Regents reconsider pay raise decision

By Andrew Bloeser

The Board of Regents will reconsider its decision to increase executive salaries when it meets Sept 2 by 11 of the 17 regents via teleconference, adjusted the pay scale for 35 executives, providing the possibility for $98,000 in raises for 14 administrators, mostly university chancellors.

Board of Regents Vice-President David Walsh announced the board's decision to re-examine the issue Tuesday, speaking before the state Assembly's Colleges and Universities Committee.

"The process of voting during a teleconference, when not all the board members were present, though still a quorum, was a mistake," Walsh reiterated in a telephone interview on Tuesday. "It was a mistake, because it dealt with an issue with a lot of volatility." Walsh stated that the regents would "bring the issue out in the open," this week and in discussing the necessity of the increase.

"We will discuss whether the decision was justified, and if it is, we will determine whether this is just a tough fiscal time that we should do this," said Walsh.

The regents' reconsideration comes as three pending UW-related bills have appeared in legislation, resulting from lawmakers' concerns over the openness and accountability of decisions made in the UW System.

Collectively, the legislation centers on the lack of explicit notification to the media regarding the meeting, and the board's decision to take a voice vote, as opposed to roll call vote, on a matter involving executive compensation.

One bill, sponsored by Rep. Kitty Rhodes (R-Hudson), would require every decision made by the Board of Regents be made through a roll call vote.

The other two pieces of legislation, sponsored by Rep. Scott Suder (R-Abbotsford) and Sen. Tom Reynolds (R-West Allis) respectively, would require legislative approval for future salary range increases and mandate that all System departmental and sub-committee meetings be posted in a state newspaper 24 hours in advance of a meeting.

"I was not elected to micro-manage the UW, but I do believe that there is a lack of accountability by the regents," said Rhodes. "Because of this lack of accountability, I believe that decisions are being made without fully researching and understanding the full ramifications of the Board's decisions."

While agreeing with the need for openness and accountability, Walsh criticized the legislation pertaining to the requirement of a voice vote and meeting notification for departmental and subcommittees as unnecessary.

He stated that taking a roll call for such decisions as adjournment and recess would cause inefficiencies in board meetings, while the current open meeting law already requires the Board of Regents to notify the public before its sessions.

He also felt that legislators don't have the time or the expertise to determine salary increases, because they're not close enough to the situation.

"They're certainly entitled to that authority, but it's inefficient," said Walsh.

Regent Nino Amato has taken a different stance.

"Legislative oversight should not be necessary if we provide

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Homecoming 2003 arrives: Let the games begin

New System policy places surcharge on excess credits

Students to pay double tuition for exceeding 165 credits

By John Larson

Most students dread receiving a message with no subject from Operations, as it often means that they owe the University money, but last Thursday the student body received a strange mass e-mail from Operations.

Without much fanfare and little in the way of press releases, the UW-System Board of Regents approved a plan that would place a maximum 165-credit limit on students within the system, effective Fall 2004.

Any student who is at or over the limit at the start of the new policy will be assessed a surcharge of 100% of their semester tuition, meaning that a student in violation of the policy will have to pay double the semester rate.

There are some exceptions to the 165 credit limit, however; advance placement credits and non UW-System or Wisconsin Technical College System credits do not count towards the cap.

The limit is applied to students working on their first degree, without regard to those who have more than one major or minor.

Should a student decide to return to the UW-System at a later time to pick up a different degree or teacher's certification, the credits that they earned on their previous degree will not count towards the cap.

The move by the Board of Regents comes in response to a plan proposed last year by the Wisconsin state legislature which would have set the limit at 150 credits before the surcharge applied, but were talked out of the plan by UW-System officials in favor of a plan set up by the Board of Regents, which was then mandated to come up with a credit limit with a surcharge penalty.

"The policy was created to generate revenue and encourage students to graduate on time," says Nicholas Crawford, President of SGA.

"The result is a little more
Festival of India alters stereotypes

Celebration highlights the uniqueness and troubles of Indian culture

By David Cohen
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday, the 16th annual Festival of India was held at Stevens Point Area Senior High School (SPASH.) The event was set to occur near Oct. 2 in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday.

The event is organized every year in Stevens Point by Scholarship, Home Industry, Activism, Medical & Health, Alliances between Americans and Indians (SHAMA). The organization is the product of retired UWSP Professors Jagdish and Jyotnsa Chander who are originally from India. The UWSP Multicultural Affairs Office and the South-Asia Society of UWSP were also instrumental in the event's planning.

Ron Strege, Director of Multicultural Affairs and speaker at the event says that the purpose of the Festival is two-fold. He believes that Stevens Point is very fortunate to have the Chanders holding the festival here as "there is so much to learn about the different kind of people around us. It is important to gain a better knowledge of as many cultures as possible so that you understand why people have the perspectives that they do and make the decisions that they do based on their backgrounds."

Strege, who is also a member of the SHAMA board, says that alongside education, the festival is designed to raise money for SHAMA's charitable projects for India. Typical figures, saying "The media in our country portrays only partial segments of life in Indian society that they feel will sell best with their audience. That is what creates fanciful stereotypes. It is impossible to give a total picture of any society in one segment, let alone of Indians who live a life almost as diverse as the globe itself. The Festival is a humble effort in correcting the inadequacies of the media portrayal."

He added, "The Festival provides the..."
Roach Hall  
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A female reported her bike had been stolen from the hall's southeast bike racks.

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Thursday, Oct. 2 11:00 p.m.  
A male reported his bike had been stolen from the south entrance of the University Center's upper level.

Smith Hall  
Thursday, Oct. 2 11:59 p.m.  
A male student reported his bike had been stolen from the front entrance of the building.

The Campus Beat is compiled by UWSP Protective Services. All names withheld.

Correction

The article "Delay on UC naming questioned" wrongly stated that the Student Government Association approved the naming of the University Center after Lee Sherman Dreyfus. The University Centers Advisory and Policy Board, not the SGA, approved the renaming. The Pointer apologizes for the error.

