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## Ed Thompson caravan stops at UWSP

Scott Cattelino  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Libertarian Gubernatorial Candidate Ed Thompson made a stop at UWSP last week on his campaign trail for the governor's seat of Wisconsin. Thompson, a native of Tomah, Wis., stopped to talk with some of the students and *The Pointer* staff on Thursday to give the student community a better idea of what his campaign represents.

The student body and younger generations have been a target area for Thompson throughout his campaign. By concentrating on this age group, he hopes it will have the same impact on his campaign as in did for current Minnesota governor Jesse Ventura.

"Ventura proved that third party candidates can be successful with the help of college students," Thompson said. "They are so enthusiastic and gung-ho about being part of something that they really want to help make a difference."

If elected to office, Thompson plans to make several changes, starting with the primary elections. One of his main concerns is that there is not enough stress put on the impor-

tance of the county elections and the need for turnout at the polls.

"My first duty in office would be to straighten out this whole mess with the primary elections," he said. "You should have the right to vote for any single person as opposed to being obligated to voting for a entire party."

Thompson also addressed his concern for a balanced state budget. By cutting spending and refusing to raise or administer, any new taxes he hopes to bring the state down from one of the highest tax brackets in the nation.

"Currently we have the third highest state taxes in the nation," said Thompson. "What we need is for someone with enough courage to step up to the plate and take on the taxing agents."

In order to reduce spending, Thompson hopes to cut back on the already \$1 billion spent on state prison and correctional

budgeting.

"I believe that non-violent criminals don't belong in jail with violent ones," he continued. "We can put them on the bracelet for much cheaper, and it also allows for them to do more for society

"By allowing for poorer families to have a choice where to send their children we can give these kids an opportunity to receive some of the educational benefits that some of the wealthier children already have."

Other issues Thompson addressed include his plan to lower the legal drinking age present 21 back down to 18 and his stance on medicinal marijuana.

"The drinking age has been forced upon us by the federal government, and it shouldn't be. It's a state issue," he said. "Someone who is considered an adult is old enough to die for their country,

can be married, serve time in prison and own their own business, but they can't put a dollar down on the bar to have a beer. That just doesn't seem right to me."

Thompson also expressed his belief that medicinal marijuana should be legalized. A recent poll showed that 83% of people in the state agreed with Thompson on his stance toward the subject. "It's something that should have gone to Assembly but didn't make it."

Thompson also planted a firm foot in the ground regarding the Crandon mine and other environmental issues plaguing the state.

"If any mining company can actually prove that they can extract minerals from Crandon without harming our water or land, then it'd be a different story. Until then, I say 'No Way' to mining," said Thompson.

Willing to cut the governor's spending budget by 10%, Thompson is hoping that many taxing agencies will follow suit and buy into his plans.

"I see myself at the other end of the spectrum from my other candidates," Thompson exclaimed. "I'm all for less government, less taxes and more freedom, and that's the way it should be."

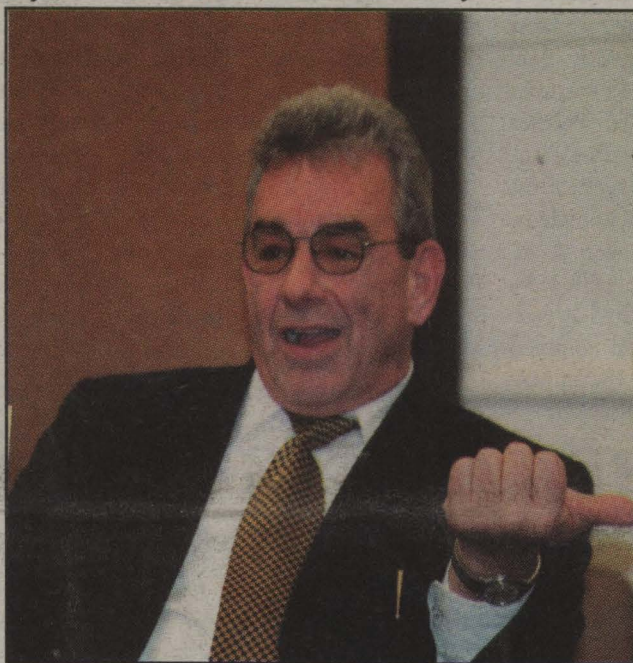


Photo by L. Zancanaro

Ed Thompson talks with students about his campaign.

instead of being locked up."

Another topic of importance to the third party candidate included providing better educational opportunities to underprivileged children.

## Tom George appointed deputy

Chamaro McMicheal  
NEWS REPORTER

On Monday, Sept. 30, Chancellor George found time to take a quick trip downtown. Sorry, he wasn't shopping or getting a quick bite to eat. Our Chancellor was being sworn in as Deputy. However, there's no need to be alarmed as George hasn't joined the Sheriff's department, but has taken on the very important job as a voter registration deputy.

This election season, Deputy George is joining the Student Government Campaign to get students at Point and across the UW system to register and vote. "It's voting season again and your vote counts," says George.

Deputy George's job will consist of helping students to register and get to the voting polls on Election Day. For this upcoming election, Deputy George would like to see more

students getting involved and voting.

To help our students register, George is committed to spreading the word and plans on spending time at the voter registration booth.

"This is a very important election for local and state governments, so your vote counts" said George. "In the past,

the voting percentage from Stevens Point has been tremendous, and this election I would like to see a higher percentage" said George.

For students living on campus, the deputy has committed transportation to and from polling sites.

All you need is your photo I.D. Take a quick trip to the University Center on Thursday



Photo by L. Zancanaro

Tom George getting deputized.

Sept. 3, between 11-11:30 a.m. and register to vote with Deputy Chancellor George, or register next Thursday, Oct. 10, at the CNR building and the following Thursday, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the CPS building or visit the Student Government office and register to vote any day of the week.

## Happenings in Watson Hall raise questions

Julie Johnson  
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, Sept. 19th, an incident took place in Watson Hall.

A confirmed report states that a custodian was reported sleeping in the study lounge and was suspected of being drunk at 2:00 a.m.

According to John Talyor of campus security, "a security officer was called and upon arrival, found the janitor asleep with the smell of intoxicants on his breath, but by no means was he drunk."

Upon investigation of this report, no University official was willing to talk. The hall director of Watson Hall had "no comment" on the reports of the drunken custodian. Building serv-

ices also issued a statement of "no comment" when they were questioned about the incident.

There are some questions that arose during the inquiry process of this report. For instance, it was said that the custodian was not aware that he could not sleep in the building if he was off duty. Considering that

there is no custodial shift that lasts late into the night, the question remains as to why the custodian was in the building at such a late hour, and why University officials decline to answer questions. Building Services was contacted in

regards to this story and once again had "no comment." If you have any information pertaining to this story, please contact jjohn606...



# Pulitzer Prize winner, former Cabinet secretary to speak at Wisconsin Economic Summit III

Sara Franklin  
NEWS REPORTER

"Economy" has been a word on many people's minds, as the events of September 11 and other factors have lead to a recession in our state and nation. The University of Wisconsin System will be sponsoring the Wisconsin Economic Summit III, Oct. 14-16 at the Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee. The summit's appropriately titled theme is, "Taking Steps to Move Wisconsin Forward," and the summit will address the economy, along with other issues at the forefront of citizens concerns.

Highlights include speakers who will offer insight and plans on these pertinent topics of the day. Candidates running for Governor in this year's election, Gov. Scott McCallum and James Doyle, will have the opportunity to share their economic plans with those in attendance. Paul A. Gigot, a Pulitzer Prize winner, and William M. Daley, a former Cabinet Secretary, will also take the stage as keynote speakers.

Republican nominee Gov. Scott McCallum will face the statewide attendants Oct. 15, and Democratic nominee James Doyle, Wisconsin's Attorney General, will follow on Oct. 16.

"We are pleased the major candidates for Governor have chosen to speak at Wisconsin Economic Summit III. The economy is the single most important issue right now in Wisconsin," said UW System President Katharine C. Lyall. Lyall noted that this is an opportune event for the candidates to have their voices heard prior to the elections in November.

Paul A. Gigot, a native of Green Bay and a current Editor of The Wall Street Journal's editorial page, will precede Gov. Scott McCallum on Oct. 15 with his keynote speech, "The Political Economy After September 11th".

His credentials suggest that he has experience and knowledge to support his speech. He became editor in Sept. 2001, but was a columnist for 14 years prior. His abilities in commentary lead him to win the Pulitzer

Prize in 2000.

The Pulitzer Prize was not his only honor, as he was also granted the Overseas Press Club award for his reporting as the first editorial page editor of The Asian Wall Street Journal in 1984. He also resided in Hong Kong as a reporter.

Gigot, a Dartmouth College graduate, gained familiarity through weekly television appearances as a political analyst in the "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" in 1994.

William M. Daley, with an interesting background to match, will speak at the summit's business and legislative luncheon on Oct. 15, as well. His speech titled, "A New Public/Private Partnership," will be the keynote address.

This Chicago native recently became the president of one of the nation's largest telecommunications firms and a parent company of SBC/Ameritech Wisconsin, SBC Communications.

He has made a name for himself politically as well. From 1997-2000 he was President

Clinton's Commerce Secretary, and also helped coordinate the campaign to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement. Recently, he was the chairman of Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign. His name may also be familiar to some, as the brother of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Daley, a Loyola University and John Marshall Law School graduate, has also been a part of various law and investment firms, to round out his expertise. "We are pleased that Mr. Gigot and Mr. Daley will provide important national perspectives on the economy at Wisconsin Economic Summit III," Katharine C. Lyall stated. "Their insights will prove valuable as Wisconsin seeks to continually advance itself in today's global economy."

From a more local viewpoint, a recent study concluded that \$9.5 billion is contributed to the state's economy each year from the University of Wisconsin System. This is a 5% increase since the last study done five

years ago, despite the fact that there is an economic downturn and 500 fewer faculty members due to budget cuts since the last study.

This information and additional results from the UW System economic impact study will be looked at more closely at the the Wisconsin Economic Summit III.

The Wisconsin Economic Summit III will combine sessions and workshops with these speakers, as well as expert presenters with insight on regional, state, and national economic development.

In an ever changing world, the Wisconsin Economic Summit III will confront issues regarding the economy and progress, with particular interest to Wisconsin.

The cost of attending the event is \$169. For further information on the Wisconsin Economic Summit III, check out <http://www.wisconsin.edu/summit>.

## Tuition rates may increase at UWSP

Andy Bloeser

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Residential tuition rates may soon rise by an estimated three and half to five percent, pending a decision by the Student Government Association(SGA) later this semester.

The SGA will discuss the merits of a differential tuition proposal put forth by Chancellor Tom George at its senate meeting October 3, in the first of a series of debates on the issue.

Dubbed the "enhanced-educational-opportunity program," the proposal aims to provide greater access to classes that are necessary to fulfill general degree requirements as well as upper-level classes specific to the completion of many majors. Though the details of the propos-

al will not be released until the senate meeting, the proposal's outline suggests that this objective would be accomplished primarily through creating more teaching positions for certain courses.

"Access to courses required of all students is a perennial issue at UWSP. Declining state support has made it increasingly difficult to guarantee access to high-demand courses," said Chancellor George in a letter to SGA President Beth Ann Richlen this week. The letter continued, "According to the most recent data, UWSP receives just under 40% of its operating budget from the state. We do not anticipate that this trend will change."

In addition to creating increased availability to high-

demand courses, the enhanced-educational-opportunity program also seeks to prioritize academic and career advising programs as well as programs geared to inform incoming freshman about educational resources available on campus.

An oversight committee, comprised of students and administrators, would also be created to monitor the program's effectiveness and correct any shortcomings.

The Offices of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, and Assistant Chancellors have suggested that the cost of the proposed differential tuition program be set at a percentage of residential tuition and not at a fixed monetary amount, allowing the amount annually allotted for

the program to fluctuate with the cost of tuition. The chancellor's current suggestion would require an increase in residential tuition of three and half to five percent over the current cost of tuition fees.

According to FTE enrollment figures for the spring 2002 semester and residential tuition rates for the 2000-01 academic year, the proposed rate increase would yield between \$702,661 and \$1,003,082 in its first year of implementation. At a median rate of four percent, each student enrolled at UW-Stevens Point would incur an additional expense of approximately \$55 each semester.

Though three consecutive SGA presidents have denied the chancellor permission to propose

the implementation differential tuition before the senate, SGA President Richlen remains hopeful that the proposal will receive proper consideration.

"With the budget decreasing for the UW System, UW-Stevens Point will eventually need to adopt a program like this if the university is to remain competitive within the system," said Richlen.

Chancellor George anticipates that an agreement regarding the form of his proposal can be reached by the end of this semester, at which time the matter would be submitted to the Board of Regents.

