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## Point celebrates Homecoming



Photo by Liz Bolton

Partner's Pub reaffirms its status a pillar of the UW-Stevens Point homecoming tradition, holding its annual celebration Saturday.

## 'Partner's continues its intoxicating tradition

By David Cohen  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Homecoming tradition at UW-Stevens Point has long included the day-long party at Partner's Pub. Though Stevens Point does not have a shortage of bars, among them all, Partner's has seemed to establish itself as being the place to be on Homecoming day.

Jeff Moffat, owner of Partners, states that this has been a part of UWSP tradition since he first owned it in 1978. He remembers that one year "we got cleaned out. We ran all out of beer." Due to the enthusiastic response, Partner's has continued the annual party and has been sure to have massive amounts of beer on hand.

On Saturday, tents were set up outside for the beer, and the Alumni Association was on hand to sell burgers and brats, while a DJ played music (primarily from the 1970s) to the many people on hand. Patrons were also able to pick up this year's edition of the popular Partner's Homecoming cups. Moffat said that the cup tradition began so that people would hang onto them and not litter them in yards before they became local collector's items.

Tim McKeown, Partner's manager, worked for 18 hours during the party. He said that it was a successful year, and that the reason Partners has become a staple of Homecoming is "a fun party

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## Student interest in Homecoming wanes

By Johanna Nelson  
NEWS REPORTER

Student participation in Homecoming 2003 was down, compared to last year's turnout. Message exposure such as posters, banners and sidewalk chalking encouraged student awareness, yet did not translate into active participants. With ample and effective publicity, there is no readily observable reason for the lower turnout level.

Greg Diekroeger, assistant director of campus activities, believes that a number of different factors contributed to the decrease in student participation. He emphasized the "change in format" as a key element. Through research techniques such as focus groups, Homecoming events were formatted to fit student suggestions.

One such change involved the elimination of the traditional Homecoming king and queen. Students attending the focus groups criticized the elections as being too much like high school popularity contests.

Examining Homecoming on other college campuses offered further insight. For example, some universities require an interview process for potential king and queen candidates and mandatory community service involvement. Greg Diekroeger stated that it was uncertain whether there would or would not be a king and queen next year, but in either case the format would differ from the past.

Laura Majewski, special events programmer, also cited the change in format as a factor; however

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## New opposition arises on United Council fee

### United Council says fee does not violate First Amendment

By Andrew Bloeser  
NEWS EDITOR

A Board of Regents decision that allows United Council to draw revenue from a refundable fee on tuition bills has come under fire as a possible violation of the First Amendment.

Bret Duetscher, a former UW-Stevens Point student, raised concerns about the fee during last week's Student Government Association meeting, stating that it compelled students to fund an organization they might not agree with.

Jeff Pertl, president of United Council, responded this week by saying the option for a refund ensured that no violation occurs.

"It's a refundable fee and the continuation of membership for each campus is decided every two years by referendum," said Pertl. "Minority viewpoints are protected by allowing a refund."

Under Board of Regents policy document 87-3, organizations claiming to represent all UW students are permitted to utilize a mandatory refundable fee (MRF) to generate operating revenue, provided the organization receives approval by the board.

Students who disagree with aims of the organization imposing the fee maintain the right to request a refund of their money by mail, in addition to the cost of postage, within the first 45 days of the academic year.

The document also specifies that after the board approves the MRF, UW students have the option of conducting referenda to determine whether to implement the fee, and requires all implemented MRFs to face ref-

erenda every two years to continue.

The student senate of UW-Stevens Point postponed a vote last week that could have supported increasing the fee that funds United Council from \$1.35 to \$2.00 per student, instead opting to have SGA Vice-president Renee Stieve begin an independent investigation into the legality of the fee.

Three UW schools have already ratified the fee increase, but United Council must accrue the approval of two-thirds of its member campuses to allow the increase to take effect next fall.

The senate voted 12-10-2 to transfer the matter to Stieve following a lengthy discussion on a court opinion circulated among the body, which summarized the majority opinion of *Galda v. Rutgers*—a 1985 US 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals decision that found MRFs supporting ideological groups to violate the First Amendment by compelling speech.

"Mandatory refundable fees compel students to fund an organization they may not agree with," said Duetscher, who circulated the opinion. "Students should have the option to voluntarily fund an organization they agree with, not voluntarily request not to fund an organization they disagree with."

Speaking to the senate from the Legacy Room's gallery, he continued, "Ultimately, the Board of Regents would be responsible because it's their policy allowing this to happen."

Duetscher's argument against United Council's funding mechanism and the board's policy hinges on the *Galda v. Rutgers* decision, also known as *Galda II*, which holds that an organization's educational bene-

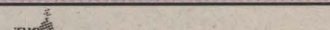
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# Minority students notch key victory in student representation

## New resolution aims to improve communication between SGA and minorities

By Andrew Bloeser  
NEWS EDITOR

More chairs had to be added to the gallery during last week's student senate meeting to accommodate the 40 plus minority students who had gathered to witness the body's vote on a resolution aimed to improve communication between student representatives and campus minority groups.

"As often as you say wait, I'm starting to hear never," student Anne Hoye, an African-American, told the senate last Thursday, responding to a motion that the body send the resolution back to the multicultural affairs committee for revision.

She continued, "I don't need representation later this month, I need it today."

The senate responded to these statements, along with the comments of numerous other constituents who spoke in favor of the resolution by passing an updated version of the Individual Campus Plan by secret ballot, 21-3-1.

The Individual Campus Plan (ICP), as refined by Mikki Guerra, the Student Government Association multicultural and diversity issues director, mandates that every SGA member attend one multicultural event per semester, a measure that stiffened the language of previous resolutions that only suggested SGA members attend such events.

While some senators initially expressed concerns in the meeting that the new resolution remained too vague or too weak in spelling out how to more effectively represent minority perspectives, a few later changed their stances.

"I tried to consider what was best for

the students, but I was wrong," said Sen. Jeffrey Adams, who originally motioned to postpone the vote until after the multicultural and diversity issues committee revised the resolution. "They want this done tonight. Let's give it to them."

For Guerra, who emailed a number of minority students to encourage their attendance and organized a meeting of the leaders of 11 minority organizations on cam-

### The Secret Ballot

"A secret ballot eliminates the apprehension and intimidation from external pressures and enables senators to make rational decisions, not affected by the feelings of others," said Sen. Adams, who requested the secret ballot. "If it makes it easier for people to focus, why not use it?"

Some students sitting in the gallery disagreed, voicing concerns among them-

draw large groups to its meetings.

"There were some people who were intimidated," said Sen. Sara Stone, speaker of the student senate. "I don't know that anyone was really worried about retaliation, but it was a high pressure vote."

One senator, who wished to remain anonymous, also questioned Director Guerra's decision to encourage minority students to fill the gallery, stating that it constituted a pressure tactic.

Guerra feels such criticism is unwarranted.

"If anyone felt pressured, that was their own personal issue," she said. "These were students the senate represents. This wasn't a pressure tactic, it was an awareness tactic."

### Criticism of the ICP

The development of the ICP has coincided with the UW System's effort to achieve the goals of Plan 2008, its proposal to increase the enrollment of minority students in the System and bridge the achievement gap between minority and Caucasian students.

Criticism from some senators in the week before the vote, however, felt that a mandate to attend minority group events might not be an equitable solution, given that other groups on campus might have similar concerns about representation, but do not receive special coverage under a resolution.

"The biggest concern was that we were putting certain organizations above all others, and some didn't think that was fair," said Renee Steve, vice-president of SGA.

She added that such concerns could resurface perennially.

The ICP resolution must undergo revision and face a new vote every academic year.

## UWSP Campus Diversity and the ICP

### Racial Diversity 2003

Campus population: 8,746

#### Caucasian

Total: 8,200; 93.8 %

#### Asian

Total: 157; 2.0 %

#### African-American

Total: 65; 0.74 %

#### Hispanic/Latino

Total: 85; 0.97 %

#### Native American

Total: 71; 0.81 %

#### International

Total: 148; 1.69 %

Source: UWSP Registration and Records



Guerra

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### Groups listed under the ICP resolution

American Indians Reaching for Opportunities

American Indian Science and Engineering Society

Black Student Union

Chinese Culture Club

Gay/Straight Alliance

Hmong and South East Asian American Club

Student Alliance for Latino Studies Club

Southeast Asian Society

Women's Resource Center

Korean Asian Society

Non-Traditional Students

pus, the adoption of the resolution marked a key victory in the effort to incorporate minority views into student governance.

"It was long overdue," said Guerra. "We shouldn't have to suggest that student representatives go out to minority groups, as representatives they should be interested in seeking out those perspectives."

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selves about accountability and openness of the senate.

"I don't think the senate realizes how perceptive their audience is," said Jon Greendeer, who co-authored the proposal that precipitated the ICP resolution along with Geoffrey Mburu. "It was relatively easy based on the discussion of the issue to figure out who voted for and against. The secret ballot was based in fear."

Some senators admitted their nervousness about the vote prior to the meeting, and Protective Services was notified of the vote in advance, a precaution SGA says it exercises with all controversial issues that

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she did not feel that the lower turnout was an issue. She believed that "it was an experimental year, something new," a chance to try out new ideas and activities. In general, she viewed Homecoming 2003 as a great learning experience, and was pleased with the level of student involvement.