United Council pushes to increase refundable student fee

Student senate at odds over fee increase and Council's lobbying effectiveness

By Andrew Bloeser

A move by United Council to increase a refundable fee on student tuition bills, from which the organization draws the bulk of its operating revenue, has generated criticism from campus opponents questioning both the fee increase and the effectiveness of the student interest group itself.

The majority of delegates from 15 of United Council's 23 member campuses voted in August to allow individual members to consider ratifying a proposed 65 cent increase in the fee from its current level of $1.35 per student.

The delegation from UW-Stevens Point, empowered with five votes, favored this plan over two other alternatives, which would have proposed increases of 50 and 80 cents, respectively.

The increase would allow United Council, which yielded a deficit of $19,200 in the 2001-2002 fiscal year and another deficit of $36,000 in 2002-2003, to elevate its revenue base from $400,000 to approximately $757,000.

Known as the Mandatory Refundable Fee (MRF), students have the option to request a refund of the $1.35 by mail, along with reimbursement for the cost of postage within the first 45 days of the academic year.

The United Council now needs two thirds of its member campuses to ratify the adjustment to its level of $1.35 to $2.00, beginning in 2003-04.

Two thirds of member campuses must approve the increase.

-UWSP's SGA will vote on the increase tonight, at 6:30 in the Legacy Room.

The Issue

United Council and the Mandatory Refundable Fee

-United Council wants to raise the MRF from $1.35 to $2.00, beginning in 2003-04.

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Homecoming Events Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 9:
“Point Toon Network” talent show in the UC Laird Room at 7 p.m. The show will feature student talent and enecee comedian Chriz “Boom Boom” Johnson. Admission is $4 for the general public and free for students with a valid UWSP ID.

Friday, Oct. 10:
Pointer women’s tennis match against UW-Whitewater at 3 p.m. in the Health Enhancement Center

Alumni Banquet from 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday in the UC Laird Room, hosted by the UWSP Fishery Society. For information call the Alumni and University Relations Office at 715-346-1811, toll free 877-764-6801.

“Tune Stock” concert in the Encore at 7 p.m. The show features Green Tea, an Irish band made up of UWSP students and faculty members. Three Degrees of Freedom, a bluegrass jam band will follow Green Tea in the Encore.

Saturday, Oct 11:
Alumni Grill Out at Partner’s Pub from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., hosted by the Alumni Association. Volunteers will sell brats, hamburgers, cheese curds and French fries. Proceeds will benefit the Student Alumni Association.

More Homecoming activities can be found at: http://www.uwsp.edu/news/pr/prHomecoming03.htm

Festival

opportunity to interact with Indians from all walks of life and from all over the state of Wisconsin and from neighboring states of Illinois and Minnesota. Participants taste and feel the culture at many levels of their experience.”

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Indian, there is no one way to God. The Festival gives you a feeling of diversity that exists within India. It is fun to experience a culture that still could preserve lot of different ways of lifestyles.”

Annie Williams, a UWSP student who attended the festival and the meditation session, says she values the event because of the “concept of seeing cultural diversity. This culture seems under-exposed and not represented a lot.”

Chander has concern about the way Indian people are seen. Though many of the activities involve the metaphysical and people are seen in traditional garb, he says “The Festival does not create any mystifying images of India. On the contrary, it tries to dispel what is ‘mis-learned’ in the early years of one’s growth. By giving glimpses of the South Asian culture it tries to portray that this culture is comparatively an exuberant one. It may at first seem fanatical to others who haven’t had an experience of it before.

Many students’ impressions were that the festival gave them an insight into what India is about in terms of religion, clothes, music, food.”

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Musings from Mirman

The proper homecoming celebration

By Dan Mirman

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Allow me to flash back to 1998: homecoming week, senior year of high school. There were the cool dress-up days, where you raided your dad’s wardrobe and became a Tim Burton character or the 1920s flapper. There were the cookouts, where you would pass the orange, or feeding the banana. The two most photogenic and popular seniors are then chosen as the year’s king and queen. The reason for the elimination of a homecoming court is simple: The majority of students were not interested in the contest.

That’s right, this is the first year that UWSP will not have a court to watch over the celebrations. The reason for the elimination of a homecoming court is simple: The majority of students were not interested in the contest.

This is not some groundbreaking statement, as student partying needs to be reprimanded. If a student doesn’t want any part of the excessive celebration, they certainly have that choice. But students should understand that most of campus will partake in the party atmosphere.

Some of my most enjoyable weekends were during homecoming week. Earlier this year I was even considering visiting every campus in the area on their homecoming weekend. I could film the whole thing and make it into a movie, like Endless Summer. However, I’m sure drinking at eight in the morning would get old pretty quickly. But for one weekend a year, the idea of eggs and legs is pretty cool. Although I do kind of miss neck-passing those oranges.

Some other options for field money

I am writing this letter because I have read articles in the Pointer and in local papers about the condition of the natural field’s soil. I have to honestly say, WHO CARES ABOUT THE STU­PID SOIL? While the concerns over the soil may be valid, I think it is more important to concentrate on the other aspect of money spent on the project. I have worked for protective services as a student police officer while attending college and as such I know that many of the issues are practically every inch of this university and have noticed many things that could be improved on. For example:

1. The dorms still don’t have air conditioning, and those who pay to stay in the dorms during the summer months have to practically hang out of the windows for any kind of breeze.

2. The doors of the nearly all of the build­ings are nearly rusted off, the locks are older than I am (never mind how old that is!) and the keys are constantly getting stuck, bent or stripped.

3. The windows in some parts of the build­ings are constantly jampin’ and people are stuck in them for hours at a time because they’re outdated. The ele­vator doors in the communications building will kill you if you’re not quick enough, as they have no safety features to keep them from closing if someone is in the doorway.

4. There is a huge problem regarding the building and the three computers early this semester, and with the recent fiasco in Lot Q some weeks ago, installing cam­eras around campus might have preventing these things from happening. We have been trying to get cameras around the campus for many years, but of course no one wanted to spend the money for it! If I was a parent of one of the students whose car was damaged, or even the owner of one of the cars that got damaged, I would be asking why wasn't there money spent on lot surveillance? 6. The school could’ve solved the continuing parking problem by building a couple of parking garages that would be able to hold 10 times the number of cars you can fit on a lot.

