Bicyclists create traffic disruption

Group demonstrates against pollution, for bicyclist rights

By David Cohen
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Bicyclists congregated in downtown Stevens Point on Halloween to intentionally disrupt traffic. The event, called the "Critical Mass," was designed to protest peoples' dependency on cars, thus using oil and gasoline as well as causing pollution and also to promote bicyclists' rights. It is not illegal to take up one lane of traffic on a two-lane road.

The Critical Mass of bikers consisted of about 20 people who met on the square. They then took up an entire lane of traffic while riding on Stevens Point streets. This included a lane on Division Street during rush hour. Traffic on Division Street became severely slowed, and the Stevens Point Police Department arrived on the scene to monitor the situation, though the cyclists were within their legal rights.

The only irate reaction from a driver was directed toward another driver who was driving very slowly while next to the bicyclists. The irate driver was extremely close to the other and began honking wildly, which resulted in jeers from the bikers.

The Critical Mass was off the street before it became very dark, though a number of the cyclists had flashing lights on their bikes as a precaution.

The organizer of the event, who wished to be quoted anonymously, described the rally as "joyful protest and folk revolution. It is a direct action against the car culture of our world. "The peace symbol was displayed to illustrate automobile consumption of oil in America to be the primary reason behind the US's dependency on automobiles. Cyclists blocked off a single lane of traffic in an effort to make their point.

Protestors congregate with their bicycles before taking to the streets for a demonstration against the American dependency on automobiles. Cyclists blocked off a single lane of traffic in an effort to make their point.

STV debuts debate forum for political organizations

By Johanna Nelson
NEWS EDITOR

A venue for debate and discourse arrived on campus television this week with the debut of Point Blank Television on Tuesday, which features members from UWSP's political organizations.

The show, which aims to tackle the pressing political issues of the day, features representatives of each of UW-Stevens Point's student political organizations.

In attendance were the College Greens and College Republicans; the College Democrats were absent, although they had intended to participate.

Michelle Broupu-Baumann, Political Science Professor at UWSP, expressed the importance of such venues as she states, "A representative democracy requires information and participation. Political debate, discussion and dialogue provide citizens with information to help them make decisions about policies and political leaders' actions."

The campus debate is the brainchild of Eric Krszjanek, a leading member of the College Greens organization.

Although the political party has enjoyed a strong backing from Greens on campus, Krszjanek saw the television program as a way to "legitimize ourselves in comparison to the two recognized parties."

The show offers the opportunity for each debater to express him or herself in regard to preselected discussion topics. This week's issues included the concealed weapons bill and its implications statewide as well as local.

Matt Kamke and Eric Krszjanek debate the merits of term limits in a segment of STV's new series Point Blank.
UWSP Student Attends Washington Anti-War Protest

Coalition of groups protest U.S. activities in Iraq

By John Larson

From October 25th to the 26th, thousands of protesters gathered in Washington DC and San Francisco to protest the war and the policies of the Bush Administration.

The protests were organized by several anti-war groups, including International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), United for Peace and Justice and Veterans for Peace. Major speakers at the event included Martin Luther King III, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, actor Viggo Mortensen, included Martin Luther King III, actor Viggo Mortensen, and Clark was quoted at the event as saying "We support our troops and the commander-in-chief and their mis

A counter protest by the group Free Republic, an independent conservative organization, was held Saturday at the US Capital. Organizers of that event believed that they had roughly 1,000 in attendance. Kristine Taylor, co-leader of the group, was quoted as saying "We support our troops and the commander-in-chief and their mission."

Joshua Ruk, a UWSP student, was in attendance at the Washington DC protest. When asked about the events of that day, Ruk stated, "After the speakers had finished at about 1:00, the march began. We started at the corner of 17th St. and Constitution Ave. near the Washington Monument, we encircled the white house, went past the FBI building, around the department of justice, and then back to where we started. It was just over a two-mile march and took about one hour to walk."

"There were many different and clever signs at this rally with messages ranging from: Bring the troops home, to impeach Bush, to Goo-goo Dolls Fans for peace, to Bush is a liar."

Ruk believed that the event "showed that people in this day and age still take advantage of their first amendment rights, by making their voices heard by their political leaders in Washington."

Organizers were expecting an attendance of 100,000, but actual actual attendance was estimated by police to be between 10,000 and 20,000.

The similar protest in San Francisco was also organized and attended by ANSWER, as well as Bay Area United Against War, Not in Our Name, United for Peace and Justice and the Vanguard Foundation. Several of these groups arranged for transportation so members from around the West Coast could attend the protest.

Photo courtesy of Joshua Ruk

Thousands gather in Washington DC to protest US military operations in Iraq. UWSP student Joshua Ruk was on hand for the protest.

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by, term limits and US foreign policy, especially in Iraq. Due to the fact that the war is such a multifaceted issue, Krzszjanek plans to dedicate a segment of each subsequent broadcast to this volatile topic.

Indeed, it was this issue that sparked a heated exchange between the Greens and Republicans during their closing statements.

Phil Peterson stated that the United States could have employed diplomatic means in handling the Iraq conflict, and further that the Bush administration did not adequately make a case for war.

Rebecca Barnard, vice-president of the UWSP College Republicans, countered this statement, arguing that "certain situations cannot be diplomatically resolved...[our involvement in Iraq] is an attempt to do the right thing."

In the future, a mediator will be present to oversee such unexpected exchanges and ensure that the debaters stay on task and devote equal time to each topic of discussion.

A.J. Wieseler, head of the College Republicans, was pleased with the outcome of the first show, stating that "it went well for the first time. The last section turned into a debate, which was unexpected."

She hopes the program will let students know "there are things going on here on campus," as well as providing an opportunity to "get our messages out there."

Her political activism is echoed by Krzszjanek, who worked with the debaters to formulate and polish their messages. The debaters were designated on a volunteer basis and given the responsibility to become experts on the political issues.

He cited the memorization of statements and facts as key. Such responsibility was not taken lightly, which is apparent as Krzszjanek states "we put a lot of faith in the people representing us."

After completing the first show, the only question remaining is how it will be received by those on campus. Assessing the student body's political interest may shed some light on the topic. Krzszjanek views UWSP as a "pretty politically active campus over-all. Especially for its size, space and resources."

