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# THE POINTER

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## New policies change student parking habits

By John Larson  
NEWS REPORTER

Recent changes to the UWSP parking policy have changed the way students park on campus. Rather than hearing complaints about there being no parking available, the Student Government Association (SGA) and UWSP Parking Services are hearing complaints from the student body about not being able to get the parking spots that they want.

Recent changes to the Campus Parking Policy include raising the annual fee from \$57 to \$91.50 to offset the loss of auxiliary funds from statewide budget cuts that are needed to maintain parking facilities. Also new this year are the Hunting Parking passes that allow students to park their vehicles at Lots J, P, and Q at their discretion.

"We are receiving some complaints this year from students," said

SGA President Nicholas Crawford, "and most of the complaints we are hearing are from those that are not able to park at the lot they wanted to."

Most of those that are unhappy with the change to the parking system have said that they have to leave for class much earlier to get the parking spots that they want.

"There have been some seniors who are unhappy about being forced to park in Lot Q as they did not get to other lots sooner," said Stephanie Lind, Student Life Issues Director for SGA, "and there has been some comments made in some classes."

SGA plans to send out a questionnaire to all students to get a feel about how they are adjusting to the new parking arrangements.

When contacted for comment, Parking Services issued a similar comment saying that, "the only complaints that we have received so far are from

those that have been forced to park in Lot Q."

With the new multi-pass system, most students are content to move quickly into spots in Lot J, with Lot P being the preferred parking spot for those living in the Debot Quad dorms, leaving the less desirable Lot Q for those that are not able to get to the other lots quick enough.

SGA and Parking Services have noted a drop in the parking waiting list, down to 160 names so far this semester, due in part to attempts not to oversell the available parking spaces and the increase in annual parking fees. Parking services also credits the drop in the waiting list to "a strong effort at Freshmen Orientation to make parents and new students aware that we have a parking shortage," an effort that may have made some new students question if they really need a car to get around.

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Photo by Patricia Larson

**Just don't park at K-mart:** This year hunting permits allow students to park in Lots J, P, and Q at their discretion. K-mart's lot, however, is prohibited.

## Intramural field renovation comes under fire

### State agrees to university request to test soil quality

By Andrew Bloeser  
NEWS EDITOR

For students making use of the intramural fields at UW-Stevens Point, the renovation project taking place this fall to eliminate drainage problems came as an answer to long-standing complaints.

"Up until it started to rain, the fields would be fine," said Mitch Lamberg, a 23 year-old UWSP student. "But if it rained, there was standing water that wouldn't go away. There would be patches of grass that would get washed out and the footing was horrible."

The \$800,000 overhaul of the fields was designed to change that, but as the project continues, the UWSP Building and Grounds Department has raised questions over whether the quality of the soil used on the field will cause the drainage problems to subside.

A sample of the sand intended for use on the field, taken by the Building and Grounds office, revealed that it provided less than half of the necessary percolation, or allowance of rainwater to pass through the soil for drainage purposes.

"In my mind, this doesn't meet the qualifications," said Chris Brindley, the Building and Grounds Superintendent. "And that's the issue we're dealing with, both with the contractor and with state oversight."

Specifications called for six inch per hour percolation rate, which would allow students to use the field within one hour of receiving six inches of rain. An independent analysis of the soil, sought by the Building and Grounds Department and conducted by an undisclosed Kansas-based testing agency, indicated that the percolation rate of the soil used was approximately 2.5 inches per

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Photo by: Patricia Larson

**Come hell or high water:** An employee of Dakota Intertek Corps. clears the way for piping used in the drainage system of the intramural fields, currently under renovation to improve the conditions of the playing surface.

## Student regent unaware of BOR meeting on raises

By David Cohen  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

When the Board of Regents approved pay raises for 14 UW System administrators earlier this month, UW Student Regent Beth Richlen was uninformed of the teleconference.

A resolution drafted by the Associated Students of Madison in opposition to the raises includes a statement from Richlen stating, "I didn't even know [the BOR] were having a meeting over the phone and had no idea there was a meeting taking place."

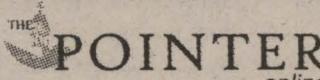
The statement came during the aftermath of a statewide reaction among student leaders and state politicians who feel that this pay raise is ill-timed due to budget cuts, which have raised tuition.

Criticism also came from student leaders and lawmakers alike over the lack of publicity before the vote, conducted as an emergency meeting without all the board members being included. The meeting was held two days before a regularly scheduled meeting and allowed for the vote to be done without being disclosed to the public.

It is believed that the Board of Regents made this decision in order to keep administrators who may leave the system due to frustration over the budget cuts.

Nicholas Crawford, the current president of UW-Stevens Point's Student Government Association, has expressed dissatisfaction about the negative publicity that the BOR's discreet action has generated.

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## Intramural field

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hour.

Brindley also added that because the sod used on athletic fields reduces the rate of percolation, an initial rate of 2.5 inches per hour could lead to the occurrence of the same "swamped" field conditions that spurred the renovation.

"These fields are supposed to be some of the best in the Midwest but that's not what we seem to be getting," said Nicholas Crawford, President of the Student Government Association, who noted that student fees will pay for the project.

Concerns from the Building and Grounds Office motivated university administrators to request that the state conduct its own sand sampling, while Crawford successfully lobbied to have payment on the fields halted until results can be confirmed, by an additional independent test if necessary.

If analysis indicates that inadequate sand has been applied to the fields, Crawford stated the university's next move would entail determining whether responsibility rests with contractor Dakota Intertek Corps. or with state oversight, under the supervision of Terry Cook of the Department of Administration.

A sample kept by the Building and Grounds office also indicated further disparities between the sand provided by Dakota Intertek Corps. and the sand called for under the specifications.

"If you look at the definition of sand, what we've been provided isn't sand," said Brindley, referring to the presence of gravel in the sand sample, which measured approximately one half inch in diameter.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture System for particle analysis, sand becomes gravel at 2 millimeters in diameter.

Brindley, who will assume responsibility for maintaining the playing surface when the renovation concludes, stated that the presence of gravel in the field's soil will cause significant problems in preventing future drainage problems.

He stated that if the sample was representative of overall soil quality, aerating the fields would become more difficult, in turn causing drainage problems when the soil becomes compacted. The gravel could also cause damage to aerating machine, he said.

## Regent unaware

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Crawford feels that the Board's manner of voting on this issue damages the UW System's credibility in the eyes of taxpayers and legislators, thus hindering fund-raising efforts.

"This kind of negative publicity only makes our jobs more difficult," said Crawford. "While I understand that higher wages would be attractive as we are seeking a replacement for our own chancellor, it also makes our UW System look less professional and ethical."

Other student governments across the state, such as those of UW-Madison and UW-Superior, are working to pass resolutions opposing the decision of the Board of Regents. Austin Evans, Chair of the Associated Students of Madison (ASM), distributed a copy of the resolution their organization has drafted to statewide student leaders.

Among numerous other complaints, the resolution states "this lack of notice to the public and individual Board members shows an utter disrespect to the citizens of Wisconsin and the students of the UW campuses."

The resolution also voices concerns that the UW System has ignored the needs of its students by prioritizing administrative costs over those of instruction and that the BOR's action has disappointed Gov. Jim Doyle and a number of other legislators.

UW System President Katharine Lyall and board President Toby Marchovich said in a press release on September 9 that they will seek recommendations from national search consultants before making any pay changes final.

## Two arrested for Lot Q vandalism



Photo by Patricia Larson

**On the case:** Stevens Point police made two arrests in connection with the acts of vandalism committed in Lot Q and the surrounding area. No charges have yet been filed.

Two men were arrested this week by the Stevens Point Police Department in connection with the massive amount of vehicle damage which occurred on and around campus last weekend. The men, who have not been named, are ages 19 and 20 and are currently being held in the Portage County Jail on probation violations.

The 20 year old is a UWSP student. No formal charges have been filed as of yet and a court date has not been set. The men were arrested after a woman reported a man who

matched the description of one of the wanted vandals. When police searched his home, they found clothing matching that of which the vandal was reported to have been wearing- a red-white-and-blue baseball cap and a basketball jersey.

The vandals kicked in the windshields and dented the hoods of 33 vehicles parked in lot Q. On neighboring streets, 15 additional cars were damaged. Following the damage, the University had offered a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the vandals' arrest.

## Parking Policy

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Students should also be aware that K-Mart is now towing vehicles parked on their lot overnight and ticketing some cars that are left on their lot for more than a few hours.

When reached for comment, management at K-Mart stated, "Our lot is only for the intended use of our customers."

Students should also be aware that the City of Stevens Point does offer overnight parking for \$24 per month at Lot 2, the drawback being that the lot is located across the street from the CenterPoint Mall.

The location of this lot is not within convenient walking distance for most students and can be difficult to get to during the winter months.

## Newswriters Wanted

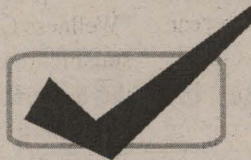
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For legal and practical reasons, student organizations need to be re-recognized each fall to maintain formal recognition status. To complete the re-recognition process, the following is required:

- 1 A list of current officers with addresses and phone numbers.
- 2 An Advisor Contract Form signed by your advisor(s) stating that he/she will advise your group (forms are available in the Student Involvement & Employment Office).
- 3 A completed Risk Assessment Questionnaire (to help protect organizations and advisors).
- 4 An updated copy of your constitution if outdated by three years. (NOTE: Constitutions need to be updated a minimum of once every three years.) In addition, if non-students are members of your organization a risk management statement needs to be added to your Constitution.
- 5 **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE** at ONE of two re-recognition meetings (PRESIDENTS or DESIGNEES) scheduled on Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23 at 7PM in the Legacy Room of the University Center.
- 6 **ADVISOR ATTENDANCE** (if your advisor has not done so in the past) at ONE of several Risk Management sessions which will be offered through the Student Involvement and Employment Office.

