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## Graduating seniors still face tough job market

**Job market improved from last year but seniors face competition from 2003 grads**

By Adam Somers  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With graduation approaching for most seniors at UWSP, many will now have to worry about their next step in life by entering the job market. In the past this has not necessarily been an easy task for graduates.

About 35% of 2003 graduates are still looking for employment. Also, about 50% of last year's graduates are still living at home with their parents, according to MonsterTRAK, the leading global online careers site.

The good news for the class of 2004 is that the hiring of graduates is up from a year ago. According to the National Association of College

and Employers, the hiring of new graduates is up 11.2% from last year; however, the competition will not be any easier. Not only will 2004 graduates have to compete amongst themselves, they will also have to compete with the 35% of 2003 graduates looking for employment, as well as MBAs and other graduate students who took the option of staying in school due to the weak job market.

This hiring increase does not seem to play a factor because of this competition, though. There are also some other factors graduates have to look at. Many places are downsizing or are just not offering employment.

Most employers will also tend to look at people with more experience rather than graduates with little or no experience. "Sometimes we are competing against people who have 5-8 years of experience," said graduating senior Craig Mandli.

Experience plays an important role in finding employment upon graduation. Having

relevant work experience or acquiring an internship can help students immensely in finding employment. The common notion among career services directors across the country is that a student with a "B" average and an internship is better off than a student with an "A" average without an internship.

Mandli, who plans on going into the magazine editorial field, had an internship with a publications company last summer. "I don't know where I would be if I didn't have that experience out there," said Mandli. He added, "...other places see that experience on your resume, and it puts you way ahead of someone who has next to no experience coming out of college." It is also important to get involved early as an underclassman.

Mandli commented that if you try to get involved as a senior, it is not going to help you. "If they can get in on the ground floor (i.e. when they

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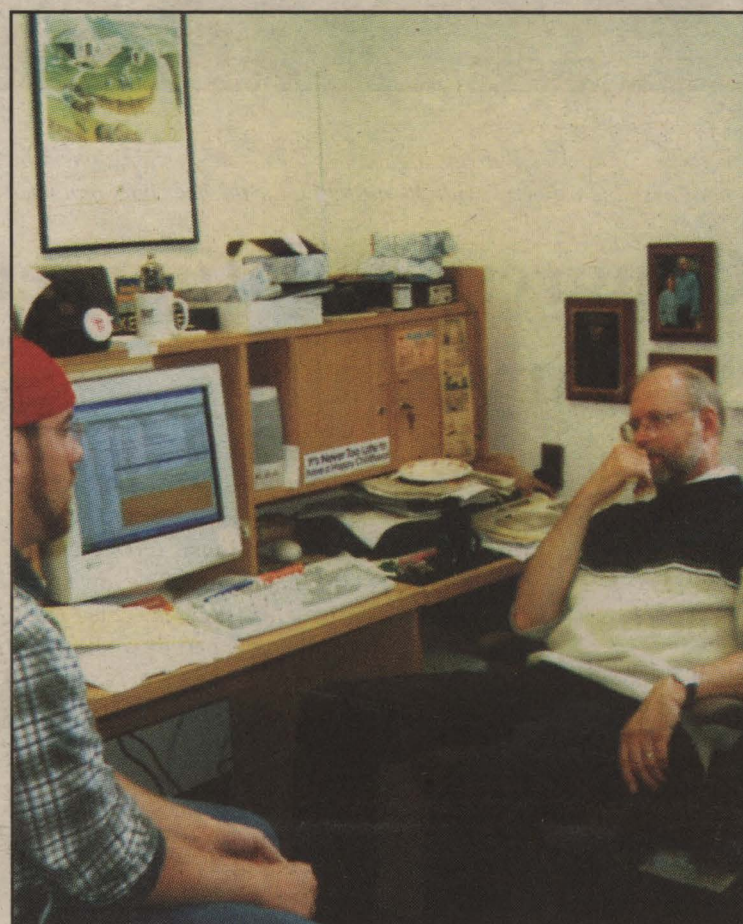


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Chad Linder, a biology major gets some advice from Career Services advisor Mike Pagel about what to do in the post-graduate world.

## Mopeds providing students economic alternative to driving

**Rising gas prices have students turning to other form of vehicular transportation**

By Steve Garvoille  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

With gas prices continuing to rise, mopeds are becoming a hit among college students as a fast and affordable way to get from one place to another.

But with this fun and excitement comes the responsibility of the driver to know and follow all traffic laws that apply to mopeds. Generally anyone with a driver's license may operate a moped.

### Moped rules of the road

"The same rules of the road that apply to automobiles apply to mopeds," said Bill Rowe, director of Protective Services.

Although the rules may be the same, drivers are still unaware of all the rules that pertain to moped use.

"I know many of the laws and regulations, but I would say I am not fully aware of all of them," said Jason Mangin, college student and moped owner. "I have learned through trial and error and through other people's use."

As tempting as it may be to give your friend a ride to class, rules are rules, and if caught, you must pay for the consequences.

Rowe said that a moped is

intended for only one rider and may not carry a passenger under Wisconsin Statute 346.595, although no fine is listed.

As convenient as it can be to take a moped on the sidewalk to cut through campus, moped owners must take the long way around.

"Mopeds are licensed vehicles that can be driven on the street only, not sidewalks, highways or interstates," Rowe said.

On roads where the speed limit is 25 mph, two mopeds may operate side-by-side if both riders agree. Also on roads with two or more lanes in each direction, mopeds must operate in the right lane except when turning left.

"Before hopping on a moped, riders should understand

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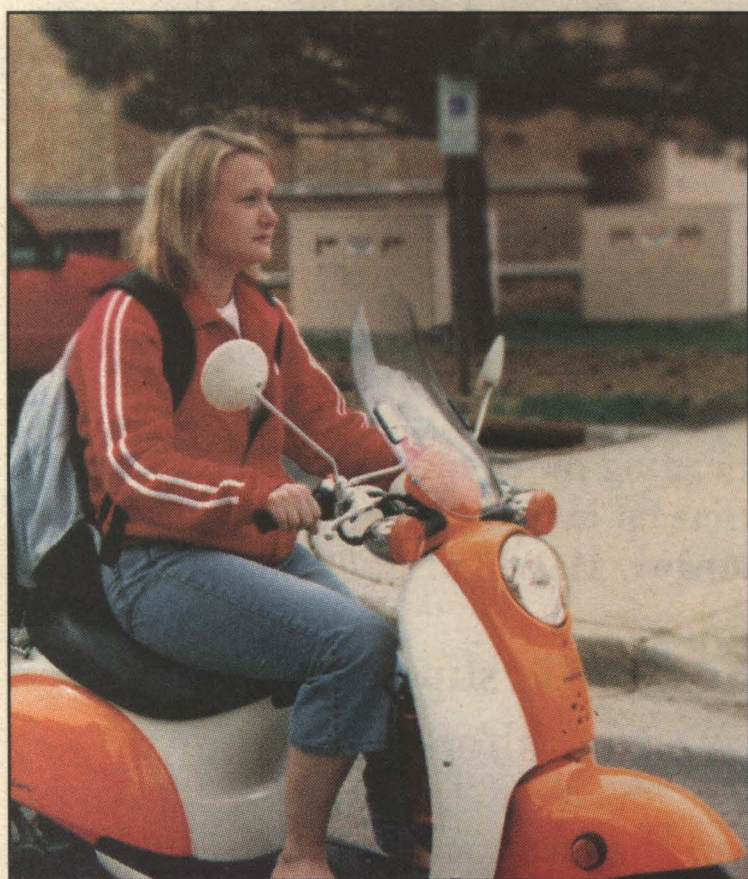


Photo by Liz Bolton

With gas prices on the rise, many students are turning to the moped to get around campus and Stevens Point without going broke.

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The owner of Lucky's Pub has high hopes for his new establishment by creating a bar that combines "old-school Irish atmosphere" with the nostalgia for the beer bars that once dominated the scene.

## Congress debating return of a military draft

**Although unlikely to happen, congress considering return of draft**

By John T. Larson  
NEWS EDITOR

With the strong possibility of a large portion of the U.S. military being tied down in the Middle East for an undetermined amount of time, several members of congress have begun to discuss the possibility of resurrecting the draft.

Congress has authorized the use of a draft to fill positions in the military during times of war in the past, but has not done so since the U.S. armed forces went to an all-volunteer force in the 1970's.

With the possibility of a long term conflict and a concern about a lack of civic responsibility amongst citizens and their colleagues, some members of the house and senate have begun to call for the return of this institution.

In January 2003 Rep. Charles Rangel [D-NY] introduced the Universal National Service Act of 2003 to committee that would have called for the induction of men and women ages 18 to 26 selected by draft to serve a term in the military.

Although the bill has yet to come out of committee, the call for draft was issued again recently by Sen. Chuck Hagel [R-Neb]. Rep. Rangel and Sen. Hagel have both served in the military, and have grown concerned about the use of force authorized by a congress where many members have not served.

"As a former veteran, Rangel is eager to institute some kind of national service system--military and non-military service--in part to instill a sense of civic responsibility," said Prof. John

Blakeman, associate professor of political science. "I think Rangel would also argue that the draft and national service would have a leveling effect, meaning in part that political elites from both political parties would most likely have children or other relatives serving in the military, and therefore might not be so quick to commit the nation to war."

Unlike previous drafts, there would be little room for student deferments other than being allowed to complete a semester in progress, but there is a laundry list of possible exceptions that might disqualify someone from the draft.

"With the last draft, there was an entire book that described the medical exemptions, said Prof. Ed Miller, professor of political science. "There probably would be other exemptions such if a person were an only parent, a conscientious objector, or if a sibling had been killed in combat."

