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According to organizers, the event typically draws a large number of participants, with an estimated 12,000 people attending last year’s contest. The contest is known for its challenging questions and fast-paced environment, with participants racing to answer questions correctly and earn points for their teams.

The contest is held annually in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and is sponsored by 90FM WWSP since its inception in 1969. Trivia’s long-standing reputation for being a quality event is due to its devoted fans as well, according to organizers.

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News Reports

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"We heard that some other teams were planning on getting in the signup line around 8 a.m., so we thought we'd get around 4 a.m. just to make sure," said Patty Bamberg, captain of Dad's Computer Trivia Time Warp, whose team has been first to register for the past several years.

Bamberg and her two team mates arrived first in line, along with some adverse weather.

"It was just starting to snow," said Bamberg. "It was definitely cold, but we set up an ice shanty and had lots of blankets and a tiny heater to keep warm."

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Professor evaluations proposal rescinded

Proposal to require annual evaluations turned down by Faculty Senate

By Josh Goller
News Editor

Last week's proposed amendment to require annual professor evaluations was withdrawn by the Executive Committee on Wednesday.

"It was decided that last week's vote was too close to determine such a big issue, it would become too controversial," said Vice Chancellor Bill Meyer.

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About twenty students congregated in the Sundial for the annual Peace March on Wednesday. Several student groups organized the event four years ago in the wake of a racial incident in the residence halls that forced a student of color to transfer to another university.

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With this diversity issues recognized and celebrated across campus this week, recruitment of minority students is a year-round object for multicultural campus organizations.

"A major goal of a college education is to prepare students for productive professional and personal lives into the next century," said Chancellor George in the Plan 2008 report.

The UWSP Plan 2008 focuses on recruiting and retaining diversity in student, staff and faculty. Goals also include the objective of "fostering an environment which enhances learning and respect for racial and ethnic diversity."

"We're really working hard at bringing in students, faculty and staff," said Ron Strege, director of Multicultural Affairs.

However, some diversity leaders don't feel that members of this campus support minority functions.

"There's not enough interest"

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prepared and served food," said Lolita Schneider, a former student. "Nelson Hall was the site of many teas, sorority functions, pre-prom parties and was generally a social hub."

The issue of Nelson Hall's past has been debated for the past several years, with a decision yet to be made.

Security phones installed by Protective Services

By Kristine Schad

Each of the academic buildings on campus has recently been equipped with a new emergency phone.

These bright red phones can be found in more accessible places than the courtesies phones and have a faster connection to campus security.

While there are no signs near the phones explaining their purpose, campus security is relying on the association between red danger and danger for students to understand the use of these new phones.

"These red emergency phones can be used if you are in an emergency situation," said Michelle Tesmer, Protective Services Radio Operations Coordinator. "We also urge people to call with information requests as well."

Upon picking up the receiver on a phone the caller is directly connected to Protective Services. The old courtesy phones are located in more remote areas. These red phones will be easier to find, according to Protective Service officers.

The phones in the elevators have a 10 to 20 second connection time and have caused confusion for some of the campus security dispatchers.

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providing for periodic review of faculty performance.

It's the term "consultation" that concerns executive officers at SGA.

"Consultation is a vague term," said Polzin. "It can mean that students are on the committee, or they just give feedback to the committee or they're just told 'here's what the committee came up with.'"

However, leaving students off the committee would be unwise and unlikely, according to Meyer.

"There's that potential possibility but I'd be really surprised if it happens," said Meyer. "If that happened students could make their own forms which would be really cumbersome." According to SGA, the faculty received negative feedback on the proposed increase in frequency of evaluations from their colleagues who feel that the questions are bad. However, while the questions may not be precise, they are not detrimental to the professors' evaluation score, according to Polzin.

"These aren't harmful questions," said Polzin. "They're not hurting any person, they're just vague."

The frequency issue is necessary to spark changes in the evaluations to create better questions, according to SGA executives.

"We wanted to push the frequency issue so it would act as a catalyst for questions, to get good effective questions," said Maureen Purcell, SGA Academic Issues Director.

Disadvantages to tenured professor evaluations required every three years include skewing the department averages, according to the hall director.

"It's not fair to the department or to students to do the evaluations," said Polzin.
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Fire department implements recall

By Casey Krautkramer
Assistant News Editor

The Stevens Point Fire Department (SPFD) is joining the U.S. Consumer Protection Safety Commission (CPSC) to participate in a "recall round-up" to rid community homes of potential fire hazards.

The SPFD is currently accepting hazardous consumer products that community members bring in. The items that are being collected by the department include: old disposable lighters, frayed extension cords and recalled products that could lead to a deadly fire. Recalls have been announced for battery-operated children's vehicles, halogen lamps, dishwashers, toasters, and other products.

"We see this as an opportunity to support all hazards reduction program in our community," said Fire Chief Mark Barnes. "This is one of the reasons why people should do some spring cleaning. Checking their homes and knock-knock drawers for products could be hazardous will reduce their family's exposure to potential hazards."

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Action Organization, helped draw a sign on the concrete wall atop the first set of library stairs reading "solidarity plus equality for all equals peace ... and what difference are you making?"

"I feel that diversity is an issue that all students can unite around and ought to unite around," said Barwis. "Being involved in these types of activities is a critical part of receiving a liberal education."

Elizabeth Sieffert, a volunteer at the Women's Resource Center, thinks that good efforts have been made to make people aware of hate crimes.

"I think that if we can continue to make strides and efforts against hate crimes, then I think we can not only begin to make a difference in the community, but in all future endeavors," said Sieffert.

"There's a lot of encouraging trends going on. As society advances, there's positive trends regarding diversity due to awareness, educators and social activists that are less divided on superficial things of the past," said Andrew Bushard, campus activist.

Although awareness is increasing, the number of students attending the Peace March has diminished over the years. Perkins noted that the Peace March experienced its biggest turnout its first year when the incident in the residence hall transpired.

"When something happens that is being talked about in the student community, the incident tends to bring people out," said Gokee. "It's too bad something has to happen to bring people out."

"The Peace March gets smaller and smaller every year," said Perkins. "It should be getting bigger and bigger to let perpetrators know that harassment isn't accepted," she added.

Parking addressed in upcoming on-line survey

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, April 23rd and 24th, an online parking survey will be sent to all UWSP students, faculty, and staff via e-mail. The Student Planning Association (SPA) is facilitating the survey. They hope to get a better idea of the university community's perception of the parking dilemma, as well as insight into how everyone would like to see these problems solved.

"Parking has become a major issue on this campus," said SGA President Cindy Polzin. "Hopefully, students will take the time to fill out the survey so that the committee can identify the specific problems students are facing regarding parking and solve the problem."

Part of the parking controversy involves concern for the preservation of green space on campus and in the community. If all students, faculty, and staff take the survey, all viewpoints will be noted in the results and the best solution will be found.

Chancellor Tom George also encouraged recipients of the survey to fill it out.

