Former EPA Ombudsman Martin visits UWSP

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

Former EPA Ombudsman Robert Martin spoke at UWSP on Wednesday evening to discuss the events surrounding his decision to resign from government service two years ago.

He began his lecture by describing his role as an ombudsman, which he described as that of a middleman between the government and the governed. His official capacity as an ombudsman was to travel to sights of possible environmental concern and to make recommendations about what government actions should be taken, and any decision made was, at the discretion of the agency.

Martin served as an ombudsman through three presidential administrations, from the first Bush administration to the current. He said that during the transition from the Clinton administration to the second Bush administration, congress made a recommendation that his position be granted greater autonomy.

Despite the recommendations, former EPA Administrator Christie Todd Whitman made the decision to dissolve the office of the ombudsman and fold it into the EPA Office of the Inspector General. “Even though they had been asked not to do this, they went ahead with the decision that would have ended my ability to represent the people,” said Martin.

Former EPA Ombudsman Robert Martin spoke Wednesday at the CNR about his experiences working for the EPA. He said that despite his efforts to work within the system for the benefit of the American people, he found himself with no choice but to sue his own government and later resign his position.

James Loewen presents Lies

Bestselling author comes to UWSP to discuss the misinformation still being published in American history textbooks read by students

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Most people are familiar with the Civil War and the civil rights movement. But how often do you learn about the nadir of race relations? This phrase refers to the period in American History from 1890-1940 when our country actually took away black rights.

Author James Loewen talked about this subject and other historical inaccuracies during his speech in the Laird Room Wednesday evening.

Loewen, whose most popular book to date, Lies my teacher told me has sold over 700,000 copies, talked about how our history is framed by the time it was written, not the actual facts. He pointed out the historical figure of John Brown to prove his point.

Brown is a famous abolitionist who helped to free slaves and was later caught and killed in 1859.

Loewen showed that in the 1959 version of the history textbook, Rise of an American Nation Brown’s plan was “a wild plan certain to fail.” However, in the 1991 version of the same book the phrase is slightly changed to “a bold plan certain to fail.”

The reason for the change was that the second sentence wasn’t even fathomable in 1959. “Our country went so racist that we couldn’t understand why any sane white person would give their lives for black freedom.”

Loewen published his first book, Mississippi conflict and change, while working at the predominantly black college, Tougaloo College. Fueled by his students’ lack of knowledge about the reconstruction era, Mississippi contained a more accurate picture of the state’s history.

After the book was rejected for public school use by the State of Mississippi, Loewen successfully sued the state and the book received a six year mandate to be used in the schools.

More recently Loewen wrote Lies across America which came out in 1999. This book focuses on historically incorrect landmarks found across the United States. For his “encore” Loewen showed two examples of historically inaccurate landmarks.

One of the examples comes from Wisconsin where a landmark reads that J.W. Carhart of Racine built the first car. However, to the credit of the Wisconsin legislature that gave out directions.

Greek Week at UWSP

Junior Jerry Fink, member of the Theta Xi fraternity, attempts to navigate through a messy obstacle in an event sponsored by Phi Omega.
Student drinking behavior still a concern for some

Reproductive rights protest considered one of the largest protests observed in U.S. history

By Hanna Sponberg
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Pink t-shirts and colorful signs screaming for freedom of choice swirled out of the metro station and into the incredible crowd in the National Mall this past Sunday. This was the March for Women’s Lives, a protest against President Bush’s plans for illegalizing abortion and continuing the degradation of women’s reproductive rights.

25 students from UWSP’s College Femmes and 400 residents of all ages from Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin gathered in five coach buses Saturday to make the road trip to D.C. to march for freedom of choice.

WUP students received large scholarships from both SGA and Planned Parenthood of WI, which made it possible for many to attend the march. They rode the buses through the night and arrived in Washington around 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

Women, men, children and grandparents from all over the United States joined together to support family planning for both the rich and poor.

Celebrities including Hillary Clinton, Ashley Judd, Whoopi Goldberg, Moby, Susan Sarandon, the Indigo Girls, Julianne Moore, Ani DiFranco and more spoke out through large speakers and huge screens on stages at either end of the National Mall. They spoke against Bush’s plans and all that he has done in his presidency. Hillary Clinton’s message contained thoughts of Bush being one of the worst, if not the worst president in U.S. history.

Many discussed Bush’s desire to illegalize abortion and his resistance to provide more funding to poor mothers, childhood development and education. All speakers, whether celebrities, poor mothers or teenagers who founded organizations to support women’s reproductive rights united in urging everyone to vote on November 2.

Around 12:30 p.m. the crowd of an estimated one million people, marking the march as the largest protest in U.S. history, began to march in their respective delegations relating to their organization and state.

The UWSP College Femmes and Planned Parenthood comrades marched past the Washington Monument and past the White House. A mere 100 anti-abortion activists held their signs and called the pro-choice marchers murderers.

While those were there who disagreed with our views, the march remained incredibly peaceful, allowing only chants and no violence. Signs that read “Save Roe” with a metal hanger behind the letters were thrust into the air. Another sign visible read “The only bush I trust is my own.” The crowd became louder when the protest passed people in opposition to abortion rights and the pro-choice marchers chanted “My body, my choice”, or “Pro-life, that’s a lie, you don’t care if women die”. Other cheers that were said included: “Hey hey, ho ho, President Bush has got to go”, “What do you want? CHOICE. When do you want it? NOW.”

Although pro-choice was the main issue being supported at the march, other issues such as family planning for the poor and emergency contraception were also themes, as well as the threatening merging of church and state. Many speakers and marchers stated that they don’t want to go back in time to metal hangers and that the government doesn’t belong in women’s uteruses or between their doctors and themselves as patients.

At the end of a day full of speakers, marching, chanting, singing, heart pumping and dusty air, the UWSP representatives climbed back into their buses for the return trip home.

Photo by Liz Bolton

An estimated one million protesters descended on the nation’s capital this past weekend to protest the Bush Administration’s stance on reproductive rights. The event was attended by high profile celebrities such as Sen. Hillary Clinton [D-New York], actor Susan Sarandon and others. While there were some arrests, the event was mostly peaceful.

