Rights activist delves into Mexican suffering

By Julie Johnson
News Reporter

On April 29 in the University Center, Abel Barrera spoke to educate and inform UWSP students of the human rights suffering taking place in Mexico. The presentation started with a brief overview of the history of Mexico’s economy, it also touched on the human suffering and corporation greed that has abolished Mexico’s poor.

According to Barrera, NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) was created in 1993 to control trade within Mexico, and for expansion of American Corporations. NAFTA went into effect January 1, 1994 and caused three specific effects which lead Mexico down the road to doom.

"NAFTA destroyed the poor family farmers in Mexico that produce corn by taking away tariffs that, in fact, protected farmers," Barrera said. "This destroyed family farmers working in Mexico, and the corn production as well. Corn being Mexico’s prime agriculture resource, was cut drastically."

Mexico was the first country to produce corn and sustained its production throughout the centuries but NAFTA created American expansion into Mexico. American large-scale farmers started producing corn taking away from the rightful Mexican farmers. The poor in Mexico relied on corn to feed their family and to sustain life.

"Also, NAFTA changed article 27 in the Mexican Constitution," Barrera said. "The Mexican Constitution was enacted in the 1920s, about the same time the U.S. was fighting for women’s suffrage. Article 27 in the Mexican Constitution stated that the poor had the right to own land just as the rich were able to. This enabled the poor and indigenous families of Mexico to start their families built farms and have the freedom to control their life."

This all changed in 1993, when the land that the poor had been settled on for generations was given corporate.
Solutions for smoking: the campus and country fight against tobacco and its predecessors

Will UWSP be smoke-free?

By Mollie Mlodzik
Assistant News Editor

After health aggravations, two UWSP students are questioning whether UWSP should follow the trend of other UW-System schools and become a smoke-free campus.

Freshman Katie Riester came down with bronchitis, and noticed that cigarette smoke from her dorm slowed her recovery. Shortly after, her roommate, Kelley Dickey, also became ill and had the same reaction. They want to prevent this from happening to others.

"Our school is supposed to be known as a wellness school, and yet we have a lot of smokers, and second-hand smoke is harmful to everyone's health," said Riester, "If a school as big as Madison can do it, why can't we?"

While neither Riester, nor Dickey smoke, they live on a smoking floor of Hansen Hall. Room assignments go on roommate preference first, and smoking and other options come after that. If a student's first choice is not available, the option, said Kate Reck of the University Housing Office, "is to make what they think is a much needed change in the area."

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smoke-free halls: May Roach, Burroughs, Smith and Steiner, and all nine of the other halls offer at least two floors that are smoke-free. Riester and Dickey feel all halls should be smoke-free. Both students recently joined the Tobacco Free Coalition of Portage County in hopes of getting their story out, and making what they think is a needed change in the area.

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The Pointer puts its faith in the campus to find a solution that is in the interest of the health of all students.

Ultra-Light cigarettes create heavy lawsuits

By Tim Damos
News Reporter

The results of a study done by the U.S. Department of Health about the tar and nicotine content of "light" and "ultra-light" cigarettes have created a new cause for concern among smokers, resulting in a new group of lawsuits against tobacco companies. Lawyers from around the country are sharing strategies on how to win cases against "big tobacco."

A class action lawsuit in Florida has accused the Philip Morris Corporation of falsely advertising "light" cigarettes as having lower tar and nicotine yields than regular cigarettes. This is one of 11 class action lawsuits pending in 11 states. In late March, an Oregon jury found Philip Morris guilty of fraud and negligence in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of longtime smoker Michelle Schwarz. The Schwarz family claimed that Philip Morris had led her to believe that "light" cigarettes were less of a health risk than regular cigarettes. The plaintiff was awarded $150,168,000 in compensatory damages. Philip Morris filed an immediate appeal, saying that they did not get a fair trial. While representatives of Philip Morris maintain that "light" has always been referred to taste rather than tar and nicotine content, a study done by the U.S. Department of Health found otherwise.

Last October, the National Cancer Institute released a monograph summarizing a study done by the U.S. Department of Health entitled "Risks Associated with Smoking Cigarettes with Low Machine-Measured Yields of Tar and Nicotine." The study concluded that the methods used by the Federal Trade Commission to measure tar and nicotine yields in "light" cigarettes do not accurately represent the amount of tar and nicotine a smoker will inhale. This is due to holes that tobacco companies place on the surface of the cigarettes, which act as a way of diluting the smoke duration of FTC machine measurements.

However, someone who is physically smoking the cigarette will cover up these holes with their fingers. This acts as a way for the smoker to regulate the amount of tar and nicotine they will inhale.

The study found that smokers who switch brands due to health concerns tend to smoke lower-yield cigarettes more intensively in order to receive the amount of nicotine required to feed their addiction.

Furthermore, the study concluded that ultra-light cigarettes have been successful in getting smokers to use filtered and low-yield cigarette brands, and that "Internal tobacco company documents demonstrate that the cigarette manufacturers recognized the inherent deception of advertising that offered cigarettes as 'Light' or 'Ultra-Light,' or as having the lowest tar and nicotine yields."

The Tobacco Products Liability Project is an organization devoted to studying and coordinating "products liability suits against the tobacco industry and legislative and regulatory initiatives to control the sale and use of tobacco as a public health strategy." In an effort to help plaintiff attorneys of tobacco cases, the TPLP held a conference this weekend at Northwestern University School of Law where they discussed "keys for winning cases, updates on the newest litigation strategies, using experts and evidence to the best advantage, and sharing critical resources."

The TPLP hopes to help others battle the tobacco companies until one day "the true social cost of cigarette smoking [is] reflected in the cost of each pack of cigarettes." To read about the Tobacco Products Liability Project, go to www.tobacco.neu.edu. A copy of the N.C.I. monograph can be viewed on the web at cancercontrol.cancer.gov/tobr/ monographs/13/index.html.
Health Enhancement Center
Wednesday, April 24 3:48 p.m.

About $124 was taken from a faculty member’s pants pocket in the wrestling locker room.

University Center
Thursday, April 25 9:55 p.m.

A student reported her ID holder/key ring was stolen while she was attending a movie in the Laird Room.

Lot Q
Friday, April 26 10:40 p.m.

A student reported the driver’s side mirror on her vehicle was broken off.

Thomson Hall
Friday, April 26 1:39 a.m.

A student reported a safe containing $300 in cash was missing.

Soccer Field
Sunday, April 28 6:07 p.m.