Brophy-Baermann had a similar viewpoint, stating "My sense is that students on campus are more interested in politics as of late. It could be a post September 11 awakening, it could be the upcoming presidential election, it could just be that students here at Point are an effusive lot who want to get involved."

Carla Lorenz, UWSP student and member of the College Republicans, offered a different perspective. She was unhappy with the current political atmosphere, stating that "I've tried to go to [College Republican] meetings, but they don't seem like they're very organized."

She believes there is room for improvement within the political groups, especially in terms of the expression and exposure of key messages.

Wayne Zelhofer, another UWSP student viewed political activity on campus as "nonexistent. He attributed this lack of participation to conflicting priorities, stating "[political involvement] is too much of a burden."

With classes and homework, there is no time to get involved."

Talking with friends involved in the organizations has furthered Zelhofer's negative view. He described them as "very stressed out and over-stung." He also felt that there was "not a lot of information on how to join organizations." In his opinion, political issues are "too vague and need more information in terms of the political messages held by each party."

The debate series is scheduled to occur every other Tuesday. The off weeks, Krzszjanek plans to feature the College Greens in a format which allows members to express their perspectives on prominent political issues.
Assembly bill

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Burri, a legislative aid to Rep. Frank Lasee, the committee chair, who opposes the bill. "We're sympathetic to their situation, but this is an issue of fairness."

"The way to handle this is to provide more options at the federal level for naturalization. The way not to deal with it is to provide privileges to illegal aliens that are not available to legal citizens and legal resident aliens, which is what the bill does," he said.

Andy Jansen, a legislative aid to Rep. Colon (D-Milwaukee), disagrees.

"That's where they're wrong on the interpretation," said Jansen. "The way the bill is written, anybody in the U.S. could qualify for residency tuition provided they met the relevant requirements of the bill."

Jansen does acknowledge that criticism over the enforceability of the legislation has emerged as a matter of serious contention, as opponents have raised concerns that the state would be unable to ensure that the difference between residential and out of state tuition is returned if a student does not become a citizen.

Jansen raised the possibility of adding language to the bill that would mandate the return of the difference between residential and out of state tuition, however, Burri maintained that ensuring that return may not be feasible.

For those supporting the measure, the next step is accruing enough votes to get the bill out of committee. Jansen stated that the primary challenge for Rep. Colon would come in recruiting support from at least three of the six Republicans who sit on the eight-member committee.

The current legislative session ends Nov. 13, and while Jansen is optimistic about seeing the bill reach the Assembly floor, Burri stated that at present, he was not certain that the bill would come up for a vote in committee during this session.

"It's up to us to prove we have the support, and that's what we're up to right now," said Jansen.

One student at UW-Stevens Point finds himself seeking support as well.

Nicholas Crawford, president of the Student Government Association, introduced a resolution to the student senate last week to support Assembly Bill 95, stating the legislation would make higher education more accessible for people who could not otherwise afford to attend.

"Unlike legacy tuition, which benefits students whose parent attended a school in the UW System and who most likely to be able to afford a college education, this measure would help people who are least likely to be able to afford it," said Crawford.

He also stated that he perceived many misconceptions about the intent of the legislation and the people it would benefit.

"We're not talking about people who just crossed the border," he said. "We're talking about people who have been here a while, who want to stay here, and who want to be productive".

Some SGA senators have criticized the resolution and the bill it supports, stating that the absence of a concrete residency requirement and lack of a mechanism for reimbursement if a student does not become a citizen provides cause for concern. Among the concerned student senators is Geoffrey Rademacher.

"The language used throughout Assembly Bill 95 and the proposed SGA resolution in support of it lacks sufficient clarity," said Rademacher. "As I read this, the language encompasses both legal immigrants who are currently not yet naturalized and illegal immigrants."

"The distinction is critical, as one class of persons has gone through the prescribed procedures for residency-and are therefore suitable for additional assistance-and the other has not."

The student senate will vote on the resolution this Thursday at its weekly meeting in the Legacy Room, scheduled to begin at 6:20 p.m.
Musings from Mirman

Was the Reagans canceled because of inaccuracies or was it just censorship?

By Dan Mirman

Editor's Note:

This week CBS made the decision not to air the mini-series The Reagans later this month. After weeks of discussion, the network decided to cave to mounting pressure.

The mini-series was supposed to show a love story between Ron and Nancy Reagan with some political overtones, including one scene where Ron bashes AIDS sufferers, "They that live in sin shall die in sin." Lines like that were brought to the public's attention in various stories, including one in The New York Times.

Who applied the pressure to cancel the mini-series?

It depends on your source of information.

According to Drudgereport.com, that website is entirely responsible for the cancellation. According to them, the pressure was applied from the Republican party, and CBS's parent company Viacom. If you follow that line of thinking, then the media itself is responsible for canceling The Reagans and they did it to save the public from seeing those reports.

That viewpoint comes in direct conflict with the story that has run in most national newspapers. Articles appeared in every periodical from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel to the Washington Post and even in The L.A. Times. All these publications pointed to pressure applied from the Republican National Committee (RNC) as the reason for the cancellation.

These articles cited a letter written by the RNC to CBS urging them to consider options when airing The Reagans. This letter requested that CBS run a crawler every 10-15 minutes stating that the film was a fictitious representation. Furthermore, the RNC took shots at almost every aspect of the production, viewing it as a liberal hatchet job. They even questioned the choice of James Brolin to play Ron Reagan in the film. The complaint was that Brolin was married to ultra-liberal Barbara Streisand and thus could not accurately portray a Republican.

The liberal side of things provided the same type of extremist反应. There was a wealth of evidence to use the phrase censorship when referring to the cancellation. Prominent Democratic Senator Tom Daschle was also quoted in the Post article, suggesting that the conservatives are censoring any productions that disagree with their viewpoints.

Looking only at the facts, a docudrama has a responsibility to portray the truth. If the writers have adequate proof that they are portraying an accurate portrait of Reagan, then there should be no worry about a backlash, especially if all the sources are documented correctly.