Although there hasn't been a draft in decades, the system would be able to get up and running in a short matter of time, as all men in the U.S. must register for the Selective Service upon reaching the age of 18. "The purpose of this is to have the system in place and registration lists needed if a draft was adopted again," said Miller. With this list already available, it would simply be a matter of congress passing a bill for the president to sign into law for the draft to be restarted.

Students who have thoughts of taking a long vacation in Canada if a new draft should come into effect should be aware that in Dec 2001 the United States and Canada signed a "Smart Border Declaration" that tightens the border between the two nations and would require permission in advance before entering the country.

Students who are concerned

about the possible return of the draft should be reassured of the notion that some high ranking officers within the military are unlikely to be warm to the idea of a draft, as the all-volunteer military has higher moral and greater technical knowledge than an army that could be staffed in part by sullen draftees. "I bet a lot

see **Military draft**, page 11

## Lucky's Pub open for business

By Tony Romano  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Hans Hartleben, 28 year-old bar owner and Iola native, used the space that was once occupied by Joe Mama's eatery in downtown Stevens Point to open the new beer bar named Lucky's Pub.

The once popular beer bars have taken a back seat to the clubs and bars with full liquor licenses since the drinking age was changed to 21. Hartleben's dream is to change this trend.

"I took a small business class my sophomore year of high school," Hartleben said. "My project that year was about owning a beer bar and ever since then it has been my dream to have a successful beer bar of my own."

The expanded and fully renovated Irish style pub includes a glowing copper bar top and authentic antique beer barrels. "I wanted to provide an atmosphere of an old-school Irish pub," Hartleben said.

The bar serves a vast array of beers from local, national and international distributors as well as a full selection of malt liquors like Smirnoff Ice and Mike's

Hard Lemonade.

"Lucky's has a wide selection of dark, amber, and seasonal beers," Hartleben said. "We have a lot of domestics and imports." Hartleben also boasts of free pretzels and peanuts as well as various nightly specials.

Lucky's wants to attract a wide variety of people with the old-school Irish atmosphere. "We are looking forward to serving everyone from business professionals to the weekend college crowd," Hartleben said. "I would also like to establish a solid daytime clientele."

Hartleben also urges people to experience the whole square and surrounding establishments. He says that the bars on the square work together to bring in the crowds.

Hartleben, who also owns AutoPoint Used Cars of America, says the keys to success are fine service provided by a great staff, a friendly atmosphere and good accounting practices.

"I like providing friendly service where I can develop relationships with people," Hartleben said. "I like having fun and reaching people's needs whether it is at AutoPoint or Lucky's Pub."



**Graduates –  
Think About Your Shoes!**

**Graduates attending the commencement ceremony  
will line up in K.B. Willett Arena  
on Sunday, May 16 at 12:00 noon.**

**The floor is slippery ...  
please wear rubber-soled shoes!**

**The ceremony will begin at Goerke Field at 1:00 p.m.**

**The ground may be soft ...  
please avoid high heels!**



# Musings from Mirman

Here's final column of the year, time to hand out awards to the deserving few

By Dan Mirman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I can't believe the year is nearly over and that means it's time for thank yous. However, as a colleague pointed out, thank you columns are fairly boring except for those who get thanked. So, in the spirit of making this more interesting I decided to make this column about the first annual Mirman awards.

## 1) The Joey Tribiani award

This goes to people that are underappreciated in the grand scheme of things. They may not get as much credit as they deserve, but they have that ability to make you smile with a goofy phrase like, "how you doin'?"

And the award goes to my parents. I never give them as much or any of the credit that they deserve. However, they've never put pressure on me or threatened to cut me off, and for that reason I'm grateful.

## 2) The Big Lebowski award

This award goes to people that don't always get appreciated at first. Yet, the more you talk to him the more you realize his genius. And just like the Lebowski, hanging out with these people never gets old.

This award goes out to my roommate Steve Seamandel and not just because he's aware of the inherent genius of the Lebowski. He's the one guy who's seen my dark side more than anyone else and he still hangs out with me.

## 3) The Yoda award

The people who receives this award has no apparent weaknesses. He offers sage advice

regardless of the situation and I always feel better about a negative situation after leaving his company.

And the recipient is retired Professor Pete Kelley. He taught my very first journalism course and really instilled the journalistic bug in me.

## 4) The Hunter S. Thompson award

Like the award's namesake, this is for the writer on staff whose originality puts me to shame. No matter what kind of creativity I find, this person always seems to go just a little farther out there. This is a good thing because it gives me a goal to strive for.

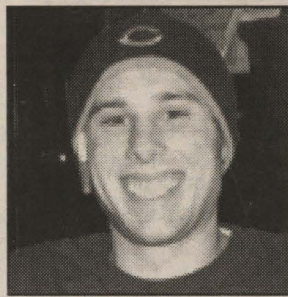
I have to give this award out to next year's Editor in Chief Adam Mella. Believe me, if you thought anything I wrote this year was funny, then you'll bust a gut over what this kid puts in the paper next year. If you're not familiar with his writing style, just page through the outdoors section and try not to laugh out loud.

## 5) The "Dirty" award

This award is in honor of a friend of mine who "has troubles with addiction." The majority of college students suffer from at least one vice if not more throughout their college years.

My personal vice, John Madden football for the Playstation II. I don't even want to think about all the hours I've invested in this game when I could have been accomplishing something more important. Yes, I'm a video game dork.

Finally, thanks to anyone who ever came up to me and said they enjoy what I write. It may seem like a little thing to you, but it usually makes my week.



## Pointer Poll

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What cool thing are you doing this summer?



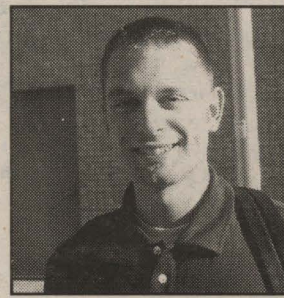
Adam Hinkle, Sr., Biology

*I'm going to remodel my house.*



Laura Farahzad, So., Comm

*I'm living in Manitowoc. Is that cool?*



Alex White, So., Dentistry

*Gambling my ass off in Minnesota.*



Ashley Taloff, Jr., German

*Maid of honor at renaissance wedding.*

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# Coming soon to UWSP: Dank-a-tronic

This Friday, jam band Dank-a-Tronic will be technically igniting this town with its hard-driving jams and catchy rhythms. Dank-a-Tronic is recognized in the dreadlock underground as "dreadnical-rock," the newest and dankest style of music brewed straight out of Colorado.

This octet has been known to throw down uber-heady sick sets, including covers such as "Casey Jones," "Waste," "Texas," "that other Fish song," and "any Widespread song that brings the heat."

Be sure to wear your favorite concert costume, because the band won't play to just anyone. Patch works are appreciated, but please refrain from wearing green or orange patches. The bassist, Sonny "smack that shit" Roads is colorblind, and he won't be able to see you. If you want to get his attention, try yelling his name repeatedly throughout the show, and continue to do so when he pretends not to hear you. If that doesn't work, drink another sixer of Flat Tire and try again.

We are pleased to announce that Dank-a-Tronic will be a stand-up only show, so all the cool hipsters can get downwn with their dank

barefoot steps. Chairs will be provided for those who fall ill witnessing the acid-crazed light show that is fully synched with the music. If you have enjoyed Fish's lighting in the past, then check out these heady kids brewed straight out of Boulder.

Dank-a-Tronic plays fast tempos with odd time signatures so be sure to bring your dancing shoes. If you can't keep the rhythm, just keep dancing since everyone is watching you. Any questions call, 1-800-DANK-A-TRONIC-ROCKS.

Oh yeah...respect your fellow concert goers... show up to the show on time, don't be obnoxious, don't block someone's view (sorry Eader), don't leave your dog outside and not pick up its shit, don't grope things that don't belong to you, don't leave early or puke in the bathroom, and please handle your drugs. Remember you went to the concert for the music, right? Listen to what you like, and don't knock it till you've listened to it (preferably alone and uninfluenced).

Peace out Brah.

Peter McLain

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## Understanding global warming through a comedic light

**"What's Funny about Climate Change?" gives a global outlook into our misconception of ozone depletion**

By Alli Himle  
FEATURES EDITOR

"What's Funny about Climate Change?" presented on the UWSP campus Tuesday evening in the Encore, takes a firm look at the issue of global warming.

Presented by Human Nature, an environmental tour group originating from California, "What's Funny About Climate Change?" introduces us to the lives of many governmental, political and corporate tycoons that see greenhouse gas emissions as purely an issue needing no further regard or research. Presented by comedians Jane Lapiner, David Simpson and Joyful Simpson, this performance gave insight into a subject that is all too frequently misunderstood and given little consideration at the national level.

The performance began by performer Joyful Simpson simply asking, "What is really funny about climate change?"

In answering her own question, Simpson noted that it is these great civilizations that we have created to meet our ever-growing needs and desires that, in turn, "have damaged nature."

The play is seen through the eyes of a common raven, watching carefully from above each action that man takes to destroy and further relinquish nature to environmental degradation. The Raven, played by Joyful Simpson, pulled the entire piece together by examining each aspect of global warming.

Through the performance, several

well-known governmental administrators were portrayed. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's position on global warm-

ing was depicted as being nonexistent, for she has no knowledge of it even occurring. When asked about the administration's

dioxide emissions, the government has turned all of its time and energy into national security since the attacks of September 11.

The issue of global warming comes on the wings of ignorance. As David Simpson said, "You don't smell it, hear it, see it or feel it." In the absence of all of the senses, also exists the absence of understanding. In order for truth to be accepted on this front "we must be the spirit of change."

