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, commemorated in a symposium held by the UW-Stevens Point history department.

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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 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 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 program 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.html.

Alcohol awareness touted on campus

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.
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 young to fight. He reminisced on how to get out of Korea. "My hat's off to you. You gave your 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 Macarthur and the US servicemen . . .”

He feels that Americans don't know about Korean culture. They just see MASH and that is all they know about Korea and the Korean War. It 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 dependent 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."
Congressman attacks president's handling of post-war Iraq

By Andrew Bloezer

U.S. Rep. Dave Obey criticized the Bush administration's foreign policy decisions as lacking foresight last Thursday in a speech that bounced between contempt for the way the war was fought 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 logistical 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 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 determined.

"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."

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."
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 am more than enough to realize most of the problems that our society faces, but I struggle to find solutions for those problems.

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 to value 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 not even mention 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 of 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 everyone was informed and involved the remote possibility 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 Grizzly Bear. It’s 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 war on terror and when it comes to visiting 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 civilians died because of sanctions and bombings 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 the other side’s facts are the opposite. 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.

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:

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

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 over 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, protests masked 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. Matt Slack

UWSP student

Is UWSP accessible 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. Since 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 lots 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 nothing 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 that takes your freedom of mobility so suddenly, and it is even worse when those in a position to aid you refuse to do nothing. DeAnna Bublijt

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A look at student apathy

This is a letter in response to the politically focused editorial/ commentary 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 they face it there is no such a thing as an independently rich college student. I am 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. I am not shoveing over books with coke addict intensity. “Where is this ass going with all of these rankings?” 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 baldy 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 “polities.” 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 whistle. If I only had the time. Who can worry about politics when there are 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. We made me feel guilty, and because of that I thank you.

Robin Lee
UWSP student
The Forbidden Smoker

A student's take on the recent smoking bans

By Ben Wydeven

Features Reporter

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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 Lassee, a sophomore and resident of Pray-Sims Hall. He pulls his neon green hoodie 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 was a daily smoker, but if you look closely, he's going outside smoking 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," Nathan said, but he moved to second floor Pray-Sims Hall because he didn't know, "Maybe it's to be expected that a lot of people are already taking action and is even surprised they didn't do it sooner. "I think the policy is 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 residents 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 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 has 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 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."
Halloween costumes: last minute and on a dime

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

By Maria Lewis

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.

The Legal Corner

Question:
My former landlord has not paid me back my security deposit from last school year. I know I can go to small claims court to try to get it back, but does that mean he will pay up?

Answer:
The first job in such a situation is to go to Small Claims Court, and prevail in your Small Claims action against your landlord. If the landlord violated any provisions of Ch. Ag. 134 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and you suffered a pecuniary (monetary) loss, then you can request double damages and reasonable attorney's fees to be added on. There is a reasonably good likelihood that the landlord will pay up, since he/she is the owner of the real estate that you rented, and a money judgment against a person can be docketed, which creates a lien against the real estate. As a lien­holder, you could force a sale of the property. But that's complicat­ed stuff, and you'd need a lawyer to help you do that. Most property owners do not like liens on their property. That is their incentive to settle the case.

The Nightmare

Enjoy a real life scare this Halloween weekend

By Sarah Dennewitz

If you are looking for a reality-based Halloween scare, make sure to venture into The Nightmare at Marshallfield. 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 top four 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 grab 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 asks, "Over 60,000 people have survived the Nightmare, will you?"

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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 canvas 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 taking 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, stalkling 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 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 one too pleased about the whole idea of having "designated" trick-or-treat times. Stevens Point, for example, had their trick-or-treating happening in the middle of the night, 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.
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.

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 La Crosse's three. The UW-L defense was air-tight, highlighted by the goalkeeping 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 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 conference title.

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

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.

coursing down the stretch

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, taking home a third place finish. This weekend, both teams are at UW-Stout to run in the conference championships.

Photo by Liz Bolton

UWSP tennis team.

Photo by Liz Bolton

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.