The assistant soccer coach reported that the white shed at the soccer field had been broken into.

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Abel Barrera spoke in Spanish throughout the presentation and had a translator for those who did not speak Spanish fluently. Barrera went on to say that Mexico is rich in resources and potential.

According to Barrera, the people of Mexico are poor and are being shoved out by the elite in society. The elite in society, the government and the rich, look upon the poor in society and exploit their poverty.

Barrera also talked about the respect Mexicans have for the mother earth.

“The mother earth is not owned by one group, but rather by the whole world,” Barrera replied to the NAFTA agreements of taking land and giving it to corporations to use for building and manufacturing. Barrera stated that the land is there for the use of the whole world, and not just a single group or mission.

Barrera looked to the audience for their attention and compassion throughout the presentation. He spoke of such turmoil and desperation, but yet he stressed that hope was present for Mexico.

The audience that attended was a mix of young people and older people, all sharing in the same interest: human rights. The presentation was unique and informational to all that attended. It opened everyone’s eyes to a country that needs our help in sustaining a positive and healthily future.

The Student Alliance of Latino Studies and Advancement and the Foreign Language, Philosophy and History Departments here on campus sponsored the Abel Barrera program on campus.

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Protest since September 11, and the largest ever to support Palestinian causes in America. However, President Bush was away from the White House for the entire weekend and therefore, the protest did not get the predicted media coverage.

“Tha’s a lot of people to come to D.C. for a weekend,” said Krueger. “It takes a long time for people to change their minds...we just have to keep working at it, and hopefully more and more people will be behind it,” she said.

“When you go back home people are like, ‘So, what was that about?’ You explain it to them and even if they are not with you in the streets, they are with you in spirit,” said Talbot.

We’re still celebrating Easter

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection

5 PM Saturday | 10:15 AM Sunday | 6 PM Sunday
St. Joseph Convent Chapel, 1300 Maria Drive
(Just west of K mart)

9 PM Thursday 4 April
9 PM Every Wednesday
Newman Center, next to Pray-Sims

NEWMAN - The Roman Catholic Parish at UWSP
www.newmanuwsp.org
Words of Wisdom From the Editor

Scientists unveil remote controlled rats – the perfect gift for that hard to shop for animal rights activist.

By Josh Goller

It may sound like science fiction but remote controlled rats have become a reality. Scientists recently announced a technological development that could revolutionize animal cruelty as we know it.

"Ratbot" as it's so affectionately been named, consists of a lab rat complete with a radio "backpack" and electrode brain implants controlled from a lap top computer. Currently, these scientists have only maneuvered these roborats through complex mazes including hoops, ramps and steps but hope to one day utilize the "ratbot" to search for earthquake victims, spy on inaccessible compounds or search for land mines.

While scientists pledge to use the ratbot only for good, in today's commercialized society its only a matter of time before I'll be able to pick one of these critters up from the pet store (or Spencer Gifts). I'm reviled by the idea of controlling a living creature's brain for my own entertainment, but that just wouldn't be enough to keep me from camping outside the pet store to be the first to get my own ratbot.

I realize that the initial entertainment value of my roborat would eventually lose its luster (although forcing my rat to moonwalk will definitely give it some lasting value). However, while they will eventually surpass the Chia pet and even the Tamagotchi in popularity, I foresee a much more productive future for these remote controlled vermin.

Students need to embrace diversity

After four and a half year of hard work, I will finally graduate in May. I did not like Stevens Point when I came here for the first time. It was not because of the place, but rather the people. I thought people from around this area of Wisconsin were very close-minded. But one of my American best friends proved me wrong. She tried very hard to understand my English despite my strong accent. From my friendship with her, I gained confidence in my language skill and learned that even though we are different, we can be good friends no matter where we are from. However, I was right about one thing: UWSP does have diversity problems.

Now I have many American friends. I enjoy our friendship so much. Most of my friends are those who will keep in touch for the rest of my life. As we became good friends, they started talking about other foreign students. According to them, it is very difficult for American students to approach foreign students because they tend to be always together. I am sure you might have seen several groups of foreign students having a good time by themselves. Even though my American friends are willing to get to know foreign students, it is uncomfortable for some of the American students to become the minority in a huge group of foreign students. This argument could be made by foreign students too.

Of course there ARE some students who are really close-minded regardless of where they are from. They act as if they don't even want to associate with people who are different.

Being a foreign student and being a friend with all my previous American friends, I would like to say that nobody wants to be a minority. Everyone wants to be somewhere comfortable. However, you create these circumstances. You don't get them from somebody else. Both American and foreign students have to approach each other and have an attitude of understanding the differences between them. We ARE different. No doubt about it. However, nobody says we cannot be friends. It is totally up to you to make friends with people from different countries.

I am writing this to thank all my friends here who helped me to get through 4.5 years of college work. They helped me as if they were a part of my family. I cannot explain how much they meant to me. I want you to discover the value of international friendships here in Stevens Point. When I graduated, I want to celebrate not only the ceremony itself, but also the relationship that I share with my friends. Thank you all for being my friends.

Kazumi Nakada
UWSP Student

Automobile obsession is the true parking problem

I write this letter for two reasons. First, to spread the word about the UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association Student Question of the Week that can be found at www.uwsp.edu/stugov/sqa. The current question on the site reads, "How should UWSP solve its parking problem?" Check out the website to offer your opinion and see others' views.

Secondly, I write this letter to share with you my thoughts on what's known around town as "The Parking Problem." As a member of SGA, UWSP University Affairs Committee and the Stevens Point City Council, I am quite aware that there exists a grand concern involving the issue of parking here in our community. I am also distur-bed to have witnessed such a willingness to accept new parking development, not to mention the size of some of the lots we already have. We are lucky to live in a spot on earth that has a human population that may still be manageable enough for us to make the conversion to an ecologically sustainable lifestyle. Why then do we accept promoting personal automobile dependence as a viable option for our community?

I have a better idea. Start tearing up the parking lots and re-plant native species of plants that we can learn how to utilize locally and nurture for our true evolutionarily ecological needs. Stop offering parking, that'll solve the problem. Countless creative and effective solutions for the problem of human automobile addiction can be found around the globe. By working together to develop a more bike and pedestrian friendly community and to enhance the mass transit system, UWSP and the city of Stevens Point will not only solve any parking problem, but will also help to weave the city into a more pedestrian friendly and eco-friendly way. Strengthening our community is a real world investment that ought to be pursued to the fullest. Learning how to live in harmony with the natural systems that sustain us may be the only goal we need.
UWSP SAF hosts student forestry conference

On April 4-6, the UWSP chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) held a student forestry conference at Central Wisconsin Environmental Station, inviting forestry students from around the nation to learn about Wisconsin's natural resources. The student conference was planned and lead by Lyle Alf, UWSP forestry student. The idea for this unique event was spurred by the cancellation of the national SAF conference and a student conference held at Purdue University last year.