In combating this issue, Simpson, Lapiner and Simpson mentioned several solutions. Reduce, reuse, recycle, replace and rethink was chanted among them as being at the forefront of this movement. The importance of rethinking was particularly emphasized, for

it takes each individual to think critically about their own actions for change to truly take place. More often than not, the solutions that the government tends to offer only mask the true issue of ozone depletion and in the end only further contribute to the crisis.

An open discussion followed the event for those that attended to share their thoughts while the performers addressed any additional concerns about global warming

"What's Funny about Climate Change?" was a collaborative program sponsored by Centertainment, Environmental Council, Roots and Shoots, Residential Living, Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association, Student Government Association, Environmental Ethics and American Water Resources Association.



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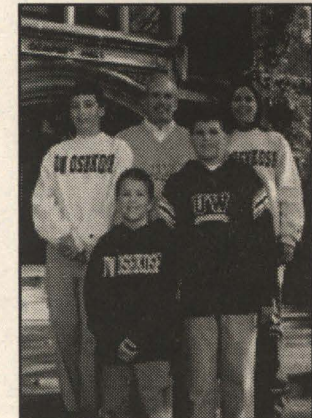
*Human Nature gives insight into climate change through comedy.*

## UW Spirit Week: A statewide celebration of accomplishment

By Adam Rodewald  
FEATURES REPORTER

On Friday, May 7 a statewide celebration will be held for alumni, faculty, students, family and friends to all show their school spirit and share in their pride of the UW system. This celebration, titled UW Spirit Day, was declared by Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and made official by his signing of a proclamation on May 3.

This event is meant to showcase the amazing accomplishments of the state universities. There are currently 160,000 students enrolled in Wisconsin universities, and 80 percent of them remain in Wisconsin after graduation. The state will be recognizing the contributions of over 500,000 alumni members.



To get involved in Spirit Day, everyone has been requested to gear up for the day by wearing their UW campus colors, logos and merchandise. They can be worn anywhere and everywhere, at work or at home, in the classroom or on the street. There is also

the opportunity to receive a special Spirit Badge in the form of a sticker to wear throughout the day.

The badge is a circle stating proudly, "I AM UW" in bold letters on top of a picture of Wisconsin. To receive a Spirit Badge either contact the Alumni and Relations office or check out their website at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) for a printable version.

To continue the celebration, everyone is invited to attend the Copper Fountain Festival in Piffner Park from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. of the same day.

The festival is a free event put on at the end of the spring semester by Centertainment to thank the students of UWSP for attending a year of events. Throughout the day there will be food and beverages accompanied by games, prizes and live music.

For those interested in live music, the two bands performing are Vic Ferrari and Pat McCurdy. Vic Ferrari is a 10 piece band from the Fox Valley which plays hit songs from the 70's to today. Pat McCurdy is an energetic singer/songwriter who is sure to strike a loving chord in the hearts of all those who see his exciting show.

Wear UWSP's logo, parade around in campus clothing and decorate with a Spirit Badge to support the university. Then, to finish off the day, enjoy the festivities in Piffner Park for an end of the year celebration. Don't miss this opportunity to show your UW pride along with others from around the state.



## A journey to the state summer games

**Special Olympics Wisconsin - your calling to get involved this summer**

By Alli Himle  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Special Olympics state summer games are set to take place June 10-12. Special Olympics is a national organization devoted to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition to over one million people with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics Wisconsin is a statewide organization that provides persons with cognitive disabilities an opportunity to partake in athletic events.

A cognitive disability refers to a person displaying significantly below average intellectual functioning that exists in the presence of maladaptive behavior and adversely affects educational performance.

Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOW) serves nearly 10,000 athletes in nearly 220 countries. SOW allows children and adults opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience enjoyment and participating in the sharing of experiences with family and friends.

Special Olympics of Wisconsin is comprised of seven areas, each focused in a different region of the state. Each area provides sports training and competition at a local level.

An array of sporting events are offered for participants including soccer, gymnastics, speed skating and power lifting, in addition to numerous others.

With over 9,000 athletes, SOW is continually looking for volunteers to help in organizing and implementing such a rewarding experience for all participants.



As Heather Zuelke, a sophomore at UWSP who has previously volunteered with Special Olympics said, "Volunteering is a very rewarding experience especially in seeing how happy the children are to participate. Seeing their smiles makes it more than worth it."

Those looking to volunteer, or for additional information on SOW, can check out their website at <http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org>.

This is a great opportunity to not only get more involved in your community, but to also make a difference in the lives of so many children through helping out such a well-recognized organization. It is volunteers that simply make Special Olympics of Wisconsin what they are today.

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# Capturing the essence of reality television

## Discovering the path to one student's creation of "Behind the Scenes: The Pointer"

By **Vim Shanmugam**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Creating a television program can be daunting. Creating a television program single-handedly at the ripe old age of 21 can be an almost impossible challenge. But Bret Lemoine thrives on challenges.

Lemoine, 21, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point junior created his own Reality TV show called "Behind the Scenes" for the campus student television station, STV. And he did it all by himself.

"I didn't have a working crew," Lemoine said. "I shot and edited the whole documentary on my own."

The first season of Lemoine's documentary, which debuted early this year, followed the student television (STV) news team as they did their work "behind the scenes." The second season, which is currently airing, follows the *The Pointer* staff as they work week after week to produce the campus paper in an often hectic

and high-energy environment.

Lemoine came up with the vision for the show last fall. He said that he was inspired by a documentary class that he had taken and the reality television phenomenon that has gripped the nation.

"I wanted to make a documentary, but the producer in me knew that billing the show as a reality program could appeal to a wider audience," Lemoine said. The show has elements of both documentary and reality television - but Lemoine carefully avoided the sensationalism and exploitation that often characterizes other reality television programs.

Lemoine's interest in documentaries stemmed from a high school passion for still images.

"I loved black and white photography in high school, so it was a natural progression to do something bigger one day!"

Lemoine said.

And a big venture it was. Lemoine filmed, edited and pro-

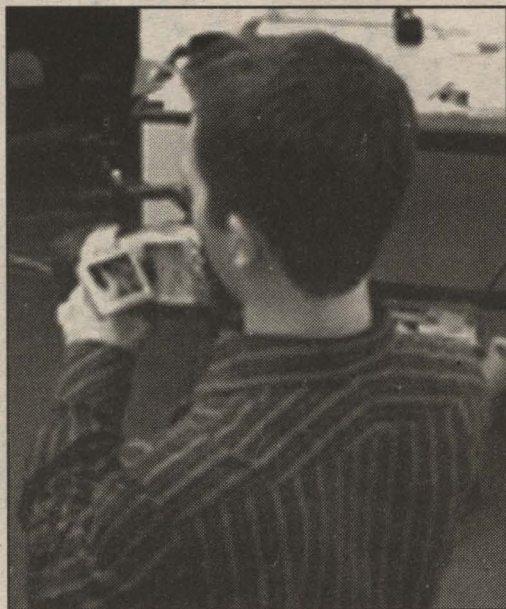


Photo by Patricia Larson

Bret Lemoine - the man behind the camera.

duced the show by himself. The only other help he got was from his parents, who gave him feedback, and his academic advisor in college, Bill Deering.

Lemoine received academic credit for the second season of the show. The main reward he got was simply seeing his vision fulfilled.

"Setting a goal and reaching it was tremendous for me even if no one else liked the show," Lemoine said.

Lemoine, who majors in communications, feels that this was the first step in starting a career in the news industry. In fact, he has been chosen to intern with the NBC Milwaukee affiliate, WTMJ4, this summer.

Lemoine is presently the general manager at STV. As a freshman, he was an STV news anchor. He became a news producer in his sophomore year.

"One of the reasons that I came to Point was because of STV," Lemoine said. "It is such a resource for students like me."

Lemoine graduates in a

year and plans to go to graduate school. He wants to earn a masters in media management.

"I will probably end up doing something in broadcast journalism," Lemoine says.

A final season of "Behind the Scenes" is in the works. It will examine the Student Government Association and is scheduled for release next fall. After that, Lemoine plans to take a break from documentary filmmaking - although he's careful to leave his options open.

"Who knows? I might end up making something completely new a few years down the road," Lemoine says. "Right now, I'm satisfied with what I've accomplished."

And his accomplishments are no small feat. Lemoine has not just taken a tentative step towards a successful media career. He has leapt forward with both legs. He says that he is working hard to get ready for the industry. The question remains, is the industry ready for him?

## All great things must come to an end

### Final thoughts from a departing yet still cranky student

By **Geoff Fyfe**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Well, the time has come, as comes to all students. After years of toiling over school work, struggling during classes and stressing over finals, the end has come. After four long years, graduation looms for yours truly.

Yes, folks, that time has come. Come May 16 I'll be marching down Goerke Field in a long bathrobe and cap and accepting the diploma I've waiting four years to achieve. (Well, actually, I won't be getting the actual diploma until sometime in June, but you get the idea.) After that, it's all over. My college career will be complete. And I'll have only one thing to say.

What the %&\$%! I can't be graduating! I just got here!

Seriously, where did the time go? It seemed like just yesterday that I was suffering through orientation in the summer of 2000. Back then I was your typical nervous freshman; unsure about being on my own, worrying about classes and room arrangements and trying to find my way around campus. It seemed like it was only yesterday...

...And whoa! Look what happened! Now it's all but over. Whoever said time is slow apparently never went to college.

It's going to be difficult, no doubt, adjusting to life on the outside. After four years at this place, you get into something of a rut. You get used to the long hours of studying, the trips to the bars on the weekends, the frequent lack of decent food.

(Yes, I couldn't resist one last dig at Debot, but only because I am a cranky student. Check the byline.) You get the feeling that college will never end and then it does. Goodbye studies and GPA, hello entry jobs and paying off those student loans (a major reason not to look forward to graduation).

As for me, I'm going to miss writing for this fine paper. It's served me well. I'll miss writing this column and complaining about everything that annoys me (a rather extensive list).

