Welch pointed out that political scene in 1963 America. He talked about Hussein's rise to perspective bis rise to power and his relationship with the Presidency in 1979. Recon information. "These are Iraq, the delegation tried to target several areas in order to gain a perspective unavailable to the average American.

In his presentation, Welch talked about Hussein's rise to power and his relationship with America. He first came into the political scene in 1963 and with his rise to power Hussein took over the Presidency in 1979. Since then, Iraq has been at war.
Green Party seeks support from students in Nov. 5 election

Green Party leaders questioned the legality of President Bush's unprecedented efforts to campaign for Republicans in recent weeks. The President's current campaign frenzy coincides with his attempts to prepare the nation for a war the people have said they are not ready for, say Greens.

"We have never seen a president campaign in such a partisan way and so intensely during a midterm election," said Paul Fallon, Green candidate for New York's 26th Congressional District. "Bush has launched this effort at the same time he's trying to convince the American people to support his invasion of Iraq, in the face of the skepticism demonstrated by last weekend's huge demonstrations in Washington and elsewhere."

The Oct.26 "Stop the War Before It Starts" protests in Washington, D.C. drew about 100,000 people of all ages and political stripes.

"The President is crisscrossing the nation setting fundraising records before the new campaign finance bill goes into effect, in a last ditch effort to use the wealth of his supporters to dominate the Republican campaign team had issued an e-mailmessage pressuring government staff, including scientific personnel such as the head of NASA, to stump for Republican candidates. Greens recall that President Kennedy suspended his midterm campaign in October, 1962, during the Cuban missile crisis.

"In an election dominated by some of the worst negative campaigning most voters have ever seen, we're seeing the same old thing again. Greens are receiving record numbers of endorsements and increased media coverage, and voters have noticed our principled avoidance of negative campaigning and our focus on detailed plans to address the problems that affect Americans' daily lives."

"Greens talk substance. That's why we're the only party to have grown over the past two years - by 27% according to Ballot Access News. It's why the Green Party grows whether the economy is up or down, whatever the issue is."

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Late-Night Catholic Bible Study

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Health Enhancement Center

Wetlands Lab

Wednesday, Oct. 23 9:12 p.m.

Two door knobs were reported vandalized outside of the Wetlands Lab.

Health Enhancement Center

Wednesday, Oct. 23 8:15 a.m.

A wallet was reported stolen from the men's locker room while owner was attending class.

Lot T

Thursday, Oct. 24 10:30 a.m.

A car was reported damaged when the owner returned from class.

Baldwin Hall

Friday, Oct. 25 8:25 a.m.

A complaint was filed stating that the rear tire of a bike was stolen.

UWSP Triathlon Club offers scholarship to incoming freshman

By Sara Franklin

The UWSP Lactic Edge Triathlon(LET) Club been busy at work. A donation $1,000 went towards the UWSP Foundation Lactic Edge: Triathlon Club Endowment, a scholarship for incoming freshmen.

John Bailiff, race director, professor at UWSP and leader of the LET and his assistant race director along with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson are presenting the award money. "The scholarship money is an example of students helping future students," said Tomlison.

The 100 plus volunteers and 13 sponsors helped the first TLE triathlon a success. 358 individual and relay competitors participated between the two distant options that were offered.

Bob Tomlinson concluded that Bailiff was "a fine example of what students can accomplish with their sights on a goal. We are really proud of what our students have done for the school and community." He stated that one of the most important resources in the community are the students and when motivated "they can move mountains." He also noted that this event was one that puts students in a positive light, and he is impressed with the willingness to put the event on again.

In addition to the scholarship money, race proceeds will also fund The Lactic Edge athletes entry fees and travel costs for the races in 2003. The club's schedule last year included races in Wisconsin, Illinois, Utah and Florida.

Four club members, including president of the club Blake Becker, participated in Ironman triathlons. An Ironman race consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run, for a total of 140.6 miles. Leader John Bailiff is a four-time competitor in the Ironman World Championship in Kona Hawaii.

The triathlon club, which began in 1999, has an "average annual member count of 15 and being able to do an Ironman is not a prerequisite to joining club. There are varying levels of competitiveness, and many do triathlons to stay in shape or just for fun. Members meet about once a month and are able to choose which races they want to participate in. For more information, one can contact John Bailiff at jbailliff@uwsp.edu.

