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## Korean War symposium yields multiple insights

50th anniversary event brings veterans, refugees, and students together

By David Cohen  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Individuals touched by the Korean War gathered Saturday to mark the 50th anniversary of the war's end, commemoated in a symposium held by the UW-Stevens Point history department.

Students interested in history as well as a number of Korean War veterans attended the event, which was comprised of presentations given by historians as well as eye-witnesses to the war. A panel of high school students also spoke on how they view the war today.

Several veterans spoke with a certain amount of resentment toward the war, including Michael Kaminski, who had volunteered to enter the military.

In his presentation entitled "Think Twice about Being a

Volunteer in War and Peace," Kaminski stated "We were not concerned with the big picture about the situation of the war. We were very concerned with our own safety. Once you set foot in a strange land where you don't speak the language, your area of concern is only about a three foot radius from yourself."

Veterans were also somewhat critical toward American leaders such as Harry Truman and General Douglas MacArthur for the way the war was handled. Veteran Charles Rumsey, a former UWSP history professor, described himself as entering the war reluctantly and stated "Many veterans remember Harry Truman for extending the tour of duty in Korea."

Hyun Kim, a UWSP professor of journalism who is originally from South Korea, has a very different perspective as a Korean War refugee. Kim related his experience of having to go into hiding

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## Point's conference streak come to an end



Pointer's Kim Reese and Tara Schmitt avoid a kicked ball during Saturday's 2-1 UWSP loss. See article, page 10

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## Students demonstrate against water pollution

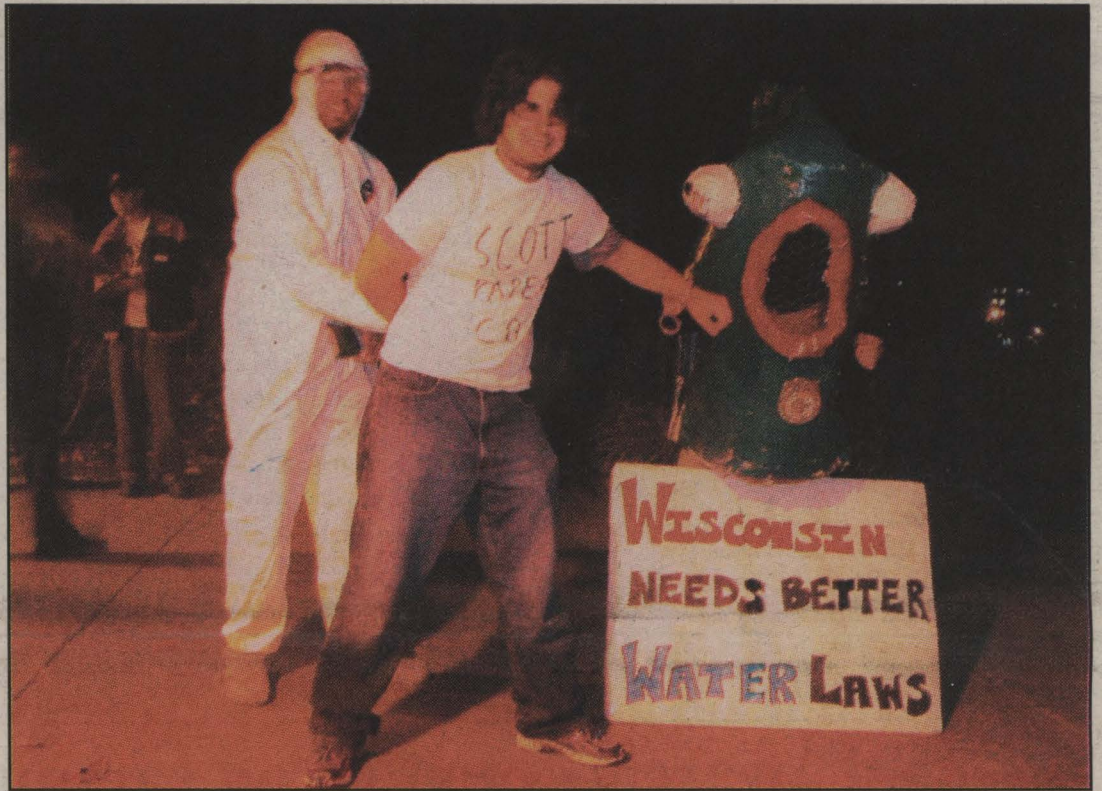


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Guerrilla theater participants added to the night's events for Wisconsin Student Interest Research Group, which organized a demonstration to raise awareness about water pollution in Wisconsin.

By David Cohen  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Wisconsin Student Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG) led a demonstration against water pollution Wednesday in front of the Debot Center during dinner hours.

Members of the Madison and Milwaukee chapters of the student activist organization came to campus to aid UWSP students who are hoping to start the third WISPIRG chapter.

In addition to distributing information about water pollution creating mobilization, WISPIRG displayed guerilla theater featuring nasty corporate polluters and people in bio-hazard outfits to illustrate the potential dangers of swimming in the Wisconsin River. Also on hand was the FiSheriff, a giant fish devoted to enforcing Wisconsin's water protection laws.

WISPIRG members

encouraged students to write letters to Governor Doyle to express concerns about Wisconsin's water protection laws not being enforced effectively.

Ashlee Theilacker, a UWSP student working to start the new WISPIRG branch, says "We need Gov. Doyle and other lawmakers to stand up to these polluters and enforce the laws that protect our health."

"We have laws to protect our waters from toxic pollution, but these laws are not being enforced. This needs to change." She adds, "Polluters have turned activities that we cherish, like swimming in the Dells or catching fish in our lakes, into dangerous activities."

Jason Puls, a member of the Milwaukee WISPIRG chapter, says those polluters are primarily "paper mills, power companies, and farmers who dump manure into the river. We've had problems in the Milwaukee area

because of the waters being loaded with dung."

Theilacker also points out that "We want to make sure that it is not only safe to use our waterways for recreational purposes, but that they are also safe for drinking and fishing now and in the future."

The FiSheriff is also concerned about fishing. He states "I think it's ridiculous that people have to be careful how many fish they eat," and laments "I want to be healthy enough to be eaten. It's because of chemical leaks that I am not."

Signs were displayed listing a large amount of chemicals that WISPIRG claims that the Wisconsin River contains.

WISPIRG members expressed immense satisfaction about the response of UWSP students to their message.

Travis Bird of UW-Madison said "Students here have been very receptive and that shows that many people are

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# Students to register online for Spring courses

## New system to give students more flexibility and control

By John Larson  
NEWS REPORTER

Students who do not like having to wait in long lines to register for classes now have a new option available to them. Beginning this semester at the start of class registration, students will have the ability to register for classes on-line.

To be eligible for on-line class registration, students must have met all other standard requirements for registration, including payment of all semester tuition, the \$100 semester deposit, and have met with their advisor.

Students must meet with their advisors, as they will not be able to register unless their advisor releases a hold on their ability to register, which can only be done after an advising session.

Once all requirements are made, students will be able to register on-line after their scheduled registration times, and at which point they can make any additional changes to their schedule seven days a week between 6:00 a.m. and midnight, including the ability to drop and add classes.

Students will also be able to receive electronic authorization to retake classes, get approval for credit overload and gain entry into closed courses and sections.

The system will not be limited to computer connected to the campus network, but will be available to any comput-

er with an Internet connection.

"The new system gives students control over their own registration," says David Eckholm, Executive Director of Enrollment Services and Registrar for UWSP.

"It permits students to register from any place where they have access to a computer. It also allows them to revise their schedule at any time up until school begins. In other words, it gives students a great deal more flexibility and does not require them to come to the registration office to register."

According to Eckholm, a poll conducted during the 2003 Summer Session by students who had used the pilot version of the system indicated that approximately 60% of the students that registered for the summer session did so over the web.

"We surveyed all of them and the responses were overwhelmingly positive. We were very encouraged by the results of the survey because the students reported that the system was easy to use. Many appreciated the ability to register from home, their work place or a computer lab."

Other schools in the UW-System have had such a system in place for some time.

When asked why it has taken a bit longer to implement on-line registration at UWSP, Eckholm replied, "There have been other schools that have implemented web registration but it is a relatively recent technology. We're neither far behind nor far ahead of other schools in developing such a system."

"We recently implemented a new Degree Progress Report, which was



Photo by Liz Bolton

Students picking up their registration information have received instructions to register for classes online. Online registration has become optional for all UWSP students this semester, and will one day replace the current procedure entirely.

another major project. Once that project was completed, we turned our attention to the implementation of web registration."

The old registration system and the on-line version will be available to students for the next two or three semesters, at which point the new registration pro-

gram will completely supplant the old one.

Students who have additional questions should check out the Frequently Asked Questions about Web Registration located at <http://www.uwsp.edu/reg-rec/WebHelp/FAQ-STU.htm>.

## Alcohol awareness touted on campus

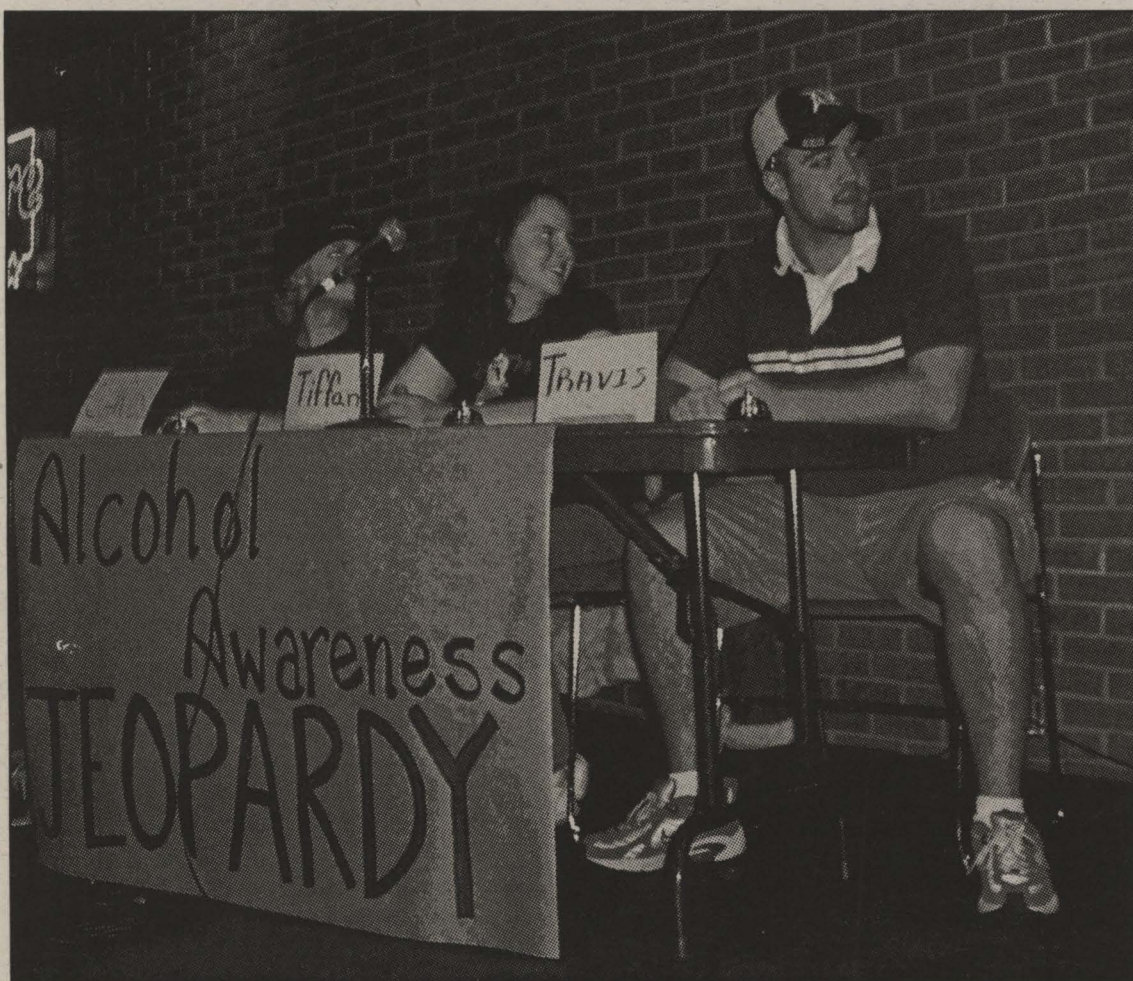


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The Student Government Association backed a competition entitled Alcohol Awareness Jeopardy Wednesday, in which students answered questions related to responsible and irresponsible drinking practices.

The event, held in the University Center's Encore, was hosted by UWSP Assistant Chancellor Bob Tomlinson and marked a return of lunch hour events in the Encore.