Events included free drawings by caricaturist Paul Merklein, team competitions (such as tug-of-war, chalk murals and obstacle courses), a student-centered talent show, the Homecoming football game and parade held Saturday. Despite the various events, some students viewed Homecoming week less as an opportunity to get involved and more as a chance to party a great deal.

UWSP student, Ann Wendorff said, "I think people use homecoming as an excuse to drink and are not excited about the event itself." She went on to surmise that "the actual activities are dorm-oriented, and not a lot of people live in the dorms," suggesting that people who live off campus were isolated from the events.

Zhi Gong also felt

removed from the Homecoming experience. She did not participate, largely due to a busy schedule including exams. She viewed Homecoming as an excuse to "have a party," but did not know much else about the event. She felt that "people should be informed more. People need to try to get the message out there." Erik Dirgaria, also a UWSP student, reflected Zhi Gong's perception of Homecoming, stating "I'm not quite sure what it [Homecoming] is."

Not all students felt this way, however. Olivia Carbajal was very active in the past week's events, even designing a float for the Homecoming Parade. While she felt participation was strong in the dorms, she also noted that several factors discouraged student from participating. For example, the fact that fewer dorms took part in events made it difficult to reach potential participants. Carbajal also felt that the absence of a Homecoming king and queen decreased student interest, commenting that "without the king and queen, it's mostly an Alumni thing. Electing the king and queen involved the students."

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# Regents nullify decision on executive salary increases

By Paul Stolen  
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(U-Wire) OSHKOSH— In an unexpected move, the UW System Board of Regents voted to refer the issue of executive pay ranges to its business and finance committee, thereby nullifying the Board's Sept. 2 decision to increase the salary ranges.

The Sept. 2 vote, done via teleconference with 11 Regents present, was highly criticized by the media, students and legislature, in part due to the expedited and secretive manner in which the meeting was conducted. Chancellor position vacancies at UW-Milwaukee and UW-Stevens Point contributed to the hurried decision.

Board President Toby Marcovich called for the reconsideration of the Sept. 2 vote at the Regents' regular meeting at UW-Oshkosh on Friday.

After brief discussion, one of the Regents proposed a third option to the Board by recommending that the matter be referred to the business and finance committee so that the issue could be more thoroughly researched.

"I think we should step back and examine our whole compensation package," he said. "We owe it to our staff to explore every avenue to pay them fairly."

The Regents took up this motion and approved it by a vote of 12-4, with Nino Amato, Gregory Gracz, Jesus Salas and student regent Beth Richlen voting against referring the issue. Gerald Randall Jr. was not present for the vote.

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fits must be more than incidental to its ideological objectives.

The *Galda v. Rutgers* decision found the use of a mandatory refundable fee by the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG) to violate the First Amendment based on the organization's participation in state legislative matters and lobbying efforts for social change, despite the organization's allowance of a refund.

Pertl stated this week that *Galda II* would be irrelevant in Wisconsin, which falls under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

"The controlling case in the Seventh Circuit is *Southworth*," said Pertl, referring to the 2001 Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. *Southworth* case. "*Galda II* does not hold any bearing."

The *Southworth* case determined that fees assessed as part of tuition to fund student organizations of differing ideological view-

"The significant factor is that the students are the majority shareholders," the Regent said. "I think we owe it to the students to get the best leader we can."

Regent Peggy Rosenzweig also supported this idea during these "extraordinary times."

"I would hope we take the extra time to study all of our options and come back with a clear and convincing case on how to proceed," she said.

Other Regents criticized the motion because they said they thought it would create further criticism of the Board.

"Is this response enough for our shareholders?" Salas said. "I'm concerned we are going to compound our previous errors."

Amato voiced similar concerns.

"We're setting ourselves up for another train wreck," he said, questioning why the Board didn't move the issue to committee on Sept. 2. "We're going to shoot ourselves in the foot one more time."

The discussion grew more intense as Vice President David Welsh argued in support of the motion.

"Let's not worry about what the press thinks. You've got to go back to our constituents," he said. "At the end of the day I want to say I was fair with the leadership at this university. That's our responsibility."

The Board also passed a resolution to Regent Policy 94-4, amending the procedure for determining executive pay. The changes state that salary ranges shall be

adopted by resolution with a role call vote during a regular open meeting.

This resolution comes in response to the criticism of the Sept. 2 vote.

"I think all of us acknowledge we made a mistake in the procedure," Mark Bradley said.

Earlier in the week, system executives apologized to the legislature for the Sept. 2 vote.

Bill Funk, a national college executive recruiter, joined the meeting via teleconference to answer questions from the regents and provide background information about the current national atmosphere related to executive searches.

"The question I think is: in light of the escalation, how long can you trade on the reputation and stature?" he said.

Though the pay range increase issue is far from dead, the underlying concern is the current financial situation the state is in.

"In times of economic crisis, in my experience, when you are in a fiscal crisis you freeze executive salaries," Amato said. "For us to move forward with a salary increase gives the wrong message all around."

The next regular Board of Regents meeting will be Nov. 6-7 in Madison, where the budget and finance committee will present its findings on the executive pay issue.

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when an increase in the United Council's MRF faces a vote by member campuses.

He also responded to criticism from student leaders and representatives on campus over United Council's system of representation and its handling of legislative affairs.

He stated that while larger schools do retain more delegates during assembly votes, that coalitions of numerous smaller schools could effectively challenge those larger schools.

Pertl also provided the minutes from a general assembly that indicated a resolution opposing a federal marriage amendment was discussed on the floor, contrary to claims made last week by SGA senator Jeremy Gorzalski.

The next move belongs to the SGA of UW-Stevens Point.

SGA Vice-president Stieve said that she had contacted the UW System's legal department this week to determine the legitimacy of legal opposition to the Board of Regents policy and United Council's use of an MRF.

## Smith Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 14 3:45 p.m.

A resident reported the theft of a Playstation II, which had been kept in the resident's room.

## Lot R

Monday, Oct. 13 10:50 p.m.

A student reported damages to her vehicle, which had been parked in the lot for about one hour.

## Knutzen Hall

Friday, Oct. 10 9:09 P.M.

A student reported the theft of a bike from the main entrance of the building.

## Lot Q

Thursday, Oct. 9 12:00 a.m.

While on a routine patrol, Protective Service cadets found a vehicle that had been wrapped in cellophane and then spray painted.

## Lot Q

Wednesday, Oct. 8 8:38 p.m.

A student reported a hit and run accident involving a parked car.

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atmosphere with friendly service. We also have a lot of room and we are close to the football stadium." McKeown feels that the main point of the party is that it gives people a place to meet and socialize.

Some people, however, feel that a major Homecoming party taking place at a tavern places an undue emphasis on excessive drinking.

Dr. John Munson, a UWSP Health and Wellness instructor points out "Drinking and Homecoming should definitely be unrelated. Wisconsin's cultural norm gives tacit support for drinking alcohol to excess as a way of having fun. We need to be about responsible use of alcohol in all situations on our campus. Unfortunately, we condone events that encourage people to drink to excess. Tailgating parties often start by 9:00 a.m. and by game time many are too inebriated to enjoy the homecoming events."

McKeown said that "Not everyone who comes gets annihilated. Most people are drinking socially. It gives people a chance to talk to people who they haven't seen in a long time."

A number of people, however, do drink large amounts. Shortly before noon, the DJ asked the audience "Is anyone out there drunk?" to which many people responded by throwing their arms in the air and proudly screaming that they were. Inside, a man calls to another who is only a few years older than him so that he can introduce the other to his friends as being his father.

The picture of homecoming partying is extended throughout Stevens Point. It was reported that other tav-

erns had specials on Bloody Marys that began at nine in the morning. Across from Old Main a party in a front yard sings along discordantly to AC/DC's "Big Balls" while one of the attendees begins running down the street, chasing cars. A moment later, a pickup truck comes down the street honking wildly before swerving onto the side walk. The party-goers across the street applaud and yell in delight as the truck continues driving on the sidewalk before turning into a driveway, nearly hitting a pedestrian while waving and extending greetings to him.

McKeown said that Partners bartenders watch carefully to see when a person needs to be cut off so that scenes like those above are minimal.

Gina Wisniewski stated that she rarely drinks and was at her first Homecoming celebration at Partner's. She says of this kind of partying that "it is not for everyone. There are healthier ways."

She says that she enjoyed herself there and the highlights consisted of "a tent, music, drinking and

an old guy dressed in a gown. It was kind of a skirt type of thing with poofy shoulders."

Eric Ott, a UWSP student, did not participate in the Homecoming events and expressed concern about commencing with alcohol early in the day.

He said "It seems contradictory to me that an event based on athletics is so revolved around drinking." He adds though "It is their choice if they want to do that."

Wisniewski said that she was hoping to play volleyball at the party to incorporate athletics, but then realized that "drunken volleyball would not have been very good."

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Photo by Liz Bolton

Krissy Puzach, a 2002-03 graduate (pictured above), raises her class in homage of Partner's homecoming celebration.

## RHA contest raises campus awareness of energy conservation

By David Cohen  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) announced Hyer Hall as the victor of a week long competition among residence halls which promoted energy conservation by encouraging students to cut down on the use of electricity.

