Young promotes Green Party platform at UWSP

By Julie Johnson

Green Party candidate Jim Young made his way to UWSP on Wednesday, Oct. 23 to promote his campaign for state governor. Young’s appearance in the Encore attracted students and non-students from around the area, something that Young really expresses in his campaign.

Campaign coordinator Amy Heart introduced Young and also gave a preview of what the values Jim Young visits with attendees of the Green Party of Wisconsin are centered around. Several focal points to teachers’ starting salaries and increasing funding to repair the state’s existing schools.

Young’s campaign included health care for all citizens, opposition to the Crandon Mines, environmental education and total political reform. Young is also striving for creating new job opportunities for teachers, raising media to get to the people, Young has been going from door to door and personally informing people of his attributes as a gubernatorial candidate.

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Police reports stated that Johnson was talking with friends when Hering, who witnesses say was obviously intoxicated, started coming toward him with a switchblade knife.

"I happened to see him coming over my shoulder," said Johnson in an interview. He was able to overcome Hering by grabbing both his wrists and pinning him against the beverage cooler, but not until the blade sliced open a wound of his finger. Joe Barnes, a UWSP student, was able to disarm Hering while Johnson and others kept him subdued until police arrived.

"I yelled 'he's got a knife' and immediately there were two or three other people to help me," Johnson said. "That's really cool that there are people out there that will help you in a situation.
Two UWSP administrators receive new titles

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has two new vice chancellors. Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Greg Diemer, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson, are not newcomers to UWSP, however. The former assistant chancellors have had their titles changed "to reflect the status of these administrative positions on the UWSP campus," according to Chancellor Tom George.

"The rationale for the title changes is twofold," George said. First, the changes will result in the administrators holding the positions which are titled in a similar manner as their peers at a number of the UW-System campuses.

In the past, UC has run a statewide campaign to link financial aid increases to tuition increases, and campaigns to help students get out to vote on their campuses.

UC was founded in 1960, when nine schools met on the UW-Stevens Point campus. Currently, 24 of the 26 UW schools are members. For more information, check out the United Council website at www.unitedcouncil.net.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson

The need to change what the environment has now become. Organic farmers were among the topics discussed, as Young wants to focus on the family farm instead of mass-producing corporate farms.

Tomlinson also actively participates in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators as the coordinator for the 2003 regional conference.

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The Pointer
UWSP chemistry professor receives $118,525 grant

Kevin Czerwinski, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP), has been awarded a $118,525 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), a unit of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) located in Bethesda, Maryland.

Czerwinski’s Academic Research Enhancement Award, “Canthinones as Human Isoenzyme Selective PDE4 Inhibitors,” is a three-year grant that supports ongoing research into the possible use of natural products as anti-inflammatory agents.

“Anti-inflammatory agents are vital in the battle against a growing asthma epidemic, Crohn’s disease, and a host of other maladies,” Czerwinski says.

“In essence we are seeking to synthesize compounds that occur naturally in plants and may have applications in treating human disease,” said Czerwinski. “In this way, larger quantities of the compounds needed for study may be made, available rather than having to harvest the plants in which they occur. Many of these plants only grow in the tropical rainforests where deforestation is already a problem.

According to Czerwinski, compounds from a variety of plants from at least four continents could have applications for his research. As in the past, several chemistry undergraduate students will assist him with the research.

A native of Stevens Point and a graduate of Pacelli High School, Czerwinski earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from UWSP. He attended graduate school at UW-Milwaukee where he earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry. His current research interests include the areas of medicinal and organic chemistry, specifically the synthesis of natural and unnatural products.

Stabbing

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like that.”

The assault had apparently stemmed from an incident between the two happening three to four weeks ago. Johnson told police that in a past encounter he had to physically remove Hering from the bar after he refused to finish his drink and leave at the designated bar time.

The conditions of Hering’s bond forbid him to possess alcohol or be anywhere it is sold, except for reasons of employment. He also can’t have any contact with Johnson or the Friendly Bar, and must check in at the Day Report Center three times a week free of all drugs and alcohol. He is also not permitted to possess any guns, knives or other weapons at any time.

Hering is scheduled to have his initial court appearance at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Portage County Circuit Court.

“I just don’t want this to deter people from coming down to the Friendly,” exclaimed Johnson, who plans on continuing his duties at the bar. “I like it here, there’s always good people here, and I want to make sure that this one guy doesn’t scare people from continuing to come down and have a good time.”

Worried about a serious problem? Call 911 immediately.
Ed Thompson, the personable candidate

I was lucky enough to meet Ed Thompson for the first time a couple of weeks ago, and I was impressed. He struck me as a real person and isn't much different than us. He listened to my questions and asked his own. He is genuinely interested in students and education. When he smiles or laughs it is sincere, and he is truthful when he says what needs to be accomplished. Everyone calls him Ed. I couldn't imagine calling McCallum or Doyle by their first names, let alone even stopping in Stevens Point.

Ed is extremely education oriented. For example, he wants to take non-violent criminals out of the prison system, use ankle-monitoring devices on them and save that money for more education programs. Right now we spend $28,000 per year for each inmate in our prison system. Ankle bracelets on the other hand would cost about $2800 per year. Ed was a prison guard for five years, and with that knowledge he understands the system and how to improve it.

In addition, Ed wants to expand the school choice program statewide. In Milwaukee last year this saved the taxpayers $53,000,000. Spreading it statewide could save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. Struggling families will have the same opportunity to send their children to schools that were previously available only to higher income families.

The last thing Ed said during his speech was that he didn't want to be a great leader for Wisconsin. He wants to be a great servant. I think he will be exactly what we need for us, not him and the special interest groups. It is time to get rid of the corruption that exists in state government. Anyone who thinks Doyle and McCallum weren't involved or knew what was going on are blind themselves.

If you want to learn more about Ed and what Ed has to say, check out www.edthompson.com. If you are interested in helping me get Ed's ideas out there, email me at hw1341@uwsp.edu.

SHAKE THE SYSTEM.

-Holdi Walker, UWSP student

What is a man's place in football?