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

Tara Schmidt battles a La Crosse defender on Saturday.

Photo by Liz Bolton

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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 half-back Eric Reible punched in his first career touchdown with 2:46 left. The beleaguered Point 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 while piling up 204 yards rushing, was again the workhorse for the Pointers, tallying 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 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 linbacker 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."
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.

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 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.

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

By Joshua Schmidt

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 just yesterday that I was watching the Spurs yawn 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.

The point of the regular season when over half the teams make the playoffs anyway is because the league should give these guys at least a six-month break after the month of April. There’s no way a family could survive the amount of time he put 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.

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In Major League Baseball it’s not so 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 on ice.

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 through the season alive. There’s no way a family could survive the amount of time he put 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.

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 weeks, 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.

View from the Rowdy Crowd

Where the heck is Mad Dog?

By The Rowdy Crowd

Welcome once again to the View from 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 return 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 doesn’t condone the abuse of animals, we propose that Mad-Dog be released from his proven altered 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. There is quite possibly far and away the best entertainment for your money, so it is advised that you check out the Pointers. The Rowdy Crowd is ready, and if anyone goes 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.

That’s the way things are at the end of the ice.
I'm going fishing this weekend

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

The Pointer

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 scents-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 generally go 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."

Mr. Winters’ two cents

Well I suppose you kids are getting all excited about a little Halloweenin', huh? Myself, well I just 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 bit 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 rabbit-bits, angels and Derek Jeter. What a bunch of sally costumes! What ever happened to the ghouls and goblins? Geeeeeesh!!!

Anyways, as if it's getting colder out, I figured that I told 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-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 mamas, and some after-dinner sweets. Around the second inning me and Scottie and the boys each took a couple of puffs on the old malagony smoking pipe, while the cold outside ceased to exist.

Well, I'll be damned if I didn't wake up at 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 gееечееечее!!"

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.

Point student takes second in national logging competition

By Adam M.T.H. Mella

The Pointer

Not too many people can actually say that they know a competitor of inter­national-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 Forest Industry Training Alliance (FISTA) offers four progressive courses that are mandatory prior to competition. Schlindwein recommends the pulp­cut course offered through the CNR Administration/Utilization and Forest Management. After college he plans to get his degree in Logging.

Chuck will soon graduate from 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."

I'm going hunting this weekend

By Marty Seeger

Assistant Outdoors Editor

The buck is 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?

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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."

Chuck Schlindwein

Photo submitted by Schlindwein

Outdoors

What's on your mind?

Let It Be Heard

Outdoors Editor

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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.

Traffic authorities alert while driving on Wisconsin highways, especially during the months of October and November. Be sure to use 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.
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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. Before any state legislation on the issue, the state Natural 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. While the wolf population is well managed, any kind of public hearing is a good way for the population to get to know the community.

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WE'RE COMING TO GET YA!
Channel surfing has never been this difficult...

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

By Steve Seemandel

ARTS & REVIEW

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 sucked into watching after 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 week. When the Euro-ladies discovered that their knight in shining armor was a cowboy, they started laughing. For the rest of the episode, the women passed their time by getting mashed and razzing America, cowboys and Texas. A few of them revealed an 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 stay interested through an entire 30-minute show of anything lately. And most reality shows go on for a full hour, with one or more unbelievably boring twenty-segments.