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Iraq care and living conditions. Hospitals are constantly dirty, extremely hot and some only have electricity for portions of the day. It is believed that the one thing keeping many Iraq civilians alive is the food distribution and ration efforts. Sanctions have also put a limit on the things that Iraq can import and export. By doing so, about $5 million of aid and goods are being withheld each year. Oil is the only product that Iraq is permitted to export which places a huge burden on the economy.

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according to Steve

“The Simpsons”...is there anything you can’t learn from it? Best show ever.

By Steve Seamandel

I can honestly say that everything I’ve ever needed to know, I’ve picked up from “The Simpsons”. Even if I would have never gone through a day of school (primary or secondary) and was raised by a pack of wolves, I think I’d still be about as smart as I had “The Simpsons”, that is.

My life with “The Simpsons” began in 1989 when I was a lad of 8 years. My parents saw an ad for the inaugural show, “Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire,” which was a Christmas special, and suggested that I watch it. I instantly fell in love with it and have taped every episode since then. OK, honestly, not every one...I am missing four.

What strikes me the most about “The Simpsons” is how dynamic the show is. It’s always focused around poking fun at people, regardless of their appearance, creed, religion, sexual orientation or belief system and somehow, they constantly get away with it. The fact that they portray stereotypes of practically every walk of life on the show through cartoon characters is probably why they can get away with it. They never poke fun at any single entity more than another; instead, they just rip on everyone and everything.

For example, other than the direct Simpson family, there are so many prominent and memorable reoccurring characters that it’s hard to keep track if you’re not a die-hard weekly viewer of the show. Everyone has their favorite, whether it be Smithers and Burns, Cletus, the Wiggum clan (Ralph, Clancy and/or Sarah), Apu, Snake, Professor Frink, Dr. Hibbert, the Comic Book Guy, Hans Moleman, Moe and the barflies, Dr. Nick, Gil the salesman or the late Lionel Hutz and Troy McClure. I especially love the creepy guy who always says, “Mmmmeat...” even though I haven’t really figured out why he’s always around and what his deal is.

Somewhere, “The Simpsons” gives us a glimpse into our everyday lives and, at times, can actually make us realize how ridiculous, or outstanding, human behavior can be. Oddly enough, the show is timeless and no matter what drastic thing happens to whatever character during an episode, every situation is reset to normal for the next week.

Besides spoofing everything under the sun, the writers have concocted some excellent plot lines and individual shows. Some of their best include the Halloween specials, the Sideshow Bob saga, Who Shot Mr. Burns (a blatant spinoff of Dallas and J.R., and the late George Harrison have all appeared on the show).

At least “The Simpsons” hasn’t claimed to be “Bigger than Jesus,” although that was the title to the last album by Homer’s barbershop quartet. Besides the Beatles’ appearances, other subliminal acts have played on the show, with notables including Red Hot Chili Peppers, Aerosmith, Phish, Tim Allen, Garfield, Tim Allen, Garfield, Peter Frampton, The Smashing Pumpkins, Sonic Youth, Spinal Tap, U2, James Taylor and The Ramones.

In fact, the show has so much history and dynamic content that my article did it little justice. If the university ever decides to start a class about “Simpsons” History, can I just teach that instead of trying to cram the greatness of a 14-year saga into a quarter-page article?

Photos by Patricia Larson

What scares you the most?

Dayanne Kauapahotu, Soph., Elem Ed.

Heights

Being put in the Pointer Poll.

Corey Bowe, Sr., Comm.

Emily Kallas, Soph., Undeclared

Snakes and spiders

Riya Hingole, Sr., Biology

Women, because they’re evil.

All three Child’s Play movies.

Phil Tielbottke, Sr., Comm.

Clowns

Amber Eisenhower, Sr., Psych/Comm. Ed.

Being put in the Pointer Poll.

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Steve Seamandel

Billiards trick shot artist impresses Brewhaus crowd

Andrew Bloeser
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Internationally known trick shot artist, Jack White, appeared at The Brewhaus last Thursday, showcasing the skills that have made him an enduring attraction.

White performed an array of trick shots that remain unduplicated by anyone else in the sport while also promoting his critically acclaimed book, "Learn How to Win at Pocket Billiards.