The competition took place from Sept. 21 to Sept. 28 and aimed to save money for the campus and promote awareness of environmental sustainability.

Matt Schuler, the Social and Contemporary Issues Chairperson for the Residence Hall Association, has long supported the concept of promoting environmental awareness to the residence halls.

"I originally was going to schedule the event for Earth Week, but then a friend of mine suggested that we do this earlier in the year so that students will get used to the idea of energy conservation so they can practice it all year long," Schuler said.

Student employees of Pray-Sims Hall were particularly active in promoting the conservation to their residents. Nathaniel Wagner, the third floor CA, said "We promoted people at Pray-Sims to take the stairs. We are the only hall on campus with an elevator and this uses a lot of energy."

The energy consumption was monitored by Larry Beck of Facility Services.

"In June 2003 we completed a project that installed new condensate meters (measures steam usage) and electric meters in all major campus buildings," said Beck. "These meter are connected to the Building Automation System which together provide online metering. Our HVAC Specialist developed spreadsheets to collect and analyze this data. We use this information for billing, troubleshooting and energy conservation."

Hyer Hall has 185 residents and used 5,803.8 kilowatt hours, and will now receive a party, paid for by RHA.

Schuler says that the event was a huge success.

"We managed to save a total of more than 3000 KWH all together, and that's even with colder temperatures and less daylight." Schuler hopes that this project will be continued and that energy on campus can be conserved for years to come.

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## Musings from Mirman

**Could somebody please clue me in on  
why we celebrate Columbus Day?**

By Dan Mirman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Anyone expecting letters had to wait an extra day because a national holiday on Monday means no mail. The holiday was Columbus Day. So we celebrate the legacy of the man guilty of ethnically cleansing America. What a joke.

Christopher Columbus was not the first man to set foot on North America, and furthermore he wasn't the first white man to step on this continent either. However, he was the first man to enslave the Native Americans and sell them back to Europe. He also helped kill nearly 5,000,000 more Native Americans as he settled our great nation.

For these accomplishments, the second Monday of every October is dedicated to his name.

Would public officials please rethink the whole idea of Columbus Day? Simply because the man went down in history as discovering America does not mean that the issue should remain closed. The facts that are supplied above represent a small portion of Columbus' despicable actions.

I know that many people, including my own father, believe that the past should be left alone. If a man is deemed a hero, then what is accomplished by railing on his character long after his impact on the world? While this argument seems rational, there remains a glaring error. If we refuse to accept the truth about Columbus' actual actions, then ignorance must be bliss. If a man simply should be remembered only for his positive actions, then I can think of a few people who might deserve national holidays in the distant future.

Let's start with an obvious national celebrity, Kobe Bryant. By the time he retires, there's a good chance that Kobe will stand as the greatest basketball player ever. I'm sure by the time he's considered for a national holiday everyone will forget that he raped a teenage girl, since it appears he will get off the hook. One question: if Kobe did have consensual sex, why didn't he say it in the first place instead of sneaking out of the hotel with his bodyguards?



Maybe Hitler could have his own holiday also. Well, he never actually touched our nation, he treated Jewish people just like Columbus treated Native Americans. Besides, he built Germany up to the point that it nearly took over the world. He was also a fantastic speaker, but never mind that he rallied people to hate other cultures.

Looking at the entertainment world, why not a holiday for D.W. Griffith? Griffith directed the film *Birth of a Nation*. Cinematically speaking, the 1915 film was absolutely astounding. However, it also glorified racism. In addition to the racist theme, *Nation* also proved the main inspiration behind the rebirth of the Klu Klux Klan.

I know that the three people mentioned are not nearly on the same level. But they all provide examples of how people could be viewed if a person ignores part of their legacy.

The one funny aspect of Columbus Day is despite the obvious misrepresentation of a tyrant, the holiday was one of the few things Democrats and Republicans agreed on. It was a Democrat, Franklin Roosevelt, who made Columbus Day an official holiday in 1937. Later, Republican Richard Nixon made the holiday national before he was tossed from office. As usual, both the Republicans and the Democrats are wrong.

The solution to this problem lies in our educational system. Teachers should not continue to educate their classes with glossy versions of historical heroes. We need to give the children the truth and let them decide for themselves.

Instead they learn nice rhymes like, "in 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue" and they never hear of the genocide and atrocities he committed. While a rhyme like, "in 1494 Columbus murdered by the score" probably wouldn't go over very well, it's still a better solution than educating our children with ignorance.

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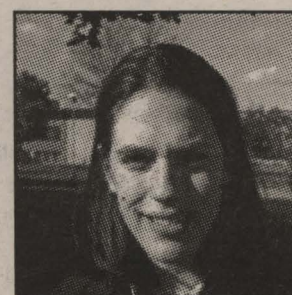
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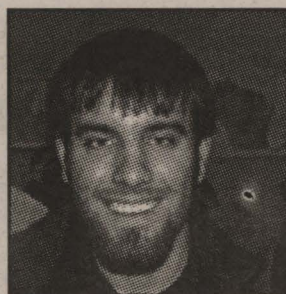
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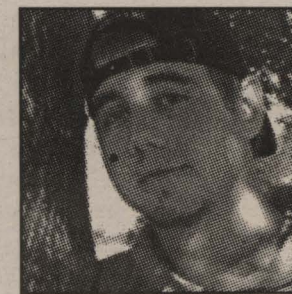
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*Riding my bike through  
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*Sitting outside and watching  
the leaves change.*



# Homecoming talent on display

Sigma Tau Gamma and Delta Phi Epsilon are victorious

By Sarah Dennewitz  
FEATURES REPORTER

Point Toon Network, this year's Homecoming talent show theme, sponsored by Centertainment Productions gathered the pride of Pointer students. Coordinating with the week's Homecoming activities, the talent show on Thursday, Oct 9 kicked off the beginning of a spirited, proud campus weekend.

Chris "Boom Boom" Johnson, the talent show emcee, opened the show with a quirky, high-energy comic performance. His humor easily related to the life of an average student here on campus. Johnson's subjects included the differences between men and women, college drinking experiences, past jobs and the every day problems of college students. He also brought the audience back to their childhood by comically reminiscing through a variety of memories, such as, sit and spin, Slip and Slide, old board games like Clue and our squirt guns that were not quite Super Soakers.

Not only did Johnson relate

to college life, he also managed to tie in stories of his life as a bus driver and grocery bagger. As a traveling comedian, Johnson really set the pace for the talent show. By the end of his thirty minute introduction, the audience was in tears of laughter.

The show itself was com-



posed of a variety of student organization skits relating to the Toon Stock homecoming theme. There were a total of nine skits from Thomson Hall, Sigma Tau Gamma & Delta Phi Epsilon, Smith Hall, Burroughs Hall, Tau Kappa Epsilon & Gamma Phi

Delta, Hyer Hall, Theta Xi, May Roach and Phi Squared. Some acts included themes from the *Jetsons*, *Ghostbusters*, the *Simpsons*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and the *Flintstones*. All of the skits were creative, entertaining and definitely worth watching. Sigma Tau Gamma and Delta Phi Epsilon took first place with their witty court scene of the *Simpsons* debate between Homer and Mr. Burns. Theta Xi took second, Phi Squared took third, Thomson Hall was fourth and Burroughs Hall finished fifth. The race was close between acts because everyone put on a highly enjoyable performance.

As champs of the 2003 homecoming talent show, Sigma Tau Gamma and Delta Phi Epsilon will hold the crown until next year. Hopefully the homecoming 2004 talent show will turn out to be as successful and entertaining as this year's. The skits were a great way to kick off a weekend of school spirited homecoming events.

## BOUNCE is back!

Come to the MAC October 24 for a night of alcohol-free fun

By Carrie McGrath  
FEATURES REPORTER

Bounce on over to the MAC, located in the Health Enhancement Center, Friday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. for fun, food and a keg. Well, the keg is Point Root Beer, but a keg is still a keg.

Promoting Awareness With Students (PAWS) has once again reserved the MAC for a night of alcohol-free fun. For a mere \$5 one can participate in the volleyball tournament, play trench ball, climb the rock wall and ride around on tricycles wearing drunk-goggles.

Free subs and root beer floats will also be offered to keep you rejuvenated through the late-night hours. And even if you don't win one of the many great door-prizes donated by local businesses, everyone will still go home with a cool T-shirt, provided they

sign up in advance.

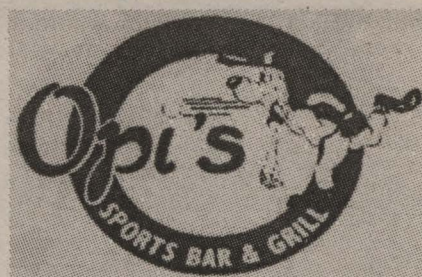
PAWS is getting a lot of help in organizing BOUNCE this year to make it a tremendous success. Student Impact is sponsoring the volleyball tournament, and a trenchball tournament has also been added to enhance the fun for all. Erbert's and Gerbert's is donating free subs later in the evening as well.

People can sign up at the door. Five dollars is required, and PAWS accepts cash, checks, or you can charge the admission to your student account. Only those who sign up in advance will be guaranteed a T-shirt, and on the night of BOUNCE, only the first 50 people who pay at the door will receive a free T-shirt.

