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Campus witness to abortion protests

University subject to protests held by opposite sides of the abortion issue

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

Christian activists have launched a series of protests and other activities designed to gain student attention this week. Starting on Monday, Oct. 11, several Christian activists stood at several corners near the University Center and handed out literature to passing students and spent time quoting Bible verses and conversing with students who supported or were opposed to their presence on campus.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, pro-choice and anti-abortion forces demonstrated in front of the UC to inform students of their respective beliefs.

The protest and counter-protest began early Tuesday morning when several self-described "concerned Christians" began

their protest in front of the UC. The activists came armed with large graphic photos of aborted fetuses, posters quoting various sections of the Bible and large signs ridiculing different Christian churches and different religions.

One poster equated Catholicism, Islam and other religions with paganism and denounced followers of those respective faiths. Another large sign held by the activists denounced homosexuality by stating "Sodomy is a sin."

A few of the Christian activists handed out literature to passing students and spoke to those who were supportive of their beliefs and argued with those that were in opposition to their demonstration.

When asked what group or organization they were representing, several of the activists said that they were "simply concerned Christians who get together on occasion and were told about the event and decided to come and offer their sup-

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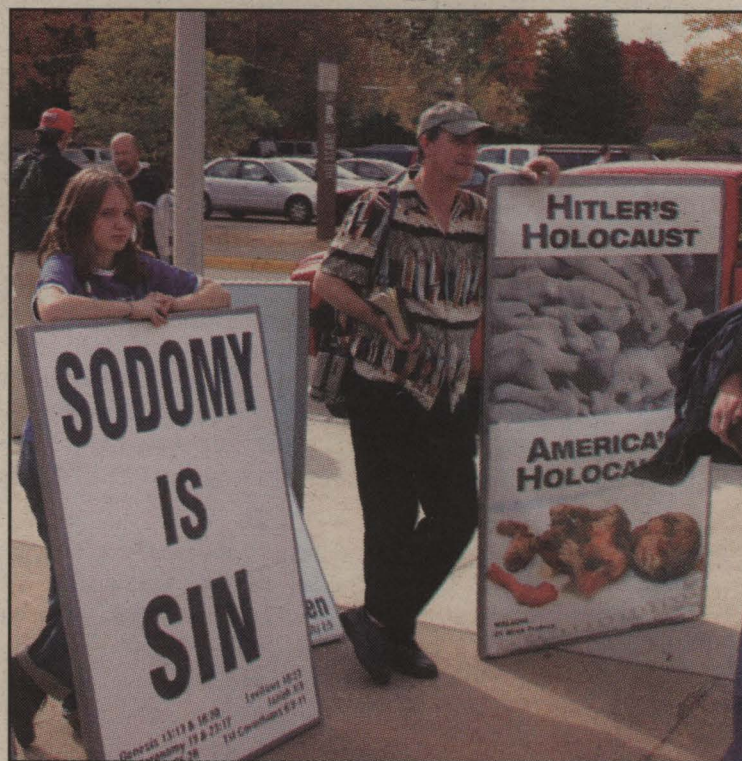


Photo by John Larson

Anti-abortion activists confront students that find the graphic pictures and anti-homosexual messages a nuisance.

Parking services says rate of vandalism lower in lots

Rate of damage and property stolen lower in 2004 than same time period last year

By Ben Wydeven
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

More than 10 acts of car-theft vandalism have been reported by students parked in Lots Q, P and V in the last week. Compared to previous years, however, officials say crime in the student parking lots is actually down.

"Working for Protective Services for 11 years, I've seen quite a few starts of the school year," said John Taylor, assistant director of protective services. Taylor also said crime in the parking lots is always higher during the beginning and end of the academic school year. "A lot of times it takes people a while to move their personal property from their vehicles into their apartment or residences."

According to Taylor, a girl reported last week that her vehicle had been broken into and over 250 CD's -which had been left in plain view- had been stolen. "They saw it, broke the window out and stole them," said Taylor. "Quite a significant

loss for her."

UW-SP Police and Security Department logs have reported only 11 incidents occurring in the student lots in less than a month and a half, according to the Protective Services office.

"I can say that during this academic year, we're down right now in total amount of property damage and personal property theft where we were last year," said Bill Rowe, director of Protective Services and Parking. According to Rowe, 33 windows were kicked in at Lot Q during the beginning of the 2003 academic school year, an incident which was avoided this year by actively monitoring the lots during the first two to three weeks.

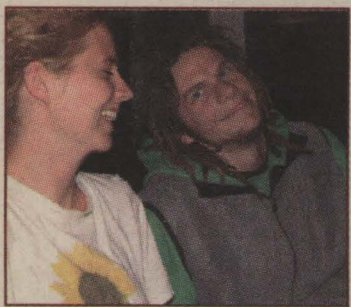
"We had one person assigned to each lot for a period of eight to nine hours during the evening to directly address the problem," said Rowe. "That was very very successful. We had no incident of break in or vandalism." Other methods of prevention have been discussed by campus officials, such as using security cameras.

The Stevens Point Police Department has also been helping to keep the vandalism down. "They're certainly aware of the problems and concerns that we have," said Rowe. "We worked a joint investigation and it was

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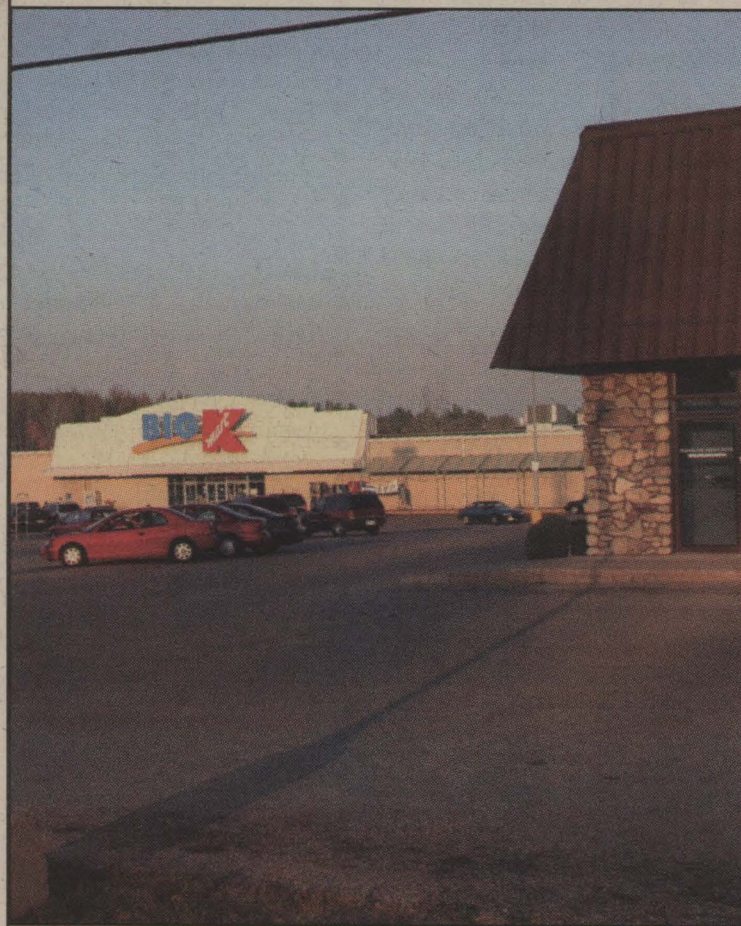


Photo by Liz Bolton

Students are advised to stop leaving their cars for extended periods of time in the K-Mart parking lot. The discount merchant has started ticketing vehicles of non-customers that make use of the lot.



Photo by Liz Bolton

Members of CHILD created a mock graveyard in protest of the family planning and health center located across the street from the site. Members of the group were forced to keep a close eye on the display as students angry with their presence on campus would often stop and shout vulgar terms at them and vandalize the site. The crosses were removed by the group late Wednesday evening.

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port."

Many of the participants echoed this statement and said they were there of their own accord and came once they were aware of the event, but one protester confessed that the event had been organized by a group known as the Wisconsin Frontline Christian Ministry, a group that one member said believed that most Christian faiths were false and corrupt and homosexuality and abortions were sins.

Shortly after the protest began, students in support of the pro-choice movement began a counter-protest right alongside the abortion demonstrators. One of the students involved in the counter protest, Melinda Strohmman, said that she had been notified about the protest by members of her organization, the Pro-Choice Alliance, and several members of the group stood in front of the UC right alongside the anti-abortion activists.

"We are here to inform people that there is more to this issue

than just abortion, we are also about reproductive health and allowing individuals to make these choices," said Strohmman. "They are the ones that are focusing on abortion." The Pro-Choice Alliance is affiliated on a national level with NARAL Pro-Choice America, an organization dedicated to prevent the overturn of the Roe v. Wade decision that allowed for legal abortions within the United States.

A third day of protests began on the grassy knoll next door to Baldwin Hall, where members of a campus organization known as CHILD had set up several hundred small crosses they said represented lives lost to abortion procedures.

Most students living on campus received literature from the group detailing their protest in campus mail. CHILD members alleged that during the course of the day, several students had spit on their display, knocked over several of the mock gravestones and made rude suggestions to them.

No members of the Pro-

Choice Alliance were believed to be involved in the more visceral displays of anger towards the visual protest, but members of the group held a counter protest in front of the display. CHILD denied connection to individuals who wrote anti-homosexual comments on sidewalks in front of the display, and they also denied connections to individuals handing out religious-themed pamphlets near the protest area. Those individuals may or may not have been affiliated with the group that protested in front of the UC the day before. While CHILD is recognized as an official student organization, SGA officials insist that no public funds drawn from the segregated fee fund were used in the creation of the anti-abortion display.

Members of the groups were observed late Wednesday evening dismantling the display. No member of the group was available for comment before publication deadline of the success or lack thereof of their efforts or if there were any plans to set up the display at a later date.

ommends removing CD player faceplates. "Anything that looks like it's easy to steal; a thief will go for it."

Lot vandalism

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largely due to their efforts, and those people were apprehended and prosecuted."

Taylor says lots P and Q are the two major targets of theft. "I would make sure all the CDs are either hidden from view, or I would take them with me," Taylor said, who also rec-

The Campus Beat

Lot J

Wednesday, Sept. 29 9:00 a.m.

Type: Theft

Protective Services was contacted by Parking Services about the theft of several parking decals from vehicles parked in the lot. The total value of the stolen decals (\$91.60 per decal) was \$711.

Knutzen Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 29 8:22 p.m.

Type: Drug paraphernalia possession

Protective Services cadets were dispatched to a fire alarm on the east wing first floor of the hall. After finding the source of the smoke, fire department personnel requested the opening of all doors on the wing.

Lot Q

Thursday, Oct. 1 2:44 p.m.

Type: Criminal damage to property

A female reported damage had been inflicted upon her vehicle while parked in the lot. The damage consisted of a large scratch stretching from the driver side door to the rear bumper.

Baldwin Hall

Saturday, Oct. 3 12:20 a.m.

Type: Criminal damage to property

Protective Services cadets were notified that the vending machine located in the hall basement had been vandalized and some of the products had been stolen.