On the other hand, the movie provides a false representation of our former president, it shouldn't have been made in the first place.

CBS has yet to answer anyone's concerns legitimately. Their official statement said they were not bowing to pressure from conservatives when opting not to air the film. CBS Chairman Les Moonves even stated that the movie wasn't accurate; "we believe it does not present an accurate portrayal of the Reagans for CBS and its audience."

If Moonves speaks the truth, then one question stands out: Who is Viacom still planning to air the movie on Showtime, a channel they own?

Either the movie is biased, or unfair and shouldn't be run, or it presents an accurate portrayal of a man that most people don't really know. Congratulations CBS, you're either guilty of defaming a former president, or of censoring a movie based on pressure from a political group.

Either, way the handling of The Reagans embarrasses everyone involved.

I did not have relations with that sign

One of the annoying things about George W. Bush is his inability to take responsibility for anything. With him, it's always someone else's fault. Don't blame me for 9/11, blame the FBI. Don't blame him for 9/11, blame the CIA. Don't blame me for the massive deficit, blame 9/11. And of course, everything is the fault of the evil boogeyman Clinton.

Last week though, Bush hit new depths during his hastily assembled press conference in the wake of the escalating Iraqi guerrilla war. A reporter asked him about the "Mission Accomplished" banner present at the carrier stunt that's quickly becoming this administration's "jump the shark" moment. The reporter asked if he was a bit premature in putting this message up, but the sailors themselves did to celebrate their mission being accomplished. (Insert moment of stunned disbelief here). Later, press secretary Ari Fleischer denied it all. Scott McClellan clarified things by saying the White House had the sign made and brought to the ship, but the sailors put it up. He neglected to mention that the White House probably gave them instructions as to what to put in with it.

This frantic spin by the White House is almost pathetically beyond words. Okay, so you made the sign and brought it to the ship, but since the sailors put it up, you had nothing to do with it. If so, why didn't you take it down so it wouldn't cause such problems? Suppose the sailors had put up a sign saying "Chickenhawks Go Home" that made light of Bush's Vietnam dodging and his going AWOL from his National Guard duty. Would they have just left that one up? I think not.

The fact is that the White House had the sign put up as the crowning touch to their ultimate P.R. moment. The whole affair on the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln was staged as a giant photo op to crown Bush as a conquering hero and provide him with pre-made campaign footage for 2004. You want an example of how stage-managed the whole sorry affair was? The carrier was actually within miles of San Diego and thus had to turn back out to sea so the city skyline wouldn't get in the way. So the sailors had to wait an extra day to reunite with their families so Bush could indulge his messianic image hole they've dug for themselves. The more they try, the more ridiculous they sound.

I understand that taking responsibility for his actions is not something Bush is accustomed to doing. As a child of privilege, he's never had to do in the past, what with Daddy around to clean up his messes. But now he's the President and his "own man," so to speak, and it's time he took responsibility for his actions. This childish blinding of others for his own messes has got to stop for the good of the country. As Harry Truman said about the presidency, "The buck stops here."

Unfortunately for him and us, Bush never paid much attention in history class.

Geoff Pyfe
Assistant Features Editor

How constitutional is the pledge of allegiance?

The Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of having children in public schools pledge allegiance to "one nation under God."

To those angered about removing the reference to God: What if the Court incorporated the words "under no God" instead? Would you welcome public schools leading your children in such a pledge? And if you insist on respecting for your religious freedom, why aren't you equally willing to respect mine?

If the Pledge's words are a nod to our nation's religious heritage, why should its significant anti-religious, freethinking heritage get short shrift? Why should religious people be allowed to use government power to disparage and suppress ideas they don't like?

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The weather outside is frightful

Suggestions for making it through November

By Geoff Fye
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

It's no secret that November is a really bad month around here. Work is piling up as the semester marches inexorably towards its conclusion. Registration lies just around the corner and you're wondering what classes to take as well as whether you'll get the ones you want or not. Plus, those of us nearing graduation are stressing over our post-graduate plans. Whoever said that November wasn't kidding was a month as hard as steel was-painful and crisp, with Indian summer and reasonably warm temperatures. In October, the leaves all change colors and the air gets colder, but it still seems reasonable, and perfect for Halloween. In November, however, autumn turns nasty. We get biting cold temperatures, leaves falling and stripped of their colors and the first tastes of winter. Just the morning and rain in the puddles around campus and some snow is leaving some rather large hand in the construction of a new warm family home. Currently they are building at 276 Second Street North on Saturday at 9 am. Newcomers are always welcome as well. For taking part in either of these organizations is sure to be a rewarding experience.

The holidays right around the corner, the act of sharing and helping others plays a major role in this season's theme. Through sharing one's gifts and talents with others, one can truly make a difference in someone's life. Try to give volunteering a chance this holiday season; it is amazing how something so small changes another's life.

The Stevens Point area currently has an abundance of volunteer opportunities available to all persons, from volunteer-based clubs, to simply individual acts of kindness, there are a variety of ways to become involved with helping others. Many clubs on campus offer volunteer possibilities regularly that are either a one-time deal or ongoing events. The Association for Community Tasks (ACT) offers tutoring programs, blood drives, a cleanup grant and a variety of other group or individual opportunities. Circle K is another volunteer based club on campus supported by the local Kiwanis club, also has a variety of ways to help out the community. Currently, Circle K has a Little Tykes Day Care volunteer opportunity available, a blanket drives for the local animal shelter, and a variety of group tasks in progress. Circle K meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in room 113 of the UC and always welcomes new faces.

Two ongoing volunteer events always looking for help take place at the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. Although the majority of those that get involved are from volunteer-based clubs, individuals are also welcome. The Salvation Army will never deny the help of someone cooking a hot meal or offering their time in any way available. Habitat for Humanity is always looking for an extra hand in the construction of a new warm family home.

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“Cabaret” sings and dances its way to the UWSP Jenkins Theatre

By Maria Lewis
FEATURES REPORTER

From Liza Minnelli and Michael York to John Stamos, “Cabaret”, has seen its share of stars. Now the stars of UWSP open “Cabaret”, the Tony Award-winning musical Friday Nov. 14. “Cabaret, is based on The Berlin Stories, a collection of short stories by Christopher Isherwood. These stories chronicle his pre-WWII observations of Berlin and Nazism rise to power. The musical itself illustrates the political climate of the time.