7. It was recently decided that it is more important to save money than to provide adequate security for the campus. Apparently, we can get by with having only one student police officer per shift. God forbid something serious happens in more than one area of the campus, someone will just have to wait! Of course they’ll have to wait anyway since we only have one police car for the entire campus. That’s why after all the promises were made, but the board of regents can give themselves raises under the table.

8. The school could’ve solved the continu­ing parking problem by building a couple of parking garages that would be able to hold 10 times the number of cars you can fit on a lot.

9. The buildings on the IM field, are only scheduled for 200 hours of use for the entire year. That’s not even an hour every other day and the field will only be open from May through October. Which means, as students, will be paying for a field that will be used less than six months out of the year. Instead of spending student money on something very few students will ever use, the school could’ve used the money to keep some faculty positions or offer more classes that students need. Of all the things near $800,000 could’ve been spent on at this university, the intramural field should’ve been at the end of the list. And as a final reason on spending on speeding up the State institutions is entirely @#$ backswards, a day late and a dollar short, or just plain bad.

Ms. Mathilde Chesser

UWSP Senior

Looking at the Co-op

The Little Co-op Shop, child of the Stevens Point Area Co-op, had existed for almost two years in the University Center and provided an alternative food source for students, professors and staff at the University. The LCS provided fresh, organic, locally made sandwiches and wraps, bakery items, natural food snacks and drinks and special diet foods such as vegetarian, vegan and lactose free options. The LCS came to be at the University because of the University’s forward thinking and ability to recognize the needs of those on campus for a place like the LCS. However, in our two years in the University the University Centers did not allow us a machine for accepting meal points. Every other food service in the University accepts food points, which means that most students (and some faculty) do not carry cash, just their I.D. cards to buy food.

Every day we had to turn away several customers. Last win­ter plans were made with the University Center to look into the fea­sibility of getting a machine and to set up a payment plan. It looked promising that we would finally be able to accept all customers who came to us. After waiting many months we had to contact the University Center only to find out that they would not allow us to have a food point machine. No reason was given. The Spa Co-op does have a food point, allowing them to continue to out­reach to the students and staff of UWSP, which make up a valuable part of our community.

The Spa Co-op thought students and staff should know the reason that we no longer get food points. The good news is, though, that everything at the Little Co-op Shop can be bought at the Spa Co-op on 4th Ave.

Matt Morrissey

SPA Co-op

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Looking at concealed weapons

I don't have an opinion about the proposed concealed weapons law: if it passes, we'll see whether it is good or bad. As far as the concealed carry law on campus, if we can't trust 21 year old college students with guns, what other 21 year olds can we trust? Sometimes college students are silly, but as a whole they are the most sensible people their age. They are the people most able to responsibly carry weapons. As far as "threatening learning by stifling debate", I've never seen or heard of anyone in a class threatening anyone else in any way, no matter how controversial the issue. I don't think this would change with a concealed carry law; it's not like people will be waving guns around shooting into the air.

Brandon W. Podoll
UWSP Student

Campus security hours cut in half

I am writing to you about an issue that concerns every single student on this campus: safety. The event of Sept. 11th made everyone across this country aware of their own personal safety. This was also true on this campus. There was a strong feeling to make sure everyone was safe. UWSP Protective Services did what was within their power to provide this for the campus. More staff was put on duty for patrolling and securing. Protective Services assisted in the protection of rights and of the safety of the Governor during Laird day. Within the time the country's security level was raised to Red, Orange or Yellow there was an appeal for higher, tighter security within all public buildings. Protective Services responded by adding more staff on, starting a bike patrol program and checking building admittance requests more thoroughly. Over 35 students are employed at Protective Services, making it one of the highest employers of students on campus along with one of the lowest turnover rates.

The students work at all times of the day providing service for this campus and students.

It has recently been decided by powers above the staff of Protective Services that there is a budget deficit. The deficit is partially due to all the extra time student cadets, officers and dispatchers have put in securing the campus since 9-11. It has been decided that over half the patrolling hours have to be cut. The total decrease will go from 80 to 40 hours a week of patrolling and securing buildings on campus. Some students will have to quit because it will not be enough to help them pay for school.

In addition, all student wages have been frozen. Four student workers were to receive merit raises for their time and dedication during the Lot Q windshield vandalism. Two individuals were arrested within a week after the crimes. This was due in great part to the hard work and recovery of evidence on the scene by several student cadets. Now those individuals will not be able to receive any form of commendation for their hard work.

Frozen wages and decreased hours mean putting a monetary value on your safety. I am concerned, not only as a Protective Services Employee, but as a student on this campus. I am concerned as a SGA senator that letting this issue slide because it will not be enough to meet the needs of this campus will not be able to receive any form of commendation for their hard work.

I am concerned that while students are being asked to pay more in tuition, basic rights such as jobs and safety are going to be pulled out from underneath them as well.

I am asking for your support and your suggestions to this problem. Please email me if you feel the recent events against student employees at Protective Services are wrong.

Renee Wiedmeyer
Dispatch Coordinator
UWSP Protective Services

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**Jazz lovers unite**

**Turn up the radio next weekend for an enticing jazzfest**

By Sarah Dennewitz

**FEATURES REPORTER**

Calling all Jazz lovers! 90FM is once again hosting a celebration tribute for Jazz music. The Jazzfest will carry on all weekend and includes a variety of entertainment events.

**Festivities for 90FM's 21st annual Jazzfest will begin Friday, Oct. 17 and last until Sunday, Oct. 19. Throughout the weekend, 90FM will air 60 hours of nonstop Jazz tunes with regular programming beginning on Monday October 20th at 6 a.m. Since 1982, the first year of Jazzfest, it has evolved into a popular event at Stevens Point. Not only is there a well-known live artist coming to campus, but Jazzfest is also one of the highest rated listening weekends on 90FM.