Pray-Sims Hall

Saturday, Oct. 3 9:49 p.m.

Type: Trespassing

A hall official notified Protective Services about a suspicious individual roaming the hall.

Collins Classroom Center

Sunday, Oct. 4 11:31 a.m.

Type: Theft

A male reported the theft of his bike from a rack located outside the building. The reported value of the bike was \$100.

Lot Q

Monday, Oct. 5 7:00 a.m.

Type: Criminal damage to property

A female reported that the driver's side window of her vehicle was smashed and several items had been stolen. A CD player and several disks were missing. The value of the stolen goods was not disclosed.

Science Building

Monday, Oct. 5 1:12 p.m.

Type: Skateboard/rollerblade violation

A male was cited for skateboarding on the planters located on the east side of the building.

Lot Q

Monday, Oct. 5 2:30 p.m.

Type: Theft

A male reported that his vehicle had been broken into and several items were stolen. A rearview mirror, parking decal, CD player and remote, subwoofers, radar detector and amplifier were reported stolen. The total value of the stolen property was reported to be \$1251.

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Lot vandalism may be down, but students are advised to not leave valuable items in their cars that they would not want stolen.

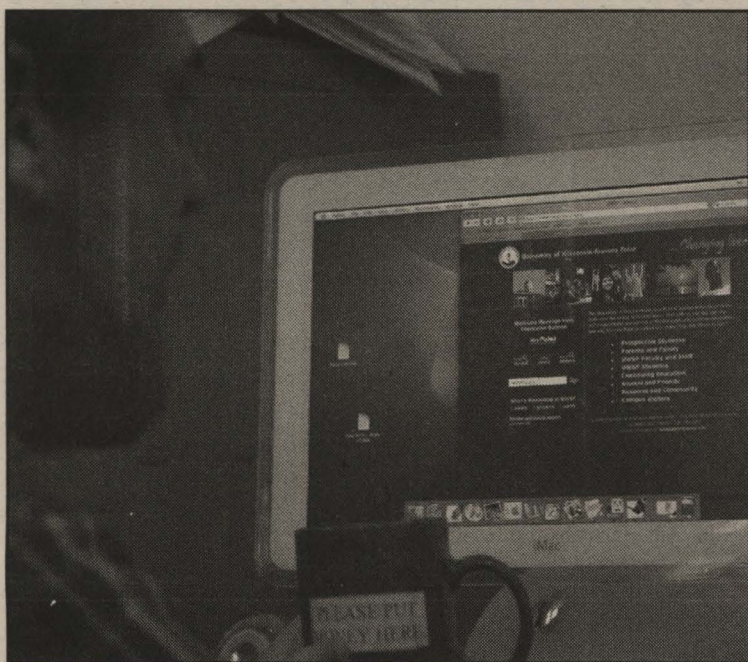


Photo by Liz Bolton

Launched on Monday, Oct. 11, the new university portal will allow students easy access to all important personal information on-line.

Safety awareness week coming soon

To draw widespread attention to issues surrounding safety on college campuses, the Student Government Association (SGA) of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UW-SP) has declared the week of Oct. 18-22 Campus Safety Awareness Week.

The initiative, sponsored by United Council of UW Students and formally proclaimed by Governor Jim Doyle, encourages student leaders to organize events and activities to promote

safety on campus.

Since the first proclamation of Campus Safety Awareness Week by the governor's office in 1994, United Council has advised UW students on ideas and events for the week. Many campuses will be engaging in activities such as "Walks for Safety", "Informational Sessions", campus safety audits and cell phone drives.

Students at UW-SP will sponsor a cell phone drive, in which students and faculty are

encouraged to bring in old cell phones and cell phone chargers. Cell phones can be used as emergency devices for dialing 911 even after service has been discontinued.

A self-defense class will be made available to the community free of charge. Interested people are asked to e-mail SGA Student Life Issues Director Lisa Bahr at lbahr515@uwsp.edu for details.

For more information, contact Bahr at (715)346-4592.

Mypoint web portal released

By Ben Wydeven

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This week, the cyber face of UW-SP has taken on a new personality, showing students a more inviting new door to the campus Web improving information accessibility. While the new portal, which was launched Monday, holds the same information as the old web site, its plum purple features are arranged in a way students can relate to.

"The thrust is to get people to use the portal where they didn't before and then provide them with the contents of all those things that are necessary to do their work," said Arne Arneson, director of UW-SP's Learning Research Center and campus Web unit coordinator. "Mypoint is basically the replacement for Net Check and Check Point."

Mypoint, which provides

users easy access to everything from emergency numbers to your own name and address to your class schedule to which movies are being played this week on campus. You can even add customized Web links.

The UW-SP faculty portal has similar advantages, such as access to payroll details and notices on important issues such as health insurance. "All those kinds of personalized deadlines, actions you need to take, will be right on the front page of the portal," said Colleen Andrews, senior information processing consultant for Information Technology and computer manager at UW-SP.

Arneson said the idea to make the Web site audience-based has been in the planning stages for about a year now. "There was never a thought that the old site was not good enough

looking or it was not navigatable," said Arneson. "It was too much based on offices and organizational structure."

Mypoint.edu, created by a team of UW-SP faculty and administrative staff as well as input from various departments, has already gotten a significant amount of feedback. "We're getting a lot of input and feedback, ranging from people who don't like the purple color to people thinking it's a really good look," said Arneson.

Among the creators and contributors to the design of the new portal are IT staff members, UT staff members, Resident Manager Rob Kobiske and UW-SP Web designer Arne Arneson, among others. Many of these people also created the original site. "The team that designed the first portal- this is phase two for them," said Andrews.

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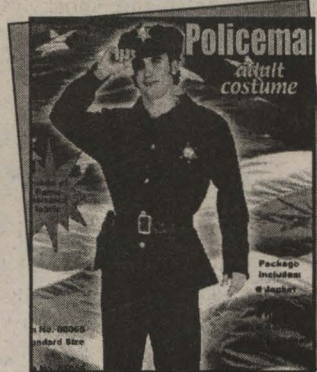
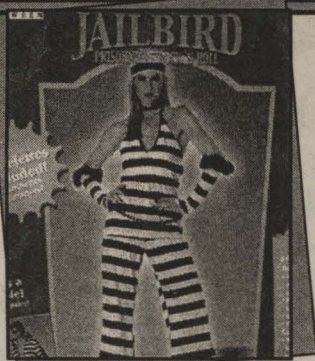
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Television wreaking havoc in dorm room

I try not to hate anything. Hate just causes tensions that I don't need. One infinitely vicious circle of hate surfaces when my senses feel sleep coming and my dorm roommate is watching television. The television is always on in my dorm room, like a little kid's security or comfort item (blanket, teddy bear) that always has to be with a kid. In the 21st century, more kids appear to feel connected to this artificial comfort item.

Before television, a geographical displacement would mean a new environment. Not today! MTV, sports channels, ahh those familiar faces and brands bring comfort to any soul. No awkward silence in this dorm room. I cannot blame my roommate though, he did not choose to be confounded to these corporate executive ideas.

Perhaps to blame are the parents who ever so willingly let the T.V. entertain their entertainment demanding child. I have two cousins, six-and five-years-old, who simply cannot fall asleep without the action-packed hiss of television. Perhaps this entire emotional response of mine has been due to the light show I receive every night laying in bed. The constant change of light playing on my eyelids is just not natural. I do appreciate the volume being turned down but could you turn down the light too?

Why write this? Well, hopefully one soul out there who's security blanket is television (I have to admit we all have some sort of security blanket) will consider their roommate who doesn't have an affection for television.

Marcus McCabe
UWSP Student

MELLA'S GOT THE CONCH

Don't consume your sweetheart

By A.M. Mella
EDITOR IN CHIEF

So I read on a billboard the other day that Sweetest Day is coming up this weekend.

Now this is normally where I'd blow a fuse and start huffin' crazy glue. But not today, folks.

A couple years back I finally realized that all holidays are in some way a spawn of consumerism - a big excuse for folks to have sales and buy shit for their honies. Or hell, they can even buy shit for themselves if it makes them feel good - or not

feel anything real at all.

Yes, I've bought lame shit for honies before, and it is more painful every time it happens. Damn that happy plastic!

I've been told that Sweetest Day actually has a legitimate history, and that's cool. But the fact of the matter is, the billboard puppeteers are ruining it, and money is too. I don't know when it happened, but money has replaced love in this sick country.

Money shows you care. Money can take the place of a good snuggle, a sexy-slippery

shower together on a Saturday morning and that look you give each other from across the room. It's wrong, so wrong, but money can fix anything - or at least that's what THEY want you to believe.

So I urge you, don't consume your sweetheart. Don't buy that special someone anything a billboard is selling. Give them care. Give them something from your soul that ol' Sammy Monopoly can't touch or fathom. Give them some old fashioned loving.

And then, maybe have a sandwich or something.

Pointer needs to remain politically neutral

With the general elections being a few weeks away, I believe that it is only right that the people of this country know whom they are voting for and why. As a communication major and former news reporter for *The Pointer*, I also believe it is the responsibility of the media to remain neutral when informing the public about the candidates.

Unfortunately, this has not been the case for *The Pointer*, as I have seen numerous instances in which certain members of the staff seem to have set their own political agendas as a higher priority than the fairness and accuracy of their reporting, in an attempt of swaying the audience to favor one side over the other.

Now, please allow me to say that I continue to have utmost respect for the campus newspaper, as well as its staff. Having written for *The Pointer* myself, I know of the effort that must be put forth in every article, and I admire the staff and all contributors for their time and consideration. Therefore, I apologize if this letter offends anyone, as that is not what I mean to do. All I ask is for the ability to suggest some constructive criticism.

As readers might have noticed, political news articles throughout this semester have often created favorable impressions of Kerry and Edwards, but have rarely mentioned Bush, and when they did, it was in a negative light. Among the most recent of many examples of such bias can be found on the front page of last week's edition.

In the sixth paragraph of his article "Vets offer support to Kerry," Ben Wydeven wrote "Bush also listed the things he has done in Iraq with facts and statistics, avoiding the chance to admit what he is doing wrong." There is a problem here, in that he failed to back his statement up with any sources, and instead chose to use his own opinion. While opinions are perfectly acceptable in Letters and Opinions sections of the newspaper, journalists are not supposed to editorialize news stories in the way that is demonstrated in the above example.

Once again, this is but one instance among many that portrays bias in the newspaper, and I can honestly say that I am far from being alone in this observation. For that reason, I have concern over how others will perceive this newspaper in terms of credibility, and how it may ultimately affect the overall readership.

That being said, I wish to conclude by asking that the staff use more care when reporting the news in the future, by providing an equal amount positive and negative characteristics of all sides involved, and leaving any editorial comments to the Letters and Opinion section. By doing so, *The Pointer* is more likely to restore any credibility that may have been lost in recent weeks and prevent a decrease of readership in the future.