"Parking is a critical issue at UWSP as we struggle to balance our concern for our environment with our need to serve our students, faculty, and staff. Please take a few moments to complete the survey as your responses will add a critical level of insight as UWSP works to address the very important issue of parking needs on our campus."

Students who don't drive to campus may not feel it is necessary to fill out the survey because it doesn't apply to them. But parking and transit issues affect everyone's surroundings through aesthetics, air and water quality, and safety.

"We encourage participation in the survey. Feedback from all stakeholders will help with the planning process. Students who don't own cars are also stakeholders," says John Gardner, Director, Planning and Community Development for the City of Stevens Point.

The Student Planning Association wants to emphasize the importance of everyone filling out the survey.

"Completing the Parking Survey is an excellent way to help solve the parking problem even if you don't drive!" encourages Fred Heider, President of Student Planning Association.

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The spirit. Known in the past for his wild hair and bushy beard, Olivia cut his hair and shaved for the contest.

"In the old days, we had to keep our hair short and our face clean," said Olivia. "So I got out my high school graduation picture and told my hairperson to cut it all off."

Bamberg admits that she is an avid fan, as she flew back from Houston last Friday just for Trivia 32. "I've been on this earth twenty-two years and I've competed in twenty-two contests. I wasn't going to miss this one," she said.

Aside from its faithful fans, Trivia has also gained attention in the national media as well, including the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, CNN, and Good Morning America.

The event kicks off on Friday with a parade at 4 p.m. followed by the first question at 6 p.m. The contest runs through the weekend, winding down at midnight on Sunday.

"Old Days" teams may still register in advance for $30 at the 90FM studios through Thursday, April 19 from 3-7 p.m. and Friday, April 20 from noon to 6 p.m.
Sensible energy consumption could save the environment

Have you ever thought that saving money and the environment was out of reach? Americans consume an alarming 26 percent of the energy produced worldwide, even though we account for 5 percent of the world’s population.

Appalling, as much as 75 percent of the energy produced in the U.S. each year, is wasted through the use of inefficient motors, lights, and appliances.

When just considering Wisconsin, the overall energy bill in 1999 increased $775 million, or 8.6 percent, which set a new state record.

UWSP is in the red $225,000-275,000 this year because of increased fuel prices, but also consumption. These statistics are mind-numbing and make one believe that nothing can be achieved due to the sheer size of the problem. That is an unfortunate, but true belief held by many.

The fact is, you can make a difference. And when I say you, I mean faculty, students, administration, even your family and friends. We need to make an effort to change our wasteful and unsustainable habits. You can even make a difference here on campus. The university has made advances in technology in the effort to cut back on energy consumption, but more is needed. Talk to organizations, talk to administration, and voice your concerns.

The voice of students is needed to give a little push to policy. The most important and pivotal action that must take place is that students, faculty, and staff must begin asking themselves, “What energy conservation methods can be implemented around campus and how can I contribute?” Once we begin asking ourselves this question, then progress will begin to take place. So how can you make a difference?

Suzanne Chwala
NR478 Campus Energy Group

Diversity benefits UWSP students

In the next two weeks we will hear a lot about diversity on this campus, with the Peace March for Unity, Diversity dinner and Take Back the Night all within this time frame. I have attended many of these events in the past and will continue to attend if my future keeps me in Stevens Point. I am, however, still very concerned about some issues dealing with diversity on this campus. I would like to first start out why diversity is so important to me and should be to you.

Diversity benefits all members of the university community by allowing students, faculty, and staff to learn about other cultures, histories, and traditions so people can have a greater variety of experiences before leaving the university setting into the real world. In a world that is continually getting smaller with the greater ease of travel and technological improvements helping with communication across vast oceans, each graduate will be served well with a diverse campus in order to learn more about themselves and others on this campus.

With this being said, I feel diversity is often too narrow on this campus. I believe I am a product of white privilege and I am not proud of this fact. Had I been born as a person of color, I would more likely be in prison than here at UWSP. This is a real problem, but I would like to talk about a bigger or more meaning of diversity. Diversity to me is more than skin color. Too often both student and faculty committees deal with only the cosmetic diversity. Diversity to me includes skin color but also sexual orientation and even differing opinions. Northern and Central Wisconsin has a very white hue therefore it is no surprise people have had little experience interacting with people of differing backgrounds and ethnicities.

I am very proud of Student Government, as they have tried to tackle this issue several times in my seemingly endless years on this campus. I have close friends that differ from my opinions.

They are still my friends. In fact one is constantly pissed off at me because I receive money to attend school from the government. It does my soul good to hear his opinion because it solidifies mine if I know why I believe the things I do and can defend them.

Alas, my heart was saddened as I spent last semester abroad. I saw the anti-Semitism still being practiced as well as other groups targeted. I cope with this as best as possible. On my trip we were still able to receive The Pointer each week while I was in Poland.

In The Pointer I read about the Republican Party booth being vandalized right before the elections. Now I do not belong to this party, but have voted for certain individuals in it if they represented my opinions better than the other candidates. The point is that someone was not happy with a differing opinion. Even more recent examples are the huge fervor about the protests of the military and visit of Governor McCallum.

I am amazed at the closed mindedness of many of the students here on campus. Many times I have heard complaining about a certain action of a group seen expressing its opinion. I often asked myself if these individuals have actually listened to the group before condemning them as ignorant or wrong. Is it so hard to avoid it. The future starts with you: it starts with me. These issues apply to our daily lives even if you choose to ignore the problem. Diversity is NOT AN OPTION. It is out there whether we like it or not.

Michael Roth
UWSP Student

Students Needed: Epilepsy Foundation Fundraiser Walk

Saturday, May 19th
9 a.m. Registration - 10 a.m. Walk Begins
A Prize and Party to Follow
The Walk Begins and Ends at Oak Island Park in Wausau

The money raised by the walk will support the broad range of local services and an understanding of epilepsy throughout central and northeast Wisconsin

Pick-up a form in the ACT Office, 30G Lower UC, or contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Central and Northeast Wisconsin, 903 Second St., Wausau, WI 54403. Telephone: 1-800-924-9932
Thank you UWSP!

(A note from Alderman Matt Filipiak)

Though there are voters in the 3rd Ward that do not attend UWSP, I know that I owe my seat as alderman on the Common Council to the students and faculty at our campus. I really appreciate everyone that went to the polls on April 3 and voted. Each vote definitely counts as the election came down to a difference of four votes.

Tuesday night was my first moment in office, and though it was a very brief meeting (only 5 minutes), I was proud to be representing the 3rd Ward and to be the only student representative on our city government. Mayor Wescott appointed me to the Personnel committee, and hiring, salary, and benefit programs. I look forward to serving our city and campus as a representative in any way that I can.

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To add a short note about these innocent girls, they tried to tell the cops that they were at my house drinking with the people who were there. You see everyone who was drinking at my house was twenty-one or older. And I knew this, so when I was talking to the officer at my door I offered to have my guests carded, if he was a truly evil police officer this would have provided full of all the money he surely would have jumped at this opportunity, but he smiled and walked away. Just like me, he knew they were not telling the truth.