I'll miss reviewing films, the good and the bad, even those that made me want to run from the theater or wish sweet death or some other, less drastic relief would save me from the torture from the screen (yes, watching *The Order* was that painful). I'll miss covering captivating news on campus and going for the interesting story. I'll miss my co-workers. It's been fun and I'll miss it all.

Essentially, once you walk down that graduation field and take your diploma, a milestone in your life has been crossed. The last vestiges of childhood are gone. "School's out for summer," as Alice Cooper so memorably said, only this time, it's out for good (unless you want to go to graduate school, which will put your bank account even more into the red). Reality's now staring you into the face. Hope he looks pleasant, because you can't run from him. He's tenacious.

It's okay. I can take it. I've known the end was coming, but tried not to pay attention (not

that I had time to do so even if I wanted to). The time has come and I'm ready for it. It's time to say goodbye to school and hello to the workforce. I've spent 16 of my 22 years on Earth getting schooled, now it's time to see if I actually learned anything useful.

Yep, school's out and the work force beckons. Now comes the time to be an underpaid, harried reporter struggling to get ahead. Granted, I know I am luckier than most graduates, seeing as I have no debts to pay off and have some money waiting for me (trust fund baby, that's me). Still, things aren't going to be without adversity.

Well, that's that. My last rant is complete. I just wish to say farewell and thank you to everyone who read my work and especially to those who responded (even the Fine Arts students who wanted to lynch me for trashing the construction, your response was appreciated). Thanks for letting a cranky student like me spout off to his heart's content and for putting up with me. It's meant a lot to me.

With that, this graduate says in the immortal words of George Harrison, "All things must pass." It's my time to do the same. Farewell, UW-Stevens Point. Thanks for the memories.

And to all you underclassmen out there, remember...your time down that graduation path will come. Be warned (cue creepy laughter and music).

Thank you and goodnight.

## Goodwill campaign hits the residence halls

By **Maria Lewis**  
FEATURES REPORTER

The Goodwill Campaign is currently in progress in the Residence Halls. Beginning this week, students can get rid of unwanted stuff that they would rather not bring home in addition to helping out a great charity.

Last year, after the completion of the Goodwill charity event, the director of Goodwill Industries contacted UWSP applauding our university for our efforts to help others in need. UWSP's role in this effort prompted Goodwill to implement other programs throughout the state using our campus as a role model.

You can get involved by locating the gray cart and contributing any unnecessary items to it. The lobby of each residence hall will have a cart such as this located there. Items that

Goodwill is looking for include: clothing, bed linens, towels, magazines/books, notebooks, games, toys, sporting goods, small appliances, toiletries and non-perishable items. All items should be in working order.

Also, all food and toiletries should be unopened. Remember that things like garbage, microwaves, furniture, televisions, computers, large appliances, refrigerators and lofts will not be taken.

The Recovery Resource Center and the Residence Hall Association are sponsoring this event. The collection will help to eliminate some garbage and landfill space, along with helping out Operation Bootstrap, Salvation Army, First Home and Goodwill.

Give what you can and be sure to make your contribution by Friday, May 14. Help others while helping yourself in the process.



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## Pointers hit home stretch with Whitewater split

By Steve Roeland  
SPORTS REPORTER

As positioning for the WIAC baseball tournament had begun to take shape, the Pointer baseball team looked to stop the tear that the UW-Whitewater Warhawks had been on in last weekend's two doubleheaders. Nationally ranked UW-Whitewater went into the weekend with a 14-game winning streak and sole possession of the top spot in the WIAC. In four tightly contested games, the Pointers and Warhawks pulled out two wins each, setting the stage for a competitive conference tournament next week.

### baseball

In game one on Saturday, terrific pitching set the tone for the weekend. The Warhawks held UWSP to two hits in the game, and neither team scored in nine innings of play. UW-Whitewater salvaged a run in the bottom of the 10th to steal a win from UWSP with a score of 1-0 in 10 innings. Jake Frombach led off game one with a single, but Nate Richter was the only other Pointer to collect a hit in the contest. Matt Peetz carried a 21-game hitting streak into Saturday, but had it snapped with his 0 for 4 performance in the final game of the series.

Game two featured a complete game victory for Matt Simonson, as the Pointers defeated UW-Whitewater 4-2. The Pointers took the advantage in the third when Joe Waksmonski grounded out to short, scoring Richter to give UWSP a 3-2 lead. An insurance run was added in the eighth, and the Pointers went on to defeat the Warhawks in the second game, 4-2. Simonson's complete game was the first in his career. UWSP's win snapped the 15-game Whitewater winning streak.

On Sunday, the Pointers were poised to take both games from UW-Whitewater. UWSP jumped on the Warhawks in game one, taking a 3-0 lead after one inning of play. UW-Whitewater bounced back in the third, scoring four to give them a one run edge. Neither team scored in the last six innings, giving the Warhawks a 4-3 victory.

The final game of the epic series showcased the powerful Pointer offense. Three UWSP hitters, Chuck Brehm, Matt Peterson

and Matt Polomis, collected two hits each in the nightcap. Brehm drove in three runs in the game, Peterson drove in two and Polomis had one RBI. The Pointers put together a complete game in the final contest, winning 10-3.

"This series shows that we can hang with the best teams in the conference and the best teams in the country," said Pointer head coach Pat Bloom. "In the losses, the only thing we were missing was clutch hitting."

Coach Bloom also pointed out that the Pointers allowed the Warhawks to score in only four innings of the 37 total innings played over the weekend, illustrating the strength of UWSP's pitching staff.

UWSP will finish off the regular season with six games this week. The Pointers will travel to Fond du Lac to play a doubleheader against Marian College on Wednesday and will end the season with four games at home against UW-Platteville over the weekend. The WIAC tournament will be held at UW-Whitewater on May 14 and 15. Looking forward to the final games of the regular season, Coach Bloom feels that they will play a significant role in preparation for the playoffs.

"The final games will help us to solidify our lineup offensively," Bloom said. "With several injuries on the team, we can insert new guys and provide opportunities to solidify their positions."

The WIAC tournament will field some of the best teams in Division III baseball.

Both UW-Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh are ranked in the top-15 in the nation, and the Pointers are ranked seventh in the Midwest regional ranking of the American Baseball Coaches Association Div. III polls. In the first round of the tournament, UWSP will take on the Titans of UW-Oshkosh. The season series stands at three wins to one in favor of the Titans. In the other match-up, top-seed UW-Whitewater will take on the fourth seed, either UW-La Crosse or UW-Platteville.

"Championship baseball begins and ends with pitching," said Bloom of what UWSP will need to do to be successful in the playoffs. "It is important to have a solid bullpen and good quality defense behind them."



Simonson

## The Pointer Athletes of the Year

### Male

### Female

Scott Krause

Andrea Kraemer

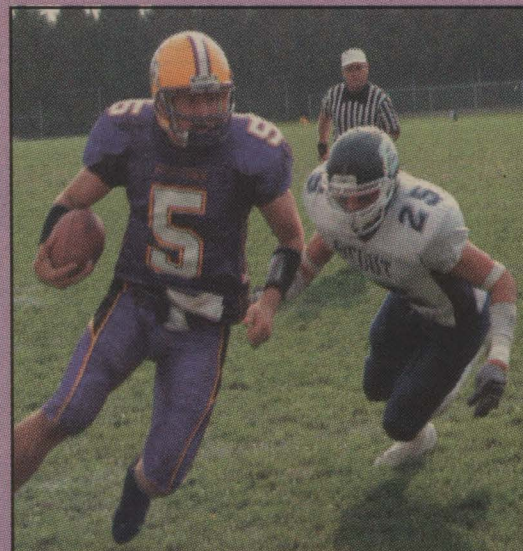


Photo by Patricia Larson

Senior quarterback Scott Krause broke many of UWSP's single-season records for quarterbacks during the 2003 season in leading his team to a 8-2 overall record. The Waunakee native was the WIAC Player of the Year, and a first-team Division III All-American. He passed for 37 touchdowns during the year, the fourth-highest total in WIAC history. Krause has signed with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, and will begin his first season of professional football early this summer.



Photo by Patricia Larson

Senior guard/forward Andrea Kraemer scored her 1,000th career point on December 9 against Stout. The Waukesha native averaged 11 points per game while sparking her team to the Final Four of the Division III national championships. Kraemer played the game of her life in the Division III semi-finals against the Hardin-Simmons (Tex.) Cowgirls, hitting 11 of 13 shots from the floor and leading her team over an athletic Cowgirl team, 72-67. She is planning on graduating next year with a Communications degree.

## Young team bows out early in tournament

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP softball team dropped their first two games in the WIAC tournament last weekend, bringing an end to the 2004 season.

### softball

The Pointers started the tournament with the unenviable task of taking on a 29-7 UW-Superior team. UWSP fell behind early as UWS had a run scoring double in the second and scored three runs on five hits in the third taking a 4-0 lead.

The Pointers mounted a rally in the fifth inning as Mandy Jellish drove in two runs with a two out single to cut the lead in half, 4-2. That's as close as they would get as Superior scored another run in the bottom half of the inning making the final score 5-2.

Stephanie Anderson took the loss, pitching six

innings, allowing nine hits and five runs, all earned. Mandy Jellish lead the way on offense going one for three with two RBIs.

In the elimination game, the Pointers took on UW-La Crosse. In what was a tight game, UWL capitalized on two Pointer miscues to score the only runs of the game as they won 2-0.

La Crosse's Carly Anderson scored in the second on an infield error while Jenny Miller scored in the third on a wild pitch.

Alli Romoren pitched a gem for the Eagles keeping the Pointer hitters off balance all game long, allowing just two hits in the complete game shutout.