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UWSP Student

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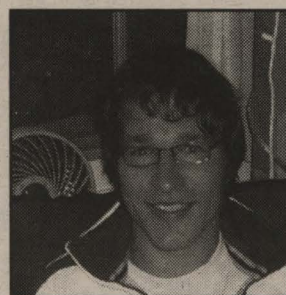
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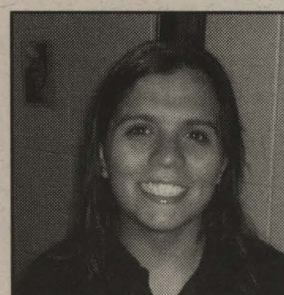
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Hey International Students: What do you like most about the United States?



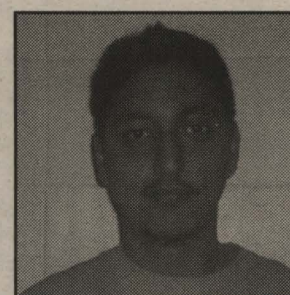
Christian Bade, Jr., CIS

People, and I like the way of living.



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People are always on time and helpful.



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Food, sports and women.



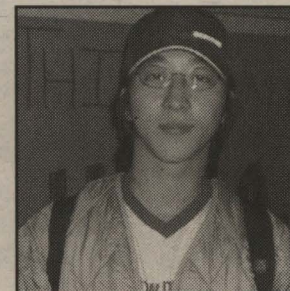
Diana Berg, Sr., Intl. Business

24/7 grocery shopping, Oreo Cookies, and Diet Vanilla Coke.



Ai Nagano, Jr., Communicat.

I like that people are friendly, and I like the nature.



Yong Min Lee, Fr., ESL Student

Food, and I like how people don't care about things.

Hey, in case anyone is wondering, 90 fm is playing 60 hours of jazz music this weekend for jazzfest. Check it out, if that is your thing.



Sweetest Day Ideas for the Attached

- Make a list of what you consider to be their sweetest qualities.
- Make a card for them.
- Go for a walk in Schmeekle together.
- Bake cookies together.
- Write a poem for your significant other.
- Create a picture frame with a picture of the two of you in it.
- Together make a list of your sweetest things and try to experience those things together.
- Watch a romantic movie together.
- Cook dinner together or surprise your sweetie by making their favorite meal.

Sweetest Day Ideas for the Singles

- Go out for supper with your friends.
- Do volunteer work with your friends in the community.
- Call your family to let them know you are thinking of them.
- Write a thoughtful note to one of your friends letting them know how much your friendship means to them.
- Make a special treat with your friends and enjoy it together over good conversation.
- Watch a chick-flick with your friends that reminds you why you are single.
- If all else fails, just disregard the holiday altogether.

The history behind the day of sweetness

Yet another day devoted to hopeless romanticics

By Alli Himle

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Just when you thought that Valentine's Day was not enough torture for those of you that are single, Sweetest Day arose.

Sweetest Day originated in Cleveland in 1922. It was then that Herbert Birch Kingston, a philanthropist and candy company employee, wanted to bring some cheer and happiness into the lives of orphans and others who were either underprivileged or simply forgotten about. Kingston, along with the aid of his friends, began to distribute candy and other small trinkets to disadvantaged children.

Since that time, Sweetest Day has evolved into a time to express romantic love, while also displaying appreciation for the special friends in our lives.

Observed on the third Saturday in the month of October, Sweetest Day is Oct. 16 this year. Primarily celebrated in the Great Lakes region and the Northeast, Sweetest Day has gradually spread to other areas of the country as people become increasingly mobile. Ohio is the top state for Sweetest Day sales, followed by Michigan and Illinois.

For many people, Sweetest Day is frequently regarded as another day to remind those that are single that they are, in fact, single. As currently avail-

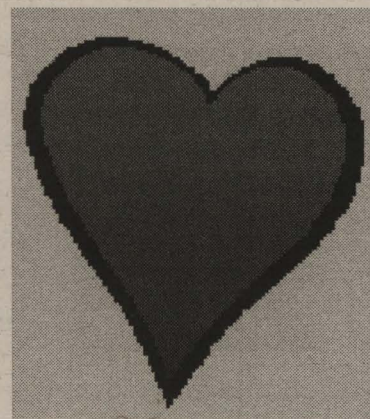
"Bring some cheer and happiness into the lives of those dear to you in another Hallmark holiday, Sweetest Day."

"Sweetest Day is being thought of as a day to cherish the friends that enrich our lives with their kindness."

able, UW-SP student Jeremy Hill said, "Just what I need, another holiday to make me feel lonely." However, that need not be the case. Increasingly, Sweetest Day is being thought of as a day to cherish the friends that enrich our lives with their kindness.

Regardless of how you feel about Sweetest Day, take the time to enrich your own life not just this day, but every day. Encourage yourself to find the sweetness in yourself, whether it be doing something nice for a significant other, friend, or family member. Most importantly, do something that is meaningful to you. Sweetest Day can only be as important as you make it.

And lastly, for those cold-hearted cynics who feel that this is Hallmark's way of getting consumers to buy just one more card, I would be lying to you if I told you were wrong.



UW-SP harbors winner

Photographer takes first in national competition

By Adam Rodewald
FEATURES EDITOR

Media Specialist and UW-SP Alumnus Tom Charlesworth took first place in the portrait division and third place in the sports category of the University Photographers Association of America monthly competition (UPAA).

UPAA is open to professional photographers associated with higher education. The competition they run is held completely online and is judged by each member of the association.

The competition runs monthly from September through June, when the photographer with the highest number of points will be declared the overall winner.

"It's a way for me to get judged by my peers," said Charlesworth.

His first-place portrait was a black-and-white photo of Marika Loftman-Davis, a UW-SP student dancer. The sports photo was a color shot taken at a rugby match.

Charlesworth graduated from UW-SP in 1987, worked as a photographer at newspapers in Wisconsin Rapids and Stevens Point, then finally came back to campus in 1999 as part of the college's News Service staff. He has placed before in this competition and has won many other awards.

SALSA adds spice to Stevens Point's diversity

Another student organization works hard to better society

By Dawn VerHaagh

FEATURES REPORTER

Weekly on the UW-SP campus members of SALSA (Student Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement) meet to coordinate events and establish goals.

Embarking upon its 5th year, SALSA continues to work toward their mission of providing a more extensive understanding of Latin American cultures and to promote education and a positive image of Latin American culture at the university and the wider community.

The 12 active members of SALSA range in ethnicities from Latino to Caucasian to African American and more. They work together to broaden the awareness of Latin American culture and to accomplish their set of goals.

Educating the community on Latino

cultures and customs, and eliminating stereotypes is the main goal of SALSA. They also strive to create a more diverse climate on campus, provide a welcoming environment for all students, showing solidarity and support for causes that socially advance Latinos at home and abroad, and working to eliminate discrimination and racism.

Previously SALSA, along with a few other clubs, worked together and raised over \$400 for Casa Hogar, a charity for an orphanage in Peru. They are currently looking into creating a scholarship for migrant workers so they can have an equal opportunity for higher education.

Rosalena Figueroa, secretary of SALSA, became actively involved in the

group after meeting with members of the executive board. "Once I became a member I knew I wanted to have more of a hands-on role in the organization," said Figueroa.

SALSA is open to any and all students interested. "The more diverse our members are, the better," said Alyssa Brown, president of SALSA. Since her freshman year, Brown has been a member of SALSA. "I felt like I fit in well in that atmosphere and that I was doing something to help bring awareness to important issues."

The focus of events put on by SALSA is to educate the campus and surrounding communities on issues dealing with Latinos in the United States and throughout Latin America and to raise awareness or funds

for specific causes. The events typically surround Hispanic Heritage Month and traditional holidays celebrated throughout Latin America and the United States.

SALSA recently had their 4th annual Celebracion Hispana (Hispanic Celebration) and are currently planning events for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). "There are a lot of aspects of Latino culture, society and history that we haven't explored or put on events for, so students here can look for new activities this year," said Brown.

For additional information, visit the SALSA Web site; www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/salsa/

Speaker informs about AIDS in Africa

The first of three presenters spoke about AIDS and the corruption of drug companies

By Carmen Speich
FEATURES REPORTER

Humanitarian Angelo D'Agostino, SJ, MD, came to UW-SP on Tuesday as a presenter in a three-part series sponsored by the Global Environmental Management Center (GEM), a center for world class curricula, applied research, and outreach education services in natural resources and environmental management.

D'Agostino is a Jesuit priest, surgeon and psychiatrist. He began his presentation with the words, "God's ways are wondrous because he brought us together." This man's astonishing resume is a collection of prestigious academic positions and philanthropic work around the globe, most recently culminating in his 25 years of residence in Kenya. He has been described as a "man of medicine, hope, courage and action."

D'Agostino's work in Africa first started three decades ago while working as a physician in an orphanage where he first took children sick with HIV into his home. In 1992 he created what is now known as the Nyumbani Hospice and Orphanage.

Nyumbani, which translates to "home" in Swahili, houses 94 orphans, 62 of whom are infected with HIV. Nyumbani provides the children with housing, food, clothing, medical care, education and counseling.

The money needed to sustain such a community is donated in part by an annual benefit dinner held in Washington D.C., which charges \$250 per plate. Support also comes from London's British Airways. A budget of only \$250,000 accommodates all of the costs associated with the commu-

nity and 50 percent of D'Agostino's other AIDS outreach programs.

D'Agostino explains that "HIV and AIDS is an urgent problem," and describes it as an "overwhelming tragedy." He is "appalled" at the lack of awareness in the United States.

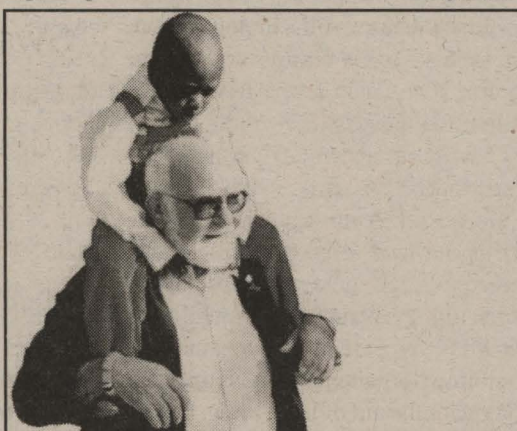
Twenty-five million African people have HIV, and 5,000 people die daily in Kenya alone. But perhaps the most startling fact is that of the future.

"By 2010 over 40 million children in sub-Saharan Africa will be orphaned due to the disease," said D'Agostino.

AIDS is not immediately fatal in the U.S. due to the accessibility of the medication, but Africans aren't so lucky. The social struggles in Africa largely revolve around the disease. They have no social security, leaving the elderly with no way to help their own children dying from the virus, and no financial support. Babies are put up for adoption, but, as D'Agostino said, "No one adopts HIV infected children, even though the government allows it."

In the past, children that lived in the community weren't allowed inside public

schools. The principal would say they were full when the kids were dropped off in the morning. "The stigma of HIV/AIDS need to be changed," said D'Agostino.



Angelo D'Agostino reaches out with compassion.

According to D'Agostino, AIDS is still an incurable disease as a direct consequence of the greed of large drug companies. "In the corrupt government of Kenya, people's needs are neglected. Three million people live in Nairobi, and of

those, two million live in sub-human environments." He went on to explain that the previous African government wouldn't even admit there was a problem, saying that to do so would hurt tourism.