Now just looking at 70 percent or more of the people who have lived in the dorms who have been stuffed into a smokey basement with five barrels of beer, I know that these “so called” house parties are very loud. I have been thrown out of these parties before and the cops always say that they are responding to complaints of noise by the neighbors. These complaints often come in that these parties being busted, not new some new $4,000 grant. I would just have this grant goes more towards patrolling the downtown area. I worked as a boucer for three months my freshman year at a downtown night club, and during this time we never had the cops in that particular establishment.

Since then the police department has received several of these types of grants and the number of raids downtown has gone up. I know several people who regularly frequent these establishments and say they have seen raids several times this year. This may be where this money is spent. Despite Andrea’s opinion of many people walking downtown, the streets and parking lots in that area do tend to fill up with cars after dark between Thursday and Saturday, so a grant by the Department of Transportation is well spent within its bounds downtown.

Like a very popular coach told me in high school if you’re going to drink and break the law, do it in your basement, BY YOURSELF. After all, yourself is the only one you can really trust. Any of these people who choose to drink illegally made that choice knowing that there were breaking the law, so they should not be angry at the cops or anyone else but themselves because they were stupid enough to put themselves in a position to be caught.

Mark Wojtalewicz
UWSP Student

From the Editor’s Desk

The Police department should enforce laws equally

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Although I’m not particularly fond of hearing the same submarine drum, I feel the need to respond to Mark Wojtalewicz’s letter (see above.) It was not until I read his letter that I realized that I didn’t really get the point that I was trying to make in last week’s column across.

To speak plainly, I feel that this grant, given to the Police Department to curb underage drinking and driving, is a free license for them to continue to practice age profiling in the Stevens Point community.

I realize that drinking and driving is a serious problem. And yet, some college-age Stevens Point residents do knowingly partake in this practice. This is completely excusable as they are endangering the lives of their passengers, other motorists or pedestrians as well as their own lives.

Driving and drinking is a very serious crime, and the law should be enforced. However, this law that our state, local and national representatives support needs to be applied fairly to all citizens. Not just underage drinkers. I am not opposed to the police department gaining additional funding for this cause, as long as they are opposed to the fact that the funding is intended for one specific group of people. The police would be viewed, well pretty bad if they issued a press release stating that they were receiving additional funding to enforce drunk driving laws for a specific race, gender or sexual orientation. Police profiling for age is still police profiling based on a stereotype.

College-age residents of Stevens Point should never be treated like second class citizens. We deserve the same rights under the law as everyone else in our community.

As to the incident with the girl who was thrown out of an open container. I apologize. I did not have the full story on the matter. But I still feel that it was a bit excessive for the police officer to drive the wrong way on Main Street and park on my sidewalk. Yes, the girl was breaking the law by walking with an open container. I only wish that the Stevens Point Police Department would enforce all the laws for all the community as well as they do the drinking laws.

With the Women’s Resource Center celebration of Winter the Night next week, now is a good time to look at the types of crime that the Stevens Point Police Department should be taking at least as seriously as they take underage drinking. Crimes such as rape, sexual assault, abuse - you know crimes with victims. Victims who are often not taken seriously by our police department. Criminals who are often treated much better than a girl walking down the street with an open container.

I hope this column has clarified what I was trying to get at last week. It is extremely important that the police department enforces the laws. However, they need to enforce the laws fairly, and perhaps, as community members, we need to remind the police that other crimes do occur in this area that are not related to drugs or alcohol, and they are not all committed by college students.

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UWSP The Pointer

Student backs SPPD grant

In last weeks “from the editor’s desk,” Andrea Wetzel brought to our attention what she thought was a disturbing practice by the Stevens Point Police Department: actually enforcing laws that have been passed by our representatives at the local, state and federal level. By my opinion, what those officers were doing was protecting motorists, those who were interrogated and eventually released.

You see, also I live on Main Street near the area where these incidents occurred. In fact I was an eye witness to one of these cases and I am afraid that the police were in the right. The supposed girls “who appeared to be young, walking and intoxicating” happened to also be carrying open containers of alcohol on the street. I know from second hand experience (one of my friends got a ticket for the same violation while I was walking with him) that this is a crime in the city limits.

This is not a crime that may have necessarily hurt anyone, but it is one of the dumbest things you could do. An open container on Main Street is very busy, especially with police traffic, so someone who is bold enough to commit this visible crime deserves to be caught.

I don’t think that any police action was supported by this mealy grant that was siteed in the article.

To add a short note about these innocent girls, they tried to tell the cops that they were at my house drinking with the people who were there. You see everyone who was drinking at my house was twenty-one or older. And I knew this, so when I was talking to the officer at my door I offered to have my guests carded, if he was a truly evil police officer this would have provided full of all the money he surely would have jumped at this opportunity, but he smiled and walked away. Just like me, he knew they were not telling the truth.

Now just looking at 70 percent or more of the people who have lived in the dorms who have been stuffed into a smokey basement with five barrels of beer, I know that these “so called” house parties are very loud. I have been thrown out of these parties before and the cops always say that they are responding to complaints of noise by the neighbors. These complaints often come in that these parties being busted, not new some new $4,000 grant. I would just have this grant goes more towards patrolling the downtown area. I worked as a boucer for three months my freshman year at a downtown night club, and during this time we never had the cops in that particular establishment.

Since then the police department has received several of these types of grants and the number of raids downtown has gone up. I know several people who regularly frequent these establishments and say they have seen raids several times this year. This may be where this money is spent. Despite Andrea’s opinion of many people walking downtown, the streets and parking lots in that area do tend to fill up with cars after dark between Thursday and Saturday, so a grant by the Department of Transportation is well spent within its bounds downtown.

Like a very popular coach told me in high school if you’re going to drink and break the law, do it in your basement, BY YOURSELF. After all, yourself is the only one you can really trust. Any of these people who choose to drink illegally made that choice knowing that there were breaking the law, so they should not be angry at the cops or anyone else but themselves because they were stupid enough to put themselves in a position to be caught.

Mark Wojtalewicz
UWSP Student

From the Editor’s Desk

The Police department should enforce laws equally

By Andrea Wetzel
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Although I’m not particular­

ly fond of hearing the same

submarine drum, I feel the need to respond to

Mark Wojtalewicz’s letter (see

above.) It was not until I read his

letter that I realized that I didn’t

really get the point that I was try­

ing to make in last week’s col­

tumn across.

To speak plainly, I feel that this grant, given to the Police Department to curb underage drinking and driving, is a free license for them to continue to practice age profiling in the Stevens Point community.

I realize that drinking and driving is a serious problem. And yet, some college-age Stevens Point residents do knowingly partake in this practice. This is completely excusable as they are endangering the lives of their passengers, other motorists or pedestrians as well as their own lives.