The SGA Senate meeting will be held in the Legacy Room, located in the University Center.

## Please Give Blood!

### UWSP Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 11am - 5pm

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 11am - 5pm

Laird Room

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## Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.





**Lot T****Wednesday, Sept. 25 10:17 p.m.**

A student reported stating that there was a hit and run to a vehicle parked in Lot T.

**Science Building****Wednesday, Sept. 26 1:35 a.m.**

A bike was reported stolen from the Science Building, an unknown person(s) removed the unlocked bike from the south side of the building.

**Lot P****Friday, Sept. 27 10:30 a.m.**

A complaint was filed about a car damage in Lot P. The rear window wiper had been reported to be removed completely.

**College of Professional Studies****Friday, Sept. 27 9:25 a.m.**

A student reported stating concern about a missing wallet and keys that were attached.

**Knutzen Hall****Sunday, Sept. 29 3:06 p.m.**

A complaint was made that a bike was reported stolen from the north side of Knutzen Hall.

**Lot V****Monday, Oct. 1 7:06 p.m.**

A student made a complaint that, while being parked in Lot V, their car was vandalized.

**100 years for home economics**

More than 200 alumni and faculty gathered last weekend to mark the centennial of home economics and to launch the Centennial Endowment at UWSP.

Leadership donors have given more than \$200,000 to the endowment fund. Their names will be engraved on a plaque in the form of a tree and on engraved tiles in the Home Economics Centennial Garden. The exhibit "UWSP Home Economics Centennial 1902-2002: Ten Decades of Historical Artifacts" is on display through Friday, Oct. 11, at the Agnes Jones Gallery. Located in Room 127 of the College of Professional Studies, the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The weekend event began

with a reception on Friday evening followed by a day-long event on Saturday including lunch, a historical perspective of home economics by Doris See of Wausau, a 1948 UWSP graduate, and a keynote address by Karen Bogenschneider of Madison, a 1972 UWSP home economics graduate.

Displays representing each decade of the home economics program, including historic kitchen tools and antique china, quilts and six tables of silent auction items were featured. Students discussed their academic programs and introduced the endowment that will benefit students in the areas of family and consumer education, nutritional sciences and interior architecture.

**UWSP students want conference at home**

**Amanda Foege**  
NEWS REPORTER

Student leaders from UWSP are preparing a bid for a statewide leadership conference to be located at UWSP.

Wisconsin United Residence Hall Association (WURHA) is an organization of Wisconsin universities which coordinates conferences. Each February, a 500 person conference is put on that focuses on student leadership growth in Wisconsin residence halls.

UWSP students are now seeking individuals interested in helping bring the 2004 WURHA conference to Stevens Point.

"We are bidding because we would like to see UWSP have the opportunity to have such a high energy conference," WURHA 2004 co-chair Nick Fendt says.

The process has already started to make UWSP's proposal stand out from the rest. Work began in mid-April last year and now the group is looking for new faces to get involved.

There were fifteen students and four advisors with ties to residential living and the department of communication heading up this

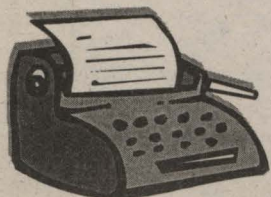
effort. This already committed group would like to expand to gain new people and ideas.

"Right now, the bid team is welcoming all students that wish to help in any capacity, especially those who wish to be committee chairs and committee members," WURHA 2004 Co-chair Matthew Clark said. "Whatever students like, there's probably a committee for it, and once again, we welcome all those who are even vaguely interested to get involved."

Committees include registration, housing, programming, recognition and hospitality. It will be decided at WURHA 2003 in mid-February which school will be selected as the WURHA 2004 site. All groundwork needs to get done now so that when it is presented before the other universities it is a complete project.

"In addition to helping Point bring the conference, helping with the bid would be a good addition to any student's resume and would also get their name out there with RHA and Residential Living, which are great resources for any student who is a leader or is looking to become one," Clark adds.

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Catholic Bible Study – 7:30 PM Sunday, Newman Center | Salvation Army Meal Ministry – every Tuesday



# Whatever...the world according to Steve

Paying is for suckers and free stuff sounds better. Your non-klepto guide to getting MP3s.

By Steve Seamandel

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Picture this. You're walking home from class and a couple of people pass you on their way to the UC. Someone says, "Boy it's hot out..." as they walk past, and you immediately start humming "Hot In Herre" by Nelly. You continue your journey home, filling the holes in the verses with your own nonsensical lyrics, until you get home and download it, that is.

Approximately six minutes later, you're listening to the real, bonafide song on your computer. Heh heh heh, no more ad-libbing Nelly lyrics for you...no sir-eee. Isn't technology wonderful? It didn't cost you a dime (other than what your computer and monthly Internet costs you), and it didn't even involve you leaving your residence, much less take up any significant amount of time.

It's the truth: it's easier, cheaper and more convenient to download tunes as opposed to going out and buying the legit CDs. Nearly every college student knows this. In fact, I'll lay down 2:1 odds that sometime throughout *your* (yes, *you*) time here at Point, you've befriended Senor Napster, Mr. Kazaa or Madame Morpheus. And surely you own a burned CD, so you're guilty even if you haven't slummed to the level of "MP3 downloading whore."

It's great. In about 20 minutes, you can construct your own personalized mix of anything, burn it onto a CD and have a whole library of mood themed compilation discs. Everyone has a few, which may include the ever popular "Happy Tunes", "Tunes by Which to Hate the Opposite Sex", and my personal creative favorite that seems to be in everyone's collection, "Good Shit".

MP3s and downloadable music haven't been around for much longer than five or six years - remember Napster? Weren't *those* the days? Napster, which has since been purchased by a huge

and wealthy German music label, now functions as a pay-per-use system. However, so as not to be defeated, downloading enthusiasts have sprouted several different downloading hubs that operate in the same light as the original Napster, thus continuing the saga between music fans and the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

I love it when people, regardless of age and/or demographic, can't believe that I "steal" music. They act so surprised and say, "You download MP3s?" in the same tone as they'd say, "You supply arms to al-Qaeda?" or "You're running an illegal jeans operation in your car hole?"

OK, stealing is stealing, and bad is bad, but I see a major gray area when dealing with MP3s.

First off, it's not illegal for me to download them. And if it is, nobody's getting busted for it. I'm so tired of hearing, "Well, just because everyone's downloading consequence-free doesn't mean that it's OK." What? Of course it does.

Furthermore, as Sports Editor and personal colleague Dan Mirman would say, "I'm in college. I'm invincible." OK, not invincible like Superman, but still, we live in this tiny cocoon that is called college, and the concept of buying music is nearly taboo right now. Buying a \$20 CD with one good song on it isn't economically feasible to most college students, let alone most music fans. Likewise, buying CDs would involve exiting the confines of your invisibility shelter and entering the real world, where stealing music probably really is wrong, and we're all seen as social deviants.

Although these reasons don't make downloading MP3s "right," I really don't think that the RIAA will ever be able to thwart MP3 enthusiasts. Perhaps they'll curtail use and make it difficult in the near future, but I don't ever foresee a victory for the suits.



## The "dorks" silenced

On Friday, Sept. 26, a harsh reality of this whimsical whirlwind we call life occurred to a docile UWSP organization.

The Dork Outreach Program (TDOP) fell victim to the idle hands of an unknown conspirator. We, as members of the TDOP, are appalled, outraged, infuriated, exasperated, and are in a general state of blatant bewilderment.

We, as a recognized campus organization, were reaping full benefits of the posting policy proclaimed by our contract granted via the Student Involvement Office. The message on our humble humanitarian banner is and was simple; "Consume and Obey," and the unruly intruder of morality took this notarized public service announcement to no avail and removed our publication of patriotism for his or her own selfish cause.

Our message to the thriving, kindred spirits at UWSP will now go without deliberation because of your act of civic lewdness. We will seek revenge!

Our cause will not fall on deaf ears, blind eyes or those left uncircumsized! You must and will surrender to our secret scheme.

We are a mere benevolent organization lending a helping hand to the socially handicapped students at UWSP. We are, in turn, "helping humanity help itself."

Today, in sorrow, the TDOP petitions the thief, the mocker of justice, the confused conforming anti-croboynne, the ambassador of aristocratic vengeance to repent in your vile act of narcissism and return our "God Bless the USA" sign in a secure method to the front of the University Center.

As the tides rise, so does the goose bake, and the TDOP shall decide all fate.

John Baeten, Esq., A.K.A. Darvonious Jones

Vice-President of the Dork Outreach Program

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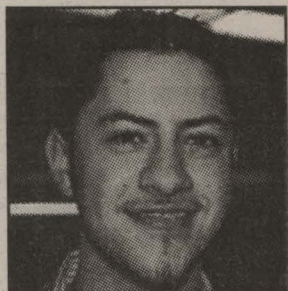
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If you could be a member of the opposite sex for a day, what would you do??



Liz Harris, Phys. Ed., Sr.

Pee standing up.



Mario Estrada, Graphic Design, Soph.

Get into bars for free.



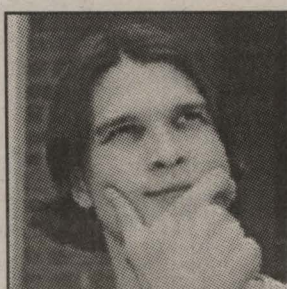
Tara Krueger, Phys. Ed., Fr.

Pee outside while standing up.



Brenda Gilbertson, Biology, Fr.

Pee outside standing up.



Phil Kauth, Biology, Sr.

Shower.



Jason Wierzbza, Phys. Ed., Sr.

Pee sitting down.



## WPR interview raises concerns

University of Wisconsin political science professor Michael Barnett was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio on Sept. 24. During his descriptions of various scenarios that could occur in the event the United States attacked Iraq, he made the absurd claim that Israel's pre-emptive strike against Egypt in 1967 was made because the Israelis believed that the Egyptians were about to destroy Israel with a pre-emptive attack of their own.

As a so-called expert on the Middle East, Professor Barnett must be aware of the fact that he is simply peddling Israeli propaganda.

This is what Israeli General Mattityahu Peled said of the situation leading up to Israel's aggression against Egypt:

"To claim that the Egyptian forces concentrated on our borders were capable of threatening Israel's existence . . . is an insult to the Israeli army." (Israel and the American National Interest, Cheryl Rubenberg, p. 104.)

General Yitzhak Rabin stated a similar view shortly after the war, "I do not believe that Nasser wanted war. The two divisions he sent into Sinai on May 14 would not have been enough to unleash an offensive against Israeli. He knew it and we knew it." (Ibid.)

And we also have the testimony of Menachem Begin who pointed out the following truth:

"In June 1967, we again had a choice. The Egyptian Army concentrations in the Sinai approaches did not prove that Nasser was about to attack us. We must be honest with ourselves. We decided to attack him." (Ibid., p. 105)

Professor Barnett is an expert on the Middle East?

-William Gartland

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Think about it:

Everyone's a skeptic

It is pretty hard to go through college without hearing someone's opinion about religion, from the Christian gatherings of Point of Impact to the Gideons greeting students in the morning by handing out new green testament bibles. The Christian God is well represented, if not (dare I say it) omnipresent. Not much is said for free thought and atheism, and, being an atheist, I thought I'd even the score a little.

The purpose of this writing is not to "convert" anyone into an atheist or a freethinker. I am writing to create thought and reason in people's minds. People should know what they believe and why not swallow what some authority feeds them like a little child. If someone said I "converted" them to atheism, I would be disappointed. Reference what I say. Question everything I write. Think for yourself.

The second clarification I would like to make is that I will NOT get into a shouting match with Christians who write to *The Pointer*.

My thesis today is that everyone is a skeptic. A huge claim of this magnitude requires a lot of hard evidence. If I came up to you and said I saw Chancellor Tom George jogging last night and humming Nelly's "Hot in Herre", you might not believe me. However, if three of your friends and I said they saw it, you might be convinced. If the claim was that the Chancellor was doing back flips and somersaults in the air while humming "Hot in Herre" it would probably require a great deal more evidence. This claim is still possible though. For all I know, the Chancellor's favorite hobby might be tumbling, and maybe he really likes Nelly.

What if I made the claim that I saw the Chancellor jogging last night and humming Nelly's "Hot in Herre," then, as a finale, he did three back flips and then vanished into thin air? If I had 600 witnesses and three camera recordings at different angles, you STILL would think that he played some kind of trick with mirrors. As a last resort, you might think he invented a teleportation device (he is a science guy, after all). The point is, people do not disappear any more than they rise from the dead. If I told you that Chancellor George would be back one day to judge the cum laude and the non-cum laude, would you believe that?