In 2000 medications were developed to help with AIDS. Many of these drugs were discovered in the U.S, but the African government stops the free medications from entering into the country. In addition, most drug companies have refused to lower their prices, leaving Africans destitute without the life-saving drugs. The average African wages are 3-4,000 shillings per month, but medications alone require 6,000 shillings.

D'Agostino calls it "government cor-

ruption;" lobbyists, shareholders and company "billionaires" get rich off the drugs. "Believe me, it's not difficult to expose those drug companies after you perform children's funerals," he said.

The corrupt drug companies are American and British, but a lone German company is giving the drug that prevents transmission from mother to child free to Africa. As D'Agostino says, "If Germans can do it, so can the U.S. and England."

D'Agostino compares the deaths in Africa to the deaths in Iraq. "The 5,000 daily deaths in Africa never make the headlines. With this medicine, the children could live." He adds that "the United Nations has no plan." Such an epidemic has "never happened in history." He compares it to the Holocaust, and states, "It's a crime that we will answer for in the future."

The present outlook for the Nyumbani orphanage, however, looks bright. All of the children finished in the top half of their class and are becoming local celebrities, which helps to break down the stereotypes that plague Africa to this day. As D'Agostino happily says, "In the midst of disease, death and despair, the community produces an oasis."

When asked what sustains him, D'Agostino replied that "Christian compassion" is what his journey is about. "If enough people do something, then something will happen," he said.

Learn more on the Nyumbani Hospice and Orphanage at www.nyumbani.org.



Good Eats in Point

More like *bad eats* for Willy's Chicago Style Hot dogs

By Adam Rodewald
FEATURES EDITOR

Willy's Chicago Style Hotdogs, a low-key restaurant downtown, has potential for good eats yet falls short of what might be considered "quality."

Dirt propels itself from every corner at customers upon entering the small streetcorner building. Red, green and black tables are randomly placed on the crumb-covered-poop-colored carpet, and their greasy surfaces reflect light like a shallow puddle. At least they have napkins on every table.

Their name brings images of a sidewalk hot dog vendor, but do not be deceived. The eatery may be more accurately named Willy's Chicago Style Pizza. Yes, they do claim "authentic Chicago style pizza and hotdogs," but the menu seems to almost leave hot dogs out of the equation. Virtually one-third of the food is pizza, while the remaining third consists of sandwiches, brats, and finally the acclaimed hot dogs.

The lack of cleanliness may be overlooked and the name is rather trivial, but the restaurant begins to fall downhill quickly when service is taken into consideration. The cashier, a woman of about 30, was about as inadequate as a 15-year-old McDonald's trainee. She

was slow, impersonal, and even messed up the menu prices. There was no cash register, no receipt, and therefore no way for someone to know if they were ripped off.

The prices are quite high for a student looking to get a burger or pizza for lunch. For approximately \$6, one can purchase a sandwich, wrinkled-up fries, and a mini drink about the size of those found in a standard kiddy meal but with no refills.

The Chicago style pizzas are no bigger than one from the standard pizza restaurants, yet they are a bit more costly. One should expect to pay over \$12 for a large pizza and not much less for the smaller ones.

However, due to its location directly across from Enfant Terrible and The Mission Coffee House, they are a prime place for bored high school kids to waste their parents' money on a Friday night before a rock show.

On the plus side, Willy's is a restaurant with potential. It really is a fun place, and there isn't anything else like it around. The setup is reminiscent of a 50s style café, and, if cleaned up, it would make an excellent lunch-time hangout.

It might be described as a

pseudo fast food restaurant. Willy's serves from a diverse menu which rivals fast food and merely comes

"Tables are randomly placed on the crumb-covered-poop-colored carpet."

up short of the typical sit-down restaurant. The speed of service, once you place your order, is roughly five minutes. It is rather close to the speed of Culvers.

Willy's Chicago Style Hotdogs is an unusual little eatery that attracts attention due to its distinct individuality. Anyone who doesn't mind a dirty atmosphere, mediocre food, and less than average service might find a place for Willy's in their heart.

However, there are many more desirable places to eat near campus. As one of the costumers, a UW-SP student who asked to remain anonymous, said, "If you want hot dogs, go to County Market; sandwich and fries, go to The Grill; or pizza, stick to Toppers. In this case, change is bad."

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Missed extra point equals missed opportunity for Pointers

By Steve Roeland

SPORTS EDITOR

Usually, a football team that passes for 429 yards in a game will have a lot of success and will prevail in that game with a win. For the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team, all those yards through the air will only get you within one point.

FOOTBALL

In last Saturday's WIAC matchup, the UW-SP Pointers scratched and clawed their way to minimize a 20-0 first half deficit, only to fall in a heartbreaker to the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds, 28-27.

The success of UW-SP's air attack was apparent in Pointer quarterback Brett Borchart's statistics for last Saturday's contest. Borchart completed 38 of 58 pass attempts for 439 yards and three touchdowns. His 38 completions in a single game now rank second in school history. The Pointers accumulated their yards

through the air, but their defense failed to halt UW-EC from having offensive success as well.

A strong first half gave the Blugolds a decisive advantage, making a Pointer comeback nearly impossible.

UW-EC scored on their first drive of the game via a 15-yard touchdown pass from Nels Fredrickson to Darin Kryzanowski. In the second quarter, UW-EC scored again, this time on a Joe Gast one-yard touchdown run. On their next possession, the Blugolds successfully executed a fake punt on fourth-and-five, which set up a 35-yard touchdown strike from Fredrickson to Tony Hull. A missed extra point held the Blugold lead at 20-0 going into the half.

In the third quarter, the Pointers put themselves on the board with a 21-yard touchdown connection from Borchart to Ross Adamczak. UW-EC answered the UW-SP score with Fredrickson's third touchdown pass of the game, a six-yard completion to Matt Evensen, and a suc-

cessful two-point conversion to put the Blugolds up 28-7 at the end of the third quarter.

The Pointers held their own in the fourth quarter, starting their offensive rally with a touchdown run from Borchart to bring UW-SP within two scores, 28-14. Three minutes later, the quarterback found Tony Romano in the end zone on a 20-yard pass, making the score 28-21.

On the ensuing drive, Fredrickson fumbled the ball deep in UW-SP territory, giving the Pointers a chance to pull even. Romano seemed to do just that, hauling in a 28-yard touchdown pass from Borchart to make the score 28-27 with 1:32 left in the game. All that UW-SP needed to do was connect on the extra point. As fate would have it, UW-SP's kicker John Ryan would miss the attempt wide-right.

UW-SP received another shot at the win, getting the ball back with :33 left, but the UW-EC defense held up and came away victorious in a nail biter, 28-27.

Fredrickson finished the game 24 for

36 with 355 yards and three touchdowns for the Blugolds. Gast had a career day for UW-EC, rushing for 159 yards on 33 carries and one score. Evensen, Hull and Kryzanowski all went over the 100-yard mark in receiving yards and each caught a touchdown pass.

For the Pointers, Borchart utilized his three favorite receivers on that day, connecting with Kurt Kielblock 11 times for 68 yards, Cody Childs 10 times for 103 yards and Romano nine times for 122 yards and two touchdowns.

With the loss, the Pointers fall to 2-3 overall and 0-2 in WIAC play. All three of UW-SP's losses have come to ranked opponents.

The Pointers will try to notch their first conference win this Saturday, traveling to Menomonie to face UW-Stout. The Blue Devils are 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the WIAC.

Fore! Pointers finish fourth at conference championship

By Matthew Inda

SPORTS REPORTER

The WIAC women's golf season came to a close this weekend at the Stevens Point Country Club. The Pointers had hosting duty for the conference championship and finished fourth out of the seven teams.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Pointers ended with a 722 tournament score. This arose after a day one score of 352 that put them only six strokes behind leader UW-Platteville. However, the tight race opened up as UW-SP shot a 370 on day two and were unable to catch up as they watched UW-Eau Claire win the event.

UW-Platteville took second place, followed by UW-River Falls (3rd), UW-Whitewater (5th), UW-Oshkosh (6th) and UW-Superior (7th).

Coach Battaglia was pleased with the team's performance at conference.

"The girls stepped it up a great deal on day one," he said. "There are a number of good teams in our conference and (we were) right in the hunt."

Battaglia said on day two they may have put some extra pressure on themselves while being in such a close race. "Golf is a funny game and mentally you can sometimes get in your own way out there."

The Pointers had three individuals fin-

ish in the top 20. In ninth place, sophomore Susie Lewis finished in the top 10 again with an 84-89-173. This was a three-stroke improvement from her 11th place finish at last year's conference meet. She ends the season with five top 10 performances in seven tournaments and an 83.6 average.

Freshman Katie Kautz took second place on the team, scoring an 84 on day one and a 96 on day two. Overall she finished 15th and her 180 two-day sum is her best this season.

Junior Courtney Timblin shot her way to 18th place in the tournament and third on the team. The 90 and 91 daily scores are both below her season average of 96.9 strokes per day. Her 181-stroke total is also better than her 2003 conference meet score of 194.

"I am very happy with the team this year. We did beat out some good teams," Timblin said. "They never gave up and continued to try everyday. Overall, I think that we accepted our scores and we're all happy with how the season went."

Junior Genna Saari shot a 101-95-196. She beat last year's conference meet score by 10 strokes. Freshman Carolyn Adkins scored a 98-100-198 and freshman Tina Young had a 102-103-205.

Coach Battaglia says he plans on returning for next season, hopefully with all the same student athletes. His approach is to have these players work on their games and fitness in the off-season. He also says he

will be looking for new recruits to help them improve even more and surpass the now two-year streak of finishing fourth at conference.

As for the team itself, they want to continue working hard and improvise for next season. It was a young team that consisted of five freshman, one sophomore and two juniors. They are optimistic for the future.

"Our finish (in conference) simply means that we will continue to improve for next year and hopefully will finish higher," Timblin said.

The teams' middle-of-the-pack fourth-place finish defines this year's identity as a team. They had the ups and downs that most teams experience, but believe they made good progress this year.

"I am very proud of their performance," Battaglia said. "The nice thing is that they all learned from this weekend and they will be better prepared in the future. We've got a good group of student athletes and I really enjoyed working with them."

The team would like to thank all the people involved with this season, including Head Coach Battaglia for his leadership and encouragement, Athletic Director Frank O'Brian for help and support with hosting the WIAC championship, and the Stevens Point Country Club as well as Sentryworld for allowing the use of their facilities.

Pointers rebound twice after tough loss

By Steve Roeland

SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point women's soccer team tangled with three opponents this past week, winning two of the three contests.

SOCCER

The first match-up was a hard fought contest last Friday against one of the nation's best teams, Macalester College.

The Scots came into the game ranked No. 23 in the country in Division III. The Pointers were able to contain the Macalester offense, but could not put up a goal of their own. The Scots came away with the victory over UW-SP, 2-0.

The first goal wasn't recorded until the 40:07 mark when Jenny Singleton put Macalester in the lead with her third goal of the year. A little less than five minutes later,

the Scots scored once again, this time off of a corner kick by Cara Goff. The two late first half scores were all Macalester needed, as both teams were shut out in the second half.