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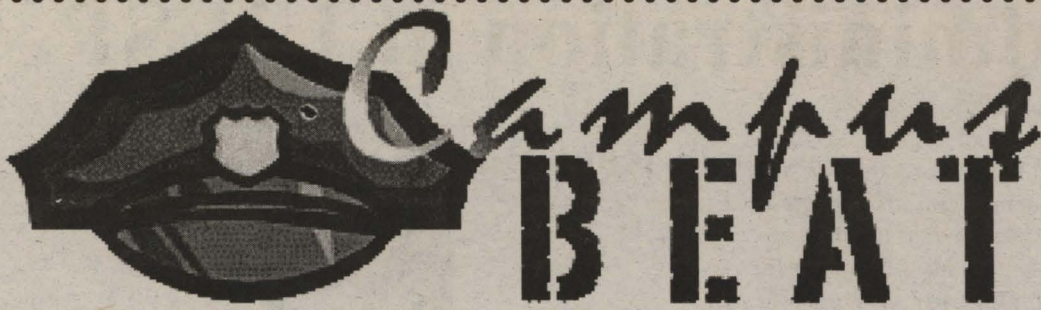
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## Lot Q

**Tuesday, Oct. 28 10:31 a.m.**

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**Active Incident**

A female student reported that her license plate had been stolen from her vehicle.

## Sims Hall

**Sunday, Oct. 26 4:15 a.m.**

**Type: Disorderly Conduct**

**Active Incident**

A female student reported than an unknown man entered her room, climbed into her bed and touched her arm.

## Hansen Hall

**Thursday, Oct. 23 2:45 p.m.**

**Type: Burglary**

**Active Incident**

A male reported that a custodial "universal" saf-loc card had been lost and is now being used by unauthorized persons.

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

## WRC makes presence known on campus

**By Johanna Nelson**  
NEWS REPORTER

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) is in the midst of a busy autumn, involved in the promotion of gender equity and the presentation of viable options for women in today's society.

According to Melissa Chambers, Coordinating Director of the WRC, the association began during the 1970s and "has been carrying on ever since." She feels bringing awareness to those on campus is a vital role for the WRC, as well as providing opportunities to get involved.

Participation opportunities are available for men as well as women which may come as a surprise to some. Chambers stated that "some [men] do come to our events," and discussed future plans to initiate a rape prevention program involving men as advocates.

The WRC's presence was experienced on October 24-25, with the 28th Annual Women's Studies Conference. Activists, students, community members and teachers united to share experiences centered upon the ways their lives have been enriched by Women's Studies.

The convention offered six workshop sessions and the opportunity to listen to some great feature speakers such as Lynn Peril, Sherrie Baumgardner, Amy Richards and Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua. Chambers was very pleased with the

turnout, stating that "it was larger than anticipated." Some factors she attributed to the success were the high quality speakers and the different workshops available to those attending the conference.

Another activity worthy of note is the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference. The event spans from Nov. 21 to 23, and UWSP has the honor of hosting the festivities.

This year's theme, Puzzle Pieces: Uniting Women in a Framework for Justice, works to encompass the multifaceted battle for equality. Not only is sexism an issue, but racism, classism, and heterosexism as well. The logo, "No one will be free until we all are free!" aptly sums up the central meaning behind the theme.

The event itself turns eight this year, and celebrates a growing number of participants. The United Council's press release cites the number of participants in the first year's conference at around 70.

Interest, support and participation has grown since 1996, drawing renowned guests such as June Jordan and Jennifer Baumgardner. This year, attendance estimates are as high as 300 students from across the state. According to Chambers, the conference involves all UW schools and "is for the students; everyone is invited."

Students are in charge of the actual workshops, and topics are See Women's resource, page 4

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during the war because he was too young to fight. He reminisced on poor living conditions, stating "To survive, we had to eat raw eggs every day." Eventually, Kim participated in guerilla warfare by joining an anti-communist task-force.

Kim expressed gratitude to the veterans in the audience saying, "My hat's off to you. You served Korea. You saved it from destruction. I am grateful as a native of Korea." He particularly expressed regards for soldiers who gave their life in that war. In contrast to some of the other speakers, Kim stated "I am not here to be critical of President Truman. Oh no, quite the contrary." After recalling his experience, Kim concluded by stating, "I wish to thank the United States, General Macarthur and the US servicemen. They are held in very high esteem in Korea."

The symposium also hoped to offer insights into how the Korean War affects current situations with Korea. Susan Brewer, a UWSP history professor, pointed out that after the war the US was trying to find a way to get out of Korea and "We have never really answered

the question of how to get out of Korea."

Jeonghyo Sohn, a Korean citizen enrolled in UWSP's ESL program, has a lot of insight about the Korean war.

He says "American people don't know about Korean culture. They just see *MASH* and that is all they know about Korea and the Korean war."

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-Jeonghyo Sohn, student

Korean War." He adds, "*MASH* makes it seem to Americans like (the war) was Americans vs. Koreans, when it was really North Koreans vs. South Koreans with the US helping the South." Sohn says that he has learned other sides of the war since coming to the United States. "I have learned about how Korea was only a part of the situation. It was mainly about the US being behind South

Korea and China and the Soviet Union being behind North Korea." He feels that those were the true players behind the scenes of the war.

Sohn states that it is very true that people of Kim's generation, who can remember the Korean War, have a strong amount of gratitude toward the U.S., but he says it is important to note that "People of my generation, the Cold War generation, don't remember the war and think of the Korean War as what made Korea dependant on the US and what gave the US control of our military."

He feels that Americans should be aware that there is a certain amount of resentment toward the US because of this, which has led to numerous anti-globalization demonstrations in South Korea.

Sohn says, however, that "Korea and the USA are very close. Korean Troops are going to go to Iraq to help the US even though it's not an understandable war. South Korea is the only country to send troops to Iraq in the world until now. I think the main reason is because America attended to the Korean War 50 years ago."

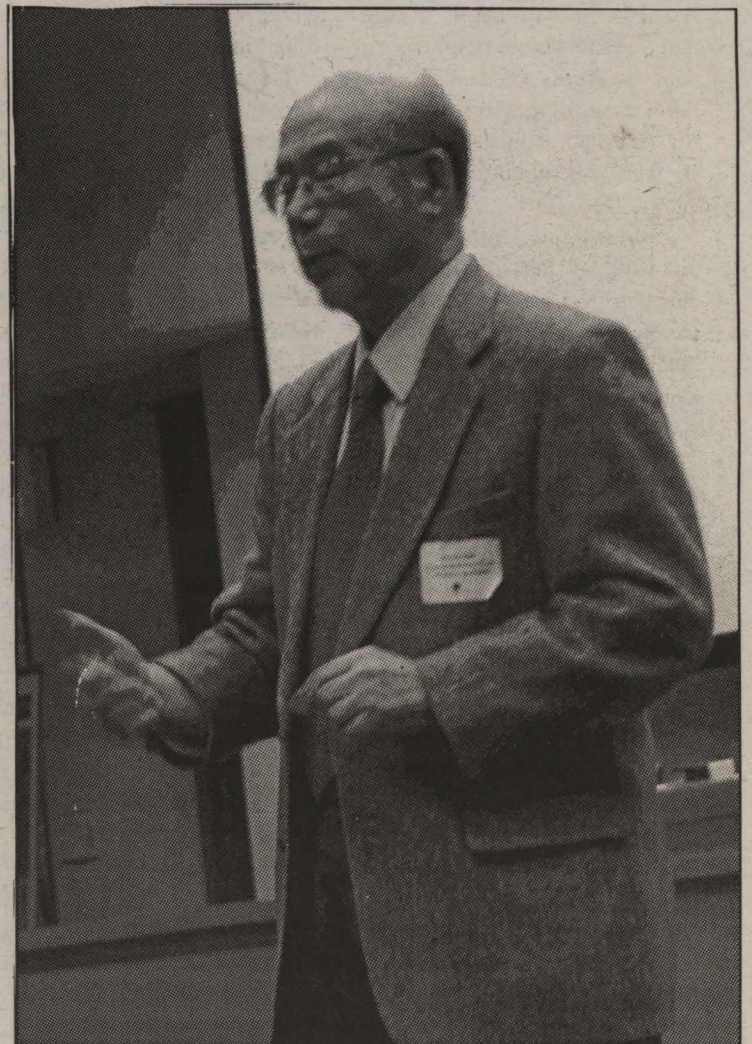


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*UWSP professor Hyun Kim delivers an address about his experiences as a refugee and guerilla warfare combatant during the Korean War.*



# Obey blasts Bush administration at UWSP

## Congressman attacks president's handling of post-war Iraq

By Andrew Bloeser  
NEWS EDITOR

U.S. Rep. Dave Obey criticized the Bush administration's foreign policy decisions as lacking foresight last Thursday in a speech that bounced between commentary on conditions faced by American troops in Iraq and post-war reconstruction efforts.

Obey (D-Wausau) directed most of his attention to arguing that the administration made a number of miscalculations in "budgetary and logistic planning" with regards to the amount of funding and troop support post-war plans would require.

"The Persian Gulf war was a logistic triumph for the United States," he said in an address to UW-Stevens Point students and faculty. "This one has been a logistic mess. The goofy \$87 billion request looks like a term paper from a bad MBA candidate."

"Last spring the Congress gave the administration \$60 billion to fight the war in Iraq and the administration is now asking for \$79 billion more."

Obey raised concerns that this money is not being spent prudently, citing projects to build two new \$50,000-a-bed prisons and construct a new ZIP

code system as items that could have been reprioritized.

The congressman also stated that the Bush administration has resisted efforts to provide loans rather than grants for half the reconstruction costs, which he estimated to be at least \$400 billion.

Obey also mounted an attack on the way the Pentagon has handled its responsibility to provide for the needs of troops sent to Iraq, both during and after the war.

He stated that some U.S. soldiers had been sent to Iraq without the necessary body armor to protect against sniper fire and that an insufficient number of electronic jammers had been provided to interrupt the signals of remote mines. Some troops also don't have access to equipment that makes water safe to drink, Obey said.

"The leaders of the Pentagon have been so intent on getting to call the shots in Iraq that they neglected their responsibility to the troops," said Obey.

"We need to look at how we've handled our responsibility toward Iraq now that we're there. We need to start looking at the conditions of the troops."

Republicans at the state and campus level have responded to Obey's remarks by stating that more time needs to pass before the effectiveness of post-war reconstruction can be deter-

mined.

"I think clearly this is a snap to judgment on the congressman's part," said Chris Lato, communications director for the Republican Party of Wisconsin. "The rebuilding of a country does not happen overnight, and Rep. Obey seems to have forgotten that."

Lato said he felt that Obey's comments contrasted with the observations of U.S. Rep. Mark Green (R-Green Bay) who recently returned from Iraq with a journal documenting improvements in power grid and housing construction projects.

College Republicans at UWSP have made similar comments.

"It was damn near a political hate speech," said Matt Kamke, vice-president of the Wisconsin College Republicans. "Obey would do well to join the boring, unimpressive Democrats running for president right now. He's saying the same thing."

Jianwei Wang, chairman of the political science department at UWSP, felt Obey raised many important points concerning U.S. involvement in Iraq as it has existed up to the present.

"Most of his criticism is legitimate," said Wang. "The question is what the alternative is for the Democratic Party. It's not enough for people to criticize Bush, you also need a feasible strategy."

## Rep. Dave Obey: Verbatim



Obey

### On his speaking persona:

"Some of what I say will be controversial and I make no apologies for that."

### On class inequality and the Iraq war:

"There is absolutely no shared sacrifice. In every past war Americans experienced a shared sacrifice, even in Vietnam because of the draft. This time around the gap between privilege and sacrifice is overwhelming. The most economically privileged are being asked to contribute almost nothing to the war effort."

### On President George W. Bush:

"If anyone thinks George Bush is dumb, they're wrong. He's very shrewd. But I also think he's very callow. He doesn't work well with others."

### On the global image of the United States:

"They think we're reckless and arrogant. There are times when I think we are too."

## SGA introduces 'Where's Virginia'

The Student Government Association will begin a campaign next week to heighten student awareness of UW-Stevens Point chancellor, Virginia Helm.

The campaign is set to last six weeks, beginning Nov. 3 and ending Dec. 12.

"Many students are still unaware of the administrative changes that happened over the summer, and we're hoping that this effort will change that," said Denis Tan, SGA communication director.

During the campaign, Helm will discreetly appear at campus

events and gathering places where students are likely to be found in large numbers.

Students who identify Helm, introduce themselves, and then respond to a Message of the Day email the Friday following the encounter will be added to a pool of people eligible for a prize.

The most recent edition of the SGA newsletter revealed that Helm may appear in such places as classrooms, sporting events, and campus dining centers.

