPIRG Guidry said, "I discovered I really enjoyed environmental policy."

Guidry recognizes the impact WISPIRG has had in respect to his future plans, and advises students "who want to have an impact" to come to a meeting and get involved.

For more information about WISPIRG or to become involved, contact Jarod Gregory via e-mail at [jarod@wispirgstudents.org](mailto:jarod@wispirgstudents.org).

## Debot improves after chartwells

By Shane Strickland

Last year I felt bad for Elizabeth Debot. Her name was being belched and cursed from the majority of the campus population. Perhaps the sign should have read, "The Chartwells Experience." This year Chartwells is gone, along with much of the belly-aching over bellyaches. University Dining Services will now provide the food at Debot (and other places) and they're promising a healthier, fresher selection. UDS is also employing many students as members of the dining staff.

When speaking to freshman about Upper Debot horror stories, I can stretch the truth all I want, but without that vile stench of holey minute steak to prove my point, it's just an old man's bitter memory. Sometimes I feel like a bitter old man. When a new student complains that his food from Upper Debot is disgusting, I break into my old man voice. "Back in my day, our meat had to be chewed for fifteen minutes before it would go

down. And we sat on the toilet for close to an hour afterward. That's how we used to spend our Friday nights. Upper Debot. Chewing. Toilets. We didn't have time for Facebooks or Omegles or whatever it is you whippersnappers do."

Upper Debot has improved. Sure, it's not a five-star meal, but all-you-can-eat on a college campus doesn't exactly scream gourmet. Last year it was painfully obvious that the food wasn't fresh. On Monday I would find rice in the main line. On Tuesday it would be a mixture of peas and rice. On Wednesday a strange blend of meat, peas and rice would be served. By Sunday, some unholy concoction with fruits, vegetables, meats, syrups, and surplus was squirming around in the pan under the name, "Chef's Surprise." Thank Gusteau "Chef's Surprise" is no longer on the menu. And this year, Elizabeth Debot is finally honored properly.

## Uganda rebuilds

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Thanks for your story on the student group working with the Invisible Children organization. Unfortunately, either the reporter or the student group Invisible Children seem to have some of their facts wrong. The civil war and presence of Joseph Kony's rebels ended over two years ago in Uganda. There is no active fighting here, although Kony remains active in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central Africa Republic where he continues to terrorize the local populations and is causing massive displacement. There is still much work to be done here in Uganda to reintegrate ex-child soldiers and rebuild communities, but to portray this as an active war is misleading. In fact, attention now also needs to be paid to the countries where Kony is active.

While I applaud the efforts of Invisible Children to get people involved in helping Uganda, there are literally hundreds of organizations working in Northern Uganda to help resettle people, assist children, provide income generation programs,

work on agriculture, etc. Too often, press coverage of Africa in the US focuses on war, famine or other bad news, and rarely talks about the incredible capacity of local people to help them selves. I would love to see more Americans think about how to partner with Africans to provide real economic opportunities rather than doing "The Rescue" which implies Americans are somehow saving poor and helpless Ugandans. Similarly, focusing on a war that is no longer taking place in Uganda seems to be a scare tactic that helps get people involved, but doesn't really educate people on the complexities of the actual situation.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me - I have lived and worked in Uganda since 2004.

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## 90FM makes the mtvU top 25

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student run radio station, 90FM, has advanced to be one of the top 25 radio stations in the running for a mtvU Woodie Award.

The contest started with 100 radio stations, was cut to 50 and is now down to 25. The next cut will be to 5 radio stations, which will be announced on October 26. Station manager Scott Clark was excited about the possibility of attaining the mtvU honor.

"Its really exciting," said Clark. "It was something we never heard of and it just happened to us."

90FM is competing against fellow Wisconsin station WSMU from the University of Wisconsin. Also among the top 25 are stations from Vanderbilt, Florida State, Missouri and Southern California. Looking at the list of competitors, it's safe to say 90FM is representing the smallest school.

"It's great how much support we're getting," said Clark. "If you look at the top 25 schools they're all bigger schools. We're one of the smaller ones if not the smallest."