The Pointers managed to get off only one shot, courtesy of Alyssa Souza, in the entire contest. Even though UW-SP had one shot, the Macalester goaltender did not need to make a save on the shot and, therefore, finished the game without any saves.

The Pointers were able to bounce back, winning in decisive fashion last Saturday over UW-Superior, 9-0. The pointers rifled off 26 shots in the game and scored six times in the second half.

Three Pointers scored two goals on the game, Erin Walsh, Kimie Wieps and Alyssa Souza. Wieps also contributed with two assists and Mary Donohoo scored a goal and assisted on three.

The win snapped UW-SP's three match losing streak, the longest for the Pointers in

13 years.

The final game of the past week was another overtime contest for the Pointers, their fourth of the year. They defeated UW-Whitewater in two overtimes, 2-1.

Melissa Becker tallied her fourth goal of the year at the 7:00 mark for the first score of the game. The Pointers held the lead until the 63rd minute, when Whitewater's Gina McRoberts tied up the match with a goal of her own.

Neither team could score in the first overtime period, but UW-SP's Liz Kidd was the hero, as she scored in the second overtime at the 102:40 mark. Her fourth goal of the year was also her first game-winning score as a Pointer.

Point's record now stands at 9-4-1 overall and 5-1 in the WIAC. UW-SP faces off against WIAC opponent UW-Eau Claire on Saturday and against the University of St. Thomas (Minn.) next Tuesday.

POINTER ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jason Lisowe - Cross Country - Placed 21st at the Beloit College Invitational running the course in 27:42.

Brett Borchart - Football - Offense - Sophomore quarterback completed 38 of his 58 passes for 429 yards and three second half touchdowns while also running for a score. The 38 completions were the second highest single total in school history.

Brett Ehret - Football - Defense - Senior linebacker made 11 tackles, six of which were solo. He recovered a fourth quarter fumble and defended a pass.

Ryan Prochnow - Football - Special Teams - Junior punter averaged 39.3 yards on six punts Saturday, pinning the offense downfield several times.

Katie Kautz - Golf - Freshman golfer shot an 84 on Saturday at the WIAC Championship at the Stevens Point Country Club. She finished the event with a total score of 180.

Mary Donohoo - Soccer - Offense - Freshman forward scored a goal and assisted on three others, helping the Pointers in a 9-0 victory over UW-Superior.

Abbey Kirchdoerfer - Soccer - Defense - Pointer defender helped lead the Pointers in the 9-0 shutout of UW-Superior, holding the Yellowjackets to just two shots on goal and earning the fourth shutout of the year for the Pointers.

Angie Brown - Tennis - Sophomore playing at No. 2 singles played the best tennis of the season according to head coach Karlyn Jakusz when she took a set from Autum Wilkowski from UW-Whitewater.

Toni Johnson - Volleyball - Junior setter recorded 23 assists against 14th-ranked UW-La Crosse. Johnson also had three kills in six attack attempts, seven digs and one block.

Sluggish start leads to poor outcome

By Pamela Waukau
SPORTS REPORTER

One of the problems the UW-Stevens Point volleyball team has faced this season is getting off to a quick start.

VOLLEYBALL

So it didn't come as a surprise when the team was unable to get things going very quickly in their match against the UW-La Crosse Eagles (15-3, 4-2 WIAC).

UW-SP's interconference woes continued in this match as they were defeated 3-0 (30-16, 30-19, 30-27).

Offensively, La Crosse struck down on the Pointers in the first two matches. Stevens Point lacked one of the major offensive scoring opportunities with a low amount of attacks. This particular aspect was a large contributor to the loss.

Overall, La Crosse finished the game with 50 kills compared to UW-SP's 33.

"We could have first done better, in the first two we just came out tight and slow, we definitely could have improved," said Coach White. "I was happy with the way they came back in the third game."

Defensively, it was a much tighter game. La Crosse led the game with 56 defensive digs.

UW-SP finished closely with 52 digs with Sophomore Lori Marten contributing on 18 of them while Freshman Beth Richter added nine.

The mentality going into the game, for the players, was optimistic. However, their play during the early stages of the match left much to be desired.

Despite the loss, the Pointers are gaining a lot of experience from playing against some of the best teams in the country, like La Crosse and the tenth-ranked UW-Platteville team that the Pointers lost to a few weeks ago.

Despite the overall winning record, some of the conference struggles can be blamed the fact that this is such a young and improving team.

"People are starting to get to be more comfortable in knowing their spots and (there's) no longer a new feeling to be playing at the collegiate level," said Coach White. "The experience we get from playing teams like La Crosse are making us more comfortable."

After the defeat against La Crosse, the Pointers are now 1-4 in the WIAC conference.

Looking ahead, Parent's Day is this Saturday, Oct. 16 in the afternoon match against UW-River Falls.

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What are your plans after graduation? - I'm planning on graduating in Dec. 05, but after that I have no idea; I would like to find a career related to sports where I can travel, and I someday hope to go back to Australia; and most important, to live like I was dying!

What has it taken for you to earn the No. 1 singles spot? - Along with practice, lifting, agility, and lessons over the past eight years, I've had the mental drive to play the No. 1 spot since the beginning; the competition is tough, but I love it.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Beating the No. 2 girl from Oshkosh in three sets in the La Crosse tournament last year.

What artist is in your CD player right now? - Bob Marley

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - My Side (wake-board video)

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Tennis and all the girls, a countless number of unforgettable van rides, Karlyn's driving, playing Totonka and Barbie, the freezing cold nights spent at Granite Peak, Cru, road trips, dancing, clown outfits, hockey/football games, endless roommate stories, and so much more!

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - God, my family and friends

NCAA Division III Cross Country Polls

Men

1. Calvin College (MI)
2. North Central College (IL)
3. UW-La Crosse
4. UW-Stevens Point
- t5. Wartburg (IA)
- t5. Tufts Univ. (MA)

Women

1. Williams
2. UW-Stevens Point
3. Amherst (MA)
4. UW-Oshkosh
5. Middlebury

Point uses second half burst to topple Milwaukee

By Connor Agnew
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-SP Men's rugby team traveled to Milwaukee this past weekend to face a tough UW-Milwaukee team in a crucial battle for seeding in the state playoffs.

RUGBY

Point was slow out of the gates, but came back strong to dominate most of the game, bruising their way to a 33-11 victory.

Point was clinging to a 7-6 lead at halftime after a heroic goal line stand that lasted over five minutes. The second half was dominated by Stevens Point, however, as both the pack and backs enjoyed a successful day running and rucking the ball.

"Our backs had their best

game of the season," said Team Co-captain Mark Schuppe.

"We were in better shape physically than they were today. We were out-rucking them at almost every breakdown in the second half," said Co-captain Randall Youngs.

Among the players scoring tries for Point were Schuppe, Mike Stangel, Matt Angerhofer, and Tom Jonas.

With the victory, Point improves to 3-2 on the season, with previous wins over UW-Madison and Iowa State. Their losses were to UW-Stout and Purdue.

Stevens Point looks to better their record this weekend against UW-LaCrosse. The game will be played on the football field next to Willett Arena on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 1 pm.

Men finish well at Beloit with WIAC right around the corner

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite missing some valuable runners, the fifth ranked UW-SP Men's Cross Country Team took fourth out of 17 teams at last weekend's Beloit Invitational.

CROSS COUNTRY

Freshmen runners claimed the top seven Pointer finishes, with Jason Liesow leading the way as he crossed the line in 21st place with a time of 27:42. While the freshmen ran well this past weekend, more will be expected of them as the season progresses.

"Because we have such a large group, we've kept the freshmen separated from the group a little. Now they'll be thrown into the fire, and those that can help will need to," said Head Coach Rick Witt.

The team now has five meets under their belt, but still have some strides to make before the con-

ference meet. In particular, they would like to see everyone healthy.

"We've run pretty well this season," said Witt. "But we've had guys sick and have been unable to put our best team together."

Only two meets remain before the deciding WIAC Conference Championships; however, this weekend's race at UW-Oshkosh will be a huge test for the Pointer men.

The Pointers will be up against first-ranked Calvin and five other teams ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation.

Said Witt, "It will be a real chance to see if we've made progress, and another step in where we need to be in the long run."

A big factor will be whether or not everyone will be healthy.

The women's cross country team is currently ranked third in the nation, and while they had last weekend off, they will have a tough test in Oshkosh this weekend.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN POINTER ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY - MEN AND WOMEN AT UW-OSHKOSH INVITATIONAL - OCT. 16

FOOTBALL - AT UW-STOUT - OCT. 16, 1:00 P.M.

SOCCER - AT UW-EAU CLAIRE - OCT. 16, 2:00 P.M.

TENNIS - WIAC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MADISON - OCT. 23-24

VOLLEYBALL - UW-STOUT - HOME - OCT. 15, 7:00 P.M.



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Mystique no more? Why the 'Sawks' are ready for the World Series

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

There are a couple things that are nearly certain to happen every October. The leaves start to change colors, the weather starts to get colder, and oh yea, the Boston Red Sox play the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series.

Last off-season, both of these teams went on their unlimited spending spree to reel in top-notch free agents.

The Boston Red Sox acquired what I believe to be the missing piece to the puzzle, Curt Schilling.

Schilling, despite his over-willingness to always say what's on his mind, was the best pitcher in the league this season. Some could make the argument for Minnesota's Johan Santana, but Schilling has had the

better full season.

While I do believe the Red Sox will break the spell and get into the World Series, Schilling can't pitch every night and it will all come down to what the lineup can do.

Other notable acquisitions the Sox have made to get them back to the ALCS were Keith Foulke to add stability to the bullpen, Orlando Cabrera for his quick infield defense, and Doug Mientkiwicz to have another bat off the bench.

Now, don't think for one second the Yankees were quiet this off-season either.

They signed Alex Rodriguez, Gary Scheffeld, Javier Vazquez, Tom Gordon, Kenny Lofton, and John Olerud.

Beyond all those high priced and high output all-star players that I listed above, there is one name that I think might possibly play a large role in at least one game in this series: Ruben Sierra.

He has become the quintessential pinch hitter for these Yankees.

Known for his powerful stroke when he came into the big leagues 18 years ago, Sierra has been relegated to the lower half of many depth charts for the better part of

a decade. But he has proven in the past how dangerous he can be when he enters a game late and provides the winning run for the Yankees.

Anyway, even though they have the highest payroll in the league, I fully expect these Yankees to let down due to porous

pitching.

Even though the Yankees have possibly one of the best 1-2 punches in quite some time in the bullpen (Tom Gordon and Mariano Rivera), Mike Mussina, John Lieber, and Kevin Brown are all on the downside of their careers, and their stats and inability to stay healthy for long periods of time proves this point.

As for predictions, I think the Yankees will keep the series tight with their offense and bullpen, but I think the Red Sox will overcome those obstacles and end up victorious. I wouldn't be surprised if they use Schilling three times in this seven-game series if the ankle injury doesn't prove to be too bad.

Prediction: Boston Red Sox 4, New York Yankees 3.

ALCS Preview

Cardinals, Astros, and Clemens, oh my!

