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Group defends protest message

By Ben Wydeven
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Last Wednesday, about 15 community members, students and members of Colleges Helping Innocent Lives Develop (CHILD) conducted a silent demonstration on campus, displaying thousands of crosses to represent pregnancies ended by abortions in America on a daily basis. CHILD was allowed university land near the Health Enhancement Center on Isadore Street to hold their one-day demonstration, which involved 4,000 crosses displayed representing American's daily loss from abortions.

"We put together something we call the 'cemetery of the innocent,'" said Sarah Roe, activities coordinator for CHILD. "Every day in America, 4,000 children are aborted."

The demonstration, which happened to be held across from the Family Planning and Health Center, was not the focus of the protest, as last week's article suggested.

"I think they did a good job of sharing the message and informing people," said Scott

West, the faculty advisor for CHILD. West said about a month ago the members of CHILD had discussed the idea of doing a demonstration on campus.

"I think they did a good job of sharing the message and informing people," West said. "I think was pretty thoughtful."

Members began setting up the crosses at about 2 a.m. to prepare for the demonstration. But because of the demonstration's location, some of the people who saw the crosses and the anti abortion signs got the wrong idea.

"It also happened to be across from the family planning center, but that was not deliberate," said Roe. Several other events had occurred on campus the same week that CHILD had no direct involvement with including Wisconsin Frontline Christian Ministry, which had also been demonstrating against abortion on Tuesday.

"We weren't associated with the organization before; in fact it was kind of ironic," Roe said. "We've never been affiliated with them." A workshop on the

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Photo by Liz Bolton

The group CHILD, or Colleges Helping Innocent Lives Develop, defended the visual protest held near the Health Enhancement Center last Wednesday. The group said that they received much positive feedback.



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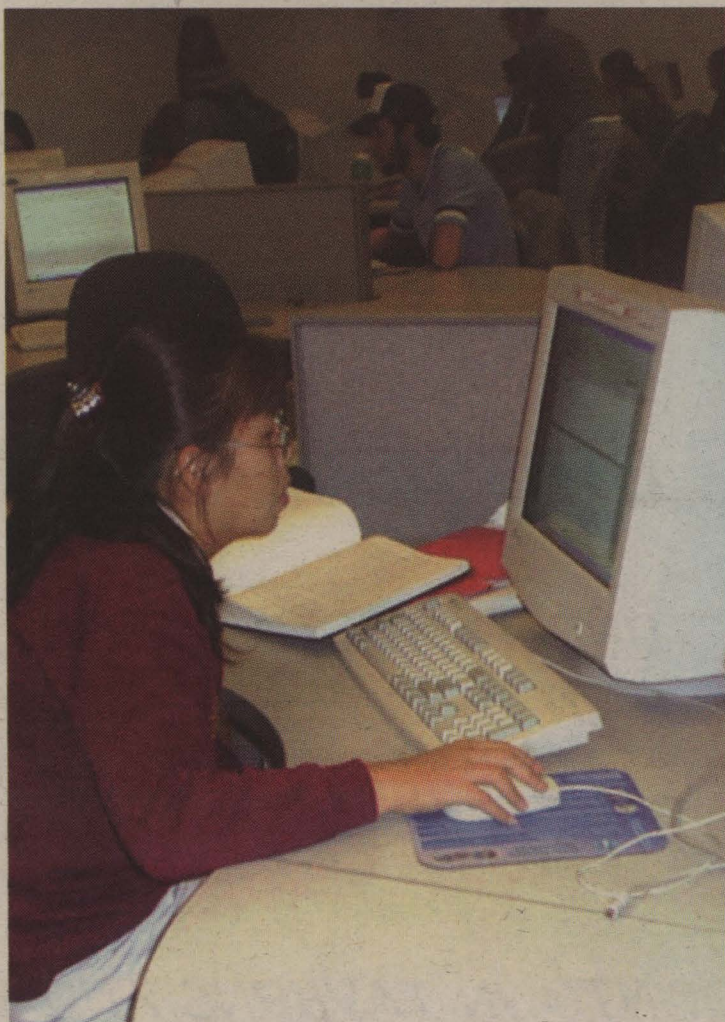


Photo by Trendelina Spahija

Students received notification this week that due to an error in the e-mail system, some student e-mails were placed on a blacklist by some servers that would prevent them from sending messages.