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By Adam Somers
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One option that is open to students to help prevent them from driving drunk is the Student Transit Vans. They run predominately at night and make rounds to different stops on or adjacent to campus. This is free for all students and the vans will pick them up or take them to various spots that are in a close proximity to campus.

Being that students visit the local taverns downtown for the entertainment, it might be difficult for some to use the transit vans because they stop their service around 1 a.m. There are other ways for students to reach home safely from the bars though.

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Founder of International Programs dies

By Adam Somers
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UWSP recently lost a much respected former member of the university community by the death of Emeritus Professor of Communication Pauline Isaacson. She came to the university in 1946 as a pro­fessor where she taught modern European history and speech courses. Isaacson became the first chair of the speech department when it was formed in 1958. It was not until 1969 when Isaacson made her biggest impact on UWSP when she founded International Programs. Through this program Isaacson made it possible for UWSP students to experience the world first hand. Her idea was to give students a perspective of the greater world, not just the world of Stevens Point.

According to current International Programs Associate Director Mark Koepke, Isaacson's mission has not changed since her retirement in 1982. Koepke said that the study abroad program's goals are still to provide an afford­able opportunity for all students to study over seas. A student's financial aid carries over, and they can also earn a full slate of credits while studying. Koepke also mentioned that the desire to prepare students to be future leaders strong as ever. In her 13-year tenure as International Programs Associate Director, Isaacson set up num­erous study abroad programs over the world. "England was the first one," said Koepke. He also went on to say that Isaacson developed opportunities for students to travel to Germany, Poland, Spain, Taiwan and Malaysia among others. She also experimented with an abroad program in India, but it did pan out well enough to keep around. Isaacson was also instru­mental in the CNR's summer pro­grams, which have included trips to Germany and Poland.

Since Isaacson's retirement, International Programs has grown considerably and has added many new programs. Currently, the univer­sity offers eight semester-long programs and four to six short­term programs that take place over the winterim and summer breaks. If it was not for Isaacson, all of this success might not have been possible. Koepke stressed that they still continue to work off her models and base she set up. International Programs has also grown in numbers and size since Isaacson's retirement with the number of students participating and the staff that is working with International Programs.

Isaacson was known as a strong leader in the academic field. Koepke stated that much of the university's good reputation in the International Programs is due to Isaacson's work. He went on to say that UWSP is in the nation's top 15 almost every year for international work. Isaacson was influential in putting UWSP on the map.

Besides all of the programs she set up for the university, Isaacson might be remembered most for how she changed many, many people's lives through the semester abroad programs. Koepke said she meant a lot to the university by "giving thou­sands of students an opportunity for themselves." Koepke also went onto say that Isaacson had a remarkable vision and was ahead of her time.

One thing that is remark­able of Isaacson's work was that she accomplished almost every­thing on her own. She had some help along the way, but the ideas developed for the programs can mostly be credited to Isaacson. Koepke mentioned that there is not a week that goes by without someone asking about her. "Her legacy will certainly live on."

Years after her retirement, Isaacson was recognized inter­nationally. In 2001 she was recognized by Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. The recognition was for her work for establishing the first coop­erative program between Polish and American universities since World War II.

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Martin won in a court battle decided hours before the new rules were to take place and the EPA was prevented from ending his office. The restraining order was a temporary one, but he said it gave him the opportunity to handle one last case of the 40 cases he had pending that he had little faith would be investigated by the Inspector General's office. This last case was one that dealt with the level of pollutants spread around lower Manhattan by the destruction of the World Trade Center.

"I decided that if this was my last case I would do every­thing I could to make a differ­ence," said Martin.

Martin was tasked with looking into the level of toxic material that was spread through­out the area by the destruction of the skyscrapers. "Anyone who had watched the footage saw the huge clouds that spread all over Manhattan, New York and New Jersey," he said. "That cloud could possibly contain asbestos, lead from all the destroyed comput­ers in the building, and particu­late matter that could settle in people's lungs and take years to detect."

He was also concerned about the possibility of particulate mat­ter from the World Trade Center getting into the circulation sys­tems of the buildings and homes in the affected area. "In that case you face the possibility of this harmful mate­rial being recirculated and recurr­ed on a consistent and dan­gerous basis."

Martin said that while he was conducting his investigation, the government was acting to circumvent the restraining order in court.

In the argument presented by the Bush Administration, Martin said that they wanted to end the autonomy of his office and end his ability to "speak to the people, to the media, and to congress and only speak to the people they wanted to speak to."

When asked by the judge why his office should come to an end, Martin said their response was "For the people, for the gov­ernment to speak with one voice, and one voice only."

On Earth Day 2002, the restraining order came to an end and he was informed that he was to clean out his office and over his files, and report to the Inspector General's office "even though they had given me no duties to perform." Martin was informed by his secretary that members of the Inspector General's office had come to escort him to his new office, but he told her to inform them that he opted to resign instead of complying with that order.

At the end of his presenta­tion, Martin spoke of how it was currently in style for state and local governments to do away with ombudsmen offices and how it is against their better interest to do away with the abil­ity of the people, for someone to act on their behalf.

He said that of the 40 cases he had pending at the time of his resignation, all but two have been dismissed by the two acting ombudsmen that replaced him, he noted, "and I'm sure that they are out trying to do away with those as well."

Loewen visit
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to take the sign down 25 years ago, the instructions still have not been followed. Currently Loewen is work­ing on his newest book which takes a look at "sundown towns." These towns existed all across the north, including Wisconsin and Illinois. These towns were very popular in Wisconsin by that time, yet, there were only ten towns in the state that admitted blacks.

The name sundown refers to signs these towns post which read "n***** don't let the sun go down on you here." Loewen also mentioned that there are still towns like this in existence in our state.

Professor Michelle Brophy­Lachmann worked with a num­ber of different student groups including the Infinity Syndicate to bring Loewen to Stevens Point. She has been using his Lies book for the last few years in her Public Opinion class and has worked on bringing Loewen to UWSP since the fall.

After Loewen finished speaking he answered a few questions from the audience and he was asked how he would respond to someone who says, "I don't want to be ashamed to be white," Loewen took this opportunity to explain that his purpose for exposing the true history is not to make people feel guilty.