Students can vote as many times as they want everyday between now and October 26 by going to <http://radiowoodie.ratemyprofessor.com/region/midwest>.





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## Green Beat

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What does it mean to live sustainably? This is a difficult question to answer, especially in today's climate. Sustainability refers to "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs," according to an online dictionary.

However, words such as "eco-friendly", "green" and "sustainable" are thrown around rather loosely. Similar to "all-natural," these words seem to be losing their meaning. For many Americans these words have become irritating, off-putting and bothersome due to the incessant barrage by political and marketing campaigns.

For better or worse, it is now trendy to be green. One can purchase a "live green" t-shirt from a local department store that was really manufactured in a sweat shop somewhere in Cambodia, then shipped thousands of miles to find its way to some local clearance rack. Simply put, this is completely antithetical to the meaning of eco-friendly or sustainable. So how is this relevant to life on campus?

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point has a long-standing tradition of natural resource studies and has taken pride in the implementation of environmentally friendly programs. In 2006, Governor Doyle enrolled UWSP in a pilot energy independence project with the target goal of making the campus completely energy independent.

Similarly, former Chancellor Linda Bunnell signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Change Commitment. The commitment aims to eliminate all campus-related emissions. This led to the creation of the Sustainability Task Force which is comprised of students, faculty and staff. It is the aim of the task force to fulfill the requirements of the ACUPCC, thereby creating a carbon neutral campus. In short, the goal is assist UWSP in becoming a more sustainable campus.

The Green Beat is a column that will be featured in the Pointer semi-monthly. The goal of this section is to reveal what our campus has been doing to achieve and promote sustainable life on campus and throughout the community. The section aims to keep students updated and informed about sustainable issues and to further define what it means to live sustainably. Stay tuned; there are plenty of articles to come.

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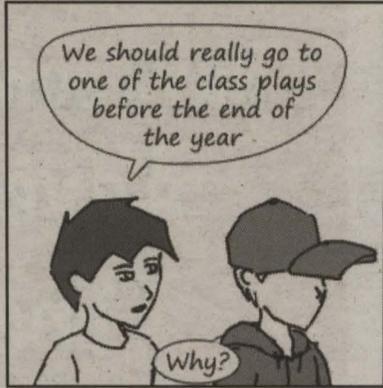
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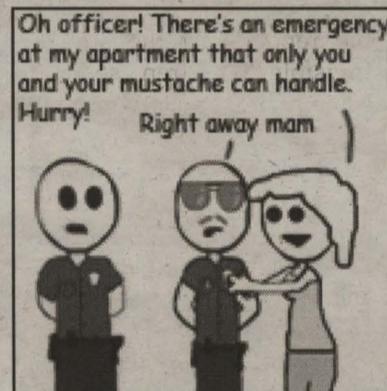
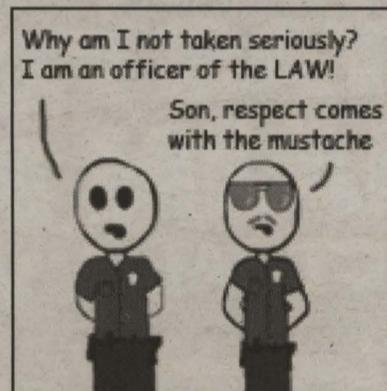


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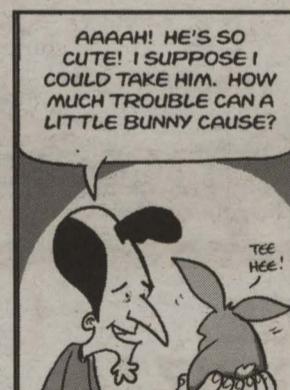
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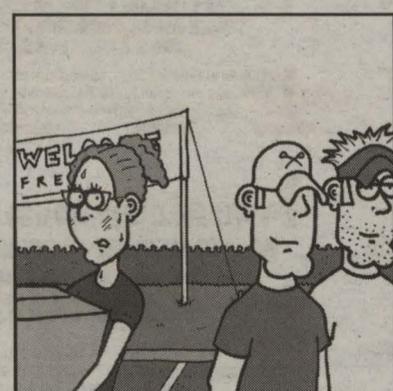


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