I read Oct. 17's Man's Take a little later than usual because my wife used it to line birdcages. Upon reading it, I decided the bird crap was an improvement to the article. The column raised an intriguing question in my mind, though: What is a man's place in football? Long deliberation provided three possibilities:

1. Occasional, recreational football player.
2. Semi-literate, stereotype-enhanced thickneck who rams people for a living.
3. Ignoramus fan who screams at the pictures on his television screen.

Which one is Craig Mandli? He criticizes Andy Rooney for his sexism, but decides that women are suitable for any position. If he still resides in a world where沈he only women are the ones holding the baby bottles, then how do you make friends with those kind of women? Mandli seems to think he has the right to make decisions for women because he is the only man involved in their lives. The right thing to do is to drop the baby bottles and realize that we are all equal and share equal rights.

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Does Tommy Thompson really support McCallum?

An interesting development in the governor’s race was discussed in The Capital Times on Oct. 2. Just who is Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson supporting for governor? Although Tommy has given a perfunctory endorsement to his Republican gubernatorial successor Scott McCallum, his brother, Libertarian candidate for governor Ed Thompson has reported that Tommy has contributed money to his campaign and has told him that he intends to vote for him.

This does seem most credible as The Capital Times noted that Tommy tried to dump, then Lieutenant Governor Tommy Thompson lacks confidence in Scott McCallum’s ability to govern Wisconsin. This is understandable in light of McCallum’s blunders respecting shared revenues with municipalities and his proven fiscal incompetence with respect to his use of the tobacco settlement money.

While it is understandable for Tommy to vote for his brother Ed, I hope most Wisconsin voters will vote for a real change in leadership on Nov. 5 by brokers at his Democratic opponent. Tommy Thompson, to tell a former Governor Tommy Scott McCallum’s ability to govern Wisconsin. This is under­standable in light of McCallum’s blunders respecting shared revenues with municipalities and his proven fiscal incompetence with respect to his use of the tobacco settlement money.

Peterson running mate in order to replace him with a competent running mate.

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Certainly, if hypocrisy can be said to have a name, that name is Scott McCallum, present governor of Wisconsin.

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Solution to parking problems

I see that parking is a growing problem at UWSP. My initial reaction to this was typical: students who live in the dorms should only be given parking permits after everyone else has been dealt with, starting of course with seniors and moving down the line of seniority. Students who live in the dorms don’t really need a car during the week, and on weekends it would be no problem for them to bike or walk to the bus to the long-term city parking lot mentioned in last week’s article. Maybe the school could work out a special price for the city if a lot of students did that.

Then, of course, I came to my senses and realized the insanity of this plan. Freedom of transportation is a basic human right, and it would be tyrannical to restrict it. I know that many colleges have similar rules, but that just shows how authority figures in the United States like to boss college students around like they were children. Also, this plan would be a great inconvenience to students who had to park off-campus because the city parking lot is fully a mile away from the school.

As I was parking on Maria Drive before my morning class, I had a parking epiphany: pave Schmeeckle! It wasn’t always a park; it has fine hydrant, for crying out loud. Why should we keep this silly man-made forest, well trampled by several CNR classes each day, when we have a massive oak, almost walk up and touch them.

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**Your College Survival Guide**

9. Pat "The Truth" Rothfuss

YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH.

Alight. Listen up, I'm risking my life to bring you this information.

Women are life's great mystery, right? They're unfath­
omable, ineffable, confusing. I've finally figured out why.

We don't understand them because they're playing games with us.

I'm not speaking figuratively. For hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years women have been making men do stu­

pid things, not just for the sheer fun of it, but because they're competing against each other. Their game crosses all boundaries of age, language, and culture. Every woman in the world is playing, and they're playing to win.

Every time they get one of us to do something, they get a certain number of points. The harder it is, the more points it's worth. The more points a woman has, the higher her ranking in girl society. Here's what I've discovered so far....

**YOU PAY FOR DINNER.**

The oldest girl in the book. The one one's hardly a challenge anymore, so it only scores one (1) measly point. Two (2) points if it's a classy joint.

**YOU AGREE TO WATCH A CF. (CHICK Flick)**

This one varies, because there's a huge swing in chick flic ks. Pretty Woman is low end (1) because it has whores and madie Julia. Thelma and Louise is pretty chicky, but it has guns and car chases, so it's worth maybe two (2). Where the Heart Is rings the bell at seven (7). If you cry at any point during the movie, they get triple points.

**Teasing.**

A very subtle category. Difficult to score. Getting a guy to go in for a first kiss and then snubbing him scores a solid 10. Provoking visible "arousal" scores 30. Buna fide blue­
halls tops the chart at 25.

**She gets you to humiliate yourself in public.**

Clothes count, and there's a wide point­spread. You wear the Garfield tie she gave you (2). You wear a sky-blue turtleneck she picked out (5). You wear a pink sweater with a big­eyed puppy and the words "cuddle me" embroidered on the back (17).

If a girl gets you to dance in public, you're worth at least 2-4 points, per song. Why? Because you look stupid, and they know it. Me, I'm worth a dozen. When I dance, I look like an insane chicken trying to mime something while tripping on bad acid.

Buying feminine hygiene products is the high end of this category. I once left my own birthday party to make a K-Mart run. I thought I was being nice. Little did I know that I was actually giving her a present of 75 points.

**Games Women Play**

**YOU WAIT FOR HER.**

Up until thirty minutes this one is scored on a good old­

fashioned geometric progression. (See fig. 1) After thirty minutes they use some strange equation to calculate earned points. I don't understand it. I think it might be calculus.

I suspect that women invented mathematics to keep time keeping to clarify this portion of their game. Furthermore, I suspect they invented advanced mathematics in order to score things more effectively.

**Features**

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By Andy Bloeser

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In the opening scene, Alice is hit by a taxi, an event that brings her in con­tact with other characters who, like Alice, are looking to fill a void in their lives. Those characters include an aspiring writer who mines Alice's private life for his first novel, a doctor with an obsession with sex, and a female photographer who is desper­ate for the affection of a man. Each of the characters becomes indelibly linked when the search for prospective bedfellows begins.

"Closer" highlights the perils of following one's heart to its dregs. Relationships and personal lives fall apart and are subse­quent­ly salvaged, only to fall apart again. As the play itself proclaims, "Everyone learns but nobody changes."