Kelly Schmidt and Alysia Klawitter pitched well for the Pointers in the loss, allowing only two runs on seven hits for the game.

The Pointers end the season with a 20-21 record, 7-9 in the WIAC.



Jellish

## Pointer women gear up for Conference

By Adam Wise  
SPORTS REPORTER

With a week to go before Conference, the women's track and field team went to La Crosse for the second week in a row to compete in the WIAC Qualifier Meet.

### track & field

Marie Burrows, again one of Point's most consistent runners, tied for first place in the 200 meter dash with Bridget Burns (Wartburg) with a time

of 26.07 seconds.

Adding another first place finish for Stevens Point was Megan Craig when she achieved an NCAA Provisional mark of 2:15.79 in the 800 meter run. Leah Herlache finished three seconds behind and finished fifth.

Jenna Mitchler, competing in the 1500 meter run, had another NCAA Prov. finish with a time of 4:37.70. Not far

behind was Isabelle Delannay in fourth place.

Nicki VanGheem participated in the 5000 meter run and finished second behind Jill Robertson (Wartburg) with a time of 18:51.48.

In the long jump Bethany Richter and

Becky Clarke both had stellar finishes as they tied each other.

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Mitchler

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## The way I see it... Enjoying hometown ball

By Joshua Schmidt  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Hello for the final time this semester sports fans. It's been a pleasure being able to voice my opinions (or rant as some of you call it) on sports topics over the last year. I want to thank all the readers of my column, especially those who had the nerve to email me and tell me I was full of crap. Thank you all.

Since it's my last column I thought I'd write about something that's near and dear to my heart: football. As most of you know, I'm somewhat of a football junky. If I see anything remotely related to football on TV or in the newspapers and magazines, you can bet I'll watch/read every bit of it. Which brings me to my point.

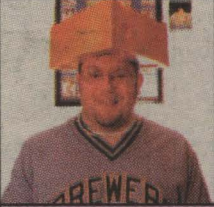
Summer is always kind of a football wasteland, with nothing exciting happening until the end of July when the NFL teams begin training camp. This doesn't have to be the case if you're sticking around in central Wisconsin this summer. Just a half hour drive north of us on 51/39 is our neighbor Wausau. For those of you football fans who don't know, Wausau happens to be the

home of a semi-pro football team called the Wausau Panthers. And they just happen to play in the summer.

If you want to see some real football, minus the crybaby multi-millionaires of the pro sport, check these guys out. The Panthers are made up of players who are playing for the love of the game. These guys risk injury, put in numerous hours of practice and sacrifice their weekends just to play the game they love. This is on top of their regular full-time jobs. And they don't get paid.

Starting May 22, the Panthers play their first game of the 2004 season, their third of existence. They play in the Great Plains Football League, or GPFL. The GPFL is made up of 16 teams located throughout the mid-west. The Panthers will play a ten game schedule this year plus the playoffs. There's no better way to get your summer football fix, so go out there and support your local semi-pro team!

For more information on the Panthers, including the season schedule, check out the website at [www.wausaupanther.com](http://www.wausaupanther.com).



By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

## The Man's Take What I'll miss at UWSP

Five years. For nearly a quarter of my life, I have been a student at UW-Stevens Point. I have seen some things, let me tell you. I'm not going to lie and say I won't miss it, because I will. Sure, I'll miss friends I've made, waking up at 10 a.m. for a two hour day and those pancake feeds that Debot used to put on around finals time. But everyone misses that stuff. Here is a list of, you can say, "off the beaten path" aspects I will miss:

1. The annual energy and hype that surrounds the "Naked Run."
2. Ordering Toppers bread sticks at 2 a.m. after a long night of...um...studying.
3. Sitting in a classroom, knowing that I will forget everything the professor has just lectured about as soon as I leave

the room.

4. "Nature walks" around campus (always on the first day above 70 degrees, when the scantily-clad vixens emerge)
5. Drinking Point Special at 9 a.m. just because.
6. Those guys in front of the Communications building that play a variation of horseshoes involving large washers for endless hours each day.
7. Bar-hopping while I'm not a "dirty old man."
8. Tecmo-Bowl tournaments in old Burroughs Hall in my younger years.
9. Picking up the paper on Thursday, and seeing everyone read my handiwork.
10. Watching athletes (and myself) that play for the love of the game grow as small town sports heroes and individuals.

## The Pointer Top 10 sports stories of the year

By Craig Mandli  
SPORTS EDITOR

&  
Adam Wise & Steve Roeland  
INCOMING SPORTS EDITORS

In an annual tradition, *The Pointer* sports department has compiled the top ten sports stories of the year. In a year that was obviously very successful for the UWSP athletic department, this was very difficult. Obviously, it isn't a bad problem to have, though.

**10. Kevin Deates leaves football program.** Deates, the longtime defensive coordinator and John Miech righthand man, finally decided it was time to devote more time to his family. The UWSP alumnus and former defensive standout on the football team coached here for six years, forming strong relationships with students and faculty around the university.

**9. Ryan Jones breaks career home run record.** Jones, the standout senior first baseman, broke the career record in his sixth game of the year, blasting two homers against St. Olaf to run his total to 33. Unfortunately, Jones severely injured his knee in his next game and was lost for the rest of the season. After being granted a medical redshirt, he will be back next year.

**8. Men's swim team wins WIAC championship again.** The men's swim team closed their season with a fifth straight WIAC title, narrowly defeating La Crosse.

**7. Cross country teams high at nationals.** The UWSP men's and women's cross country teams had a

standout year as the women finished third and the men second at the national meet.

**6. Blaha fights in Iraq.** UWSP pitcher Josh Blaha, a member of the Army reserves, was activated last fall and is in Iraq serving as a transportation specialist. He was featured in a story in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, and plans on returning to the baseball team next season.

**5. Yan White is runner-up in D-III wrestling.** White, who two seasons ago won a D-III championship, finished as runner-up in the 197 lb weight class.

**4. Krause 1st team D-III All-American.** Scott Krause, a senior quarterback, led his team to a 8-2 record, breaking numerous records along the way. He will play with the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL next year.

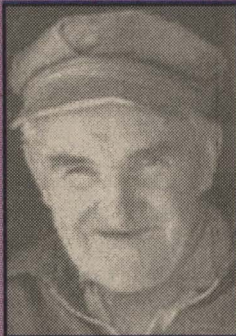
**3. Women's basketball makes final four.** The women's basketball team, spurned last year in the picking for the Division III tournament, rode the hot-shooting of Andrea Kraemer and Amanda Nechuta all the way to the final four, before bowing out in Virginia Beach.

**2. The Women's Hockey team makes championship.** The women's hockey team, in the Division III tournament for the first time, rode goalie Amy Statz all the way to the championship game before taking a hard-earned runner-up finish.

**1. Men's basketball team wins national championship.** Jack Bennett, long in the shadow of older brother and Wisconsin coaching legend Dick, takes home something his brother could never accomplish.



## Senior on the Spot Mr. Winters - Wise Elder



Winters

### Career Highlights

- Catching an 18 pound walleye with some twine and my left ear during the snow-storm of Aught-7. (1907)
- Beating a steam engine in a wood-splitting contest.
- Inventing granola.
- When I started the naked run, back in 1953. Ha-cha-cha.

**Major** – Artistic Hickory Pipe Smokery. Minor- Old Tyme Distilling Sciences  
**Hometown** – Stevens Point or Unincorporated Portage County (depends the year).  
**Nickname** – "Bacon-N-Syrup"  
**Plans for after graduation** – Get a new set of wooden teeth, widdle on the front porch, and die.  
**Do you plan on dispensing words of wisdom after graduation/retirement??** – Yes. I plan on starting a transistor radio show. It will also be available on HD Morse code.  
**What is your favorite aspect of dispensing your words of wisdom?** – Huh? Tilling the garden.  
**Most embarrassing moment?** – When I spilled two full High Lifes while ice-fishing on my 109th birthday.  
**If you could be anyone for a day, who would you choose?** – Henry David Thoreau  
**What CD is in your stereo right now?** – That Brigadoon Soundtrack on the vinyl 78 is pretty hot right now.

**If you could take anyone on a dream date, who would it be, and where would you go?** – I'd take my wife for a ride in the rowboat. What the hell kinda question is that? Geeesh. Damn promiscuous kids.  
**If you could invite any three people (dead or alive) over for dinner, who would you choose?** –

1. Winston Churchill
2. The Red Baron (whom I shot down)
3. Doc Holliday

**What will you remember most about dispensing advice at UWSP?** – My last solid memory is from around 1947, and it involves home-made pickles and a wheel-barrow.

**Do you have any parting words for the underclassmen?** – Stay off my goddamn lawn, keep the racket down and Go on and Geeeeeeeeet!

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### Track

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ers mark of 5.05 meters taking the field pretty easily.

Fresh off winning WIAC Athlete of the Week honors, Julia Slabosheski threw the discus 44.52 meters earning NCAA Prov. marks to finish third.

Becky Clarke, looking to wreak havoc yet again at another event, took first place in the javelin throw with a toss of 38.49 meters, nearly two meters ahead of second place Kelly Foley (Wartburg).

The team travels to Eau Claire this Saturday to compete in at the WIAC Outdoor Championships followed by the NCAA Championships May 27-29 in Decatur, IL.