Here’s the synopsis: Cliff is an impoverished American writer, played by Ben Gregoire of Monroe, Wash., who becomes involved with Sally, a cabaret singer played by Courtney Jones of Racine. Fraulein Schneider, played by Lindsay Vestergen of Appleton, is the owner of the boarding house where Cliff and Sally live. Schneider’s engagement to Herr Schultz, a Jewish fruit shop owner played by Derrick Gehrke of Waukesha, has more problems than either of them anticipated.

Berlin nightlife is the setting for the musical. Byron DeMent of Foresthill, Calif., is the Emcee of the sleazy Kit Kat Club. He is the overseer of the club’s performers and of the 10 member onstaged band. The Kit Kat Club is visible throughout the play. Its constant presence creates a never-ending counterpoint to the scenes that go on outside the club.

Director, Alan Shorter, assistant professor of theatre and dance says that the production features haunting, unforgettable music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb. Musical direction for “Cabaret” is done by associate professor of theatre and dance Roger Nelson.

Choreography was created by Andrew Cao of Green Bay. Cao’s work has been recognized by the American College Dance Association. “His choreography is an integral part of this production,” Shorter said. “With majors in both musical theatre and dance, Andrew is the perfect choreographer for the innovative dances required in Cabaret.”

Like most plays and musicals, the script has gone through revisions. Shorter says that their script is the 1987 New York revival script which is closer to the original Isherwood material. “Cabaret” is not appropriate for children and parental discretion is advised. There is no nudity in the play; it does contain scenes that deal with sexuality and sexual fantasy; these plays a major role in this season’s theme. Try to give volunteering a chance this holiday season; it is amazing how something so small changes another's life.
FEATURES

A woman's private battle of suffering to be thin

Stacey Kole delivers her personal message of how an eating disorder affected her life

By Alli Himle

Stacey Kole, Miss Arizona 1998 and Miss USA finalist, spoke of her personal battle with an eating disorder to a crowded Laird room Tuesday night. Stacey has personally dealt with the battles that women face on a day-to-day basis of trying to be perfect by societal standards. Because of this, she has devoted herself to becoming a spokes­woman and advocate for eating disorders and prevention.

As a junior in high school, Stacey appeared to have it all. She was involved in numerous extracurricular activities, was taking college courses in the afternoon in hopes of completing college in a mere three years and was involved in pageants which required numerous hours of vol­unteering. But in Stacey's eyes, there was always room for more improvement, always another way of attaining perfection, not showing the baggy eyes, stretch marks and other body fea­tures that have come to be viewed as impurities when they are in fact nothing of the sort.

The second factor is emotional vulnerability. Emotional vulnerability stems from an event that has caused one to believe that by buying into this goal of a perfect body, one will achieve love and fulfillment. Control becomes the issue for these women.

Eating disorders develop for two main reasons Stacey noted. Cultural pressure is at the forefront of eating disorder develop­ment. It is estimated that "thin is in." However, what is often neglected in focusing on the "perfect bodies" depicted in magazines is the fact that they are indeed not perfect. The advancement of computers in this day in age allows for enhancement - tweaking bodies in a way to appear perfect while not showing the baggy eyes, stretch marks and other body fea­tures that have come to be viewed as impurities when they are in fact nothing of the sort.

Finding the light for Stacey involved connecting with the spiritual side of life. As Stacey asserted, "Eating disorders are not so much about having empty stomachs, as they are about hav­ing empty hearts." It is fulfill­ment that one is in search of. However, as Stacey has demon­strated through her own personal story, that fulfillment cannot be achieved by starving yourself.

For those of you who know someone who is personally strugg­ling with an eating disorder, or if you yourself are fighting this battle, please refer to the Counseling Center located on the third floor of Delzell hall, or contact the Rader Program, an assoc­iation specializing in the treat­ment of eating disorders, at 1-800-841-1515.

For those of you who know someone who is affected by an eating disorder, the main thing to do is maintain an open line of communication while being non­judgmental. Just be there for your friend and let them know that when they are willing to talk, you will be there. Be that safe person for them by allowing them to build trust with you.

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Women take conference championship
Men come home with second

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

A fabulous year for the Stevens Point women's cross country just continues to get better. This year's squad will go down in the record books as the first ever to win the conference crown.

**Cross Country**

The victory also puts the team in elite company, becoming only the fourth team ever to win the WIAC meet and replacing La Crosse or Oshkosh as conference champ for the past 18 years.

Dr. Len Hill, coach of the women, also had a fine weekend, picking up his fourth WIAC Coach of the Year award in his 18th year as Pointer head coach.

Sophomore Jenna Mitchler led a group of five Pointers in the top eight positions, placing third at the meet held at Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, WI.

“Our goal was to place five in the top ten, and I was pleased that we surpassed our goal by a little bit,” said Hill.

### Regular season wrapped with win

**Team now focused on tournament**

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's soccer team wrapped up its regular season with a trip to St. Peter, Minnesota on Friday to take on Gustavus Adolphus.

**Soccer**

The Pointers, without a win in their previous two matches, were looking to get back on track.

UWSP wasted no time in this game as Kim Reese broke loose and scored an unassisted goal barely a minute into the game to put the Pointers up 1-0. Melissa Becker put another in the second half, and the Pointers dominated the second half, controlling the ball and controlling the game. They went on to win 4-1.

**Strong defense keys win over conference rival**

By Tony Bastien
SPORTS REPORTER

Facing the last opponent they saw last year, the Pointer women's hockey team swept the Falcons of River Falls over the weekend at River Falls.

### Women's Hockey

Not only did the women seek revenge, but also looked to assert themselves as the team to beat this year in the NCHA.

“These wins were big in little more drama associated with it. The two teams were tied at two entering the third period before Tracy Truckey's first goal of the year just over five minutes into the third period proved to be the game winner.

The youngster in the net, Statz, had another stellar night, with the only two goals allowed coming on the power play and in the third period, when the game was on the line. Statz faced the same number of shots in that period.