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At times, the word "awesome" appeared to be an understatement. In one of the performance's best-received moments, White executed a shot that entailed sinking a billiard ball after first sending the ball through a construction of three pool cues that were laid out upon the table. The trick, which is considered by many to be White's trademark, earned a standing ovation.

Ever the showman, White also engaged the audience verbally at every opportunity, sharing anecdotes from his more than sixty years in the game.

"The most I ever won is a single game is a lot. The most I ever won in a single night is a whole lot," said White.

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"I do wish we could chat longer, but I'm having an old friend for dinner. Bye."

"She just goes a little mad sometimes. We all go a little mad sometimes. Haven't you?"

"They're here"

"Jason was my son and today is his birthday."

"I dunno what the hell's in there, but it's weird and passed off, whatever it is."

"Oh no, it wasn't the airplanes. It was beauty that killed the beast."

"Here's Johnny!"

"I see dead people."

"I'm the ghost with the most, babe."

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Students favor cost-effective costuming

By Andrew Bloeser

Selecting a Halloween costume can become a daunting task, not just for overseas trick-or-treaters, but also for people in their early twenties. With Halloween now upon us, many college students find themselves looking for costumes that are inexpensive or easily constructed from household items. For students with a small or non-existent budget, creativity becomes a premium.

"This year, I'm going as a homeless person with mental disabilities," said sophomore Kari Martin. Martin stated that they were afraid the bad spirits would come into their homes and cause trouble. To prevent this, the Druids (priests and teachers of Celts) went to the edges of their villages and offered gifts to the spirits so they would not enter. They built huge bonfires and sacrificed animals and crops. This is where trick or treating comes from.

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This week we'll be wrapping up our discussion of the women's scoring system.

For you unwashed heathens that don't read the column every week, and therefore don't know what we're talking about, here's the short version. All women are part of a vast conspiracy wherein they get points for making guys act, look, or feel stupid. More points = more social status for them. And now a letter.

Dear Pat,

I was hoping you could shed some light on a subject for me. Why do women set those 'friend' traps for you? First off, they always complain that you don't want to spend time with their friends. Then they ask a question like, "Honey, if I were to die tomorrow which one of my friends would you want to date?"

You respond cleverly, "Duh, if you were to die I couldn't think of ever dating anyone else." But you are still not out of the water.

They come back, "I would want you to find someone to be happy with. NOW pick one of my friends."

Now the quandary, do you pick one of her sea donkey friends or, heaven forbid, the goddess of a friend that she no-right-answer questions. I give the most horrible, mean, what the hell? Have you been drinking paint? inappropriate answer possible. To use your example:

Me: "What do you mean?"

Her: "Duh. Look at her. She's built. She's flexible. Plus she's got those long dancer's legs and an ass like a ten-year-old boy. We'd screw like drunk monkeys."

You: "That's not ..." I'm willing to do a column on the games guys play if you ladies can just send me some material at: prothhus@uwsp.edu.

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Pat "Irascible" Rothfuss

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Girl Points: Part 2

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Me: Rebecca. As if you needed to ask.

Her: "What do you mean?"

Me: Duh. Look at her. She's built. She's flexible. Plus she's got those long dancer's legs and an ass like a ten-year-old boy. We'd screw like drunk monkeys.

Her: "Stunned silence"

Why would I say such a thunderously stupid thing? Well, as soon as you get asked a question like that, you know you're screwed. I figure if I'm going to get in trouble, it might as well be for something good.

Second, it's funny as hell. Yeah sure, it's the totally wrong thing to say, but that's the point. It's funny because it's the wrong thing to say. It's usually so funny that I can't help but laugh right there, while they're still staring at me in slack-jawed disbelief.

Lastly, it works. You notice how the conversation ended? That's right, stunned silence. Let's take a look at how it goes if you try to do things the "right" way.

Her: "Honey, if I died tomorrow which one of my friends would you want to date?"

You: "Wow. Well, I don't think I'd be able to date anyone if you died. I'd be all hurt inside. You know, with emotions and stuff."

Her: "But I love you. I'd want you to be happy."

You: "I do. I mean it."

Her: "You're always looking at other women. Do I have to dress like a slut to get some attention from you?"

You: "That's not..."