"We aren't responsible for the sins of our fathers," Loewen said. "We as a people need to be building a just society and our job is to bring into being the America of the future."

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Musings from Mirman
It's like Ferris Bueller said, you gotta stop and smell the roses or something

By Dan Mirman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Wednesday was the first legitimate summer day of the year and man I'm horny, but I'm not alone.

Last year, about this same time, we had a beautiful week of sun and favorable temperatures to go with some free-flowing hormones.

One of my friends who graduated last year experienced the brunt of this hormone rush. She did have a boyfriend, but that did not stop the suitors from coming. In the span of a week, two separate friends dropped the L-word on her. You can understand her surprise, it's not often that someone confesses their love and it's even rarer when she double-takes as they shuffle past some washboard abs and chiseled features, but these examples are much more the exception than the rule.

There's really nothing you can do about the hormones at this point. All you guys walking to class on Wednesday know what I'm talking about. It's like you forgot what tank tops looked like. At least that's the reason you use as your head steadily turns left and right to soak up all the beautiful and scantily clad women outside.

And before you get offended ladies, don't even pretend you don't enjoy the attention. Oh, who whistle at the fellas, this message is mostly for you guys walking to the Mall of America.

I don't mean to stereotype the men as starers and the women as starers. Some buff football player types attempt to reverse the process. And I have seen a few examples of the ladies doing a double take as they shuffle past some washboard abs and chiseled features, but these examples are much more the exception than the rule.

I would like to think that my mind has developed beyond the point where I can raise above my animal urges, but I would be lying to you. Whenever I look at the washboard abs or航母-like majority, I, like you, have a momentary lapse of reason.

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I'm not judging anyone here, in fact, I mean just the opposite. There's absolutely nothing wrong with this game of "I stare while you pretend not to notice." I even suggest that folks like us from colder areas deserve it.

Let's be reasonable here. We've been forced all winter long to bundle up and dress for comfort over style. Now that the winter has finally allowed a day of summer to appear we get the opportunity to rediscover the beauty of the human body. And beautiful it is. All the curves and variety reflect the sun perfectly and strike a chord deep in a man or woman's loins.

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Invigorating dance to take over the Jenkins Theatre

UWSP's annual production of "Danstage" is sure to captivate many as it takes to the stage this weekend.

By Alii Himle

FEATURES EDITOR

The Department of Theatre and Dance is proud to present "Danstage," a spectacle highlighting UWSP's annual production of "Danstage." The concert will include tap, jazz and modern dance choreographed by faculty members and students.

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By Geoff Fye

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

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I arrived in downtown Madison at 11:45 p.m. To avoid traffic jams, we gathered in an experimental work that combines the character work being dropped from the work and letting go. Beversdorf carried me a degree at UWSP prior to becoming a professional dancer. She has worked with choreographers and dancers. The feeling was shared by most people on the bus. Many felt the pain, unfortunately they did not have blisters.

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Running on empty for the good of alcohol awareness

A student shares his experiences participating in Steine Hall's annual Alcohol Awareness Fun Run.

By Geoff Fye

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

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Learning to embrace diversity on the UWSP campus
Understanding the prevalence of racial issues on campus

By Adam Rodewald
FEATURES REPORTER

Only a few weeks ago there was a small sequence of events creating a thought-provoking situation. It began with the printing of a small sequence of events in our culture.

A week later there was a letter from the president of the Arts Department's spring play to arise. Are there racial issues on campus? Are they being addressed? What is being done, and what can be done to improve life at UWSP?

Looking around and a few situations become rapidly apparent. Walking to class, eating in Debob, sitting in a lecture hall, students segregate themselves into groups by race and ethnic background. Look through the timetable for the next semester's classes and it is clear that there is a lack of opportunities for diversity education. Of the hundreds of classes offered, only 30 of them fulfill the minority studies GDR. And finally, there is a lack of publicity informing students of the many multi-cultural events held on campus.

So, yes, there are some concerns here in Stevens Point that need to be addressed, but there are many easy and extraordinary ways to build the college into a diverse, educated and special environment. Ron Strege is the director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, a department devoted to diversifying our curriculum, campus populations and strengthening our relationship with the community.

Strege stated, "Most people want to be good people and treat others with respect." He also added about the topic of ethical differences, "We just need to not tap dance around it, to just talk about it."

Of the total 8,210 students enrolled in the university, only 6.4% are of a non-Caucasian ethnicity. That is only 526 people. "We all need to get to know these people...tell them who we are, and treat them with respect," Strege said.

Most students are unaware of the vast array of programs to encourage a healthy, diverse community. One major project by the faculty and staff of UWSP is Plan 2008, a step by step, vigorous and proactive plan for diversity. Plan 2008 was started five years ago by a committee of university members. Each category of the plan is broken down into a short, medium, and long term goal. These goals challenge the problems of isolation, lack of education and lack of diversity among the faculty. For more information on this undertaking, look under the Diversity page of the UWSP website.

"There are a lot of opportunities to learn about other cultures and backgrounds," said Christel Ryder, hall director of Pray-Sims, the multi-cultural residence hall. "It is a matter of seeking those opportunities out."

Pray-Sims itself puts on numerous programs within the hall, and even hosts some events to which the rest of the campus and even Stevens Point is invited. One such event held every spring is The Taste of Pray-Sims, featuring samples of food from around the world. Other campus events include the annual Pow-Wow, Soul Food Dinner, an abundance of conferences and so much more. Coming up in the last few weeks of school will be a Civil Rights Symposium, a series of conversational workshops on the Hmong, Italian and German cultures, and a program on Scotland Today.

So while there may be some problems here on the UW Stevens Point campus, a flood of opportunities and programs to build up the community are waiting to bring diversity into the open. As Ron Strege stated, "True education will come by interaction with others."

Go out on a limb and talk to the person walking in front of you down the street, sitting behind you in class and eating across from you in the cafeteria. As Plan 2008 states, "All members of the University community must share the responsibility for the implementation of the strategic plan." Embrace diversity, for it is the key to success in the increasingly globalized world.