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## What's sweet about Sweetest Day?

### Ways to show your sweetness for your sweetie

By Alli Himle  
FEATURES EDITOR

Sweetest Day, like Valentine's Day, is a holiday devoted to the expression of romantic love for your significant other. In addition to that, the appreciation of your friends is also typically expressed on this day. This year, Sweetest Day is recognized on Saturday, October 18.

Sweetest Day observance originated in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1922. Herbert Birch Kingston, a philanthropist and candy company employee, wanted to bring happiness to children living in orphanages,

those stricken by illness or disabilities, and others who were forgotten. With the help of his friends, he began to distribute candy and small gifts to the less fortunate. Since 1922, Sweetest Day has been observed on the third Saturday in the month of October. Over the years, Sweetest Day has transformed into a day to celebrate the love and appreciation for your significant other and your friends.

Primarily a regional observance celebrated in the Great Lakes region and the Northeast, Sweetest Day is being gradually spread to other areas of the country by people when they

move. The highest Sweetest Day sales are in Ohio, with Michigan and Illinois closely trailing behind.

There are a variety of ways to celebrate Sweetest Day. The traditional observance usually involves the same types of gifts and acknowledgements as Valentine's Day. Traditional gifts include cards, flowers and chocolates. Other suggestions include making a list of your sweetest things with your significant other (from foods to types of kisses) and then trying to experience those things in the coming days or weeks.

When it comes to appreci-

ating your friends on this day, there are also numerous suggestions. You can write them a sweet note expressing how much their friendship means to you or give them a simple gift of homemade cookies.

Above all else, Sweetest Day is meant for us to find the sweetness within ourselves. No matter how you choose to acknowledge this day, try to brighten the spirit of those that mean the most to you. You can be assured that your sweetness will not only be well received, but is also sure to be reciprocated.



### INEXPENSIVE WAYS TO CELEBRATE SWEETEST DAY WITH YOUR SWEETIE

- Make a list of what you consider to be their sweetest qualities.
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- Write a poem for them.
- Make them a blank CD of the songs that remind you of them.
- Create a picture frame with a picture of the two of you in it.
- Watch a romantic movie together.
- Cook dinner together or surprise your sweetie by making their favorite meal.
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## Good eats in Point

### Eating at the 7-11 of restaurants

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

When you're hungry in the wee hours of the morning, you sure don't have many choices. The Grill and the C-Store have been closed for hours and the restaurants around campus are pretty much out of the question too. Even Taco Bell, the ideal antidote for a morning hangover, closes before the graveyard hours really get started. So if its 2:30 in the morning and your stomach is rumbling, you don't seem to have much of an option other than reheating some old Ramen noodles.

Ah, but do not despair, my friends. There is one restaurant that stands tall in the grip of darkness; a beacon of hope for all those hungry in the dead of night. I speak, of course, of Perkins, the only area eatery that stays open for all hours at least some days of the week (from Sunday until Thursday it's closed from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m.). From its location in the K-Mart parking lot, Perkins offers good food at very reasonable prices in an ambient atmosphere.

My preferred time to go to Perkins is in the mornings, for their breakfasts are some of the largest and most filling I've ever eaten. The last time I was there was a couple weeks ago, when I went in to fill up before giving plasma. (It's never a good idea to surrender your precious bodily fluids on an empty stomach.) I ordered the pancakes, which are about the size of a dinner plate and sink in your stomach like the

Titanic after hitting the iceberg. Of course, I needed a side and I ordered hash browns with cheese.

Allow me to spend a moment on hash browns. They are just about my favorite breakfast food and my mania for them is largely responsible for my personal freshman 15 gain. The hash browns at Perkins are among the best I've ever eaten and with molten cheese dripping over them, they reach a level of taste bud nirvana. Yes, they are full of enough fat, grease and cholesterol to clog the arteries of a yak or a full-grown sperm whale, but those are the prices one must pay to find that ultimate breakfast.

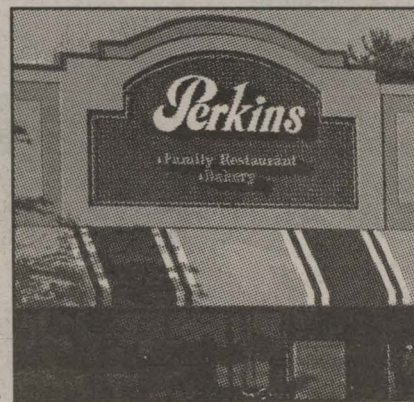


Photo by Patricia Larson

Good food to be enjoyed at Perkins

To sum up, these are pretty darn good hash browns. God bless you, Perkins, for this culinary wizardry of yours.

Perkins supplies meals of every variety, from burgers and sandwiches to fine and wholly hearty portions of fish (seafood freaks like myself rejoice). They also, of course, sell pastries to go at the front, all the better for those who need a Homer Simpson-style doughnut fix to get you going in the morning. Perkins is truly the jack of all trades among our local restaurants, servicing your every need.

So if your stomach is rumbling in the dead of night and no other options are available, Perkins may just be your savior. It has good food at affordable prices and can meet all of your daily needs. And remember, those hash browns are real good.

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## Runners coming down the home stretch

### Team proves depth as top runners rest

By Tony Bastien  
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's cross country team continued their dominance of Division III opponents this season at the Big Dawg Invite this past weekend in Plover, placing first ahead of Eau Claire and Whitewater.

#### cross country

The team's performance on Saturday was nearly flawless, with the top five spots in the entire field consisting of Pointers, which gave the team a perfect score of 15. Not only did they have the top five spots, but also the sixth position. The finishing order for the women was Megan Craig first, followed by Jenna Mitchler, Teresa Stanley, Isabelle Delannay, Leah Herlache and Ashleigh Potuznik. For her accomplishments at the invite, which included winning the event by 19 seconds, Craig was named the WIAC runner of the week.

"When everyone on the team is so close in talent, and you

have five or six people right with you in workouts, it really makes a difference," said Craig. "None of us are superstars like some other teams have. We all are hard workers who are willing to hurt for each other."

Mitchler, who has been what Head Coach Len Hill has called possibly the best third runner in all of Division III, placed second.

Mitchler seconded what Craig had to say, saying "We are good at using each other during the races, and I think that we help push each other to do the best we can."

As it has been for every race this year for the Pointers, Teresa Stanley was also in the top three finishers for Point, placing third.

Stanley described herself as "giddy" about the team's performances, saying "We have really improved a lot from last year, and the best part is [that] everyone is staying healthy, that [there] is no injuries. That's what hurt us last year."

The pressure is starting to mount for the women though, as there are just two meets left, including this weekend's always difficult Titan Invitational in

Oshkosh. The team still holds the third rank in the nation, and talk of them winning the National Crown is building.

The men are also ranked third in the nation, and hopes are also high for them heading into the final weeks of regular competition.

Coach Rick Witt, as he has all season, rested his top runners this past weekend coming off the previous weeks' victory at Notre Dame. As a result, the Pointers finished second in their portion of the invite behind Eau Claire, narrowly beating Whitewater.

Jake Rhyner was the first Stevens Point runner to cross the line in fifth, Nathan Moenk placed eighth, and Andy Whitmire followed him in ninth.

This week the men also travel to the Titan Invitational, taking on the number one ranked Oshkosh Titans.

Coach Witt called this weekend a huge one, expecting to see many of the other top teams in the nation there.

The team is looking to get a read on these other top teams going into the post season.



Photo by Patricia Larson

Nathan Moenk is closely followed by Andy Whitmire on Saturday.

## Despite record, team continues tough play

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Wednesday night, the Pointers hosted defending national champion UW-Whitewater.

#### volleyball

The Pointers hung tough in the first two games against the Warhawks, but ultimately fell 30-21 and 30-24 respectively. The third game saw the Pointers stay close as they stayed within four points 17-13 until Whitewater iced the game with a 12-2 run, fueled by precision serving and dominant play from the frontline.

Jessica Parker had a solid night, notching ten kills, followed by Melissa Weber with six kills. Maggie Fasan also contributed three aces.

"We were right there in it the first two games, but we let up in the third. Tonight our biggest culprit was our passing, especially in the last game," said Coach Stacey White. "Jessica Parker and Melissa Weber played well, being aggressive. We're just trying to find some consistency right now."

Last Thursday, the Pointers traveled to Sheboygan to take on the Lakeland College Muskies.

The first game of the match was nip and tuck as the Pointers pushed the Muskies to the brink, but ultimately fell short, falling 34-32.

Lakeland came out strong in the second game, defeating the Pointers handily 30-19. The third game of the match for the Pointers wasn't much better as the Pointers fell 30-22. Weber led the way for the Pointers with seven kills, while Nichole Stahovich added six kills of her own. Lori Marten played strong defense, tallying ten digs for the Pointers.

Coach White seemed a little frustrated by the team's performance, saying "It was a match we definitely could have won because we played well. But we didn't quite have it."

The losses drop the Pointers to 8-18 on the season, 1-5 in the WIAC.

The team has two big matches coming up with conference tilts this weekend. Friday the Pointers host UW-Superior, and on Saturday afternoon UW-Eau Claire comes to town.