"The infidelity is definitely not the focal point," said director Josh Johnson. "["Closer"] is really a look at ourselves and how relationships effect our lives. Through his or her experiences, each character learns who he or she is, and at the end of the play, each character is more able to identify with his or her self."

The production opens Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and will run until Sunday, Oct. 27.

She didn't plan on this. Now everything has changed. What will Becky do? What would you do?

StandUpGirl.com
When true love hurts: Battling domestic violence

By Amy Zepnick

Everyone wants to fall in love, but what happens when Mr. Handsome turns into Mr. Hulk? Domestic violence runs rampant despite its keen ability to hide behind closed doors.

Domestic violence begins when one partner turns his or her anger on the other. This may involve physical, emotional or sexual abuse. This could happen just once or on a regular basis.

Hulk? Domestic violence runs exceeding muggings, rapes and car accidents ·combined. Every nine seconds a woman is battered, adding to 1.5 million victims neglect the following should make all the decisions.

He has a poor self-image and is very jealous when his partner talks to anyone. He has spontaneous outbursts and wants to control his partner's actions.

She has a poor self-image and believes an abusive boyfriend is better than no boyfriend. She starts doing poorly in school and becomes isolated from her former friends. She is dependent on her partner for all the decisions and no longer is in control of her life. Last, she makes excuses for her partner's behavior.

Other warning signs include sabotaging friendships and relationships with family, accusing the partner of sexual infidelities, stalking, threatening to harm oneself if the partner complains of abuse or threatening to rape or kill the partner.

There are many long-term effects of domestic violence. Physical injuries cause medical difficulties when the victim ages. Arthritis, hypertension and heart disease are identified by victims as a direct cause of violence in their early adult lives.

Reoccurring absenteeism causes victims to lose their jobs. Also, because the victim may need to move to avoid violence, moving interferes with employment and is costly.

Victims become embarrased by the abuse and tend to isolate themselves from family and friends. If the abuse is not initially treated, victims may later resist support groups and social functions.

One-third of children who witness abuse in the home show significant behavioral and emotional problems, including stuttering, anxiety and fears, school problems, excessive crying and sleep disruption. Boys who witness abuse are more apt to abuse their partners, and girls who witness abuse are more apt to tolerate abuse.

According to the Family Crisis Center in Stevens Point, there are safety precautions to take when you are in an abusive relationship.

If an argument seems unavoidable, have it in a place with access to an exit. Know where the doors and windows are in your home and practice getting out safely. Have a packed bag ready and keep it hidden but accessible if you have to leave quickly. Devise a code word to use with children, family or friends if you need police.

When you prepare to leave the relationship, open a savings account in your name to establish or increase independence. Leave money, extra keys, important documents and extra clothes with someone you trust. Determine who could provide shelter or money if need be. Keep a battered shelter phone number close, and keep change on you at all times for emergency calls.

You will need to take important possessions with you when you leave, including an ID and driver's license, birth certificates, lease or housing agreement, money, bank or checkbooks, insurance papers, keys, pictures, address book, medical records and medication, social security cards, school records and work permits, divorce papers and jewelry.

After leaving, safety is still the key. Keep a restraining order on you at all times. Call the police immediately if your abusive partner breaks the order and find alternative ways to keep safe if the police are slow to respond. Have a map or a stun gun are common defenses. Inform people you know about the restraining order.

At work, inform important people about the situation. This includes office and building security. Show them a photo of your abusive partner if possible. Arrange to have your cell screened and devise a safe travel plan to and from work. Have an escort, or an escape plan if something should happen to you when you are in transit.

If you are in an abusive situation, you can contact an advocate at the Family Crisis Center 345-6511 or the Portage County Health and Human Services 345-5550. You can also contact Counseling Services for a complete list of statewide abuse programs. Special thanks to Counseling Services who provided the previous information.

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The Health and Wellness Spot

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Headache Sufferer

Dear Headache Sufferer,

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Carlsten Gallery exhibits UWSP alumni art

By Alexander Weber
FEATURE WRITER

This is your last chance to get a look at this particular exhibit of UWSP artwork. The Carlsten Gallery, on the second floor of the UWSP Fine Arts building, is in the middle of its last week of displaying an exhibit featuring 41 works of art by 27 UWSP alumni artists and the Sesquicentennial Print Portfolio. The alumni exhibit canvases a large diversity of art from past students. Everything from etchings to woodcuttings to oil paintings to handcrafted paper collages are displayed in the eclectic exhibit.

Caren Heft, UWSP art professor and curator of the new exhibit, says that “this collection of art shows the diversity of art from the alumni and shows that they did not come from a cookie-cutter art program.”

The works vary in subject from the abstract to realistic representation. Visitors can find a painting of a surreal forest depicting mist-filled air, as well as another work depicting a tangled, overgrown visual labyrinth of branches. There is also a portrait of a man with his draft horse and his dog. Art enthusiasts may also find a turtle with a fetus on its shell. At the same time, others can enjoy abstract wall hangings that create osmotic, impressionistic flows of contrasting colors that express focal movement and abstract emotive release.

In the Sesquicentennial Print Portfolio, visitors can experience a variety of prints donated to UWSP’s art collection by Richard and Myrna Schneider. Like the alumni collection, these prints also vary dramatically in subject and style.

The exhibit in the Carlsten Gallery will remain open until Oct. 27. The gallery’s hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Visiting the Carlsten Gallery is free to students and the public.

In "The Great Outdoors,” Dan Aykroyd and John Candy are seen drinking what type of beer?

a. Budweiser
b. Heineken
c. Miller High Life
d. Point Special

9. In "Death to Smoochy" Edward Norton pulls out a cookie on live TV shaped like what?

a. Gun
b. Cock and balls
c. Pot leaf
d. Breasts

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STEVENS POINT
Swift Flis leads Pointers to big road victory

Cory Flisakowski catches four touchdown passes in come from behind victory over UW-River Falls

By Craig Mandli

River Falls (0-2) had no problem stopping ten of the Pointers' (1-1) offensive starters on Saturday. Unfortunately for the Eagles, halfback Cory Flisakowski proved to be that deciding eleventh man, as the sophomore transfer from Illinois caught all four of junior quarterback Scott Krause's touchdown passes, tying a school record.