Getting to know the country of Spain
One student's personal experience studying abroad in the country encompassed by change

By Sara Miller
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This past month has been full of dramatic changes here in Spain. I was sitting in class when I first heard about the terrorist bombings in Madrid four weeks ago. At first, I thought of the time not too long before that we had sat in a Madrid station, and gave thanks that my friends and I were safe.

Over the next couple of hours, I blocked thoughts of this terror out of my mind with the idea that after September 11, I already knew how the people of Spain felt.

But as I saw pictures of the trains, images of those who have died, as I heard stories of children without parents and parents without children, I finally faced my indifference and realized that the Spanish people are not only the ones who have suffered a great loss, but all of humanity.

At this realization, I could truly begin to feel deep sorrow for 200 of my brothers and sisters who have died and for the thousands of people whose lives are forever changed. On Friday night, many of us found our way to Plaza San Pablo and the surrounding area where hundreds of thousands of Valladolid residents took to the streets in peaceful protest.

Last month, the people again joined together to show support and to voice their opinions at the presidential elections, with a high 77 percent turnout. In a surprise defeat, underdog Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero from the Socialist party won over the current office holding conservative party.

Although it is still too early to know the changes that will be made while Zapatero is in office, he has vowed to withdraw Spanish troops from Iraq. After the tragedy that occurred in Madrid, many Spanish citizens are happy with the decision to not be involved in this controversial war.

With all of the changes occurring in Spain, I am not able to put my feelings into words. I can only say that I am thankful to be here in Spain during this tragic time to not be able to join the people as they reunite to mourn for the victims, to cry out against terrorism, and to take back their future.

Global warming: is it only in our minds?
Understanding climate change in a comic light

By Alii Himle
FEATURES EDITOR

"What's Funny About Climate Change," a comic performance highlighting America's response to global warming, is set to be performed Tuesday, May 4 on the UWSP campus.

Comedians Jane Lapiner, David Simpson and Joyful Simpson will enchant many with a series of comic vignettes depicting the gap between the true scale of global warming and the current level of response, especially in regard to the United States.

Woven together by narrator Joyful Simpson, each piece explores a variety of aspects attributed to the global warming effect. The intent of theater about personal, social, environmental and political issues is to help create the conditions in which positive change might occur," said David Simpson. "Theater can guide us toward an acceptance of the previously unacceptable."

As Jen Georgeff, Centerstage coordinator for the event, said, "I am really looking forward to this event as it is a prominent issue especially to those involved in the College of Natural Resources. I think this event will help bring to light our misconception of global warming in America." As those interested in attending, the performance will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 in the Encore. The event is free and open to the public.

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Brother of Pointer to play at UWSP

Second-team All-State selection Kevin Gruszynski from Seymour High School has informed UW-Stevens Point men's basketball coach Jack Bennett of his intentions to attend the school in the fall and play for the defending NCAA Division III national champions.

men's basketball

Gruszynski, a 6'5" swing-forward, was the Bay Conference Player of the Year after leading the Thunder to their fifth straight WIAA Division 2 state title game. He set single-season school records with 495 points and 212 points per game while earning Green Bay Press Gazette, Green Bay News Chronicle and Appleton Post-Crescent area Player of the Year honors.

"Kevin demonstrated the ability and unselfishness to be part of a championship caliber program," Head Coach Rick Witt said.

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Graduating on May 16th?

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Spotlight does battle at La Crosse

Team takes fourth despite missing ten top athletes

By Adam Wise

Coach Les Hill split his team up this past weekend and sent his ladies in three different directions. That is why when the team arrived at the UW-La Crosse Classic, they were a little short-handed.

women's track & field

"We sent eight women to the Drake Relays, two to the meet at Loras and the rest of the team went to La Crosse. I do not like to split the team up like that as it really hurts us as a team," said Hill. "However, I was pleased with the La Crosse group as we finished fourth and made a very good showing. Without eight of our top runners there, the others stepped up and did a very nice job."

Junior and usual long distance runner Nicki VanGheem took an eighth place finish in the 1500 meter run.

"This is not her event as she usually runs longer distances. She did this just to work on speed and just had an outstanding race," said Hill.

In the 5000 meter run, Ashleigh Potuznik blew away the field, finishing well over 25 seconds ahead of Amy Belleba (La Crosse) with a time of 18:04.39.

Becky Clarke ran to fifth place in the 100 meter hurdles, finishing less than a second off the pace in 16.06. Sophomore Nicole Pooley added another eight points to the team total when she finished second in the high jump competition.

UWSP earned a majority of the points handed out in the long jump when Becky Clarke, Stephanie Renk and Bethany Richter finished in third through fifth places, respectively.

In perhaps one of the most impressive performances of the day in La Crosse, Julia Slabonhorski set a new school record in the discus throw, while taking first place in the event as well. Fellow thrower Melissa Seefeldt then placed second in the hammer throw.

At the Drake Relays, the women also had a strong performance in the distance medley relay as the team of Leah Herlache, Marie Burrows, Jenna Mitchler and Megan Craig placed second in a field of mostly Division II schools with a time of 11:54.37.

The women’s 4x800 relay of Mitchler, Herlache, Craig and Kayla Brinker was sixth, with a time of 9:13.17. It was obvious that Coach Hill wasn’t overly enthused about having to split up his team.

"Had we had the whole team together, it would have been a pretty good team performance this weekend," said Hill. "A week ago we had some good weather and good things just sort of happened. This week it was cold and windy and it seemed everyone (had) to work extremely hard to have good performances."

Individual performers shine at Drake Relays

Johnson breaks 17-year old school record

By Jana Jurkovich

Standout individual performances propelled the men's track and field team as they competed at the Drake Relays and the Loras Invitational.

men's track & field

"In the Drake Relays, you must be at your highest level and complete a personal best to score any points there," said Head Coach Rick Witt.

That is just what two Pointer runners did. Curt Johnson and Mark LaLonde ran their best 10,000 meter times ever. Johnson broke the school record, which was set in 1987 and also provisionally qualified for the National Meet.