The Christian claim is that an all-powerful, all-good and all-knowing God, for whom there is no hard scientific evidence, sent his only son who raised from the dead as a blood offering so that we can have a slice of heaven. Is this any more probable than my Chancellor George story?

Think about it.

-Chris Race

UWSP graduate

## Police intimidate participants in bike rally

"You can't do this...you'll all be arrested...we'll see what the judge has to say about this..." a Portage County Patrolman shouted from his patrol car, effectively blocking traffic in both lanes to speak to the participants biking along Clark Street last Friday afternoon.

The bikers were riding together as a part of the National Critical Mass movement, which promotes bicycling as a means for transportation, and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The bikers came for many reasons; for some it was to protest the car culture and promote bicycle use around town, for some it was to enjoy a friendly ride, and for others to support biker safety and awareness in memory of a UWSP student who was killed by a car on Main Street a few years ago.

So, on Friday afternoon the group met at the square downtown and headed along Clark Street going east. The group of about fifteen was in high spirits and was staying together, communicating well and using appropriate traffic signals while occupying the right lane of the two-lane road, which is legal.

Shortly after being met by the patrolman the group was heralded by a passing car shouting, "Yay, Critical Mass, we love you!" which helped keep the group's spirits up. The group continued on, despite police warnings, moving over to Main

Street, Division Street and then up Division Street to the K-mart parking lot. There were several honked horns, some in anger, but many in support of the riders. Along the way, two separate and new Stevens Point police vehicles followed the group and tried to intimidate participants to stop and to tell the bikers that they were violating the law, though no laws were cited.

At the K-mart parking lot, the group convened to discuss the threatening police presence when a Stevens Point police officer met the group and asked to speak to its leader, though there was no leader. The officer tried to explain to the group that they were impeding traffic and that they would have to speed up, otherwise he would make a judgment call and have them arrested for this violation.

A participant asked the officer, "What is the appropriate speed we should be going?" The officer replied, "Faster than what you are going now, because you are impeding traffic."

"Aren't bikes traffic as well?" the biker replied, and the officer said, "Yes, but it is a busy highway and we can't have you do this. You have to speed up". He added, without answering the biker's question, "You should know that it is illegal to ride an unregistered bike in Stevens Point, so I hope you all have registered bikes. Also, you have to have a front and back light in the

evening. It's up to you if you choose to continue on." The participants continued on down Division and through the downtown area and no one was arrested.

The bike ride seemed to sum up what most of the participants knew before they set out to ride on that sunny Friday afternoon: bicycles are not treated equally on the roads of Stevens Point. The sidewalks are not bicycle friendly (with ramps at intersections often being off the intersection), there are no bicycle lanes, virtually no pedestrian or biker signs around campus and there exists urban sprawl that encourages more and more automobile use.

The bikers have succeeded in making many residents, as well as the Police Department, aware of bicycles in Stevens Point. However, the Police left many important questions unanswered for the bikers. What speed is appropriate for bicyclists, and must they go as fast as cars? What defines "impeding traffic", seeing as though no traffic was blocked? What if one can't bike fast enough; can they be arrested?

There will be another Critical Mass bike ride at the end of October. The participants encourage anyone interested to join them.

-Matt Morrissey

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## Dismissing UN bad politics

By Cheryl Tepsa-Fink

MANAGING EDITOR

Bush's regime has waged political war against the democratic fundamental, the global safeguard against tyranny – the United Nations.

No amount of constructive criticism, disapproval, anger or boycotts from the rest of the globe has swayed the imperialistic initiative of our Emperor Bush.

Every day, I find another reason to get pissed off about the intentions of GW. Tuesday morning, I woke up to the NY Times article that announced that the 15-nation European Union has agreed to exempt US soldiers from conviction of war crimes, a.k.a. – the moral laws that protect human rights. (Red Flag) Isn't that dangerous? More than that, are we expecting the United States to commit war crimes? The way this siege of Iraq is shaping up, yes, we will be guilty of human rights violations.

I am against the upcoming Iraqi siege for many reasons.

•We're screaming for disarmament. What gives America the right to decide who gets the bombs? Iraq is in a scary neighborhood; without a functioning arsenal, they have no way to defend themselves. It's not as if we're demanding Iraq's neighbors (Israel, Iran, to name a couple) to give up their weapons.

•How did Iraq get the chem/bio weapons in the first place? Hmmm. We don't have to look very far back in history for that answer. The United States sold them to Iraq during the Iran/Iraq war. Oops! How hypocritical of us to whine about Iraq's arsenal when we gave it to them.

•We're counting on a military coup. We've

tried that before. Several times since Desert Storm we have swayed the loyalties of some Iraqi soldiers. It didn't take long for them to be murdered. Disregarding the reason for loyalty to Hussein, we have to understand that very powerful men in Iraq like him and will fight anybody who would dare to unseat Saddam. Here in the United States we have similar safeguards. That's why people who commit treason almost always get the death penalty.

•I have no doubt that we will enact a "regime change" in Iraq. What then? Who will take over after Saddam? Currently there are three separate rebel groups in Iraq: one in the north, one in the middle and one in the south. So far, these groups haven't been able to build an effective coalition – they don't agree on everything. Assuming that we don't take complete ownership of Iraq, who will be in charge? Rumsfeld met that question with silence. Not good enough.

•Bush needs to feel superior. After the horror of 9-11, the United States felt vulnerable. We couldn't understand why al-Qaeda would hate us. Many experts feel that one of the reasons is our forced presence, militarily, economically and socially, in Saudi Arabia and neighboring nations. A preemptive strike on Iraq would certainly exacerbate that image.

The moral of the story is the United States has assumed the privilege to unseat any leader who we don't get along with. That may sound clean and simple, but we are facing a bloody mess. Not only will we destroy thousands of innocent people in our hunt for Saddam, we will lose all credibility in the United Nations. It's already begun.



# Tinh strums own reflections of Vietnam War

By Andy Bloeser

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Tinh took the stage at the Encore on Sept. 27, exuding an aura of thoughtful inflection. As the guitar soloist performed instrumental pieces inspired by the Vietnam War, that aura quickly became infectious.

The Vietnamese born artist began his set with a song reminiscent of his childhood, titled "Bong Mai." The piece was written about the emotional connotations Tinh (pronounced "Dun") finds in the plant ceremonially attached to the Vietnamese New Year's celebration. For Tinh, the bong mai plant is both a staple of his own childhood memories and a symbol of the universality of everyone's childhood.

The theme of universality extended throughout the show and was present in virtually every song the soloist played, if not in every note. The song "We're Still Soldiers" from Tinh's recently released album, *Acoustic Rain*, encompassed the bittersweet return of soldiers from

Vietnam during a time of social discontent while also dealing with shared human emotions.

Another song from the set, "To Heal the Wounded Hearts," provided a reaction to the many who were left grieving and without answers in the aftermath of a socially unpopular war. The piece also delves into the shared human experience of grieving after the loss of a loved one with an uncanny sentiment of understanding.

"I use the guitar to transfer my emotions. The music just takes over," said Tinh after the show.

Not all of the guitarist's songs were



Photo by P. Larson

was like falling in love," he said when recalling the moment on stage.

The song "I Remember John Fahey," meanwhile, stands as a testament to the memory of Tinh's friend and mentor who died in February. Fahey began writing

directly related to the conflict in Vietnam. "Liam's Lullaby" captured the feeling of inner peace the guitarist found unexpectedly while watching his child sleep one night after returning home from a performance. "It

the piece over a decade ago before handing it over to his friend and protégé. This year, Tinh completed the composition this year as a part of the grieving process.

Though the show evoked some heavy sentiments, moving some audience members to tears, the performance also had its share of comedic moments. Tinh began his encore with a song titled "Cat's in the Kettle," a parody of the folk rock standard "Cat's in the Hat." The parody played off of the stereotype regarding the Chinese's penchant for eating felines.

The evening concluded with a rendition of "America the Beautiful" that dovetailed into a skillfully played version of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The show seemed to have a deep effect on many in attendance, a large number of whom stayed to briefly converse with soloist after the performance.

Tinh's album, *Acoustic Rain*, can be purchased online at [www.eastwindrecords.com](http://www.eastwindrecords.com).

## Week in Point

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Cardio Center Presents: Yoga Series I, Group Fitness Room, Allen Center, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Women's Rugby Prom Dress Game, Rec Fields, 6:00 PM

Homecoming Week, "History in Fast Forward," Talent Night with Mike Birbiglia, MC, UC Alumni Room, 8:00 PM

Friday, October 4, 2002  
Mens Cross Country at Notre Dame Invitational, all day

UWSP Tennis at UW-Whitewater, 4:00 PM

UWSP Women's Volleyball vs. UW-Stout, 7:00 PM

CPI Special Events Presents: Comedy City, UC The Encore, 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 5, 2002  
UWSP Golf Team, WIAC Championships, All Day

UWSP Cross Country UW-Platteville Invitational, All Day

UWSP Alumni Art Exhibition, FAC Carlsten Gallery, All Day

Homecoming Parade Floats, Campus & Community Streets, 10:00 AM

UWSP Women's Volleyball vs. UW-River Falls, 12:00 PM

UWSP Football vs. UW-La Crosse (Homecoming) Goerke Field, 1:00 PM

Performing Arts Series Presents: Chicago Saxophone Quartet, FAC Michelson Hall, 7:30 PM

RHA presents: Homecoming Dance, UC The Encore, 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Sunday, October 6, 2002  
UWSP Golf WIAC Championships, all day

Tuesday, October 8, 2002  
UWSP Blood Drive, UC Laird Room, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

UWSP Women's Soccer vs. Wheaton, 4:00 PM

CPI Issues and Ideas Presents: Auto Maintenance Mini Course, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 9, 2002  
UWSP Blood Drive, UC Laird Room, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

UWSP Tennis UW-Eau Claire, 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

UWSP Women's Volleyball vs. Northland, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

UWSP Jazz Ensemble, UC Basement Brewhaus, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Living Options Fair, UC Alumni Room, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

CPI Presents: George Winston, Sentry Theater, 7:30 PM

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## Paintball Club comes to UWSP

By Amy Zepnick

FEATURES EDITOR

In about 15 years, paintball has become a sports sensation, played in over 40 countries by women and men of all ages and lifestyles. Paintball birthed a new interest at UW-Stevens Cornell, the Paintball Club plans to join anyone with paintballs, guns and mock military in their blood.

According to f4og.com, paintball is a combination of tag and hide-and-seek. Although there are many different game formats, the basics include a game of capture the flag with two teams armed with a loaded paintgun and paintballs. Players must wear goggles and facemasks.

A paintball is a round, thin-skinned gelatin capsule with colored liquid inside. This liquid is non-toxic, water-soluble and biodegradable. Therefore; it rinses from clothing and skin easily.

Paintguns are commonly powered by carbon dioxide, nitrogen or compressed air. Also called "markers," they have large cylindrical power systems that can store hundreds of shots before being refilled.

Cornell wanted to start the club to invoke interest on

campus.

"I just wanted to see who played on campus," she said. "I had big interest. About 40 people emailed me and 15 showed up at the last meeting. Faculty and staff are even getting involved."

Cornell, who is the first and only girl on the state paintball team, has plans for the club.

"We want to do fundraisers to fund for trips to play paintball," she said. "The closest place is about an hour away. If the university will not approve that as a club, then we'll just get together for fun and play."

Cornell eventually wants to turn the Paintball Club into an intercollegiate sport like UW-Whitewater.

"UW-Whitewater has a team and they go to state every year," she said. "It would be great if UWSP could do that, too."

People ask Cornell if paintball is safe. Many are surprised at its low accident rate. According to f4og.com, paintball has a 0.31 per 1000 accident rate compared to the 1.13 per 1000 accident rate of golf.

"No, I don't bleed," Cornell said. "It's not as violent a sport as I thought. It's safe."

If you want more information on the Paintball Club, contact Cornell at 346-3646.



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### What is the Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEGs) and can they invade your home without a warrant?

MEGs is a group of drug enforcement officers from different jurisdictions who work together to get the "bigger fish in the sea" of drug dealers. As a general rule, no, they can't invade your home without a warrant. However, there are many exceptions to the warrant requirement.

Fourth amendment legal scholars write volumes of books about exceptions to the warrant requirement. Some of the most significant exceptions are if the owner gives consent to enter, the emergency exception, the goodfaith exception, and the caretaker exception.

If the police knock on your door and want to search, you can certainly require that they produce a warrant first. If they are acting on the basis of an exception, they are unlikely to ask for consent. If they have probable cause to support issuance of a warrant, then they can go and get their warrant.

The number one rule in dealing with the police is to be polite and don't argue. Assert your rights if you choose to in plain English, and should you disagree with the decision making of the police, fight your battle with them in court.