Please register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in the Student Involvement & Employment Office, lower level of the University Center. Groups not re-recognized will not be included in the Student Organization Directory and will not be able to use university services.

PLEASE VISIT THE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT & EMPLOYMENT OFFICE TO  
**REMAIN ACTIVE!**





## South Hall

**Saturday, Sept. 14 6:05 a.m.**

Protective Services were notified that two people were in a fight.

## Watson Hall

**Thursday, Sept. 12 2:04 a.m.**

Protective Services responded to a call about an incapacitated male student in the 4th Floor Bathroom.

## University Center

**Tuesday, Sept. 9. 9:30 p.m.**

Protectives services were notified that a cell phone had been taken from the Centertainment office.

## South Hall

**Sundat, Sept. 7. 7:28 p.m.**

Protective Services recieved a call from a South Hall Community Assistant pertaining to a resident that had self-inflicted lacerations on his arm.

## Helm backs differential tuition

**SGA vice-president voices skepticism about plan's necessity**

**By Andrew Bloeser**  
NEWS EDITOR

Interim Chancellor Virginia Helm appeared before the Student Government Association (SGA) last Thursday to promote an enduring goal of the university administration, establishing a differential tuition program at UW-Stevens Point.

"I think a differential tuition program is important if UWSP is to continue providing a premier education to our students," Helm told the student senate.

A differential tuition program, if approved and implemented, would increase residential tuition rates to provide additional funding for programs and services on campus.

A tuition increase of up to 5% had been discussed throughout the 2002-2003 academic year, however Helm broke from that

trend in addressing the SGA, proposing a more gradual implementation of the program and suggesting an increase of \$25 over the current cost of tuition for a semester, \$4,151.50.



Helm

Helm, the first female chancellor in UWSP's 109 year history, also specifically mentioned academic and career advising as services that could be bolstered by a differential tuition program, although no formal proposal has been drafted.

Helm stated earlier this month that identifying a strategy for passing a differential tuition plan would rank among her top

priorities this semester.

"I will be giving serious thought as to how our office can work with the SGA," said Helm. "At least five other UW campuses have already passed a differential tuition plan. Let's not be the last."

Some members of the SGA have remained skeptical.

"Given the tuition increases students are already experiencing, I don't know if this is the best time to be considering differential tuition," said Renee Stieve, SGA vice-president.

Stieve also felt the university administration had overplayed the argument that UWSP needed a differential tuition program to remain competitive with other UW campuses, stating that the university benefited from keeping the cost of its education down.

The student senate will discuss a resolution that would allow an ad hoc committee a continued existence to explore the feasibility of differential tuition at its weekly meeting this Thursday.

## Meningitis a threat for campus residents

**By Sarah Ceranski**  
NEWS REPORTER

College campuses remain prime targets for outbreaks of meningitis, according to the American College Health Association.

Meningitis, which infects about 3,000 Americans each year, is responsible for approximately 300 deaths annually. About 100 to 125 of these cases occur on college campuses and five to 15 students die as a result.

Dr. Jim Zach of Student Health Services at UW-Stevens Point stated that the organization has taken an active approach in working with Residential Living to inform students and parents about the disease, but emphasized that despite UWSP's status as the "Wellness Campus," it is still reasonable to assume that carriers of the bacteria may reside on campus where crowding is unavoidable and the spread of infection may occur.

"I think first and second year students living in residence halls and perhaps those who are socially "burning their candle on both ends"-while trying to ignite the middle, should give the vaccine consideration and decide what is best for themselves," said Dr. Zach.

Studies have shown that college students (18-24) especially freshman living in dorms, are at a slightly higher risk of contracting meningococcal meningitis. These risks have been linked to student behavior and lifestyle including binge drinking, patronizing bars, and smoking.

Carriers of meningitis transmit through the air by coughing, sneezing or sharing saliva. The disease is commonly spread by sharing cigarettes or drinking glasses or through intimate contact such as kissing.

Meningococcal diseases are potentially life-threatening bacterial infections, commonly expressed as either meningococcal meningitis, an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord or meningococcemia, a presence of bacteria in the blood.

The disease is recognizable by symptoms including fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, exhaustion, and may resemble the flu. There is an antibiotic available that can eliminate the carrier state and help prevent spread of the disease if it is contracted.

The disease has claimed the lives of two students at UW Eau Claire in the past three years.

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## NEWMAN It's a Sunday Thing

### CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE

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## Musings from Mirman

**People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. But what if they're egged?**

By Dan Mirman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

So check it out: street magician David Blaine is currently suspended 30 feet above the Thames River in London in a clear plastic box a little smaller than a dorm room. He plans to spend 44 days in the cage and Tuesday marked the ninth day of his feat.

Blaine will not eat during the endurance test and his supplies include two tubes--one for water and the other for where the water goes. He also has a quilt, a pillow, a change of clothes, a diary and a picture of his late mother.

He also has something he didn't count on: hecklers. On Tuesday, one of the hecklers raised his status to fanatic when he scaled the platform next to Blaine's suspended cage. The man proceeded to toss water bottles off the platform and started swinging the cage. He even attempted to cut the cable keeping the cage suspended off the ground. Fortunately, police were able to subdue the man before any serious damage occurred, although he did ask Blaine to return to America before his arrest.

Besides the physical cage attack, onlookers have pelted the glass with eggs, played drums at night to prevent Blaine from sleeping, and one man even hit a golf ball toward the magician. However, these little annoyances pale in comparison to the hamburger stunts.

It seems a tabloid magazine grilled hamburgers right underneath the cage so that the scent would infiltrate the cage in an attempt to increase Blaine's hunger pangs -- how courteous. Another person loaded up a motorized plane with a hamburger and flew it back and forth over the ceiling.

I don't want to pick on anyone who finds heckling amusing, but I assumed this behavior was remedied by grade school.

By the third grade one of the teachers usually has some creature in a glass tank or cage. The vast majority of pupils understand that they should not tap the glass because it annoys the pet. Of course one kid always feels mischievous and starts tapping

on the glass, usually during story time. So the teacher angrily sets down her copy of *Matilda* and makes the kid an example.

"Class, I appreciate that the rest of you are more mature than Danny over there and realize that tapping hurts the gerbil's ears. Now Danny, go sit in the corner until you grow up like the rest of the class."

Chalk it up as a lesson learned: the troublemaker stops tapping out of humiliation and the class will never tap for fear of being compared to Danny.

Fortunately for Blaine, human decency still exists in parts of London; many people are cheering him on and one man has played a few games of chess (Blaine relays the moves from his cage) to help him pass the time. Blaine also has his girlfriend, German model Manon von Gerken, defending him; she egged an egg-tosser earlier in the week.

Blaine should not need anyone defending his honor as he hangs helplessly 30 feet off the ground. While some see his stunts as pointless, I find what he does amazing. Not eating for 44 days blows my mind--Jesus left the desert after only 40. In Christ's defense, he was not supplied with water or a pillow.

David Blaine continues to push the envelope of what the human body can accomplish. His past accomplishments include burying himself alive in a glass coffin, encasing himself in a block of ice and most recently, standing on a platform 22 inches in diameter and 105 feet in the air for two days and two nights.

With reality television offering another season of *Joe Millionaire*, as well as more contestants willing to eat roaches for dollars, I applaud Blaine for embarking on a quest to challenge the will. And if people don't like it, they should keep their burgers to themselves.



## Name change upsetting

Is there something rotten in Rio? It would appear so.

For years the Rio Aero Club has been using an airfield which some early members had created and named after the late late Colonel Arden Cowgill, USAF. It was recently changed to Gilbert Field Airport.

Why was the name changed when the original members wanted to honor an authentic World War II hero and pioneer in naval aviation?

Colonel Arden Cowgill, a native of Rio and an aviator since 1928, served in the United States Navy from 1933-1937 when that service was learning how to use aircraft carriers. From 1937-1941, Colonel Cowgill operated his own flying service during which time he served as a civilian aviation instructor for the Army from 1939-1941.

Colonel Cowgill saw active service from 1941-1946. His World War II achievements include organization and command of the 414th Night-Fighter squadron, the first Night-Fighter squadron so organized which went into combat in 1943. The 414th was one of the forerunners of the present-day all-weather Fighter-Interceptor squadrons.

Colonel Cowgill returned to military service in 1947 and trained at the General Staff and Command school leading to numerous command positions including Chief of Air Defense for the 20th Air Force.

Why did the Rio Aero Club choose to denigrate a bona fide war hero and pioneer in aviation to honor someone who has no record of accomplishment in war or aviation?

As a USAF veteran from 1953-1957, I find this injustice to the memory of Colonel Cowgill to be absolutely reprehensible.

Robert Norlander  
Menasha, WI

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## Howard Dean for president

Howard Dean appears to be the one political leader in this country who recognizes that there are two sides in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.

Dean said last week at a rally in New Mexico that an "enormous number" of Israeli settlements must be removed to make progress in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "It's not our place to take sides," he said.