The conference began Thursday night, April 4, with students from Hocking College in Ohio, University of Maine, University of Vermont, University of Wisconsin and Steve Courtney from the Wisconsin DNR had a discussion panel about employment in their fields.

Saturday morning, the conference crew loaded in the vans and headed to Solin Tree Farm. The students were warmly greeted by the Solin brothers Don and Dave. The Solins own approximately 1400 acres and harvest their own timber for resale. Part of their land is dedicated to deer farming where the Solins raise deer for breeding stock. The conference participants rode central Wisconsin style as they plooted on a long trailer with rows of hay as seats. The students were driven on an exciting trip around Solin's land visiting stands managed for different purposes. Local DNR Forester Ted Avelallemant informed the group about management options for land owners. Saturday wrapped up with a presentation by Dr. Alan Haney, UWSP forestry professor, on Wisconsin Family Forests, a non-profit organization aimed at building community and educating families about managing natural resources wisely. The conference came to a close Sunday as the students returned to their respective colleges. A few lingered to explore UWSP's open house.

Christopher D. Tyrrell

May Day – the real labor day

May 1, International Workers' Day, commemorates a historic struggle of working people throughout the world, and is recognized in every country except the United States, Canada and South Africa. This despite the fact that the holiday began in the 1880s in the United States, with the fight for an eight-hour work day.

In 1884, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions passed a resolution stating that eight hours would constitute a legal day's work from and after May 1, 1886. The resolution called for a general strike to achieve the goal, since legislative methods had already failed. With workers being forced to work ten, 12 and 14 hours a day, rank-and-file support for the eight-hour movement grew rapidly, despite the indifference and hostility of many union leaders. By April 1886, 250,000 workers were involved in the May Day movement.

The heart of the movement was in Chicago, organized primarily by the anarchist International Working People's Association. The workers and state were terrified by the increasingly revolutionary character of the movement and prepared accordingly. The police and militia were increased in size and received new and powerful weapons financed by local business leaders. Chicago's Commercial Club purchased a $2000 machine gun for the Illinois National Guard to be used against strikers. Nevertheless, by May 1, the movement had already won gains for many Chicago clothing cutters, shoemakers and packing house workers. But on May 3, 1886, police fired into a crowd of strikers at the McCormick Reaper Works Factory, killing four and wounding many. Anarchists called for a mass meeting the next day in Haymarket Square to protest the brutality.

The meeting proceeded without incident, and by the time the last speaker was on the platform, the rainy gathering was already breaking up, with only a few hundred people remaining. It was then that the police, marching into the square and ordered the meeting to disperse. As the speakers climbed down from the platform, a bomb was thrown at the police, killing one and injuring 70. Police responded by firing into the crowd, killing one worker and injuring many others. Although it was never determined who threw the bomb, the incident was used as an excuse to attack the entire Left and labor movement. Police ransacked the homes and offices of suspected radicals, and hundreds were arrested without charge. Anarchists in particular were harassed, and eight of Chicago's most active were charged with conspiracy to murder in connection with the Haymarket bombing.

A kangaroo court found all eight guilty, despite a lack of evidence connecting any of them to the bomb-thrower (only one was even present at the meeting, and he was on the speakers' platform), and they were sentenced to die. Albert Parsons, August Spies, Adolf Fischer and George Engel were hanged on Nov. 11, 1887. Louis Lingg committed suicide in prison, and the remaining three were finally pardoned in 1893.

It is not surprising that the state, business leaders, mainstream union officials and the media would want to hide the history of May Day, portraying it as a holiday celebrated only in Moscow's Red Square. In its attempt to erase the history and significance of May Day, the United States government declared May 1 to be "Labor Day," and gave us instead Labor Day – a holiday devoid of any historical significance other than its importance as a day to swill beer and sit in traffic jams.

Nevertheless, rather than suppressing labor and radical movements, the events of 1886 and the execution of the Chicago anarchists actually mobilized many generations of radicals. Emma Goldman, a young immigrant at the time, later pointed to the Haymarket affair as her political birth. Lucy Parsons, widow of Albert Parsons, called upon the poor to direct their anger toward those responsible - the rich. Instead of disappearing, the anarchist movement only grew in the wake of Haymarket, spawning other radical movements and organizations, including the Industrial Workers of the World.

By covering up the history of May Day, the state, business, mainstream - unions and the media have covered up an entire legacy of dissent in this country. They are terrified of what a similarly militant and organized movement could accomplish today, and they suppress the seeds of such organization whenever and wherever they can. As workers, we must recognize and commemorate May Day not only for its historical significance, but also as a time to organize around issues of vital importance to working-class people today.
Beat back the abuse and get the help you need

By Laura Daugherty
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

After discussing gendered violence and abusive relationships in my Gender Communications class, I was surprised at how many people have known people who have been abused, or have been victims themselves. After hearing these stories, I felt compelled to write this article to help people identify different types of abuse and what to do if you or someone you know is involved in an abusive relationship.

Abusive relationships are a growing concern among college students, but are often times not taken seriously. Many people have the misconception that abuse only occurs within relationships where people are married or living together when in fact, college students are also highly at risk.

Abuse cannot be classified to one particular race, ethnic background, economic class or age group and can occur in both heterosexual and homosexual relationships.

Statistically, one out of three college students are involved in some type of abusive relationship. This is problematic because people in these relationships often times do not know that they are suffering abuse, or feel trapped to stay in the relationship.

Abuse can come as emotional, physical or sexual, and each individual case can range in severity. Often times, abuse is mistaken for feelings of love or concern. Abusive behavior includes:

- Any type of physical harm (slapping, kicking, punching, grabbing, shoving, pulling, etc.)
- Trying to control different aspects of your life, such as how you dress, who you hang out with and what you say.
- Frequently humiliating you or making you feel unworthy. For example, they put you down but tell you that they love you.