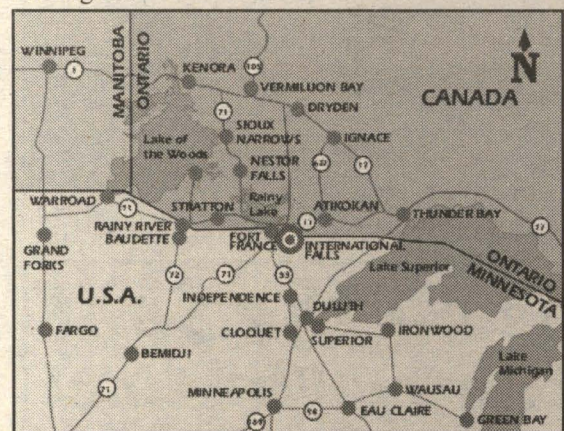
# Tips for making your trip to Canada run smoothly

By Marty Seeger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

It's not too late to plan a fishing trip to Canada before finding your summer job. The northwestern parts of Ontario (a.k.a. sunset country) boast 100,000 lakes and nearly 300 resorts and lodges. This doesn't even include the hundreds of campgrounds and several Provincial Parks that are available.

Sometimes it is fun to just go on a trip without making any specific plans. In Canada this can be done during the busiest time of year. Most vacationers from Wisconsin choose the borders of International Falls, MN or Thunder Bay. There are only 3 main highways that you really need to focus on so finding directions into Canada is relatively easy. Along the way you will encounter resorts and campgrounds on both sides of the road, and there is a good chance that you will find the one you are looking for.



The once-peaceful border seen here, has had a dramatic increase in security

Many of these destinations can be found via the internet, and they often offer some cheap deals on cabins and campgrounds. If you can round up a group of dedicated fishing enthusiasts you can usually find a week of fishing for around 500 bucks. One resort that you may want to check out is Five Lakes Lodge located on Gullrock Lake in northwestern Ontario. ([www.fivelakeslodge.com](http://www.fivelakeslodge.com)) They

offer competitive rates and group packages that are hard to beat. They also offer free golf for all guests at the resort.

If you don't have a boat you can simply rent one at the lodge. This resort can supply you with almost anything. Sometimes all you need for some of these trips are your favorite fishing rods and clothing. Before making plans about gear it is always best to ask the resort to help you with a list of things to bring along. They can also update you on the best times to catch fish, and what baits to use.

Although, this is only one option and there are literally hundreds of other possibilities. Once you finally decide on a place to go, you can concern yourself with other important aspects of the trip.

One of the major concerns people have before going to Canada involve Canadian Customs. United States citizens do not need a passport, but they need some form of identification to prove their citizenship. Citizens over the age of 18 need a valid driver's license or some form of picture I.D. Customs highly recommends that everyone should also possess a birth certificate. If all you have is a driver's license it could hold you up as Customs check the validity of your information.

Alcohol is another concern for most people. You are allowed one case of beer or one 40 oz. bottle of liquor without having to pay a duty tax. You will be charged duty taxes for additional amounts of alcohol, but it will be cheaper than buying it in Canada. Make sure you claim the actual amount of alcohol to the Canadian Customs and answer all of their questions accurately. It is not worth the hassle of trying to smuggle in more alcohol.

Generally Customs will give you no trouble if you answer their questions sincerely. Sometimes they will do random checks and pull you into an area where they can search your vehicle and luggage. If this happens, try to be friendly and patient. The border stations are usually busy during the spring and summer months, and Canadian Customs have a difficult job to do. Their main goal is to move people through the border with very little hassle. For more information about crossing Customs you can visit [www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/checklist.htm](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/checklist.htm)

# Walleye anglers can benefit from Babe's Patterns

By Adam Mella

OUTDOORS EDITOR

One major goal of all fishermen should be to improve themselves as anglers, year in and year out. This is done in several ways, with the main method being practicing their skills on the water. Nothing can replace the experience of putting lines in the water.

Year after year, with memories piling up in the old brain, the persistent angler learns best from hands-on action. This is a good reason to keep a fishing log.

The ability to look back in both print and neuron form is the best way to consistently find the fish, no matter the season.

When actual on-water experience is not available, due to weather or other commitments, fishermen often find themselves looking to learn more about fishing in other ways. Some like to watch fishing shows on the television, while others like to read up on outdoors magazines. One method of improving your knowledge of fish, and thus improving your knowledge as a fisherman, is to read up on outdoor-natured books.

Television and magazine media often are vague in the skills they highlight as well as the species and region that is being covered. A good way to specialize on a certain species and areas is to look into books.

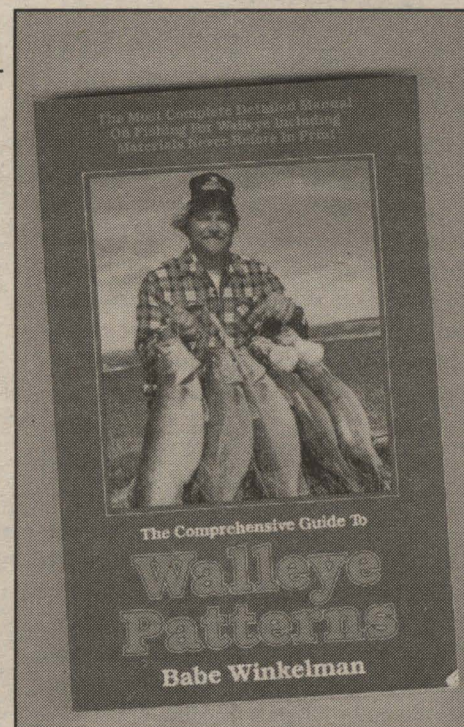
One such book, that has helped me to improve my knowledge, is *The Comprehensive Guide to Walleye Patterns*, by Babe Winkelman. Babe is a well known fishing guide and television host for In-Fisherman. The name of the book really says it all, as the text and graphics within really give the reader a good feel for the lessons that are being taught.

The main reason why I've found this book so helpful is that the art of walleye fishing is broken down so well, which makes it is easy to figure out what methods are best for the specific area you are looking to fish.

With the Wisconsin River being my main target for walleye, I can not only read up on large river tactics for walleye, but I can also look into detailed ways to target those walleyes from shore or by boat.

Going further into the sport, Winkelman breaks each method down by the famed In-Fisherman seasonal patterns. Looking at the river temperatures and the season, I can pretty accurately predict what the walleyes are thinking, and where and how to best fish for them at this time of year, by using this book.

While books are among the least popular media form for outdoorsmen, they often offer the most specific and helpful information that can be used throughout the year, unlike television, which only focuses on one small frame of the larger picture. *Walleye Patterns* lets the reader open up that larger picture, which is a great way to become a more informed, and in turn, a more successful angler, no matter the season.



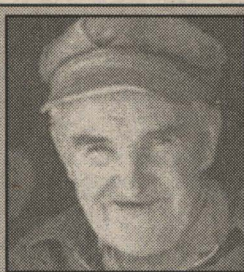
# Mr. Winters' two cents

Well, kids, I know that it's a sad day in history, but this here is the last article of the year. Can you believe the semester is over already? Shoot, time flies for you rascals, but for an old feller like me, the damn calendar moves like molasses. Now that the year is done run itself out, I find myself sitting here with hardly anything to say.

I really don't have any spectacular advice for you all going into the summer months, but I do have a few morsels of wisdom left in the ol' noggin.

The beginning of summer always is a swell time for me. For one, I get to go on my yearly fishing trip to Canada. While I'm usually a pretty well-mannered gentleman, the Canadian Shield always seems to bring out the crazies in my head. My one week away from the wife always gets me in trouble. I think I got a mild case of the old alcohol poisoning last year about half-way through the trip. Had to take a whole day off from fishing if you can believe it! Shoot, I still plan on having a good time, but I'll be the first to admit that getting so snuckered-up that you miss the boat is an unforgivable sin. Honestly.

Now I know that I probably couldn't hang with you scoundrels in an old fashion drinking duel, but for goodness sake, use your free time for something useful this summer. I know when I was a student, I would always go overboard after my last examinations. Sure it was fun to sip on



some shine and whistle at the pretty dames on a hot summer night, but hitting a trout stream hung-over takes all the fun out of the early-morning experience. Hey, I'm hip to "it," and I'm not saying you have to stop the party-wagon-machine or what-have-you. Just remember to set aside some time for the outdoors from time to time.

On another note associated with my annual trip, I have been thinking quite a bit on the whole petroleum issue. I busted out the old arithmetic machine to do some calculations on our gasoline budget. Turns out, we're going to be forced to pull some serious pumping and running at various Ontario gas stations in order to avoid cutting into the old bacon and whiskey fund. Goddamn gas prices are through the roof. I guess we're gonna have to finish off them Iraqis before we get some decent prices again, and at the rate that Republican pea-brain has got things going, it doesn't look like that'll happen in my lifetime. So my advice in this department is simple: get a horse. Grain prices and grooming costs aren't dependant on Middle Eastern instability.

So anyways, that's my story for the summer. I've had a lot of fun over that past two years, and I think now is as good a time as any to take a step back. Yes, folks, I'm retiring from the full-time lime-light that is the college press. Don't worry though; I'll still make an appearance every once in a while next year in between fishing and smoking the pipe.

Anyhow, you all take it easy, have a great summer, catch a shit-load of fish and then, "Go on and Geeeeeeeeeeeet!"

-Mr. Winters

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# Moving right along...

**Sniff sniff...my final piece of writing to ever appear in *The Pointer*. I'd better make this count.**

**By Steve Seamandel**  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

While I knew I wanted to write one of those meaningless, rambling "farewell" articles, I wasn't sure exactly what to ramble about. This usually isn't much of a problem with me.

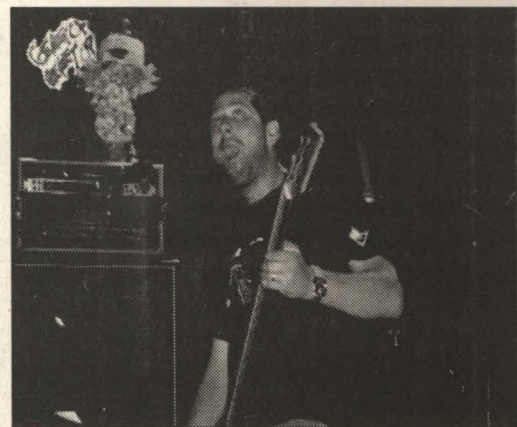
I decided to blather about what I blather about best: this band called The Disco Biscuits. I've formed countless relationships with people throughout my five years here at UWSP, and I can't help but acknowledge that this band helped me through some tough times, just as some of my best friends have.