Her: "Are you calling me a liar?"

You: "No. You're right" [5 points]. I'm a jerk. I'm sorry. [10 points] If you ever die, I'll bleed off my genitals with a pipe wrench and bury them with you.

Her: "God, now I'm all tense, and I've got to leave for work in twenty-five minutes."

You: "Let me rub your back until then." [16 Points]

So there's the answer to your question DAC. They get points for making you chase your tail. One simple question and she's scored over 30. If you play by their rules, you're going to lose. My way, at least you'll have a good belly laugh.

Here are a few more examples to get you started....

Her: "Does this dress make me look fat?"

You: "Just your ass. It's like a sofa cushion that's been stuffed with puppies."

Her: "Is my sister prettier than me?"

You: "Yeah, but your cousin has got you both beat. She has got to be the hottest fourteen-year-old I've ever seen. Do you think she'd go for a three-way?"

Lastly, a few more things they get points for....

MAKING YOU SHOP:

According to my confidential source, it's not just making men shop. It's tricking men into more shopping than we were planning on. So they say they're just going to grab some shampoo from Shopko, but then, since you're already downtown, you get dragged along on a six-store, shoe-shopping romp.

They get two points for every extra store you stop at, plus a point for every package you carry. The cherry on top is you holding their purse: 5 points.

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We're not talking about that time you felt her up at Perkins. From opening doors [1 point], to singing outside her window at night with a mariachi band [20 points], it's all about the points.

I'm willing to do a column on the games guys play if you ladies can just send me some material at: prothhus@uwsp.edu.

C'mon. Show daddy where it hurts.

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Pointer swimmers off to great start
Young team explodes out of the gates against Titans
By Tyler Drummond

The UW-Stevens Point swim and dive team remained crisp this past weekend as they easily disposed of UW-Oshkosh. The women had a resounding 146-94 victory and the men easily reigned supreme with a 123-78 victory. The win moves the men and women to 1-0 each in conference matchups.

Head Coach Al Boelk comes back for his sixth year, with, in his opinion, one of the most powerful teams he’s ever coached.

“We look very strong this year, but I am especially excited about the diving team,” said Boelk.

“The diving team is especially strong, with mainly freshmen making up the roster. However, I feel that even though we don’t have the most experience, we will have a very dominating year with our dive team,” said Boelk.

Coach Boelk has been very successful in his first five years as the Pointers’ coach. He has a knack for winning the championship in other sports.

He expects his good fortune will come to an end and the postseason is here. This Saturday, both UWSP cross country teams will travel to Platteville to run for a conference championship.

“There is a tremendous amount of excitement right now,” said women’s cross country Head Coach Len Hill. “Everybody is running harder in workouts and our practices have been great.”

Men’s coach Rick Witt feels the team’s progress this year. “We are running as well as we can run. Everybody is healthy and we have no excuses.”

This past weekend both teams rested and hopefully their teamwork will carry over into this year.

“I expect us to dominate in the men’s division, and it will be real close with the women this year. La Crosse is bringing back a great team,” said Boelk.

Jennifer Wood, a freshman diver, sees the team chemistry as a main contributor to the team’s success.

“We have such great chemistry,” said Wood. “It’s like one big happy family.”

Coach Boelk also agrees with Wood. “We’ve never had this much chemistry, the team really works well together. It’s a lot of fun to see them working together so well,” said Boelk.

“The coaches do a great job with the swimmers and divers, helping them work well as a team,” said Boelk.

“One great thing is to have Amy Steinmetz as our diving coach. Having her work with the divers frees me up to watch and work with everyone on a more one on one basis.”

The men’s team takes their 34 duel meet winning streak to Eau Claire on Friday and the women will also be in Eau Claire, having won 21 of their last 22 duel meets. The meet is set to begin at 5:00pm.

Runners gear up for WIAC meet
By Jason Nihles

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Men’s coach Rick Witt feels the same way. “It is completely different right now,” said Witt. “The intensity level has gone up; this is like the playoff in other sports.”

Neither team comes into the conference race as the favorite but the coaches remain positive.

“We are almost back to normal,” said Hill, speaking of the team rebounding from injuries.

The women plan to run the race in two packs of four. The first group will go out hard and try to stay with the lead pack. Meanwhile, it will be important that the next group run together the entire race and push to stay at the front.