- Coercing or threatening to harm you if you leave the relationship.
- Twisting the truth to make you feel you are to blame for his or her actions.
- Demanding to know where you are at all times.
- Constantly becoming jealous or angry when you want to spend time with your friends.
- Sexual pressure or demanding sexual activities that you are not comfortable with.

Most abusers have either been abused in the past or have witnessed abuse in their childhood. Abusive actions usually stem from feelings of jealousy and insecurity and make the victim feel ashamed and worthless. Confronting victims of abuse can be difficult because victims may deny that the abuse is occurring or may try to distance themselves from friends or family members.

UWSP held its annual Take Back the Night ceremony last week in the Sundial. The event was created to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual abuse as well as provide an opportunity for survivors, their supporters and concerned citizens to speak out about the issue.

Events like these are a way to empower victims of abuse and let them know that they are not alone. One of the best things that you can do as a concerned friend or family member is to lend support to the victim to get them through the hard times, and help them look to the future.

"Sometimes I hear my voice and it's been here, silent all these years. Give me life, give me pain, give me myself again."

-Tori Amos

Food is the great icebreaker

To draw attention to yourself, peddle food

By Baret Steenrod
FEATURES EDITOR

Though the day was a little bit cooler than I would have liked, the atmosphere was warm, and the timing was right for the 2002 Eco-fair this past Friday. There were dozens of student organizations selling their respective social justice and environmental advocacy causes, there was good live music throughout the day and there was food to be had.

As I sit down to write this, three days have passed since our campus celebrated Earth Day, and I have made especially two observations regarding the Eco-fair: there was a noticeable lack of representation of people in the fields of science and business (the former surprises me, the latter doesn't), and that the organizations that I remember learning the most about were those groups that offered up something, namely, something to eat.

Is it any surprise? Having food at a social event is what makes social events so great. It is the great icebreaker that helps to bring people together in good times and bad. Those organizations that were offering food knew something about this and probably saw a greater share of visitors than the non-food groups. The best thing an organization can do is to try to locate next to one who is

Facts:
- Every 15 seconds in the United States a woman is beaten.
- One half of all marriages experience at least one episode of domestic violence.
- Two in five women who are murdered are killed by their husbands.
- Women are six times more likely than men to experience violence at the hands of an intimate partner.

For further information of issues on abusive relationships and domestic violence, go to:
- The American Institute on Domestic Violence website at http://www.aidv-usa.com
- Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence http://www.cpadv.org/

If you are seeking help for yourself or a friend or family member, the Counseling Center on campus could help. They are located on Third Floor Dellzell Hall and also have a library with lots of information on various different subjects.

The Women's Resource Center, located at room 30C in lower level UC, has an array of information dealing with abuse and domestic violence.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

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Garduating on May 19th?

Be sure to visit the Commencement website at ...
www.uwsp.edu/special/commencement

Don't forget to ...
- RSVP for the commencement ceremony, either online or by mail.
- Purchase your cap, gown and tassel, or rent a hood at the University Store
May 6th - 10th
Order by mail starting April 29th at 346-3431.

Have questions? Contact University Relations at 346-3811.
How can I get out of my housing lease?

Dear student,

There is no easy answer to that question. If you break your lease, you face financial consequences for doing so. There are a few legal justifications for breaking a lease (not many), and they have to do with health and safety hazards in the rented premises and some other more obscure issues. If you are considering breaking your lease, you are advised to make an appointment with Jan Roberts (me), the Staff Attorney at the Student Legal Society, who will advise you on the facts of your situation and the law.

Generally speaking, once you give notice to a landlord that you are vacating the premises prior to the expiration (or even the beginning) of a lease, the landlord has the duty to mitigate damages by advertising for re-rental of the premises. If you have no legal justification for breaking the lease, then you will be held responsible for costs of re-rental and unpaid rent until a new tenant steps into your place.

Students beware: leases are contracts that create significant legal rights and responsibilities. It puts you on the hook for possibly thousands, which is a lot of money even for working people, and much more so for students who are living on borrowed money. Read a lease thoroughly prior to signing it. If you have any questions, contact the Student Legal Society for an appointment.

I have a roommate, and our other roommates often eat his food. He plans on putting stuff in his food to make them sick. Are there any legal actions that can be taken against him for "poisoning" his own food?

Dear student,

To the person who is considering doing this: think again. Pretty stupid, dangerous and potentially criminal. As with any problem that you face in life, you have to consider the pros and cons. You want to make a point to the other roommates, and get them off their rear ends to buy their own food, but there are other ways to prove the point that don't involve hurting someone else. You might consider setting up a house kitty for food, that everyone contributes to, kind of like splitting up the heat bill.

This reminds me of a case I read about in law school in Intro to Criminal Substantive Law — the guy who owned a cottage up north which kept getting burglarized, and set up a trip wire gun so that a burglar would get shot in an attempted burglary. The burglar got convicted after he got out of the hospital, but the judge felt he got his due and put him on probation, and the owner of the cottage went to prison for a felony. In looking through the criminal statutes, I quickly came upon Wis. Stats. s. 941.325 — Placing foreign objects in edibles: "Whoever places objects, drugs or other substances in candy or other liquid or solid edibles with the intent to cause bodily harm to another person is guilty of a Class E felony." The statute doesn't exempt your own edibles.

The moral to the story is that you can't do whatever you want to your own property, whether it be edibles in the community refrigerator, or your own little cabin in the woods. You could get into big-time trouble for poisoning a dog, much less a person.

The Legal Corner is sponsored by Student Legal Services. We offer UWSP students legal advice with a qualified attorney. If you have a legal question, stop by our room which is located down the hall from the Pointer Express on the second floor of the U.C. or check out our website at www.uwsp.edu/studentlegal/index.htm.
Safe tips to get your security deposit back

Leaving your pad as you found it is the best way to get your hard-earned cash back from your landlord

By Barrett Steenrod

Your hard-earned cash back from your landlord
Leaving your pad as you found it is the best way to get money back (or you just paid last year) and your campus job is coming soon, or are simply moving to a different pad next year, you will have your security deposit forthcoming.

Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that you will get all, let alone any, of your security deposit back. While your landlord can't keep your security deposit outright, he or she can keep as much as necessary to clean up or repair whatever damage was left after you moved out.

In an effort to save the time and money of everyone involved, leave your housing unit the way you found it, if not better. Following this little “outdoor ethic” should help insure that you get as much of your money back as possible.