If you have a question you would like to see answered in this column email the student legal services at [Student.Legal.Society@uwsp.edu](mailto:Student.Legal.Society@uwsp.edu) or check out our website at <https://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sls/index.htm>

## Wisdom for worry warts

By Amy Zepnick  
FEATURES EDITOR

Ask for advice. No one is an expert on every subject.

With schedule crunches, the war on terrorism and everything in between, it's no wonder people today are consumed by worry.

However, students can find refuge at the UW-Stevens Point counseling center located on the third floor of Delzell Hall. Aside from the counselors on staff, the center offers a library filled with free literature as well as rental books and videos dealing with various topics. Such subjects include Internet addiction, stress, depression, relationships, self-esteem, abuse, parenting, and yes, worry.

Following is a list of helpful tips for dealing with worry:

*Learn to distinguish good worry from toxic worry. Good worry is helpful in planning and solving problems. Toxic worry is unproductive and self-defeating.*

*Never worry alone. Sharing a worry almost always makes it disappear.*

*Save your worry for real problems.*

*Know whom in your life you can depend on to reassure you and ask them for help.*

*Add structure to your life where it's needed. Disorganization is the source of many worries.*

*Use discretion with the media. It's full of bad news and triggers worry.*

*Pray or meditate. Both calm the mind and help put problems into perspective.*

*Touch and be touched. Physical contact nourishes the soul.*

*Laugh as much as possible, and surround yourself with amusing people.*

*Listen to music and sing along. It's hard to worry and sing at the same time.*

*Cry. Don't be afraid to let go. Also, complain if need be.*

*Be careful about alcohol and other drugs. They will only create more problems in the long run.*

If you would like more information about worry or have other concerns, visit the counseling center library or call 346-3553.

## Snyder concert: good show for few

By Andy Bloeser  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

If you came out to see Fran Snyder at the Encore last Saturday, chances are that you were a neo-prohibitionist, a recovering alcoholic or journalist.

The allure of house parties and taverns seemingly won out over the efforts of Centertainment Productions for the vast majority of UW-Stevens Point students, all save nine people.

Snyder, a singer and songwriter, took the disappointing turnout in stride, beginning the evening with a joke. "We need to lock the doors," said Snyder. "My contract states that I will play to no more than ten people."

The joke was one of many flashes of humor that arose throughout the show as Snyder took the opportunity to interact with the small audience on an intimate level. His sense of humor also provided a touch of comic relief to a set list comprised primarily of melancholy songs about unrequited love.

One of the first songs of the evening, "The Other Side of the World," set the tone for things

to come, detailing a painful and confusing breakup with a high school girlfriend. "You're leaving tomorrow, but you've left me today. When I said that I love you, you had nothing to say," sang Snyder.

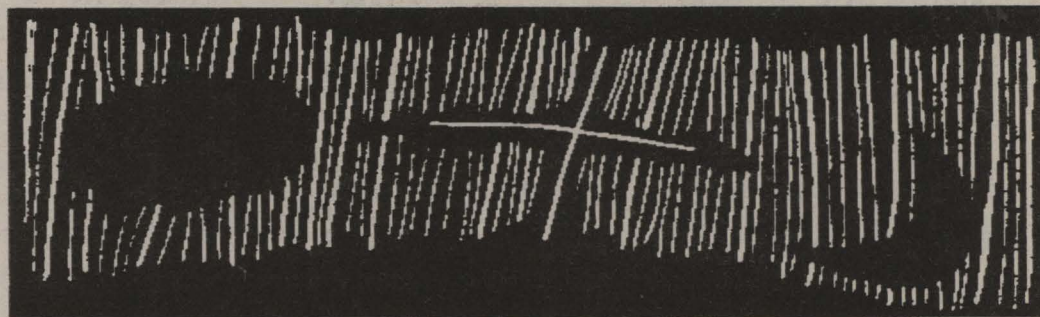
A few songs later, a ballad titled "Falling Apart" mirrored those same feelings of anguish. "There's so much inside you, but you've got nothing to say. I was standing beside you. How did I get in the way?"

Snyder paused between each song to deliver a brief narrative on the origins of his lyrics, a concept that he seldom uses on stage. "It's not something I usually do, but I try to tailor my style to the audience. I couldn't do that type of show with a larger audience," said Snyder.

Saturday night's performance concluded the singer and songwriter's most recent stretch on the road and plans are now in the works to begin a new tour. After turning out music as a solo act for the better part of nine years, Snyder now plans to tour as part of a two-man band which calls itself Six Strings and Vinyl.

**"We conclude, based on the facts that are known to us, that a preemptive, unilateral use of force to overthrow the government of Iraq is difficult to justify at this time."**

— Letter from the U.S. Catholic bishops to President Bush



**Are you aware of what is being considered in terms of war against Iraq, the justification, the potential ramifications?**

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# Your College Survival Guide

By Pat "Special K" Rothfuss

MORE YUCKS FOR YOUR BUCKS

## Three Steps to a Funnier You

Dear Pat,

*This summer, I tried to write a satire. I really wanted it to be funny. I thought I was working with a decent idea, but when the satire was done, it really wasn't so funny.*

*Anyway, I read your articles all the time, and your articles are Dave Barry funny. How do you do it? I am desperate to be funny. In fact, if I had one wish from a genie, I would wish to write funny articles that would make people laugh loudly.*

*Maybe you could put on your Pat Rothfuss genie turban and grant me one wish. I wish you could develop a formula for writing humorous articles. Please, if you can find one, put it in the paper.*

Presently Unhumorous in Burroughs Hall

Well PUBH, before you try to BE funny, you have to make sure that you know what funny IS. If you really knew what funny was, you would have called yourself "Presently Unhumorous in Burroughs East." Then your acronym would have been PUBE. Now that's high-quality humor.

So how can you determine what is funny? Here are a few rules I've worked out over the years.

### RULE 1: THE LETTER K IS FUNNY.

For some reason, words with the letter K funny. I know this sounds silly, but it's true.

Take, for example, the word "plum." Nothing wrong with it, but you have to admit it's not very funny.

"Pickle," on the other hand, is funny.

Puppy, fish, bear, German, asshole... not funny.

Monkey, duck, donkey, Eskimo, asscrack... funny.

### RULE 2: HORRIBLE THINGS ARE FUNNY.

"Tragedy is when I get a paper cut. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die."

-- Mel Blanc.

Plainly said, when terrible things happen to someone else, it's funny. Now, we'd like to think we're better than this, but we're not. Every joke you've ever laughed at involves something terrible happening to someone. Blonde jokes. Pollack jokes. Dead baby jokes.

Now it doesn't always have to be train-wreck horrible. Pretty much anything that you weren't allowed to talk about at the dinner table qualifies as "horrible" for the purposes of this rule.

Your name is a good example, PUBE. You might feel bad, but rest assured, everyone else is laughing.

Still don't believe me? Watch an episode of funniest home videos. Then, when that little kid whacks his dad in the junk with a whiffle bat, just try not to laugh.

Note that I just went out of my way to use the words "whack" and "junk." Two K words. If I'd have said "hit his dad in the testicles" it wouldn't have been nearly as funny.

### RULE 3: RIDICULOUS THINGS ARE FUNNY.

Everything is funny if viewed in the right light. If you've ever seen an interview with the Dalai Lama, you'll know what I'm talking about. He's always smiling and laughing. Why? Because he's figured it out, *everything is funny*.

However, getting people to recognize that is hard. Seinfeld could do it. I'm not a huge Seinfeld fan, but I can respect a person who can successfully point out how silly everyday life really is.

So let's put it all together. Here's how I would think if I was going to, say, draw a funny little cartoon.

First, I start with a monkey. Why? Because I like monkeys (and they have a K) Then I think, what can this monkey do that's funny? Have sex with another monkey. No, more silly. It can have sex with a duck. No, even more silly. It can have sex with a football. Yeah, that's funny.

It needs something more ridiculous. So I put a Packer jersey on the monkey. Then I realize that might upset a few people. So instead I put Brett Farve's jersey on the monkey. That should up should upset a lot of people. Then I put in a cheerleader off to one side, (just because.) But she isn't cheering. She's dropped her poms and is crying into her hands because the sight of the Farve-monkey humping away with that big-toothed monkey grin has shattered her fragile little world.

Last, I draw a Packer fan in the background. He's got one of those big foam fingers, no shirt, a cheesehat, and a beer. He's shouting "Go long!"

And that, PUBE, is how the magic happens.

Oh, you wanted a formula for funny didn't you? How about this? 1 Letter + 1 swollen ego + 1% Inspiration + 99% delusional schizophrenia + 1 pint of pure, unvarnished Truth = one Pat Rothfuss advice column.

Still want to make people laugh, PUBE? Just wear your new "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt. People will laugh, I promise.

Pat Rothfuss needs letters.

Email him at [prothfus@uwsp.edu](mailto:prothfus@uwsp.edu).

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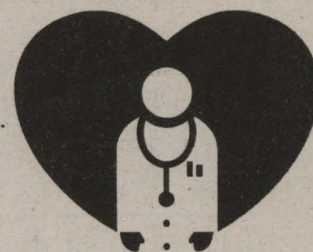
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## The Health and Wellness Spot



Dear Health Advocate,

My friends and I like to go out on the weekend to socialize and we usually end up drinking. I was wondering how we could be more safe when we go out and drink?

Your average college student

Dear average college student,

It is important that if you do choose to drink when you go out, to do it with wisdom and planning.

Here are some tips concerning alcohol safety:

-Do set a liquor limit. Have a mindset of how much you will consume in a given outing. It will help keep you in control and spend less.

-Do know whom you came with and whom you are going to leave with at the end of the night. This will help eliminate confusion at the end of the night and will keep you safe.

-Do have a designated driver for the night and/or try walking. Point is small enough to walk anywhere.

-Don't go out with people who make you feel uncomfortable with.

-Do you know who is watching your back? If something does happen, have someone you know there, like the buddy system.

It is also important for you to know that at UWSP 75% of students drink once a week or less. When students on our campus choose to drink, the majority consumes four or fewer drinks. When choosing to drink, it is important to be safe. Remember, less is more fun in the end.



# Women's soccer wins 60th straight conference match

3-1 victory over  
Blugolds moves  
UWSP into first

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

The 60th consecutive conference victory tasted especially sweet as it came over bitter rival and top challenger for the WIAC crown UW-Eau Claire. The 3-1 victory gives UWSP first place all to themselves as both teams came into the match with perfect conference marks.

All the scoring came in the first half of the match and the tough Pointer defense

made the lead stand up in the second half. The victory also set yet another record for this year's team as they now stand at 9-0-1. This marks the best start in team history.

Emma-Klara Porter got the scoring started when Andrea Spiel floated a cross pass in front of the net and Porter headed it home. After the Blugolds tied it up, Jenny Bruce decided to take over.

Bruce, who is pictured in Sports Illustrated this week, lofted a pass over the defense to Molly Cady who tapped it in for the lead. Then Bruce scored a goal herself on an assist from Porter to finish

off the scoring. The goal put Bruce into an elite club as she became the sixth player in Pointer history to reach 100 points.

On Saturday, UWSP also posted a solid victory defeating the UW-La Crosse Eagles 2-0. UWSP had a goal in each half and, once again, their defense pitched a shutout as they continued to dominate the WIAC.

Once again, Andrea Spiel set-up the opening goal as she hit Molly Cady this time for the first score. In the second half, Bruce set up Kelly Fink for her seventh goal of the season, which is good for tops on the team.

UWSP has a difficult test coming up on Tuesday, when ninth ranked Wheaton will be coming in to test the Pointer's seven game.



Bruce

# Cross country teams put together solid weekend showings

Men win Beloit Invite, while women take 12th in difficult field

By Jason Nihles  
SPORTS REPORTER

With the more experienced runners resting this past weekend, the freshman and sophomore members of the men's cross country team had a truly unique opportunity. You see, the Beloit Old English Classic is not your typical cross country race.

In addition to the usual running up and down hills, the Pointer men had to run through pastures, hurdle fences and hay bales, as well as jump and run through small streams in a race that is like no other.

"It makes for a fun race," said Coach Rick Witt of the unique style of race that is taken from the old English tradition of cross-country racing. This is the only race of its kind the Pointers will run this season.

Despite the various obstacles and the fact that Point's better runners did not race, the men still dominated the field and came away with a team victory. UWSP finished first out of 23 teams with a team score of 58. The next closest team was Illinois Wesleyan with 103.

Freshmen David Bell, Joe Miller and Justin Andrews led the way for the Pointers, finishing seventh, eighth, and ninth respectively. Also counting in the team scoring were sophomore Jeremy Zimmerman, 16th,

and freshman Andris Schultz who finished 18th.

"It was a nice opportunity for the guys to be counted in the team score," said Witt.