Dean's call for American policy to be "even-handed" was met with thunderous indignation on the part of Senator Joseph Lieberman, one of many members of Congress whose heart palpitates for Israel.

The international community - including the United States - has recognized that Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is contrary to international law and has repeatedly called for Israeli withdrawal.

The former governor of Vermont recognizes that since 1948 the United States taxpayer has supplied Israel with some \$100 billion with which it has used with impunity to supply itself with the weapons to keep Palestinians "in their place."

Howard Dean's refreshing candor and honesty respecting the Palestinian/Israeli conflict is

not the only reason he deserves the Democratic nomination for president. His achievements as governor of Vermont include:

1. Cutting income taxes and sales taxes.
2. Creating 41,000 new jobs.
3. Raising the minimum wage.
4. Creating tax and other incentives to attract new business.
5. Helping senior citizens to purchase prescription drugs.
6. Preserving more than a million acres of farmland, shore, working forests and wilderness.
7. Closing 76 state landfills.
8. Reducing mercury pollution.
9. Stopping power plants from polluting the air.

Howard Dean deserves to be our next president.

William Herziger  
Neenah, WI



## Pointer Poll

When was your first kiss?



Katie Gillespie, Jr. Environmental Ed.

Sixth grade after D.A.R.E. softball practice.



Caleb Zahn, Sr. Biology Education

Fifth Grade during recess.



Desiree Dahl, Jr. Wildlife

As a freshman in high school; he's now my best friend.



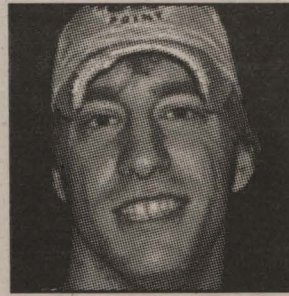
Rich Hanson, Sr. Mass Comm.

Pinned down in the third grade, ahh the memories.



Rachel Kutschera, Sr. Wildlife

Freshman year at high school, and he slobbered all over me.



Anthony Casey, Jr. Communications

Junior year in high school, the couch we were leaning against almost slid from under us.

## Bush takes advantage of fear

As resonated over and over during his Sunday night Address on Iraq, the Bush Administration is going full speed ahead with its culture of fear.

With no obvious wind in his sails, Bush's floundering ship is mercilessly exploiting the tragedy of September 11 – and subsequently his family's fester-

ing feud with Saddam Hussein and lust for oil – to consolidate power and do to America what that dictator did to Iraq: smother democracy and act as though our hard-won civil liberties never existed.

I pray the American people see the Bush presidency for the ungracious fluke it is, reclaim our

hope and faith in ourselves, demand our troops return home safe and sound, and steer us back into safer harbor.

Thanks but no thanks, Mr. Bush.

Dennis Coyier  
Cottage Grove, WI

## Kill, don't expel, Yasir Arafat

The *Jerusalem Post's* editorial calling for killing--not expelling--Arafat is right on target, even if years too late.

Arafat has been a terrorist murderer for decades and deserves exactly the same fate as bin Laden deserves.

While there has been no shortage of excuses and rationalizations to leave Arafat alone, the fact remains that no solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is possible with Arafat alive. Exiling him would be a mockery of justice and would not stop him from inciting further terrorism against Israel.

Taking him out would not only advance the prospects for peace in the region but would show to every Palestinian terrorist that Israel means business and that the days of moral cowardice and appeasement towards its enemies are over; it would show that Israel will no longer cave in to "world opinion" or to pressure from American presidents.

It is a shame that the Sharon and Bush Administrations have still not decided to kill the murderer. As long as they remain oblivious to the need to carry out justice, the blood of innocent Israelis will not stop flowing.

David Holcberg  
Ayn Rand Institute

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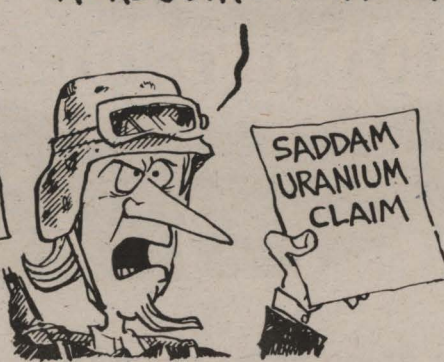
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...AND OTHER REASONS WERE OUTRIGHT FALSE!



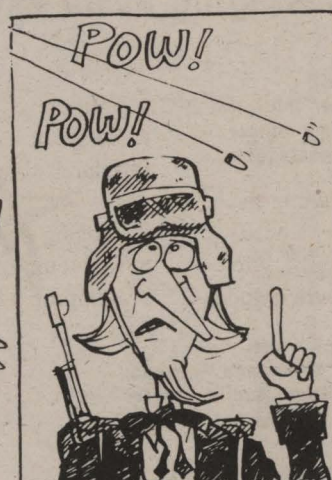
BUT OUR BASIC REASONING WAS SOUND!



SO IT ONLY STANDS TO REASON TO MOVE FORWARD! BECAUSE WE WON!!



...AND WE'RE NOT LEAVING UNTIL OUR MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED!



...WITHIN REASON!



Joe Heller 02003 GREENBAY PRESS-GAZ.



## Ferintosh coming to UWSP, Celtic Trio to perform on campus

The traditional Scottish trio, "Ferintosh," will open the Performing Arts season at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Monday, Sept. 29. The concert of Celtic Baroque music begins at 7:30 p.m. in Michelsen Hall of the Fine Arts Center.

Admission is \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens, \$5 for youth and \$3 for students with a UWSP ID. Tickets can be purchased at the University Box Office, Room 103A in the University Center, by calling 715-346-4100 or 800-838-3378 or at the door if seats are still

available the evening of the performance.

The musicians also will present a master class from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30 in Michelsen Hall. The class is free and open to the public.

Ferintosh is both a chamber and a folk ensemble performing vibrant renditions of music from the 17th, 18th

and 19th centuries. The trio has performed in a range of settings from recital halls to folk clubs just as their predecessors would have played in royal courts as well as town halls. Both large and intimate audiences have responded enthusiastically to the warmth and brilliance of their music.



photo by UWSP news services

Ferintosh Celtic trio

Members of Ferintosh include David Greenberg on violin, Abby Newton on cello and Kim Robertson on Celtic harp.

Greenberg has gained a considerable reputation as a violinist able to bridge the "high" and "low" musical traditions of 18th century Scotland and Nova Scotia. His Cape Breton style of fiddling can be heard at folk festivals, concerts and dances across Canada and the U.S.

Newton is well known for her collaborations with the Scottish singer Jean

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Campus  
Smarts

How much do you know about UWSP?

By Alli Himle

1. How many residence halls does UWSP have?

- a. 12
- b. 9
- c. 16
- d. 14

2. What was the first UWSP building?

- a. Watson Hall
- b. Delzell Hall
- c. Old Main
- d. Nelson Hall

3. What hall housed soldiers during World War II?

- a. Old Main
- b. Nelson Hall
- c. Delzell Hall
- d. Communications Building

4. What hall is known as the Eco-hall?

- a. Knutzen Hall
- b. Burroughs Hall
- c. Hyer Hall
- d. Pray Sims Hall

5. What hall is known as the Wellness hall?

- a. May Roach Hall
- b. Smith Hall
- c. Burroughs Hall
- d. Thomson Hall

6. What academic building has its own cafeteria?

- a. Science Building
- b. College of Professional Studies
- c. Collins Classroom Center
- d. College of Natural Resources

7. What does an ARC stand for?

- a. Academic Resource Coordinator
- b. Anal Retentive Coordinator
- c. Aadvark Rancher Cretin
- d. Absolutely Ridiculous Claim

Answers:  
1. d, 2. c, 3. b, 4. a, 5. c,  
6. b, 7. a, 8. T



# Hair today, gone tomorrow

## Why donating your hair to Locks of Love is a good thing

By Alli Himle

FEATURES EDITOR

Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization designed to provide financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss with hairpieces.

The majority of children that are helped through Locks of Love have lost their hair to a medical condition called Alopecia areata. Alopecia areata is an autoimmune skin disease that currently has no cure. This often unpredictable disease affects 1.7 percent of the population overall, including more than 4.7 million people in the United States alone. A person's own immune system attacks the body's hair follicles, thus resulting in the arrest of hair growth. Alopecia areata affects both males and females of all ages and races. It is not a life-threatening disease, but, it is, without a doubt, life-altering, with onset usually occurring in childhood.

Adults and children worldwide donate their ten inch or longer ponytails to Locks of Love. People of all ages and races, male and female, donate their hair. It is estimated that over 80 percent of ponytails received are from children.

While boys are also assisted by the Locks of Love program, most children that are helped are girls. Girls typically want hair ranging in length from 12-14 inches, requiring that donated ponytails be 14-16 inches in length, as two inches of hair are used in the manufacturing process. Locks of Love asks for a minimum of ten inches

for a donation.

Donating your long locks to Locks of Love is a very self-rewarding experience. Giving something as simple as your unwanted hair to a deserving child says a great deal. It is an experience that is well worth the loss of a few inches, for hair that is cut will only grow back. Seeing the smiles on the faces of the children who have since receive the long locks that they have lost is more than words can describe.