The Greg Osby Four is this year's featured artist at Jazzfest, performing on Saturday October 18th at 8 p.m. in Michelson Hall of the Fine Arts Center. Nostalgia Central, the opening group, consists of music majors here on campus: Marlin McKay is the band leader, Ryan Biesack is on drums, Gus Sandberg is on tenor, Dave Story is on bass, Dan Mitchell is on piano, and Vinnie Moresi is on congas.

Jazzfest has turned into an anticipated event on campus, so be sure not to miss out on the remarkable talent and entertainment. Admission for the general public is $10 and $4 for students with an ID. For any more information on Jazzfest call the 90FM office at (715) 346-3755. Be sure to mark your calendars!

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**UWSP organization spotlight**

**Sustaining the earth through ASE**

By Kaila Lepore

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Alliance for a Sustainable Earth (ASE) is dedicated to promoting education and an understanding of our world through the importance of various cultural, environmental, political and social issues around the world.

Currently, ASE is working to promote that the campus switch to 100% Post Consumer Waste (PCW) recycled paper. For every ton of 100% PCW recycled paper used, about 17 trees, 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 7,000 gallons of fresh water are saved, according to the EPA. Think about what an impact this would have if UWSP switched to 100% PCW recycled paper! ASE is also currently working to make the transition from using wasteful paper cups to reusable plastic cups in the University Center’s cafeterias. In addition to these projects, ASE will work with the University Sustainable Committee helping with projects around campus.

ASE also participates and organizes city/campus cleanup, and organizes letter/email writing campaigns to legislators and companies. Big events for the semester include the International ‘Craft Sale’, the Organic Christmas Tree Sale and World Food Day.

Keep an eye out for the International Craft Sale, usually held in late November or early December. For this event, ASE sells handmade crafts such as jewelry, frames, figurines, musical instruments, toys, candleholders and Christmas ornaments that are made by artisans in less developed countries. This is a great cause to get involved with because buying these crafts contributes to a great cause! Created by artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or under-employed, profits from the craft sale contribute to payment for food, education, health care and housing for the artisans’ families. The handicrafts are marketed by Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit organization, has provided vital, fair income to Third World people by participating in ASE and then sold to UWSP students, faculty and the Stevens Point community.

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Many people are members of ASE, and we welcome everybody that would like to make a difference. If you find yourself unable to get involved, come to our meet­ings on Wednesday nights in the U.C.in Rm 207 at 8:00 p.m. If you can’t make it, you can still get involved by emailing Phil Roberts or Greg Migueur.

We can make a difference, and you can help!

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**Good eats in Point**

**The Keg is sure to satisfy your hunger**

By Geoff Fyfe

**ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR**

With Homecoming arriving this week, expect our fair campus to be overrun by visitors. And, trust me, these visitors will have to eat. And if you want food by the sheer volume, there are few finer places around campus than The Keg.

The Keg is located at the end of Isadore Street, right across from Watson Hall. The building itself is a rather innocuous one-story structure that looks much like a typical bar. The main dining hall of The Keg looks like a typical diner. The bar area dominates the right side of the hall.

The establishment serves numerous dishes from hamburgers to seafood. The all-you-can-eat fish fry is available on a daily basis and is highly suggested. I should warn you though, be prepared for leftovers. The most striking thing about The Keg is the sheer amount of food that they serve you. The last time I went there, I had the Friday special, fried perch. The perch that came was in three pieces that were as long as my foot and several inches thick. Plus, as is customary at The Keg, the french fry portions were so enormous it made me think the restaurant has an exclusive contract with Idaho for their entire potato crop.

Given the sheer volume of food, the prices are very reasonable. My friend and I both ordered the same meal. The perch special consists of three giant pieces of fish, mammoth potato orders, a breadstick and a trip to the salad bar. Yet the entire bill came to only $20. That’s quite a bargain.

So if you have an empty stomach from the Homecoming festivities and need to fill up quick, The Keg is a great place to go. The food is great, the service is fine and the ambiance is nice and quiet. Bring an appetite, however, because with this much food, you’re going to need it!
Kindness on campus
Witnessing the generosity of UWSP students
By Alli Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

There is a certain kindness displayed throughout the UWSP campus - a certain feeling of friendliness. This feeling is felt throughout the university, from the halls of the residence buildings to the interactions with faculty and staff. It is this feeling that first attracted me to Stevens Point, this feeling that made me feel like I was at home even when I was 217 miles away.

The subject of this article almost called to me, however, not because of the particular topic when I was sitting in class the other day and sneezed. Afterwards, I was showered with people in every direction around me saying “Bless you.” Some may view this as a simple impulsive gesture, but that gesture is something more than that. It may take for granted. It may only take a second, but it is something that speaks a great deal to those you are saying it to.

To coincide with that, the following day I was in the computer lab feverishly working away when the person next to me casually struck up a conversation with me without knowing me prior to that moment in the lab. With those first few exchanges of words, my level of stress and tension was quickly erased away, for I realized the power of a simple friendly exchange and the tremendous impact it can have on your day.

It is these simple acts of kindness that truly speak louder than words. And the fact is, they are simple. They do not take more than a minute or two, but I think the true gratification you receive from them lasts much longer.

I cannot stress how much a random act of kindness can brighten not only the recipient of your generosity, but you in general. In truth, I think it may have even a far greater impact on you. The impact these friendly gestures have had on me in particular is quite evident. They have had enough of an influence on me to write an article and challenge others to do precisely what someone did for me. Not only that, they have further instilled within me the importance of carrying on the UWSP tradition of sincerity - the same tradition that was carried on far before I ever came here.

So, I ask of all of you one simple thing, a request that I can almost surely be guaranteed you have already performed unconsciously. I ask you to talk to the person sitting next to you in class whom you have yet to exchange names with. I ask you to open the door for the person following you out. And I ask you to take but a moment out of your day to ask that person preparing your sub how their day is.

But in actuality, I know I do not have to ask any of these things, for they are already in progress. I am a witness to that.