When cleaning up something like an apartment or duplex, there is a lot of area to cover. Use the following list as a guide to help you cover all your tracks:

- Remove all trash from the building, including recyclables and vacuum bags.
- Mop and scrub all linoleum or tile surfaces. This includes kitchens, bathroom and everywhere if you have hardwood floors.
- Sweep out all other hard floor surfaces that don't need to be mopped, i.e. porch, garage and any other areas to which you were given access.
- Vacuum all carpets and rugs and remove any stains that wouldn't easily come out with a shampooing. When vacuuming, move furniture and clean in hard to reach places; if you don't, you might pay for it later.
- Scrub and wash clean the inside of the refrigerator, stove, microwave, washer, dryer, pantry, cabinets and any place else that was used to store food, chemicals or personal items.
- Disinfect and clean the shower and toilet, dust and scrub clean windowsills and framing as well as any and all windows.
- Remove all personal items or furniture that were not included with the house. Leaving something for the next tenants probably won't fly with the landlord and will just give him more reason to withhold part of your security deposit.
- Any garbage or litter in the yard should probably be picked up, as well as removing any oil or grease stains on the cement from cars (hint: water doesn't clean up oil; use oil-based products to clean up oil).
- The last thing to keep in mind is to have all of your cleaning duties finished by the scheduled check-out time.

There are probably other things that weren't mentioned here that could be applicable, so use your college-educated judgment to figure out what needs to be taken care of to return the property to its owners.

If you make an effort to clean up and restore the premises to their move-in condition when you move out, you should be assured of getting most, or all of your money back. Just be sure to put some elbow grease into it.

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UWSP student’s dance number to compete at national festival

A dance piece choreographed by a UWSP student has been selected to be performed at a national dance festival sponsored by the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA).

"Break-Out," choreographed by Candice Jablonski, was one of only two student pieces selected from the ACDFA regional competition to be performed at the national festival at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., May 13-15.

The dance was one of 36 entered in the Central Region Festival in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that included work by students and faculty members from 50 college and university dance programs in the nine-state region.

Jablonski, a senior dance major, describes "Break-Out" as "aggressive.

Although it is performed by five dancers en pointe, it uses hip-hop music. Jablonski’s work was one of nine pieces selected for the festival closing gala concert. Only three of the gala pieces were choreographed by students.

"It was a treat to see students from other schools," Jablonski said. "I enjoyed seeing the creativity of other dancers and getting new ideas."

Another work by a UWSP student was selected to perform at the regional festival, "Tantrum," a high-energy tap piece for seven dancers, choreographed by Alexis Hinkle, was also entered in the competition.

In addition, "X-Factor," choreographed by Mario Green, was performed at an informal concert during the festival.

The national festival is a biennial event held in even-numbered years to showcase the best work of the regional festivals. UWSP dance students and faculty members have been participating in ACDFA on a regional level since 1982.

This is the third time that a student work has been selected for the national festival. All three works were originally performed last fall at the student directed dance concert, "Afterimage." There will be an encore performance of "Break-Out" at UWSP’s annual main stage production, "Dansstage 02," May 3-5 and 9-11.
Drake Relays provide momentum for the upcoming WIAC conference championships

Track & field teams have strong showing against scholarship competition

By Andy Bloeser

In its final outing before this weekend’s conference championship meet, the Pointer Track and Field program utilized the Drake Relays as a final tune-up before a sell-out crowd of 18,000 spectators.

The event’s sold-out status marked the 37th consecutive year that the meet drew a capacity crowd to Drake Stadium, setting a U.S. Track and Field record for the most consecutive sell-outs for any meet in the sport’s history. The meet’s drawing power in terms of attendance figures has stood as a testament to the level of competition that track and field enthusiasts have come to expect at the Drake Relays, and this year provided no exception to that expectation.

As men’s head coach Rick Witt remarked following the meet, “This is one of the opportunities where we get a chance to compete against big time scholarship programs. It’s a great opportunity for our kids to compete on that type of level.”

Responding to the talent present in the stadium, the Pointer men produced a modest showing on the day, advancing three individuals and two relays to the final heats. Noah Eschenbach and Luke Hilgers placed 19th and 21st overall in the hammer throw, while Mike Mead continued his streak of delivering solid performances in big meet situations by placing 8th in the high jump. The Distance Medley Relay and 4x800 Relay finished in 10th and 11th places, respectively.

“We pretty much did what we thought we could do at this meet,” said Coach Witt. “We didn’t have our ‘A’ game, and though we were disappointed from that perspective, I still feel we competed well overall.”

The Pointer women were also successful in measuring up to the competition, if not quite so successful in advancing athletes to the finals as were their male counterparts. The women’s team saw just one competitor advance to the finals, as Becky Lebeck placed 12th in the 5000 meter run.

Her performance drew the praise of her coach, Len Hill, who reacted to her race by saying, “She went up against Division I athletes and proved that she was able to compete with them. She couldn’t hold the pace that the leaders established for the entire race, but she never really died out during the race either. That’s a good experience.”

In the eyes of Hill, the meet was a good experience for his team in general, as it provided his athletes with some much needed big meet experience. “The majority of the team had no experience competing in a situation and a venue like this one,” said Hill, “but overall, the performances at the meet looked really good.”

With the Drake Relays now in the history books, both the men’s and women’s teams have focused themselves on this weekend’s WIAC Outdoor Championships, where both teams look to be among the top contenders for a conference title.

The Pointer women will enter the meet as underdogs in their effort to wrest title honors away from UW-La Crosse, the heavy favorite to win the meet. The team will also have the formidable task of rivaling a very competitive UW-Oshkosh team for second place.

As Coach Hill admits, “La Crosse is in the driver’s seat right now, but I think that Oshkosh and our team will have a great battle for second. Oshkosh has had a great outdoor season and should be a real challenge for us.”

Coach Rick Witt and the men’s team have some major aspirations of their own going into the championships, namely winning the fourth WIAC title in school history.

On paper, the Pointers and perennial powerhouse, UW-La Crosse, are the two favorites going into the meet. Coach Witt feels that depth in both his team and the UW-La Crosse roster will make for a very interesting title confrontation.

Said Witt, “We feel we have a chance and know that depth is going to be a huge factor. Every team has a couple of guys who they can expect to win, but it’s the teams with depth that challenge for a championship.”

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**Points look for NCAA Division III bid**

**By Lucas Meyer**

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"The Pointer women's softball team split a pair of games this past Tuesday against UW-Parkside (Div. III). UWSP won a hard fought battle in the first game finishing 1-0 in ten innings of play. Parkside edged Point 3-0 in the second.