For those interested in making a donation, The Hair Performers, located in Stevens Point at 56 Sunset Blvd., cut the hair of those making a 10-inch or longer donation for free. For more information about Locks of Love, please visit the Locks of Love homepage at [www.locksoflove.org/](http://www.locksoflove.org/)



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- We need hair from men and women, young and old, all colors, all races.
- Hair may be colored or perm'd, but not chemically damaged (if you're not sure, ask your stylist).
- Hair swept off the floor is not usable.
- Hair cut years ago is usable as long as it has been stored in a ponytail.
- Hair that is short, gray, or unsuitable for children will be separated from the ponytails and sold at fair market value to offset the cost of manufacturing.
- You may pull curly hair straight to measure the minimum 10".
- The majority of all hair donated comes from children who wish to help other children.
- Layered hair may be divided into more than one ponytail for donation.

## UWSP organization spotlight

### Why joining E.A.R.T.H. is for you

By Amanda Crowe and Jen Kingsley

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

A rowdy meeting comes to order as students settle into seats in the basement of Knutzen Hall. These students have gathered from Knutzen Hall, other halls and even from off-campus to attend this meeting and to join in one mission:

The mission of Knutzen Hall is to create a living environment

which fosters community involvement, self-motivation and sustainable ecological living by providing opportunities for environmental action, education, and recreation.

This unique group of students is called Environmentally

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## They imprisoned the Sundial

### Random thoughts from a cranky student

By Geoff Fyfe

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Ah, the Sundial. It is one of the landmarks that symbolize our fair university. It is a place for students to relax or study and it is also one of our main lanes of travel from class to class. Not to mention, that it has been the place for the commencement ceremonies of generations of UWSP students. You would think it would always be here, wouldn't you?

You naïve fool. Unless you are totally oblivious to your surroundings, you have probably noticed something terribly wrong these days with the Sundial. If you didn't, your first clue came when you walked toward it and then found yourself knocked flat on your back with a bad headache. Apparently, while most of us were gone for the summer, a large fence was constructed around it, blocking it off from the outside world. I am surprised they haven't added barbed wire and guard dogs around it as well. There is a surplus of both since the Berlin Wall fell.

Why is the Sundial under solitary confinement, you ask? Look over there, genius. It is the Fine Arts Center, currently undergoing its \$26 million reconstruction effort. The effort is not expected to be finished until 2005 and even when it is over, the Sundial is not coming back. Yes, our beloved symbol of UW-Stevens Point is being ripped up and paved over to make way for

more practice rooms in the Center. Screw precious landmarks, the music students stop playing their instruments for no one!

The whole Sundial situation makes me angry. On a practical note, having the Sundial blocked

May. Now with the Sundial under quarantine pending termination, that dream of mine is ashes. The graduating seniors will now have to have their graduations at the football field or some other place that holds none of the Sundial's mystique. If they make like my high school graduation and hold it in the gym, I'm chucking a basketball at the speaker's podium.

Worst of all, though, is the whole rotten situation of tearing down one of the symbols of our school. The Sundial is one of the things that make the university what we are. Otherwise, why would they have put it on our registration packet covers? Destroying it just to make the Fine Arts Center a bit spiffier makes no sense. It is as if President

Bush decided to knock over the Lincoln Memorial to build a "summer" White House for the holidays. (Better hush that up. I don't want to give that nimrod any ideas.)

I'm afraid, though, that there's not much that can be done for our beloved Sundial. The construction will proceed and the big disk will go without complaint to its demise (being an inanimate object limits your ability to protest). So appreciate the Sundial while you can, even if you have to do it through a fence as though it were a caged animal. In the meantime, I need to go get a basketball just in case...



Photo by Patricia Larson

The Sundial under construction

off eliminates one of the major routes we students take to get across campus. As if the road construction didn't make it difficult enough to get around town, now simply walking around campus is a pain in the rear. Now we have to navigate through the fence. If you have a class in the Communications building that ends at 10:50 and your next one is in the CCC building at 11:00, start wearing jogging shoes to class.

Then there is the little matter of commencement ceremonies. Like many of you, I had expected to have a little shining moment at the Sundial when I graduate next

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## Pointers face week of extremes

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Pointer women's soccer team had a busy week playing three matches in five days.

### soccer

After a defensive battle and a scoreless tie last Wednesday the Pointers traveled to Platteville to take on the Pioneers in their WIAC opener. The rainy and overcast weather didn't dampen the Pointer offense as they scored seven second half goals to crush the Pioneers 10-0.

The defense also dominated as Platteville couldn't even manage one shot on goal. The offense was a balanced attack as Kelly Fink, Melissa Becker, Alyssa Sousa and Anna Van Stippen each had two goals apiece. Overall the Pointers outshot Platteville 19-0.

On Sunday, the Pointers hosted the 16th ranked Macalester Scots. This was as a good of a game as expected as two heavy-weight teams duked it out for soccer supremacy. Barely ten minutes into the game Macalester jumped onto the board first with a



Photo by Liz Bolton

Junior Tara Schmitt cuts off a Macalester player during Sunday's game. UWSP dropped the game 3-2.



Meister

goal by the Scots Annie Borton assisted by Sarah Marsh.

The Pointers responded with an unassisted Kelly Fink goal at the 23:49 mark to tie it at one. Near the end of the first half Andrea Oswald put the

Pointers into the lead with Megan Frey getting the assist. The lead didn't last long, however, as Erla Petursdottir tied it up for the Scots just before halftime.

The second half was a defensive battle with neither team able to muster any points. Stevens Point did try to put the Scots away late in regulation by

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## SENIOR ON THE SPOT ANDREA OSWALD - SOCCER



Oswald

### Career Highlights

- Scored a second-half goal and assisted on the game-winner in 2-1 WIAC semifinal win over Oshkosh in 2000
- Rookie of the year in 2000
- Started 59 of team's 68 matches the past three seasons

Major - Health Promotion/Wellness

Hometown - Cary, Illinois

Nickname - "Andie"

What are your plans after graduation? - Find a job in the Rockford/Northern Illinois area.

Do you plan on playing soccer after graduation? - I'm not sure if I'll play, but I would love to coach.

What is your favorite aspect of soccer? - The team aspect, and having 11 players work as one to get the job done.

Most embarrassing moment - My freshman year, the soccer team was scrimmaging the hockey team in a game of soccer. I misjudged heading the ball and it hit me in the face. As a result, I scratched my cornea and had to walk around school for a couple of days with a big patch over my eye.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose? - I would love to be Mia Hamm... or our own #14 Kelly Fink

What CD is in your stereo right now? U2 - Greatest Hits

If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go? Former Pointer Sports Editor Mike Peck, to a dinner on the ocean watching the sun set.

What will you remember most about participating in soccer at UWSP? - Playing in the Final Four in Boston!

Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen? - "Enjoy it, because the next thing you know is it's over."

## Women continue success at home

By Tony Bastien &  
Nick Cornette  
SPORTS REPORTERS

Both the mens' and womens' cross country teams hosted the UWSP Invitational this past weekend at Lake Pacawa in Plover.

### cross country

The twelfth ranked UWSP women topped a formidable Oshkosh squad by a team score of 34-23, while the tenth ranked Pointer men placed third behind top-ranked Oshkosh and a familiar UWSP alumni squad.

Despite missing two of their top runners, Leah Herlache and Kara Vosters, the Lady Pointers still finished with six runners in the top ten. A 2-3-4 finish by Megan Craig, Jenna Mitchler and Teresa Stanley led the way as the Pointers ran in a pack.

Coach Len Hill discussed how that was part of the game plan entering the meet, "That was our strategy on Saturday. Of all the teams I've ever coached, this is one I think we can win within a pack."

Also playing a role in the teams' victory was freshman Ashley Earney with an eighth place finish.



Photo by Liz Bolton

Tanya Simonis and Shana Karls cross the finish line on Saturday.

Earney was Coach Hill's runner of the week, "She is our fifth runner and running very well. Before too long, she is going join that first pack."

The Pointer men had a minor setback after last week's first place finish at Hanover, placing third out of just three teams.

The loss was not due to lack of effort, but from matching against superior competition, as every

member of the team that ran last week at Hanover or any individual that was a little nicked up did not run.

"We had a skeleton crew out there this past weekend," explained Coach Rick Witt.

Top ranked Oshkosh had three finish in the first five and six of the top ten.

Freshman Mike Ormond finished tenth to lead the Pointers. Finishing just outside the top ten were junior Josh Kujawa and freshman Kyle Patoka, as the Pointers looked to gain experience for some of their young runners.

The newest polls were released late Tuesday night, and with their performances over the past two weeks, both the mens and womens squads

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Craig

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## Pointers roll over Thunder

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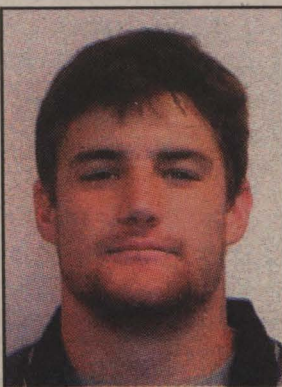
**By Craig Mandli**  
SPORTS EDITOR

When it rains, it pours. This cliché couldn't hold truer for the Pointers as they beat up on the NAIA Tri-State Thunder to the tune of 63-0 this past weekend. After a slow start, the Pointers exploded for 28 points in the second quarter and never looked back.

### football

"I think it was just a situation where everything went our way," said Pointer Head Coach John Miech. "We had a lot more team speed than they did, and when that happens, you have the opportunity for a big score like that."