Driving and drinking is a very serious crime, and the law should be enforced. However, this law that our state, local and national representatives support needs to be applied fairly to all citizens. Not just underage drinkers. I am not opposed to the police department gaining additional funding for this cause, as long as they are opposed to the fact that the funding is intended for one specific group of people. The police would be viewed, well pretty bad if they issued a press release stating that they were receiving additional funding to enforce drunk driving laws for a specific race, gender or sexual orienta­

tion. Police profiling for age is still police profiling based on a stereotype.

College-age residents of Stevens Point should never be treated like second class citizens. We deserve the same rights under the law as everyone else in our community.

As to the incident with the girl who was thrown out of an open container. I apologize. I did not have the full story on the matter. But I still feel that it was a bit excessive for the police officer to drive the wrong way on Main Street and park on my sidewalk. Yes, the girl was breaking the law by walking with an open container. I only wish that the Stevens Point Police Department would enforce all the laws for all the community as well as they do the drinking laws.

With the Women’s Resource Center celebration of Winter the Night next week, now is a good time to look at the types of crime that the Stevens Point Police Department should be taking at least as seriously as they take underage drinking. Crimes such as rape, sexual assault, abuse - you know crimes with victims. Victims who are often not taken seriously by our police department. Criminals who are often treated much better than a girl walking down the street with an open container.

I hope this column has clarified what I was trying to get at last week. It is extremely important that the police department enforces the laws. However, they need to enforce the laws fairly, and perhaps, as community members, we need to remind the police that other crimes do occur in this area that are not related to drugs or alcohol, and they are not all committed by college students.
Imagination invades UWSP

By Katie Harding
Features Editor

An international organization for students aged kindergarten through college, Destination Imagination (DI) is an annual competition that teaches life skills and expands imagination through team-based creative problem solving. DI, offered in more than 45 states and 15 countries, is sponsored by the Wisconsin Creative Problem Solving Program (WCPS), formerly known as Wisconsin Odyssey of the Mind. WCPS is located in UWSP's School of Education.

"Wisconsin has the second largest DI program in the world," said Pat Schoonover, WCPS director and UWSP lecturer in education. "The program really began here in Wisconsin," she adds. A team consists of 5 to 7 people from the same general age group accompanied by an adult leader. Though a wide range of students participate, middle schoolers make up about a third of the competitors according to Schoonover.

Teams compete against other teams in the same group. Teams are divided by age into five categories: primary (kindergarten through second grade), elementary (grades 3-5), middle (grades 6-8), second-year (grades 9-12) and university (any full-time college or university student over 18).

First place winners from regional challenges held this past March will compete in the state finals held on Saturday at UWSP. According to Schoonover, over 14,000 students participate at the state level, and about 1,700 go on to compete in the national challenge. "We also see about 13,000 fans," she adds. Many spectators and families of competitors enjoy the event.

The program usually employs two components—instant challenges and team challenges.

"Instant challenges seem to be a favorite among the students," said Schoonover. Instant challenges teach competitive thinking how to adapt to unplanned incidents in life by requiring them to solve a challenge on the spot. Teams use presented random materials and verbal responses to demonstrate their creative talents. With this component, participants have the opportunity to learn creativity skills, diverse and convergent thinking, risk taking, time management and cooperation.

Teams use art, technology, performance and real world relevance as they tackle one of the five team challenges. The team challenge solution can take from several weeks to several months to develop.

This year's regional team challenges included writing a mystery with a technical facet, assembling a weight-bearing structure, creating a life story and culture of an unknown artist, performing improv and coming up with a story using special effects. Judges and officials for the event participate on a voluntary basis. They are recruited from all over the state, and in recent years, from different states as well. Judges undergo a brief training session the morning of the event.

DI will be going on at several sites throughout the campus on Saturday.

Team challenges will be held in Quaanti Fieldhouse, Berg Gymnasium, and in various areas of the UC, including The Encore, the Alumni and Laird Rooms and The Wooden Spoon.

Instant challenges will also be held in the College of Professional Studies building and Debit Dining Center. UWSP's Herpetology Society will be holding an amphibian and reptile show to entertain participants and spectators. "It's a popular attraction," said Schoonover. "Students like to play with the reptiles, especially the snakes," she added. The show will be in the West Lounge of the College of Natural Resources on Saturday.

DI challenges begin at 8 a.m. and are scheduled to continue until 5 p.m. An awards ceremony is scheduled at 5 p.m. Because of the large number of participants, two locations will be used for the awards ceremony—one will take place in Quaunt and one in Berg. Chancellor George and Pat Schoonover will join challenge masters in presenting the awards. Winners at the state level will go on to compete at the national level of Tennessee-Knoxville in May.

While most are familiar with DI's team challenge program, the organization also develops a creativity-based curriculum, provides training for teachers, sponsors a biannual creativity conference and has relationships with corporate sponsors including the National Dairy Council, the 3M Company, Best Buy and Scientific American.

Saturday's event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Pat Schoonover at 346-4713 or e-mail pschoono@uwsp.edu.

Trivia: a recipe for success

By John Adams
Assistant Features Editor

With only one day until Trivia 32, thousands of people on hundreds of teams are scrambling to gather all their notes, making sure their internet connections are in top form, indexing their TV guides and stocking up on NoDoz and Coffee.

But what does it take to be competitive in Trivia? How does one go about winning the world's largest Trivia contest? Twenty-one-year trivia veteran Ray Hamel has a few ideas since his team, Network, has won over ten contests since he joined in 1986.

"You need to be well read, take lots of notes, and it helps to be familiar with the contest," says Hamel. "You need to have an idea of how this contest works as far as the categories. Like knowing that Jim Oliva writes a lot of food questions involving labels and ingredients... which is odd for a trivia contest."

Hamel can be described as a trivia expert. He has written crossword puzzles for The New York Times and has been writing its biweekly trivia quiz since 1996. He is also the author of the New York Times Trivia Quiz Book, a collection of 1,000 questions from stumpers.

Network has been in heated competition with last year's winning team, Being Bud Somerville, for years. While Trivia is rooted in fun, it does get competitive.

"Being Bud Somerville is always tough. Tim Man is coming up, and Substation used to be pretty competitive but they've faded away in the last few years," says Hamel. "We always hope to finish in the top three, but it would be nice to take home the cup."

Jim Krueger of Being Bud Somerville says "Back in the old days, when we were more competitive, we'd try to beat certain teams," said Krueger. "But now we do our best to finish in the top five."

Most teams agree that to have a chance at winning trivia, you need to have people who live and breath trivia.

"You need to have about half-dozen to a dozen people who will take the responsibility to watch TV shows week after week or to go to the movies a lot. Then you look for the goofy stuff and take notes. Most of the big point value questions are really off the wall kinds of things," says Krueger.

"We've listened for years and this year decided to register," said team member and UWSP alumna Ellen and Mark. "We're hoping to get some right answers, spend some time together as a family and have some fun."

This team is Giri's first year in the competition and the veterans have a bit of advice: "Play the contest, pay attention and make notes on the ones you get wrong and come back next year," advises Krueger.