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Just as in the American League, this year's National League Championship Series (NLCS) features two interdivision foes, as the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Houston Astros in a match up of NL Central powers. The winner of the series will earn a spot to try and win the World Series crown scheduled for the end of this month.

The Houston Astros, who were thought to be out of the playoff race as recently as nine weeks ago, found a way to win 15 home games in a row toward the end of the regular season to overcome the Giants and the Cubs — another NL Central opponent many experts picked to win the World Series — to win the NL Wild Card.

In the first round of the playoffs, the Astros, who had never before won a playoff series, took the Atlanta Braves the distance and came out of the series as victors in five games, though the series against

Atlanta may have burned out the Astros' pitching staff.

Astros' ace Roger Clemens and rising star Roy Oswalt were both used twice in the National League Division Series (NLDS) against the Braves, each pitching on only three days rest. Luckily, this may be of no concern to the Astros, as their offense has been piling on runs as of late.

The 11 home runs the Astros belted off the Braves are the most in a non-seven game series in Major League history. Mid-season acquisition Carlos Beltran has given Houston an offensive jump start and is a nice compliment to long-time Astros Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman.

The Astros seem almost like a mirror image to their competition in the NLCS, the St. Louis Cardinals, who also have some questions in their pitching staff and are supported by a highly potent offense.

The Cardinal pitching staff doesn't

seem to have what it takes to be successful in the postseason, especially against the Houston Astros. Despite allowing the fewest runs in the regular season, the Cardinals have had minimal success against Houston. St. Louis dropped 10 of 18 games against Houston in 2004.

Woody Williams, the Cardinal starter in Game 1, gave up 10 hits and eight runs in just three innings of work in his last outing against the Astros. Jason Marquis gave up seven runs to the Astros on Sept.

16. Jeff Suppan allowed 13 runs in 10 2/3 innings against Houston in two starts in September. Matt Morris pitched well against the Astros, going 2-1 with a 3.08 earned run average, but there are questions about his health, mainly shoulder problems.

The Cardinal pitching staff shouldn't fret too much. With an outstanding lineup, run support should be no problem for St. Louis. Albert Pujols and Larry Walker,

who was a mid-season acquisition, led the Cardinal charge. Both hit .333 in the NLDS against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Pujols homered twice and drove in 12 and Walker homered twice and drove in 11.

Other Cardinals of interest are Scott Rolen, who hit .314 with 34 home runs and 124 runs batted in during the regular season, and Jim Edmonds, who hit .301 with 42 HR and 111 RBI in the 2004 campaign.

As for the outcome, a clear-cut winner may be harder to pick than one might imagine.

On paper, the Cardinals appear to be a better team; after all, they did have the best record in the majors in 2004. Still, the Astros owned the Cards in the regular season.

This series may not have as much mystique and tradition as the Yankees-Red Sox soap opera, but the NLCS will offer a highly competitive race with a little drama of its own.

NLCS Preview

Three biggest surprises in football this year

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

We are barely a month into the NFL season and fans have already been witness to explosions from some teams and implussions from others.

Here are my three biggest surprises thus far.

1. New York Giants

There are very few lists alike that could start with anything other than the New York football Giants. It took a mere week into the season for this team to be written off and cast away. Head Coach Tom Coughlin's hardass coaching techniques were brewing large amounts of hatred from his own players, leading some to file grievances within the player's union.

Now, four weeks later, the Giants are firing on nearly all their cylinders with an impressive 4-1 record heading into their bye week. What's that old adage? Ah yes, winning solves everything. While it is yet to be

seen whether this vehicle is running on fumes spewing out of the mouth of Coughlin, or if they are actually for real, this is a storyline worth watching as the season wears on.

2. Green Bay Packers

While I questioned the validity of the Yankee Stadium mystique, at least they are actu-

NFL

ally STILL winning there. The Packers have completely bottomed out so far this season.

I never thought I'd see the day that a Brett Favre-led Packer team would be sitting beneath a Chicago Bears team currently being QB'd by the man, the myth, the legend, Jonathan Quinn.

With the defense's inability to stop any type of offensive attack (aerial or ground) and the offense's over-willingness to hand the ball over to opposing defenses, barring a cold weather comeback, this season bodes to

be long for Packer fans who have become used to wild card races in late December.

3. Washington Redskins

I'm questioning my judgment on this one, but I have to say even I am a little surprised with the Redskins.

Year after year they spend millions of cap dollars to improve their team on a year-to-year basis. This year Mark Brunell, Clinton Portis, Shawn Springs, and Cornelius Griffin were added to boost this team from mediocrity to Super Bowl contenders. Not to mention, Owner Daniel Snyder resurrected the football gods when he signed Joe Gibbs to a contract to coach the team.

I have no answers for this team. Brunell doesn't have the arm strength to lead a team anymore, the offensive line can't create holes for Portis, and the defense still can't hold opposing offenses from scoring more points than their own offense can create.

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

As hard as it is to believe, the college football season is halfway to completion. The first several weeks of the season have proved to be just like all others, unpredictable, so here are the five biggest stories in the world of Division 1A football.

1. Adrian Peterson

The freshman running back from Oklahoma has busted out of the mold for the Sooners. In all five games this year, Peterson has eclipsed the 100-yard mark and had his biggest day in the Red River Shootout last week against hated rival Texas. Peterson racked up 225 yards on 33 carries against the Longhorns in the Sooners' 12-0 victory. On the season, Peterson has 771 yards and six touchdowns. Just for the record, no freshman has won the Heisman Trophy in the award's existence. Could this be

the year?

2. Nebraska's downfall

When Nebraska brought in former Oakland Raiders Head Coach Bill Callahan to be their savior, some people scratched their heads in disbelief. Why would a team that runs the option bring in the West Coast offense?

That question remains unanswered as Nebraska has fallen to 3-2 overall. The Cornhuskers suffered the worst loss in program history to Texas Tech last week, a 70-10 blowout.

3. Kyle Orton

Boiler up! The Purdue quarterback has done magic with his arm this season, leading the Boilermakers into a first place tie with Wisconsin in the Big Ten and into the fifth spot in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. He has thrown for 1642 yards, 18 touchdowns and only two interceptions. These stats have Orton already preparing his Heisman Trophy acceptance speech.

NCAA

The life of Walterdine

Autumn feedbag explosion

By Adam Mella

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Walterdine senses the returning ice-cap sooner than most think. Walterdine, a massive, 31-inch female walleye, has been roaming the depths of the Wisconsin River all year long, enjoying the bounties of spring and the fruitful days of summer. But now she senses something in her pea-sized brain that signals a pattern she learned as a youngster; winter is coming. The water grows colder by the night and with every moon cycle she becomes anxious, knowing what is to come.

For a big walleye like Walterdine, and for any fish really, autumn is a time to bulk up. Like a bear gorging itself on blackberries before hibernation, old Walterdine now realizes that she too needs to fatten up the gut for the long Wisconsin winter ahead. The minnows that were so plentiful in spring and summer have long since been depleted by the predators of the winding river.

So she follows the food chain into the shallows once more, as she has every autumn since she can remember. The remaining minnows, plankton and smaller organisms of the river have congregated there, and so the panfish have followed. Bluegills, crappies and perch come too, looking for the last green weeds that offer protection and the oxygen-rich water needed for the long winter ahead. With all that, the walleyes and pike and muskies come too, following their next meals to the shallows, in a river so expansive and mighty and bountiful, yet demanding of the survivors and the prey as well.



On October 4, Walterdine felt the chill of the fall wind kicking up the surface, and her survival instinct took over. The rumbling cloud of winter began to rub her belly.

"I must feed," she thought in the depths of a slack-current eddy. "I must rise from the safety of the depths that have recently become cold and barren. I must rise to the current, to the shallower water again, and follow those tasty, meaty crappies once more."



The moon quivered at her through the murky Wisconsin water and told her this all night long. And her big silver eyes glinted back. "Yes, yes, old moon. Tomorrow I will swim up stream."

And so over the course of the next few weeks Walterdine has been out there, swimming amongst the shallows, with virtually no predator in the river to stop her from killing and eating those slab crappies - "virtually", no predator. For in her many years, Walterdine has never known a more sinister rival than that of man. In her second and third years, she met them often, yet she didn't know how it had happened. One minute, eating minnows, and then, wham! Flopping on the gravel of land. Being touched with a dry hand. A pain in her mouth. Now she avoids those noises in the shallows, those of the land-creatures. She's seen many of their drones, and she avoids them.

But in the fury of the autumn feedbag, she has let her guard down. The moon controls her thoughts and her hunger, so she takes more chances. That ominous cloud of winter now drives her to eat and eat and eat without thinking. Walterdine is a great fish. The queen of the Wisconsin River. Yet in autumn her wisdom leaves her temporarily until the ice seals her up and hibernation makes her, once again, an elusive and masterful hunter.

Growling now, a sound unheard, she darts forth and takes the crappie by its head. The hunger and the moon have filled her. For now, and until autumn gives way to winter, old Walterdine is vulnerable; possessed by a force none of us can fully understand.

Just in case

Some voting information for all of our outdoors readers

By Hilary Bulger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Since I've been begging you to vote in most of my articles, I figured I would shed a little light on how to vote from school.

~ Students with a permanent residence in one community and a temporary residence at school may choose to vote at either place, but not both.

~ If you wish to vote in Stevens Point, you need to register to vote and then go vote on Election Day as you would do at home.

~ Students who cannot go to a polling place at their permanent residence, but wish to cast their vote there, may do so through an absentee ballot.

~ Absentee ballots can be requested through the mail. Send your full name, address of

legal voting residence, election district, and the address to which you want the ballot sent to your municipal clerk anytime from six months prior to the election up until 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election.

~ Absentee voting can be done in person prior to the Election Day up to 30 days before the election.

~ The absentee voting deadline is 5 p.m. on the day before the election.

So please, get an opinion, get educated, give a darn, and let your voice be heard this year! In the process, please try to think of our great green earth and those who are trying to preserve it. Thank you!

Feed the needy this fall/winter

- Donate venison

By Joel Borski

OUTDOORS EDITOR

For any UW-SP student who'd like to deer hunt in the area but doesn't have means for cleaning, storing or using the meat while at school, consider Wisconsin's Deer Donation Program 2004. This program has been feeding needy families since the fall of 2000 and, to date, over one million pounds of venison have been donated by hunters throughout the state. To donate a deer in Portage County, follow these steps:

1. Call ahead! Contact a participating meat processor and make sure they have room for your deer.
2. After dressing and registering your deer, donate the entire body for free processing. (Head

and/or antlers can be removed)

3. Simply sign the log sheet at the given processor, in order to verify your intent to donate the deer.

That's all there is to it! Now you can hunt near the UW-SP campus and not have to worry about what to do with the deer after it has been harvested. Simply donate!

Participating processors in Portage County:

- People's Meat Market, Stevens Point, (715) 592-6328.
- R&R Venison Processing, Rosholt, (715) 677-3097.

Remember to call ahead! For more information you can also check out the DNR website at www.dnr.wi.state.wi.us.