“This is definitely a team thing.”

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Pointers outlast Titans in Mud Bowl

Romano and Haffele’s big day sparks team
By Craig Mandli

After three games in four days following the freak snowstorm that hit Monday, Gortke Field resembled a pig barn or monster truck rally more than a football stadium.

Due to this, the UWSP football team (2-1) had to switch up their game plan going into Saturday’s contest against Oshkosh (0-3) at the ancient, embattled ballfield. In what could have turned out to be anyone’s game, the old rivals battled to the final play with the Pointers claiming a 12-10 victory.

“When you play on a field like that, it doesn’t matter who the better team is,” said Pointer Head Coach John Miech. “It’s the great equalizer.”

Both teams moved the ball effectively down the field for spurts, but were unable to mount long drives in treacherous, muddy field conditions.

Said Miech, “Whoever wins a game like that has to have a little luck involved. We were fortunate just to come out on top.”

Each team was stopped up by the conditions and quality defensive play, with neither team getting fourth down passes in the first half. With the victory, the Pointers move one step closer to securing their second straight WIAC title.

The Titans came storming back, first cutting the lead to 6-3 on a 31-yard field goal by Ryan Fitzgerald with 8:49 left and then taking the lead on a 20-yard pass from Mike Budziszewski to Steve Wagner on a third-and-seven play.

The Pointers answered on their next play from scrimmage when Krause was flushed from the pocket and found junior wingback Kurt Kielblock, who caught a little swing pass and raced down the sideline 65 yards for the lead.

The Titans made a last ditch effort late in the game, taking the ball inside the Pointers’ 40-yard line three times in the final seven minutes. Fortunately for the Pointers, that’s all the Titans could muster, as they punted on the first threatening possession and then threw a interception that Pointers’ freshman Chase Kostichka hauled in at the 11-yard line.

UW-Oshkosh again drove deep into Pointer territory and had a second-and-one play from the Titans’ 20-yard line with 40 seconds left. But as Budziszewski dropped back to pass, junior middle linebacker Nick Haffele burst through the Titan line untouched for a 10-yard sack, his 15th tackle of the game. Kostichka then broke the third down pass at the goal line down the left sideline and freshman corner Jared Flesch knocked down the fourth down pass on the right sideline to seal the victory.

With the victory, the Pointers move one step closer to securing their second straight WIAC title, improving to 3-1 in the conference. The team is now tied with Eau Claire, Stout, La Crosse and Whitewater for the division lead at 3-1. Although La Crosse holds a tie-breaker over the Pointers stemming from their win over UWSP earlier this year.

On Saturday the Pointers travel to Stout to take on the Stout Blue Devils in a matchup of the two pre-season favorites in the WIAC. Said Miech, “This is another big game for us, they were supposed to be our toughest game of the year. We need to go down there and have a good showing.”

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Soccer team completes undefeated season

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"It is something unique for us, it seems like there is something different every year," said Head Coach Sheila Miech. "It has just been a fantastic group for us because each one gives the team something different," said Miech. "They have all stepped up in different situations this year and, it's going to be tough to lose four quality seniors like that."

Point kicks off post-season play on Tuesday when they host Platteville in a WIAC quarterfinal match.

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Volleyball team ends regular season with tough loss to Lakeland

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By Dan Mirman

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SPORTS EDITOR

UWSP The Pointer
Admitting you are a homosexual in the most masculine of environments earns my respect

By Craig Mandli

What exactly is heroic? Is it throwing the first pitch? No. Is it throwing a winning touchdown pass in overtime? No. Is it hitting a grand slam in the bottom of the ninth to win the pennant? No. Is it taking mountains of steroids to make yourself a freakish-looking animal who is capable of wreaking havoc on opposing teams? Definitely not.

So, what is heroic? It can’t be described in words so much as in actions. Admitting you are a homosexual in public, and has been for quite a while.

I remember watching the Packers in the early 90s and seeing a young Samoan nose tackle from Hawaii that the Packers had drafted in the second round running up and down the Packers’ defensive line making plays.

The rookie even sang the National Anthem before a game with the Bears, perhaps the best rivalry in pro sports.