Point ace Karen Guckenberger (13-4) was dominant in the two hour and fifteen minute game. In ten innings pitched, she recorded no earned runs on five hits and 12 strikeouts.

"The first game was a pitchers' dual. After neither team had a runner reach third base in nine innings, the coaches decided to place their first batter on the inning on second base. This determining factor was all Point needed to come away with the win.

In the bottom of the ninth, Emily Schlender (ninth position) was placed on second base. Jill Van Wychen, who leads the WIAC with a .456 batting average, reached base after dragging an impressive bunt.

"It was big for us to get our ninth batter on base to lead way for the top of the order," said Head Coach Paul Caufield. "This is our chance to get it back. The little mental mistakes hurt a team, but we're focused right now on the task at hand."

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Baseball team stretches winning streak to six

**Team prepares for showdown with UW-Whitewater**

**By Craig Mandli**

SPORTS EDITOR

With only five games remaining before the WIAC tournament, the UWSP Pointers baseball team has been using the past few weeks to brush up on their fundamentals and determine their depth going into the playoffs.

What have they found? Well, their talent and depth are pretty good, evidenced by their two wins Wednesday over perennial power UW-Oshkosh, stretching their winning streak to six games.

In the first game, the Pointers rode the strong right arm of senior ace Bill Verbrick to a 8-0 victory. In the game, Verbrick pitched a complete game four-hitter to push his record to 8-1 on the year, while lowering his ERA to a microscopic 1.72.

"We were fortunate to be able to have Billy pitch in that game for us. The whole team is confident when he is out there," said Pointer Coach Brian Nelson.

With his nine strikeouts, Verbrick broke the UWSP single season record for strikeouts, passing Pointer legend and former Milwaukee Brewer draft pick Chris Simonson. The big hitter for the Pointers was sophomore catcher Joe Waksmonski, who blasted a two-run homer in the fifth inning to go along with his three RBIs. UWSP broke the game wide open in the fourth, punching four straight hits with two outs, giving the team a 6-0 lead.

"Being 20-10, I asked the girls what loss they most want back. They responded 'UW-Stout' without a breath," said Caufield. "This is our chance to get it back. The little mental mistakes hurt a team, but we're focused right now on the task at hand."

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The Pointers broke open a relatively close game in the seventh, when centerfielder Randy Reed came up with two down and the bases loaded and proceeded to blast a pitch from Oshkosh's Brian Hegroff over the right-center wall for his team-leading seventh Homer of the year.

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The Sports Guy’s Opinion:
Lets take a close look at runners

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

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There you have it. If I made sports movies, these seven elements are a definite must. Till next time, GO POINTERS!

The Week Ahead...

**Baseball** - at UW-Whitewater (DH), Sat. & Sun., noon; at Marion College (DH), Tue., 2:00 p.m.

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**Track & Field** - WIAC outdoor championships at La Crosse Sat. and Sun.

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SSA and SAF plant across campus for Arbor Day

By Leigh Ann Ruddy
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

A Kentucky coffee tree and two bald cypresses were planted on UWSP grounds in celebration of Arbor Day last week Friday.

Students of two on-campus organizations, Student Society of Arboriculture (SSA) and the campus chapter of Society of American Foresters (SAF) helped with the planting.

"We had a former forestry graduate donate four hundred dollars," said SSA president, Jacob Ryg, "We decided to plant these trees in honor of her donation."

Ann Snodgrass was the benefactor for the trees planted. She had donated $200 to each of the organizations.

With the assistance of SSA, the grounds supervisor on campus, Chris Brindley also plants about six trees each semester. In addition to planting trees, SSA is also responsible for pruning them. "The SSA is the only campus organization that does pruning and planting of trees," said Ryg. "You might have seen us climbing in campus trees with ropes and saddles."

Originally, the mission on campus was to be able to see the Old Main building from the north end of campus. In the early 1970s, Dr. Robert Miller, faculty adviser for SSA, planned for a more park-like atmosphere on campus and more trees were planted. Miller, with the help of his arboriculture courses and SSA, has planted most of the trees on campus.

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SSA members help erect a Kentucky Coffee tree.

New forestry partnership formed between UWSP and Mid-State Technical College

UWSP's College of Natural Resources (CNR) has signed an agreement with Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) articulating an urban forestry 2+2 agreement. This agreement gives MSTC's urban forestry technology associate degree graduates a clear path to a four-year baccalaureate at the CNR.

According to CNR forestry program coordinator Robert Miller, this is the first such agreement of its kind in Wisconsin. "With the continued urbanization of many parts of the state and the nation, urban foresters will be in increasing demand in the coming years," said Miller. "Combining a solid technical base at MSTC, with a strong mixture of classroom and research at the university, students will have the best of both educational opportunities."

Once an Urban Forestry Technology graduate decides to transfer from MSTC to UWSP's urban forestry degree program, he or she will then take their comprehensive technical skills in the discipline and augment that education with courses at UWSP in urban forestry, tree biology, forestry and management and other related coursework. This agreement allows for the transfer of up to 61 academic credits from MSTC to the university.

MSTC's Urban Forestry Technology Program is offered at the college's Wisconsin Rapids campus. Instructor Ron Zillmer was instrumental in launching the unique career program in January 2001. Zillmer previously was employed with the City of Milwaukee Forestry Division for nine years and was also a part-time instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Zillmer will work closely with Miller in coordinating MSTC's part of the agreement as Miller will oversee UWSP's role in the partnership until he retires and his replacement is appointed later this summer.

Students look on as another tree is prepared for planting.

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DNR pushes for mussel awareness

Some people launching their boats from some popular boat landings for the May 4 opening of the state general inland fishing season will be enlisted into Wisconsin's latest effort to control the spread of zebra mussels, Eurasian milfoil, and other invasive aquatic species.

State inspectors will be posted at boat launches along some popular Wisconsin waters statewide to talk to boaters about invasive aquatic species and a new law aimed at keeping the invaders out of new waters.

Inspectors will give boaters "watch cards" depicting different invasive species, and information on how they can prevent the spread of zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil and other invasive species. Then inspectors will offer to show the boat owners where aquatic plants or zebra mussels may be attached and also encourage boat owners who are leaving for the day to empty any water from their livewells, bait buckets, motor or bilge to get rid of any zebra mussel larvae and other exotics that may be in the water.