"The only way to win Trivia is to play. Because everyone who plays wins."

Sounds like a recipe for success.

According to the U.S. Trivia Association, WWSIP's contest is the largest in the world. It draws more than 10,000 people world wide and takes place this weekend. Teams can register until the contest starts at 6 p.m. Friday evening.
Did you know about...?

The childcare center in Nelson Hall

Located in Nelson Hall, the University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC) has been providing childcare services for 28 years. This facility provides the finest childcare in an invigorating environment where children grow emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively while enjoying themselves.

The center is open year-round for children 2-6 years whose parents or guardians are UWSP students, faculty, staff or alumni.

A school-age summer program is available from May to September and open to the general public.

This fall the center will open an infant/toddler program in Delzell Hall. The long-term goal is to transfer the entire program to Delzell. A pre-school is also available during the academic year.

Susie Sprouse, director of the UCLCC, believes the success of the center is due to the skilled and professional teaching staff along with the support of the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Administrative Support and Services of UWSP.

The teaching staff of UCLCC has over 75 years of teaching experience in the early childhood field.

Mary Talbot joined the staff in 1979. She has been providing a safe, caring and learning environment for our toddler groups. Her warm personality combined with her professionalism provides the very best environment for two-year old children.

Marge Andersen joined the teaching staff in 1982. Her pre-school classroom provides a stimulating developmentally appropriate curriculum for the four- and five-year-olds. Marge nurtures and respects all the children, enabling them to develop and thrive in an exciting environment.

Kris Trustem started at UCLCC in 1991. Kris' creative skills offer the three-year old children an environment rich with learning hands-on activities. She is creative, hard working, and devoted to providing children in her classroom with many enriching learning experiences.

In 1997, Carmen Luque joined the staff as a toddler teacher. Carmen provides a gentle atmosphere in which the young toddler develops self-esteem, cooperation and respect for themselves and others.

Kari Snyder, a recent early childhood graduate is the newest staff member at UCLCC starting in 1999. She brings past familiarity and professionalism in infant/toddler and pre-school programs from the Madison area. Kari provides a compassionate, creative classroom where children ages 3-5 grow and learn according to their individual needs.

To augment and enhance the program, UCLCC employs a large, energetic student aide staff enabling the ratio of one adult to every four or five children. The student staff adds a special dimension and vitality to UCLCC.

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Weird Romance,畈ows at UWSP

From plot to staging, technology is the essence of Weird Romance, a two-part musical, to be presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance at the UWSP.

Music, costuming and sets all reflect the futuristic theme of the musical, but at the heart of the play are two tender love stories, according to director Stephen Sherwin, professor of theatre and dance.

With a score by Alan Menken, lyrics by David Spencer and script by Alan Bennett, the musical is a combination of "speculative fiction" and romance. It premiered off-Broadway in 1992.

Many will recognize Menken's name from his award winning work on Disney films such as The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast and The Hunchback of Notre Dame. He also wrote the score for the off-Broadway hit, Little Shop of Horrors.

Menken has won numerous Oscars, Grammys, Tonys and Golden Globe Awards.

"The audience will have a grand time with this show," Sherwin said. "Our students have some incredible voices-it's just one strong voice after another."

"Weird Romance is really two separate one-act plays, The Girl Who Was Plugged In and Her Pilgrim Soul."

"The two acts have very different tones," Sherwin said. "They present two perspectives, two contexts and two approaches to love and human nature."

The first act, The Girl Who Was Plugged In, was adapted from an episode of the television series, The Twilight Zone. It is set in the near future when the cynical head of GTX Corporation, T.S. Isham (Taggart Johnston, Racine) uses "product placement" to sell his wares because advertising has been outlawed. Isham is fed up with paying greedy celebrities to become walking "infomercials," so he comes up with a scheme to end the expensive arrangement. A GTX scientist (Beau Banton, Fredonia) has created an artificially grown "perfect body" (Heather Sturzl, Mayville) to be the company's spokesmodel. He convinces a homeless woman, P. Burke, (Carolyn Radlke, Brookfield) to project her soul into the clone. In a twist of the plot, the boss' son, Paul (Byron Dement, Folsom, Cali) begins to fall in love with the clone.

The second act, Her Pilgrim Soul, is set late in the 21st century. Computer scientist Kevin Drayton (Eli Kranaki, Kaukauna) is developing a sophisticated holographic imaging device when a baby mysteriously appears in the chamber. The child (Laura Christianson, Fort Atkinson), who grows up almost overnight, says her name is Nola Granville. She doesn't react like a hologram. She is almost human and begins to talk about her life. Nola upsets the balance of Kevin's world."

"The original production was done on many students on the technical crew."

"This production provides opportunities to more of our students in costume, lighting, props, sound and scenic design," Sherwin said. Futuristic costuming for The Girl Who Was Plugged In includes clear vinyl jeans, a bubble wrap vest, a cellophone stole and lots of sequins, according to Susan Sherwin, assistant professor of theatre and dance who is working with the student costume designers. "There will be plenty of high tech accessories as well, including antigravity bracelets," Sherwin said.

In the role of Nola Granville, Christianson has seven costume changes as she ages 10 years each day from babyhood to age 70. She is the only cast member to have her own makeup and wig assistant.

All of the orchestra will be done by Roger Nelson, assistant professor of theatre and dance. "The original production was done on synthesizer," Nelson says. "This gives us the opportunity to create very futuristic sounds including an eerie musical background when Nola appears in the holographic chamber."

With the help of students, Nelson will record all the music on a synthesizer. They will fine-tune the recording during rehearsals until they are satisfied with the finished product, then burn the recording onto a CD. Then either Nelson or a student will "play" the recorded orchestration from the CD during the performances. "I love to use live musicians for our productions," Nelson said, "but we will have fun with technology for this production."

During the first act, scenery will be projected from a computer onto the backdrop. Scenic design for the act will be done on computer by Scott Canady, Portage. This will require working closely with the lighting designer, Sherwin said.

Gary Olsen, professor of theatre and dance, is assisting student designers as lighting designer, sound designer and technical director. Anna Warren, Wauwatosa, is stage manager for the production.

The play will be performed Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $10 for adults, $9 for senior citizens, $6 for youth and $3 for students with a UWSP ID.

Tickets are available at the Arts and Athletics Ticket Office in Quandt Fieldhouse Lobby or by phone at (715) 346-4100. Tickets also will be available at the door if the play is not sold out in advance.
Students fight to take back the night.

By Katie Harding

Sponsored by the Women's Resource Center (WRC), Take Back the Night is scheduled to take place Wednesday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sundial.

Take Back the Night allows survivors and opponents of sexual assault and rape to unite in their cause to stop the violence. It is a worldwide protest expressing women's opposition to sexual assault, stalking and other violence against women and children.

This is the 12th annual rally at UWSP. Last year, about 200 people participated in the event. The WRC hopes to accomplish a few things through the rally.