The catches were Flisakowski's only four receptions of the game and were the Pointers' first four touchdowns as they rallied from an early 20-0 deficit to upset the Falcons 38-27. The Pointers came out admirably flat, giving up a long touchdown on the first play of the game as Falcon quarterback Dustin Vogelgesang hit wide receiver Weeysama Kennedy with a play-action pass for 68 yards. Vogelgesang and John Peterlik each added touchdown runs before Krause finally found Flisakowski from 66 yards to put the Pointers on the board.

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The Pointers climbed back into the game late in the third period with a 16-play, 85-yard drive, with Krause again hitting an open Flisakowski in the back of the end zone on a fourth-and-one play from the Falcons' 16-yard line, cutting the Falcon lead to 20-18.

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Cross Country coming together for conference

By Jason Nihles
Sports Editor

With a record-setting snowfall of nearly five inches Monday, nature has reminded us that winter is just around the corner. Likewise, for the UWSP cross country teams, the last big invita-
tional of the season, this past weekend in La Crosse, was a reminder that conference and regionals are just around the corner.

Things are beginning to come together at the right time for both the Pointer men and women. The men continued their pack running style that has been so successful for them this season and finished eighth out of 25. Meanwhile, the women had their entire team racing together for the first time in three weeks and finished sixth of 22.

"I thought we ran well, but we did not race well," Witt said. "We gave away too many places at the beginning and were unable to catch up."

The men, once again, had all seven runners finish extremely close together as all came in within 26 seconds of one another. James LeVash and Eric Fisher led the way, finishing 45th and 46th respectively. Andy Bednarek finished 49th and Brad Seely came in 52nd.

Sophomore Leah Herlache returning after a three-week absence, paced the women, finishing in 19:06.0 and taking 12th place. "Leah ran outstanding," said women's coach Len Hill.

Kate Vollmer also ran well for the Pointers after a three-week break of her own, finishing in 27th place. Freshman Jenna Mitchler continued to impress by running a very solid 19:37.7 for 40th.

"It was an okay race; not our best but not our worst," said Hill Friday, the men and women will both compete at UW-Oshkosh. The younger members of both squads will race in a dual against the Titans and the older groups will take the week off to prepare for the Conference meet on Nov. 2 at Platteville.

Soccer clinches 10th title in 11 years

2-1 overtime victory over River Falls clinches WIAC

By Dan Mirman
Sports Editor

UW-River Falls pushed the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team farther than any other conference opponent this year, but in the end, the result was the same, with UWSP victorious by a 2-1 overtime margin.

The victory clinched the Pointers' 10th WIAC title in 11 years and also gave them home field advantage for the entire postseason tournament.

"Each (WIAC) title is as sweet as the last, and if it's not, then it's time to quit coaching," said Head Coach Sheila Miech.

"River Falls had a great game plan, packing in their defense. They challenged us and it was a great way to win the conference."

Once again, Kelly Fink provided the difference maker as she scored the game-winning goal 2:30 into overtime off of an assist from Molly Cady.

Andrea Oswald gave UWSP the lead 16 minutes in when she gathered a loose ball off of the top of the box and fired a shot in the upper corner for the early advantage. River Falls fought back, scoring five minutes into the second half, making themselves the first WIAC team to take UWSP to overtime this year.

Fink scoring the game winner should be no surprise as she did the same in UWSP's two other games in the week, including a 4-0 victory over Carleton College scoring which set a UWSP record with four goals in one game.

"She (Kelly Fink) is definitely having an outstanding year, but at the same time you have to give credit to our defense as well, for stopping the other team from scoring," said Miech. "It's fun for the media to focus on the goal scorers, but at the same time, there is a team getting the ball to Kelly (Fink) and helping her score great goals."

Fink did not need any help in the first half as she scored two unassisted goals to stake the Pointers to an early advantage. In the second half she got some help, as assists from Jenny Bruce and Kim Reese set up her next two goals to set the new school record.

UWSP had a match scheduled with St. Thomas on Tuesday but it was cancelled due to the weather and will not be made up.

"Getting the game cancelled was a downer for the team, they were really looking forward to a good competitive game," said Miech. "Now we are forced to practice indoors, so the team is going to be hungry for Saturday, especially because it's senior day."

The Pointers will look to finish with a perfect conference mark when their host Platteville in their final regular season WIAC match on Saturday.

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Here's what one recent participant has to say about her experience with UW-SP International Programs:

"Dear Mess Office,
Hello, hello!
Things in Great Britain are great. I've been to Dover, England; Bath, England; Galais, France, and just this weekend, I went to Scotland. It was beautiful! We hiked in the mountains of the Isle of Skye. It really was so unbelievable!
We've interacted with other Americans studying in London, and Stevens Point has the best program offered by far. You guys rock! Thanks for everything you've done to make it an experience of a lifetime for us all! I hope all is well in Stevens Point. I miss the snow, believe it or not! Take care!
As the Brits would say, Kind Regards,
Katie Friedli," (UWSP, Communications Maj)

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I can win with the Bears
By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

I would like to make it official: I am now declaring myself as a candidate to become the Bears offensive coordinator and general manager.

It has become quite obvious that John Shoop, current Bears offensive coordinator, is incompetent. He does not grasp the concept that for an offense to be successful they must throw the ball downfield.

I know that my detractors will say I can't do any better. They will also probably point to my lack of experience (because I in fact have no real experience as an offensive coordinator). But I say, in the words of analyst Lee Corso, "Not so fast, my friend."

Through the magic of Madden 2003 on the PS2 console, I am now able to coordinate the offense with the best of them.

In my franchise, which can last 20 years, I have made the playoffs three consecutive years, and advanced to the NFC championship game in my latest season.

With my offense, teams must respect deep ball to my wide receivers (David Terrell and Marty Booker) and stop my running game with Anthony Thomas. And let me tell you something: they can't.

Furthermore, my Madden record shows I can succeed with the same team John Shoop is failing with.

This leads me to the second job I am applying for, General Manager.

Once again, I point to my success with Madden. I drafted a young QB with a great arm and good speed, and he is developing into a franchise player. I traded for a tight end to take some pressure off my receivers, and he was elected to the pro bowl.

I have also managed to resign key players, while adding free agents to shore up weak spots.