The Pointers struck early as senior quarterback Scott Krause found freshman Cody Childs for a nine-yard touchdown pass on the Pointers' first drive as the Pointers led just 7-0 after one quarter. However, on the strength of three turnovers in the second quarter, the Pointers took control, taking a 35-0 lead into halftime. Cory Flisakowski scored the first of his two touchdowns with an 11-yard score. Later in the quarter, Krause threw a 38-yard touch-



Flisakowski

entered the game as a fullback on a fourth-and-goal play and busted through the line with a one-yard run for the score.

"We were disappointed that we couldn't get in last week (at Augustana) when it was first and goal at the one, so he is part of our new 'stinger' set," said Miech. "If any defense is strong enough to stop that, more power to them."

Krause had an outstanding game through the air, as he connected on his first 12 passing attempts of the game, including all 11 in the first half and his first throw of the second half that resulted in a 40-yard touchdown to Kielblock. On the second play of the fourth quarter, Krause connected with junior wideout Tony Romano for a 44-yard touchdown to make it 49-0. On the day, Krause connected on 18-19 passes for 269 yards. With just two more completions, Krause would have qualified for the WIAC completion percentage record.

"Scott put the ball where those guys could catch it," said Miech. "He had just one of those days where he was just on."

Flisakowski added a 24-yard touchdown run on the Pointers' next drive as the junior running back finished with a career-high 149 yards on 25 carries. Kielblock caught four passes for 101 yards, marking his second straight 100-yard game in his only two career

starts at wide receiver.

The Pointers strong defensive effort led the way as Tri-State made its deepest penetration into Pointer territory with under four minutes left in the game, advancing to the 40-yard line. Tri-State quickly fumbled there, with sophomore defensive tackle Wes Komowski



Photo courtesy of the Herald-Republican

**Heads Up:** UWSP sophomore cornerback Jared Flesch leaps for a second-quarter interception against Tri-State on Saturday. Flesch's interception was one of six Tri-State turnovers in UWSP's 63-0 win.

returning the loose ball 54 yards for a touchdown to finish the scoring. The defense forced six turnovers, including four fumbles.

The Pointers have a bye this week as they prepare to face the Division I-AA Butler Bulldogs in next weekend's Spud Bowl. The Pointers played the Bulldogs strong through-

out the game last year, but weren't able to overcome a 22-point third quarter put up by Butler.

"This is a timely and a good break," said Miech. "Butler is probably going to be our best opponent. They are Division I-A for a reason."

## Point spikers take a step in the right direction

**By Joshua Schmidt**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's volleyball team traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota to take part in the Hamline Invitational. The Pointers achieved mixed results, posting a 2-2 record.

### volleyball

The Pointers opened with the host school, the Pipers of Hamline University. The first game was a close one with Point finally falling 33-31. The second and third games, however didn't go as well for the Pointers as they succumbed to the Pipers 30-19 and 30-22 respectively. Leading the way for the Pointers were Jessica Parker with 11 kills and Nichole Stahovich with 7 kills. Kelli Rydeen also chipped in three aces.

The second match of the weekend went a little better for the Pointers as they took on the Kendall College Vikings. The first game was another hard fought thriller, but this time the Pointers ended up getting the upper hand with a 30-28 victory. The second game was more of the same as the Pointers cruised to a 30-19 win. In the third game the Vikings made their move as they stung the Pointers 30-27. The fourth game saw Kendall seize the momentum in the match as they spanked UWSP 30-21 to even the match at two games apiece. Point did recover nicely in the fifth game as they won 15-11 to take the match 3-2. Against Kendall scoring big for the Pointers were Karie Zellner and

Molly Orte with 11 and 10 kills respectively. The team also served well with seven different players recording at least one ace.

The third match of the weekend featured UWSP taking on the Viterbo College V-Hawks. The Pointers were looking to keep up their momentum after an exciting win over Kendall. The Pointers did just that by sweeping the V-Hawks 30-23, 31-29 and 30-18. Melissa Weber got in on the action with 10 kills along with Jessica Parker and her 9 kills. Nichole Stahovich chipped in 5 aces to help the Pointer cause.



Parker

The final match of the weekend had the Pointers taking on Northwestern University of Minnesota. UWSP came into this game smokin', coming off two wins. Northwestern brought their streak to a screeching halt as they knocked off the Pointers in the first two games 30-21 and 30-26. The third game saw the Pointers storm back and win 30-26. Northwestern was just too much for the Pointers as they dropped game four 30-20. This

match saw three Pointers reach double figures in kills with Nichole Stahovich and Melissa Weber notching 10 apiece and Jessica Parker racking up 14.

The weekend ended with the Pointers breaking even at 2-2. They go to 3-8 on the season. Next up, the Pointers make the trip to Platteville Wednesday night to take on the Pioneers in WIAC play.

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## The Man's Take:

### Playmakers—Fifty minutes of dramatized pseudo-sports

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

I'm not quite sure what ESPN was going for with their first venture into the already over-saturated hour-long drama genre, *Playmakers*.

This show seems to nail most of the clichéd storylines, including drug use, spousal abuse, adultery and abuse of power. However, this show seems to be lacking in the one thing that could theoretically set it apart: actual sports.

While initially I found *Playmakers* to be entertaining, after a while it seemed like the stories seemed to run together. Maybe it's because they are trying to tie in too many different storylines at once.

For example, in Tuesday's episode, a veteran runningback was about to get his starting job back from a cocky rookie after the rookie lost the previous game in a Leon Lett-esque error in judgment, celebrating before actually crossing the goal line. Meanwhile, the veteran's wife is threatening to leave him because of a fight they got into in the previous episode.

The veteran later comes to find out that the cocky rookie will now be starting over him, because the team wants to prove that it

stands behind its players, stemming from a totally separate incident at a nightclub where the rookie's friend committed a murder, and the rookie lied to police about his whereabouts.

On top of all this, the Chris Spielman-like maniacal middle-linebacker gets in touch with his feminine side while sinking into the arms of his girlfriend, whom he has known for roughly six hours.

Trust me, that was as painful for me to write as it was for you to read. I'm still trying to fully integrate everything that happened into my mind. I think I was having night sweats from brain over-usage. That's it; it's SpongeBob before bed or bust. I need my mind nice and numb before bed.

I would like *Playmakers* more if it focused more on the sporting aspect of the show. I mean, it is on ESPN after all. By adding the drama to it, they made it just like every other hour-long drama on TV. I really can't tell the threesomes on *Playmakers* from the ones on Fox's *The OC* or F/X's *Nip/Tuck*.

Really, if I want to watch drama, I flip on the DVD player and pop in Bruckheimer film. I watch ESPN for sports. I hope that they realize that I'm not the only one.

## The way I see it...

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

I needed a column idea for this week and was having hard time coming up with something. I do have a lot of sports-related clutter flitting around in my head so I grabbed the first item that fluttered within reach. The Bears. Yes ladies and gentlemen, I'm a fan of the Chicago Bears. I'm not, however, exactly proud of it, considering they might be the worst team in the league. Then I started thinking is there anyone else as bad as the Bears? Well, I came up with a couple teams that rival the Bears in ineptness. So here's my list of losers. A list of shame, a list of teams whose fans should start a support group to keep each other from leaping off these doomed bandwagons of futility and stay loyal to our hapless, hopeless teams.

### The Cincinnati Bengals

Here's quite possibly the worst franchise in sports, except for maybe the L.A. Clippers. When I'm feeling especially bad about the Bears I just think "Hey, I could be a Bengals fan." This team hasn't been good since '86. You know, the year of the Icky shuffle and a Super Bowl highlighted by "the Catch II" and Tim Krumrie's horribly broken leg. That's seventeen years of futility folks.

### The Arizona Cardinals

When was the last time this team was competitive? I know they had that one 9-

7, made the playoffs, and beat a Dallas team on the downside. But other than that, they've put the F in futility. Remember when Bill Walsh said Jake Plummer could be the next Joe Montana? Not in Arizona. I thought their defense would turn it around this year. They were piling up huge sack numbers in the pre-season. Then reality set in and they gave up 42 to the Lions, that's right, the Detroit Lions.

### The Chicago Bears

With the exception of that 13-3 season two years ago this team has done nothing for the better part of the last fifteen years. This year isn't looking any better. Who really thought Kordell Stewart was going to be the answer? This guy was second to Jake Plummer on the QB wish list. That should tell you something. I know the Bears do have Brian Urlacher, but that just means they'll win three games this year instead of one.

### The Detroit Lions

The Lions haven't been good since the Rodney Peete/Erik Kramer era and that's something considering they had one of the best running backs in NFL history in Barry Sanders. A back gains 2000+ yards and you can't win six games. Not to mention they had Herman Moore. That shows you how horrible the QB situation was. It's been a two horse race between Detroit and Chicago for the title of NFC North-Central doormat of the decade.

## Soccer

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out shooting the Scots 5-0 over the last eight minutes, but Macalester goalie Lisa Bauer was flawless and forced the match into overtime.

Macalester didn't waste any time, attacking early in the extra period. After Point's Melissa Meister save on an Erla Potursdottir shot, Macalester's Katie Pastorius got the rebound and pounded home the winning goal handing Point only their second loss in 46 regular season matches. The final score was Macalester 3, UWSP 2. The Scots move to 2-0-1 while the Pointers drop to 4-1-1. Next up for the Pointers, River Falls comes to visit at 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 20th.

## Cross Country

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rose in the standings.

The men jumped one spot to number nine. Said Coach Witt on the jump, "It's nice for notoriety for the team and sport, but what does it do for the team's performance? Nothing."