Then, in 1992, with the beginning of the Mike Holmgren regime in Green Bay, this energetic nose tackle was unceremoniously cut from the team. Holmgren said that he wanted to change the direction in which his defense was going. He wanted to get bigger at the nose, with high-priced free agent Bill Maas and defensive tackle Esera Tuaolo.

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Now I’m not saying that Holmgren was singling out Tuaolo because he had suspicions of his homosexuality, but does it seem a bit curious that a second round draft pick who played well, was a strong member of the Green Bay community and was a favorite in the locker room would be shown the door?

Tuaolo landed on his feet in Minnesota, providing yeoman’s work for the Vikings and later played in Atlanta for their super bowl team. Tuaolo retired from professional football in 2000 after all 31 NFL teams failed to offer him a contract.

Tuaolo now lives in suburban Minnesota just outside of Minneapolis with a partner, Mitchell, and a set of adopted twins, Mitchell Jr. and Michelle.

Tuaolo lives the good life now, but that is a far cry from the challenges he faced during his playing career. His psychological damage was worse than any injury he could have sustained.

The secret of his homosexuality kept him up at night, drove him to drink and even tempted him into contemplating suicide.

Tuaolo’s teammates would sometimes question their teammate’s sexual preference under their breath and would drag him to strip clubs and areas rich in prostitution to quench their own fears.

Tuaolo might play along, many times leaving with a girl and even sleeping with her, but it was all an act for his teammates, coaches and fans. Nobody knew the inner turmoil he was facing.

On Tuesday night, Tuaolo was a guest on Bryant Gumbel’s “Inside Sports” program that focused on homosexual athletes in professional sports. Many athletes were questioned about their take on that subject, and many of them proved to be the needlethals that they really are. Some went so far as to say that if they found out a player on their own team was gay, “He wouldn’t make it till the next game, ‘cause I’d hurt him in practice.”

When are professional sports players, especially football, going to wake up and realize that we live in a much more tolerant world than we did even twenty years ago? True, I have my prejudices in sports just like most sports fans, but when it all comes down to it, I believe in one motto: “Let the best player play.”

Esera Tuaolo was a quality player in the NFL for eight seasons and earned the respect and friendship of such football greats as Brett Favre, Jack Del Rio and John Randle. He played with heart, determination and guts.

However, Tuaolo saved his greatest gift for a Tuesday night in October, after his career had ended. For that, Esera Tuaolo, I applaud you. You can be my honorary Pointer Player of the Week.

GO POINTERS!!!
Terror lurks in Wisconsin's forests

Leigh Ann Ruddy
OUTDOORS EDITOR

There’s something lurking out there, ready to suck your blood, infecting you with a laborious disease that drains your body of all its fluids. A parasite crawls slowly, carrying a slow death-causing disease that infects your blood system, slowly causing your body to deteriorate from the inside out. An innocent plant waits in the darkness of the wood, clinging its volatile oils onto your clothes and causing you restless nights of itching. Although winter is upon the great landscape of the state, these pests still wreak havoc on our bodies and we should always be prepared to defend ourselves against them.

Scientists are still wondering how it came to our region but West Nile virus has made its way into the Midwest, infecting several people in Wisconsin over this past summer. Infected mosquitoes carry the virus and people become infected when they got bit by the infected mosquitoes. Symptoms of the virus are similar to the flu, including fever, headache, eye pain, muscle aches, joint pain and swollen lymph nodes. More severe cases can cause extreme muscle weakness, inflammation of the brain, paralysis and coma.

Here in Wisconsin, these symptoms may cause doctors to think they are caused by Lyme Disease, another burgeoning problem during the summer months. Lyme Disease is mostly carried by the deer tick (Ixodes scapularis) in the Midwest, but different species carry the disease in other regions of the country. The most common sign of Lyme Disease is the "bull's-eye" rash, which usually forms near the bite and causes migraine headaches, fatigue and muscle aches. Again, the risk of Lyme disease is lower in the winter months, but a surge of warmer weather in fall can affect the amount of time the tick stays dormant.

Poison ivy lurks in the forest all year long. Although not as menacing during the winter, it is still contagious and will cause you endless days of itching and scratching. The plant loses its leaves in the fall like most deciduous plants; however, it produces white berries. During the winter, the plant is left with just the stem and white berries. The plant may seem appealing to a passerby, but the stem and the berries still carry the poison ivy juices and will burn your skin, causing a reaction.