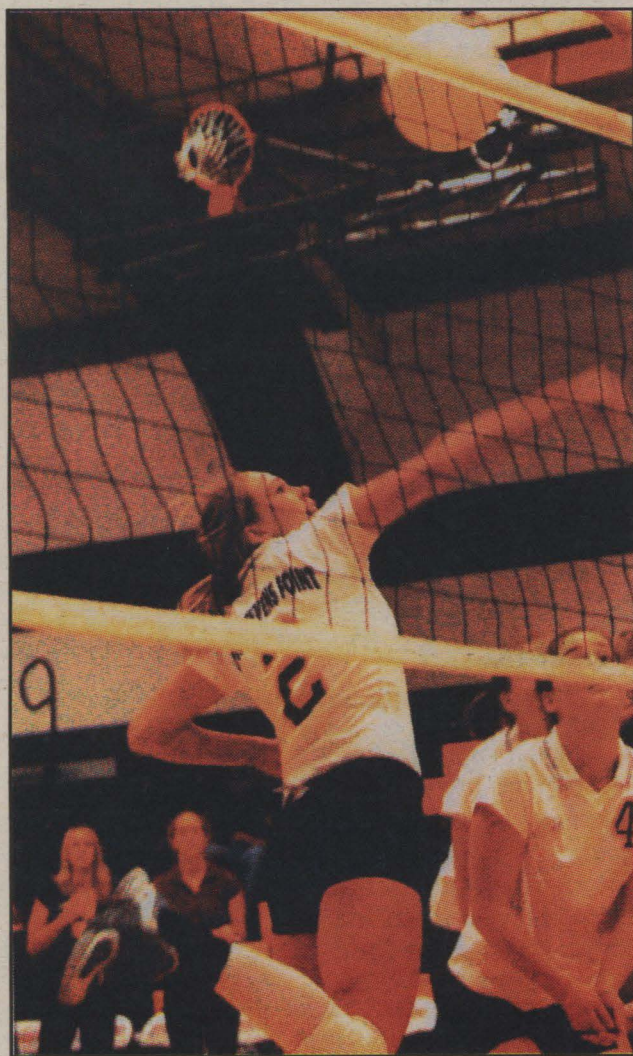


Photo by Patricia Larson

Freshman Katie Stephenson jumps up for a spike against Whitewater on Wednesday. Point fell 3-0.

## Pointers come to play against Whitewater

By Jana Jurkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's tennis team has had a hard time putting everything together into one match this season.

#### tennis

Despite some good performances, the team fell to UW-Whitewater last Friday.

Whitewater is one of the stronger

teams in the WIAC, so the team knew they had a challenge in front of them. After coming off a disappointing 9-0 loss on Wednesday, the Pointers were looking to get back on the right track.

The number two doubles team of Tiffany Serpico and Kim Goron got the team started out on the right foot, as they defeated Whitewater's number two doubles team 8-2.

"Kim and I played a consistent

game and tried to let them make the mistakes," said Serpico.

However, the team of Serpico-Goron would be the lone victors for the Pointer doubles teams. The number one doubles team of Amber Wilkowski and Emily Schlender lost in a tough match 8-2, and number three doubles, Angie Brown and Jada

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# School's homecoming jinx continues

**Team loses fourth homecoming game in a row**

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

By the middle of the third quarter, it could be seen in the eyes of all the Pointers on the sidelines. They were going to lose another homecoming game.

After handing the Stout Blue Devils a 31-7 halftime lead, the Pointers made a valiant comeback in the second half before coming up ten points short, 37-27.

Stout runningback Luke Bundgaard rushed for a career-high 176 yards on 38 carries to lead the 25th-ranked Blue Devils in the victory. The senior running back was key in a big UW-Stout first half with 116 yards in the first two quarters, including 77 yards in the first period. Many of Bundgaard's yards came out of the option.

"Stout has always run the option four or five times per game against us in the past," said Pointer Head Coach John Miech. "We worked against it all week, but we couldn't stop it in the game. Therefore, they just kept running it against us."

Stout got on the board early against the usually-stingy UWSP defense, with Bundgaard scoring on a 12-yard run on their second possession and Nick Ohman hitting Ross Jones for a 13-yard touchdown with 44 seconds left in the quarter.

After a 14-yard punt on the Pointers' next possession, Stout continued to pour it on, scoring on their first play with a 30-yard jump-ball pass from Ohman to the Blue Devil's 6'5" wide out Dan Austin for a 21-0 lead. Pointers' quarterback Scott Krause was intercepted by Jordan Sinz on the next play and, just three plays later, the Blue

Devils pushed the lead to 28-0 on a 20-yard run by Ohman.

Shelley shocked, the Pointers were able to put together a strong drive of 80 yards in 10 plays to cut the lead to 28-7. However, the Blue Devils quickly stole the momentum back with a career-long 47-yard field goal from Evan Larsen with 1:15 left in the second quarter for a 31-7 halftime lead.

After giving up an early touchdown, senior quarterback Scott Krause attempted to lead the Pointers back into the game, hitting junior Tony Romano, senior Levi Massey and junior Kurt Kielblock for scores. However, the Blue Devils recovered an onside kick in the final minute to seal the victory.

"I think that our team was still feeling the effects of last week's game in La Crosse, so we came out flat," said Miech. "That's the way this league is."

With the loss, the Pointers fall to 3-2 over-



Photo by Patricia Larson

A sure touchdown glances off the hands of receiver Kurt Kielblock during Saturday's game. Point fell 37-27.

all, while the team is still winless in the conference, dropping to 0-2.

This weekend, the Eau Claire BluGolds, coming off a stunning 24-21 upset from highly-ranked UW-La Crosse, come to Goerke Field to face the Pointers.

Said Miech of the match-up, "We're still in a good situation if we can win out. Just look at how many times this league has been won with two losses. We just need to stay focused."

## Matchup



Eau Claire

UWSP

**Where:** Goerke Field

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

**Listen:** The game can be heard live on WKQH (104.9 FM) radio with Scott Krueger calling play-by-play and Ken Kulick providing color.

**Television:** The game will be broadcast by STV on a tape-delayed basis and shown on Channel 10 during the following week.

**Series History:** UW-Stevens Point leads the all-time series 37-28-5, having won 13 of the past 15 meetings.

**Last Year:** UW-Eau Claire won last year's matchup 21-16. Trailing 10-7 in the third quarter, the BluGolds scored two touchdowns to build an 11-point lead and the Pointers managed only one touchdown in four fourth quarter possessions.

## Tennis

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Fenske, were defeated 8-1.

Serpico was also the lone victor in the singles, as she defeated Jennifer Stamm of Whitewater in two sets, 6-1 and 6-4, respectively.

"I just tried to keep moving the ball around making her run until eventually she got tired and made some unforced errors," said Serpico.



Schlender

Her second set was a little more intense as Stamm started to mount a comeback. However, Serpico stayed strong and gave the Pointers a victory.

Emily Schlender, number three singles, gave her opponent a run for her money as she stayed close, falling 6-3 and 6-4. Like Schlender, the other UWSP singles gave a strong effort, but fell to their Whitewater opponents in two sets.

Regardless of their losses, the Pointer team was happy with

their performance.

"Overall, our team put up a good fight against Whitewater and I think we are all proud of how we played," said Serpico. "We gave them a challenge for their victories."

The team was again in action on Wednesday, falling to Oshkosh 7-2. Kim Goron was the lone UWSP winner, posting a three set win in her number four singles match. The Pointers stay at home to take on UW-Eau Claire at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

## SENIOR ON THE SPOT JUSTIN ENGLAND - FOOTBALL



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- Have played offense and defense at UWSP
- Was in the team top three in sacks as a reserve player in 2002

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**Nickname** - "Engy", "U.K." and "Great Britian"  
**What are your plans after graduation?** - Hopefully become employed in a school district of my choice.  
**Do you plan on playing football after graduation?** - Probably not, but I am going to stay involved in coaching somehow.  
**What is your favorite aspect of football?** - Knowing the other guys are out there busting their ass for the same reasons you are.  
**Most embarrassing moment** - Probably being the first player to get a fifteen yard penalty in a game that I never played in.  
**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?** - The guy that has to sit through all those boring photo shoots and pick the Playboy Playmate of the month.  
**What CD is in your stereo right now?** - Toby Keith - Greatest Hits  
**If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go?** - Probably Kari Zellner, so I can rub it in in the locker room. Otherwise, Jenna Jameson, and hopefully I wouldn't have to waste time buying her dinner.  
**What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP?** - Hanging with the boys outside of football.  
**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** - You're part of a tradition here...realize it.

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# THE BACK PAGE



## The way I see it...when football violence goes too far

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Football. It's a sport of extreme violence, yet that's what attracts many fans today. Let's face it; when you're watching the Pointers, Badgers, Packers, or whatever team you're rooting for, the loudest cheers come when some one gets lit up, like when Nick Haffele flattens some poor running back, when Antaj Hawthorne smokes a QB from the blind side or when Darren Sharper de-cleats a receiver over the middle.

That being said, there is a fine line between good, hard-hitting football and dirty football. With that in mind, I'd like to address a couple of incidents involving our professional and college teams over the last year.