As a team, Witt felt that the athletes that competed performed very well, especially considering they were up against the toughest competition in the country. The men's shuttle hurdle relay and the spring medley relay also placed in their respective events.

Like Drake, the other team members who traveled to the Loras Invitational also experienced some performances that Witt deemed, "stand out performances."

Josh Vandervelden threw a new personal record in the shot put, Brad Wick finished second with a good performance in the 3000m steeplechase, and James Levash also finished second, with a new personal record in the 10,000m run.

Another performance Witt considered exceptional was that of Ryan Shephard. "Ryan has struggled after knee surgery," said Witt, "but last weekend he was looking like his old self; he jumped really well."

The entire team will be back together this weekend as they travel to La Crosse for the La Crosse Classic. Unlike most meets, this one is unique and will be held Friday evening.

The meet this weekend is the last opportunity for athletes to qualify for the Conference Meet. The next weekend, athletes must be in the top 24 places in their event in order to compete in the Conference meet.

"We have a lot of people who need to solidify their spot for conference," said Witt. "This weekend will be huge for them."

Deates to leave football program

UW-Stevens Point football coach John Miech has announced that defensive coordinator Kevin Deates will be leaving at the end of the 2003-04 academic year to pursue opportunities in private business.

football

"Kevin has been a very important part of our success in football over the last five years," Miech said. "His camaraderie with our student-athletes and game day intensity will greatly be missed."

A Hall of Fame player for the Pointers, Deates returned to UW-Stevens Point in the fall of 1999 as a defensive line coach and was elevated to defensive coordinator before the 2001 season when the Pointers won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

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90FM: Your only alternative
Pointers take three of five in cluster tournament

Team runs record to 20-19 on season

By Joshua Schmidt
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After struggling the last few weeks, the Pointer softball team was looking to get back on track against some WIAC foes last weekend in a WIAC cluster tournament in La Crosse.

UWSP led off the weekend against a powerful UW-Superior team. Superior took advantage of four Pointer errors, scoring five unearned runs on its way to a 6-0 win. The Pointers' Stephanie Anderson pitched well, going the distance and only allowing one earned run while striking out four. The Pointer offense had problems getting runners home leaving eight stranded on the base paths.

It didn't get any easier for the Pointers as they took on consecutive UW-Oshkosh games. Stout led off the game with a home run, but couldn't capitalize on the momentum and settle for the early 1-0 lead. The score stayed that way until the third when the Pointers took advantage of four errors to load the bases, Rebekah Bauer made the Bluedevils pay by knocking in two runs with an RBI single. Jenni Van Cuyk followed with an RBI single of her own to put the Pointers up 3-1 after three.

Stout came roaring back in the sixth inning as Jamie Gorges hit a three run shot shot to take the lead once again 4-3. UWSP responding by getting four runs across in the bottom half of the inning. Rebekah Bauer drove in her third and fourth runs of the day with another RBI single. Jessica Cook also got in on the action, slamming a two run single of her own extending the lead 7-4 with one inning to play.

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throughout his high school years," Bennett said. "During his senior season, he elevated his game in the fourth level." Gruszynski played on state runner­up teams the past three years and a state title team in 2001. He is one of only four players ever to play in four WIAA state championship games as his teams compiled a 91-14 record. He shot 69.5 percent from the field as a senior and ranks second in the Sentry Classic holiday tournament held at UW-Stevens Point in December.

For one thing, Tillman didn’t want the publicity. Once he announced that he was turning down a guaranteed $3.6 million dollars a year to join the Army Rangers ($18,000 annually) in the after­-season, "he’s got the guts to whine about where he’s going to make his millions. There are a lot of guys who would be happy getting a shot at rookie free agent with any team, while Manning decides he’s going to decide where he plays, not the other way around. I know if I were offered millions to play a game I wouldn’t be picky about where I played, be it San Diego or wherever."

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run double and a Jenny Feidt RBI single, while Liz Boettcher scored on a throwing error. The Pointers won a 2-1 lead in the sixth inning when as Rebebek Bauer had an RBI double, followed by a Jessica Cook RBI, making the final score 3-2 in favor of the Pointers 7-3.

The final game of the weekend was against UW-River Falls. Rebekah Bauer hit on the board in the first inning with a solo home run, notching her eighth RBI of the weekend to give the Pointers a 1-0 lead. The Falcons tied the score at one in the second when Emily Evans led off the inning, but Manning pulled a John Elway last week­end saying he would not play for the San Diego Chargers if they drafted him with the first overall pick. Well, guess what? The Chargers did draft him, albeit tempo­rarily.

The thing that stuck out the most is how Manning’s face as he walked up to the podium and held up the San Diego jersey. He held the jersey like it was soaked with the Ebola virus. I’m surprised he didn’t wear a hazmat suit and use tongs. Common sense! You just get drafted number one overall, a dream all football players dream about and you look like you just met your grandmother.

What a punk! You’re going to get 10 to 15 million dollars just to sign your name on a contract and you’re upset you have to play in San Diego? Yes, San Diego. A place where it’s 78 degrees year round. A city full of beaches and attractive young scantily clad women. It’s not like it’s Green Bay or Chicago where the temperature is below zero the last couple months of the season (no offense Packer and Bear fans). Mr. Manning thinks New York is a better place, evidently. He seemed much happier after he was traded to the Giants. New York, a city very similar to Green Bay and Chicago when it comes to cli­mate. No beaches, no park­ing and while there are attrac­tive women there, it’s hard to tell because they’re wearing six layers of clothing nine months out of the year.

But what really gets me is this guy is going to become a multi-millionaire overnight and he’s got the guts to whine about where he’s going to make his millions. There are a lot of guys who would be happy getting a shot at a rookie free agent with any team, while Manning decides he’s going to decide where he plays, not the other way around. I know if I were offered millions to play a game I wouldn’t be picky about where I played, be it San Diego or wherever.

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The low-down on country-cruisin'
The ultimate bike-riding adventure

By Adam Mella

Human power is great enough to do anything. It is all we need, and long before steam engines or nuclear fusion even entered this world, the power of human muscle was enough. And it still is. Coupled with the sensible genius that is simple machines and a little determination, human power can do great things. Take a bicycle for instance. The land speed record for a human-powered bike is 80.55 mph. That's faster than a horse.