Sure, I can already hear your catcalls that being good at a video game does not qualify me to run an NFL team. Or, you might be seeing that I am a video game dork, but I feel we should concentrate on the former question for now.

Through the magic of Madden 2003 on the PS2 console, I am now able to coordinate the offense with the best of them.

I too once doubted whether my Madden skills could transfer to real life, but I doubt my abilities no more after watching Marty Booker catch a pass on Sunday while running the same pattern that I had scored a touchdown with many times.

So that the Bears management realizes their opportunity, I think I will just wait by the phone until they give me a call. I can always play Madden in the meantime.

Tennis season ends at conference finals
By Tyler Drummond
SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-Stevens Point Women's Tennis Team's season came to an abrupt end this weekend as they crashed into the wall known as the WIAC Championships. The women didn't fare well last weekend as they took 7th out of 7 teams.

However, in the middle of the wreck there were a few bright stars to be found. One of those bright stars for the women was Kim Goron, who won the consolation at number five singles.

Goron also teamed up with Tiffany Serpico to take the consolation in the number three doubles.

The team started out the season hot by riding a 6-2 record until their game fell apart and they finished the regular season 6-5, and then took 7th in the WIAC championships.

One positive sign for this team is that they are young, and will be returning all but two players next year. The main core of the team will be staying together and maybe that will help push the women to a higher level.

They will have to concentrate more next year at keeping their head in the match all season, and if they can do that, this talented young team will definitely propel themselves to the next level.

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The sexy side of fishing
Mother Nature got tha' funk in her right knee

Adam Mella
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I woke up on Monday, slightly drowsy from lack of sleep. The night before, I attended my neighbor Mr. Winters', game two, World Series, transistor radio party—which was tops. A fine gathering of "old-time" fishermen, watching the American pastime and playing several rounds of euchre, all accompanied by the smell of Mr. Winters' fine smoking-pipe.

Arroyo was caught off guard by that dirty tramp, Mother Nature got tha' funk in her right knee. Many women were especially excited by strong hook-sets and one-match bonfires...

Walk the wallows of Schmeeckle for the mysterious Will 'O the Wisp

Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

A mysterious glow comes out of the wood near dusk time. Many travelers in Medieval times thought the light was an omen and very likely were drawn to their death due to it'suster. The mysterious light is called Will 'O the Wisp. A tour to seek out these lights is offered at Schmeeckle Reserve on Sunday, Oct 27, starting at 7 p.m. Tours will leave from the visitors' center in 15 minute increments and last approximately 45 minutes. Interested visitors are asked to dress appropriately for the weather. The visitors' center will also hold activities for the night and a featured cartoon in the evening.

"Willo the wisp", the main character of a BBC childrens show named after the mysterious lights.

Mr. Winters' two cents

Hello again, fellers and fellerettes; how ya'll been? Can you believe it, five inches of the white stuff! As an ancient man, I sometimes think of moving to Arizona or Florida, the snow is chilling, and that's why I was caught off guard by that dirty tramp, Mother Nature got tha' funk in her right knee. Many women were especially excited by strong hook-sets and one-match bonfires while enjoying the outdoors with that special someone. A romantic afternoon catching jumbo crappie and picking wildflowers also ranked high with the ladies. Men claimed that putting a healthy and tasty dinner on the table for their sweethearts and showing off muscular strength punching snug holes really impressed the females. Cited as "sexy" by the men was watching ladies pull in big bluegills, seeing them sitting fireside in long underwear, and sharing sunsets in a nice aluminum rowboat. Also placing high in the survey were Dale Earnhardt bumper stickers, a good sense of humor, white ball caps and Wooden Spoon employees.

A featured cartoon in the United Kingdom uses the legendary, and often personified, Will 'O the Wisp. The cartoon which is called and features a main character with the same name, "Willo the Wisp", is a 1980's BBC children's program that takes place in the fictitious Doyley Wood.

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Stuck in a slump?
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Natural beauty awaits right in our backyards

Leigh Ann Ruddy
Outdoors Editor

So here we are folks, it's midterm time. It seems every year we get stuck in a slump near the end of October and can't remedy the situation until Thanksgiving. Then, we charge forth into finals week and December and finally have a nice, well-deserved break.

Leigh Ann Ruddy

As the semester rolls onward, students are bogged down with worries of tests, quizzes and the papers. There's no doubt our time is spent wallowing in our own self-pity, all in the company of great friends without any worries at the moment.

Schmeeckle is our own reserve; we should utilize it for the potential it has and try never to take this gift for granted.

A walk can do wonders for not only our physical health, but also our emotional and mental health. I suggest taking a break from all the stresses of school and midterms to take a walk through the marvelous forest. Autumn colors are still aglow (although covered in a light dusting of un-called for snow) and there's nothing like the smell of a dank forest floor to bring back memories and remind us to slow down a bit. Live happy; enjoy the earth!

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I envision being able to affix the date of origin for groundwater itself...."

Browne said.

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Bryant Browne, associate professor of soils at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's (UWSP) College of Natural Resources (CNR), is seeking a U.S. patent for a device that measures multiple dissolved gases in both surface and groundwater.

"We've discovered a fairly universal approach to collect and measure a multitude of dissolved gases present in ground water, rivers, streams, lakes and even oceans," said Browne.

The collection of dissolved gases from water is not new. "But the ability to rapidly collect a large volume of dissolved gas in one sample so simply and quickly is unprecedented and affords several advantages for environmental research applications for both private and public sector interests," he said.

According to Browne, the essence of this process is extracting natural and man-made gases out of any existing body of water using a simple pumping process. One can then analyze the sample to identify and quantify multiple constituent gases so they can be applied as environmental tracers or used for studying biochemical processes. Existing approaches typically require different gas extraction methods for each constituent to be analyzed.

Since the number of methods necessary adds up quickly, it becomes less and less feasible to measure multiple gases in water," said Browne. "Our process overcomes that problem.

Among other applications, Browne has used the device to quantify emissions of global warming gases when agricultural pollutants in ground water enter streams, to study natural processes in sediments and wetlands that convert nitrate pollution to harmless N2 (nitrogen) gas and to chart the historical degradation of groundwater quality over the last 60 years.