"The major way invasive aquatic species spread from one lake to another is by hitching a ride on a boat or a trailer or in a bait bucket or livewell," says Ron Martin, Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) statewide coordinator for aquatic invasive species. "We hope the inspection program will educate boaters not only how to clean their boats but how to recognize invasive species themselves and where to look for them."

The inspection program was authorized in the 2001-2003 Wisconsin budget bill, which earmarked $300,000 for aquatic invasive species and $350,000 of that total for inspectors. That bill also included provisions to prohibit people from launching boats, trailers or boating equipment in a navigable water if any aquatic plants or zebra mussels are attached. The violation carries a $50 fine for a first offense and a $100 fine for conviction of a second offense.

"Our intent is not to issue citations but to educate boaters and make them aware of how they can protect the Wisconsin lakes and rivers they enjoy," Martin says. "We've used a variety of communication and education tools to do that in the past, including signs at boat landings, press releases and public service announcements, but we've never met one-on-one with boaters. We hope that kind of effort will make a difference."

The watercraft inspection program is modeled after a larger effort in Minnesota that's been in place for more than a decade and has been very effective, Martin says. Since zebra mussels were first documented in the Mississippi River in 1991 at La Crosse, they have spread to more than 30 inland lakes in Wisconsin, including eight where the invader was found last year for the first time. Minnesota only has one lake infested with the invasive mussels. To combat the spread of these invasive aquatic species, the department plans to focus on waters that are already infested and those that draw higher boat traffic from the Great Lakes and from other infested waters.

In northern Wisconsin, home to roughly three quarters of the state's 15,000 lakes, the program will hire three inspectors, each with a different focus, according to Laura Herman, a DNR aquatic plant management coordinator in northern Wisconsin. One inspector will focus on Great Lakes counties, since that is where most exotics have been introduced. A second inspector will focus on fishing tournaments held within an eight-county area.

"What we're after here is the biggest bang for the buck," Herman says. That inspector will be able to reach at once a large group of people who often transfer their boats to different water bodies.

A third inspector will work popular boat landings in Burnett, Sawyer, Washburn, Polk, Barron and Rusk counties Herman says. His focus will be on meeting people at landings.

One inspector in the north will have a portable power washer to demonstrate how boaters can wash boats at a car wash to rid them of aquatic species.

The program will focus primarily on zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil, two of the most prevalent invasive species in the state. Zebra mussels were first introduced into Wisconsin in Lake Michigan in 1990. They form dense clusters that attach to hard surfaces, and can decimate native mussel populations, decrease the oxygen that fish and other aquatic species need, and worsen smelly, unsightly algal blooms. Eurasian watermilfoil, which forms dense mats at the water's surface that can hamper boating, fishing and swimming, first entered Wisconsin in the 1960s and has infested more than 300 lakes and streams in 55 counties.
'Birds, Bed and Brunch' lands at Treehaven

Enjoy "Birds, Bed and Brunch" at a two-day workshop at Treehaven, a field station of the UWSP on May 17-18.

Beginning on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m., Mark Naniot, Northwoods Wildlife Center's director of rehabilitation, will present "Birding by Ear and Habitat" and share identification and field techniques, observation skills and resources for the birder. Naniot has wowed birders for years with his encyclopedia ear for bird songs and calls and his sharp eyes.

After an overnight stay in Treehaven's residences, Naniot will guide a morning birding hike on Saturday, May 18. A hearty brunch will follow in the Treehaven dining room, which overlooks the Harrison Hills and the Treehaven property.

The workshop costs $48, which includes instruction, lodging and brunch. To register or for more information, call Treehaven at (715) 453-4106 or e-mail jeverson@uwsp.edu.

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Fishing's almost back and I just can't wait

By Steve Seamandel

Fishing season is rapidly approaching and once again, I find myself very ill-prepared. I have ambitious and good intentions, but other than that, I haven't done much to prepare.

For starters, I don't even know where my rods are. We kept them at our Eagle River cabin/getaway, but now they're missing in action and I'll have to plunk down some change for a new combo. Of course, my tackle box is probably sitting right underneath my rods, wherever they are.

I pride myself on being a fairly low-maintenance fisherman. I don't really need a lot to be happy and confident that I can catch some fish. When I'm out on the lake, 75% of the time I'll use a jig with live bait. Not only is it one of the easiest combos to fish with, it's also one of the most effective. I've caught just about everything on a jighead and live bait: panfish, bass, walleye, northern (the coveted Esox Lucius... click!), muskie and more.

Versatility comes not with the choice of the jig, but the choice of live bait in this case. Worms are a crapshoot sometimes as perch and walleye usually are found within close proximity of each other, and it's not uncommon to pull in a few pike in between walleye.

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Rare jewels of the night sky

By Leigh Ann Ruddy

A rare event is taking place right over our heads and the next time we may be able to witness it again will be the year 2040.

The planets, Venus, Saturn, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter are all visible over the next few months. By mid-May, the planets will sink too low on the horizon for all but the most patient of observers.

At dusk, Mars also appears to be in its reddish hue. Mercury is also dim, but appears under Venus on the lower left side.

Although the planets can be seen with the naked eye and under city light, a telescope and a country setting are suggested for optimal viewing. Most of the city lights block out the luster of the dimmer planets.

A meteor shower will grace the skies this weekend. The Eta Aquarid meteor shower will display its luster this Saturday, May 4 and also on Sunday. The meteor shower will be most active a few hours before sunrise on both days and an estimated 20 meteors can be seen per hour.

An empty lake awaits the approaching opening weekend rush.
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for the fish; I love knowing how deep it is and where the drops are. It’s like having a cheat sheet for fishing, but it’s not bad like cheating on a test (unless you’re one of those “purist” fishermen, I suppose).

The hardest part about fishing around Stevens Point is choosing a place to go. There are plenty of river spots within driving distance of campus, Lake Joannis in Schmeeckle and a few larger lakes within a half hour drive of Point.

It really doesn’t take much to get out on the water. A quick trip to Fleet Farm and $30 later, you can be all set to hit the water in search of your next monster pickerel story.

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to to non-dairy ice cream and all the yummy goodness it is.

The climbing club had corn on the cob. They were right on target. I had two cobs, I could have had more, much more. It was good and it was a novelty that is surely appreciated in April, when corn on the cob is about as common as a 90 degree day. This was probably the best food I had at the Eco-fair and helped me support the great men and women in the climbing club.