Certainly these are only a few of the scary things we find in the forests of Wisconsin, but being prepared, as the boy scouts say, is the most important guideline.

A Halloween practical joke improvement

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Above: Poison ivy berries. This is what the plant looks like most of the wintertime, it is still very volatile and contagious if handled.

Left: Female deer tick. Lyme disease is most prevalent during the summer, however ticks can subsist through late fall.

The simple ingenuity of ancient causeways.

A lovely limestone causeway of the Midwest.

The causeway authority

Adam Mella
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

I feel it is my duty as the Causeway Authority of Portage County to inform, promote, and raise interest amongst the general public as to the benefits of causeways.

In a world of superhighways and an ever-growing transportation system, it may be hard to imagine a feasible alternative to bridges. As a leading authority on causeways, I will try my best to free mankind span those liquid barriers for hundreds of years. They provide excellent fishing structures, require fewer resources to build, and never need repair. A causeway crafted by a true master of rocks can easily be called a work of art, as opposed to the numerous eye-sores that are repulsive bridges and viaducts. If only people would see the error of the bridge-hungry corruption, we could all ride our horses in peace.

As an authority on causeways, I enjoy going around the countryside charting existing structures (Portage County is the causeway jewel of Wisconsin), and promoting them as complementary elements to our existing transportation sector. Due to the backwaters of the Wisconsin River caused by dam-building, this area is blessed with many causeways; however, as a connoisseur, I always strive to seek out new causeways and other terrestrial-based creations. For any of you who know of hidden causeways, or would like to get involved in the hobby of enjoying their splendors, feel free to contact me in the future, as I am planning on releasing an article listing my favorite causeways and other interesting facts.

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Students enjoy an organic experience

Lindsay Heiser
COPY EDITOR

Students from 12 Midwestern states, including nine students from UW-Stevens Point, attended the Students of Sustainable Agriculture Conference at UW-Madison on Saturday Oct. 26. Coming from various disciplines, the students combined to learn what they might do to promote sustainability in their future careers as well as in their everyday lifestyles.

The morning began with workshops to acquaint the attendees with different issues pertaining to environmentally friendly practices, many of which are being currently neglected by mainstream society. Such issues included agro-ecology, community food security, diversified farming and ecological design.

Raul Gunderson, an architect from LaCrosse, Wis. who also designed the Biosphere 2 in Tucson, Ariz., spoke about the benefits of solar greenhouses and homes made with unprocessed timber and straw bale insulation.

In her workshop, sociology professor from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Dr. Mary Hendrickson emphasized the relationships between farmers and consumers across the globe and also promoted the concept of a Food Circle, in which all members can be aware of who is growing the food they purchase. Also, a panel of organic farmers was present to answer the questions students had regarding sustainable farming practices.

Inside the solar kiln at the Sustainable Woods Cooperative.

At the end of the day, students gathered for dinner and a discussion as to how the observations they made throughout the day could be relevant to global social, economic and ecological issues. Notably, UWSP student Stephen Roeker said, “I hope the Sustainable Agriculture Conference and other public venues like it help to scatter the false conceptions out there that the current system of agriculture in this country and in the world are not already sustainable.”

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Midwest Organic Sustainable Education Service, Oregon Valley Cooperative and Natural Resources Conservation Service, the free Conference provided all students who attended the resources to further their studies or interests in sustainable agriculture.

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The Wookie’s Corner

Phish is back and still king

By Steve Seaman
dead or carry

Ahhh, Halloween. It’s one of those “concert holidays,” right up there with New Year’s Eve. And I think that it goes without saying that Phish is easily the best band at tricking their audience on Halloween. Although they’re not back in time for this year’s spook, I thought I’d discuss their return a little bit.

First off, Phish unveiled to the masses that they will have a new album out on Dec. 10. The album, entitled Round Room, was the result of a 4-day practice session for their New Year’s Eve shows which turned into a recording session. Furthermore, Phish plans to tour the country in February, with dates to be announced in the next month or so.

Secondly, now that other bands are finally declaring their home venues for New Year’s Eve, a lot of fans are discussing the impact of Phish’s return on the attendance of other labels. Bands that pull in audiences in between 3,000 and 10,000 are sure to see a slight dip in attendance, in addition to less frequent week sightings in the lots.