I've managed to see The Disco Biscuits 32 times since I was a timid freshman residing in Baldwin Hall, room 327. This weekend marks my final college run with The Biscuits—four more shows, starting with an intimate gathering in Brooklyn, heading north to Albany, migrating to Wooster, Mass., and concluding in "Derty Jerz."

I can't even begin to put my insight and experiences with The Biscuits

on paper. Words really can't describe the paradise of a Biscuits show for me. I do know, however, that I didn't really start living and enjoying life in Stevens Point until I knew who I was... discovered somewhere in Pennsylvania in 2002 at, you guessed it, a Biscuits show.

So, I end with a collegiate thank you to everyone in my life who's made a difference. Mirman, Dirty, Zoidberg and Joshe, the ex-roomies (my girls), my Comm peeps from through-



**His headiness:** *Disco Biscuits* bassist Marc Brownstein will be my professor for the next four days.

out the years, my fellow English snobs (and non-snobs...), and all acquaintances, contacts and classmates, you've all made such a difference in my life. If I've had the pleasure of meeting you over my tenure here, consider yourself included in this list. I just don't have enough space to list all the names. College certainly would have felt incomplete without all of you.

But enough of this sappiness; there will be time for that next weekend at graduation parties. I've got to finish this article and bounce up out 'dis place to catch a flight to where the party is.

Thank you *Pointer*, and thank you UWSP, but it's time for me to go now. It's been one hell of a great time. I promise to come back and visit.



## movie review:

**By Geoff Fyfe**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The idea of cloning humans is a controversial one, fraught with arguments about ethics and morality and going against the will of God. A good movie is waiting to be made about the pitfalls of such a procedure. *Godsend*, however, is not that movie. A mediocre thriller at best, *Godsend* tries to achieve lofty heights, but instead becomes yet another mundane fright flick featuring another *Sixth Sense*-inspired creepy kid.

Paul and Jessie Duncan (Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn-I-guess-no-longer- Stamos) are a loving couple devastated when their eight year old son Adam (Cameron Bright) is killed in a car crash. Shortly afterwards, the mysterious Dr. Richard Wells (Robert De Niro) offers to use his newly developed procedure to clone Adam and bring him back to life. The grief-stricken couple agrees, the cloning is a success and Paul and Jessie begin a new, happy life with Adam 2.0 (also Bright). All is well until Adam 2.0's eighth birthday, where he begins to have terrible nightmares and exhibit strange behavior and it becomes all too clear that something evil is lurking behind those wide staring eyes.

*Godsend* starts out well, with its depiction of Paul and Jessie's loss portrayed convincingly and demonstrating how grief can drive people to desperate measures. Once the supernatural stuff kicks in though, the film falls apart. Every scare is stolen from other, and better thrillers and can be seen a mile away. Furthermore, this is another horror movie where you want to scream at the main characters for doing the stupidest things possible. Add in a remarkably unclimactic ending (albeit one with a creepy if predictable twist) and the film just fails to satisfy.

## Godsend



Kinnear and Romijn deserve better roles than they get here. They're good at depicting Paul and Jessie's grief, but suffer with the movie as time goes by. Then there's De Niro, who gives the latest in a long line of hammy performances as his modern age Frankenstein. Given his latest list of movie choices (*15 Minutes*, *Showtime*, *Analyze That*), one wonders if he needs money badly. De Niro needs to get in touch with old buddy Martin Scorsese

quickly before he totally jumps the shark. As for newcomer Bright, he is rather creepy as Adam, but he's playing the stereotyped role of the creepy, possibly murderous kid.

Eventually, I trust Hollywood will make a film that intelligently and seriously explores the ramifications of human cloning (or maybe I'm just being naïve). Until then, *Godsend* will have to make do and it's a poor excuse indeed. All it gives

us is a hokey horror show full of cheap scares and religious blather (yes, the name "Adam" is certainly not coincidence). In the end, it's just another on a list of recent embarrassments starring Robert De Niro. Quick, get Scorsese on the phone, stat! A career needs reviving!

*Godsend* is rated PG-13 and is playing this weekend at Rogers Cinema at 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25 and 9:25.

*Author's note:* This will be my last film review for *The Pointer*. It's been a blessing and a privilege to do so, even when forced to watch crap like *The Order* or the one reviewed above. Thanks for letting me do what I love, and that's the movies. And remember that like a true reviewer, I never shirked from my views. I called them like they were. Farewell and look for me at a cinema near you.

Godsend received



/ Four stars

# Summerfest lineup packs an early punch

**By Steve Seamandel**  
ARTS & REVIEW EDITOR

With Milwaukee's Summerfest unveiling new acts every day on their website ([www.summerfest.com](http://www.summerfest.com)), it's becoming increasingly difficult to stay focused on books and papers.

The festival, held on Milwaukee's lake front, will run from June 24 through July 4. Admission is \$12 for adults, although there are daily promotions for free admission. (Check the website for details.)

Summerfest boasts eight free stages of music and one comedy stage, in addition to shows at the Marcus Amphitheater, a 23,000-person capacity venue that overlooks Lake Michigan.

Headliners at the Briggs and Stratton Big Backyard include Kool & The Gang on June 30, Peter Dinklage on July 1 and The Indigo Girls on July 4. The Briggs stage traditionally features older rock acts and more adult contemporary music.

The Miller Oasis, which caters to a more broad audience, has a very diverse lineup of acts this year. The Darkness will kick off opening night on June 24, LeeAnn Rimes plays on June 25, Live on June 26, Talib Kweli on July 2 and 311 on July 3.

The North Shore Bank Landing with Miller Lite is catering more to a youth-

ful audience. O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) headlines on June 26, Buckwheat Zydeco on June 27, Dark Star Orchestra on June 28, DJ Paul Oakenfold on July 1 and Dashboard Confessional on July 2.

The Piggly Wiggly Music Market has perhaps the most eclectic lineup so far, with The Big Wu headlining on June 24, Ben Folds on June 25, Galactic on June 29, Willy Porter on July 1 and Medeski, Martin and Wood on July 3.

Highlights at the Harley Davidson Roadhouse, a stage that typically features more southern-rock oriented acts, along with a few rap and hip hop acts, include Liz Phair on June 24, Guster on June 25, Kenny Wayne Shepherd on June 29, The Ataris on July 1 and The Roots on July 3.

Don't be fooled by the title "Potawatomi Bingo Casino Stage with Sprecher Brewery": it's no gamble that the music on this stage will be top-notch. Jam-rock band moe. will headline on June 25, Angeliq Kidjo and Femi Kuti on June 28, Cheap Trick on June 29, Taj Mahal and the Hula Blues on July 3 and Indigenous and The Radiators on July 4.

The Marcus Amphitheater promises to deliver a plethora of nationally-renowned acts this year, with groups spanning the genres of bubble-gum pop to country to rock. This year's lineup includes Prince,

Blink-182, Britney Spears, Crosby, Stills and Nash and Tim McGraw. (Unfortunately, Christina Aguilera cancelled her tour because of strained vocal cords.) Keep

in mind that admission to shows at the Marcus is extra in addition to the \$12 admission fee.

If you're stuck with only one day to go, I'd highly recommend checking out some of the following acts:

**Prince, June 24.**

Need I say more? Find your way backstage after the show for some pancakes with the man who used to be the artist formerly known as Prince.

**moe., June 25.** This will be moe.'s fourth recent Summerfest appearance, and they seem to fill the slot well. Their blend of funky hard-edged rock with interspersed jams will be a sure hit.

**Buckwheat Zydeco, June 27.** Buckwheat is quite a guilty pleasure of mine. You know the old accordion-heavy "Drew Carey Show" theme song? Imagine that with faster funk mixed into the background. It's good stuff.

**Femi Kuti, June 28.** Femi, son of

legendary African drum-master Fela Kuti, returns to Summerfest with his huge arsenal of vintage African drums and percussion. You'll have a hard time not dancing.

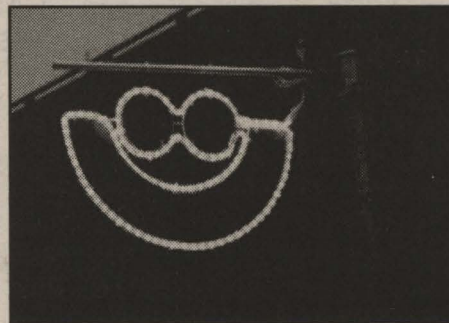
**Britney Spears, July 1.** Maybe she'll wear that skin-tone naked suit for a song or three.

**The Roots, July 3.** While I've never seen The Roots, I heard they perform for roughly an hour per show. Disappointing for a

non-festival show, a one-hour set will work perfectly for Summerfest.

A word to the wise: there are fireworks on June 24, opening day ("The Big Bang") and on July 3. The July 3 fireworks aren't through Summerfest, but you can see them from anywhere on the lake front. If you're in attendance on opening night or July 3, expect about 100,000 other people next to you and an absolute parking mess: take the bus, because you'll consider yourself lucky if you find a parking spot within walking distance.

Be sure to check out [summerfest.com](http://summerfest.com) for more details, as the bands mentioned here barely scratch the surface.