At the end of the contest, one student from the list of those who have successfully identified

Helm over the six week period will be selected to accompany the chancellor to a private dinner, to which both will be chauffeured by limo.

The contest's name derives from the Martin Hanford children's book series, *Where's Waldo*, and was selected by SGA student life issues director, Stephanie Lind.

If the contest generates interest, Lind says SGA will launch similar campaigns in the future, with the goal of improving student knowledge of the administration.

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concerned about this issue."

Laura Baumann of UWSP says that the event was designed to introduce WISPIRG's presence on campus. She has been very pleased with the results.

"We have far surpassed our goals," she said.

She feels that events such as these are important because "students don't have channels of how

to get involved."

Amy Ward, also a UWSP student says, "this gives people the opportunity to do something about this issue. It lets people know there is a problem." Due to the positive response to their message, WISPIRG plans to continue the momentum of their activities on UWSP. Plans are set next week for an education day, which will distribute more information about the need to enforce water protection laws and will feature guest speakers.

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available on a wide continuum, including: Family Planning, Sexual Harassment on Campus, Sexual Pleasure, Mental Health and Wellness, Fraternities and Sexual Violence, Intro to Yoga and Examining Masculinity to name a few.

The next couple of weeks will be busy for the WRC. Preparing for the event keeps Chambers busy, as she performs activities varying from creating brochures to providing housing for guests. In the end, however, the planning and preparing will pay off. This year's events are sure to add to the richness and tradition of the Women's Studies Conference.



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## Musings from Mirman

**I have all the problems figured out. So now what do I do?**

**By Dan Mirman**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I'm sitting and writing my column this week with the realization that I exist in knowledge purgatory. I have reached the point where I'm smart enough to realize most of the problems that our society faces, but I struggle to find solutions for them.

We have a Government that is run by, and caters to, the rich. The two parties that we have to choose from seem to resemble each other a little more every day. Our elected officials, with the exception of a select few, all take money from special interests and big business. Then they are supposed to vote unbiased when a bill is placed before them.

Furthermore, our President lies to us about the reasons we go to war. The president before him lied about cheating on his wife. Then we tell other countries they should share our values. However, if we question the issues at hand we receive the title of "unpatriotic." We still have states that fly the confederate flag as a symbol of pride.

Let's see, the confederate flag represents a time that our nation was torn in two. It also symbolizes the bloodiest war in our nation's history. Oh, and it also represents blatant racism and in reality is a symbol for hate.

The more I learn, the more helpless I feel. It used to be that a grassroots campaign was a way a large group of people could influence policy. If enough people became involved the representatives would have to listen to their constituents. Now grassroots campaigns are more popular than ever, but for big businesses. They work with public relations firms to manipulate people into helping them out. It's absolutely brilliant and morally bankrupt at the same time. If you're curious to learn more about the grassroots campaigns of corporations check out the book, *Toxic Sludge is Good for You* by Stauber and Rampton.

Moving to religion. We often choose to point the finger at the Islamic Fundamentalists for the violence in the Middle East. But look at the U.S., our most popular religion won't even accept everybody.

What if you're gay? I have been told by multiple priests that people choose to be gay and therefore are choosing to go to hell. It makes sense that

so many people would also choose to be discriminated against. Waking up in the morning and deciding on breakfast is a choice. Waking up in the morning and finding yourself attracted to the same sex is not a choice. See the distinction.

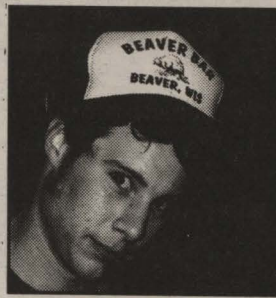
When it comes to placing blame for any or all of these problems we have a fairly simple solution, it's someone else's fault. There's the lady who sued McDonalds because her coffee burned her hand. People pointed fingers at Marilyn Manson and the video game *Doom* after the shooting at Columbine. We need to stop blaming other people and accept responsibility for our actions.

Knowledge is power, but it seems our country prefers ignorance. When the LA Times ran an expose citing allegations of sexual misconduct against Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger the feedback wasn't positive. In fact they received more hate mail for that story than other story they had printed before. And I always thought that the media should inform people about the candidates.

Finally lets turn our attention to hypocrisy. This is a popular word for politicians. That's because most politicians define the term. As I stated earlier while politicians get paid to represent the people, they get paid more to represent special interests.

As a society we place a high value on human life and rightfully so. As a nation we have taken a stand when it comes to violence against innocents; but only if those innocents are U.S. citizens, because innocents in other countries don't seem to count. They must not, if they did why have over 100,000 Iraqi children died because of sanctions and embargos brought about by the U.S (The Progressive Nov. 2002).

The only certain thing I know when it comes to any of these issues is that we must continue to educate ourselves. Don't believe everything on TV or in the news, check it out first hand. Just because one side presents one set of facts, doesn't mean that those are the only facts available. Right now the U.S is an empire and history has proven that over time all empires will fall. I just hope that the slide hasn't already started for this one.



## Is UWSP accesible to all?

A week before classes began this fall I had the misfortune of breaking my leg. This accident left me with a full leg cast and resigned to a wheelchair for the first portion of classes, it also left me appalled at the accessibility of our campus.

For one, the dorms have a complete lack of automatic doors and only one dorm building has an elevator. Secondly, the sidewalk is in such ill repair it makes traveling in a manual wheelchair nearly impossible. The Communication building's accessible door, in the two weeks I was in a wheelchair, was non-operational on three separate occasions. Also, the HEC touts signs for accessible bathrooms as well as an elevator, however all of the doors leading to these "accessible" regions are not automatic.

Which brings me to the final and most disgraceful point of all, that office in the Student Services building known as "Disability Services."

These people are paid to

maintain these services and help those in need. When I approached them for a solution to my problems getting around on campus in a wheelchair I was left unimpressed. Instead of receiving options to help me out for two weeks I was told that this would be a "great opportunity to make new friends" and to "use my imagination."

I am sorry to say there is not much left to the imagination when you cannot walk and your friend's schedules do not work to bring you to and from classes. This is a problem not many people think about until they are faced directly with the situation. I can only thank my family and most of my professors for being understanding of the situation. This campus is in need of some serious renovations in the area of disability access.

It is a very difficult process to lose your independence of mobility so suddenly, and it is even worse when those in a position to aid you do nothing.

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## Defense of the U.S. military action

This letter is in response to Josh Stolzenburg's letter in the Oct. 23rd Pointer. Mr. Stolzenburg begins by stating that because of 9/11, we've been involved in two wars in two years. This is false. In fact, we've been at war for the past 20 years, but we only realized it on 9/11. Some quick history:

Oct. 1983 - 241 U.S. Marines die in explosion in Beirut. Direct attacks on military personnel are acts of war.

Nov. 1995 - Car bomb explodes at U.S. Air Base in Saudi Arabia. 19 Americans killed. Act of war.

Oct. 2000 - U.S. Cole attacked. 17 Americans killed. Act of war.

These are only a handful of attacks that radical Muslims have committed against the West. So you see, we've been at war against the same enemy for quite some time. It's just that only recently have we joined the fight.

You can hate the President (and capitalism) if you want, but action was going to have to take place at some point. I, too, question where the WMDs are. However, I believe that there was a connection between Saddam and al Qaeda. I believe this because al Qaeda training camps were found in northern Iraq. Also, after fleeing Afghanistan, al Qaeda leader Abu Musaab Zarqawi ended up in a Baghdad hospital. I

absolutely could be wrong, but at the least, it seems suspicious.

I wonder if Mr. Stolzenburg has been paying attention to the debate over financial assistance to Iraq. If so, he'd know that Congressional leaders have been trying to get assistance to Iraq in the form of loans, specifically because the oil-rich nation's economy is expected to boom in the coming years. Don't you think it would be difficult to steal all Iraq's money with the entire international community watching our every move?

And then there's the Patriot Act. Mr. Stolzenburg rails against it, yet provides not one example of it's being abused. And please tell me just how AG Ashcroft is "cracking down on any kind of dissent anywhere." Please name one college campus that didn't have an anti-war movement last year. Ever heard of San Francisco, Chicago, New York, even Wausau? They had some pretty big peace demonstrations. And just last weekend, protestors massed outside the White House. Seems like dissent is still alive to me.

I second Mr. Stolzenburg's call for students to become politically knowledgeable. But do your own research. There are better sources of information than the op-ed page of the campus paper.

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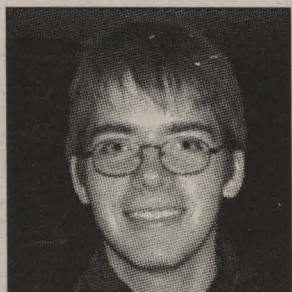
## Pointer Poll

What's the most interesting Halloween costume?

Photos by Liz Bolton



Amy Dubriel, So. Natural Resources  
*Wrap yourself in a wet sheet, roll in flour, go as anthrax*



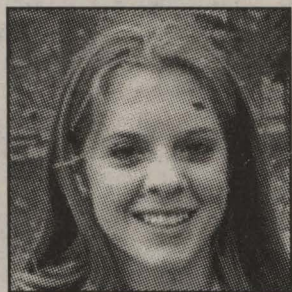
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*Cutting holes in a construction barrel and going as one*



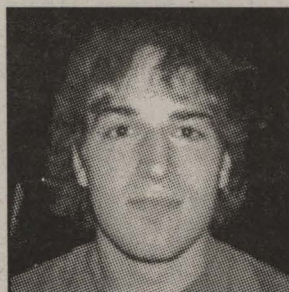
Katie Heikkinen, So. Undecided  
*Wrap yourself in tinfoil and rotten food and go as leftovers*



Anitra Hovelson, Fr. Undecided  
*Wear normal clothes and go as a serial killer, because they look like everyone else.*



Marie Burrows, Fr. Nursing  
*A picnic table- wear a sheet and glue ants and fake food on yourself.*



Neal Krajnik, Sr. Spanish  
*A buddy wanted to be the Panama Canal, i dunno, jogging pants were involved.*

## A few thoughts on "The Nightmare"

The Nightmare in Marshfield is advertised as being an interactive Hollywood-like maze through the top 4 killers of teens today: gangs, suicide, drunk driving, and drugs. It is said to be graphic and disturbing. What it doesn't advertise is that not only does it depict graphic scenes; it depicts God as the one to prevent the nightmare from happening to us.

After being "scared straight", we were taken to "hell". This hell portrayed people chained together, in cages,

and moaning. This is our hell if we choose to live the nightmare.

After that, the narrator took us to see Jesus (the man who died to save us from our nightmare) being crucified.

Then we were led across a lighted path, a path to redemption. At the end of all this we watched a video about a teen that lived a nightmare through drugs, but found God and turned his life around. He assured us that he was not trying to shove God down our throats. He was wrong. When I left the video

room, a woman sought me out to ask me about my experience at Nightmare.

She stood and stared at me when I wasn't talking, so I had to walk away. I was extremely upset by the whole situation. I went to the Nightmare to be scared, not lectured. Be warned about what the Nightmare really is, I don't want you as disappointed as I was.

Kathy Lipski  
UWSP student

## A look at student apathy

This is a letter in response to the politically focused editorial/rant/inspiration featured in last week's Pointer. This article stated that I, as a student, should be more aware and more vocal about political issues. This article really got my brain whirling and twirling, and I think I might've broken a fuse.

I am a poor college student. I am assuming that the writer of last week is as well, because let's face it there is no such thing as an independently rich college student. I'm so poor: academically, physically, and above all financially (my primary concern). I work two jobs, and receive financial aid, and I still feel like I'm scraping the bottom of the barrel when it comes to my much "needed" money. I work and I work and I work, and then I give plasma...and I'm still broke.

When I'm not pushing myself too hard at work (not that my jobs are really hard, I love them, and they feed me) I'm pushing myself even harder academically, pouring over books with coke addict intensity. "Where is this ass going with all of these ramblings?" I can hear you asking. Well, I guess what I'm trying to say is, THERE IS NO TIME! No time for politics in a student's life. It's sad, but I think for most people it's true. Politics (hell current events in general), are frequently ignored by so many students because we simply don't have the time, and if we do, we don't have the interest (ooh that was a ballsy statement).

"Make time!" you say. Well, yes, that is the ideal response. However, for most students, those few brief moments that are there between

work and school can be devoted to much more interesting things than these so called "politics". Things like collecting Sponge Bob Square Pants paraphernalia. I could be watching syndicated sitcoms. I could be copying more c.d's to add to my enormous collection. I could be checking my Hotmail. I could cook. I could knit. I could even whittle. If I only had the time. Who can worry about politics when there all of these wonderful activities that bring me entertainment and joy?