Finally, some questions that have been pondered since Phish’s hiatus-beginning shows at Shoreline will be answered. Is String Cheese Incident for real? Can moo. sell out the Aragon on New Year’s Eve with Phish back in the game? Are The Disco Biscuits gerty enough to play post-Phish shows in Hampton, Vir. in January? Time will tell. However, I’d say that Phish still reigns as the supreme and divine king of the jamband circuit, like it or not.

But enough about Phish; there are plenty of bands gearing up for a November run. The Disco Biscuits will roll through the Midwest on Nov. 7 at The Rave in Milwaukee and Nov. 8 at the Vic Theatre in Chicago. The following weekend, The New Deal will make their first appearance in Wisconsin at Thai Joe’s on Nov. 15; The Westfall will open the show. Robert Randolph and the Family Band will also play a show that night at Luther’s Blues in Madison.

Three notables will play in Milwaukee and Madison for pre-Thanksgivingbashes. Both Ben Edquist (singer) and Les Claypool’s Frog Brigade will play The Rave on Saturday, Nov. 23 (on different floors, of course); Yonder Mountain String Band will make their first appearance at The Barrymore Theater on the same night. Ben Folds will also play at The Barrymore Theater on Sunday, Nov. 24. Prepare yourself for the inferno. Until next time, “Who got my phatty Sammy Smith Oatmeal Stout?”

Phish, that is.

The Truth About Charlie

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By Geoff Bytje

One of the amazing things about Hollywood is the constant remaking of classic films, ignoring the fact that if something is a classic, it was usually done right the first time.

Director Jonathan Demme (Silence of the Lambs, Philadelphia) has now taken his shot at a classic by transforming the Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn charmer, Charade, into The Truth About Charlie. While his attempt at remaking a classic is better than most, it still raises the question: “Why?”

The Hepburn-style heroine in this version is Reggie Lambert (Thandie Newton), a young woman returning to her Paris home from a vacation in the Bahamas. Reggie gets a nasty shock when she finds her apartment ransacked and her soon to be ex-husband, Charlie, murdered. She soon discovers that her husband was not who he seemed to be.

Things get confusing as a “Mr. Bartlowhouse” (Tim Robbins), supposedly a U.S. official, meets her to report that Charlie was his associate and possessed $6 million worth of stolen U.S. government funds. He wants it back. Meanwhile, the French cops are harassing her for information, a woman who claims to be Charlie’s mother (he told Reggie that he was an orphan) wants to kill her and three menacing operatives, ex-colleagues of Charlie, are after her for the stolen money.

The only aid Reggie receives is from Joshua Peter (Mark Wahlberg), a mysterious American charmer who she met in the Bahamas. He takes her in and seems to want to help her. But why do her pursuers call him “Dyle” and why is he so willing to help her? Reggie isn’t sure, but as the double-crossing begins and the story branches out in new directions, it seems that she will live to know the answer.

Confused? It’s okay to be confused with a movie that has double-crosses after triple-crosses and a plot so perplexing it would help if a flow-chart were provided. The film makes a valiant attempt to pull everything together by the end but still seems muddled.

Ultimately, Charlie pales in comparison to the original. The chemistry between Grant and Hepburn in Charade cannot be recaptured, and everything just seems like an imitation. Demme makes it look good and gives his best effort, but it just doesn’t work. The acting falls short, too. Robbins is rather bland, the three operatives are too little screen time and Wahlberg is no Cary Grant.

The one saving grace of the movie is that it is a one-time or another of a good thing: group houses provided the representative of the familial locale-specific, even today, the comprehensive schooling. The exhaustive 134-page book tally contains three CDs (74 box set (a budget deal, incidentally), Dischord record’s extra 2 years to assemble this compilation), Dischord records, founded by Ian MacKaye, is his current band Fugazi contributing work. The acting falls short, too. Robbins seems to make...
Catball & Clown Girl

Tony Steele

Come quietly, or there will be trouble.

Hey, Tony! You made it!

Shhh, who? You got my water, running—be happy.

Sometimes when I'm alone I think about blankets.

Joey Hetzel

I've just been in a fun lab! It's like, I don't have any ambition to do anything.

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