The women had a much larger leap in the polls, jumping halfway up

to the top going from 12th to 6th.

Looking ahead to this weekend, both squads travel to the Whitewater Invitational. Coach Hill is taking the ladies with a victory in mind, saying "We're going into the meet with the thought of winning it."

With the field unclear at this time, he also hopes to see an improved Eau Claire squad to push his team.

Witt and the men are looking forward to seeing 20th ranked University of Chicago and Platteville squads.

"The University of Chicago is a very good team, and has two very good runners, and Platteville is returning the top runner in the nation," explained Witt. "If our runners are healthy, we're gonna go after them."

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## Wild matters

### Priorities in life

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

I am basically tempted in life by two intrinsic and determining fruits of nature. While there are many pleasures and pains in this world that lend me emotion and motivation, I settled myself to this conclusion long ago during a torrential rain-shower, wherein the chilled thoughts inside manifested themselves into the half empty devices and splashing memories of that very day. And so there this dreary notion sat and aged as a half-completed work... until those bitter rains returned.

On one hand I love women, and at this particular moment, one very beautiful and genuinely intriguing woman. She makes me a better person when the day brings nothing but cold rain and wind and dragon-birds. Is it not love that drives the greatness of a society and of a person? Surely love must be cited as the reason for all reasons and reasonable actions in life and living. For at the end of the day when all else is set aside and the world has forgotten its promise and grandeur, it is the woman and her love that make the

calm night come.

These are the roots of the greatness of women and the power of love. As we know, or should think we might, love and women are as mysterious as they are desirable. Each and every day that I love, I find myself

### "Both women and walleye offer endless happiness..."

reading the history of mankind and the countless parables, poems and dramas dedicated to answering this very human mystery. Love is deep and frightening in its complexities.

On the other hand, I love the outdoors and I love walleye. Walleye too, are a beautiful creation of some mighty omnipotent being. They too, fill me with happiness and hope on a gray and endless canvas. It is not just one specific walleye however, but a whole idea and species that I struggle for in my adventures. In contrast, there is no one soul-mate walleye in the river for me. I want to tempt and catch them all in a never-ending cycle of

harmonious fishing.

So these are the roots of the greatness of walleye and the power of the outdoors. Old Walter is quite the devilous trickster in his own right. Perhaps the mystery of the *Stizostedion vitreum vitreum* has not received the same attention from the greatest literary thinkers, as has that of women, however, it is an interesting subject to mull over while fishing in the rain, nonetheless. Catching walleye is a multifaceted theorem in its' own right.

So which of these two wonderful fruits is the sweetest? The precipitation wetted my palate. Both women and walleye offer endless happiness and inherent satisfaction. Walleye. Women. I cast my lure and watched it come back to me fully. There was no fruit on the tree. Only myself and these thoughts in the pestering rain that could not dampen my spirits in three-thousand years. I caught a rain-drop on my tongue and knew that the river will always have walleye as the clouds have rain.

But of course, as I knew all along and should continue to believe, women who make you happy day after day cannot be compared to fish. She never could be, and in the end it is her that makes me rain-proof. For only the optimism of a man looking for something greater in life can defeat a 30-inch walleye, and there with my capacities intact, I hope to remain.



## Mr. Winters' Two Cents



Well kiddies, I hope you aren't getting bogged down with schoolwork just yet. Lord knows we're starting to get some good fall weather, and I'm sure the Lord is working on the fishing as I speak. I didn't get that big musky last weekend, so hopefully somebody else did.

On a different subject, I gotta tell you, this week I sat and talked a spell with my buddy Adam. This particular conversation involved the value of wife and walleye. Well it's a no brain-teaser for an old man like me that the walleye have most certainly taken the Christmas turkey.

I've been married to the old lady for sixty-eight years. Over this time, I've realized a couple of things. She makes a real good meatloaf and a decent rhubarb pie. She's kept me in line through my rascally fits, and gives me the spark to keep raising hell. I haven't met a walleye that can dance a polka like her, or raise an honest family. And on a cold winter night, it's nice to cuddle up for some warmth. However, cuddling isn't necessary when ya got a full stomach of walleye. Zowie!!

Not to mention the fact that I've never heard a walleye nag at me to go shovel the damn motor-car-drive out front. Yes it's true, I still love the old lady and she loves me, and we've had our ups and downs, and through all these years from electric power to artificial hips we've worked hard to make this marriage work, but for what it's worth, I sometimes wish that I'd married a walleye instead. Zowie, Zowie!!

The bigger the walleye, the better. Not so with a wife. Grandma and I keep getting older, yet all those damn slippery walleye stay the same age. A wife and family are hard on the pocketbook, while those walleye only demand a few cheap minnows every couple days. Instead of being old, married and broke, I could've been old, rich and single. I still like to eat walleye for dinner at least once a week, and with the wife... well let's not even go there. Anyways, I just thought you youngsters should think about that before you all go and make a big mistake. Well, I better go hide grandma's reading spectacles, so you all better go on and Geeet!

-Mr. Winters

## My hot-air balloon crashed, and I'm lost in the woods again

### Cooking without cookware

By Adam M.T.H. Mella  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

So say your hot-air balloon pops and begins to drop over the vast Canadian wilderness. The balloon is all but destroyed because of the extreme velocity of the crash, but on the bright side, your tumble happened to catch a fat mule deer off guard, temporarily paralyzing it. You are short on supplies and rescue may take several days. What do you do?

First off, make ends with the stunned deer and collect your meager supplies from the wreck. Perhaps the wicker basket can still serve some useful purpose, even though it has been severely mangled. Way to go, Maverick.

Anyways, things aren't so bad after all. There happens to be a jagged rock nearby, and you are able to butcher the freshly killed mule deer. Also, the ruptured fuel tank had enough combustibles lingering to help jump-start a solid fire.

Start cooking the deer on a ripe twig stripped of its' bark. Singe the edges over the open flames and then slow simmer the insides over the glowing embers. Good job, that's called a "kabob" in the civilized world.

At this time you might want to find some good heatin' stones (not wet explosive stones), to toss into the fire. While they're heatin' up, you can prepare a soup/steaming hole and a jerky post.

You'll need bark, roots, wild vegetation and a section of the deer hide. Line the hole with the hide, fill with water as needed and add whatever other ingredients you can find. Lastly, complement the dish with some pre-cooked kabob meat, those hot stones and a full bark cover. Let simmer for an hour or so and you've got some tasty soup, or use less water for a delicious steamed entrée.

Before the rest of the meat spoils, dry it above the fire by building a simple wooden structure that keeps the meat above the smoke. This serves the dual purpose of curing and pest control as your meat sets for keeping. Jerky can be made by tearing the meat into thin strands prior to smoking.

Before night falls, discard the carcass far from camp, and build a shelter from the tattered remains of that shitty balloon. Keep a keen ear open for the bloodthirsty wolves, use your newfound knowledge and have faith in those heroic Mounties.



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# Portage County catfish basics

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

As you know, the Wisconsin River has much to offer when it comes to fishing. The more popular game fish include walleye, smallmouth bass, musky and northern pike, but some may argue that catfish are most popular. This is especially true for residents that live near the lower parts of the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers.

Much of my fishing is geared toward walleye, bass and musky, but I never hesitate to set a line to catch a dandy catfish.

Wisconsin's largest members of the catfish family are the channel catfish, and Flathead catfish. Also included in this family are mad-toms, bullheads and the stonecat.

Catfish are easily identified. Each one carries eight whiskers

(barbels) that surround the mouth. These act as sensors for finding food in the murky depths in which they live. Catfish also have three sharp spines, with one at the dorsal fin and two protruding from the pectoral fins. When handling catfish it's important to avoid these spines. It might hurt if they break through the skin (rubber gloves work well for handling catfish).

A catfish doesn't have scales, but a tough outer skin that blends in well with the surrounding depths. Water clarity will determine how light or dark the fish will be. Channel cats have bluish green backs with white bellies and noticeable black spots covering their silvery sides. A flathead has a light brown or yellow appearance. The most distinguishable part of the two catfish is that the Channel cat has a forked (tail) caudal fin. The

Flathead cat has a square caudal fin.

Catfish are also quite large. The state record Channel cat was caught in the Wisconsin River near Columbia County which weighed in at 44 pounds, and the state record Flathead was caught in the Mississippi near Vernon County, which weighed 74 pounds. The average weight of Channel cats in the Wisconsin River can vary, but I've been witness to numerous two and three pound cats as well as one in the fifteen pound range.

The Flathead, or Mississippi bullhead, is the largest of all Wisconsin

of Papa John's on Maria Drive. Here you can find all of the fishing equipment, bait and advice you need to catch these bottom dwellers.