This brings up a difficult topic, our information, what and who can we trust? I think this may be a major reason as to why many of us choose to ignore how we react to our world situations. There is just so much to choose from, it's hard to determine what is important and what isn't. Naturally, if we are unsure of something and don't understand it, for quite some time, it makes more sense to turn our back on it (kind of like what I did with algebra in 9th grade). A rejection of information leads to uncertainty, and uncertainty is what makes us weak (I'm not really sure what I meant by that but it sounds profound).

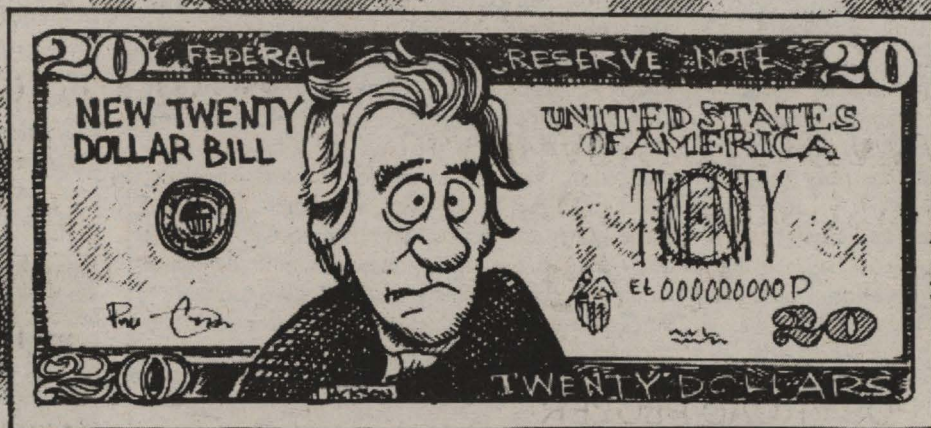
"CUT TO THE CHASE ALREADY!" I can tell you're getting tired of reading. I guess what I'm saying is, right on radical political editorialist from last week. Thank you for bringing this up to our attention. It is easy to be ignorant when you don't have time to educate yourself, but I don't want to do that anymore. You made me feel guilty, and because of that I thank you.

Robin Lee  
UWSP student

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# The Forbidden Smoker

## A student's take on the recent smoking bans

By Ben Wydeven  
FEATURES REPORTER

On a wet Sunday evening, a handful of college students stroll the sidewalk near the DeBot food center in the drizzling rain. It's not the ideal night for a long walk, but if you look closely, these resident hall students are not walking for recreation. Most of them have chosen to walk down the street in the rain to smoke a cigarette.

One of these students is 19-year-old Nathan Lasee, a sophomore and resident of Pray-Sims Hall. He pulls his neon green hood on to shield himself from the rain and lights up a Marlboro as we walk down the wet sidewalk. Last year at this time, he could have been smoking in the comfort of his own room, but because of a policy made by the Resident Hall Association (RHA) this year, every residence hall has become smoke free.

"It just kind of sucks that you can't sit in your room and light one up whenever you feel like it," Nathan said. "Now I usually just have to go out on either really long walks or just stand out on a

picnic table and be a spectacle to anyone walking by." Nathan smokes about a half a pack a day, which means he's going outside to smoke around ten times each day. That isn't as much of a big of a deal now, but when it gets colder, taking those long walks are going to be more of a pain.

This semester, Nathan had originally planned to move into first floor Baldwin Hall so that he could smoke in the room near his friends, but the new policy made it pointless. "I used to hang out there last fall with them. We all would sit in there and just smoke cigarettes and stuff. We always kept the door closed because we were concerned about other people, you know, to be considerate and all." Instead, he moved to third floor Pray-Sims Hall. "I don't know," Nate speculates, shivering as the wind picks up. "It was so much easier than this."

Despite being a wellness campus, UW-Stevens Point was one of the last campuses in the UW System to make all their residence halls smoke free. "Point pushes itself as a wellness campus and to have smoking in the

halls is kind of like getting shot in the foot," says Jesus Medina, a member of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). Medina was on the board last spring when the decision to ban smoking in the residence halls was made. He says that the main purpose of the



Photo by Liz Bolton  
Students must now congregate outside the residence halls if they want to smoke.

policy was to provide the residents with an atmosphere for breathing. "A lot of people have allergies," says Jesus, a resident of Neale Hall. "If they're allergic to smoke, they don't want to live on a smoking floor that can possibly cause some major damage."

The 30-foot rule is also

being enforced on campus this year, which means that no one can smoke within thirty feet of any residence hall. This has been a rule before, but hasn't been strongly enforced until this semester. To help remind students, the RHA have painted animal paws on the sidewalks indicating the 30-foot mark from every residence hall. Jesus says that a lot of people are already beginning to use these purple paw prints as markers.

"People are complaining about getting smoke in their lungs and their windows," Jesus said. "But now, it seems to be clearing up a bit."

Nathan isn't completely distraught about the policy. Even though he's a daily smoker, he still understands why the RHA took action and is even surprised they didn't do it sooner. "I think the policy is pretty valid in their stance because this is actually a wellness campus," Nate said, adding that, "It's to be expected that we actually try to go forth with wellness behaviors."

But whether the policy will be followed or if it will go up in smoke is uncertain. "I still see people smoking cigs in their

rooms because they're pissed," Nate says.

Jesus hasn't heard any complaints so far regarding the policy. "I'm sure a lot of people have some complaints but I really haven't heard too much." Jesus, a non-smoker, says that the issue is more in favor of the non-smoker.

"Somebody can say, 'You know, I have a right to smoke' and you can always jump back and say 'Dude I have a right to breathe.' And I'm sorry but breathing is a lot more important than smoking," Jesus explains. "Smoking is a choice. I know it's tough as hell to quit, but do what you can."

Overall, Nathan thinks that smokers should follow the RHA's example and take action to make our campus more enjoyable. "Smokers should be courteous," Nathan says, suggesting that smokers hold the smoke in when a non-smoker walks by.

"If I'm walking and passing somebody, I just hold it in for a little longer. It's not too much to ask. I mean it's a little common courtesy."

Nathan says he's trying to quit and believes others should follow suit. "I do suggest to other people that are smoking to at least cut back," he says. "It's just not frickin' worth it in the end."



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# Halloween costumes: last minute and on a dime

How to pull together a winning costume the day before the big event

By Maria Lewis  
FEATURES REPORTER

As Halloween is fast approaching, costumes are sometimes a last minute project for a busy college student. There is hope, though. There is a way to go out and have a rock solid costume.

It is important to have a character in mind. Pick a theme for your Halloween endeavor and go with it. A career theme may be appropriate for college students. That way, before you choose a career, you can see if you're comfortable in the threads. Several that come to mind are a nurse, DNR warden, professor, stockbroker, or how about a psychiatrist and his patient? Have fun with the character you're portraying. Take a trip to your closet or a friend's. This will help you figure out your costume and get some major pieces, for example, a jacket, hat, dress, or pants.

Now you are ready to take it

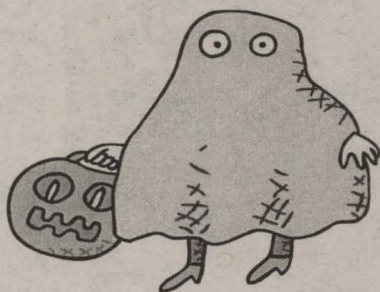
to the next level. You may have the main piece of your costume, but it needs details to get the attention you were hoping for. Once again, it is a good idea to ask around. Get wigs, shoes and accessories from you friends or acquaintances or head down to your local Goodwill store.

If Halloween does get thrown to the backburner a good idea is to take some of your more offending articles of clothing and throw them together. You can always pull off the fashion victim costume, or bum for that matter.

Last Halloween one of my friends pulled off a fun last-minute costume. She went as Curella deVille (the evil lady from *101 Dalmatians*). She went to K-Mart and bought some white hairspray, threw on heels and a faux fur jacket. Voila instant costume!

Here are some other quick ideas: farmer, train engineer, school girl, biker, cowboy (girl), beauty pageant contestant (bring the Visine for those fake tears), old man or woman, and finally drag queen or king. I can't forget the classics: ghost, witch, goblin and scarecrow. All of these costumes can be thrown together with minimal effort and cost. Running around the apartment or

dorm will help you to find the main pieces that you are looking for at the last minute.



*Sometimes the old standby never fails.*

For men and women alike, costumes must include details. Sometimes this means wearing makeup. If you are going as an old person, find a black eyeliner pencil and draw some crow's feet around your eyes and some smile lines around your mouth. This makes for a dramatic effect.

Likewise, if you are going as a drag queen or king makeup is necessary. Drag queens must have full-face makeup, sorry fellas. For the ladies, drag kings must don fake facial hair, which can be easily drawn on with a brown eyeliner pencil. If you are afraid to do your own makeup, seek out help from a knowledgeable makeup practitioner or a professional.

One important thing to remember is a creative and fun Halloween costume takes effort and imagination. My final word of advice is to open your mind and step into a whole new you when you step out on Halloween night in your hip and happening Halloween costume.

## The Nightmare

Enjoy a real life scare this Halloween weekend

By Sarah Dennewitz  
FEATURES REPORTER

If you are looking for a reality-based Halloween scare, make sure to venture into the Nightmare at Marshfield. Not only will it give you goosebumps as you walk through, but it will make you aware of the many dangers around us.

The Nightmare is an interactive maze that depicts the four top killers of teens today, such as: drugs, gangs, suicide and alcohol. The realistic images and scenes displayed in the Nightmare are so graphic that children under 13 are not allowed to enter. The nightmare is meant for "extreme" audiences especially ages 15-25. The gruesome graphics are not intended as unnecessary gore, but are meant to grasp the attention of teens today and "scare" them into the positive direction. It emphasizes the role of fear in all of our lives, claiming we all must face it. The Nightmare is made of a 21,000 square foot warehouse consisting of more than 300 cast and crew members. The

Nightmare welcomes everyone to come and experience a brief glimpse of reality, with a goal to lift the moral and spiritual disposition of the entire area.

This weekend, Oct 30 through Nov 1, will be the last dates to check out the Nightmare. Doors open at 7 p.m. every night, and the cost for admission is \$7. The Nightmare is located at The Orbital, Hwy 13 N, Marshfield WI. Directions and more information, if needed, can be found at the Nightmare website: <http://www.thenightmare.net>

This twenty minute experience of your life is well worth the wait. Not only will the Nightmare instill some fear inside you, it will also make you more aware of the many deadly dangers all around us. By entering the Nightmare, you may be walking into a place of no return, but only you can find out. The Nightmare asks, "Over 60,000 people have survived the Nightmare, will you?"

The Pointer staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy Halloween!



*Sometimes the best costumes are the ones found by raiding the parents' closet.*



## The Legal Corner

*A feature of the Student Legal Society*

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## Halloween past

Recounting the memories of childhood, and yes, the ill-famed plastic masks

By Alli Himle  
FEATURES EDITOR

I think that all of us view Halloween in part by how we celebrated it as a child. Our experiences in years past allow for us to recount the fond memories of gathering the pumpkin basket of goodies.

My first memory that I have of Halloween is dressing up as the cartoon deity himself - Bart Simpson. The costume was your classic outfit of the thin body suit, complete with tie strings in the back. Was it a mere matter of convenience that those body suits were large enough to house snow pants underneath? I think parents were at the forefront of creating them, considering that you never have enough layers on as far as Ma and Pa are concerned.

Then, to complete the outfit, the dreadful (and I do not use that term lightly) plastic mask. All I would like to know is if the creator of those things had attempted to canvass the neighborhood for three hours, while trying to breathe in enough oxygen through those minute air holes at the same time. My guess is that person did not take the actual breathing rate of a child, running frantically from one house to another, into account.

Quite frankly, those masks slow you down. By the first block I was already sporting my

mask on top of my head, only to quickly pull it down in time for the treat-giver to come after having rung the doorbell. At times, it was not worth it to pull down the mask, when all you were rewarded with was a box of raisins, or, better yet, a toothbrush.

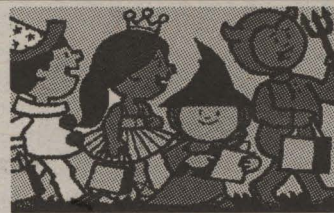
Regardless if you are a dentist or health-nut, trick or treating is simply about the candy - nothing more. Okay, I will make room for the occasional money-giver, but those that "reward" children by trying to counteract the rotting effects of candy, have simply failed in



The childhood memories of Halloween

making the masquerade worth it.

This brings me to my next point - the perks of trick or treating in the country. It is not an understatement to say that you are rewarded to a much greater extreme in the country. Coming from the country life, I know that trick or treaters are far apart on the country roads. It



takes a great deal more effort to go around the country than to go from door to door in town.