According to Alexa Priddy, coordinating director of the WRC, one out of every four college women is assaulted each year, and the average domestic abusive victim leaves her partner seven times before leaving for good or being killed by her partner.

"We hope to bring awareness to the issue of violence against women," said Priddy.

The first Take Back the Night event began in England in 1977 as a women-only protest against the fear and violence women frequently encountered alone on the streets at night.

It has a history of grass roots women's activism and provides a forum to speak out, educate and raise awareness about the issues surrounding sexual assault.

The slogan Take Back the Night was initially used in the U.S. in 1978 as a theme for a national protest march in San Francisco.

Over 10,000 people marched through an area containing strip joints, peep shows, pornographic theaters, massage parlors and brothels. As part of a worldwide movement to "take back the night," women walked without fear through the night to reclaim the streets, which for many years had been sources of trepidation.

Since then, the slogan has become a symbolic statement of women's commitment to putting a stop to all forms of violent crimes against women.

Over the past 20 years, Take Back the Night events have spread across the nation, expanding in perspective and taking on many forms.

Guest speakers, musicians and dancers will provide entertainment and inspiration for the crowd at UWSP.

At 5:30 p.m., UWSP student Amy Groshek will perform followed by speakers Chancellor Thomas George, UWSP professor Rhonda Komisi, student drummer Framela Thiasogen and Jeff Langois from the Family Crisis Center at 6 p.m.

UWSP students Ryan O'Leary and Lori Olson will also perform The Rape of Mr. Smith, a skit that displays how the law discriminates against rape victims in a manner, which would not be tolerated, by victims of any other crime.

UWSP students Colleen Coy, Lynne Currie, Jen Hagen, Amanda List and Laura Ulke will dance during the event. Nikki Harings choreographed the routine.

A march through campus will begin at 7:15 p.m. followed by a performance by folk singer Brenda Weiler at 8 p.m. in the UC Encore.

"This is not just an issue in which women should be concerned about. It will be only through the efforts of men and women working together that we will see change in the violence that is targeted at women," said Priddy.

For more information about Take Back the Night, call 346-4851 or e-mail womenres@uwsp.edu.
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Comeback wins lead Oshkosh past Point

Baseball team falls to 0-2 in conference play

BY DAN MIRMAN
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point baseball team (15-8, 0-2) got off to a rough conference start last weekend as they lost leads in both games of a doubleheader against UW-Oshkosh. The Pointers dropped their only two games of the weekend by scores of 11-5 and 2-1.

In the first game of the twinbill, Point fell behind early as Oshkosh scored two runs in the first inning. Ben Beno picked up the first of his six RBIs for the game with a double. However, the Pointers came back and scored the next five runs which included a three-run home run by Jon Jagler to take a 5-2 lead through five innings.

But Oshkosh proved to be too much, scoring the final nine runs which included a pair of triples by Beno that plated five runs. Troy Bielmeier (2-3) picked up the loss for Point as he went the distance giving up 13 hits and striking out four.

The second game was an old-fashioned pitchers’ duel, with only 11 total hits and three runs that saw Point drop a close game, 2-1.

"These games usually go back and forth and we just didn't take advantage of our chances."
- Brian Nelson

"(Brian) Herzog did a great job of hitting his spots and we weren't hitting," said Head Coach Brian Nelson. "These games usually go back and forth and we just didn't take advantage of our chances."

Early on, it appeared that Point would have a big game at the plate as they scored their only run in the first inning on two hits and a Jagler sacrifice fly. But the Pointers could only manage two hits the rest of the way as Herzog struck out eight hitters.

The game was tied heading into the seventh inning when Beno struck again, picking up his seventh RBI on the day with a bloop single that turned out to be the difference in the game. Point had opportunities in the eighth and ninth innings, but stranded men on third base in both innings.

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Even though Point is starting off conference play 0-2, Nelson isn't too concerned about it.

"Two losses in our conference isn't the end of the world," said Nelson. "The winner of our league will probably have three or four losses so we just need to come out next weekend and concentrate on winning our next games."

The Pointers conference schedule picks up this weekend when they will host UW-Stout for a doubleheader on Friday. Then UW-Superior comes to town to play two games on Saturday.

Lacrosse team prepares for Iowa

UW-Stevens Point athletes Leah Juno and Karen Guckenberger have been selected as Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week.

It is the fifth time that Juno has received the award during the 2000-01 season and her first as the outdoor track Athlete of the Week.

Juno was honored twice during the cross country season and twice during the indoor season. She earned her latest honor after qualifying for the NCAA Division III outdoor nationals with an automatic qualifying time at the North Central College Invitational in Naperville, Ill. last weekend.

Juno, a Brillion native, qualified in the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.29. Juno's time is the best in the country in the event this season, and helped UWSP capture second place in the invite.

Guckenberger was named the WIAC East Division softball Player of the Week after lowering her earned run average even further with 24 more innings without allowing an earned run last week.

The sophomore has posted incredible numbers this season with a 0.32 earned run average and a current streak of 37 2/3 innings without allowing an earned run. The South Milwaukee native has held opponents to a .142 batting average in 65 2/3 innings pitched.

Last week, she pitched 24 innings and had 25 strikeouts and two walks. Saturday, she threw a complete game three-hitter, allowed one unearned run, and struck out seven to earn a win over University of Chicago. In game two, she picked up the win in relief, pitching two perfect innings and striking out three.

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The Green Bay Packers have missed out on the playoffs for the past two seasons and currently hold the No. 10 pick overall. The Packers have been rumors that the Pack may be attempting for the No. 3 pick.

With the constant shenanigans of Antonio Freeman and the less than consistant play of Bill Schroeder, Green Bay may easily opt for a wide receiver from one of the deepest crops at the position in years. Injuries to Steve Warren and Santana Dotson late in the regular season in 2000 depleted the Packers' depth along the defensive line, which is another position that has a number of potential stars available.

Ron Wolf, who is in his last year with Green Bay as general manager, has made a history of picking up players late in the draft who have had success with the Packers. However, Wolf is lukewarm about selecting a wide receiver high in the draft since so few have a history of living up to their potential. Perhaps more than any other position, wide receiver is hit or miss when it comes to draft day.

Therefore, don't be surprised if the Packers end up deciding to select a defensive lineman with the opening pick, perhaps Richard Seymour from Georgia or Andre Carter from California. Perhaps even more important than what happens with the first pick will be what Green Bay does with the remainder of its picks.

With wise drafting, the Packers have the opportunity to fill further holes in their depth at linebacker and offensive line in an attempt to return to championship form.

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The Wisconsin River is arguably one of the most amazing fisheries in the state. Providing habitat for species as diverse as muskellunge and sturgeon, an angler fishing "The Big River" can never know what's pulling on the other end of the line until the fish comes out of the water. Despite the diversity, the river has still become a mecca for anglers in search of two popular game fish, walleyes and smallmouth bass and nothing beats the April/May bite.

As a freshman, my walleye fishing skills were nothing above novice, but I quickly learned that the Wisconsin was chock full of walleyes ready and willing to beneath dams. Each different section of river will give me an education far beyond my academic career.