So, I shall alter that request to simply include doing just a bit more. You can be assured the favor and sincerity will be returned to you. It always is.

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Conference streak ends

Stalemate in conference game ends all-divisions record

By Joshua Schmidt
Assistant Sports Editor

The longest conference winning streak in NCAA soccer history came to an end on Wednesday, but another streak stayed intact for the UW-Stevens Point women's soccer team.

The Pointers were in action Wednesday night and fought the Oshkosh Titans to a 0-0 tie.

UWSP controlled much of the match, holding a 20-7 advantage in shots, including a 7-1 margin in the 20-minute overtime period. Melissa Meister made five saves for the Pointers, who still haven't allowed a goal in five conference matches this season. Sara Tomjanovich stopped six shots for the Titans.

Earlier in the week, the Pointers looked to stay on track Saturday, facing the NAIA's tenth ranked team William Penn. In a hard fought match, goalkeeping was the difference as the Pointers prevailed 2-1 behind the strong goalkeeping of Meister, who stopped ten of eleven shots on goal. Point's defense was under constant attack as William Penn controlled much of the game, scoring five unanswered goals in the first half, including two by Kelly Fink.

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On Sunday the Pointers took on Morningside College. Morningside stunned Point early with a Jennifer Patrawaran goal at the 2:00 mark, with the assist going to Janell Gillies. The Pointers quickly regrouped and turned this match into a rout scoring five unanswered goals before the dust cleared in the first half, including two by Kelly Fink.

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Men continue luck at Notre Dame

Team now ranked third in the nation

By Tony Bastien
Sports Reporter

The UWSP mens' cross country team is now ranked third in the nation thanks to another fabulous showing, this time at the South Bend, Indiana, winning the lower divisions portion of the Notre Dame Invitational.

Cross country

With the win, the team will be running in the upper division next year. They also jumped four spots, from seventh to fifth in the rankings, the highest rank ever for a Pointer team.

As Coach Rick Witt puts it, "Now we're in the 'game,'" meaning that now the team is up there with the top teams in the nation with a chance to compete for championships.

Senior Curt Johnson continued his sensational season as the top men's runner. Following Johnson just one second behind was junior Mark LaLonde. "I'm ecstatic with how my season's going," said Johnson.

Sophomore Adam Bucholz finished ninth, giving the Pointers three of the top ten runners.

Bucholz had been fighting with a bout of anemia. "Guys were ecstatic that Bucholz was third. It's not like they're competing, who's the first guy or the third, that what makes a good team," said Witt.

Only Notre Dame's B team had even two runners in the top ten, let alone three. Notre Dame's B team placed second behind Stevens Point with a team score of 57, five higher than UWSP's 52.

"They (Notre Dame B) are a very good team, don't get me wrong. A lot of those guys are on scholarship, too," said Witt.

Rounding out the top three was Calvin College, who had the race's top men with a number three ranking in the nation.

"I don't think there's much competition between Curt and I. We definitely push each other during races." Johnson's sentiments were much of the same, saying "Mainly we're just pulling each other along, sooner or later it starts to hurt pretty bad, so when you're hurting, the other guy will just take the lead and pull you along."

Overall, this was the team's fifth conference championship, and fourth time they have won, with their only blemish being here at home with a dual meet loss to top-ranked Oshkosh back on September 13. At that time, most of the team's top runners, including Johnson and LaLonde, were held out.

"This weekend, both the mens' and womens' squads host the Big Dawg Invitational at Lake Pacaqua in Plaver."

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The game was a see-saw battle the whole way, with the Pointers controlling the first half and UW-La Crosse taking over in the second half. The Pointers marched 70 yards in 10 plays to the Eagles’ 10-yard line in the first quarter when an interception by Eagle defensive back Jacob Dorch halted the drive. The Pointers had another big drive in the second quarter, gaining 84 yards in 16 plays, capped by a nine-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Scott Krause to junior tight end Ross Adamczak.

Pointers’ only game that was decided before the final possession.

5 Things to Watch...

1. Can UWSP snap their homecoming jinx? The Pointers have yet to win a homecoming game in this century, losing to La Crosse last season, Whitewater in 2001, and Oshkosh in 2000. Something has to give.

2. Will Stout overcome the loss of two offensive weapons? Stout’s leading rusher Ryan Englebergt and leading receiver Matt Sprester were injured in a car accident last week, and the Blue Devils were limited to 237 total yards after gaining 566 the previous week in a 51-3 rout of St. Thomas.

3. Can UWSP avenge last year’s loss? Last season, Stout handed UWSP their biggest defeat, a 37-13 drubbing in Menominee last year. This is a big game for both teams, both projected as preseason favorites.

4. Can the Pointers get the ground game going? Main backfield Cory Fisakowski has had up-and-down season to this point, and the Pointers need to get him on track to be competitive in this league.

5. Can the Pointer defense contain Luke Bungenard? The Blue Devil’s senior offensive captain is Stout’s all-time leading rushing and scorer, and is averaging 108 yards a game last year. UWSP gave up 141 yards rushing to La Crosse’s Andy Mocadlo last week.
**SPORTS**

**POINTER SPORTS ROUNDDUP**

Emily Schlender returns a ball during her number three singles match on Sunday.

*Photo by Patricia Larson*

The Pointers dropped a conference match to La Crosse on Wednesday and a non-conference match on Sunday 7-2 to St. Norbert to fall to 1-4-1 overall and are now preparing for conference duals with UW-Whitewater on Friday.

Wednesday’s top performer for UWSP was senior Emily Schlender. Schlender kept her number three singles match with La Crosse’s Louie Dubinski close, falling 6-4, 6-2.

Sunday’s match was UW-Stevens Point’s first home match of the season. Juniors Tiffany Serpico at number two singles and Kim Goron at number four singles each battled back after losing the first set for three-set victories to post the only Pointer victories.

The pair also played together at number two doubles and battled their St. Norbert opponents to an 8-5 defeat.

The Pointers used a big second day performance to place fourth at the WIAC championships in Platteville. After shooting a 379 on the opening day, UW-Stevens Point totaled a 344 on Sunday to place just three strokes behind third place UW-Platteville.