As a result, the benefits are bountiful. You are given handfuls, literally, of candy. No measly one candy bar, but rather an entire bag of goodies, prepared especially for you. Country living does indeed have its perks when it comes to the aim of filling up the pumpkin bucket.

But with increased candy amounts comes increased risk. Risks, that is, of parents raiding the bucket without your knowing.

As Ashley Destiche, a UWSP junior recounts, "My sister and I would get back from trick or treating and would frantically dump our candy out on the floor, separate it, and then trade between each other for our personal favorites. Later, after we had gone to rest our weary feet in bed, my mother would rummage through our piles and take whatever she wanted, regardless if we had given her prior permission to do so."

All and all, Halloween has a special meaning for all of us. Whether it is the recounting of the dreaded plastic masks or reflecting on the bountiful amounts of candy received, Halloween allows for many memorable childhood experiences. Most of all, Halloween is a time to return to our carefree youth.

## Trick or Treat? Your call

The true spirit of Halloween

By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Save Christmas, no holiday, in my opinion, has the spirit quite like Halloween does. Really, it's the one holiday with no strings attached. There's no going to church, no unexpected visits from relatives, no requirement to buy expensive presents, or any of the stuff that clutters up other holidays. No, Halloween is only about three things; candy, dressing up and scaring the living daylight out of people.

Candy's nice, sure, but for me, scaring is the real fun of Halloween. Few things are as enjoyable as dressing up like a vampire or a zombie or some other fright flick fiend, stalking down streets and jumping out and scaring the pants off some unsuspecting bystanders. This is the only time of the year where such a thing is all in good fun. Any other time you try it, you're likely to get a punch to the face or a knee to the groin or even a trip in a squad car. So make the most of this one opportunity when you've got it.

Costumes are always essential. To be a success on Halloween, you need a good costume and preferably a unique one at that. Sure, the old standbys like ghosts and witches are fine, but use your imagination. Go all out. Be creative. My personal suggestion this year is to stuff a pillow

under your shirt, fill an old prescription pill bottle with M&Ms or Skittles and you can go as Rush Limbaugh! It's always good for a laugh. Or perhaps you could stick a jack o' lantern on your head and go as the Great Pumpkin. Plus, you'll make a little boy named Linus very happy.

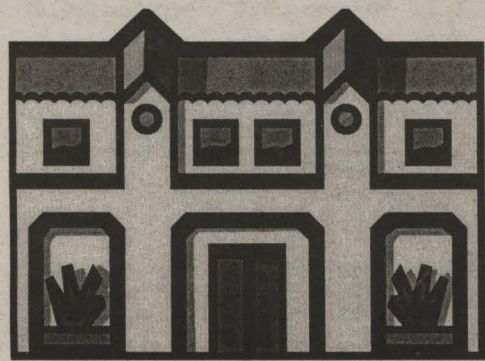
There are some things that trouble me about Halloween, though. The smashing of pumpkins, for instance, has always gotten me down. Carving jack o' lanterns is one of the greatest and most time-honored traditions of Halloween, one that's often fun for the whole family. When some jerk comes along to smash a pumpkin that a father carved with his son as his father did with him, it really makes me

angry. So I have a little message to all who would trash the pumpkins. Just stick to egging and toilet papering houses on Mischief Night before Halloween. Leave the pumpkins alone. You want to attack one, attack the pie version on Thanksgiving.

I'm also none too pleased about the whole idea of having "designated" trick-or-treat times. Stevens Point, for example, had their trick-or-treating hours this past weekend and the kiddies had to be in before darkness fell.

Give me a break. I know people are worried about bad things happening on Halloween, but isn't that what parent chaperones are for? And I believe trick-or-treating is supposed to happen on Halloween, not the Sunday before it. Nothing dilutes trick-or-treating like having it in advance. It's for the same reasons I wish *The Simpsons* would have their annual "Treehouse of Horror" special before Halloween, not after it, but I don't blame them since they have the World Series' broadcasts getting in the way.

Those are minor quibbles, however. No matter what little problems crop up, Halloween still can't be beat. It's a magical night, the night when the ghosts and ghouls buried deep within come out and take a bow. It's the night that imagination runs free. How can you beat that? Compared to that, the candy's a perk. Now, if you'll excuse me, I think I need a Halloween marathon.



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# The streak is finally over

## Loss to La Crosse gives Pointers first ever regular season conference loss

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday the UWSP women's soccer team hosted WIAC conference foe UW-LaCrosse in a game that, when all was said and done, would have historic implications, with UWSP falling 2-1.

### soccer

UWSP dominated the first half in every way except the score. The offense was relentless spraying the Eagle goalie with 15 first half shots compared to LaCrosse's three. The UW-L defense was air-tight, highlighted

by the goaltending of Stephanie Harbaugh, who recorded eight saves. The first half ended in a 0-0 tie.

The second half began similarly, with Point peppering the UW-L goal. The Pointers finally broke the scoreless tie when Jenny Bruce put a header into the net at the 55:51 mark with an assist from Katie O'Leary.

UW-L answered fifteen minutes later with an unassisted goal by Ashley Marshall. The rest of regulation was a defensive battle with regulation ending with a 1-1 tie.

The first overtime period was a physical battle with numerous fouls and only one shot, taken by UW-L, but Melissa Meister got the save.

The second overtime was short-lived as UW-L's Kris Miller

broke through the Pointer D and scored the winning goal with an assist going to Cynthia Fudzinski, sending the Pointers to their first regular season defeat in WIAC history.

The Pointers looked for redemption on Wednesday as they traveled to Whitewater for their conference finale. A win would give the Pointers their seventh straight WIAC title, but it wasn't to be as UW-Whitewater fought the Pointers to a scoreless tie, giving UW-River Falls their first ever conference title. The Pointers do, however, clinch a berth in the WIAC tournament. Their record moves to 11-3-3 on the season.

The Pointers wrap up their regular season with a trip to Gustavus Adolphus at 2 p.m. on Sunday.



Photo by Liz Bolton

Tara Schmidt battles a La Crosse defender on Saturday.

## Coming down the stretch



Photo by Liz Bolton

The Pointer cross country team faced UW-Oshkosh in a dual meet last Saturday. Both the mens' and womens' teams rested their top runners while their teammates took center stage. For the women, junior Nicki Van Gheem was the top UWSP finisher, with a second-place mark. For the men, senior Chris Pfaffenroth took home a third place finish. This weekend, both teams are at UW-Stout to run in the conference championships.

## Team ends season on a high note

### Sixth place finish marks end of Nancy Page era

By Jana Jurkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

The WIAC tournament last weekend brought about tears of both joy and sadness for the UWSP tennis team.

### tennis

While the team finished their season on a high note, accomplishing their goal of beating Stout and finishing sixth of the seven WIAC teams, it also marked the last tournament

Coach Nancy Page and seniors Amber Wilkowski and Emily Schlender will participate in.

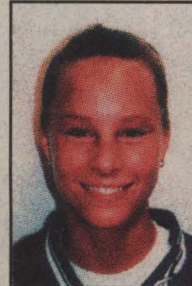
The season couldn't have ended better for Schlender, as she placed fourth at number three singles, leading the team.

"Schlender was one of the keys, as she defeated the number three seed from Oshkosh in her opening match," said Page. Schlender continued to work hard as she and fellow senior Wilkowski finished sixth at number one doubles.

To Schlender, the end of her career here at UWSP was bitter-

sweet, as this was her first and only season participating.

Said Schlender, "The part that makes me most sad, is knowing I could have had this season 4 years ago. But I feel like I couldn't have enjoyed the season more!" Schlender plans on pursuing a career in education and is looking to teach in the Baraboo area next year.



Schlender

Although Wilkowski didn't finish as well as she may have liked to, there were no regrets as she feels she played her best tennis over

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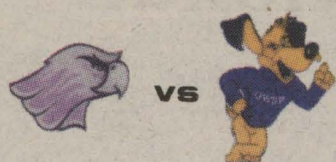
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## Matchup



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

**Listen:** The game can be heard live on WWSP (90FM) with Josh Schmidt doing play-by-play and Craig Mandli handling 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:** The Warhawks lead the all-time series 53-28 and have won five of the last seven meetings.

**Last Year:** UW-Stevens Point won last year's game 17-14 in Whitewater as Scott Krause rushed for a career-high 134 yards, including a game-winning 66-yard touchdown with 11:47 left. The final score was deceiving as the teams combined for 813 yards of total offense. The Pointers amassed 446 total yards, including 307 yards rushing as they controlled the clock for 34:52 of the game.

### 5 Things to Watch...

#### 1. Can the Pointers contain Whitewater's special teams?

Whitewater has won two games on the strength on their return game. The Pointers' return defense has given up some big returns this year. They need to shore it up.

#### 2. The Pointers can't turn the ball over.

The Warhawks lead the WIAC with a +18 turnover margin, which doesn't bode well for risk-taking quarterback Scott Krause.

#### 3. Can the defense shut down Wurth?

Whitewater senior running back Chad Wurth carried the ball 34 times for 153 yards in last week's win over UW-Eau Claire. The Pointer D needs to shut him down.

#### 4. Where is Cory?

Cory Flisakowski, the Pointer's game-breaking halfback, missed his second consecutive game last week due to a shoulder injury. While Jason VanderVelden has filled in admirably, the team needs Flisakowski's game-breaking ability.

#### 5. Gimme some picks.

The Pointers only have five interceptions on the year. LaRon Ragsdale and Chase Kostichka need to come up with more.

# Another hurdle jumped for Pointers

## Reible's crunch time TD keys comeback

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

Last week, Head Coach John Miech described the Pointers' ensuing game with UW-Oshkosh as "another hurdle" in their quest to overcome two early season conference losses and make a run at the WIAC title. He just didn't know if the Titans would bring the hard-nosed team that beat Stout 15-7, or the soft, undisciplined one that got shellacked by La Crosse, 56-14.

### football

Well, although the Titans ended up bringing their "A" game on Saturday, the Pointers were still able to sweat out a 13-9 victory.

"People tend to forget that this is a team (Oshkosh) that started 4-0, and that's what we tried to get through to our kids," said Miech. "Point blank, the team that played against us was the team that beat Stout."

A stingy Titan defense kept the high-powered Point offense nearly stymied until the final minutes, when freshman backup halfback Eric Reible punched in his first career touchdown with 2:46 left. The beleaguered Pointer defense was then able to stop a pair of UW-Oshkosh drives in the final two minutes to pull out the victory.

Reible, a Waunakee native getting an opportunity due to starter Cory Flisakowski's lingering shoulder injury, scored the touchdown on only his 23rd carry of the season. "Eric is a good running back who has just sort of been waiting in the wings for his opportunity," said Miech. "On Saturday he got to prove his speed and toughness."

Both teams started slowly, trading punts throughout the first quarter before the Pointers were able to mount an impressive 18-play, 86-yard second quarter drive that took 8:15 off the clock and resulted in a one-yard touchdown run by senior halfback Jason VanderVelden.

VanderVelden, coming off a day against Eau Claire where he set a team record for carries with 41



Photo courtesy of Larry Crane, Oshkosh Northwestern

Pointer defensive end Mike Hayes takes down Oshkosh's Justin Heinkel during Saturday's 13-9 UWSP win.

while piling up 204 yards rushing, was again the workhorse for the Pointers, tacking on another 29 carries for 115 yards against Oshkosh.

"Jason is a good runner and knows how to hit the hole, which he's done his whole career here," said Miech. "That's why he was all-conference last year."

The Titans were able to cut the deficit to four points with a field goal at the end of the second quarter to make the halftime score 7-3.

The Titans took the momentum in the second half when quarterback Nick Wara hit huge tight-end Bob Docherty with a 73-yard pass from his own two-yard line. The Titans punched the ball into the end zone on the next play to give them a 9-7 lead.

The teams traded punts until late in the fourth quarter, when Reible took over with his late-game heroics.

Miech was impressed with his team's defensive effort, led by linebacker Brett Maxwell's 14-tackle performance. "Maxwell played great, and our front four really controlled the line of scrimmage and put pressure on their quarterback," said Miech. "It really started to

show up when Oshkosh started making a lot of mistakes late in the game."

With the win, the Pointers improved to 5-2 (2-2 in the WIAC) on the season. This weekend, the Pointers host conference leader UW-Whitewater, who has an

unblemished WIAC record this season. "Quite frankly, if Whitewater beats us, they are going to win the conference championship," said Miech. "We have battled back into things in the last two weeks, and this league is still wide open."

## SENIOR ON THE SPOT JASON VANDERVELDEN - FOOTBALL



VanderVelden

### Career Highlights

- Two consecutive all-conference selections.
- Holds school record for rushing attempts in a game.
- Over 1000 career rushing yards.
- Leading rusher and receiver during conference championship season of 2001.