While the men were busy hurdling obstacles Saturday, the women's cross country team took on a challenge of a different sort. The female Pointers traveled to the University of Minnesota and took part in the 24 team Division II race. Because of difficult competition, UWSP finished 12th as a team. With the 12th place finish came a bit of dissatisfaction.

"We came away disappointed because we thought we could have done better," said Coach Len Hill. "We ran OK, but not great."

See Cross Country, on Page 11

# Pointer Football Preview



UW-Stevens Point  
Pointers (2-1)

vs.



UW-La Crosse  
Eagles (1-2)

**When:** 1 p.m., Saturday

**Where:** Goerke Field, Stevens Point, Wis.

**Listen:** The game can be heard live on 90fm, WWSP, with Dan Mirman and Craig Mandli handling the play-by-play.

**Watch:** The game will be broadcast on channel 10, STV, on Monday.

**Series History:** La Crosse has a 36-9-4 lead in the overall series, but UWSP won last year's matchup 17-16. The win was UWSP's first in La Crosse since 1962.

**La Crosse Report:** The Eagles come into the game with a 1-2 mark and a two game losing streak after beating Washburn (Kan.) University to open their season.

**Eagles Gamebreaker:** Wide receiver Matt Rizzo leads the team with 16 catches for 191 yards after catching a school record 77 balls last season.

**Pointer Update:** UWSP stands at 2-1 after falling short in a shootout versus Division I-AA Butler last week. Quarterback Scott Krause passed for a career high 391 yards.

**Pointer Gamebreaker:** Sophomore RB/KR Cory Flisakowski returned six kicks for 154 yards and a 25.7 yards average against Butler.

**Little Known Fact:** The Pointer's Dillon Maney, a pre-season all-conference first team pick at safety, leads the WIAC in punting with a 39.6 yard average.

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### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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### D1

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2. SNAKE BITE
3. WITH OURSELVES
4. CARPTOWN CRUSHERS
5. THE OTHER OTHER

### WHITE MEAT

2. ALABAMA SLAMMERS

### D2

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## Tennis dominates Lawrence and Edgewood

### Team finishes 6-0 in doubles play

By Jason Nihles  
SPORTS REPORTER

After a tough loss against UW-Oshkosh last Wednesday, the women's tennis team came firing back this past weekend. A 9-0 shutout of Lawrence and an 8-1 pounding of Edgewood put the Pointers back on the right side of the win column and bumped their season record up to 6-2 in dual matches.

Saturday, the women completely dominated Lawrence University winning all nine matches in straight sets. "Everybody needed a win," said Coach Nancy Page. That is exactly what they got.

Violet Adams dominated her #1 singles match winning 6-1, 6-0. Amber Wilkowski picked up a much needed win in convincing fashion, 6-

1, 6-1.

"I think she learned the value of patience in her match against Edgewood," commented Coach Page.

With a second set tie breaker, Gina Lamer won her singles match 6-1, 7-6 (7-2). Tiffany Serpico continued her torrid play this season, winning 6-1, 6-2. Gretchen Wedding and Kim Goron also picked up straight set wins in singles play.

In the doubles competition, the Pointers only dropped 3 games. In perfect fashion, Adams-Wilkowski won their match 8-0. Rachel Ferge and Jana Braam combined to win 8-1, and Goron and Serpico, who just keep winning in doubles, collected an 8-2 win.

Friday afternoon it was much of the same for the Pointer women as they dispatched of Edgewood College 8-1. Violet Adams pulled

out a very hard fought three set win. Gina Lamer, Tiffany Serpico and Gretchen Wedding also all earned straight set victories with terrific play. Alison Mills rounded out the singles matches by winning her first match of the season 6-2, 6-1. In doubles competition, the UWSP swept yet another opponent. Adams-Wilkowski, Ferge-Braam, and Goron-Serpico all collected doubles wins.

The Pointers have three matches remaining this season; Whitewater, Eau Claire and La Crosse. All promise to be challenging competitions.

"We saved our toughest matches until the end," said Page. "All three will be very difficult, as I expect those three teams will be contending for the WIAC title."

The women's only match this week will be a Friday duel at UW-Whitewater.

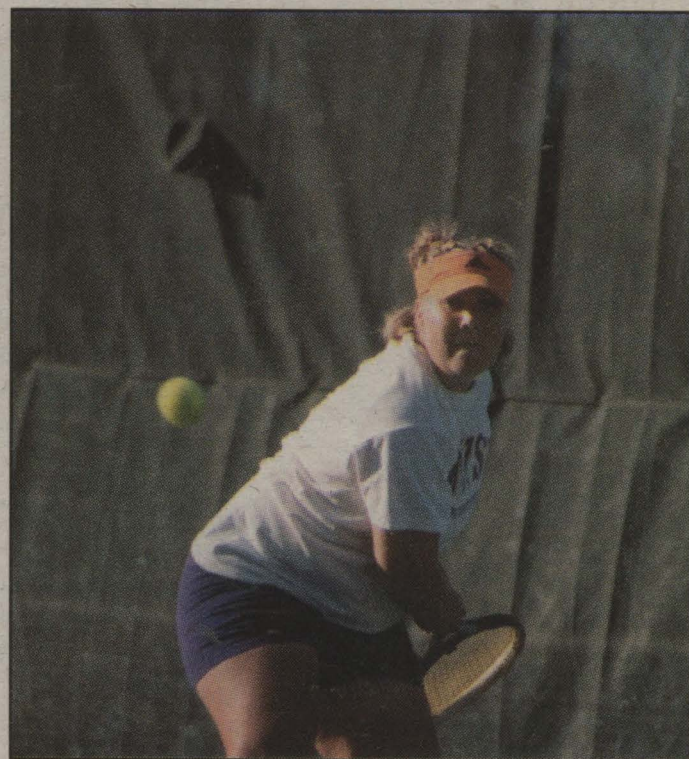


Photo by Patricia Larson

The Pointers' Amber Wilkowski returns a shot during her match against Edgewood on Friday.

## Point men's rugby remains unbeaten



Photo by Patricia Larson

A UWSP Rugby Club player scores a try against la Crosse in a match two weeks ago.

By Connor Agnew  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Point men's rugby team upped their season record to 3-0 with a convincing 39-8 victory over UW-Eau Claire at the Blugold's home field on Saturday.

The Blugolds battled to a draw the first few minutes of the game before Point winger John O'Keefe picked up a loose ball and scampered in for the game's

first try. From there, the barrage continued for the next 70 minutes despite a strong effort from Eau Claire. The Blugolds were simply overmatched against the relentless play of both Point's forwards and backs.

The Blugold's only points of the afternoon came on a three-point penalty kick late in the first half and a garbage time try.

Pointer forwards Dave Stangel and Chad Heimerl and rookie Dave Sawyer were among

those who also scored tries for the Pointers

"There are still things we need to work on, but overall I am proud of the way the guys played today," said Acting Head Coach Tom Cassidy. "We had some regular guys missing, but we had some young guys step in and do the job today."

UWSP travels to Whitewater next weekend to try and continue their perfect season.

## Spikers upset Stout

### UWSP pulls off surprising four-set upset of 15th ranked team

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point women's volleyball team pulled off their biggest upset of the year defeating 15th ranked UW-Stout in four sets (30-26, 33-31, 27-30, 30-22) on Saturday.

Senior Mindy Rockwood and Sophomore Nicole Stahovich both set career highs in kills with 17 and 16 respectively.

"Mindy really clicked with our setter (Megan Knutson) and she had a great game," said Head Coach Stacey White. "It was a nice win for our team, and hopefully that will give us some confidence because we have Stout again on Friday."

UWSP continued playing well in their second game on Saturday but they could not pull off the sec-

ond upset as they fell to ninth ranked UW-River Falls in four sets. Rockwood continued her solid season with a hitting percentage of .269 to go along with ten kills.

Friday the Pointers did not fare nearly as well as they dropped a pair of contests to UW-Eau Claire and Superior. The Superior match was especially grueling, going the full five sets before the Yellow Jackets prevailed.



White

"On Friday we started off a little bit shaky going to five sets with Superior," said White. "Fortunately on Saturday the team just came out and they looked like they were ready to play."

Rockwood received all-tournament honors for her performance over the weekend.

Next up, UWSP has an important stretch of games as they head back into conference play. On Friday UWSP will host UW-Stout and then on Saturday River Falls comes into town for a noon match-up.

## Pointer golf has strong showing at Oshkosh Invite

By Tyler Drummond  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-Stevens Point women's golf team came off with a strong showing at their most recent meet. The women traveled to Whispering Springs Golf Course in Fond du Lac for the 13 team Oshkosh Invite. The women used some superb shooting to capture the eighth spot in the tournament.

The always consistent Andrea Miller shot a two day total of 178 which was good enough for 16th place overall.

"The course plays really tough, but, as a team, I think we did really well," said Miller. Also shooting for the Pointers were Robyn

Budik (183), Courtney Timblin (189), Lindsay Doherty (203) and Gena Saari (217).

Next up for the women are the WIAC Championships, held Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday Oct. 6, also at Whispering Springs.

"Right now we're about 40-50 shots behind Oshkosh, whose home course is Whispering Springs. We are going into the meet trying to shoot for second or third place," said Miller.

"Our short game is really good right now, but the one thing we need to work on for this weekend is reading the speed of the greens. Every green on the course is an up and down, so it's especially tough to judge the speed," said Miller.

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# THE BACK PAGE



## View from a Pointer: Sports ho's have got to go

By Dan Mirman  
SPORTS EDITOR

There is an epidemic spreading through TV sportscasting and it gets uglier by the moment. Last week it hit a new all-time low.

First, let me give you a little background. Two years ago I worked at a radio station in Wausau and covered different trials and court appearances. At the same time, a reporter for Channel 7 was covering the same beat, and I met her briefly. She resembles the prototypical cute blond and she was just starting out as well.

Now that we're all on the same page, here's how the story unfolds. This same reporter was hired in June by a large TV station in the Twin Cities, (Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn. to the layperson) and she was given the job of sports anchor.

The person she replaced was well respected and well known but apparently was not one of the beautiful people. Barbie, as I will refer to her, constantly mangled athletes names and sports terms, as well.

When the Minnesota Twins won the pennant, instead of covering the celebration like any responsible journalist would, Barbie decided to join in the festivities.

Her actions were described by one eye-witness, "It was like a frat party, and she was the only girl who showed up."

Apparently, Barbie felt there was no problem with her dumping champagne on players heads, taking turns smoking cigars and having players chase

her around as she "squealed" with delight. Ah yes, fine reporting indeed.

For her professional behavior, Barbie received the stiffest of fines, a one week suspension. Wow, I wonder if her wrist still hurts from the slap that she received.

This was just the latest example of the epidemic that I'm talking about, the beautification of sports reporters. It's happening every time I turn on the TV; getting a hot girl to do the sports is the new fad in the industry.

I always hoped that appearance over substance would never invade the sports department, but I was only kidding myself. It started with the news anchors, then spread to the weather bunnies and now finally we have... *the sports bunny*.

First, let me make it clear that I have absolutely no problem at all with female sportscasters. There are many women who are knowledgeable, and in fact, do an outstanding job. My problem is when they toss some lady on the TV who is absolutely clueless, but it doesn't matter because she has a beautiful face and DD breasts.

In fact, I prefer just the opposite. Give me some fat, balding guy or woman, where I know that the only way that they have the job is because of their knowledge and delivery.

This goes for guys too; nothing is more annoying than when there is a fella on TV who resembles a Ken doll, yet he can't pronounce the word Packers.

This movement has gained so much momentum that one feels helpless to stop it. Well, if worse comes to worse I suppose I can always get implants.

### Cross Country

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"To put things in perspective, if UWSP would have ran in the Division III race on the same course Saturday, their times would have been good enough for a first place team finish. It was a great learning experience, and a challenge of better compe-

tition," said Hill.

Junior Kara Vosters again paced the women finishing 18th in a time of 18:56.8. Junior Leah Herlache finished 24th in a time of 19:07.6 which is a remarkable two full minutes faster than her time on the exact same course last season.

The women were without number two runner Megan Craig

who was out with a minor injury and is expected back in two weeks.

The men will next travel to South Bend, Ind. Friday to compete in the Notre Dame Invitational. On Saturday both the men and women's teams will be in action at the UW-Platteville Invitational.



## The Week Ahead...



**Cross Country:** at UW- Platteville Pioneer Invitational - Sat.

**Football:** UW- La Crosse- Sat. 1 p.m.

**Golf:** WIAC championships at Fondulac (Whispering Pines golf course)- Sat.-Sun.

**Soccer:** Wheaton- Tues. 4 p.m.

**Tennis:** at UW-Whitewater- Fri. 4 p.m.; at UW- Eau Claire- Wed. 3 p.m.

**Volleyball:** UW-Stout- Fri. 7 p.m.; UW-River Falls- Sat. 12 p.m.; Northland College- Wed. 7 p.m.

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## SENIOR ON THE SPOT

### MATT RADUCHEL - FOOTBALL



Raduchel

#### UWSP Career Highlights

- Got first sack during 2001 season.
- All-Conference selection at Wausau East.
- 4- year letter winner at Point.