I envision being able to affix the date of origin for groundwater itself," said Browne. "That's exciting, because you'd be able to construct the history of groundwater quality and learn more from past mistakes."

According to Browne, rainfall and snowmelt in the 1940s and 1950s had very small amounts of dissolved chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) gases, but today they have quite a lot.

"As it turns out, the historical atmospheric buildup of these industrial gases is mirrored quite well in groundwater. This device makes it much simpler for scientists to link "CFC age" and water quality, and we've been able to generate a lot of high quality data."

UWSP has been successful in charting the progression of nonpoint source pollution in Central Wisconsin groundwater since the mid-1940s to the present. There's been an enormous and continuing increase in nutrients and pesticides since the early 1970s, according to Browne.

Browne has already utilized this research technique.

Browne's work has been critical to application thanks to WiSys, a subsidiary of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. WiSys helps UW System faculty secure copyrights, patents or licenses on their work.

According to Browne, UWSP has one of the few dissolved gas laboratories in the nation equipped to measure age-dating gases as well as biogenic and inert gases. Graduate students under Browne and other professors are already utilizing this research technique.

Browne believes there are important applications for industrial point source pollution as well. "We think it can be used to improve the delineation and monitoring of point-source organic pollutants in ground water." It may also provide a new and feasible ground water remediation tool. "We're able to get about 30 percent of the total dissolved gas out of water in one pass through the device and we think this might be enough to make it a practical tool to clean volatile organic chemicals from contaminated groundwater," Browne said.

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Leigh Ann Ruddy

As the semester rolls onward, students are bogged down with worries of tests, quizzes and the seemingly never-ending slurry of papers. There's no doubt our time is spent wallowing in our own self-pity because it seems like everyone else doesn't have any homework to do, but we're all in the same boat, and we're lucky to have such a wonderful place to decompress.

I've spent many wonderful times in Schmeeckle, walking briskly through a snow-covered field, laughing uproariously on the footbridges over the marshes, silently stalking for spring wildflowers and jovially climbing towering pines in the midst of darkness, all in the company of great friends without any worries at the moment.

Schmeeckle is our own reserve; we should utilize it for the potential it has and try never to take this gift for granted.

A walk can do wonders for not only our physical health, but also our emotional and mental health. I suggest taking a break from all the stresses of school and midterms to take a walk through the marvelous forest. Autumn colors are still aglow (although covered in a light dusting of un-called for snow) and there's nothing like the smell of a dank forest floor to bring back memories and remind us to slow down a bit. Live happy; enjoy the earth!

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Walk the walls of Schmeeckle for the mysterious Will 'O the Wisp

Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOOR EDITOR

A mysterious glow comes out of the wood near dusk time. Many travelers in Medieval times thought the light was an omen and very likely were drawn to their death due to it's lure.

The mysterious light is called Will 'O the Wisp. A tour to seek out these lights is offered at Schmeeckle Reserve on Sunday, Oct 27, starting at 7 p.m. which refers to graveyards approximately 45 minutes. Interested visitors are asked to dress appropriately in luminous mystery, but would then find themselves trapped in the murky mud of a swamp or bog. Irish and English legends are still discussed today. Another name for the lights is corpse candles, which refers to graveyards and candles at a funeral procession. Also, in Latin, the lights are known as Ignis Fatuus, literally meaning foolish fire.

A featured cartoon in the United Kingdom uses the legendary, and often personified, Will 'O the Wisp. The cartoon which is called and features a main character with the same name, "Willo the Wisp", is a 1980's BBC children's program that takes place in the fictitious Doyley Wood.

Mr. Winters' two cents

Hello again, fellers and fellerettes; how ya'll been? Can you believe it, five inches of the white stuff? As an ancient man, I sometimes think of moving to Arizona or Florida, but then I ponder all the great things that happen in my old home state. Yes, the snow is chilling, and that's why fishing in fall sometimes needs a break. It's the perfect time of year to just sit in, stay warm near the Ben Franklin, and listen to the series on my ol' transistor radio. Of course, the company of friends and long time fishing buddies like Shitty D. and Opiates makes for an interesting night. We just sit around the radio passing my old hickory smoking pipe and shooting tales of the mighty exox luscious. Lastly, when the game is done, my fishing buddies know to stoke the fire one more time, and then "Go on and Gooooooot!"

---Mr. Winters

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Christopher Lund, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Research and Sponsored Programs at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Dr. Lund will be discussing UW-Eau Claire’s $600,000 budget for Student Research Activities. He will be talking about the history of the UWEC Faculty/Student Research Collaboration program; current support for undergraduate research at UWEC; the value to students, faculty, and the institution; and the influential role the students played in securing funds for the program.

1:35 - 1:55 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)
Leah Worzella (Design team: Sara Jones, Carrie Mayer & Worzella; Faculty Mentor: Nisha Fernando, Interior Architecture)
"Enabling Public Uses in Public Places: A Case Study on Redesigning a Shopping Mall"

1:55 - 2:15 (Oral Presentation)
Jennifer L. Ryg (Faculty Mentor: Ellen Margolis, Theatre and Dance)
"Queen Elizabeth I: Shakespeare’s Muse"

2:15 - 2:35 (Oral Presentation--video and PowerPoint)
Ryan Feller-Poethke (Faculty Mentor: Susan Gingrasso, Theatre and Dance)
"Methods of Theatrical Scenery Automation & Motion Control"

2:35 - 2:55 (Oral Presentation)
Marie R. Galewski (Faculty Mentor: Bryant Browne, Water Resources)
"Nitrous Oxide in Groundwater Discharge from an Agricultural Basin"

2:55 - 3:10 (Oral Presentation)
Ryan T. O’Leary (Faculty Mentor: Donald Fadner, Philosophy)
"Demonization, Compassion, and Ultimate Claims: Confronting Threads of War and Peace in Biblical Thought"

3:10 - 3:30 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)
Joshua Garbe and Nick Petersen (Faculty Mentor: Robert Beeken, Physics & Astronomy)
"Ionic Conductivity of Cu6S5PBr, Cu6S5PCI and Cu6S5PI"

3:30 - 3:50 (Oral Presentation)
Benjamin E. Kucera (Faculty Mentor: Robin Tanke, Chemistry)
"Synthesis of Phosphine Supported Germanium Nanoparticles"