Senior Andrea Miller was seventh overall with a 175, shooting a 91 on Saturday and an 84 on Sunday. Freshman Susie Lewis was just one stroke back and placed 11th overall with a 95 on the first day and an 81 on day two. Freshman Quinn Scarborough had a 96 on Saturday and an 83 on Sunday to place 13th overall with a 179.

UW-Oshkosh edged second place UW-Eau Claire by six strokes for the WIAC team title.

**Point ruggers defeat midwest champion**

Team goes to 2-1 on their young season.

By Conner Agnew
**SPORTS REPORTER**

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By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

On Monday I embarked on my fifth homecoming here at UW-Stevens Point. Now, I've learned a few things about these yearly festivities, both liqueur-istically good and hangover-ish bad.

For example, freshman year I learned that if you are in the dorms, you need to close your window if you want to get those few more precious hours of sleep on Saturday morning while your more-perky peers move through the streets. Sophomore year I learned to never let yourself get railroaded into working during homecoming. Junior year I learned to never let yourself get stuck in the crowded bars spending all your time in those little tips to make your homecoming experience the best it can be. Casting all journalistic integrity aside, here is your Homecoming Tip Sheet.

1. Never, EVER buy your own beer. If you aren't getting free beer all night during homecoming weekend, you aren't doing something right. Every other house on campus had a barrel just waiting for your drinking enjoyment. Take advantage of this. Trust me, it will save you money at the bars in the long run.

2. Bring a little "something extra" to the football game. The weather is supposed to be great on Saturday. The crowd out at Goerke will be huge. Why not start the celebration a little early?

One of my esteemed colleagues thought up the idea of bringing a flask of his favorite beverage to the game with him. What an ingenious idea! There is nothing better than a big, rowdy crowd out at Goerke and a few swigs out of the ole' stainless steel beauty ought to be just about right. Heck, if I wasn't calling the game on the radio, I would be right next to you, singing "Roll Out the Barrel," and spilling on myself. (Editor's Note: If you are a little too "under the weather" to partake in the game, remember to kick the empty cans and push our roommate's out of the way, and flip on 90FM to catch all the action.)

3. Eat early, drink often. If you are planning on trying to find a restaurant after the game, forget about it. With both UWSP's and SPASH's homecomings going on this weekend, every eating establishment in town (well, maybe not South Point) will be packed with either formally-clad pubescent teens or drunk thirty-somethings spilling their glasses of Point Special down their shirts. My suggestion: Cook your own food. If that is not a viable alternative, order Toppers before the game. Avoid Del's at all costs. Del's cooking just doesn't mesh with sitting through a three-hour game and sipping from your little steel buddy. Trust me, you'll end up spending more time with his wicked porcelain stepbrother. Never a good thing.

4. Hit Partners early, avoid violence, and treat the homecoming dance like the plague. I can't stress this enough. There are so many viable alternatives to the homecoming dance out there; you just need to find them. Plus, there is a good chance that you will be "slightly" under the influence by then. Showing up to a formal dance drunk can never turn out well (unless you don't mind looking stupid in front of sober students and faculty). Plus, try not to get yourself killed in the overcrowded bars and basements.

Homecoming can be a great experience, and not just if you are a freshman reliving your high school years. Just follow these tips, and you are guaranteed to make the most of it. Good luck.

Till next time.

GO POINTERS!

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**The Week Ahead...**

**Football:** UW-Stout (Homecoming), Sat., 1 p.m.*

**Volleyball:** at Lakeland, Thurs., 7 p.m.;
Whitewater, Wed., 7 p.m.

**Tennis:** Whitewater, Fri., 3:30 p.m.; at
Oshkosh, Wed., 3:30 p.m.

**Cross Country:** Pointer Invitational, Sat., All Day

**Swimming & Diving:** at Badger Invitational, Fri., 2 p.m.; Alumni Meet, Sat., 1 p.m.

*All home games in BOLD*

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**The Tennessee Volunteers in trouble...**

The Volunteers have been struggling all season, and this past weekend was no exception.

The Volunteers lost to their in-state rival, the Chattanooga Mocs, 59-43 in their SEC opener. Despite playing a tough conference schedule, the Volunteers have yet to find their rhythm on the court.

Head coach Cuonzo Martin expressed disappointment in the loss, saying, "We didn't play well defensively, and that's always a concern when you're facing a team like Chattanooga." The Volunteers will look to bounce back next week when they face the Kentucky Wildcats, who are coming off a victory over the University of Louisville.

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**The Tampa Bay Buccaneers in trouble...**

The Buccaneers are in trouble. Following Monday's nationally televised collapse, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers could be in for a rough stretch.

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Fall turkey hunt begins Saturday

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

It seemed like an eternity as I awaited the warm rays of sunlight last weekend. I was cradled in a pine tree with the high hopes of seeing a deer, but was delighted at the sound of a flock of turkeys close by. I had almost forgotten about the fall turkey season that was about to begin, and suddenly my thoughts of deer turned into thoughts of an early Thanksgiving dinner.

As students flock to the homecoming game this weekend, hunters across the state of Wisconsin will be flocking to the woods in search of a fall turkey. This season is based on permit only, and those fortunate enough to draw a permit will get the luxury of a 30 day season to harvest a bird of either sex. The season also offers the opportunity to harvest a bird of either sex.

The strategies for harvesting a fall turkey can be quite different than those in the late summer, fall and winter months are less vocal, and are likely to be found in separate groups. Gobblers tend to be bunched together in bachelor groups, and hens can be found in similar groups as well. It is not uncommon to see flocks of 20 or 60 turkeys in one area.

Observing the food source in your area is extremely helpful in fall turkey hunting. Turkeys spend much of their time in the open hardwoods feeding on acorns. If there is a mast crop of acorns in your area this is a great place to start looking. If this doesn’t work, use binoculars to scan fields of freshly picked corn or beans.

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A dead Gobbler
with nice plumage

submitted by author

field during this time.