**Major** - Declared  
**Hometown** - Winchester, Wis.  
**Nickname** - "V-Bone"

**What are your plans after graduation?** - What graduation?  
**Do you plan on playing football after graduation?** - After I run out of years of eligibility I'll probably get picked up to play in the annual Behm Bowl held in Winneconne where the big money is.

**What is your favorite aspect of football?** - Well the sport is just so popular...and the jersey chasers.

**Most embarrassing moment** - I would probably just lump my entire freshmen and sophomore years into that "moment."

**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?** - I'd be Bill Clinton back in his political prime. You know making laws and love simultaneously.

**What CD is in your stereo right now?** Keller Williams - Home

**If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go?** - I would take Bridget Fonda's sexy character "Melanie" from Jackie Brown to a hip little coffee house in Amsterdam.

**What will you remember most about playing football at UWSP?** - I'm not sure. I have a pretty bad memory.

**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** - In the legendary words of Bobby McFerrin "Don't Worry, Be Happy."



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## Pointers play tough at the Stout Invitational

**Spikers finish 2-2 for the weekend after knocking off Edgewood and Viterbo**

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's volleyball team spent last weekend in Menomonie for the UW-Stout tournament.

### volleyball

The Pointers started out Friday afternoon taking on the host school, UW-Stout. UWSP didn't start the weekend as sharp as they would have liked, while Stout came out firing, knocking off Point in the first game of the match 30-18.

The second game was more of the same as the Pointers bowed out 30-18

again. The third game was even worse as the Pointers were swept off the court 30-11.

Jessica Parker was the lone bright spot offensively for the Pointers, registering 9 kills. Lori Marten also performed well, getting 12 digs.

The Pointers looked to rebound in the second match of the day, going up against Edgewood. Things looked good early for the Pointers as they drilled Edgewood in the first game with an end score of 30-21. In the second game, the Pointers dominated, coasting to an easy 30-17 victory. The third game saw Point complete the sweep, getting the 30-23 win.

Leading the way for the Pointers were Karie Zellner and Parker with 10 and nine kills, respectively. Kelli Rydeen also helped the Pointer cause

with 5 aces.

On Saturday, the Pointers started off with conference rival UW-Eau Claire.

UWEC got up on the

Pointers early and notched the 30-17 win in the first game. The Pointers fought back in the second, winning 30-27. Eau Claire wrestled away control of the match in the third game, winning 30-23. The fourth game of the series was a hard fought



Parker



Zellner

battle, but in the end the Pointers fell short 32-30.

Nichole Stahovich had a strong match tallying 11 kills while Parker and Zellner each chipped in 9.

The final match of the weekend saw the Pointers take on Viterbo. UWSP, looking to finish strong, did just that as

they swept Viterbo out of the building by the scores of 30-22, 30-22, and 30-13.

Parker had a dominant match for the Pointers, registering 17 kills followed by Zellner and Rydeen with six apiece.

After the weekend of play, the Pointer's record moved to 10-22 on the season.

Next up the Pointers face Northland College and UW-Superior for the UWSP Triangular at the Berg Gym this Saturday at noon.

### Pointer Football UWSP vs. UW-Oshkosh

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### Tennis

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the weekend.

Said Wilkowski, "I personally played a good tournament. I replayed girls and got better scores than I got when we played in the regular season."

For Wilkowski it's hard to believe that her four years of UWSP tennis have expired.

"I am extremely sad it is all over. I have loved playing tennis so much its hard to think that I won't be able to come back next season and do it again," she said.

Wilkowski will also be missed by her team as she "always gave an all-out effort, and was totally supportive of her teammates," said Page.

Unlike Schlender, however, the tournament didn't mark the end of Wilkowski's tennis career. She plans to join a USTA league as well as a racquet club. And although she won't be on the court, Wilkowski promises to return to watch next season.

"I will also be UWSP tennis's number one fan, and come to as many meets as I can," said Wilkowski. "Those girls can't get rid of me that easy!"

Perhaps the most devastating loss to the tennis team, however, will be that of Head Coach Nancy Page, who is retiring in May. Page, who started out coaching field hockey, has been extremely active both on and off the court. When field hockey was retracted due to lack of competition, she moved on to softball and then tennis, coaching both at one point.

Off the court, Page was the UWSP Senior Women's Administrator for 13 years, meaning she supervised all the women's sports on campus.

Nevertheless, what Page enjoyed most were the numerous athletes she had the chance to work with.

Said Page, "I will take away the relationships which have developed over the years with athletes and former athletes, I hear from them all the time and it's just a lot of fun."

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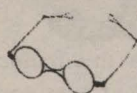
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# THE BACK PAGE



## The way I see it...The number of games in pro sports is crazy

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Hello sports fans. I was glancing through the newspaper today and as I was flipping through the sports section I noticed something: both the NHL and NBA regular seasons have started.

Has anyone really noticed or cared?

Is it me, or did both these leagues crown their 2003 champions just a short while ago? It seems like I just got over the excitement of watching the Spurs yawn the Nets to death in the NBA finals. Wasn't it just a month or two ago that the Mighty Ducks made their run in the NHL playoffs? Do these leagues actually have an off-season? I have come to the conclusion that some of the pro leagues' seasons are a little too long.

Let's start with the NBA. Does anyone

even watch a game before the month of April? Until March Madness is over, I don't think anyone pays attention to what happens in the NBA. Does the NBA really need 82 games to decide who goes to the playoffs? Most people I know don't watch a single minute until at least the second round.

The playoffs are another thing. In recent years this seemingly never-ending stretch of games has become a season in itself. What's the point of the regular season when over half the teams make the playoffs anyway? It's just another shameless ploy to get more TV money out of the deal. The NBA is wondering why their ratings are down. Hmm, maybe because of overexposure?

Then there's the NHL. I really feel sorry for the players. These guys get hit, slashed, high-sticked and punched game after game for nine straight months. Keep in mind they play

on ice, which isn't the softest substance in the world. No wonder most of these guys don't have any teeth. I'm surprised they make it through the season alive. There's no way a hockey player can fully recover from the rigors of a full season in only a few short months. The league should give these guys at least a six month break. To make them come back and play so soon is cruel.

In Major League Baseball it's not so much the length of the season as the number of games played. Spring Training starts in March and the playoffs end in October. Baseball isn't quite as demanding as other pro sports, so four months off is reasonable. But 162 games is ridiculous. Most of the everyday players are lucky if they get one day a week with their families. I'm surprised Cal Ripken still has a family after the amount of time he put in.

Then there's the boredom factor. Playing

any game, no matter how much you love it, 162 times a year, not including playoffs and spring training, would bore just about anyone to tears.

Finally we come to the NFL. While everyone else is suffering from over-kill, the NFL takes six months off between seasons. While this time is pure hell for me and other NFL fans, it's a necessary evil for many of the same reasons I mentioned for the NHL. The preseason, however, does need to be shortened. Nobody wants to watch a month of meaningless games where players who aren't going to make the team play and stars get injured. So I propose shortening the preseason schedule by two games and adding two more games to the regular season.

So a note to all you sports league commissioners out there. Give the fans and players a break. Shorten the seasons.



### The Week Ahead...



**Football:** Whitewater, Sat., 1 p.m.\*

**Volleyball:** UW-Stevens Point Triangular, Sat., noon

**Men's Hockey:** Superior, Fri., 7:30 p.m.\*; at Eau Claire, Sat. 7 p.m.\*; at Lawrence University, Tues., 7:30 p.m.\*

**Cross Country:** at WIAC Championships (Menominee, Wis.), Sat., All Day

**Swimming & Diving:** Eau Claire, Fri., 5 p.m.

**Soccer:** at Gustavus Adolphus, Sun., 2 p.m.

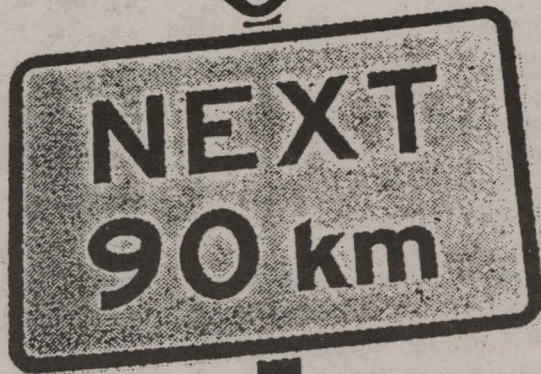
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## View from the Rowdy Crowd

### Where the heck is Mad Dog?

By The Rowdy Crowd  
SPORTS COLUMNISTS

Welcome once again to the psycho circus that is the Rowdy Crowd. Does anyone remember the mascot Mad-Dog? This was/is the only cool mascot on campus, has its teeth bared, Pointer Hockey jersey on and roamed the K.B. Willett Arena for many years.

The Rowdy Crowd seriously believes that it is once again time for Mad-Dog to resume the prowl at the Willett. Now some sources say Mad-Dog has been retired or even gotten rid of, and other sources say that he's hiding in the HEC.

Seeing as the Rowdy Crowd really doesn't condone the abuse of animals, we propose that Mad-Dog be released from his proverbial cage and be set free upon the crowds at the K.B. Willett Arena.

In other news, the Pointers

play UW-Superior this Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

This is quite possibly far and away the best entertainment for your money, so it is advised that you check this game out. The Rowdy Crowd is ready, and if anyone went and saw the Purple/Gold inter-squad scrimmage this past Saturday, the Pointers are more than ready for the season to begin.

Ok, so now it is known that Mad-Dog should be set free once again, Pointers play Superior on Friday, the women's team plays at River Falls against the thunder chick...Fighting lobsters...We mean Falcons, and finally...

The Rowdy Crowd would like you all to know that we are NOT Pat Rothfuss. However, we would like to cordially invite Mr. Rothfuss to join the Rowdy Crowd, seeing as his long-running Pointer articles provide some inspiration for our own creative writings and lasting survival here at UWSP.

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## Wild matters debate

### I'm going fishing this weekend



By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Being a predictably slow week following mid-terms, I thought I'd spend a good portion of it down by the river watching time pass by. With the wonderfully cold and cloudy weather, those damn walleyes must've been in disagreement. See, I went down to the river for relaxin' yet I couldn't spend one whole minute sitting down due to the frenzied Wally bite. So this weekend, you can bet I'll be fishing away like Santiago off the shores of Cuba.

Right now the Walter bite is at its autumn pinnacle. Trust me, your hook-setting muscles will be sore and your belly full come Sunday night. Fishing can be enjoyed with friends next to a glowing fire, day or night or both. There is no need for scent-killer, silence, solitude or waiting for a single shot. On the contrary, fall fishing is about fun first and foremost and with great regularity. Go ahead; holler wild fish-calling bonanzas at the river, help your buddy land a keeper and celebrate with a smooth smoke. The Walters don't mind.

While hunting action is just beginning to rise, the time for walleyes is now. I'll get out hunting once the fishing subsides; you see, that's why Aristarchus' calendar of 239 B.C. included October, November and December. Aristarchus saw the need for extra fishing days before hunting season at the end of the "solar year". Genius. For now I'd grab a rod and reel over a bow and arrow any day. Because let's face it, folks, Thoreau nailed it square on the head when he wrote, "Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."



### I'm going hunting this weekend



By Marty Seeger  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The bucks are in full rut and the fish are in a frantic chase to fatten up before winter. You want to hunt and fish at the same time this weekend, but peak times to fish coincide with peak deer movement. What is a person to do?

For anyone who has ever had to decide between hunting or fishing there is a simple solution—quit fishing and go hunting. The rut only comes around once a year, and fishing can be done all year round. The fish will be there for ice fishing and spring, but that giant buck might be gone come rifle season.

People who fish tend to lie quite often. I love to fish so I know all about it. When Adam Mella claims that the fish are biting, there is a good chance that he's bullshitting. Fish are extremely unpredictable anyway, unlike the rut which is usually right on schedule. Weather can be another factor. Think about it; 25 degrees, open water, hands in the minnow bucket. Cold and wet just don't mix.

Hunters never lie, just ask me. Remember when I wrote that article about the buck with bases the size of pop cans? He exists; I just haven't shot him yet, but come this weekend the buck is mine forevermore.

Once I bag a dandy this weekend, I know that I won't starve on the account that I only have a few measly little walleye fillets. A person can't live on walleye alone; we need venison too. Walleye is respectable, but venison is sublime. One deer and I will be set for the semester. Fred Bear said it best when he wrote, "the history of the bow and arrow is the history of mankind."

## Point student takes second in national logging competition

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Not too many people can actually say that they know a competitor of international-class caliber. And although you may not know him personally, a fellow UWSP student recently became the second ranked collegiate logging competitor in the world.