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Nobel Prize awarded for environmental efforts

Wangari Maathai is first African woman to receive the award

By Hilary Bulger

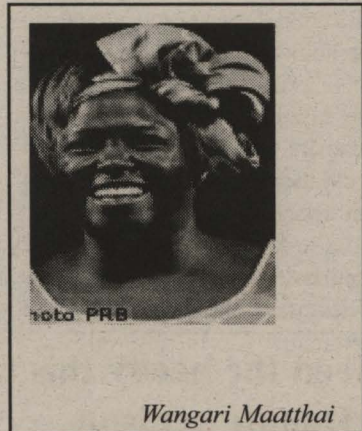
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Last Friday the Norwegian Noble Committee announced its decision to award the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize to Wangari Maathai "for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace." Maathai, the first African woman to receive the prestigious award, joins the company of past laureates such as Jimmy Carter, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wangari Maathai, 64, is Kenya's Assistant Minister for Environment and Natural Resources. Relatively unknown to the general public, Maathai is legendary among environmentalists and feminists. She founded the Green Belt Movement - a grassroots, non-governmental organization, in 1977. Since then, the movement has planted 30 million trees and become the largest community based organization in Africa. The movement largely targets poor African women, promoting environmental consciousness, volunteerism, conservation of local biodiversity, self-empowerment, community development and accountability.

Maathai has been described as an "eco-womanist," an "eco-feminist," and "Kenya's Green Militant." She was the first woman in east and central Africa to earn a doctorate, as well as the

first to become a professor at a ranking university. Maathai has not always received this kind of recognition for her work. She has been beaten and jailed on multiple occasions, and was publicly divorced by her husband because of her education and success.



Wangari Maathai

Maathai's selection is of special significance because "this is the first time environment sets the agenda for the Nobel Peace Prize, and we have added a new dimension to peace," explained Committee Chairman Ole Danbolt Mjoes. A statement issued Friday by the Nobel Committee, further explains their choice: "Peace on earth depends on our ability to secure our living environment. Maathai stands at the front of the fight to promote ecologically viable social, economic and cultural development in Kenya and in Africa. She has taken a holistic

approach to sustainable development that embraces democracy, human rights and women's rights in particular. She thinks globally and acts locally."

Fellow Nobel Peace Prize winner Jimmy Carter praised Maathai, calling her a "heroine in Kenya and throughout Africa. She has fought courageously to protect the environment and human rights, in the face of severe governmental pressures to silence her often lonely voice."

The first speech Maathai made after hearing of her award was to a crowd of 200, mostly poor women who had gathered to collect government food aid. Most had never heard of the Nobel Peace Prize, but laughed when she said that she would be receiving "more money than she could count," referring to the 1.3 million dollars that accompanies the award. Maathai went on to ask a favor of the world: "When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope. We also secure the future for our children. One of the first things I did yesterday when I got the extraordinary news about this prize was to plant a Nandi flame tree. So, on this wonderful occasion, I call on all Kenyans and those around the world to celebrate by planting a tree wherever you are."

O-E-Harmony

Enjoyin' a little TLC on the NCT

By Josh Spice
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT), when completed, will stretch from eastern New York state all the way to central South Dakota. It will go through the Land of Hustle and Bustle, The Steel State, Buckeye Country, Troll Country and da U.P., The Cheese State, The Land of 10,000 Lakes, and into the Black Hills. A crew of UWSP students, led by Josh Spice and Derek Miess of Outdoor EdVentures, traveled to the Trap Hills Section in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in search of beautiful fall scenery and the great hiking "God's Country" has to offer. Say yah to da U.P., eh?

The crazy adventure began Friday night, Oct. 2, with a four-hour drive from Stevens Point to the sweeter side of Bergland, MI; a route that unfortunately didn't take us on "M-Tirdy-five." Upon arrival, we set up camp and shuttled the vehicles to our destination before retiring to a crisp and clear, north country, night. The next morning was a wee-bit chilly until we devoured our hot oatmeal. After packin' up, we hit the trail in style, excited about the miles that lay ahead.

Saturday brought us 10 miles of beautiful hiking weather, spectacular views of the fall colors from cliffside lookouts, and twelve happy campers. Then things got really interesting...

After cookin' up some of the best tacos you could imagine, we

hung our food in the trees to keep the bears at bay and hit the hay. But due to the unexpected chill in the air the night before, it was not your typical sleeping arrangement. We decided that night we would all sleep a little warmer. We spread out our sleeping pads and jam-packed seven people into a four-person tent. But before getting tucked in, we massaged each other's tight shoulders and backs to ease the tension from the long day. We all slept pretty well that night.

In the morning, we broke camp and headed the remaining four miles to the van. On the way, we climbed one last ridge and up to the top of a lookout tower that stood about five hundred feet above the remaining landscape. The tower allowed us views of the Porcupine Mountains, Lake Gogebic, and much of the nearby Lake Superior shoreline. It is quite amazing how a stay in the backcountry, away from many of the luxuries of today's society, can change a person. The experience is all what you make of it.

So, if you're lookin' for a good time and want to get away from it all, come on in and check out our many trips and skills courses along with all of our great rental gear, ranging from backpacks and sleeping bags to ice skates and cross-country skis. Outdoor EdVentures is located in the lower level of the Allen Center.

Say cheese!

Trail cameras add to the excitement of the rut

By Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

We all are well aware of how hectic and busy our lives as college students can get, but for bow hunters, those sentiments seem to increase tenfold come mid-October. For the next four or five weeks, depending on the weather, deer activity will be higher than at any other time of the year. This will mean increased chances of hunters coming face-to-face with a trophy buck. Unfortunately, this time of year also seems to bring increased chances of college students having exams, quizzes, projects and papers due. When you add it all up, it simply means that as college students, we have less time to spend in our favorite deer-stands at this time of year. Go figure.

Fortunately, as I discovered about five years ago, there is a method for keeping an "eye" on your favorite deer woods all autumn long, even when you're not there.

No, it's not some crazy form of witchcraft wherein you mix cat brains and chicken eyes and cast spells using an undecipherable language (unless you're into that sort of thing), nor does it involve an out-of-body experience. The method I'm talking about, my friends, is the use of a trail camera. I personally have two of these motion-detecting devices and I would recommend them to anyone who is looking for a little extra outdoor adventure this, or any, time of year.

Trail camera technology has come a long way in the past few years and today they serve as a relatively low-cost and efficient means of taking quality

pictures of deer and other wildlife. They certainly aren't what I would consider inexpensive for the average college student, but compared to many hunting accessories that exist today, the price of trail cameras is actually fairly reasonable. Average prices range from \$150-\$250 for basic, roll-of-film models, to \$300-\$400 for the newer, digital models. In my opinion, a quality trail camera is worth its price however, as it can serve as a means for scouting and also simply as a fun and exciting alternative to actually harvesting animals. If you can't afford one personally, it makes a great idea for a Christmas or birthday wish list.

Don't get me wrong - taking a roll of film to the one-hour photo desk isn't quite as thrilling as sitting in your tree-stand on a crisp, quiet, October evening when a perfect 10-pointer comes crunching through the woods toward your stand, but it's a rousing experience when you get those pictures back and see that 10-pointer in glossy 4x6 form.

Your next trip into the woods won't be the same, believe me, because now you know that he's "out there," just waiting to stroll within range of your arrow.

To be honest, even if you don't get a monster buck on film, it can be quite an experience just to see pictures of any wildlife up-close - to have a sneak peek at what's in the woods when you aren't.



Photo by Joel Borski

With autumn in full swing, trail cameras can provide some beautiful photos of a variety of animals, but are especially fun for catching glimpses of the bucks roaming the woods where you hunt - such as this Richland County 10-pointer.

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Comedic performances by Lewis Black and John Bowman were simply brilliant

By Laura Pennings

ARTS & REVIEW CO-EDITOR

Well, where the f*** should I begin. Um, I guess I never realized that by using the word 'f***' that everything that was just said, suddenly becomes so much funnier, or at least this was the case on Saturday night at the Lewis Black comedy show. I mean honestly, I don't think I have ever heard the 'f' word used so much in my entire life. But it worked. For those of you who don't know or haven't heard of Lewis Black, he is a stand-up comedian mostly known as the commentator on the *Daily Show's* segment of "Back in Black" on Comedy Central. It is hard to say who the crowd found funnier, Lewis Black or John Bowman, because the entire night was full of whistling, knee-slapping, and cocked-back head laughers. One thing is for sure though, and that is that both comedians gave an amazing performance.

While Bowman aimed his jokes at more common hilarities of love problems, the insignificance of Mars and the coolness of being a Ford truck man, Black joked

about the ridiculousness of politics, Janet Jackson's breast display and the nation's downfall as a result, and Wisconsinites and our counterparts: beer, brats and cheese. The show was simply magnificent. Black was like a crazy madman constantly vomiting out brilliant joke after brilliant joke. Another added effect of Black's jokes was his constant stuttering and cheeky noise tactics that made the crowd laugh even more, and added emphasis to the dumbfounded nature of the joke.

However, my opinion is not the only one that should be heard. I spoke with a couple of students and the common, yet surprising, response was not necessarily one of disappointment in Black's act. Some students familiar with his usual line-up, felt that at Saturday night's act he spent more time yelling out obscenities during his spastic episodes rather than delving further into the joke. Even with that minor discretion though, the majority of students were very impressed with both Bowman and Black. Some students enjoyed Black's act, as it was more tailored toward the college crowd, as well as his political bashing. Many people also said they shared Black's view that selection of presidential candidates is sad and that neither candidate should be voted for.

Even though John Bowman wasn't the main attrac-

tion for the Saturday night line-up, personal opinion and crowd reaction would suggest that Bowman's act was



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a perfect set-up for Lewis Black by making continual references through personal stories and never-ending compliments to the talented comedian.

It was almost like watching an episode from *Pee Wee's Playhouse* where 'f***' was the secret word of the day and when either comedian said that word the crowd immediately broke into fits of laughter.

You know, it's really funny how the crabbiest little bastards like Lewis Black are actually the funniest f-er's I know. Like I've said, the show was amazing. You really should have gone if you had the open time slot. If you ever hear of Lewis Black or John Bowman coming somewhere near the area, I highly suggest you check out the show. It is money well spent and an evening filled with pee-your-pants comedy. Bravo to Lewis and John!

Student Art League presents Political Films

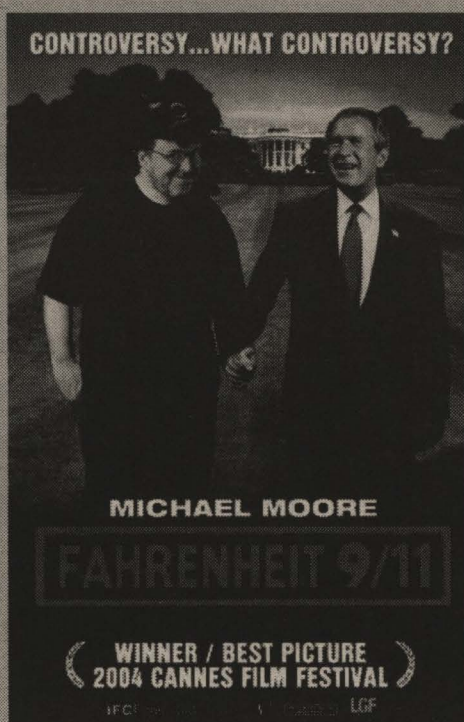
By Azliza Asri

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Amidst the political drama, unnerving assignments and gruesome exams that you may have experienced, thoughts of deciding which political path you will be heading for this coming presidential election on Nov. 2 may have got you at your wits end. Who is more credible? Who has what it takes to pave the way for your better future?