Now that you have a flock in sight it’s time to begin the hunt. The most common fall turkey method is scattering them in every direction possible. It seems weird but it works. After the turkeys fly in several directions, find yourself a comfortable spot and sit down immediately. Once things settle down you will be able to hear the turkeys trying to regroup. When you hear this give a few short clucks or “kee-kee” yelps to get them back. It might take a couple of hours for turkeys to regroup so be patient and remain still.

If you’re not interested in running through the woods like a crazed idiot you might want to try something else. One method that has worked well for me is to find a flock and anticipate where they will go next. Set up an ambush site and cut them off as they move to different feeding areas. You may have to spend time figuring out their fall patterns but it can be worth it in the end.

Hunting fall turkeys can be an awesome experience but it can also be dangerous. Be sure to follow common sense, and respect the land that you choose to hunt. Never assume that you are alone in the woods. Fall is a busy time of year for hunters, so be sure of your target and have a safe hunt.

Before you take to the woods this weekend, make sure you read the regulations carefully. The Department of Natural Resources has issued some new blaze orange requirements that could directly affect your area. This is especially true for those who live near areas of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) eradication zone.

Much of the equipment is provided by the OE, and it only costs $60 for UWSP students and $75 for non-students. Space is limited, and you need to sign up by Monday, Oct 13 to reserve a spot.

This is a perfect opportunity to explore the Flambeau River at its best. If you’re interested in canoeing the Flambeau River, Outdoor EdVentures is offering a canoe trip in the heart of the Flambeau River State Park.

The trip will begin on October 17th and end on Oct 19. There will be a mandatory meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday October 15th in the OE office, which is located in the lower level of the Allen Center in room 002.

The trip is free to UWSP students. If you would like to participate be sure to contact Outdoor EdVentures at (715) 346-3848.

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The other night welcomed an Indian summer to Stevens Point. The pleasant autumn evening invited me to take a stroll, and so I went. On my bike like a magnet, I peddled north towards the country, until the houses peeled back and tame deer ate grass without acknowledging my presence.

For the first time in a long while, I stepped out into our own private forest oasis, and the great spirit of Schmeeckle said hello. Along the numerous trails, boardwalks and trees, I peered through a nonexistent fog. Sure, I still found my way and could remember the trails in the dark, but the air just seemed to hang.

As I sipped on a brew over on the north beach with my friends, I realized what was wrong. For all her beauty, I had lost the attachment that I'd forged as a freshman. The first thing I did after I moved into the dorms was explore Schmeeckle. Over the next two years I made a mental map of geography and adventure that would rival that of a world-class cartographer. It was a nice refuge from the residence lockup.

Then, after two years in the dorms, I was free to move out, and subsequently, my Schmeeckle-runs gave way to sitting around the house. Without the hassle of community assistants, I soon forgot about the benefits of those urban woods. I still went fishing once in a while and I have yet to find a beach that is as inviting, but somehow I frequented that mirage less and less. For the shame of it, I let this fog settle in.

"Was it just me?" I asked myself on the bench. Why, no. I looked all around me, not to find them laughing in the woods, but only to see these upperclassmen that I called friends wasting their evenings and daytimes watching T.V., sleeping and throwing their money to the tavern-keep. What in the hell had happened to us?

It turns out, this recurring theme was running deeper than my own backyard. Who wrote this rule that brainwashed all these collegiate thinkers into ignoring their old gracious pal? The culprit that creates this loss of appreciation for the one rad and distinguishing feature of our flat, limestone campus must either be age or heat bills.

Right then and there I made a promise to myself to reverse this wicked curve. I urge those who've discovered Schmeeckle's splendor to grasp it and keep it clear. As for me, I'm making a new effort to climb through this fog, before those rascals in Old Main give me a diploma.

The wise crescent moon knows exactly what you have been doing in the secluded woodlands.
Mr. Winters’ Two Cents

Well I tell you, Mother Nature can’t make up her mind, can she? Course I don’t mind a little warmth, but all it’s doing is teasing these old bones. Soon enough I’ll have the mits on again, jiggling for winter crappie, you just wait and see.

It’ll be interesting to see what’s going to happen to this autumn walleye run though. A mahogany pipe. Wife’s Buick flat smells of you folks. The other day I was driving the old International at my brother Art’s place out past county trunk K over yonder. Me in this souped-up motor car, sounding well this young whippersnapper shoots by like a darn horse givin’ birth. Like he was giving me this longhaired peace-sign for cripe’s sake. That’s why I have to give you folks a lesson now.

Wave to some nice folks in the country—should go like this: One index finger. One, not two, straight out, with a bit of a nervous shake in addition. We old fellas still might not you’re the greatest, but at least I’ll have a shred of respect for you, even if you do drive an import. Now honestly kids, turn down the rocking and rolling music and then, Go on.

We spotted some great wildlife, including a glimpse of a beaver hard at work on its dam, but luckily no bears!

Stepping back in time, we followed the trade routes of the fur trade voyageurs for the whitewater trip. The adventure started with some whitewater canoeing, continued with some sea kayaking along the coast of Lake Superior and concluded with some whitewater kayaking, includ­ing four-foot drops! Memories include the rush of adrenaline just before the rapids, blazing sunsets on sandy beaches and silently observing the dancing beams of the Northern Lights over the craddle of the warm campfire.

I was excited to head back to Sylvania for the last trip, this time to do some fishing! We felt the excitement of reeling in a fighting smallmouth bass, and the thrill of a bite of an enormous northern pike. We savored the flavors of our catches as we shared our fishing stories from the day.

As we bonded with each other on the trips, we also felt a connection to the land. The senior trip leader and I led everything programs that focused on college life and campus resources, but also wilderness appreciation. All week we learned and practiced the principles of the Leave No Trace philosophy.

Transitioning to college life can be uncertain, but having a support network of friends and faculty makes a big difference in a college experience. I still keep in touch with friends from my freshman trip and I hope to stay in contact with my new friends too.

State kicks off another year of Donate-a-deer

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

The Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program will fund a statewide deer carcass donation once again in 2003. Last year, the program was a huge success in bringing needy families fresh ground venison through the help of hunters, butcher shops and local food pantries.