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**Skaters start non-conference season on the wrong foot**

**Blowout win against Lawrence gets team on right track**

By Jana Jurkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite a 1-2 start to the season, the men's hockey team found some good in facing off against a tough opening weekend.

**men's hockey**

The UWSP men's hockey team opened their season at home last Friday against UW-Superior. The Pointers fell behind 2-0 early, but goals from junior Adam Kostichka and freshman Brent Halverson tied the game at two early in the second period. The game then remained scoreless until the final five minutes, when UW-Superior netted what would be the winning goal.

Superior has always been known to be a top team in the NCHA, and the Pointers found it beneficial to open up with a strong schedule.

"We probably started harder than anyone with Superior. We weren't sure what to expect, but it was a good text," said Head Coach Joe Baldarotta.

Although disappointed with the loss, the team was not disappointed with the effort. Said Captain Sean Leahy, "Friday was a hard fought battle that could of gone either way. Unfortunately we lost, but it showed us that we could play with the top teams in the league."

The Pointers had hoped that the intensity from Friday's game would stick with them as they traveled to UW-Eau Claire on Saturday. However, that didn't prove to be the case.

"It's interesting," said Baldarotta. "Both us and Superior were favored to win our games on Saturday, but we both lost. Friday night was intense and I think we took a little out of each other."

On Saturday the team fell behind 4-0 through the first two periods, and despite rallying in the third, were unable to catch up.

"It's interesting," said Baldarotta. "We probably started harder than any team. We had a great third period and finally played the way we should have played."

The nagging problem the Pointers seemed to have over the weekend was the number of penalties they were taking. The team had 12 penalties on Friday and 16 on Saturday. The number of penalties in Saturday's game played a huge part in the outcome. "The slow start to the game and way too many penalties made it impossible for us to play our game," said Leahy.

**Cross Country**

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Curt Johnson once again led the way for the men, placing third, followed by Mark Latonde in eighth and Adam Bucholz in ninth.

It was a cool 38 degrees on Saturday, a day coach Witt called "absolutely perfect."

"Most people will tell you it's worse for the spectators than it is the runners. The biggest problem right now is the change, one day it's warm, then it's cold, then it rains, then it snows. We'd like it to get consistent," said Witt

Next for both the teams is the NCAA Regionals, also in Colfax and on the same course. Both coaches feel their teams should have an advantage over teams that did not race on that course this past weekend.

"Any time you've run the course, I think there's definitely an advantage," said Witt.

"We will have an advantage, we had a really good experience there and it's always nice to go back. Mentally, we know the course and we basically have to go back and do the same thing."

**Volleyball**

The Pointers started off by facing Northland College. The Pointers started the match strong, dominating the first game by a score of 30-15. UWSP kept the pressure on in the second game, notching a 30-26 win. With the Pointers thinking sweep in game three, Northland College stayed close but came up short, dropping the final game 30-26, giving UWSP the three game sweep.

The Pointers utilized a balanced attack in the victory, with ten players recording at least one kill. "Nicoles Stahovich and Jessica Parker led the way with six kills apiece. Kim Palmiteer and Katie Stephenson also contributed with four and three aces, respectively."

The Pointers looked to end the season on a high note as they faced UW-Superior later that afternoon. UWSP once again started strong, beating Superior in game one 30-22. Superior came back strong in game two, tallying a 30-25 win and evening the match at one game apiece. Game three saw Superior take control of the match with a 30-22 win. Game four was a well fought battle that saw the Pointers fall just short, losing 33-31, thus giving Superior the 3-1 match win.

Freshman Brett Coburn and junior David Lee each netted two goals to lead the Pointers. The team went up 3-0 until the middle of the second period, when they gave up their only goal of the game. The Pointers then left Lawrence in the dust as they scored five unanswered goals.

"The game in Appleton was a big win for no other reason than we got a win under our belt," said Leahy.

UWSP now has a big weekend coming up as they take their first big road trip to Minnesota to play Hamline College and Bethel College.

"The games against the MIAC teams are a must win because what happens during this weekend may affect us on a national scope for if no other reason than we got a win."

"It's interesting," said Baldarotta.
Adamczak sparks offensive explosion

Junior tight end has career day in Pointer romp
By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP offense started early, taking a 39-0 lead into halftime, and scored often, never looking back in the 60-30 slaughter of UW-Whitewater on Saturday.

football

Sophomore defensive back Chase Kostichka and junior linebacker Ryan Bentley each had interceptions on the Warhawks’ first two drives as the Pointers built a 27-0 first quarter lead. Senior quarterback Scott Krause hit wide out Tony Romano for a six-yard score after Bentley’s interception. Krause, and freshman fullback Chad Childs scored from two yards out after Bentley’s interception. Krause ran for a 22-yard score with 4:09 left in the first quarter and Krause ran for a six-yard score himself.

“Krause was as close as the Warhawks were going to get during the major part of the game,” said Miech. “Ross did a good job of finding those soft spots.”

After halftime, Whitewater’s dangerous special teams immediately struck the Pointers, as Derek Stanley returned the opening kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown. That was as close as the Warhawks would get during the major part of the game, though, as the Pointers drove 65 yards in eight plays, with Krause driving to the pylon for a five-yard score to push the lead back to 46-7.

The Pointers added on two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter, as Romano hauled in a 22-yard scoring strike from Krause, and freshman fullback Eric Reible rumbled 19 yards for a score. Reible and Childs filled in for injured starters as the Pointers led 28-7 at halftime, outgaining the Warhawks 250-75 in the first 30 minutes. Adamczak had a career day for the Pointers, catching seven balls for 195 yards.

“We did a lot of play-action plays, and when you do that against the type of defense that Whitewater runs, soft spots open up in the middle of the field,” said Miech. “Ross did a good job of finding those soft spots.”

Offensively, the Pointers kept the Warhawks rushing attack at bay the whole first half, with pre-season All-America candidate Chad Wurth gassing up only ten yards on 11 carries. The defense also gathered in three interceptions, two by Kostichka.