Bikes don't need grooming or grain or even love... well not that kind of love. All they ask of you is, "Grease me up and ride, kid. Turn the pedals a little bit faster and roll on two." And while bikes can take you to your greatest human potential, they can also slow you down and put calmness in your busy soul.

Some times it is good to ride in this area. We use bikes without thanks. Sometimes it is your favorite blanket. Sometimes a bike ride is a shot of black coffee resin and something, it is possible to ride bikes like that again; to ride for the joy of simply riding. A good ol' country cruise can be therapeutic, invigorating and liberating all at the same time.

Remember that very first ride, when for some miraculous reason, from the noise, it is possible to ride bikes like that again; to ride for the joy of simply riding. A good ol' country cruise can be therapeutic, invigorating and liberating all at the same time.

Perhaps we all get stuck in the city for too long. It is an easy trap to fall into unknowingly.

So go out and turn the pedals. There are many good places to ride in this area.

For the mountain bikers, Schmeeckle Reserve extends north from campus. And while it technically is within the city limits, Fred Schmeeckle correctly predicted in 1958 that his donation would "serve as an island of green in the City of Stevens Point." For adventure cyclists, the Circle Trail that encompasses the greater Point/Plover area. This is truly one of the finest outdoors resources that Portage County has to offer. To complete the entire loop in one day without serious injury is an immense accomplishment.

Roadbikes, too, have a place in the county. In any compass direction, miles of mysterious pavement stretch out like hands reaching in the dark. There really is no feeling like finishing a twenty-miler on a hot summer day, knowing that your body can run all afternoon on nothing more than cool, clean water and crisp country air.

Yes, the human body is the greatest "machine" on the market. With that internal motor and drive in mind, go on out there and use it. Feeling good needn't be overly strenuous. Biking can be both, but unless it is restricted to putting between classes, biking will continue to be fun, like it always should be.
Why opening day is the best day of the year

By Adam Mella
OUTDOORS EDITOR

For fishermen, the opening day of fishing season is the best day of the year. Combining New Year's, Independence Day and a birthday all into one can barely come close to the excitement of that long-awaited sunrise. It doesn’t especially matter that the Wisconsin River is open year-round, or that panfish can be had at almost any time. The most important thing about opening day is that supreme mental moment of realization.

When dawn finally rises on the month of May, it is as if a deeply buried switch gets flipped within the open-water side of my brain. You see, some people have right and left sides in their brains, while fishermen have only ice fishing and open water personas. These dualities are hard to detect with CAT-scans, but they are there, and they hold extreme influence on the body they inhabit.

Unlike normal brains, which have a dominant side, my brain is in constant motion. In fact, I’m pretty sure my brain is in cahoots with the Great Fish and sleeping with the four seasons. In any case, my open-water side is really starting to control my thoughts. Just the other day, I woke up in my canoe... in the backyard.

Anyhow, I know I’m not alone in this craziness. There are many other anglers out there who feel the same way as me, and for good reason. The opening day of fishing season has many fine aspects.

For one thing, all those lakes that have been sheltering giant pike, walleye and bass for the last couple of months have been suddenly opened like a secret catacomb. The surprise factor coupled with the timeless mystery factor combine at this point to form an attraction unparalleled in the outdoors world. Who knows what kind of fish have been maturing since the ice went out? Surely, very very large ones.

Another great thing about fishing season is the thrill of an open water fight. Compared to the lethargic nature of a wintertime fish, springtime predators seem to be flying high on speed and "rots. The first good fight of the year is pure magic. Literally. The moment right after your first good hook-set of the year is better than... anything. Looking a well-hooked fish in the eye as she comes boat-side is simply ecstasy. And even that word is too dull to describe it.

Finally, I would have to argue the longevity aspect. Opening day is great for all the above reasons, but it is greatest because it is only the opening. It is like the moment after your last final, or the beginning of a really great weekend... that lasts for ten months. No more waiting or anticipation for the day to arrive. No. Every day for the rest of the year can be as great as this one. Every day will be filled with fishing pleasure. And yes, fishing pleasure is the greatest gift the Great Fish has ever given us feeble humans.

Proper trout-cleaning methods

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

After you catch a tasty limit of trout this weekend, take the time to ensure the quality of the fish by cleaning it properly. Trout are the easiest fish to clean, and the entire process can be completed in less than a minute.

1. Hold the trout upside down in your hand, with the head pointing away from the body.
2. Insert a sharp knife (a jackknife works just fine) into the anal orifice, and move the knife forward all the way up to the gills.
3. On the bottom jaw of the trout you will find an upside down boomerang shaped tab.
4. Slide your knife under the tab and loosen it.
5. Put your thumb underneath the boomerang-shaped tab, and push it into the gill cavity.
6. Grip the head of the trout with the other hand and pull the gill cavity along with the entrails in a downward motion.
7. The head, blood vein and skin will be the only thing remaining.
8. Remove the blood vein by pushing your thumb along the spine of the fish and rinsing it thoroughly. This will remove unwanted flavors from the fish.

Remember: It is illegal to dump any fish entrails into Wisconsin’s waters and even the stream banks. Please dispose of fish guts properly.

Finally, it is time for a fresh trout dinner

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Since ice-out, anglers have been able to take advantage of the Wisconsin River in search of spawning walleyes by boat or near area dams and backwaters. However, the real fun begins for most anglers on the inland lakes and streams that open for the first time since the season closed on March 1.

Walleyes are great this time of year, but nothing says “opener” quite like the first opportunity to keep fresh trout for the dinner table. Here are some things you might want to consider before hitting the trout lakes and streams this weekend.

Anglers: There’s a good chance that other anglers will be out on the streams and lakes before most college students get out of bed. Set your alarm clock and arrive early to reserve a good spot.

Rod and Reel: Some of the best trout fishing can be found off the beaten path. Try using a rod and reel that won’t make you cry if it breaks. As the day progresses, you may find yourself crossing creeks and fences or walking through brush. There is nothing more heartbreaking than snapping a favorite rod.