Most recently, there's what happened to Badgers' quarterback Jim Sorgi this week-

end. I'm sure you've all seen the clip of Ohio State linebacker Robert Reynolds doing his best Latrell Sprewell impersonation on the defenseless Sorgi. Now I'm all about being intimidating, and yes, football is a tough sport, but Reynolds went way over the line. Quite frankly, the one game suspension Reynolds received is a joke. I expected Ohio State, a school that's trying to clean up its image in the wake of the Maurice Clarett debacle and the tarnished regime of John Cooper, would react a little more strongly to this incident.

I'm especially disappointed in Ohio State coach Jim Tressel. I've always thought of him as a stand-up kind of guy who wouldn't tolerate this kind of behavior. The NCAA should also have done something. Who's to stop a coach from sending in a third-stringer to incapacitate an opposing QB?

As a former player, I know that there's a lot of nasty stuff going on in those player pile ups that can't be called because there's no way an official can see it, even on tape after the game. However, this incident happened out in the open, where everyone could see it. The NCAA should have acted on this and punished Reynolds more severely. In my opinion, they dropped the ball.

Then there's the Chad Clifton/Warren Sapp incident last year. You know what I'm talking about, the blind side annihilation of the Packers' left tackle Chad Clifton by the Buccaneers' Sapp during an interception return in last year's Packers/Bucs game. For those of you who want to string up Warren Sapp for this hit, I have a little advice. GET OVER IT! Now, I know a lot of people aren't going to be happy with me, but let me explain. If you've ever played on the offen-

sive or defensive lines for a football team, you know it's an all-out street fight. Guys are holding, punching, kicking, and basically doing what ever they can get away with to get the job done.

Naturally, when all this goes on, tempers flare. I'm sure during that game Clifton and Sapp both did their fair share of brawling between the whistles. When you're going toe to toe with an opposing player, and you get a shot at him like Sapp did, you don't even hesitate. You take it. Chad Clifton knows it, Warren Sapp knows it and anyone who's played any football knows it.

It was a perfectly legal hit, and a textbook case of why you have to stay alert on the field at all times. It was unfortunate Clifton got hurt on the play, but then again, that's the risk you take when you step onto the football field.

## The Man's Take: why every major sporting event deserves a streaker

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

You know, I used to think that people who rip off all their clothes and streak at sporting events were dumb. Now, I have an all new respect for these rascals.

Saturday during halftime of the homecoming game, a daring student decided to streak the field. He jumped the fence and dashed the full 100 yards with only a cardboard box over his head and all his caution thrown into the wind. With the agility of a

gazelle, he scaled two fences and lit off on a bike before anyone could think of going after him.

I don't know what this student was thinking. Heck, he may have been too inebriated to think at all. It was common knowledge that "Kegs and Eggs"-type break-

fast feasts were prevalent across the city on Saturday morning. Our streaker could very well have been drinking before eight.

What this streaker did was magical. This reporter has never seen a crowd so fired up during a game where their team was get-

ting blown out by 24 points. The Pointers came out and rallied to make the game at least exciting.

Now, I'm not saying that the streaker single-handedly brought about the Point comeback. But he didn't hurt. Till next time, GO POINTERS!




### INTRAMURAL RANKINGS

(as of October 15)

<b>Flag Football</b> 1. Kush's Killers 2. (tie) Good Ol' Boys Simmer <b>Soccer</b> 1. Flaming Seahorses 2. Hudak Sucks 3. T-Ballas <b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> 1. Tenacious D 2. The Moustaches 3. Thomson <b>Horseshoes</b> <b>Singles</b> 1. Brad 2. Lucky 3. Rally Rabbit <b>Doubles</b> 1. Ed 2. NWL 3. Lazy Pitbull	<b>D2 Volleyball</b> 6 p.m. 1. Razor Bumps 2. Zero Talent 3. Wipe 4. The Manginas 7 p.m. 1. Hobo's 2. Home Skilletts 3. I-Club Fighters <b>D1 Volleyball</b> 2 p.m. 1. We Can't Score 2. Finger Blasters 3. Hot Aces 10 p.m. 1. Indigenous Players 2. Leap Frog <b>Outdoor Volleyball</b> 1. Cory is King 2. Tastecos 3. Hot Aces	8 p.m. 1. Ramrod 2. Unknown 3. Nature Pride 10 p.m. 1. Jager Bombers 2. The Favorites 3. The Boyz and Us <b>Womens Volleyball</b> 8 p.m. 1. Diggers 2. Alabama Slammers 3. T-Bone Players 2 p.m. 1. Hoppin Hooters 2. The Queens 3. Slam Bam
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## Izaak Walton League offers conservation opportunity

By Marty Seeger  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Izaak Walton League of America (IWL) is a diverse group of men and women dedicated to protecting our nation's natural resources. They are active in all aspects of outdoor recreation and conservation activities, including fishing, hunting, stream restoration and wildlife photography, just to name a few.

Anyone interested in these activities can join the Bill Cook student chapter of the IWL here on campus. The cost of this

program is only \$10 for new members and \$22 for renewals. Nick Docken, president of the IWL explained that "Once your Bill Cook chapter dues are paid, so are your national dues. You will then be a member of our parent chapter as well." He went on to explain that you will also receive the IWL national magazine *Outdoor America*.

Being a member of the Bill Cook chapter will also give you access to their club grounds (located 5 miles east of town just off of Highway 66). Docken explained that "They have a trap, rifle and bow

range, that you are free to use once a paid member." Other conservation activities you can enjoy here include stream improvements in the spring, hunter safety, candlelight snowshoe, ice fishing contests, Halloween activities, 3-D bow and trap shoots, wood duck box projects and more.

During the spring in the last two years the club has held a Youth Conservation Day in conjunction with the Portage County Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. This activity is also held at the Bill Cook Club grounds, and it involves conservation oriented activities and demon-

strations for kids to participate in. "This event keeps getting bigger and bigger every year," Docken said.

Meetings for the IWL are usually held during the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the CNR building, up in room 372. Some of these meetings are held out at the Bill Cook grounds, where the group will participate in shooting trap together.

For more information about this unique opportunity, contact Nick Docken, at [Ndock802@uwsp.edu](mailto:Ndock802@uwsp.edu)

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## Fall colors reach peak

By Marty Seeger  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Peak fall color is arriving in many parts of Wisconsin. Unfortunately, our late summer drought, early frost and windy conditions may have an impact on how long peak fall conditions will last. For this reason you may want to make plans for the weekend in order to enjoy the many attractions that central Wisconsin has to offer.



According to the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, Wausau and areas of central Wisconsin have officially reached their peak fall color. For anyone interested in viewing these spectacular fall colors, you might want to start at Rib Mountain State Park. Each year people flock to some of the highest peaks in Wisconsin to view the breathtaking scenery. For those interested in heights, there are plenty of observation lookouts amid the state park for your viewing pleasure, and a 60 foot observation tower where you can view endless miles of natural beauty.

If you are looking for something a little closer you might want to visit the Big Eau Pleine County Park located just southwest of Mosinee. This park is a densely wooded peninsula that runs approximately two miles into the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir. This park also offers many miles of hiking trails for anyone who enjoys finding new and interesting places to explore.

Although many of these areas are at their peak it's important to note that the Wisconsin Department of Tourism has listed Stevens Point as "past peak" conditions. You may have noticed the many people raking their lawns over the past weekend. However, don't let this discourage you from visiting the endless possibilities surrounding Stevens Point. Your best opportunity for viewing the fall colors in the area is by biking, hiking or walking the 30.5 mile Green Circle Trail.

The falls colors may be fading fast but there is still time to get out and enjoy the Indian summer. Even if the peak conditions are coming to a close there are plenty of leftovers for your personal viewing pleasure.



## Wild Matters

### Walleye bonanza hits Wisconsin River

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

One good indicator as to how good the fishing will be is to look at the boat launches and riverbanks. Not at the river itself, but at the parking lots and shorelines. A keen eye and a little scouting during the past week or so will have most certainly alerted any fisherman to the abrupt increase in river-traffic.

“the great autumn feed is officially on”

These boaters and die-hard galosh-warriors have only one purpose in life come fall. They strain to perceive the mind of the great Wisconsin River walleye population. They sit and listen as the leaves fall for the faint signal that alerts the omnipotent Walter to move to the feeding grounds. Well, look around, because the signal has been given.

Science has made many attempts to chronicle the movements and patterns of fall walleye. Walleye in the river typically try to hold a position similar to their summer habitat. Rivers cool evenly, unlike Mesotrophic, Oligotrophic and Eutrophic lakes, which experience a drastic "turnover" every fall when the surface water cools rapidly. While these walleyes like to move to the shallows in fall, river walleye try to remain the same. However, when the water temperatures reach the 50 degree mark, those slippery river walleyes get the notion to move upstream to their winter chalets.

The Wisconsin River passed this stage weeks ago. The walleyes have begun to move and feed like a fat kid in a cake factory. Not only are the Walters looking for food with a ferocious appetite, but they are also starting to

think about winter. The best place to go for winter is in the slack tailwater eddies of the numerous dams along their segmented route upriver. Walleyes will also hold in deeper holes downstream from the dam if the water is slow enough and holds a good food supply.

So the great autumn feed is officially on. Let the keepers flock to the great

why anyone should get skunked fishing walleye in the month of October, plain and simple. If one spot is slow, it is a good bet that a change of scenery will lend an added spark to the rod-tip.