**Major** - Physical Education

**Hometown** - Wausau, Wis. (Wausau East)

**Nickname** - Matt Man

**Most memorable moment** - Playing St. John's in the playoffs last year.

**Who was your idol growing up?** - Father.

**What are your plans after graduation?** - Find job at school.

**What is your favorite aspect of football?** - Being with all the guys and hanging.

**Most embarrassing moment** - Had to run through paper and tripped in front of the entire fieldhouse.

**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?** - Cosmo Kramer.

**What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP?** - Learning so much more about the game.

**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** - Don't take crap from anybody.

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## Our crucial salmon resource



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**Mark Valentine**  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

When Lewis and Clark entered the Northwest over 200 years ago, up to 16 million salmon filled the Snake and Columbia Rivers every year. It was the greatest salmon watershed on earth. Now, twelve species of salmon that inhabit the Columbia and Snake Rivers are listed as endangered or threatened, and scientists agree that dams are primarily responsible for bringing the salmon to extinction's edge.

From August 15 - 18, 2002, I was one of eight people who participated in the "Wild Salmon Heritage Tour" for National Salmon Advocates. The tour provided skills and inspiration to help us continue working towards salmon restoration and Snake River Dam removal. The trip to the Pacific Northwest was sponsored by the Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition which I first learned about at EConference in Washington D.C. in October 2001.

The tour included a river trip down the Clearwater River, a tributary of the Snake River, tours of the Stateline Wind Project on the Washington/Oregon border, the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute and the Lower Granite Dam on the Lower Snake River.

During the duration of the trip, I developed a more personal understanding of the dam removal debate. Benefits of the dams, including barging local crops and other goods, as well as providing approximately 5 % of the region's power from hydroelectricity, seemed few but important to local communities. The trip showed these concerns could be taken care of by careful planning and preparation.

The trip provided me with information based not only on how dam removal would benefit salmon, but how it could also benefit the local communities as well. On the river trip down the Clearwater River, we learned how restoring 140 miles of free-flowing river

### Why should we even care?

habitat would provide an increase in sport fishing and recreation with potential benefits of up to \$300 million per year.

The Stateline Wind Project, along with energy conservation efforts, would make up for the hydroelectric energy provided by the four dams, while at the same time providing jobs, royalties to landowners who support wind turbines, property tax revenues and a long term market in the Pacific Northwest for a clean, renewable energy source.

Local tribal members spoke of the integral role salmon play in religion, culture and life source to their way of living. In 1855, treaties were established granting sovereign rights and privileges to the Indian people for all time, among which are hunting and fishing privileges throughout the Columbia and Snake River basins. If the salmon are driven to extinction by the Snake River dams, not only will a vital part of the Pacific Northwest's culture be lost, but the treaty will have also been broken and the U.S. could be responsible for billions of dollars in retribution.

The endangered salmon of the Pacific Northwest directly affect the Midwest in several ways. Millions of U.S. taxpayer's dollars have gone toward failed attempts at restoring salmon. To date, more than \$3.3 billion in taxpayer's money has been spent on projects like trucking baby salmon around the dams.

Also, salmon and steelhead in the Great Lakes were introduced with salmon from the Pacific Northwest for breeding purposes. Great Lakes salmon are now threatened because they are inbreeding, which causes diseases. Biologists may need to go back to the Pacific Northwest for wild salmon eggs for the project, but will not be able to if salmon in the Pacific Northwest become extinct. Sport fishing is part of our economy in the Midwest, and it may be ruined if we let Pacific Northwest salmon go extinct.

Finally, how the country responds to the endangered salmon will be a test of our Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts. With Chronic Wasting Disease, water management problems and other threats to our natural resources in Wisconsin, it will be important to see how our country will respond to the challenges ahead, to ensure the protection of the environment and people who depend on natural resources. It is a legacy for our children.

Please contact congress today and urge them to act decisively on behalf of wild Snake River salmon restoration. Email Mark Valentine at [mval714@uwsp](mailto:mval714@uwsp) for more information about the Save Our Wild Salmon Campaign on campus, or visit [www.wildsalmon.org](http://www.wildsalmon.org) to take action on this critical issue.



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## Flying over fall splendor

**Leigh Ann Ruddy**  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Imagine soaring a few thousand feet over the golden yellow and ruby red treetops on a crisp, windy fall afternoon. The pilot tells you you're in control: "Just keep the wings straight by pressing on your foot pedals. Go up or down by pushing or pulling on the yoke. See this gauge here? Keep the black dot in the middle of these two lines. See here?"

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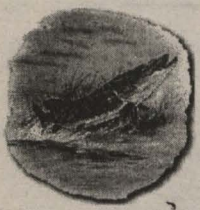
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## Let's Go Fishing

Portages, Duluth packs, and great fishing:  
Autumn in the  
BWCA

Adam Mella

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

BWCA: the loons call on the still waters and lake trout rise on cooling ponds, as autumn tightens her grip of northern Minnesota. The leaves have already begun to change, and the loons are almost ready to take flight.

The loon is one of the most accomplished divers in the entire bird world. The magnificent creatures have been caught in fishermen's nets off the Florida coast, their wintering habitat, up to five hundred feet down. Their bones mystify scientists. The ability to fly lighter than air, and yet the strength to withstand the force of mighty oceanic depths has eluded the explanation and reasoning of many.

Now they keep their distance from my canoe, an old aluminum Grumman named "Floaty Glimms", as they fish for the food that will fuel their journey to the Southland. The pair call to each other in a high-pitched cries, and go about, allowing me to pass, through their small slice of heaven. Later on, a large bull moose swims by, and cool, clean breezes kick up an occasional whitecap on the lake, making for difficult "paddle-trolling" on an otherwise pristine fall day.

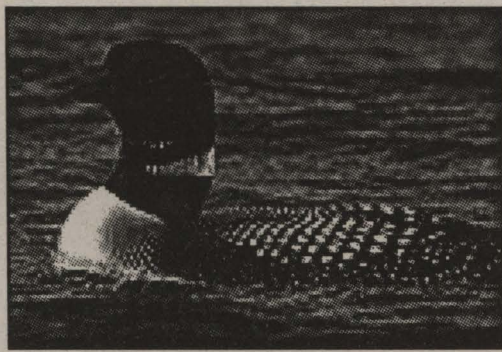
While the loons fish to fatten up, I am fishing as well, on bountiful lakes in an unspoiled wilderness, for plump walleye, northern pike and smallmouth bass. Besides the howling winds, I could not ask for a better weekend in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). Crisp snow at night, clear days and pine-scented, oxygen rich air with every breath.

The Boundary Waters constitutes over two million acres of Federal land set aside along the northeastern Minnesota border with Canada, along the lakes and rivers that once served as fur trading routes for the French Voyagers. Across the Border lies the Quetico Canoe Area that contains roughly another two million acres of untamed woodlands. The two preserves together form one of the world's most distinguished and beautiful canoeing areas, that is visited annually by thousands of enthusiasts who come from all over the world to experience this one of a kind retreat from civilization.

It is said that a person could travel around the area by canoe for several years at a steady pace, and never visit the same lake or river twice. In the remote sections of the reserve, it is not uncommon to go weeks without seeing another human being. The U.S. Forest Service and Minnesota DNR provide upkeep for the several hundred campsites and portage trails each year, yet the setting is so remote that miles separate canoeists from any sign of civilization. No motors are allowed inside, and a strict "pack out what you pack in" rule is in effect constantly.

Often, fires are not allowed in the summer to prevent the old growth pine forests from catching fire, and permits are required to enter the reserve. A few dozen resorts are scattered around the perimeter of the BWCA that provide rentals and outfitting services to those who seek them, from the peak season of summer, all the way throughout the year, as fall and winter camping are becoming more popular with gear advancements. By canoe or cross-country skis, the reserve is a glimpse back to the days before automobiles, roadways, and the westward expansion of European settlers.

While the BWCA is home to immaculate natural wonders, it also is one of the finest fisheries in Northern America. Thousands of crystal clean lakes dot the landscape like shiny jewels, each with its own personality and fishing opportunities. I never forget a lake, but this place makes it hard to keep track of all the reserve has



to offer. Most of the lakes are a short portage away from the next, so it is possible to fish for multiple species in one day as you travel across the terrain.

One lake will hold monster lake trout, and the next, world-class smallmouth. Subsequently, another lake will produce a once-in-a-lifetime walleye or fierce northern pike. While spring time, from ice out to mid may is often the most heavily fished time of year, the fall season can produce large catches late into October. Most of the lakes see so little pressure during the summer, that if you take the time to go back far enough, the fish are so hungry and ignorant of human presence that live bait or effective lures will get slammed on almost every cast.

The ideal situation would be a week long trip that allows you to get back to these untouched lakes and fish them properly; however, I have class on Monday, and must get all the fishing I can into one beautiful Saturday. I am concentrating on walleyed pike today, fishing a smaller lake not too far from Clearwater Lodge off the Gunflint Trail. Using my portable Eagle depth finder, I bring old "Floaty" along a premium ledge that drops from eight to twenty feet almost immediately.

Instead of hauling an anchor along through the portage, I have simply brought a rope, and am able to secure a large rock from the lakefront in order to hold myself over the walleye. Anywhere along the bottom of the drop off from twenty to fifteen feet, dancing a medium lead jig head off the rocky bottom produces nice 'eye catches during the day; as evening rolls in, I can follow the walleye up the ledge to shallower water where they move in to feed at night. It sure doesn't get any better than this.

Using the same tactics that would get you a few fish on a busy lake will produce many more catches on a secluded lake like this one every time. An occasional northern will attack the minnows or leeches, keeping us on our toes. After a long day of fishing and enjoying the wildlife, I head to the local tavern for a good whiskey and a try at the Saturday night karaoke.

After a few "Don Majkowski's" (email for the recipe), and a couple of rocking hits by Kenny Loggins ("Danger Zone"), I am left with the overall feeling that this day and weekend couldn't have been much better. While the BWCA is about a seven hour drive from Point, I feel that it is worth the round-trip journey to experience a true gem of northern wildlife, one that I must indulge in at least once a year in order to keep from getting out of balance.

As I wind on down the trail on my way home, looking across the lakes and hearing the loons cry once more for me, I can't help but feel a bit lucky to have such a place to retreat to when the toils of life get too much to bear. I sometimes think that maybe someday I will disappear into the wilderness here, run my own trap line, build a little log cabin in the hills and live off of the land. I will always return home, though, for the best things in life are the rarest, and half the fun of the journey North is the jovial stories that you share with your buddies when you return to the native soil. I still wish I were a loon some days, though, so I could fish constantly and sing all night long on the peaceful lakes of the BWCA, without a care in the world.

## Mr. Winter's two cents



Well folks, here's the topic of swell conversation this week. I'm talking about the sweet smell of campfire. You simply can't beat it!

However, other new-fangled options for lighting have surfaced in the last quarter of a century. Back in the early 1900's, my grandfather "lessoned" me about the mechanics of the kerosene oil lamp, which was hard to beat in those days.

Since then, the propane, battery-run halogen beams and advanced kerosene devices have made night fishing a lot easier for all us die-hard fishermen. Regardless, starting a fire and "setting 'eem" poles down right next to the flames couldn't create a better atmosphere for fall and winter fishing on those cold

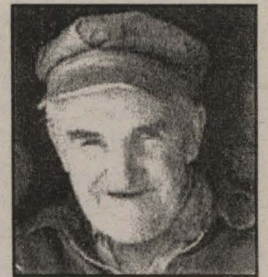
nights!

I especially like warming a nice sausage or a pot of stiff cider over the fire.


You'd be hard pressed to realize that dream over a halogen beam, or any lantern for that matter.

I leave you with a question, and then a word of advice: Why does everything have to be so "Pike related"? And folks, never forget, "Go on and Geeet!"

— Mr. Winter



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# Teetering in Goat Creek

Jeremy "Jaha" Anderson  
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Balance is an important thing, whether it is balancing life or just trying to keep on your feet. This past summer both of these issues were part of daily life in Cooper Landing, Alaska. One particular instance happened this spring in the Russian River valley that held both meanings of the word. Nature made me reflect on the balance of my life, but was also so intense that it swept me off my feet, literally.

We had only been in our new paradise for a week or so, and had heard only stories of a place so secluded one might call it a fisherman's never-never land. We finished for the day, after cleaning campsites and preparing the contact station for the opening of the tourist season, which was in a few days. Nick, Boz, Sowa and I had been talking for days of this stretch of the Russian River, past the falls, hoping to fish it for monster rainbow trout and dolly varden. Goat Creek is not your normal fishing hole; it is surrounded by steep mountains and swampy banks and infested with grizzly bear.