Bait: Scrap the artificial lures you used in the early season and strap a fat crawler on #8 or #10 sized hooks. Slide a 1/8 ounce split-shot weight about a foot from the hook. This is a simple but deadly tactic that trout cannot resist.

Hemostats: A small needle-nosed pliers is basically the same thing, but a hemostat works better for getting hooks out. The best brand of hemostat is the kind that locks because you can clip it to the outside of your jacket for easy access.

This is an important tool for any angler. It will ensure safer handling of trout when releasing them.

Clippers: Snags are common in any trout stream, so plan on retying a few hooks. Clippers will save your teeth, and they can also be useful if a trout swallowslows the hook. If this happens, cut the line quickly and the fish will eventually dissolve the hook.

为了捕鱼，钓鱼节的开渔日是最重要的节日。将新年、独立日和生日合并在一起，几乎可以接近于日出时的兴奋感。它并不特别意味着威斯康星河是开放的，或者泛鱼可以在任何时候捕到。最重要的事情是开渔日就是那种纯粹的精神时刻。

当五月的第一天终于到来时，就像开关被触发了一样，我的大脑开始活跃起来。你看，有些人有左右两个大脑半球，而钓鱼者只有冰上钓鱼和开放水型。这些对立面是很难通过CAT扫描检测到的，但它们就在那里，并对身体产生极端的影响。

不像正常的大脑，有一个主要的半球，我的大脑处于不断的状态。事实上，我很肯定我的大脑在酣睡中与大鱼共眠。生育季节的惊喜因素与永恒的神秘因素相结合，形成了一个在户外世界中无与伦比的吸引力。谁知道那些鱼在冰冻状态下成熟了多少呢？当然，非常非常大的鱼。

另外，钓鱼季节的另一个好的事情是开放水域的战斗。与冬季的鱼的迟钝相比，春天的捕食者显得飞得很快，而且“罗特”也很好。一年的第一场好战斗纯粹是魔术。实际上是的，一天之后的好钩子设定的那一天比...任何东西。看着被钩在鱼中的好鱼，在船上是简单的快感。

最后，我必须说要争论的寿命方面。开渔日对于所有以上的原因都是伟大的，但它是最伟大的，因为它是唯一的开渔日。它就像你最后的期末考试，或者一个真正的好周末...持续十个月。不再等待或期待这一天的到来。不，每一天对一年的剩余部分都可以像今天一样好。每一天都会充满钓鱼的乐趣。是的，钓鱼的乐趣是大鱼给我们的最好的礼物。

正确的鳟鱼清洁方法

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

在你钓到一条美味的鳟鱼的这一天，花点时间来确保鱼的质量。鳟鱼是最容易清理的鱼，而且整个过程可以在不到一分钟内完成。

1. 将鳟鱼握在手中，头部朝远离身体的方向。
2. 在鱼肛门和脊柱之间插入一把锋利的刀（一把折刀工作得很好），将其向上推至鳃。
3. 在鱼的下颚处，你会找到一个倒置的镖形标志。
4. 将刀片滑入鳃部并松开。
5. 将拇指放在镖形标志下，将其插入鳃腔。
6. 握住鳟鱼的头部，另一只手将鳃腔和内脏一起拉下。
7. 头部、血管和皮肤将会是唯一剩下的。
8. 移除血管，将你的拇指沿着鱼背冲洗，冲洗得很彻底。这将去除鱼身上的不想要的味道。

记住：将鱼的内脏倒入威斯康星州的水域甚至溪流中是非法的。请妥善处理鱼肉。

最后，是时候准备新鲜鳟鱼晚餐了

By Marty Seeger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

自从冰冻期结束以来，渔民们已经能够利用威斯康星河来捕到正在产卵的梭子鱼。但是，真正的乐趣从最开始就在内陆湖泊和河流上开放了，自3月1日以来的首日。梭子鱼是春天的好东西，但是没有什么比“开渔日”更棒的了。你可以在开办冰钓之前考虑以下一些事情。

渔民：有一个好的机会，其他渔民也会出海。设置好闹钟，并早到以找到一个好位置。爱好者的优点。

竿和鱼线：一些最好的鳟鱼捕鱼可以在远离道路的地方进行。尝试使用一条不会让你哭泣的杆子。一天过去了，你可能会发现自己穿越小溪和围栏或步行通过灌木丛。没有什么比切断最喜欢的杆子更令人心碎的。

诱饵：抛弃你早季使用的假蝇，绑上一个大虫子在#8或#10大小的钩子上。滑一个1/8盎司的半浮子在钩子的下面。这是一个简单但致命的战术，梭子鱼无法抵抗。

止血钳：小号的尖嘴钳也是如此。但是，止血钳在脱钩时更有效。最好的止血钳是那种可以锁住的，因为你可以将它夹在你的夹克上以便于取用。

止血钳是一种重要的工具，任何渔民都应拥有。它将确保安全处理鱼并释放它们。

剪刀：鱼钩通常会出现在任何鳟鱼溪流中，所以计划重新绑几条吧。剪刀可以保护你的牙齿，它们也可以在鳟鱼吞下慢吞吞堕时使用。如果发生这种情况，快速切线，鱼将会慢慢溶解掉钩子。
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concert review:

Shannon Lawson @ The Encore

Muscally, I found the highlight of the evening to be "Blackberry Blossom," an old bluegrass standard from the 1920's, which flowed smoothly into a fast, bluegrass rendition of "Friend of the Devil." A short story about his career's start in an all-black soul band in Louisville prompted Lawson and his band covered more bluegrass than country last Thursday at The Encore.

By Steve Seamandel
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

I was never a fan of country music. The twang, slow, depressing melodies and lyrics riddled with pickup trucks, ex-wives and hunting dogs just never appealed to me.

That said, I reluctantly attended Shannon Lawson's show at The Encore last Thursday. Touted as 'an up and coming country star' by Centertainment, I had a formalistic review already buzzing in my head: too much slow twang and depression in pickup trucks.