Chuck Schlindwein spent the third weekend of October wielding a chainsaw in the rolling hills of Mont Alto, Penn. in order to participate in the 2003 Collegiate Game of Logging. Similar to lumberjack contests on ESPN-2, the Games consist mainly of sawing duels. The Games are open to all Earthlings who are currently attending college and have completed all of the necessary requirements.

"In addition to the written test," says Schlindwein, "contestants must first qualify for the championships during regional events that are held every spring."

Before the regionals, every logger must complete the required safety training as well. The Forest Industry Safety Training Alliance (FISTA) offers four progressive courses that are mandatory prior to competition. Schlindwein recommends the pulp-cut course offered through the CNR as well, for basic cutting techniques.

For the regional and international competitions, every logger participates in at least four events. The bore cut, precision board cut, speed cut and spring pole are the main course for every Game of Logging. After those have been completed, the top five competitors move on to the finals, where the best of the best clash in a



Schlindwein sawing away in the speed-cut event.

Photo submitted by Schlindwein

tree-felling event. Chuck's favorite event is the spring pole, where he received one of three perfect scores in this year's event.

**"You've got to find time to play with the saw."**

**-C. Schlindwein**

All competitors use the same saws (ala IROC) to keep the events fair. The Game of Logging also provides all the necessary safety equipment from helmets to ear protection, which the students get to keep as part of their participation.

For his second-place finish, Schlindwein won a sweet Husqvarna 372 XPG with heated handles and carburetors in addition to \$500, which he says, "will go towards rent."

Chuck will soon graduate from Point with a double-major in Forest

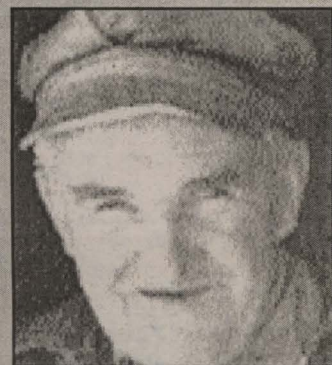
Administration/ Utilization and Forest Management. After college he says he might try his hand at the Landowner Competition, the top division at the Game of Logging.

Dawn Stenek, also a senior at UWSP, took home a 14th place finish at the 2003 Games.

For those interested in such competitions, Chuck has three words of encouragement. "Practice, practice, practice," says Schlindwein, "you've got to find time to play with the saw."



## Mr. Winters' two cents



"Trick or treat"

Well I suppose you kids are gettin' all excited about a little Halloweenin', huh? Myself, well I quit trick-or-treating about three years ago. The wife don't like me being out after darkness falls. I tell you, it makes her just plain skittish. Little does she know, kids don't even trick-or-treat in the dark anymore. On that note, I got to ponder, what in the hell is going on there? People just get so worked up with the spookies that they don't even trust their own neighbors. When I was a kid, we went out trick-or-treatin' at midnight wearing black. Nobody got hit by cars or molested by perverts or even poisoned. It seems to me that the adults are the only folks that actually get scared on Halloween anymore! These kids go running around on my nice lawn dressed like rabbits, angels and Derek Jeter. What a bunch of sally costumes! What ever happened to the ghouls and goblins? Geeesh!!!

Anyhoo, as it's getting colder out, I figured that I'd tell you about how to relax on these frosty nights. You see, even though you kids might think you know about relaxing, we old fellas are the kings of unwinding. So please, a little respect and a listening ear.

This week, I'm going to teach by example. A couple weeks ago me and the boys began the festivities on Friday night. My buddy Scottie happened to pop in with some goose, and it just so happened that I was frying up a heavy mess of fresh walleye. My god, we ate a horse-a-piece. As we finished up the scraps, seven-o'clock rolled around so we flipped on the old transistor radio for some World Series baseball. It was kind of chilly outside, so I threw a flannel in the dryer for a nice "warmy". I plunked myself down on the old davenport with some slippers, a sixer of High-Life, and some after-dinner sweets. Around the second inning me and Scottie and the boys each took a couple of puffs on the old mahogany smoking pipe, while the cold outside ceased to exist.

Well, I'll be damned if I didn't wake up in the bottom of the eighth inning. Turns out some of the boys took to napping as well. For you college kids this might be considered "un-cool", but you know, there is more to relaxing than binge drinking and committing sins. So next Friday, consider that before you all "go on and geeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters



## Roadkill season in full swing

By Marty Seeger  
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Anyone living in Wisconsin knows that deer can be a serious cause for concern when it comes to highway safety. According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) deer are the third most commonly struck object in the state (following only behind striking another vehicle or a fixed object).

Research indicates that there are approximately 90,000 deer-related vehicle crashes each year. Last year six people were killed in collisions with deer, and 595 crashes involved injury.

"Our problems with deer on the road can happen at any time in just about any location," said Dennis Hughes of WisDOT's Bureau of Transportation Safety. "And it can happen to anyone."

Although vehicle deer crashes can occur in any season, October and November carry the highest risk of a collision. Last year in Wisconsin 20,470 motor vehicle deer crashes were reported by investigating officers. Of these, 7,804 (38.1%) occurred in October or November. The month of June comes in as a close second with 3,306 (16.2%) crashes. Waupaca and Shawano counties lead the state in deer-to-vehicle crashes.

WisDOT is urging people to be more alert while driving on Wisconsin highways, especially during the months of October and November. Be sure to use extra caution in the early morning and late evening hours. Many of the deer related crashes occurred between the hours of 5 p.m. and midnight.

## DNR to hold public hearing on protected status of timber wolf

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

In 1999, the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan was forged to help establish a solid wolf population. In only four years, that plan has been a complete success, with a wolf population exceeding 300 animals.

As a result, state wildlife officials believe that the wolf should be removed from the threatened species list, and instead be classified as a protected non-game species. The reasons for this move are twofold.

**DNR public hearing.**  
**-Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.**  
**-Schmeekle Visitor Center**

While the removal of the timber wolf from the state's threatened species list would have little effect in the short-term, it will "set the stage for a more flexible management system when wolves are removed from the federal list of threatened species for Wisconsin," according to Adrian Wydeven, a mammalian ecologist and wolf specialist for the Wisconsin DNR. Until then, wolf management practices will remain the same, regardless of Wisconsin policy.

Presently, as protected under the federal threatened species list, gray wolves are sheltered indefinitely against any sort of killing. With new authority and a healthy state population, the Wisconsin

DNR could issue permits to landowners and farmers that have problem wolves on their property or occurrences of depredation of livestock. This would stop the limited attacks on domestic animals.

The second major reason for the move is rooted in the original Wolf Management Plan that was drafted in 1999. The plan officially removed the gray wolf from the state endangered species list, the most protected stage. The plan outlined practices that would establish adequate wolf habitats with a goal of 250 wolves. As of latest counts, done in the winter of 2002-2003, the Wisconsin wolf population is estimated at around 330 animals.

Although the wolf population is well over this initial goal, the animal remains on the threatened list. Dick Thiel, of the Wisconsin DNR Sand Hill station said, "Their recovery was much more vigorous than anticipated 15 years ago." While wolf populations have grown faster than anticipated, the state does not have the power to manage the animals. Thiel continued, "They've done remarkably well."

Prior to any state legislation on the issue, the state National Resources Board authorized the DNR to hold a series of public hearings in order to both inform the public and take their feedback on the issue. Five such hearings will be held throughout Wisconsin, with the nearest of them being at the Schmeekle Reserve Visitors Center in Stevens Point. The hearing will be held on Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.

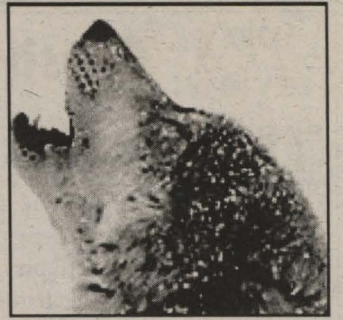
As the Wisconsin gray wolf population continues to grow, wolf dispersal to new territory is becoming more common.

Thiel remarked that, "wolves will continue to reproduce, pups will become yearlings, yearlings will disperse and some will be forced out of 'good' habitat into marginal (or worse) habitats, and these animals will cause problems for people."

Several wolves have been reported to be living in northeastern Portage County, since the summer of 2002. They are believed to be living within the vast Mead Wildlife Area. While the land has low human impact, according to Thiel, the wolf presence there "is occupying marginal habitat, so its performance (longevity as an intact pack) is suspect given that it lives in an agricultural belt."

While the Wisconsin wolf population is grouped into two main areas, it is not known where this pair may have traveled from. The Mead lies directly between the northern pack territory and the southern group centered around the Black River State Forest. Thiel said, "When animals are non-radioed it is conjecture as to where they came from."

The current estimated population of wolf packs is 94-95 within the two regions, with the most suitable habitat now inhabited by a healthy population. For this reason, Wydeven stated, "trapping and moving wolves is no longer a viable option for dealing with problem wolves, as any wolf that moves into occupied territory is usually treated as an invader and may be killed by the pack that occupies the territory."



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## play review: Closing the Door

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

It was quite a treat to be in a crowd of about 40 people witnessing the world premiere of Nicole Lemery's *Closing the Door*; a UWSP-produced play, directed by Laura Rogers, about a family dealing with the hardships of an accident that confined the main character to a wheelchair.

Brenda, played by Becca Casper, showcased a range of emotion throughout her acceptance after a car accident that caused her to lose her baby and spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. Husband Paul (Jeremy Larson), brother and sister-in-law Ben (Andrew Claude) and Nora (Christine Grimm) and parents Susan (Greta Weibel) and Don (Christopher Bongen) learn to help Brenda, but also realize that they must let her accept reality and do things on her own once again.

The play, which took place in the Studio Theater in the Fine Arts Center, was cozy; the stage was literally feet in front of the first row. The props and scenery were impressive, especially for a play with only six actors. Most of the play occurred in the kitchen, with the table and fridge as a centerpiece to the action when family members would discuss Brenda's future over a beer or two.

The makeup used on the Weibel and Bongen to transform them into elderly parents was also noteworthy. Physically, their gray-streaked hair and wrinkled eyes complemented the strong acting of each parent to make for a believable tension-filled family scenario.

And of course, the emotional acting displayed by Casper tied the whole performance together. A grabbing climax scene when Brenda finally came to grips with her disability was by far the most intense scene in the play.

Many students unjustifiably write off UWSP productions. However, if you missed *Closing the Door*, you skipped it for no good reason.

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## movie review: Scary Movie 3



By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The first *Scary Movie* was an outrageously funny spoof that turned out to be the biggest R-rated hit to date. The sequel was a largely unfunny mess, but it still made money. So now we have *Scary Movie 3*, revamped now as director/spoof master David Zucker (part of the ZAZ team that gave us *Airplane* and the *Naked Gun* trilogy) takes over for the Wayans brothers. In his hands, *Scary Movie 3* is no laugh a minute riot but it's a lot better than it has any right to be and has several moments of all-out hilarity.

Anna Faris returns for her third turn as the chipper, oblivious Cindy Campbell. Now out of college and working as a TV news reporter in Washington D.C., Cindy is alerted when mysterious crop circles (message, "ATTACK HERE") appear in the cornfields of local farmer and recent widower Tom Logan (Charlie Sheen). She vainly tries to warn others of the supposed impending alien invasion, while casting puppy-dog eyes at Logan's rapper-wannabe, utterly incompetent brother George (Simon Rex).

As if aliens weren't enough, Cindy's friend Brenda (Regina Hall, also returning for her third *Scary Movie*) watches a videotape that kills you in seven days and promptly gets bumped off by a malevolent spirit. Cindy watches the tape herself and sure enough

gets a call announcing her death. So our plucky heroine must save the world from the aliens and herself from the evil spirit in the tape. (You can tell that plot is not very important in this film.)

After the extremely crude and according to some, obscene humor in the first two films, *Scary Movie*



3 seems positively sanitized. Sure, we are getting some bathroom humor, but, in true Zucker style, the gags are more juvenile and cartoonish, though still provoking, as neither Michael Jackson nor Catholic priests are going to be very pleased with their treatment. *Signs* and *The Ring* are the films lampooned the most, while other gags feel unfulfilled, especially those concerning *The Matrix*. Despite what the trailer seems to show, Eddie Griffin and Queen Latifah are barely in the movie. Still, some of the gags are quite

funny and after years of horror flicks with annoying *Sixth Sense*-inspired creepy kids, it's nice to see that the one in *Scary Movie 3* gets bashed around like a piñata.