While the fishing will be spectacular for a few weeks to come, the real challenge is finding that elusive keeper. Johnny DNR still insists that the



This 19-inch walleye was ripe for keeping.

Photo by N. Winters

feast set forth by the river spirit and attended by the fishermen of Stevens Point. Grace.

Walters in feed-mode are the best walleye in many fishermen's eyes. The usually skittish carnivore is not so shy come fall. Comparable to the shy fellow who starts rocking Guess Who songs at karaoke after a few Oh-Be-Joyfuls, fall walleyes, hammed-out on 50 degree H<sub>2</sub>O, are now eager to chase fakies without a second thought or inhibition.

Twisty tails on thumper jigs work great. Rapalas, Wally-divers and other crankbaits can drive walleye mad. On the other hand, the old-fashioned fathead minnow still does the trick on the slowest of days. There is absolutely no reason

Wisconsin be loaded with a lopsided amount of pin-dicks, so remember, only take the fish population that is capable of spawning, between 15 and 20 inches, and throw back the sub-15 inch eaters to "grow more".

The keeper fish are out there for the persistent angler. Perhaps some day the DNR will adopt policies like those used in the Wolf River and Northern lakes that allow for harvest of smaller fish. That way, as in the Wolf River, the hard-working fishermen can take more to the frying pan, while the overall fish population will stay healthy and full of the larger breeding -size fish.

## Patrick Stewart narrates current MarsQuest program at Planetarium

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Word on the street about the new planetarium show is exciting to say the least. Audiences have been wowed by the show entitled, "MarsQuest". The program, which has been playing for several weeks at UWSP's Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, outlines the red planet's wild story.

Lending his booming and cosmic voice to a good cause, Patrick Stewart, most famous for his starring role as *Star Trek: The Next Generation's* Captain Picard, provides narration to the show. Stewart makes the galactic learning experience come to life, as only a Federation captain could.

MarsQuest delivers information coupled with stunning visuals to give the audience a solid under-

standing of the history of our red neighbor. The program covers everything from the early notions of bloodthirsty green alien invaders, to grounded facts and newfound information gained from the modern Viking Landers missions.

As part of the program, Hubble-space telescope images give the viewer unseen vantages of the red planet's ancient surface. It also covers NASA's involvement in further missions and planned exploration of Mars that are in the works.

The MarsQuest exhibit will be showing in the planetarium, located on the second floor of the Science building, every Sunday until the end of November. Admission is free to UWSP students and the program starts at 2 p.m. Seating is first come first serve, so plan to arrive a few minutes early. As Picard would say, "Make it so."

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## Mr. Winters' two cents

Well ya'll, I've settled down a little bit since last week's ramblings. I hope I didn't upset any of you young crazies driving around the countryside like Rusty Wallace, I was just trying to give you kids some honest advice.

Anyhoo, I thought this last weekend was gonna be the best weekend for football in a long time. I happened to catch a seat at the Badger game on Saturday. What a whirlwind of weather that was, huh? In the end, Bucky ruffed up that filthy Bast-eye, just as I predicted.

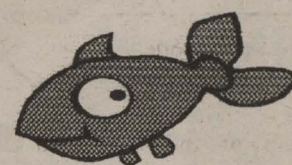
Then on Sunday, the Packers started the game looking as solid as my old '66 Monaco. After four quarters and a disappointing overtime period, them Packers hatched like that old Monaco's motor after 230,000 miles. Geeesh!

It was a real let-down, but hey, there's always walrus fishin' to liven the old spirit. That reminds me, my good neighbor and friend Adam, whom I confabulate with from time to time, started up a neighborhood keeper walleye derby. I'll keep you up to date, but right now, I'm only on the board with one Walter. This is not acceptable for an old man like me. I should be kicking some ass like a kangaroo in a bear trap. So for you so-called "leaders" in the Clark Street Super Walleye Derby, watch your backs, and then, "Go on and Geeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters



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1. **Kill Bill, Volume One** (\$22 million)
2. **The School of Rock** (\$15 million)
3. **Good Boy!** (\$13 million)
4. **Intolerable Cruelty** (\$12.5 million)
5. **Out of Time** (\$8.5 million)

### Billboard Top 5 (week of Oct. 12)

1. **OutKast: Speakerboxxx/The Love Below**
2. **Bad Boy's Da Band: Too Hot for TV**
3. **Sting: Sacred Love**
4. **Dido: Life For Rent**
5. **Dave Matthews: Some Devil**



## movie review: *Kill Bill, Volume One*



By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

No one does violence on screen like Quentin Tarantino. That was apparent since his 1992 debut *Reservoir Dogs*, which features the gut-churning scene where Michael Madsen tortures a cop to the tune of "Stuck in the Middle with You." Now, after a six-year hiatus, the former video store clerk returns with the first half of his bloodiest epic yet, *Kill Bill, Volume One*. And what a first half it is, anchored by Uma Thurman in her best role since her last collaboration with Tarantino, *Pulp Fiction*.

Thurman plays the nameless protagonist, known only as "The Bride" or her code-name, "Black Mamba." In her past life, she was a member of the elite Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, working for the enigmatic and seemingly omnipotent Bill (David Carradine). But when she decides to retire from the business and get married, Bill doesn't take too kindly to it. He and the Vipers proceed to slaughter The Bride's wedding party, put her into a coma with a bullet to the brain and steal her unborn child.

Four years later, The Bride reawakens and swears vengeance. By the end of *Vol. One*, she's about half-finished. Her first targets are Vernita Green (Vivica Fox), now a suburban California housewife, and O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu), new head of the Japanese underworld. In *Vol.*

*Two*, then, she will presumably wreak her vengeance on Budd (Madsen), Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah) and eventually Bill himself.

One can view *Kill Bill* as Tarantino indulging in every pop culture obsession he's ever had, from Sergio Leone flicks to the Hong Kong martial arts genre. His



set pieces are spectacular, from The Bride's knife fight with Vernita inside her quaint suburban house (which takes a pause when Vernita's four year old daughter returns home) to the climactic battle where The Bride takes on 88 sword-wielding Japanese fighters to get to O-Ren. That scene may be the goriest battle sequence put on screen, unless you

count an ultra-bloody anime sequence that details O-Ren's origins. This is Tarantino at the top of his game and the film is the work of a filmmaker in his element.

If Tarantino is in his element, so is Thurman, who goes full-throttle in her performance of The Bride. Her cold yet vulnerable figure is part tragic heroine, part gender-switched Man with No Name and part martial arts warrior with a samurai sword. Madsen, Hannah and Fox don't get much screen time here (presumably we'll become more acquainted with them in *Vol. Two*), but Liu makes O-Ren into one dynamic figure, a ruthless anti-hero shaped by tragedy (the parallels between her and The Bride are palpable). And you have to love Tarantino for casting Kung Fu star and B-movie icon Carradine as the eponymous Bill, who is a menacing and almost God-like figure whose face is never seen (apparently we have to wait until *Vol. Two* for that as well).

Love him or hate him, Tarantino is truly a unique and gifted filmmaker. What other director's film, for example, would have a villainous teenage girl in a Catholic schoolgirl outfit who wields a gigantic ball and chain as her weapon? It may be bloody and bizarre, but *Kill Bill* is one original work of art. We'll have to see, though, if *Vol. Two* can match *Vol. One*. Still, given *Vol. One's* audacity, I'll give Tarantino the benefit of the doubt.

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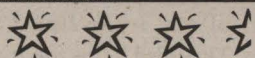
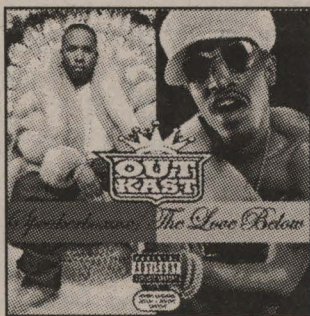
## OutKast: *Speakerboxxx/ The Love Below*

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

OutKast's latest effort, *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, is an interesting double-disc release.

Atlanta's combo of Andre 3000 and Big Boi split the double disc down the middle. Big Boi's *Speakerboxxx* is a realistic rap CD with bassy beats, catchy hooks, amusing one-timers and a party vibe whereas *The Love Below* is a literal soap-opera of Dre's lady's man's life. *Speakerboxxx* is the superior disc of the two, although the slow, sappy love tail on *The Love Below* does offer some redeeming qualities.

Each disc features special guests: *Speakerboxxx* contains the likes of Killer Mike, Konkrete, Ludacris, Jay-Z and Cee-Lo, whereas *The Love Below* boasts of Rosario Dawson, Kelis, Norah Jones and someone who sounds astoundingly like Nellie on "Happy Valentine's Day."



Where *The Love Below* falls short in goofy and sappy love shtick, *Speakerboxxx* picks up the slack with serious rhymes and an overall solid effort. However, some of the seemingly useless interludes on *The Love Below* provide its highlights. "Where Are My Panties?" features inner-monologue of two people waking up together and not remembering much about the previous night. Musical highlights include the aforementioned "Valentine's Day," which contains an extremely fresh musical sound to accompany praise of Dre's favorite holiday.