The Wisconsin offers walleye fishing not easily rivaled by many other bodies of water of the spring bite, an impressive number for any walleye fishery. The bite peaks in early May, just in time to provide some relief from finals. While it is possible to land over 40 fish in a day, the most amazing part of the spring bite is the fact that fish can average between 13 and 14 inches with a fair shot at a trophy over 20. Catch and release plays an important part in this fishery so take a picture and let 'em go!

The Wisconsin River walleyes ready for action

By Ryan Naidl
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

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Julia Butterfly Hill correction

Last week two misleading facts were printed in regards to Julia Butterfly Hill. The first was a statement saying that Hill sat in Luna for nearly three years, although the exact length of her tree sit was two years and eight days.

Secondly, further information has been released and the actual date of Hill’s appearance at UW-SP is on Wednesday, April 25, not Thursday, April 26 as originally reported.

The presentation will begin at 3 p.m. in the Laird Room in the University Center (UC). Hill will discuss her experiences while sitting in the tree.

Hill protested old-growth deforestation by volunteering to sit in an old-growth red-wood that was estimated to be about 1,000 years old. Her initial sit was planned to be only about two weeks to a month long, but Hill grew attached to the tree and ended up not coming down for a full two years and eight days.

A book signing will follow her presentation on Wednesday.
Asian lady beetles return

As weather warms up, multi-colored Asian beetles dormant over the winter will emerge in homes throughout Wisconsin. Homeowners don't need to worry about the beetles: they are harmless and in fact are trying to escape to the outdoors where they help farmers and landowners by feeding on aphids and scale insects that target trees and vegetable crops.

"During early fall months many of the beetles were attracted to siding on the warm southern exposure of homes and some wintered over in homes in the area," said Todd Lanigan, a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) forest pest specialist in Eau Claire. "The beetles are harmless in the house. They don't feed on insulation, carpeting, furniture or things in the house."

If threatened, the beetles can excrete an odor and stain-causing substance. The beetles do not reproduce inside homes.

The multi-colored Asian beetles are similar to native lady beetles but come in more than one color and may have a varied number of spots. In recent years, numbers of these exotic species have increased due to warm winters.

The beetles were never released in Wisconsin. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released the Japanese beetles between 1916 and 1982 in California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Washington to control aphids and other tree infesting species. The beetles also were released in Nova Scotia in Canada.

According to Lanigan, the beetles are extremely beneficial to trees and shrubs. They feed on aphids and scale insects that feed on trees, and can help prevent the insects from drawing sap from a tree and causing wilting. The beetles also can help protect foliage plants and garden plants from aphids and other sap-feeding insects.

If people find bothersome numbers of the lady beetles in a house, they can sweep or vacuum them with care.

Bird protection is focus of state-private conservation agreement

A landmark conservation agreement aimed at assuring the future of birds in Wisconsin will be signed on May 12 at Wisconsin's Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area.

Under the voluntary agreement, known as the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, state and private conservation organizations will pledge to work together to preserve habitat for birds that annually migrate to or through Wisconsin.

May 12 is also International Migratory Bird Day and following the 1 p.m. signing ceremony, a recently restored 200-acre wetland immediately adjacent to the Horicon Visitor Center will be dedicated.

The restoration was made possible through the efforts of Ducks Unlimited, the Horicon staff and a generous contribution from the Bachhuber family, founders of the Mayville Engineering Company. The restored wetland will be named the Ted and Grace Bachhuber Memorial Wetland Restoration Project and will be the focal point of the planned Horicon International Education Center as well as providing excellent habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds and a host of other wetland wildlife.

"The Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative is designed to meet the challenge of preserving habitat for birds in Wisconsin. These birds are an integral part of Wisconsin's ecosystem and important for maintaining our biodiversity for the future," said Frans Fennessy, Department of Natural Resources deputy secretary.

The Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative was modeled after the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, which was created to coordinate and integrate four existing major bird management plans: Partners in Flight, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the United States Shorebird Conservation Plan and the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan.

Some of the goals of the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative are the management of bird species and their habitats using strategies that consider potential social and economic impacts and conservation of endangered, threatened and rare birds, as well as preventing the numbers of common birds from declining.

Furthermore, the goals will stretch to impact the coordination of existing bird conservation groups in Wisconsin providing landowners and land managers the best ecological information available; and promoting bird-based recreation and the enjoyment of birds.

In addition to protecting endangered birds, the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative will work to prevent other bird species, such as the western meadowlark, red-headed woodpecker and blue-winged teal from continuing the population declines noticed in recent years.

As well as being a vital part of Wisconsin's environment, migratory and resident birds also provide recreation for a growing number of bird watchers. A study by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of state park use has shown that bird watching increased 150 percent between 1985 and 1995 and wildlife observation and photography is expected to increase 50 percent by the year 2040.

Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area and the adjacent Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, comprise the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States, and are popular locations for bird watching. Horicon is renowned for its migrant flocks of Canada geese and is home to more than 260 kinds of birds.
EdVentures recalls experiences from the bayou

By Cathy Walters
Outdoors Reporter

During the recent UWSP spring break, Outdoor EdVentures sponsored and led 18 student participants on a week long Southern US "edventure." The team of 22, including four OE staff members, spent three days hiking through the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, two days canoeing under the Spanish moss covered cypress trees of Louisiana's bayous and two days experiencing a bit of Cajun culture in New Orleans.

While backpacking over the mountains and through the woods of the Ozarks, the group witnessed dazzling waterfalls, natural bridges, enormous boulder fields and beautiful beech tree forests.

"The best part was crossing the treacherous Hurricane Creek, with freezing water up to my thighs," said trip participant Tiffany Pusick.

Following the hike, the group traveled to the "hot springs" of Arkansas, where many experienced their first stay at a backpackers' hostel. The close quarters and diversity of people made for a fun and exciting environment, and the French Quarter was easily accessible for everyone to see the sights and sounds of the N'Awlins lifestyle. Many appreciated the Cajun cuisine and New Orleans jazz and ended the nights in traditional French Quarter style.

Outdoor EdVentures provides many opportunities, such as this trip, for people to become involved in our natural and cultural environment, so keep your eyes open for future trips and courses in the upcoming months.

For all the participants of the Outdoor EdVentures southern spring break adventure, we would like to give out a big "WOO HOOOOO!!!"

This was one of the many beautiful bayou sights that were captured on film during the trip.

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Letters from the edge of the world

Funky block

By Pat "Calligiania" Rothfuss
Look upon my words, oh ye mighty and despair.

In the last week or so, I've decided that I should be God. There's really no gentler way to say it. I mean, the incumbent God has done a pretty good job with the place. Everything works smoothly, animals eat each other, rain falls and the gravity is always pointed in the right direction. The big things are working just fine.

But, as they say, the devil is in the details. While the overall framework of existence works pretty well, the particulars could use a little fine-tuning. Think about it, how many of you out there are perfectly happy?