Poster presentations 3:50 - 4:15 pm

Katherine Brashear and Mandi Huntington (Faculty Mentor: Tim F. Ginnett, Wildlife Ecology)
"Habitat associated with barred owl and great horned owl survey locations in the Sandhill Wildlife Area, Babcock, Wisconsin"

Philip Kauth (Faculty Mentor: Shelley Jansky, Biology)
"Genetic Control of Verticillium Wilt Resistance in Potato"

Christopher D. Tyrrell (Faculty Mentor: Alan Haney, Forestry)
"25 Years of Change in a Dry-Mesic Forest in southeastern Wisconsin"

4:15 pm (dance movement)
Andrea B. Skurr (Faculty Mentor: Susan Gingrasso, Theatre and Dance)
"JZ"

4:35 pm (video of horn performance)
Matthew Hellenbrand (Faculty Mentor: Patrick Miles, Music)
"Natural Horn Solos of the Classical and Romantic Era"

The above students are competing for The Chancellor’s Excellence in Research and Creativity Award (a travel award of up to $1,000 to attend the UW-System Symposium for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity held at UW-Eau Claire on April 29, 2003 and the 17th National Conference on Undergraduate Research held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 13 - 15.

These students were nominated by their college dean to participate in this celebration. If you would like more information on student research or travel grants please contact: Diane Bywaters, Grant Support Services, 204A Main, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; dbywater@uwsp.edu, 715-346-2632.

This program is supported by UWSP's Grant Support Services, Student Research Fund Committee and the generous financial support of Chancellor Tom George.
Anyone who doesn’t like “SpongeBob SquarePants” is a humorless drone.

By Josh Goller

ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

He lives in a pineapple under the sea; yellow, absorbent and porous he is. Who knew that a cartoon about a sponge and his starfish buddy could be so damn entertaining. I first viewed Nickelodeon’s “SpongeBob SquarePants” back when it was still watched primarily by children. But when I purchased a SpongeBob t-shirt, I suspected that this show might have turned into something bigger. However, it wasn’t until I was given a pair of boxer shorts adorned with images of the Absorbent One that I realized the magnitude of the SpongeBob phenomenon. He was so popular that images of him were actually in contact with my loins.

The genius of this cartoon lies in its nonchalant embrace of the absurd. Bikini Bottom, a strange underwater community, where all sea creatures walk or drive to get where they’re going and a squirrel walks around in a full scuba suit, serves as the setting for this animated gem. The show possesses a few enormous curve balls, such as how a sea sponge can own a meowing sperm whale, but this only makes the cartoon that much more enjoyable.

SpongeBob’s appeal often lies in the fact that he can annoy to the point of amusement. Mr. Squidward perhaps owns one of the most blissfully annoying laughs in television history. At the same time, the show possesses an almost “Ren and Stimpy”-like quality in its physical comedy ranging from gruesome jellyfish stings to discombobulating later life.

During the slow-paced Stevens Point summer, I often found myself plopping down to watch this animated guilty pleasure. I’ve grown to love SpongeBob’s slow-talking, witless starfish companion Patrick so much that I sometimes have the urge to hack him into five separate pieces so he could regenerate into five new Patricks. The best part about Senor Squidward that every college student can relate to him. He lives at a shifty house, presumably paid for by his meager earnings from his low paying fry cook job, while hanging out with lifers that literally just crawled out from under a rock. If it were possible to drink under water and he had a basement, you know SpongeBob would throw a full on raging kegger at his house. Hell, a horde of jellyfish once hosted a hump’t rave at one of the pineapple pad. I always proved to be a disturbing trip to some sort of bizarr land that actually freaked me out when I was in the right frame of mind.

I’ll even admit that the Powerpuff Girls have been beginning to draws my attention. While this show may seem a bit soft and cuddly on the outside, it’s impossible to resist for the simple fact that it stars a villainous monkey named Koko on world domination, and therefore is inherently worth watching. As a fan of metropolis-destroying mega-monsters like King Kong and Godzilla, I have to appreciate the wide range of gargantuan city-destroyers that threaten Townsville from one episode to the next.

Sunday night’s Adult Swim programming even allows me to mesh my unhealthy obsession for Will Ferrell with my love of twist­ed animated characters thanks to the bizarre cartoon The Oblongs. Ferrell voices the terse father of a gruesomely deformed family and is constantly faced with problems caused by being appallingly challenged. In one particular episode, Ferrell’s character is trapped for hours in a clothes hamper he fell in to, not being rescued because his "screams were muffled by underpants." This cartoon reinforces my developing theory that hideous animated deformities are hilarious.

So in closing, I’d just like to say that this lame-o misses Saturday morning cartoons.

"The Elephant Man"

By Amanda Rasmussen

The Mainstage Production season combining an elegant, yet mini­mal set, elaborate Victorian era costumes, a rich story line and a talented cast is for a moving theater experience.

The majority of the story takes place in the London Hospital in late nineteenth century London’s White Chapel dis­trict. The recently hired Dr. Frederick Treves discovers John Merrick on display as the “Elephant Man” and is intrigued by the variety of crippling defor­mities that Treves, portrayed by Eli Kranski, described saying, “It suggested, but was not, elephant­i­anism.”

After being abandoned in Belgium by his “manager,” Merrick takes refuge in the London Hospital under the care of Treves and Carr Gomm, played by John Bick.

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"The Wookie’s Corner"

By Steve Seamandel

The low down on where to get down in Wisco

If this week is any indication, apparently, the Wisconsin cold isn’t enough to scare bands off. There have been several acts announced within the last week and right now a western jam­band freak should be pretty satis­fied with the amount of quality shows coming to the area.

First and Canadian progress­ive/house band The New Deal will be playing in Milwaukee at Thai Joe’s on Friday, Nov. 15 and at The Park West in Chicago on Saturday, Nov. 16. The Westfall will be opening the show in Milwaukee while midwest heroes Umphrey’s McGee blaze the trail in Chicago.

Secondly, pedal-steel gui­tarist virtuoso Robert Randolph and his band Robert Randolph and the Family Band will make a rare appearance in Wisconsin on Friday, Nov. 15 in Madison at the Alliant Energy Center, opening for John Mayer. Randolph just absolutely smokes on pedal­steel and going to see him in an opening slot isn’t as bad of an idea as you’d think it is. After their opening set, the family will truck over to Luther’s Blues for a solo gig as well.