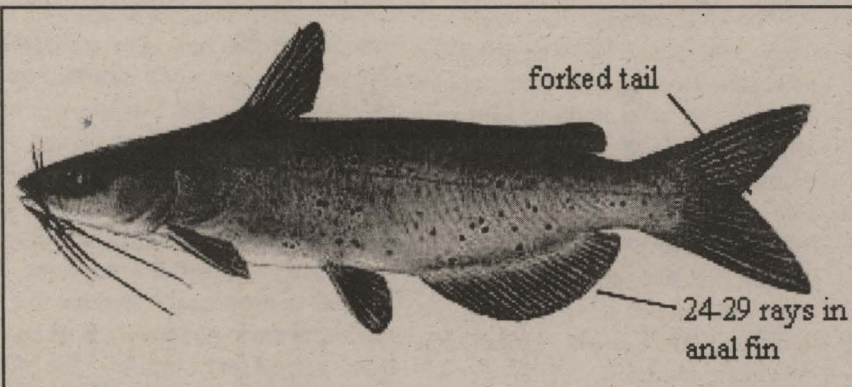
Catfish are quite simple to catch. Because the catfish is a bottom dweller it only makes sense to fish the bottom. During the day this is especially true because catfish seek out the deepest part of the river. Nighttime is probably the best time for catfish because they come near the shallows to feed, which makes a perfect opportunity for those who don't have the convenience of a boat. Catfish, especially Channel cats,

are also vulnerable after a good rain. They use this opportunity to feed on anything that might wash off the banks and into the river.

Channel cats will bite on just about anything. That funky smell coming from your roommate's closet could be catfish

bait, but I wouldn't count on it. "Stink baits," minnows or crawlers are used quite often in the river. Some people have even been known to use soap, or animal entrails, but if you wish to catch Channel cats make it stink, and you shouldn't have a problem.

This is the perfect time to be outside, and catching catfish is one way to enjoy the fall colors. The Wisconsin River holds a variety of fish and as Renee Vollert said "you never know what's going to be at the end of your line!"



The Channel catfish is the most common in this area.

submitted by author

catfish, but its distribution is limited throughout Wisconsin, which makes it unlikely that you will come across one in the Stevens Point area. However, flatheads can be found within an hours drive from Stevens Point. Other hotspots are located west in the Mississippi, or the southwestern parts of the state.

The Channel cat, or Spotted cat, is more common throughout the state, and can be found in most parts of the river near Stevens Point. Renee Vollert of Northern Bait and Tackle suggests that some of the best catfish are located "above or below spillways." She generously mentioned one spot located on West River Drive. You can find it by turning south just after the bridge on highway 10. You can also find this bait shop located one block west

## Are you going to eat that?

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

While fishing in the Stevens Point area, I'm frequently asked if I intend on eating the fish that I catch. I never hesitate in answering yes to this question, but every answer seems to result in the patented eye roll, or raise of an eyebrow.

Now most of the people who asked this question were walking their dog, or just out for an evening stroll. They merely commented in curiosity and went on with their usual routine. I'm okay with that, but on one occasion along the Wisconsin River, a lady informed me that she no longer fished the river because she was afraid of contamination. Although she listened to what I had to say I don't honestly believe that I convinced her of my argument. With this in mind I couldn't help but think of how many people refuse to fish simply because of the fear of contamination.

Although this example seems a little extreme, it's a real concern for some people. This concern probably began in the early seventies when the DNR began testing Wisconsin's waters extensively. They found that some of the fish contained elevated levels of mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Much of this was caused by pollution from humans, and the many paper mills that lined the river banks. This led to the Clean Water Act which was passed in 1972. Since then the waters of Wisconsin have bounced back significantly, but the concern for some is still very real.

Some bodies of water contain higher levels of mercury and PCBs than others. As a result, the DNR has been posting statewide consumption advice since 2001. These advisories are updated every six months and offer detailed information on the amount of fish you are able to consume. The guidelines enable you to enjoy a healthy amount of fish while reducing your exposure to such contaminants such as mercury.

In order to receive information about these guidelines, you can simply go to the DNR website located at [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us) and enter "fish consumption advisory" in the search option.

The information found on this site will help put any doubts you may have had at ease. Just know that the health benefits of eating fish are outstanding all throughout Wisconsin waters. Continue to eat fish in the state of Wisconsin; there is no greater reward than going home with a day's catch.

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## A brief glimpse...

### An intellectual breakdown of what's been on the idiot box.

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

The new screen interfaces for NFL games on CBS, FOX, ESPN and ABC. I've got two major complaints: an overload of information on the screen and the tiny score updates on FOX.

Watching a football game nowadays is like tuning into CNN for news: you get the score, game clock, play clock, other scores from around the league, fantasy stats and on some stations, a detailed description of each penalty as it's called. All of this only costs you 5/8 of your screen.

Also, the score update boxes on FOX are way too small for me to read, and I've got glasses. I feel really bad for those who refuse to wear corrective lenses. Hey, are the Detroit Tigers beating the Miami Dolphins again?

Hardee's. If I have to hear this guy tell his "first time buying lunch" testimonial again, I'm going to find him and punish him dearly. I love the way he's so sincere and dramatic. It's only a hamburger, guy.

Reality TV. I was scared last year by *Joe Millionaire* and other crappy ideas for reality TV. But this year somehow managed to surpass the idiocy that I witnessed last year. New incarnations this year, or rehashed ones, more likely, include *Paradise Hotel*, *Temptation Island 3* and *Joe Millionaire 2*. I understand that *Temptation Island 3* is just an excuse to put more scantily-clad women and sex on FOX, but how exactly are they going to pull off *Joe Millionaire 2*? Hey, it might actually be better than UPN's newest sitcom, *The Mullets*.

Change of the season: FOX moves *Boston Public* to an 8 p.m. Friday slot. Good move, seeing as how they can't



Good riddance, Joey Mac (middle).

possibly compete with ABC's *Monday Night Football*. I'll start watching it again now, although I did lose faith after last season when there was just too much *Joey McIntyre* who they've since dropped from the show.

They didn't go away...*The Real World Paris* is still in session on MTV. In case you missed it this summer, all the ladies still want Ace, CT is definitely a whacko, Adam still can't rap or get girls, and all of the females on the show are still unbelievably smokin' hot.

## WOOKIEE'S CORNER

### The lowdown on where to get down.

By Steve Seamandel  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

Fall is traditionally a great time to tour. There's nothing quite like traveling from state to state, seeing the beautiful colors of fall, feeling the crisp weather and most importantly, enjoying the cool-down from the summer months.

This fall the bigger fish in the sea like Phish, moe., String Cheese Incident and The Disco Biscuits are surely skimping on the Midwest, although we'll be able to enjoy a few rare and first-time visits from newer and smaller bands.

Next week, Philadelphia based electronica quartet **Brothers Past** will make their first appearance in Wisconsin. They'll be at Thai Joe's in Milwaukee on Thursday, Sept. 25 and in Madison (venue

TBA) on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Tickets are dirt cheap for this tour, often not eclipsing the five dollar mark. When's the last time you could lay down a

can get lengthy like that of most other jambands, but their innovativeness and newer electronic sound makes them all the more appealing.

Robert Randolph and The Family Band will also make a return to the state after their initial gig here last spring. The Michael Strahan jersey-wearing pedal-steel guitarist wonder known as Robert Randolph smokes, plain and simple. He has a way of captivating an entire audience with his deep, heart-felt tunes and blistering jams.

They'll be at The Rave in Milwaukee on Wednesday, Nov. 12 and at The Orpheum Theater in

Madison on Thursday, Nov. 13, and will also play five other gigs throughout the Midwest, including Chicago, Iowa City, East Lansing, Urbana and DeKalb, in case you're looking for a road trip.

Until next time, who's got my heady-licious deemster tea, brah?



Philadelphia's Brothers Past.

phat Abe Lincoln at the door, get a ticket and money back?

Many haven't even heard of Brothers Past, let alone any of their material. Taking a page from the book of electronic and improvised music, they draw heavily from the genres of drum-and-bass, dub, house and techno. Their full throttle jams

## Film review: Once Upon a Time in Mexico

By Geoff Fyfe  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Long before Robert Rodriguez became everyone's favorite family director with the *Spy Kids* series, he was the blood-soaked shoot-em-up auteur who crashed Hollywood with his \$7,000 film debut *El Mariachi*. Now he returns to his roots with the messy but glorious epic *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, the conclusion of the trilogy he began with *El Mariachi* and *Desperado*, with Antonio Banderas back as the vengeful El Mariachi.

*Mexico* is basically two stories, the first dealing with the events that occurred between *Desperado* and *Mexico* and the fate of El's beloved Carolina (Selma Hayek). The second takes place in the present, where the brooding, gun-slinging guitar player is sought out by Sands (Johnny Depp), a quirky, Machiavellian CIA agent. Seems a powerful Mexican drug lord (Willem Dafoe) is about to try to assassinate the Mexican president, and he's doing it with the help of Gen. Marquez (Gerardo Vigli), the man who ruined El's life.

Sands is out to stop the conspirators from accomplishing their goals, so he enlists the vengeful El for help. So El dusts off his gun-filled guitar case and gathers his fellow mariachis (Marco Leonardi and Enrique Iglesias) for the mission. The situation is complicated by various other shady characters, including

a corrupt Mexican narcotics officer (Eva Mendes), a vengeful ex-FBI agent (Reuben Blades) and a fugitive American (Mickey Rourke). All these schemes and counter-schemes come together in a bloody coup attempt where El Mariachi finally gets the chance to earn his revenge.



The messy plot of *Mexico* is a minor detail, as style is king here. Rodriguez owes a great debt to Sergio Leone's Westerns featuring Clint Eastwood (the title apes Leone's *Once Upon a Time in the West*). Like Leone, Rodriguez is less interested in a coherent story and more in the moment, in great set pieces and sensational images. Action fans will drool over the stylish gun battles, elaborate deaths and a body count that would make John Woo blanch. Favorite moment: a bloody fire-fight in a church between El

Mariachi and drug cartel gunmen pauses so an old woman can finish praying and leave.