In 2002, the DNR gave hunters an option to donate a few bucks to the cause at the time they purchased their licenses. Nearly 5,000 hunters donated over $18,000 to help pay for deer processing. During the 2002 hunt, 5,646 deer were donated to the program which helped bring hungry Wisconsinites over 250,000 pounds of ground venison.

For those hunters that may have an extra deer this season, it is a great cause.

“Process is really very simple,” said Todd Peterson, chief of public services and user programs in the DNR Wildlife Management Bureau. “All the hunter has to do is bring a legally harvested, field-dressed deer to a participating meat processor and sign a log sheet indicating a desire to donate the carcass. The processor will handle it from there. There is no processing cost to the hunter.”

Hunters in Portage County have two locations to take their donations. The People’s Meat Market in Stevens Point is accepting donated deer and can be reached at (715) 592-6328. In Rosholt, R&R Venison Processing will accept donated deer. Their phone number is (715) 677-3097. It would be a good idea to call ahead in order to ensure the processor has enough room to handle your donation.
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By Steve Seemandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

It's October, and if you're a typical student, you're way too busy to take any trips to see concerts right now. Summer is always prime time for extended trips, but New Year's is like a jamband fan's holy time of the year.

Many bands have announced their plans for bringing in 2004, including Disco Biscuits. Other bands like The String Cheese Incident, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Yonder Mountain String Band and The New Deal are expected to release a location for New Year's celebrations as well.

When undertaking a massive trip from the Midwest to foreign parts of the country, the biggest obstacle can be simply getting started. Variables in transportation, lodgings and tickets can all be speed bumps in your trip, and when dealing with shows on New Year's Eve, perhaps the craziest of nights in the jamband world, it's essential to plan early.

Transportation is usually the biggest problem amongst college students. If you're lucky enough to have your own car, odds are that it may not be capable of making a 4,000 mile pilgrimage to New York, Miami or the west coast. Flying can be expensive, and then you're stranded in a huge city with no means of transportation. Rental cars are a great way to travel, though. Find a small group of people to bum a ride with you, split rental fees, gas and driving shifts, and you'll be there in no time. The drive there is often one of the best parts to going—night flights before a show are a way to adapt to the nocturnal life of living on the road and seeing concerts. Many car rental companies have a minimum age of 26 for renting a vehicle, although some companies will let you drive at 21 for a higher rate. It's best to shop around, especially online, for good deals and see what different companies have to offer.

Directions usually aren't much of a problem. Grab a somewhat recently published and helps them learn the joys of rock and roll. But can he keep up the charade or will the school principal (Joan Cusack), a seemingly humorless prude, discover his secret?

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**Go to see the concert anywhere on New Year's Eve will not be cheap. If you're seeing a show somewhere in the Midwest, plan on spending at least $100 to get there and in the doors. If you're traveling farther, it's good to plan on spending at least $300, depending on how far you're going, how many people are with you and how much you'll "tire it up." Remember, everything is more expensive on New Year's Eve, and as time goes on, prices for hotels will surely climb.

**New you know how, but who**

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College Survival Guide: Tears of a clown

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium
With Help from GottaHavaJava

Dear Pat,

I've been a fan of your column for sometime. Your advice has helped to accelerate my academic progress, elevate my social status, and perpetuate my debilitating insomnia through indiscriminate abuse of caffeine products. However, a recent trend I've noticed in your writing has left me feeling a bit disturbed: your obsession with clowns.

As a clown, I'm extremely offended by the defamatory representation of my people. sparks is our word. I can't believe such a progressive publication as The Pointer would allow such derogatory, vocation-ist slang as "clown" to be printed. Jester-American is the preferred nomenclature; "clown" is our word.

What I'm particularly concerned with is your well-documented obsession with clown sex. As a Jester-American who has engaged in many a lustful roll in the silly-string with a buxom, red-nosed clowness, I'd like to dispel a few stereotypes that seem to persist. Sex between two consenting clowns (or one clown and one "normie") is a beautiful, beautiful thing; the union of two funny souls into one hilarious being. Unlike the common misconception, we generally don't make any unusual honking noses while doing the deed, and no, confetti doesn't burst out of us if we get too excited. Clown sex is just like any other kind of sex, albeit with a bit more whoopie-cushion for the pushin'.

If the Circus Rights Movement is teaching us anything, it's that these stereotypes must end. Shame on you, Mr. Rothfuss for your debasing treatment of clowns. Maybe if you could walk a mile in my ridiculously oversized shoes, you'd realize that clowns have feelings too.

-Winkie the Clown

First off, Winkie, I have to straighten you out on a misconception you seem to be laboring under. Sex is not beautiful or funny. Sex is a filthy, disgusting act that should only be shared between married heterosexuals who love each other. Even then the only reason to have sex is to make a baby. Preferably a manchild.

Clowns are a whole separate issue entirely. Clowns are, to put it simply, pure evil. There is so much proof of this that I could write a book about it, but there's no need because someone already did write a book about it. It's called the BIBLE, and it was written by GOD!

1. In the creation story of Genesis, you'll notice that God does not create clowns. That means that they must have been made by the Devil. Or perhaps spawned from the loins of that brazen hussy Lilith after she was thrown out of Eden for back-sassing Adam and demanding oral sex.

2. Leviticus 18:21 reads: "Thou shalt not lie with livestock as with womankind, it is abomination." But this was recently discovered to be a typo. It's not "livestock" it's "laughing-stock." So sex with clowns is abomination. And yes, that does mean it's OK to have sex with animals now. Because God is never wrong.

3. Lastly, as you must be aware, young children often cry at the very sight of a clown. This is because their pure little souls, as yet untainted by the liberal media and Henson's damned pagan Muppets, can sense the dark, sticky evil lurking underneath that too-bright painted smile that you people hide behind.

In closing all I really have to offer you is a choice. Either accept God's infinite love and forgiveness by changing your sinful ways; OR burn forever in the fiery pit of hell.

Either way is fine with me.

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