Looking for a show to enter­tain your moods with Halloween? Head to Madison for a few bigger shows; either Natty Nation at Luther’s Blues or The Big Wu across town at the Barrymore. Remember, The Big Wu is sans Jason. I’ve seen them once since the split, and although they’re not horrible, Fladager’s absence is definitely notable. They attempted classics like “Save Our Ship” and “Southern Energy” which just fell short of minimal Wu expectations without Jason. Chris now however does look surprisingly like Trey, plus 20 pounds or so.

Yonder Mountain String Band will pick their way through Wisconsin on Saturday, Nov. 23 when they play at the hallowed Barrymore Theater in Madison. If you can get there, do it. Their “newgrass” sound is really gain­ing popularity, and they do it well.

If bluegrass isn’t your thing, maybe the comedy antics of Les Claypool’s Frog Brigade are. They’ll bring the nuthouse straight to you at the Rave on Saturday, Nov. 23.

And, lest we not forget the stylings of the Creem de la Creem, The Disco Biscuits at the Rave on Friday, Nov. 8. I really hate to hype a band this much, but trust me, just go. And be sure to leave Saturday, Nov. 9 open just in case you get hit so hard by them that you find yourself following them to the Vic Theatre in Chicago for another dose.

So, get those calendars straightened away, and until next week, “Lez me get a schwilk a’ dat, a’ight bra?”

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OCTOPUS EXPRESS
When in doubt, get a Woody

Woody Allen's consistently memorable films can provide relief for the most indescribable of video rental store patrons.

By Josh Goller

Arts & Review Reporter

Woody Allen has been one of the most prolific filmmakers of the last several decades. Churning out film after film on a yearly and sometimes bi-yearly basis, Woody always creates a new spin on his neurotic approach to relationships and sexual desire that serve as the center of his films.

However, what makes Woody Allen's films so great is his ability to stray completely away from his usual sex-comedy genre and dip into other forms of humor and direct movies with more drama than laughs. Serving as a modern-day Plato debating the merits of love and relationships, and an honest portrayal of the non-lover, Allen's Big Apple-based films deal with romance, sex, neurosis, mystery and fear of death, while underscored by a beautiful jazz and classical music-oriented soundtrack.

Allen made his directorial debut in 1966 with the release of What's Up Tiger Lily. This film is different from every one that followed for the simple reason that only the voice track is different from every one that followed. Allen poked fun at and paid homage to the genre and dip into the physical world. With Hannah and Her Sisters (1986), Allen laughs at the cliché love triangle and opts to weave an intricate web of sibling sexual swapping in a scatterbrained approach to romance that is typical of Allen's original tape on romance. Later, Woody acts as narrator in the nostalgic top back to 1940s family life in Radio Days (1987).

Allen also continued to write, direct and act in great films throughout the 90s. Manhattan Murder Mystery employed the services of long time Allen favorite, Diane Keaton, while Bullets Over Broadway received more Oscar nods for the aging director. Allen poked fun at and homaged to the musical with Everyone Says I Love You (1996).

Deconstructing Harry (1997) proved just how well-respected Allen is in the cinematic community as he was able to cast some of Hollywood's elite actors in some of the most limited roles.

Currently, there's two Woody Allen films in the new release section at video rental stores. The Curse of the Japand Scorpion and How to Deal Endings, a testament to Allen's consistent productivity. No other writer/director of current history has accumulated such an impressive dossier. Allen continues to thrive in his volatile industry with artfully written dialogue applied to perpetually original plots and is perhaps the only example of true auteur in film today.

The Ring

By Geoff Fyle

Arts & Review Reporter

Any horror film can provide gore, but the truly scary ones can create an atmosphere of such fear and dread that it's almost unbearable. Based on a 1998 Japanese film that won one of the biggest box office hits in that country, The Ring is one of the most unnerving and ultimately horrifying films of recent memory.

Like the horror classic The Fly, this film gets its inspiration from urban legends: this time it's a story about a mysterious video tape that bring death to those who view it. Following the viewing, the phone always rings and a child's voice whispers "seven days." Sure enough, exactly a week later, the viewer meets a gruesome demise.

The Ring centers around the Seattle newspaper reporter Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) whose teenage niece recently perished along with three of her friends. A woman is then watching the video tape at a woodland retreat (in a cabin that looks like its designed by Blair Witch) all four girls die at exactly the same time. Determined to find the truth, Rachel travels to the cabin, procures the tape and, upon watching it, seals her fate.

The footage of the tape itself is quite spooky, involving a series of nightmarish images that look as though they came out of a Salvador Dali painting from hell. Images include masses of maggots, dead horses, a mysterious woman, impalings and the infamous "ring" of the title (which resembles a solar eclipse).

Rachel, not willing to sit down and wait for death, is determined to find out the truth about the tape and stop its power. Soon, however, the tape is exposed to her photographer ex-husband and six-year-old son, who begins receiving disjointed messages from his dead cousin and another, much more menacing force. After this the race is on to discover the tape's origin and destroy the terrible evil it contains.

The Ring's plot is sometimes lacking and doesn't always add up, but plot is not key in this film. What the movie does and does best is frighten. The entire atmosphere (aided by the gloomy, rainy Pacific Northwest) is almost unbearably frightening at times, turning such innocuous items as ladders and trees into things of utter dread. When the big scares come, they hit hard and the nightmarish climax will keep you up at night.

The film does have a few flaws. Why does Rachel show the tape to her ex, knowing full well the consequences of him seeing it? Why does she leave the video out so her son can get a hold of it? And why do movie characters always do the dumbest thing imaginable? But I quibble. The Ring delivers the goods, aided by a good cast anchored by rising star Watts and Brian Cox (the original Hannibal Lecter) in a chilling cameo role as a taciturn horse farmer somehow connected to the tape.

Other horror films reassure us with cartoonish monsters and slashers that we know and just make believe. The Ring, however, shows us the real terror these films can inflict, the dread that in the dark corners of the world, evil things lurk waiting to strike all who cross their path.

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**by joey hetzel**

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**by Mel Rosenberg**

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