The Pointers, ranked 22nd in Division III, snapped Whitewater’s six-game winning streak and moved within one game of the first place in the conference. Whitewater is ranked 13th nationally and is 9-2 overall and 4-1 in the WIAC, while the Pointers are 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

“This weekend, the Pointers travel to Platteville to face a Pioneer team led by quarterback Tom Stetzer and Brent Nelson. Stetzer, who is nursing a broken hand, became the tenth player in Division III history to pass for 10,000 career yards. Last week Nelson, subbing for Stetzer, was 36-60 for 440 yards against Eau Claire.

“We’re going to have to battle in this game,” said Miech. “You can’t put your guard down in this league.”
Welcome once again, hockey fans, to random rambles that are the Rowdy Crowd writings.

Apparently this past weekend some of you forgot about Pointer hockey. To quote from the movie "UHF with Weird Al", "YOU SO STUPID!" Nahhh just kidding. You missed some good hockey on Friday night, but here is to hoping you all had a good Halloween.

Ok, so Friday night wasn't the best. Superior came in and won 3-2 in our barn. Big deal! We have 11 or 12 new players and they are still getting their act together.

Saturday night, a few members of the Rowdy Crowd went to UW-Eau Claire for the game there. UWEC got their one win of the year, but the game was played on what seemed to be a very poor ice surface. We hope our guys didn't get hurt on that pile of shit they call a hockey rink. The BlueGolds beat us 5-3. Once again, NOT A BIG DEAL, blind squirrels find nuts, etc. We had a great third period and showed flashes of brilliance we've not seen in a long while.

On Tuesday night we had the honor of being invited to dinner by one of the players' parents before the big game in Appleton versus the Lawrence Vikings. Talk about a great meal and good visiting with some of the guys' parents THANK YOU SO MUCH!

After being fed well and visiting (we do have some manners) we all trooped off to the arena and proceeded to watch the Pointers put a royal beat-down on the Vikings of Lawrence. During the game, a female supporter of the Vikings (we believe the opposing goaltender's female friend) walked out, told us how dumb and stupid we were, to which one of us made a reply which in turn made her burst into tears.

This is not a normal response, but she had it coming. After this experience, a few non-dressed players of the Vikings hurled empty soda bottles at the author of this article, all missing. Those guys were as bad as the ones on the ice, all miss, no hit.

On the other side of the ice, the women's team was busy putting the beat-down on the UWRF Thunder Chickens, winning both Friday night and Saturday afternoon. The women are at home this weekend and the men travel to Minnesota to play a few more non-conference tilts.

So in our opinion we feel that there deserve to be three stars of the weekend's events:

1. David Lee - AWESOME BABY, this guy is on a roll!
2. Brent Halverson-This guy is a monster, we love his play.
3. Ryan Scott - Did you see the save this guy made, SICK! Women's
1. Hilary Bulger - we didn't see it, but she scores and gets penalties.
2. Ann Ninnemann - does her job, puts the puck in the net.
3. Rest of team - these women play hard, and do great. Kick ass ladies!

That's it from Section H.

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**Soccer**

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Point on the board at the 18:22 mark to put the Pointers up 2-0. Jenny Bruce contributed to the assist from Ashlie Thomas making the score 2-1.

Jenny Bruce , making the final score 4-1 in favor of UWSP.

Womens' Hockey

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Overall the Pointers outshot Gustavus 20-8 for the game, including a 12-2 advantage in the first half. Becker's two goals earned her the WIAC Soccer Offensive Player of the Week.

UWSP ends their regular season with a record of 12-3-3, and a conference record of 5-1-2, good enough for a second place finish in the WIAC.

Next up, the Pointers travel to River Falls for the WIAC tournament this weekend. The Pointers will be looking to avenge their only regular season WIAC loss as they take on UW-LaCrosse on Friday.

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Health Services
Wild matters

Oxygen high

By Adam M.T.H. Meila
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Once in a great while, after my schoolwork, hobbies and employment obligations have been completed for the day, I indulge in a moderate amount of "binge drinking." What disgusting behavior.

The crescent moon knows all about the O.

The only reason I see for consuming that much alcohol is as some type of personal sacrifice to The River Current. Allow me to poke at the suspension of the human senses.

Equatorial drinks load blood, Egyptians had that crazy cat nip and nowadays folks just seem to have innumerable ways of "flying" or "finding Nemo" or whatever you want to call it. While I can't condone this crazy campus does have a certain intrigue surrounding it.

I do indulge from time to time in huffin' pure Wisconsin O. My drug dealer is moth'a na-tcha, G-funk. She got the "depest oxygen this side of Detroit." Seriously.

The good stuff doesn't come from alleyways or underground labs.

The good stuff is only found in the remoteness of the great outdoors. The farther you go from civilization, the more powerful the oxygen becomes. A languid from the depths of a pine forest gets me razzed for hours on end.

Breathing good O is the best feeling in the world. More than likely, worries and deadlines are the last thing on your mind when you're out hunting, fishing or hiking around. You see it, it is the experience of gaining the O that truly gives you the brain-rattle. The pureness of the air is just a pleasant compliment.

Oxygen is highly beneficial to the user and it has no negative side-effects like some other drugs. I promise, you will not lose control of your bowels, experience soreness, or feel nauseous at any moment. You may become addicted to the outdoors activities; however, last time I checked, nobody has complained about that.

I hear that people have started selling oxygen in discothèques and such. It was a good idea and all, but these people are doing O for all the wrong reasons. They may as well go to the zoo while talking on their cell phones and planning a trip to the "Mienookwamin northlands."

Honestly! What disgusting behavior.

But try to be regular.

Sheesh! Monday morning I almost had myself a damn heart attack when I stepped out on the back stoop on my way to the outhouse. Snowing already, Pert'near Labor Day that year if I recollect rightly.

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So I was reading up on my Nordic history the other day, and wouldn't you know it, I couldn't find one paragraph that detailed how the Vikings put domes over their mighty sea-vessels. And you know what? I can't seem to remember any history that describes the Vikings storming the beaches of Brittany wearing purple spandex suits with corn-rows in their hair. But history is funny like that, and, of course, I'm just an old feller who could be wrong.

Anyway, the band Sweet really think the winter 'bout forty years back when we got first snow in early September. I'm sure there are a few of you who are already losing sleep just thinking about it.