As we walked the five miles from the trailhead to our destination, bear prints were getting more frequent and

larger, while the swamp got tougher and tougher to trample through. As we made our descent into the riverbank area, we kept on sinking into the swampy terrain, almost to the point of exhaustion. We felt despaired, but finally we heard the sound of flowing water. After bushwhacking through the last of the alder trees, we came upon the river. We just stood there in awe, looking at the magnificent view.

Upon collecting our thoughts and realizing things about our lives that we've always wanted to, we decided to cross the river. Boz and Sowa didn't have waders, so we decided to carry them across the river in the nearest shallow spot. With Boz and Sowa on each of our shoulders we crossed and made it to a nice fishing hole. For some reason, the fishing was a little slow (or maybe we just did not have the knack of fly-fishing down yet), but regardless, we were having a blast.

As the evening was winding down, Nick hooked a nice 16-inch rainbow. The excitement in his voice and the look on his face said it all; we were in heaven and realized

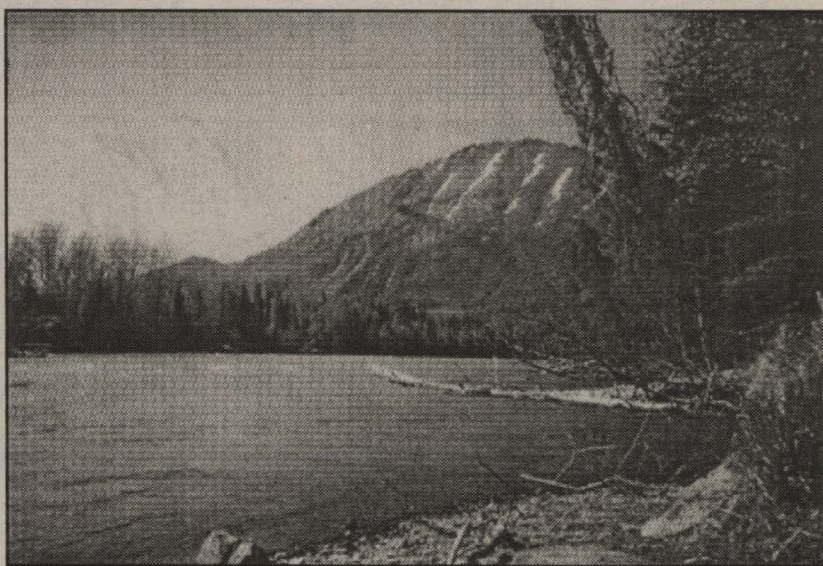


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this is a part of our lives we want to eternally experience. After Nick landed the fish, we decided to head back, as it was approaching 8:30 p.m. and we had a two-hour jaunt back to camp ahead of us.

We decided to take a different way out (a shortcut, if you will), not knowing what we had in store for us. As Boz and Sowa crossed the river scaling downed trees, Nick and I crossed 20 yards down river. Nick made it safely across and then I started. I was only about five feet away from Nick when I took one more step. Unlike all the other steps I had recently taken, with this one I touched my foot to the bottom of the river and the current swept me under instantly. As I went under, my waders filled up with frigid glacial waters like a water balloon. I emerged from underwater and saw Nick coming towards me, reaching out his hand. I held all my gear above water to prevent myself from gaining extra weight that would drag me under again. I submerged one more time, only to come up with Nick's hand in my reach. He grabbed on and pulled me ashore. To this day, I can still vividly feel the coldness of the water.

After that, we headed to a secluded area to start a fire, after stripping me down to almost nothing. As I warmed up next to the fire, the boys cooked me some food ripping on me all the while due to my most recent swim. Things were getting very sketchy all of the sudden, due to the late hour in the night. The Goat Creek area is densely populated with grizzly bears, and in fact, on a later trip to the river, a 1000 lb. grizzly walked on the same path we did five minutes before (hikers saw the whole event).

As I was finally getting warmer and the fire was put out, we packed up our gear and walked quickly out of the area to the main trail. Upon reaching the trail, our apprehension of a bear encounter decreased drastically, because the cut trail was safer than bushwhacking.

Our first day in Goat Creek will always be in my heart and will always send a chill through my body whenever someone speaks about the river. That particular adventure made us all think about a lot of things. Nature brings out the truth in individuals unlike any other experience. It made me realize that I did not go to school for the purpose of working too hard and not having enough personal time. Rather, I came to school to find a well-balanced lifestyle which includes making sufficient time for friends and family, and for me to self-reflect on my life, and having a job that compliments all of those constituents.

Oh yeah, I realized one more thing; keep proper balance in the river.



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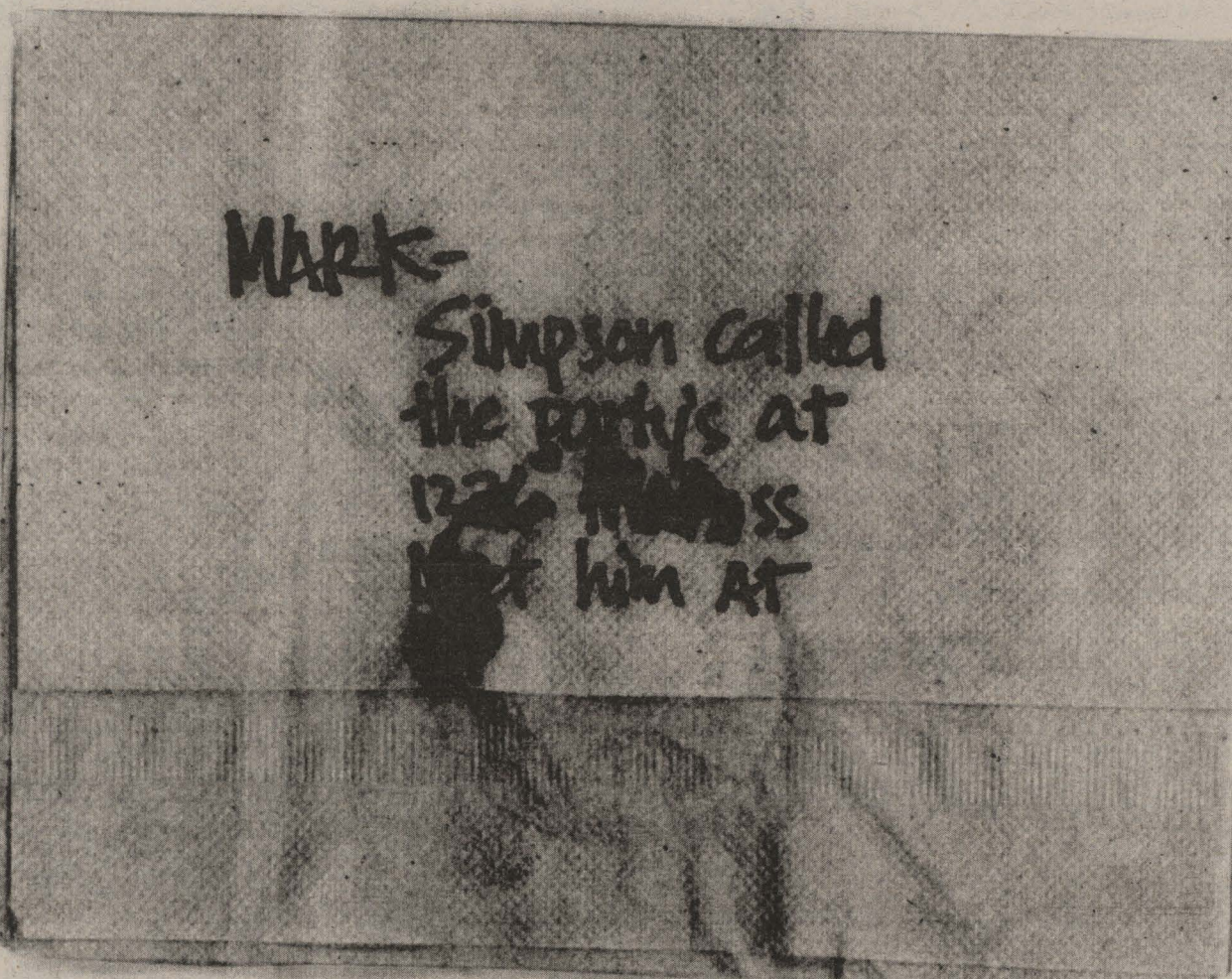
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# Words of Wisdom From the Senior

I want a pet that I don't have to pet.

By Josh Goller

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

It seems as if the desire to care for some other creature is an innate aspect of human behavior. There's really no other way to explain why so many college students are attracted to the prospect of owning a pet. With only a few short years before many of us begin to procreate and have our own offspring to care for, it seems odd that anyone would want to dedicate time and effort to the care of a creature that wasn't spawned from his or her own loins.

Despite my rationale above, I must confess that I've been leaning toward getting a pet of my own. However, my desire for some kind of animal companionship differs from the norm for several reasons; the most obvious of which is that I don't want a pet (or roommate for that matter) that I have to touch or that wants to touch me.

My strictest rule, however, requires any living partner (man or beast) to refrain from excreting any kind of fluid or waste products on my possessions or (even more importantly) on me. This is a rule that has never been violated, despite a close call involving a naked roommate in the dorms and his equally naked girlfriend. Because of this rule, dogs and cats are instantly eliminated from my potential pet list, or I'd encounter a similar but even worse situation than that above, only with a little less drool and a bit more urine.

Meanwhile, no pet of mine can resemble anything that I commonly set traps for or attempt to poison. This eliminates the array of rodent pets that most college stu-

dents can afford. After all, I really don't want any kind of pet that could live in my mattress or carry the plague.

While birds make perfect pets for the right kind of person, with too much early morning squawking, any feathered friend of mine would find itself upside down in the garbage disposal. I'd even contemplated buying myself a tarantula or scorpion of some kind but decided that it wouldn't mesh well with my paralyzing fear of goo-filled thoraxes. And since both of these arachnids' thoraxes are composed almost entirely of goo, I'd have too many psychological issues to keep them as pets.

Snakes were another exotic pet option, but they move even less than I do on Sundays, and I think they'd start to grow boring before too long. Meanwhile, lizards seem to be cool pets, but I fear they'd be more high maintenance than my girlfriend.

My stringent pet guidelines limit my potential pets to the aquatic variety. When I considered fish, I was overwhelmed with the possibilities. They fulfill my image of the perfect pet, and most importantly, I can look at them but don't have to touch them. But upon further reflection, I realized that I don't want some pansy-ass goldfish; I want something that can tear some shit up.

So, while I haven't reached a decision on exactly what to buy yet, I've had my eye on the piranhas at the local pet store. They're convenient like other fish, but instead of flakes, my fish could scarf down a hotdog. I like the idea of having a pet I can grill out with on the weekends. Not only would I be relieved of the obligation to pet my future piranha, it'd gnaw a chunk out of my hand if I even tried to. Seems like the right pet for me.



## LEVITT8 reaches great heights with *Tao Jones*

By Josh Goller

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

The band may have only assembled in December of last year, but LEVITT8 has a broad musical background. Calling the Twin Cities home, LEVITT8 blends techno, jazz, dance and jam band influences that they dub as "dance fusion grooves for your head."

Former Dred I Dread guitarist Matt Levitt (guitars/vocals) and Big Inning members Scott Roerick (keyboards/vocals) and Jeff Westervelt (electric bass) combined with Big Wu drummer Terry VanDeWalker to produce *Tao Jones*.

With the addition of Big Tasty drummer Erich Hofmeister, Connor Hopkins (percussion), Ed Kashmerek (sax) and Steve Wallevand (trombone), LEVITT8 produces a sound that blends genres to deliver some familiar sounds with an original edge.

The album opens with strong vocals and catchy lyrics that are highlighted by a powerful guitar frenzy midway through "Leave With Me." The mellow "Wonderbread" slows

things down on the next track, but builds in tempo throughout in a groove with strong keyboard emphasis.

The fourth track, "Clover," incorporates a cosmic sound into a good jam with addictive vocals that bear a subtle Phish influence. This song may be the bright spot of the entire album.

Marking the midway point in the track list, "Nope" opens with a funky electric bass and drum beat that repeats throughout much of the song. Free of any vocals, this track demonstrates how jam-oriented LEVITT8's brand of music can be.

"Music" adds a Caribbean feel to the album as the seventh track, and the appropriately titled "The 8 Track" offers a sustained groove that builds into an intense guitar fury at the five minute mark.