*Speakerboxxx*, however, is where the real content of this release lies. Big Boi taps on politics and life on tracks like "Church," one of the catchiest tunes on both discs. "Flip Flop Rock" also proves itself a highlight, with Jay-Z offering his vocals for a fill or two.

The discs are amusing and fresh for modern rap. *Speakerboxxx* alone would receive a higher mark if not for *The Love Below*, so the double disc is worthy of a 3.5 out of 5 composite score.

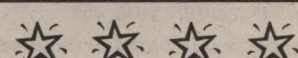
### RATINGS:

- ★★★★★ Instant classic. Go buy it now, other things can wait.
- ★★★★☆ All-around solid, but missing that sweet cherry on top.
- ★★★☆☆ Worthy effort, only makes you cringe once or twice.
- ★★☆☆☆ You've been warned...
- ★☆☆☆☆ Ouch. You just spent \$15 on a beer coaster.

### cd review:

## The New Deal: *Gone Gone Gone*

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR



Toronto's The New Deal avoids every pitfall of blandness of an instrumental three-piece drum, bass and keys ensemble on its latest release, *Gone Gone Gone*. While straying from their typical live sound - fast lively techno that resembles Nintendo game music - The New Deal shows their capability to reinvent their music while not losing the sound that makes them different.

*Gone* flows, keeps the listener's interest through various new instruments and backup singers, yet still delivers a nice, relaxing groove while offering a good dose of toe-tapping tunes.

The disc features many downtempo breakbeat and ambient tunes, showing The New Deal's versatility for laying down more than a "four to the floor" techno and house beat. Various mini-instrumentals serve as seamless segues between tracks.

*Gone* also features female vocalists Leslie Feist and Martina Sorbara, which is notable since The New Deal has never experimented with lyrics before. The track featuring Feist, "Don't Blame Yourself," is so sexy that Barry White himself would praise it with a bassy "Oh, baby." The other vocal tracks on the disc ("A Little While" and "Senza Te," both with Sorbara) are also stronger than you'd expect for a band trying out vocals for the first time.

Alternate instruments also help keep the disc afloat. Guitar, violin, horns and electronic blips offer sufficient variation throughout and provide extra layering to an already complex style of music.

However, the tracks that work the best are the heavily digitized New Deal anthems "Gone Gone Gone," "Home-wrecker" and "VL Tone," which pack a punch and offer a mere glimpse at the tempo and intensity that they usually demonstrate in front of a live audience.

Ambient, breakbeat, dub and techno all surface in the final three tracks, displaying The New Deal's wide range of sound. There's even a bit of tongue-in-cheek humor on the '70s jungle funk-off "Home," when an effect-laden voice says during a pause, "Don't you think there should be someone talking at this delay?"

Droving bass, tight beats and exploratory keys that mimic Nintendo game music are what has made The New Deal stick out as an individual act. However, *Gone Gone Gone* proves that there's more to The New Deal's music than Mega Man imagery; the non-traditional tracks on the disc stick in your head as often as their powerhouse songs. When that happens, you've got a keeper of a studio album.



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## by bj hiorns



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NO, THAT'S NOT MY QUESTION. I WAS WONDERIN' IF YOU AN' DARRON GOT JEEV WIT' IT, WOULD MN GRADES GO UP, OR DOWN?

MINDY, IF I HAD A LEATHER BELT AND TENURE... TAKE YOUR SEAT.

I DON'T THINK SHE LIKES WILL SMITH!

by joey hetzel



CATRAIL, THAT'S NOT VERY NICE.

I HATE YOU TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO BE IN LOVE.



## Jobeth!

by BJ Hiorns & Joey Hetzel

COOL!  
Poloroid one-step camera instructions.  
Step 1: Take picture.



# College Survival Guide: The joys of selling out

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium  
With Help from GottaHavaJava

ADVOCATE OF BABYLON

Dear Pat,

I've been reading your column for a while now, and lately I can't help but notice your incessant product placement for this GottaJava place. I'm guessing either it's the lamest running gag ever, or that you've actually sold out.

Since you don't tend to be lame, I have to guess that my second guess is correct. If that's the case, how does it feel to be a soulless corporate whore?

Sincerely,  
Jack

I'm sorry Jack.... What was that you just said? It's kind of hard for me to hear your pathetic mewling from where I'm sitting way up here on top of this huge pile of cash.

Seriously though Jack, I was a little puzzled by your "soulless corporate whore" question until I remembered that back in '87 I did sell part of my soul to the demon Ashoreth in exchange for a B+ in home-economics. Let me check my files

here.... Yeah, it looks like he got 24% of my soul for that. Not the greatest deal, I'll admit, but then again, I was only fourteen, so you have to cut me some slack.

Later on, around '93, I sold another 18% of my soul for the knowledge of certain charms. The first enables me to blunt the weapons of my foes in battle. The second, if I long for love-play and I sing the charm, will turn the mind and win the heart of any white-armed woman in my sight. The third helps me find lost car keys and surf for Internet porn.

Then in '98 I got drunk and traded 30% of my soul for a pineapple and black-olive pizza from Shakey's. Luckily, it took Nytharolep longer than 30 minutes to deliver it, so I got it for half-price.

So as you can see, Jack, I've still got nearly two-fifths of a soul. I'm holding out for a really good offer, like a magic button that would let me kill anyone just by pushing it, or world peace, or some sort of robotic arm that dispenses an endless supply of sweet, sweet methadone.

Anyway, two-fifths is hardly soulless, you have to admit. And by the way, people in my situation are properly referred to as, "soul-deficient," or "soul-challenged."

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that fire using tiny, cool boots made from pure flavor. The orange yogurt smoothie would be where that legion of tiny elves lived. Like some sort of fairy condominium, or barracks, or something. I don't know, wherever it is that elves live.

Lastly, I'll assume that when you use the term "whore" you're referring to the word's original meaning which stems from the Greek "hora" and the Persian "houra." Namely, it's the vocation of temple prostitute and esteemed priestess of the Goddess Ishtar.

Unfortunately, Jack, my gender-neutral name seems to have misled you. I am a male and therefore unable to aspire to priestess-hood. However, I am an advocate for goddess worship, and support it whenever I can, so I suppose you're not terribly far from the mark there.

So in answer to your question, "how does it feel to be a soul-deficient, locally-sponsored, advocate of the Goddess Ishtar?"

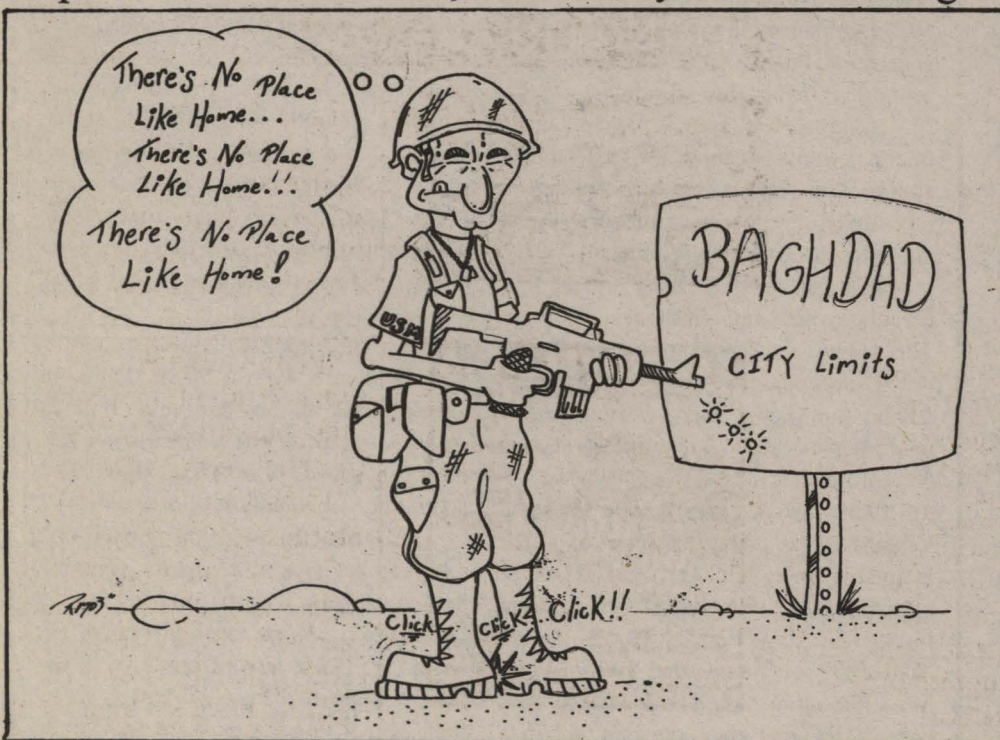
It feels pretty goddamn good, Jack. It feels so good that you can stop by GottaHavaJava for your free gift certificate. Tell the elves I said hello.

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Somebody better send me a college survival question for next week at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu or I might spend the whole next column shilling for my sponsor or extolling the virtues of the great goddess Har. C'mon I know you guys have more problems than you can possibly deal with. So ask me already.

Spark it...

by: Mel Rosenberg





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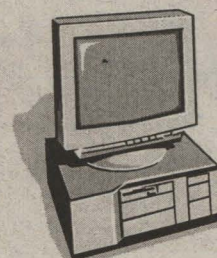
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