If you haven't had time to sights in your rifle keep an eye out for killer hawks.

Keep your list you might want to give the winter 'bout forty years back when we got first snow in early September.

Mr. Winters' two cents

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Something else exciting happened this weekend. Well, I don't know if any of you rascals caught the pre-game show on Sunday night, but they had some old fellows from Minnesota and Wisconsin jibber-jabbering about the old rivalry. Most of them talking same old trash about purple and cheese.

Well, last week John Madden, or oneome impersonating him, called me up personally on the tin-can to ask me my opinion of the Minnesota pigskin team. So I told him: "You know Johnny, I don't think much of them, but right now, I don't really have time to talk about it. You see, the waitines are bitting too damn good and I got to skoe-dadle, dumbass." Click. So Johnny, Viking fans and anyone else foolish enough to call the tin-can after dinner time, leave an old man be, and then "Go on and Gleeceeeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

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"Life in the forest fades into winter"

Outhouse

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November means transition

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

A flock of about 30 mourning doves flashed from a freshly picked cornfield as I entered the woods last weekend. It was the largest flock I had witnessed all year. I had high hopes of getting some venison that evening, but dove kebabs on the grill sounded just as satisfying. To my dismay, the dove season had officially closed, and dove kebabs would have to wait another year.

The early part of bow season will have to wait another year as well. With unbearable amounts of homework and persistent class schedules, my season has been cut short. My chances of harvesting a wall-hanger during the early season bow hunt have now become dreams of the past. Hopefully a few students out there are enjoying the final two weeks of the season while it lasts.

With a surprising snowfall, and cold temperatures plunging into the teens this week, it is clear that Mother Nature is making plans for the long winter. The first shot of blasting cold can be a shocker to the heart at times, but it is warming to know that the months ahead will bring activities aplenty for the outdoor enthusiast.

An obvious no-brainer comes in two weeks. Anyhow, the band Sweet really think the winter 'bout forty years back when we got first snow in early September.

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What do cranberries and yellow perch have in common? Both are dependent on water for survival and both are being raised simultaneously on cranberry farms in Central Wisconsin.

With the assistance of Professor of Biology Chris Hartleb and three of his students, Chris Houghton of Stevens Point, Joanna Niemeyer of Germantown, area cranberry growers are learning how to conserve water, become more economically viable and raise two crops, fish and cranberries, at the same time.

The raising of fish in food is the fastest growing segment of agriculture in the nation, according to Hartleb. He estimates that at least one-third of the fish farms in Wisconsin are owned by or employed UWSP graduates.

Hartleb was the recipient of a $12,500 grant from Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to study the costs, labor and production yields involved in using "floating raceways" to raise a complimentary crop on state cranberry farms. Floating raceways are docks containing long enclosed channels with screens on the ends. They're constructed in the ponds cranberry growers use to flood their crops in the fall. During the summer, water flows through the channels where fingerling perch are growing. When it's time to harvest the cranberries in early fall, the fish are harvested and the fields are flooded.

Once the juvenile perch have reached fingerling size, they are sold to "grow-out" farmers such as the St. Croix tribe near Ashland, who run the largest indoor recirculating facility in the country. At peak capacity, their facility can raise about three million fish at a time.

Hartleb says the fish-cranberry combination has been tried before in Massachusetts, another top berry producer. Growers there used a "partitioned aquaculture system" that works well in warmer climates but so far has yielded poorer results in the north. The UWSP professor joined forces with Jay Warecki of Superior Aquaculture of Bancroft who constructed the raceways at Brad Tork's Englehook Cranberry near Wisconsin Rapids. Warecki has developed the raceways, similar to larger ones used in Norway to raise salmon, for use in raising perch and other pan fish fingerlings. He has applied for a patent and says interest in using the raceways is coming from as far away as Australia.

Warecki predicts the use of raceways will help the U.S. and other countries greatly increase fish production. Within six months, the juvenile fish (30,000 of them per channel) can grow up to seven inches in length. The concept is simple, easy to use and inexpensive, he says, making the raceways ideal for use in Third World countries.

Houghton assisted Hartleb at the Wisconsin Rapids site this summer. She said the experience taught her a lot about algae and plankton that can affect ponds, how to use the requisite equipment, and the "bigger picture" of how aquaculture works in Wisconsin. Houghton and Niemeyer are working on research projects funded by UWSP student research grants. Houghton is studying the use of clams and mussels as filters to help keep the water clean, and Niemeyer is studying the digestion rate of perch, a project that may help fish farmers pinpoint what, when and how much to feed their fish.

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After completing their bachelor's degrees in biology next spring at UWSP, both Houghton and Niemeyer plan to attend graduate schools. Musch, who has two years left in her undergraduate career, hopes to attend veterinary school.

Major victory for wetlands

By Marty Seeger

The Interior Appropriations Conference committee recently approved $38 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) that will begin in 2004. The NAWCA was established in December 1989 and it provides cost-share funding to support the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

The purpose of this act is to encourage public-private partnerships to conserve, improve and manage wetland habitat for migratory birds as well as other wildlife. The act also helps to maintain an abundance of migratory birds. The House and Senate have passed the final transactions of the bill, and it is now awaiting the President's signature.

This is a major victory for wetlands conservation. It will not only benefit waterfowl, but hundreds of other wildlife and plant species.

Every $1 of federal money that is given to the NAWCA is multiplied by $1 or more by non-federal sources such as Ducks Unlimited, or state fish and wildlife organizations. Ducks Unlimited is supported by millions of members, and is the world's largest, and the most effective, wetland and waterfowl conservation organization in the world.

Although Ducks Unlimited has conserved nearly 11 million acres of wetland habitat, the United States continues to lose close to 100,000 wetland acres each year.

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movie review: Alien: The Director's Cut

By Geoff Fyfe
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

More than twenty years after its release, Alien has been firmly established as one of the scariest and most influential horror/sci-fi films of all time. It not only established Ridley Scott as a premier filmmaker, but it also inspired three sequels (the first of which, Aliens, is arguably superior to the original), countless knockoffs and imitations, and cartoon shows that actually portrayed on film. Scott brings the director's cut of Alien to the screen and demonstrates his epic has lost none of its ability to frighten audiences.