The cast all seems well up to acting ridiculous. The adorable Faris has Cindy down cold and still exhibits her perfect sense of comic timing. Zucker also has brought in former ZAZ mainstays Sheen and spoof king himself Leslie Nielsen as the bumbling U.S. President. Seeing the 77-year old Nielsen on screen once again is a treat, as he still shows he has the comic touch. He even gets to re-do one of his classic bits from *Airplane*. Some of the myriad cameos can get a bit distracting — Denise Richards seems to be there only because she's Mrs. Sheen — but Jeremy Piven has a great bit as a dimwitted TV news anchor who obliviously reads obscene lyrics slipped onto his teleprompter.

Yes, *Scary Movie 3* is a scatter-shot spoof, but there are more hits than misses and it's definitely an improvement over *Scary Movie 2*. Frankly, it's hard to dislike a movie that has *American Idol* insult-machine Simon Cowell getting blown away by gangster rappers whose lyrics he's slammed. Anticipating success, studio Dimension Films is already planning *Scary Movie 4*. My advice is to quit while they're ahead, because *Scary Movie 3* may be as good as it gets for a franchise that shows signs of being maxed out.

## Channel surfing has never been this difficult...

With the failure of stale reality shows and unrealistic sexcoms, what lies ahead for television?

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

One week after the initial seasonal debuts of major-network TV shows, I read an article detailing the confusion of network executives. They couldn't understand the drop in ratings this year.

I have an idea. Maybe the drop in ratings means that your shows are all crap. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out.

To test out my theory, I've been watching a lot of crummy TV shows lately, just for the reassurance that the quality of TV really has gone down the proverbial toilet.

Case-in-point: *The Next Joe Millionaire*. I was suckered into watching the first season and couldn't believe that FOX allowed another season of this one-time deal of a show. This time, they're using European women who have never heard of the show, which has actually given it a bit of a comical edge. The Europeans do nothing but mock the American way. The joke, right now, is certainly on FOX and Texas.

The new "Joe Millionaire", David Smith from Midland, Texas, is a cowboy who makes almost \$11,000 per year. When the Euro-ladies discovered that their knight in shining armor was a cowboy, most started laughing. *Clueless cowboy hunk David Smith.* For the rest of the episode, the women passed their time by getting smashed and razzing America, cowboys and Texas. A few of them retook interest in Smith after they found out that he supposedly had \$80 million.

As a whole, it's difficult to find entertaining shows to watch lately. Other than my favorites like *The Simpsons*, *That '70s Show* and the guilty pleasure of *The Real World* (we're all allowed one guilty pleasure, right?), I find it difficult to sit through an entire 30-minute show of anything lately. And most reality shows go on for a full hour.

I don't even know how NBC's newest "hit" sitcom, *Coupling*, got a pilot on the air. The show is all about young people hanging out in a bar trying to have sex with one or multiple unbelievably hot twenty-somethings. The show is kind of

like *Friends*, except not in a coffee shop, with much more sex and much less funny, even though *Friends* has dropped off the radar lately too. *Friends* left a negative lasting impact on TV shows: young, gorgeous people having casual sex is the norm, and it's funny. The result? An overabundance of formulaic sexcoms.

And then we have MTV: a network that plays shows loosely based around music, but more or less feature stunningly chiseled bodies and beautiful smiles. Ashton Kutcher's *Punk'd* and *The Newlyweds*, featuring Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey, are the heavy-hitters for MTV this year, in addition to *Jackass* spin-offs *Viva La Bam* (starring Bam, mother April and father Phil Margera) and *Wild Kingdom*, with Chris Pontius and Steve-o, which adds a touch of education to otherwise idiotic stunts.

MTV's newest creation this year is *Rich Girls*, a reality show that follows two "average girls," horribly rich ones, around on their daily activities. How many new shows do we need showcasing the lives of rich people? These girls aren't even known for anything. But they sure will be after the show's completion. At least it might be



Clueless cowboy hunk David Smith.



The Simpsons kicks off another year on Nov. 2.



Luckily, we have P. Diddy to remind us what "real music" should sound like.

better than watching losers get into shape on *Camp Jim*.

The problem with these hot new MTV shows is their extremely short shelf life. *Jackass* was created, peaked and died within two years. The dreaded *Osbournes* led the ratings for all cable television shows for a brief while, until Ozzy became too incoherent and lost viewership. How long will it take for *Punk'd* to fizzle, in addition to the new *Jackass* spinoffs? It's inevitable, although the length varies from show to show.

So, what lies in the future for TV? Hopefully, rock bottom, and sooner rather than later.

Pop radio, to my surprise, has actually experienced a bit of a creative spark lately. More "true" acts seem to be surfacing, unlike the made-up *American Idol* and P. Diddy's *Making the Band* groups.

TV, much like pop and top-40 radio in the past, must bottom out and begin from scratch. Network execs are pushing reality shows when they're two years past their prime. It's time to move on. Earn my viewership; don't rely on cheap addictions to reality TV to make me watch.



Phil Margera.



## jackie's fridge

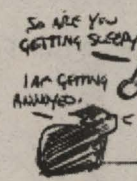


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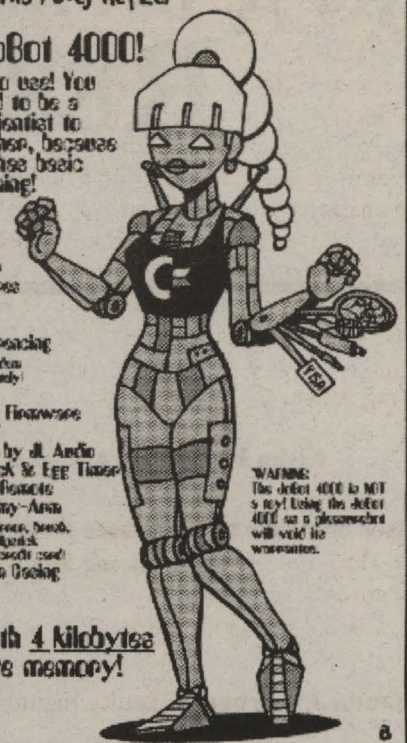
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# Your College Survival Guide: How to impress your professor

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium  
With Help from GottaHavaJava

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Hev Pat,

I like your column, but last week freaked me out a little. I dunno. That whole jumping up and down on someone's sticky corpse.... It sounded a little deranged, that's all.

Besides, I can understand your irritation at assholes, but if you get violent over something they do, doesn't that just make you an even bigger asshole?

Saryn

Spark it....

Woah there, Saryn. What you just said sounds downright un-patriotic.

You see, here's how it works. When someone does something you don't like, that makes THEM an asshole. And when someone's an asshole, the best thing to do is to just jump in and start kicking their ass as hard as you can. That's justice. That's the American way.

Hell, where do you think I got the jumping up and down on someone idea? It's not just from Super Mario Brothers. It's from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." C'mon and sing along, I'm sure you know

by: Mel Rosenberg

the words:

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,

He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword,

Vote Bush in 2004!"

Don't mind the fact that the whole song is quoting the book of revelations. It's got a catchy tune. And it's patriotic. Yessir. Patriotic. That's the important thing.

But seriously, Saryn, either you realize I'm joking and get a cheap chuckle out of all my deranged, sarcastic advice or.... Jesus, I don't really know what your other option is. I guess you'd have to assume that I'm really some socio-pathic, misogynistic, clown-hating, crack-addled, trans-gendered, monkey-molesting, sotophilic.

But I'm not. I'm just a guy who writes a humor column. Sure I deal with serious issues from time to time, but I deal with them in deranged ways.

Hence the humor, you see.

Moving on, you'll note the leaves are changing color. That means if you're the sort of student who takes your education seriously, it's about time you considered attending what we veteran students refer to as "class."

Do not be alarmed. "Class" has received a lot of bad press in the past several years, leading many students to avoid it entirely. I however, have always believed that "class," when taken in moderation, adds a new, enriching dimension to the college experience.

But "class" is not something to be approached hastily. Important questions should be asked before attending your first "class." Questions such as: "What time is it?" "Who has my pants?" and "Is this your slightly molested, vaguely-

orangutan-looking, plush toy?"

For new students, I recommend that you bring some school supplies to class. The most important of these are: Pants (this should prove simple, if you've answered question #2), and a bag of candy. (If you had trouble answering question #3, you may want to bring the plush orangutan as well. It may belong to someone who happens to be attending your "class.")

Now, some people will recommend that you bring pencils, paper, a calculator, etc. But this is a losing strategy. The truth is, if you try to remember all those dozens of things, you're bound to forget at least one of them. But as long as you're wearing pants you can usually borrow pens, paper, and books from other students, or in extreme situations, trade candy for them.

On the other hand, if you forget your pants, my experience has been that no one will lend you theirs. Also, your "class-mates" will be noticeably less willing to take any candy you offer in trade.

So, once you are wearing you pants and you're in "class," you should notice one student that is older than all the rest. This old student is called the "professor." You will note that he is also wearing pants. This shared experience will form a bond between the two of you, eventually leading to you receiving a "grade."

In rare occasions, your professor will remove his pants. This indicates that your professor has "tenure." This furtherance of your relationship will form an even closer bond between the two you, which will eventually lead to you getting a "disease."

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## College of Professional Studies

1:35 - 1:50 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Amanda J. Norberg (Faculty mentor: Nisha Fernando, Interior Architecture) *"Designing for Dementia: Interior Spaces for Residential Care Facility"*

1:50 - 2:10 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Andrew Williams (Faculty mentor: Nisha Fernando, Interior Architecture) *"The Cenotaph for Isaac Newton: A Typical, Not Atypical Neoclassical Building"*

2:10 - 2:25 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Kara Vosters (Faculty mentor: Nisha Fernando, Interior Architecture) *"Research and Design Project for a Home for the Elderly with Dementia"*

## College of Natural Resources

2:25 - 2:45 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Nicholas Johnson (Faculty mentor: Michael J. Hansen, Water Resources) *"Capturing Ovulating Female Sea Lamprey in Pheromone Baited Traps"*

2:45 - 3:00 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Jessica Orlofske (collaborator: Sarah Orlofske; Faculty mentor: Steve Taft, Wildlife)

*"Prevalence, Histochemistry, and Histopathology of Gregarines (Protozoan) Infecting Wisconsin Odonates (Dragonflies and Damselflies)"*

## Poster Presentations 3:15 - 3:40 pm

### College of Natural Resources

Sarah Orlofske (collaborators: Nathan Peterson and Jessica Orlofske; Faculty mentor: Steve Taft, Wildlife)  
*"The Occurrence of Ribeiroia ondatrae (Platyhelminthes: Trematoda) Life Stages in Snail and Amphibian Hosts"*

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*"Why Cationize Cellulose? Improving Cellulose Charge Characteristics Through Chemical Derivation"*

3:00 - 3:15 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Erin M. Ernst (Faculty mentor: Alan Haney, Forestry) *"Short-Term Vegetation Response to Severe Wind Disturbance"*

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3:40 - 3:55 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Paul Messman (Faculty mentor: Mick Veum, Physics and Astronomy) *"An Original Method to Measuring Temperature Variation with the Surface Tension of Liquid Crystals"*

3:55 - 4:10 (Oral Presentation)

Carol M. Lukens (Faculty mentor: Susan Brewer, History) *"Spiritual Practices of Hmong Immigrants: Integrating Beliefs Through Cultural Change"*

4:10 - 4:30 (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Michael W. Kreeger (Faculty mentor: Wally F. Lo Faro, Mathematics & Computing) *"Computation of the Non-commutative A-Polynomial of the Figure-8 Knot"*

### College of Fine Arts & Communication

4:30 pm - 4:45 pm (Oral Presentation--PowerPoint)

Samantha Fromm (Faculty mentor: Susan Gingrasso, Theatre & Dance) *"The Manipulation of Fashion Research in a Costume Design"*

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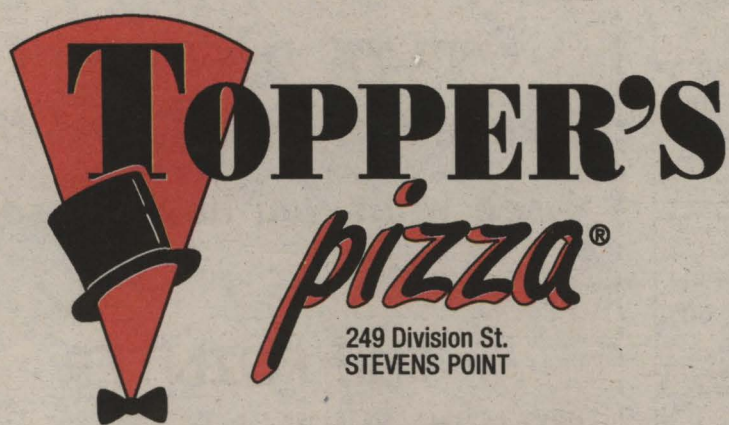
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