## jackie's fridge



by bj hiorns

## tonja steele



by joey hetzel

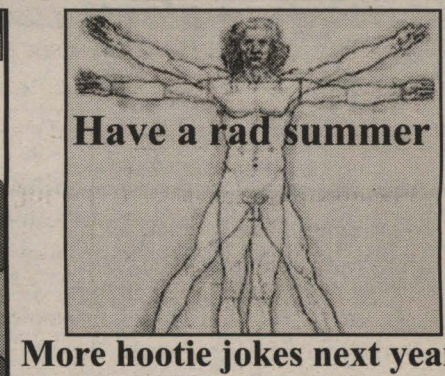
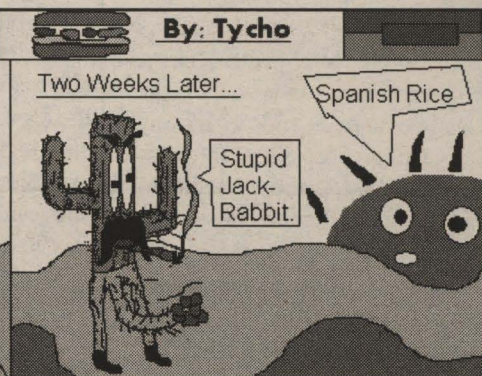
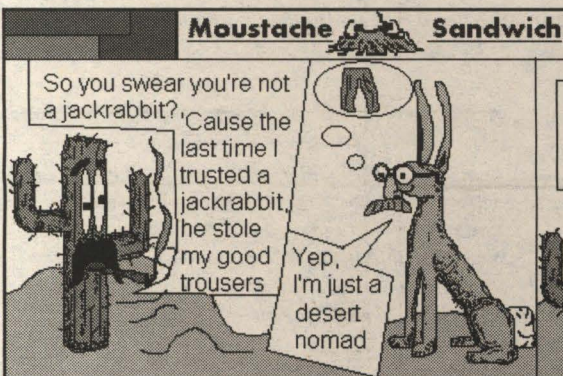
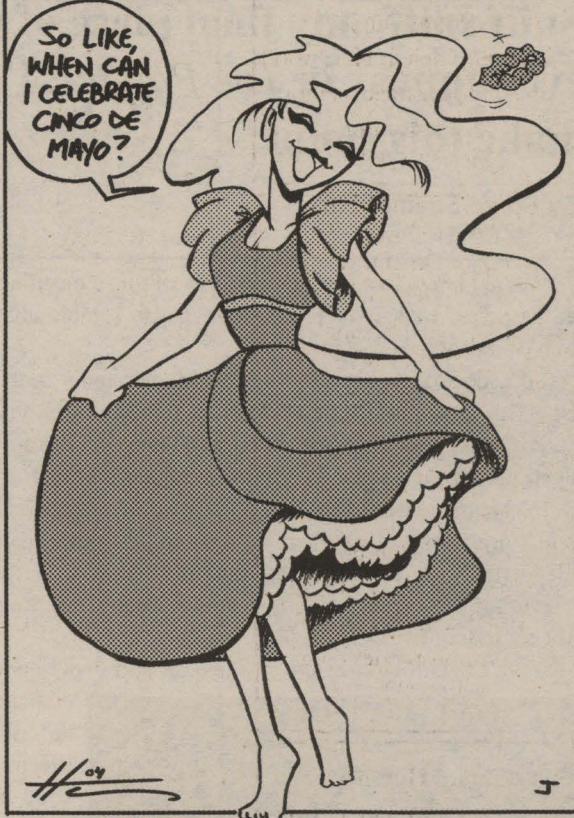
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## JoBeth!

by BJ Hiorns &amp; Joey Hetzel

A day late and about 11 pesos short.



Moustache Sandwich

By: Tycho

Have a rad summer

More hootie jokes next year

## Your College Survival Guide: End of the Line.

BY: THE PAT ROTHFUSS CONSORTIUM

WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE

SIC SEMPER TYRANNOSAURUS

Well, here we are at the last week of the semester. It's at times like this that I tend to think, "Where am I and why am I wearing this dress?"

At the end of spring semester I find myself regretting things I didn't get around to doing this year. Yet another year slips past where I didn't put a big cardboard bra and panties on the Da Vinci man in the mural in the sundial. I never got around to writing the "foreplay for girls" column, or the one about how to curse effectively. I never got around to printing this wicked cool piece of hatemail I got either, I guess I'll have to save all of that for next year....

Time for one last letter.

Hey Pat,

I'm sure I speak for a lot of people when I say, "I'm becoming afraid to live in this country."

Our utter lack of accountability seems to have green-lighted the government's need to regulate almost everything.

What we hear.

What we see.

Who we marry.

I enjoy the concept of America, but it seems that the execution of our freedoms we are experiencing are just that; a slow death by lethal injection of bills and laws.

My dream is to build a time machine and hand Hamilton and Franklin a newspaper and show them how far off track we've come.

I swear I'd pay cash money to see Alexander Hamilton pimp slap Bush.

(Climbing off the sop box)

Brad

How exactly do you climb off a "sop" box, Brad? Isn't a sopped box rather squishy and hard to climb onto in the first place? Would a sopped box even support the weight of an impassioned orator? Come to think of it, how did your box get sopped, anyway? I expect it's from reading the newspaper, then either weeping bitter tears or having the water scared straight out of you.

But seriously Brad, I'm with you. In fact, I'd go you one further. I'd like to see Franklin and Hamilton in a tag-team steel cage match with Bush and Cheney.

Now I'm well aware that Hamilton and Franklin had their flaws as well, they were human. But as politicians they helped create the idea of what it is to be an American. Bush and his coterie, on the other hand... Geh. I can't even find the words to rant properly about this. It's like I've been building up more and more rage over these last several years until finally, right now, all my anger collapsed onto itself, forming a black hole of hate, a super-dense mass of scorn from which nothing can escape.

What's my advice for dealing with this bad situation? Well Brad, unless you have a high-powered rifle and a copy of *Catcher in the Rye*. I advise you to bide your time, get active in the community, and get off your ass and vote when elections come around. And just remember, when the weight of the world is too heavy to bear, the twin sisters of solace are always there. I'm talking about

internet pornography and sweet, sweet methadone. Lord knows that's the only way I've managed to survive for all these years.

Before I sign out, I'd like to give a shout to all my peeps at the Pointer. Um... Yo... Dawgs. Honestly, I can't believe you let me get away with saying some of this shit. Like that, right there. They let me say shit. How cool is that?

I'd also like to thank all of you, my loyal minions... er... readers. Remember folks, if you sent in letters (pay attention Brad) or had your e-mail printed in the "describe Pat Rothfuss" column. You have gift certificates waiting for you at the Mission Coffee House. Go pick them up you lame-ass punks. I may kid about a lot of things, but not free coffee. C'mon, free caffeine, just in time for finals.

And rest assured, if next year's Pointer staff is as cool as this year's; I'll be back again.

Bye y'all,

Pat.

This Friday at the Mission there'll be Silik with Shattered Red and Quazar at 7:30. Also, I hear that on Saturday at 8:00 the Leghounds, Nuna, Red Satyr, and Silver Suns will help you study for finals, if you ask them nice.

Over the summer the mission also has an open microphone every Tuesday night at 7:00. Poetry, music, you name it. It's a cool scene. So cool that even I'm there sometimes.

Rumor has it that even over the summer, Pat Rothfuss' e-mail address is proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.



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## Moped use

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and read all the rules that apply," Mangin said. "If everyone knows and follows the rules, the roads become a much safer place for moped riders."

"I enjoy riding my moped very much," Mangin said. "I love how younger kids to high school kids get a kick out of a moped because it is somewhat out of the ordinary."

## Influence of fuel prices

With the price of gas creeping up to \$2 a gallon, mopeds become an economically efficient way to travel, especially in the eyes of a college student.

"As far as gas money, it is almost like nothing," Mangin

said. "For me it comes out to roughly \$1 to \$1.50 a week, which is not a whole lot of money."

Parking becomes another eye-catching quality of owning a moped on a college campus.

"It is also a lot easier to find a place to park," Mangin said. "You don't have to plug the meters, or run around trying to find a parking spot, you can just park by the bike racks."

All things considered, mopeds are a fun and quick way to travel around town or on a campus, especially with that spring and summer weather in the air.

"Buying a moped was definitely one of the best investments I have ever made," Mangin said. "I have never regretted having one."

## Senior job market

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are a freshman or sophomore) and have a few years to learn about their field, they will be all the better equipped when they search for work after graduation," said Mandli.

Attending graduate school has seemed to become a viable option for graduating students. MonsterTRAK reports that about 16% of 2004 graduates plan on attending graduate school. Graduating elementary education senior Kim Cowdery is a student who will be taking this route. Cowdery stated that one of her reasons for attending grad school is because there are "not a whole lot of jobs in teaching right now."

## Military draft

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of career military people would argue that the all-volunteer army is much more professional and better trained than a draft army," said Blakeman. "Countries that maintain all-volunteer militaries tend to have soldiers that are better trained, better equipped and more professional." There is also the fact that some members in congress are unlikely to seriously consider the proposal out of fear of the political fallout that would result. "Neither political party will devote a lot of energy to it, since both parties are not interested in being known as 'the party that reinstituted the draft,'" said Blakeman. "It can be a real electoral liability. Plus, we now have a generation of politicians and Americans who do not know

military service and really have no desire to make others serve. It's not clear that the American public would go for it either." Miller agrees with this notion stating, "given the great opposition to the draft in the 60's and the attempt to compare Iraq to Vietnam, my prediction is that it will not be adopted" and "volunteering for the armed services is actually up, making the draft less likely."

According to Miller, in the unlikely event of the activation of the draft, those inducted into service could expect to serve for roughly two years, with six months of that time dedicated to training and the rest for actual service. He states that the use of drafted soldiers would be mostly to "expand the numbers available and allow for shorter duty" for those currently serving.



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