Hmmm? I didn't think so.

So, rather than just complain about it, I've decided to take matters into my own hands. All I really need is a decent sized band of worshippers and maybe a dozen more devoted followers to act as disciples, temple dancer, and zealots. I'm not planning anything too fancy, mind you. I'm going to be the way with a lot of the bureaucracy cluttering up current religion.

Now, I'm not expecting you to take any of this on faith. I'm going to be perfectly up front about what my specific intentions are as your prospective deity. As soon as I feel my power upon me, you're going to see some definite changes.

No eternal torment burning in the lake of fire.

In my afterlife, the damned will be cast into a lake of fluffy kittens. It's still for all eternity, but you get a 10 minute break every three hours so that you can go to the bathroom and have a smoke.

Perfect immortality.

No more bad-things-happening-to-good-people. As soon as I'm in charge, you can rest easy if you're good. If you're bad, I'm going to make sure you send you a prophetic dream or a stern e-mail before I do any smiting.

Longer banking hours.

Banks will be open until at least 2 p.m. on Saturdays. That way we can all sleep in, have some sex, then grab lunch and still get there before they shut down the computers for the day.

More lesbians.

I like lesbians. It's nice to have girls that I can go girl-watching with. As an added bonus, you can go have lunch with them and not need to justify yourself to your girl friend afterwards.

A more attractive populace.

Under my benificent rule, everyone will become at least... oh... let's say 15 percent more attractive. If you feel like you were dealt a particularly bad hand from the original God, or if your job requires a high degree of comeliness, you'll just send in a supplication, a picture, and a small handling fee. Then I'll review your case individually and get back to you in 7-10 business days.

No bancy-panky.

I swear to Me, that I will never transform myself into a swan, or a bull, or whatever, just to get into some girl's pants. Also, there will be none of this "dream visitation" stuff that leaves you pregnant afterwards. Why? Well, first off, I'm pretty sure the ASPCA would come down on me like a ton of bricks. Secondly, I'm absolutely sure my girl friend would come down on me like one extremely pissed-off girlfriend. Which is much worse than a ton of bricks.

"Wow Pat, that sounds great. Where do I sign up?"

Well that's what's so convenient. You can worship me in the privacy of your own home. Just build a little shrine to me in your room. Then light some candles and leave me occasional offerings like ox tripe, papercpils, Twinkies and mescaline.

Or, if that sounds like too much work, I'm having a special start up offer. All you have to do is cut out this column, tape it to your door, then the next time you're having sex, shout my name.

Go on. I dare you.

Warning, Pat Rothfuss's words contain truth in its purest sense. Unfortunately, pure truth, like pure grain alcohol, can be exceedingly dangerous when handled improperly. Use care when reading this column.

Re-live the San Francisco sound

The David Nelson Band (DNB) has been making magic with its music since 1994. Combining healthy doses of psychedelic country, blues and bluegrass with an improvisational style, the DNB has created its own distinctive brew of chedelic country, blues and grass with an improvisational style, the DNB has created its rock flurry since 1994. Widely acknowledged as one of the country's top contemporary flatpickers, David Nelson has deep roots in the Bay Area music scene. As founding member of both The Wildwood Boys and New Riders of the Purple Sage (NRPS), Nelson, along with musical compatriots Robert Hunter and Jerry Garcia, played a formative role in establishing both the rock and roll sound of the West Coast.

During David's years with NRPS, the band created several classic albums for Columbia Records, and its inimitable vocals on the hit "Panama Red" sparked a counter-culture anthem, while earning the band a gold record. In addition, he performed with the Jerry Garcia Acoustic Band, appearing on their Almost Acoustic release, and he made important contributions to the classic Grateful Dead albums American Beauty, Workingman's Dead and Aoxomoxoa.

The DNB sound, however, is a true collaborative effort among musicians with well-established and fruitful careers. Lead gui-tar/pedal steel player Barry Sless (Kingfish, Cowboy Jazz) consis-tently has mesmerized audiences with his shimmering melodic lines and exploratory solos.

Mookie Siegel's (Ratdog, Kingfish) keyboard, accordion and vocal styles bring to the band a rollicking bayou sound, while Charlie Cranes (Cowboy Jazz, Uptown Rhythm Kings) are capable of jamming with the best. Together, the rhythmic duo provides a solid foundation for the DNB's songs, while simultaneously anchoring and driving home the band's infectious grooves.

Having released three albums on their own label (High Adventure), the DNB continues to build a loyal and enthusiastic fan base. In 1999, the group's audience expanded further after Phil Lesh invited Nelson, Siegel, and Sless to join his band (Phil Lesh & Friends) for two sold-out, critically acclaimed concerts at the Warfield Theatre in San Francisco. In November of that year at a benefit for the SEVA Foundation, Lesh returned the favor by joining the DNB for a memorable and exciting performance at San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium.

The DNB, whose members have continued to write new songs and engage audiences throughout the country, is poised to take the next step in spreading its exhilarating, panoramic music.

KLEZMER IS WHERE IT'S AT

By Sasha Bartick

On Tuesday night, the usual Witz End open-mic night was replaced with a yiddish extravaganza. Yid Vicious, the fabulous Klezmer band out of Madison came to entertain folks with their rock-influenced traditional music.

The sounds created by this seven piece ensemble were a mixture of Mid-Eastern woodwinds, polka-esque dynamics and musical mayhem! The band, which plays exclusively traditional Jewish pieces, tries to put their own stamp on these numbers, while obviously anchoring and driving home the band's organic roots. The music was danceable and catchy, two key ingredients in ensuring a grand time at any social event. I've decided that this type of music can put a smile on the faces of faces and be defined even the most resistant of individuals to get up and shake their booties!


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16. Dash
17. Heavy metal
18. Refer to
19. Egypt's river
20. Umbrella
22. Please
24. Cathedral section
25. Mexican cheer
26. Move resolutely
29. Spanish tile
30. Baby's cry
34. Cove
35. Wild animal
36. Chest bone
38. Find the solution
39. Baby's cry
40. Stop
41. Fissile rock
42. Window glasses
43. Like some fruit
63. Palms
65. Girl
66. Ponder
67. Mexican

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**DOWN**
1. Aid
2. Not on
3. Costly
4. Put in peril
5. Small room
6. Sheer doth
7. Small child
8. Sailing
9. Reply
10. Thin surface layer
11. Charles Lamb
12. Lanky
13. Singles
21. Pepper's mate
23. Scheme
26. Cleans
27. Silly
28. Smoothly
29. Tends
30. Roof feature
31. Teheran native
32. Kitchen gadget
33. Lower in rank
35. Large snakes
38. Flock tender
39. Motherly
43. Factual
44. Most arid
45. Bank depositors
46. Knock
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51. Famous
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53. Volcanic asr
54. Hebrew prophet
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By Mel Rosenberg

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And cleaning my bong.*

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**Tonja Steele**

By Joey Hetzel

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**Jackie's Fridge**

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