*Tao Jones* doesn't adhere to any kind of musical template, but voyages to a plane of new sound while still seeming familiar. The musical talent of the band members shines throughout the album and culminates in an



*Tao Jones*

LEVITT8 will be performing at the Witz End on Friday, Oct. 4 at 9:30 p.m.

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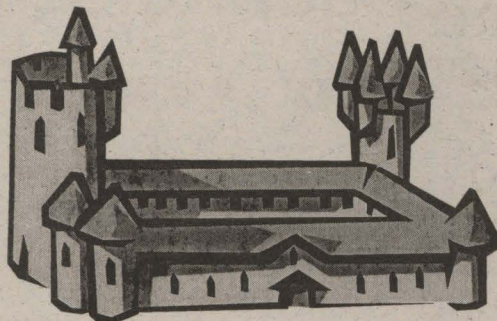
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## One on one with Split Habit drummer Chris Michaels

How long has Split Habit been playing?

CM: The band's been around for four years. We've had our current lineup for one year.

How do you describe your "sound?"

CM: We play aggressive pop. We're new school pop punk. Our music isn't really punk, but has punk influences.



Drummer Chris Michaels



What are Split Habit's short term goals?

CM: We're mostly concentrating on the seven states in the Midwest. We did a national tour in California recently, but for the most part we're going to focus on the Midwest.

Have you ever played in Point before?

CM: We played at The Mission back in April. We all had a great time. It was a successful show. We had a great crowd and still keep in touch with some of the fans we met.

How would you rate your experience in Stevens Point and Wisconsin as a whole?

CM: The radio station up there (90 FM) gave us a lot of spins and that's pretty much how we landed the show. We've played a lot of shows in Madison too. Wisconsin's been good to us. You guys seem to like pop punk.

Does Split Habit play all original music?

CM: It's all original stuff with a rare cover thrown in.

Who were your musical influences?

CM: The Beatles were our number one influence, but also The Smoking Popes and bands like Weezer and Green Day.

Who are the current members of Split Habit?

CM: There's three of us. Frankie Cacciato is our backup vocalist and plays lead guitar. Travis Brown is our bassist and lead vocalist. I'm on drums.

## Movie Review

Koyaanisqatsi

By Steve Seamandel  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It's not often that a movie without a plot, characters or dialogue is produced. Furthermore, it's remarkable when such a concept works, and astoundingly well.

Godfrey Reggio's 1983 masterpiece *Koyaanisqatsi: Life Out of Balance* accomplishes just that. Clocking in at just a hair over 80-minutes, Reggio's picturesque montage of shots from nature captivates the eye while the score by Philip Glass sends the viewer into a trance by blending his audio with breathtaking visual displays.

The term "Koyaanisqatsi" is derived from the Hopi language and is translated to English in a number of ways, including, "crazy life," "turmoil," "out of balance," "disintegrating," and finally, "a state of life that calls for another way of living."

The definitions aren't shown until the very end of the film. However, the viewer somehow learns this, or derives it, from Reggio's barrage of nature, industry and city footage.

Reggio's shot selection varies greatly; some of the opening scenes draw heavy on self-definition, showing a scene from a John Ford-like movie but twisting it in a small way, either by speeding up a time-lapsed shot of rock outcroppings being engulfed by the afternoon shadows, or just showing a picture of a cliff or distant river in real time or slow motion. Glass's music dictates the exact emotion that Reggio can't get across through picture. Besides Ford, the only other direct reference that I could make out was continuous reflective building shots, very similar to Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* opening scene.

Some of the most awe-inspiring shots that I've ever witnessed came from *Koyaanisqatsi*. Perhaps that's what *Life out of Balance* is really about; making the viewer step back and realize that our society is more simplistic than it really seems, and at times, we really are a bunch of ants, scurrying around without any rhyme or reason. The cloud scenes easily put the viewer into a hypnotic state; Reggio speeds up the simplistic movement of thick, white clouds to make them look like raging white water rapids.

Likewise, in an extended fixed shot of a night-lit busy downtown highway, cars zing by without showing the least bit of character other than white headlights and red taillights. Imagery like this is used constantly throughout the film, evoking deep inspiring thought of the viewer to figure out what *Koyaanisqatsi* really means.

Above all, perhaps there is no real meaning to *Koyaanisqatsi*. In a bonus feature on the DVD, Reggio and Glass comment on the production of the film, as well as the overtones and meaning. Reggio said, "It means whatever the viewer wants it to mean. It doesn't have a set meaning given to it by me. It's very much about the journey as opposed to the end product."

I bought the DVD on a whim, having only heard excellent things about it from film critics. Purchasing *Koyaanisqatsi* was not only well worth the \$15, but offered me an insight to the world that I may have never found otherwise.

*Koyaanisqatsi* is only one staple of Reggio's Qatsi Trilogy. *Koyaanisqatsi: Life out of Balance* is the first, *Powaqqatsi: Life in Transformation* is the second, and *Naqoyqatsi: Life as War* will complete the saga when it arrives in theaters on Oct. 18. *Koyaanisqatsi* and *Powaqqatsi* were just released on DVD in late September and may be available at a local store, but perhaps more easily found over the Internet.

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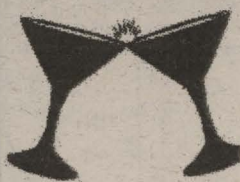
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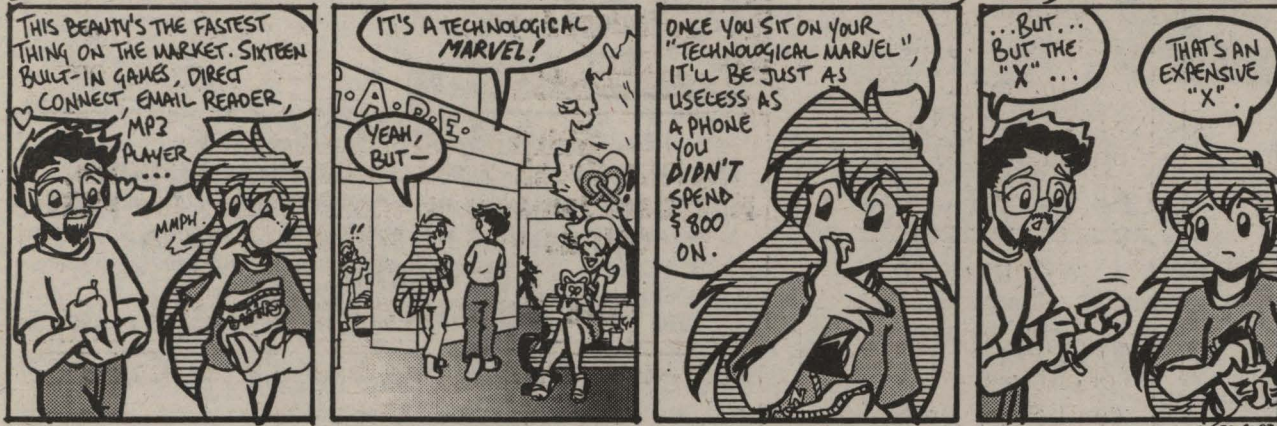
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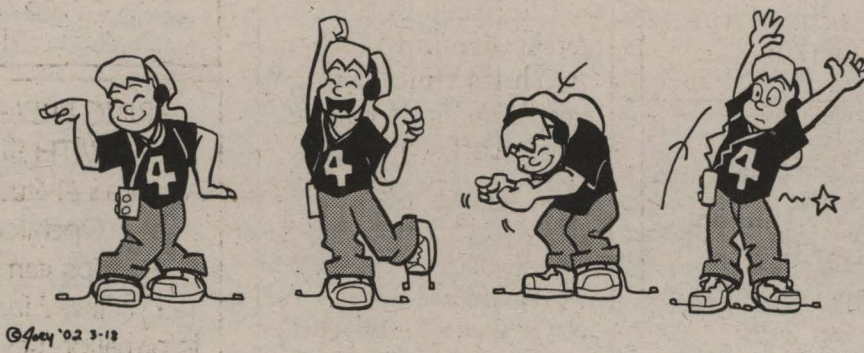


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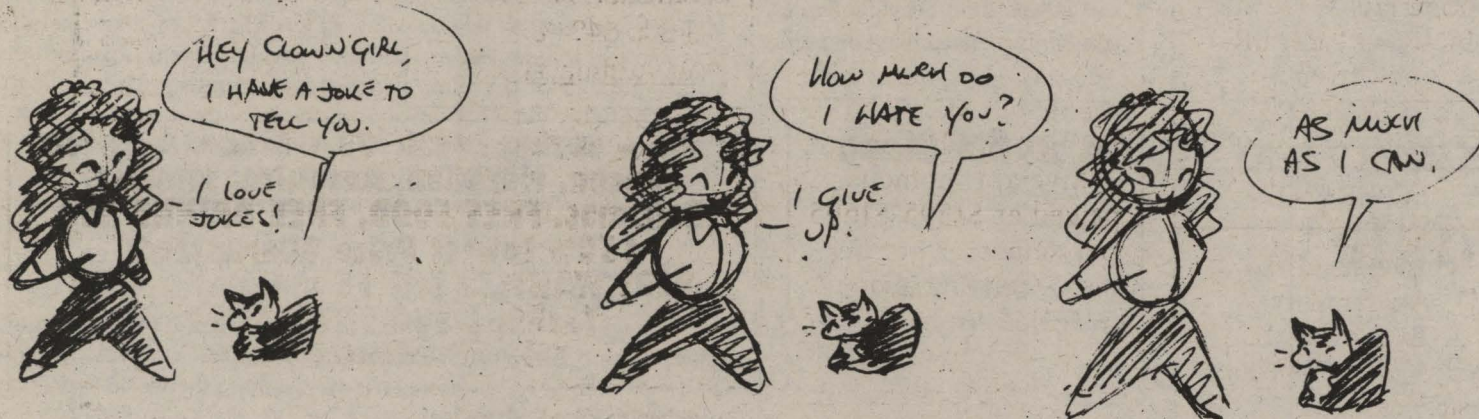


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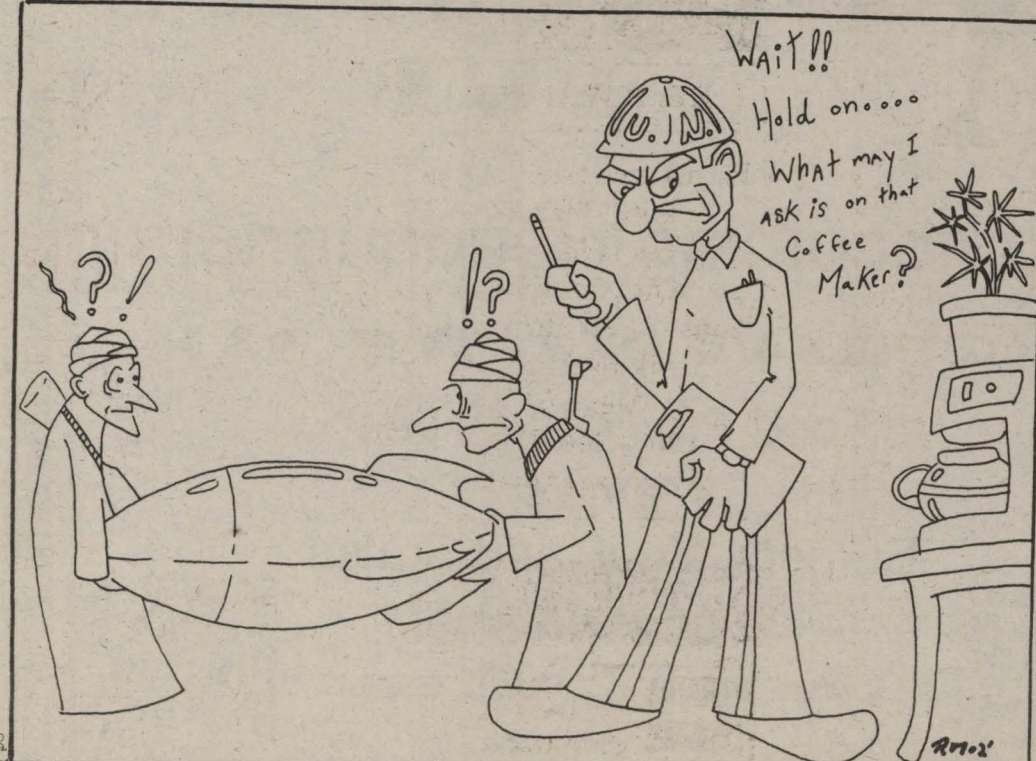
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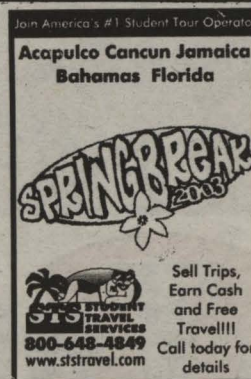
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