The Simpsons kicks off another year (Nov. 2). The show is all about young people and, though we've seen a few more adolescence jokes about phony, funny and after years of horror flicks with annoying Sixth Sense-inspired creepy kids, it's nice to see that the one in Scarry Movie 3 gets bashed around like a pilaf. The cast all seems well up to acting ridiculous. The adorable Frankie has Cindy down cold and still exhibits her perfect sense of comedic timing. Zucker also has brought in former ZAZ mainstays Shawn Wayans and Keenen Ivory Wayans. In his hands, Scarry Movie 3 is no laugh minute bit, 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, obvi­ ously Cindy Campbell. Now out of college and an aspiring news­ reporter in Washington D.C., Cindy is alerted when mys­ terious crop circles (message, "ATTACK George W. Bush") appear in the cornfields of local farmer and recent widower Tom Logan (Charlie Sheen). She vainly tries to warn others of the impending alien invasion, while casting puppy-dog eyes at Logan's razzing, utterly incomp­ etent brother George (Simon Rex). As if aliens weren't enough, Cindy's friend Brenda (Regina Faris, also returning for her third Scarry Movie) watches a show 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 her­ self 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, Scarry Movie is a scatter­ shot spoof, but there are more hits than misses and it's definitely an improvement over Scarry Movie 2. Frankly, it's hard to dislike a movie that has American Idol insult-machine Simon Cowell get­ ting blown away by rapper pests whose lyrics he's slammed. Participating success is of course the new Dimension Films is already plan­ ning Scarry Movie 4. My advice is to quit while you're ahead, but I'll certainly go see it, just to see good as it gets for a franchise that shows signs of being maxed out.

Luckywe, I have P. Diddy to remind us what "real" hip-hop is. Is it any 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 become 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.

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Your College Survival Guide: How to Impress Your Professor

By: The Pat Rothfuss Consortium
With Help from GottaHavaJava

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....

Wash 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 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 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 lightning 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 to assume that I'm really some sociopathic, misogynistic, clown-hating, crack-addled, trans-gendered, monkey-molesting, sotophiliac.

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."

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-orangeutan-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 "classmates" will be noticeably less willing to take any candy you offer in trade.

So, once you are wearing your 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 he is also wearing pants. This shared experience will form a bond between the two of you, eventually leading to you getting 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."

Send your letters to: proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.

If I were you, I'd stop over at GottaHavaJava and try some of their cookies and scones before the flavor police arrest Baker Sarah on several counts of first-degree tastiness. As this week's featured item, Sarah receives a $5 gift certificate. Stop by at 301 Division St. to pick it up.
3rd Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research & Creativity
Friday, October 31, 2003
1:00 - 5:00 pm Alumni Room, UC

1:00 Welcome and Introduction Virginia Helm, Interim Chancellor

1:10 - 1:35 Keynote Speakers
Nisha Fernando, Assistant Professor of Interior Architecture with UWSP students: Leah Worzella, Sara Jones, and Carrie Mayer (UWSP alumni 2002)

Professor Fernando and her three former students (2002 recipients of the Excellence in Student Research & Creativity Awards) will be discussing the value of being faculty mentor and mentees, and attending the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

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)"

College of Letters and Science
3:00 - 3:15 (Oral Presentation -- PowerPoint)
Erin M. Ernst (Faculty mentor: Alan Haney, Forestry) "Short-Term Vegetation Response to Severe Wind Disturbance"

3:15 - 3:40 pm
Poster Presentations

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

College of Letters and Science
Steve Nieland (Faculty mentor: Thomas M. Zamis, Chemistry) "Why Cationize Cellulose? Improving Cellulose Charge Characteristics Through Chemical Derivation"

4:00 - 4:15 (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"

4:15 - 4:30 (Oral Presentation -- PowerPoint)
Carol M. Lukens (Faculty mentor: Susan Brewer, History) "Spiritual Practices of Hmong Immigrants: Integrating Beliefs Through Cultural Change"

4:30 - 4:45 (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
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm (Oral Presentation and Performance)
Paul C. Leonard (Faculty mentor: Kristen Thielking, Art & Design) "Sound Suspension and Dansesculpercussion"

The above students are competing for The Chancellor’s Excellence in Student Research and Creativity Award (a travel award of up to $1,000 to attend the UW-System Symposium for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity held at UW-Oshkosh on April 28, 2004 and the 18th National Conference on Undergraduate Research held at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis April 15-17, 2004). These students were nominated by their college dean to participate in today's celebration. If you would like more information please contact: Diane Bywaters or Cindy Marczak in Grant Support Services, 204 Main, UWSP.

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