These questions seem like an endless task to answer; especially after numerous media features on both presidential candidates - Bush and Kerry.

For whom will you cast your precious vote? The answers may be found on Oct. 17 in Room 101 of the CCC Building. There, you will have the chance to reaffirm your commitment to Bush or Kerry at an event organized by the UW-SP Student Art League. Joseph Quinnell has put together three screenings that will "present three political opinions through a day of film." The films shown will be *Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Kerry on Iraq* and *The Pitch*. All of these will evoke deep thoughts in you to have a better understanding of the candidate you will vote for on Nov. 2.



THE FIREWORKS BEGIN JUNE 25TH!

Fahrenheit 9/11 - a film by Michael Moore, began its nationwide screening on June 25. In 2004, it won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. "A highly controversial film," *Fahrenheit 9/11* delivers Michael Moore's examination of the Bush administration. The Academy Award-winning filmmaker will also be visiting our campus on Oct. 23. Tickets are already on sale at the University Box Office.

The second screening - *Kerry on Iraq*, shows a scathing account of John Kerry's indecisive and somewhat confusing position on Iraq. *The Pitch* is a short promotional film about President Bush before his speech at the Republican National Convention. The shows are screened for FREE and are open to the general public. There will be three time slots throughout this Sunday for the three films - noon, 4p.m. and 8p.m. So take a break from your desk and immerse yourself in an afternoon of stimulating political viewing!



Kerry Iraq Documentary

Calendar of Events

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| Thursday, October 14 | <i>Sherlock's Last Case</i> |
| UW-SP Concert Band | Matt Nathanson |
| Friday, October 15 | Sunday, October 17 |
| Friday night movie: <i>Hellboy</i> | <i>Fahrenheit 9/11</i> |
| <i>Sherlock's Last Case</i> | Monday, October 18 |
| Center Stage | UW-SP Jazz |
| Presents: | Ensemble |
| Dream Expressive Dance Co. | Guest Recital: Jacob Roseman, flute |
| Saturday, October 16 | Tuesday, October 19 |
| 90 FM Jazzfest featuring The Eric Alexander Quartet | Get Out the Vote |
| | Wednesday, October 20 |
| | Music Colloquium |
| | Love your body day: belly dancing |

"Waits is perfectly conscious of the effect of every note he groans..."



CD Review: Tom Waits-Real Gone

By Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Real Gone is a strong album. Not so mean as *Blood Money*, not so melancholic as *Alice*-it is just strong. Full of soldiers, murderers, circus folk and other staple Waits characters, it's another proof of his standing as a real traditional American poet-not schoolbook traditional, but backroads traditional. His songs draw on the legacy of jailhouse blues and moritats, luridly detailing murderous tragedies and illegal pleasures, which often turn out to be the same thing. He's no savant, though; Waits is perfectly conscious of the effect of every note he groans, and he can write a poem as tight and sweetly bleak as E. A. Robinson or E. A. Poe. All you need to do is listen to the creepy "Don't Go into that Barn," the certain-to-be-classic "Circus" and the near-perfect "Day After Tomorrow" to hear that for yourself.

You're a turtle, right?

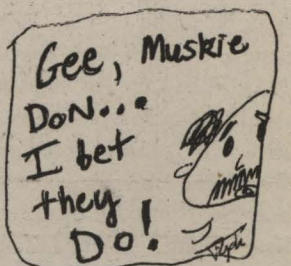
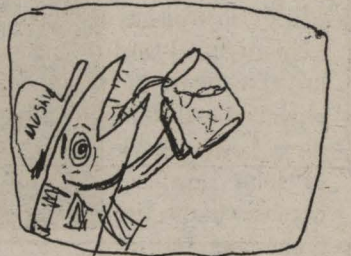
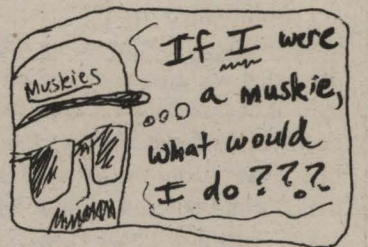
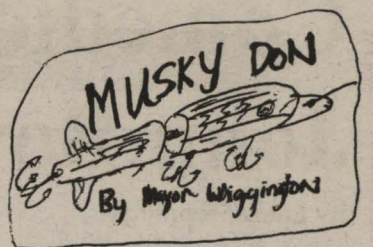
You bet

I don't think that other guy is a turtle ... I mean, look at him!

I swear guys, I'm a real turtle. So can we snuggle now, or what? I'm so lonely for a good snuggle.

God, what is with that Danza? Does he think we're *idiots*? Jeeesh!

Turtle Time By Ned Nailz



Chester's Bridge by Ralph Electric

I wish I had a nickel to pay the toll at Chester's Bridge (sigh) ...

Want to be friends, Mr. Nickel?

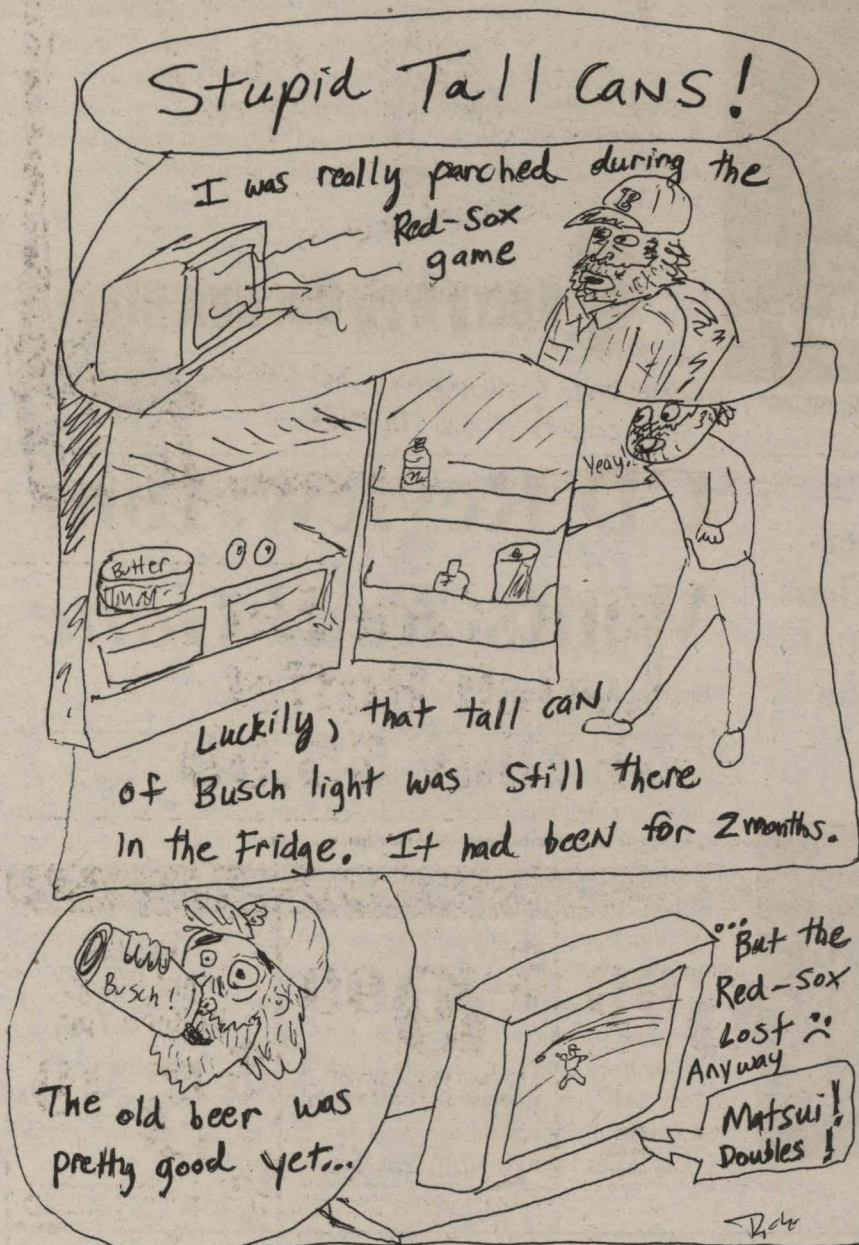
You'll just use me like all the other damn oranges!

I just don't know ... you oranges are all the same

That's true ... I feel so horrible. Can you ever forgive me?

The Causeway Authority

By A.M. Mella



The Squid Association is holding their 89th annual naked swim in Schmeekle

Be there! This Saturday night. Midnight. North beach.

Yeah, Unfortunately our digital supply depot of Team Naughty Comics - Alpha Duck, Absurd and Justifried - have been destroyed by a "technical error."

And, to make matters worse, Team Naughty is vacationing in Iowa. Beautiful, beautiful Iowa.

Therefore, those comics will not appear this week.

Once Jeff returns and spreads his H-drive all over the place again, the comics will return as well. We apologize for the inconvenience.

To make up for it, we replaced Team Naughty with some really funny stuff. Well, at least it was funny, at five in the morning...

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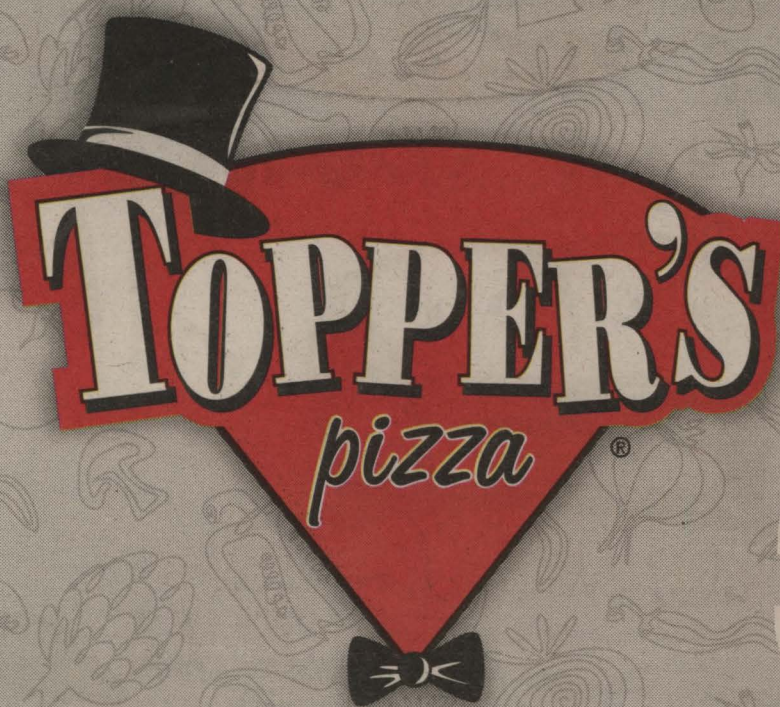
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