I doubt the plot of Alien needs much elaborating. In the future, the space freighter Nostromo, returning to Earth with a haul of cargo, receives a distress call from a crashed spaceship on a deserted planet. There, one of the crew (John Hurt) discovers a hatch from which something pops out and attaches to his face. Soon after it explodes (still one of the best shock scenes ever) and out pops a pyschedelic alien for this is an unnerving and unforgettable scene and gives Weaver another chance to shine.

Despite what one may think, Scott changes very little here. For all the hoopla about its 26 flaws such as the tacked-on happy ending and produced a far superior experience. Remember, in the theater if you can, for it's a once in a lifetime experience. Remember, in space, after all, no one can hear you scream.

The Nostromo is certainly one of the scariest film settings ever, with its endless dark tunnels and passageways that are perfect for hiding the monster stalking its halls. The tension and suspense never lets you catch your breath and is at times almost unbearable. And of course there's the alien itself (dubbed the "Xenomorph"), designed by Swiss conceptual artist H.R. Geiger. A slathering, creepy scene that explains the origins of Tom Skerrit's Captain Dallas and Harry Dean Stanton's grunt Brett. Scott has said that he regrets leaving this scene out in the original version. No wonder, for this is an unerving and poignant scene and gives Weaver another chance to shine.

Alien's greatest accomplishment, of course, was that it featured a groundbreaking, strong-willed female hero (and it was a shock, given that top-billed Skerrit was set up to be the hero, only to become another victim). Weaver seized this role and made it her own, but she also has to share credit with a terrific cast of supporting actors. Skerrit, Stanton, Hurt, Veronica Cartwright and Yaphet Kotto all create memorable, three-dimensional characters that we hope will survive (not that it helps their chances). And if you only know the great Ian Holm as cuddly hobbit Bilbo Baggins in The Lord of the Rings saga, you'll be shocked at how creepy and malevolent he is here as the icy psychotic android Ash, who becomes almost as big of a threat as the alien.

Small changes or not, Alien is still as terrifying and exhilarating a ride as ever before. It now stands as one of the great exercises in both horror and science fiction and altered the film landscape forever. See it in the theater if you can, for it's a once in a lifetime experience. Remember, in space, after all, no one can hear you scream.

Weaver's Lt. Ellen Ripley is left to hide the monster stalking its space, surrounded by a drum kit plus two other tables full of percussion instruments. Expect Martin, bassist Chris Wood and keyboard-extraordinaire John Medeski to play a few instruments that don't quite look like they're meant to be played as one.

Showtime on Wednesday is 7:30 p.m. and tickets are still available at the UWSP Ticket Box Office, Room 103A in the University Center.

On the national front, Halloween is over and New Year's is on the horizon. If you're looking to catch a Midwest show on New Year's Eve, start making plans to be in Chicago. Umphrey's McGee is doing a three-night run, ending on Dec. 31, at The Vic Theater. The String Cheese Incident is also hosting a three-night run in the windy city at the prestigious Auditorium Theater. If you're like they're meant to be played as one.
Hey Pat,

Just a quick question during a study break, what the hell does "sotophiliac" mean? I tried to find it but no luck. Anyway, try "jingoist" on for size.

Ryan Green

I hope you're not accusing ME of jingoism, Ryan. As my pappy used to say, "those are fightin' words." But it seems like my constant use of fifty-cent words is paying off. It's nice to see that my attempts to expand the vocabulary of the common working man are succeeding.

No offence, Ryan. I'm speaking generally, I know you're not "common." As my pappy used to say, "those are fightin' words." But it seems like my constant use of fifty-cent words is paying off. It's nice to see that my attempts to expand the vocabulary of the common working man are succeeding.

Now I'm not talking about the normal sexual feelings that we all feel toward food. Everyone has natural erotic reactions toward some of the more comely comestibles such as pumpkins, eggplants, hot-pockets, dark-roast coffee, malt-o-meal, Pez...

But a sotophiliac has those feelings about other foods, and that's what makes them a bunch of sickos.

But you know, Ryan, all this talk of arousal has reminded me that I've never really gone out of my way to mention a very special woman in my life. Those of you who read this column on a regular basis might find it strange that someone as screwed up as me is currently in a loving, long-term relationship. The truth is, I'm a little surprised myself. I'm not an easy man to live with. I can be moody, anti-social, and irritating. Truth is, anyone who could put up with me for all these years must be some sort of saint.

Well she is a saint. She's has stuck by me when no one else would. She's given me love and comfort when I needed it most. Some folks say she's too nice to be going out with me. Some say she's too young. But they're wrong; we're perfect together.

I am, of course, talking about Little Debbie. Debbie, I'd like to thank you for all you've done for me. We've had our bad times, and I know I haven't always been faithful. But in the end I've always come back to you. That fling I had with the foreign girl was a mistake. It was just one of those whirlwind romances, it was exciting, and hot, and wet. But afterwars I felt empty inside, we didn't even speak the same language. Honestly, I don't know what I was thinking. No Swiss Miss could never be as sweet as you.

You even stuck by me during those experimental couple of months when I sowed some wild oats with that Quaker guy. It was just a phase, really, and I was just curious. And later on when I saw that crazier thing... Well, I just wanted to try it on for size. Eventually I ended up sneaking out to the Dairy Queen three or four times a week to meet up with Buster and the rest. Oh sure, she treated me right, but none of them treated me as good as you.

And there was the time when I tried to spice up our relationship a little by bringing that Crocker woman in. She seemed so mature, so worldly. I fell for her sweet talk of alternative lifestyles and polyamory. What a fiasco. You were right all along, she just made things more complicated than they needed to be. I wish I'd never laid eyes on that braisin' hussy.

But we're together now, and that's what matters. Who would have thought when we met long ago, (do you remember? That nutty bar down in Madison?) that it would have lasted this long....

Any other questions? Send them to proth@wisc.wisc.edu

For those of you who don't have a fulfilling relationship like mine to fall back on, you can always go to GottaHaveJava for their fresh, homemade cookies and scones. So good that I'd almost swear my little Debbie worked there.

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