Banderas slips effortlessly back into the role of El Mariachi, playing, like Eastwood did, a character as much of an icon as a person, a Mexican man with no name. Hayek only appears in flashbacks, but makes the most of it and the rich supporting cast is a treat to behold. The cast ranges from the long MIA and sorely missed Rourke (whose devotion to his pet Chihuahua is hilarious) to pop star Iglesias (who surprisingly isn't much of a distraction). And there are great appearances from Rodriguez regulars Cheech Marin and Danny Trejo, whose presences are as comforting as Lee Van Cleef's and Strother Martin's were in Leone's Westerns.

With all respect to Banderas, however, the film is stolen by Depp, adding yet another gem to his gallery of bizarre and memorable characters. Depp's Sands is flamboyancy personified, a man who shoots a cook who doesn't prepare his Mexican-style pork the way he likes it and doesn't let a little thing like having his eyes gouged out slow him down. With this and his Capt. Jack Sparrow in *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Depp is on a roll we hope he'll never get off. Let's hope Rodriguez never gets off his either.

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And if those aren't portentous enough for you, then how about this? I received reports that last Tuesday for almost fifteen minutes there was absolutely no one flinging poo or masturbating anywhere in Pray Hall.

Ok. Ok. I made that last one up. But seriously, we're living in strange and wondrous times. How do I know? Simple, because after five long years, the College Survival Guide finally has an official sponsor. That's right. We've finally sold out. Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!

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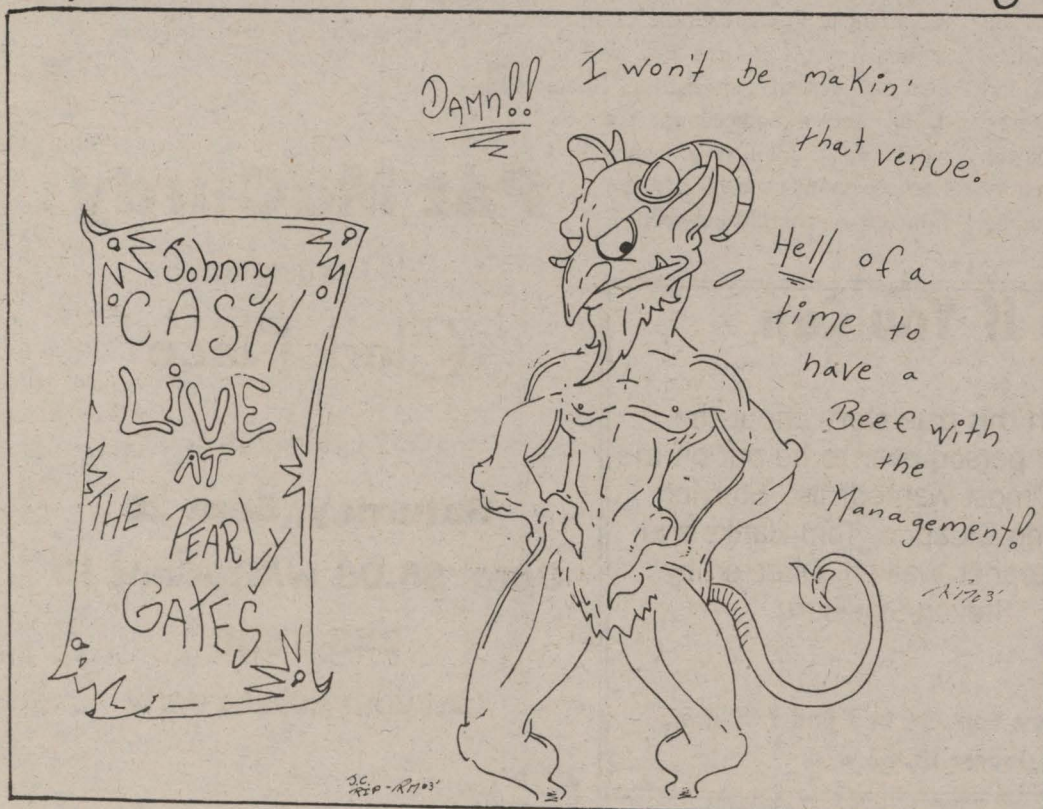
*I've been reading your articles since about this time last year and I wanted to tell you how much I enjoy them. In fact, they are the main reason I'm excited to pick up the current issue of the Pointer each week.*

*I've heard it can be difficult finding things to write about and I've been sitting around pondering what kind of question I could ask Pat Rothfuss.*

*Well, I've got nothing. I know, it's pathetic. I have the ole "too shy to ask the guy out" problem, but it's been done before. My only sob story is that my boss' dog ate my favorite pair of shoes last weekend, but that doesn't seem like College Survival material.*

Spark it...

by: Mel Rosenberg



The only new question I came up with was: "Who is Pat Rothfuss?"

*I realize it's not something essential to college survival but I don't think you've done it before. If so, I sure as hell don't remember ever reading it.*

Original  
Bunny

Well Bunny, I've never really done a column all about me, because, in all honesty, it seems a little Narcissistic even for a raving Egomaniac like myself. But hey, if you're interested, other people

might be too. So, you ask for it, you got it.

Name: Patrick James Rothfuss.

Description: Green eyes. Vaguely sausage-shaped. Furry.

Turn ons: Librarians. Elephant jokes. Gravy.

Turn offs: Cauliflower. Mimes. Women that stab me in the eye.

Hobbies: Reading. Writing. Alchemy. Clown sex.

Fears: Devil monkeys. People putting their fingers in my belly button.

Brief Biography: Pat Rothfuss sprung fully formed from Marge Rothfuss, his mother, in Madison Wisconsin. When he was only a week old, he was kidnapped by a group of carnal side-show freaks who had recently lost their feral boy. They returned Pat to his parents two weeks later with an apology, explaining that his incessant sharp-tongued back-sassing was driving away the crowds.

Pat grew to the height of a man in a mere three months and at the same time taught himself to read and right using only a shovel and a dead cat. He groked hard work and honesty at a young age thanks to the alien beams controlling him from outer space.

When the voices told him to, Pat left to attend college at UWSP. There he joined Slytherin house and had many wonderful adventures. Once someone stole Pat's pants and he had to go to work without them. Another time he got into a bar fight wearing only a leather vest and a pair of furry tights. Best of all was his grandiose, failed attempt to give the Vitruvian man on the CNR mural a big friggin pair of pants. In retrospect, Pat recognizes a recurring pants theme to many of his adventures.

After graduating, Pat evolved into a being of pure light and energy. Then he went on to Grad School, where he evolved even further into being composed entirely of rage, bile, binder twine, and sweet, sweet, methadone. After Grad School Pat joined forces with five plucky Japanese schoolgirls to form a giant robot that fights crime, rescues kittens, and makes hot meals of the elderly. [note: "of" is not a typo here.]

Through all of this Pat has written the College Survival Guide for the Pointer because he likes to make people laugh.

Thanks for your letter, Bunny. For being this week's featured letter, you receive a five dollar gift certificate to GottaHavaJava. Remember kids, coffee's not just good, it's good for you. Have a college survival question? We here at the Rothfuss Consortium can help. Send a letter to [proth@wsunix.wsu.edu](mailto:proth@wsunix.wsu.edu) and get the advice you so desperately need.



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### Trio

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Redpath and other leading folk musicians. She has appeared on National Public Radio's "Prairie Home Companion." Fiona Ritchie recently devoted an hour to Newton's accomplishments on the nationally syndicated broadcast. "The Thistle and Shamrock." Newton's solo CD, "Crossing to Scotland," has earned critical acclaim in the U.S. and abroad.

Robertson is one of the most sought-after traditional harpists and has toured the U.S., Canada and Europe as a soloist, and also leads workshops and retreats. She has recorded 20 albums,

most recently "The Spiral Gate" and "Dance to Your Shadow" on the Narada label. She also has published 11 volumes of harp arrangements and three instructional videos.

The ensemble recorded a CD, "Castles, Kirks and Caves", at historic locations in Scotland. Their new CD, "Ferintosh", will be released this year.

Audience members should be aware that construction on the Fine Arts Center has closed some entrances to the building. Patrons should watch for signs indicating which entrances to use and allow extra time to find the correct entrance.

### E.A.R.T.H.

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Aware Residents Thinking Holistically, or E.A.R.T.H. E.A.R.T.H. is a special in hall organization unique to Knutzen Hall. In the fall of 1998 Knutzen was given special designation as the Eco-Hall on the UWSP campus. E.A.R.T.H. was created to help fulfill the mission and meet resident's environmental needs. They provide additional programming and recreational activities that focus on sustainable living.

The students who join stay for a variety of reasons; including social interaction, environmental awareness, and care and concern for their surroundings. As one new member put it, "I plan on saving the world and this looked like a good place to start!" Involved students do not have to be familiar with the outdoors or the sciences, they simply must have a desire to learn and have fun.

If you would like to join in our efforts or simply see what we are all about you are invited to attend any meeting on Thursday 7pm in the basement of Knutzen Hall in the EARTH Room!

### Meningitis

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To reduce the risk, students are advised to avoid frequenting bar patronage, decrease binge drinking and stop smoking. Indulge in healthy habits such as adequate sleep, good nutrition, and frequent hand washing.

Students can also receive meningitis vaccine, also called Menomune, provided by Health Services. The vaccine, which costs \$61, is safe and adverse reactions are mild and infrequent, consisting of redness and pain at the site of injection. The duration of the vaccine's efficiency is roughly three to five years.



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