I was a cowboy ... "However, only about 20 minutes in, I was converted. Born in the 1970s and inspired by the era's vengeful vigilantes like Death Wish, the Punisher was no super-powered hero, but an ordinary man consumed by the desire to hunt and kill criminals out of vengeance. Such a grim premise has made it a difficult comic book to adapt to the big screen. The 1989 version, starring Dolph Lundgren, the Jean Claude Van Damme of the '80s, was a disaster. The new Punisher is thankfully an improvement. The problem is it isn't by much.

Frank Castle (Thomas Jane) is an FBI agent looking forward to retirement and a happy life with his wife Maria (Samantha Mathis) and son. But in one last job, he causes the death of the son of Howard Saint (John Travolta), a ruthless Tampa Bay businessman/crime boss. Egged on by his vengeful wife (Laura Harring), Saint has Castle's wife, son and entire extended family slaughtered at their family reunion in Puerto Rico. Thought dead, Castle recovers and plots a one man war of revenge against Saint. All the while, his new girlfriend, a motley crew led by abused waitress Joan (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos), try to help him keep at least a shred of his humanity.

To The Punisher's credit, the film perfectly captures the comic's dark and grim feeling, essentially during the massacre of Castle's family. However, by being so faithful, the film is painful to watch at times and with the relent­lessly bleak atmosphere; the moments of comic relief seem awkward and out of place. What really hurts the film, however, is the atrocious screenplay, full of logic gaps (Castle reveals he's still alive to the cops, and then proceeds to wreak his vengeance on Saint with no interference from the law) and horrendous dialogue. The film almost redeems itself with an impressive climax (how the Punisher brings down Saint is rather ingenious if implausible).

CD Review:
Patti Smith
Trampin'

By Rebecca Conn
Core Review

Today, you can buy a pre-packaged girl rock rebellion from Pink or Avril Lavigne, or you can go pick up Patti Smith's new album 'Trampin'. For those of you unfamiliar with her oeuvre, Patti Smith is the avant-garde poet laureate mother of punk.

She was singing about male rage at CBGB's and smoking joints with William Burroughs when Courtney Love was still a preschooler. True, we don't hear many echoes of this colorful backstory on 'Trampin', at least not at first. The first track, "Jeibicke", is infused with a country and western sensibility, reminiscent of the Cowboy Junkies or the later works of Johnny Cash. This stylings isn't awkward or obtrusive, though, and its use reflects how skillful Smith is at formatting her work in diverse ways. It will delight or at least intrigue her old fans, who should know better than to expect this album to be a walk down punk rock memory lane, and will undoubtedly win her some new ones.

As the album progresses, however, a more familiar Smith emerges. Her voice can still swing from melodic to dissonant in the space of a note like it did on her 1975 debut classic 'Horses', and she can still stop you dead with her intense poetry-fueled spoken-word incantations, here most notably on the tracks "Gandhi" and "Radio Baghdad". Lyrically, she inhabits the select sphere guarded by Leonard Cohen and Bob Dylan. Her songs aren't just like poetry, they actually are poems, and they demand your attention in a way few lyrics do these days.

Overall, we are left with a Patti Smith album that is distinctly but comfortably blended. Her new and familiar stylings merge fluidly into an intelligent, listenable work. On one side of the last tracks, "Peaceable Kingdom", Smith sounds like a punk grandma crooning a lullaby to a difficult child. That analogy is fairly close to describing how both listening to this album feels, and what Patti Smith has begun to become.
Your College Survival Guide: Eye of the Beholder

BY: THE PAT ROTHFUSS CONSORTIUM
WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE

Finally, the results of the "Describe Pat Rothfuss" contest. Everyone printed here in the column gets lovely gift certificates from our sponsor, The Mission Coffee House.

Winner "Most Obscure Reference:"
I have published documentation stating that Pat Rothfuss is, actually "an illegal alien." I have it on good authority that he is, in fact, a diminutive Peruvian woman of 35 who smuggled herself into our society. Mission accomplished Pat, or should I say... Alfhandra.

Mike Schiebel

P.S. Happy ten your anniversary for writing in the Pointer. You've come a long way since "Phor Phun and Prophet." Congratulations.

Mike wins this category with a direct quote from a 1994 issue of the Pointer. Back then I wrote a fake horoscope called, "Phor Phun and Prophet," which you have to admit, is a pretty clever name.

Honorable mention "Most Accurate"

Our Discription of Pat "Dwobit"

Dwobit: Pat looks sort of like a hobit... But not cute like Frodo, more like Bilbo. "Cause Frodo, he's cute. Actually, Pat is more like the evil spawn of a dwarf and a hobit. He has the hairy feet like a hobit, but the crazy beard like a dwarf. Oh, and we can also see him carrying around an axe like a dwarf, but stealing food like a hobit.

Love,
Saryn and Amanda

Winner "Most Accurate"

I envision Pat Rothfuss as an over-weight Chinese midget with thick glasses and freakishly sexy chest hair. The Asian Pat's real name is "Mr. Tinkles" and methadone is a code name for cherry coke, which he guzzles from a conspicuous paper bag as he rides his unicycle down to the park to yell at old people and swim with the ducks in the algae pond.

Marie Leslie

Winner: "Most Disturbing"

I know what Pat Rothfuss looks like. I work at El Dorado's and am there when he comes to satiate his pornographic needs (which have recently transcended clown sex). He is built like a bread truck, with beady, bat-like eyes and hair that resembles a bale of moldy hay that sits upon his huge, Cro-Magnon style brow ridge. He typically wears Capri pants and moon boots with his child-sized plastic rain poncho and is rarely seen without his girlfriend/sister on his arm as a trophy. He can be easily recognized by the purple bulbous growth on his neck like a cluster of grapes, tastefully decorated with noodle art.

Chris "The Leslie" Leslie

All winners can pick up their gift certificates at the Mission Coffee house after this Thursday at 3:30. However, due to their numerous mistakes, (including misspelling "hobbit") no less than four of the dual recipients of the honorable mention for "Most Accurate" will be required to kiss each other before collecting their prize. I'm serious.

This Thursday at the Mission, Madison Green is playing. White Friday "The Cruciferian Tour" is coming to the Mission, featuring Brained, Echo-Static, and Droids Attack. You should really go. We both know you're not going to get any homework done anyway, so you might as well have a good time...
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