The women’s Ultimate Frisbee team had oodles of baked goods available by donation only. I ate a bunch and gladly laid down the bills to justify my appetite. I can’t name all that I had, but believe me, what I tasted was only a fraction of all the others others just waiting to be had.

Shade-grown coffee was served as an alternative to regular coffee. I not only got a tall glass for under a dollar (cheaper than the Brewhaus!) I learned about the many benefits of growing this particular crop as well as how far reaching agricultural practices of coffee are. Did you know that by buying shade-grown coffee, you are helping protect overwintering habitat for many species of migratory songbirds that nest right here in Wisconsin?

EENA, the Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association out of the CNR, had the regular fare of burgers (veggie and regular) chips and pop. It was good and filling, but nothing all that special. However, even with a less than favorable food review, I was drawn into the raffle for the Trek and learned about how this organization benefits the students.

The Eco-fair is a worthwhile event that provides students the opportunity to educate themselves and do something for our fellow people and planet (mostly sign petitions) while getting a bite for lunch. Those who happen to be able to contribute to lunch will probably fare better by making a little extra change and getting more exposure than if they otherwise didn’t.
Hudson Falcons
For Those Whose Hearts and Souls are True
By Zack Holder
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Unlike some of the trust fund babies I've come across in all of my years of college, I've had to work my way through school. Some of these pleasant jobs I've taken to put food on my table include: third shift janitor, butcher, construction worker and bartender. Pretty glamorous stuff, isn't it? Those of you who can relate to my experience will also relate to the Hudson Falcons.

This foursome, out of Maywood, N.J., plays hard-edged rock and roll with songs that explore the world of the everyday working-class person. They also throw in the lighter side, "Sweet Rock 'n' Rollin' Bitch" which the Hudson Falcons proclaim, "You work your whole life/ what do you get to show for it?/ Broken dreams, a broken back/ and a second mortgage/ Hey, man, you're not alone." stand to remind us all who the real backbone of this country is.

The Hudson Falcons play what they live, they live what they play and stand behind their words and actions 100 percent. Their music is dedicated to those who (in their words) "live real lives; hard working men and women, the disenfranchised and alienated, the poor who get looked down upon by society and the people who have nothing else to help them get through the day."

If you've ever felt this way at all, get this CD. It's been helped me (along with a beer or two) through many a trying time after a day of getting yelled at by the boss and harassed by customers. You can purchase it at the Punk In Point show Friday, May 3 in the UWSP Encore.

Sigma [fly] Alpha

Army ROTC may not be a fraternity or sorority, but at times it can feel like one. After all, you'll find the same kind of teamwork, camaraderie and friendship. Plus, you'll get to do challenging stuff like this that can help make you tougher, mentally as well as physically. Come talk to us at the Army ROTC department. We won't rush you.

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Upcoming Film Releases

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Spider-Man

Sunday, May 5
Great Lakes
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Tuesday, May 7
The New Guy
Written In Blood
Ultimate X
Unfaithful

Thursday, May 16
Star Wars: Episode II

Friday, May 17
Salton Sea
About a Boy
Letters From the Edge of the World

By Pat “Pan” Rothfuss

YOUR NAME, THOUGHTS HAPPY TOUGH

Doctor of love,

I have been a loyal reader of your column for three years and I love your advice, all night long. Last week, you ran the breakup article of yours. I would like to know how you get and keep someone loving you. I’ve tried the “show up naked and bring food” tactic but it didn’t work. Any other suggestions, oh wise one?

Lonely for love in Point

I tell you, if there’s one thing I hate, it’s the waste of a perfectly good naked girl. Strangely enough though, there’s very little that I love more than the waist of a perfectly good naked girl. Go figure.

Well Lonely, I wish I could give you an easy answer, but in many ways, you’re hit on the hardest question of all. Keeping someone in love with you, (or winning them back if they’ve already left) is harder than getting together in the first place, or just getting on with your life once they’ve gone.

What makes this even harder is that it doesn’t seem like any small measures are going to work here. I mean, naked with food seems like a real double-barrel winner to me. I have trouble thinking of anything that could improve that, unless it was the inclusion of another naked girl with cake.

Whoa, I just gave myself a great warm-fuzzy of a thought. Give me a moment…

Ok.

Still, since ordinary get-’em-back measures don’t seem to be working, you’re probably going to have to change your tactics. Here’s two traditional ways of coming at the problem.

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The harder way: Get some of his blood. No wait. I can’t think of any way for you to do that that wouldn’t make things worse. Get some of his hair instead. Burn it and mix the ashes with ink. Then write “deliciae [his name] adaien sinus [Your name]’ three times on a piece of paper. Fold the paper over twice, seal it with wax, and carry it next to your skin for seven days.

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The problem with this is that it puts the ball entirely in his court. That means you have to wait for him to make the first move. This can be really, really hard, and quite often, it’s healthier and more time efficient to go find a different guy who appreciates an active female.

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CD Review

Simon and Milo

Ready Ready Set Go

By Colleen Courtney

Simon and Milo are two cartoon characters on a mission to find Simon true love. One catch: the two are cartoon characters comprising the fictional band Prozzak. Although their mission is sappier than the fellow cartoon band Gorillaz, Jason Levine and James McCallum bring a sensual brand of mixer pop to radio airwaves. Levine and McCollum, members of the Philosopher Kings, comprised Simon and Milo in pre-Gorillaz 1999. Their first album, Hot Show, featured the other members of the Philosopher Kings and went quadruple platinum. The duo’s work has been celebrated at Canada’s Juno awards. Ready, their second release, unleashes titles like “Sucks to be You” and the relationship revenge song, “It’s Not Me, It’s You,” which is part cool, part blasphemy.

But while Gorillaz spins fresh hip-hop jams, Simon and Milo seem to be stuck on goopy pop. They sample Tchaikovsky’s “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy” for “It’s Not Me, It’s You,” and mix the ashes with ink. Then write “delicien [his name] adaien sinus [Your name]’ three times on a piece of paper. Fold the paper over twice, seal it with wax, and carry it next to your skin for seven days.

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**off the mark** by Mark Parisi

**Tonja Steele**

WELL, YOU'RE EXCITABLE TODAY...

GOD! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU SPOT WELD
NICE TO SEE YOU, TOO.

WHAT IS THAT?

I WAS HOPIN' YOU COULD FIX IT. SOME ASSCRACK WRAPPED IT AROUND A POLE.

AND THAT'S WHY I CAME. YOU KNOW, THE NICE GIRL'S BIKES.

**Jackie's Fridge**

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