By Ben Wydeven
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Students checking their email on Monday may have noticed a particularly interesting email informing them that UWSP has been "blacklisted due to an infected machine on campus."

According to an anonymous UWSP faculty official, the University has been blacklisted by two spam blockers, one which expired after 48 hours on Tuesday. Even though the issue is resolved, the University is still on their blacklist.

"We were legitimately sending spam so we were legitimately blacklisted, but there's no one over there that we can legitimately contact to say that we have stopped sending spam and stop blacklisting," said the anonymous source, added about a dozen real time Blacklists, or RBL, block spam and blacklist computers that send spam.

"There response is a standard one which is that in 48 hours, you will time out and you will not be on our black list anymore."

According to the anonymous source, anyone sending a message to an off-campus email

address that uses the blacklisted RBL will not successfully send their email.

"Email is the problem, it was not designed to be secure," said the source. "It was designed so that any one could send email to anyone else on the internet and along the way it would go whatever path it figured out was the most logical and the most efficient, it would be cashed into each location so that if any point were down it could then be reconnected and resent to make sure that it had gotten there."

Well, in order to get that level of reliability, they did without any type of security checks or authentication check we can't do any thing with SMTP as it is, ultimately that's were the core of the problem is- email itself."

Students, without their knowledge, have sent out large amounts of spam, and as a result the University received a notification that they were blacklisted for 48 hours, "We got blacklisted for that particular RBL for 48 hours and there's nothing we can do about it."

There is technology being developed to pinpoint the specific spam sender. "There's hope, but it's still a year away."

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9/11 film receives mixed reactions

By Ben Wydeven
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In a special effort to encourage students to discuss politics, the Student Art League presented three showings of *Fahrenheit 9/11* Sunday, the second film to be shown by the organization this year. In addition, a short film *Kerry on Iraq* was presented before each showing.

"The thing that I really appreciate about [Fahrenheit 9/11] is that it pushes political thought and I think it really encourages people to really talk to one another about politics," said Joseph Quinnell, who hosts the film showings. "This movie covers really well just how lucky we are to be here at college."

Fahrenheit 9/11 is Michael Moore's critically acclaimed documentary about George W. Bush's last four years in the White House that raises questions about his campaign that were left unexplained. Among the issues covered were the Bush family's business connections to the Bin Laden's and the Iraqis, the war on Iraq from the point of view of soldiers and people in Flint, Michigan-Moore's hometown.

"It was a movie that I think every American has a responsibility to see," said Mike Philleo, political science major at UW-SP. "The images, the statements, the people inter-

viewed are real Americans, not the people that are on Capital Hill, the people who are creating false pretenses."

Afterwards, students were encouraged to go to Country Kitchen and discuss the movie. To encourage students to do this, Country Kitchen offered several promotions including free drinks and discounted meals.

While often critically acclaimed by Democrats, Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* is disregarded as anti-Bush propaganda by the Republicans.

"I think that he has the right to whatever opinion that he has and believes whatever he believes," said Rebecca Bernard, chairperson of the College Republicans at UW-SP, who has not seen *Fahrenheit 9/11* in its entirety. "I have seen bits and pieces of it and I have read numerous write ups about it but I have not watched the whole thing."

To balance the political opinion, *Kerry on Iraq*, was shown before the showing of *Fahrenheit 9/11*. The short video follows Kerry's inconsistent views on the war in Iraq, through quotes, and video clips on a calendar timeline. The video, paid for by the Republican National Committee, can be downloaded at www.kerryoniraq.com. Facts from Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* can be found at www.michaelmoore.com.

"If you look at much of who's being energized by Michael Moore's rhetoric, it's an anti-establishment, anti-American, anti-values demographic," said Kyle Craemer, a member of the College Republicans and former Marine. "We need to really be careful of who we give a voice to in this nation and this time in history because if you haven't noticed there's an attack coming from the inside and so we need to do our American duty and we need to take the war to the terrorists, and they're here in this country."

Craemer, who has gone from atheist to radical Christian since leaving Iraq, has never seen *Fahrenheit 9/11*, but feels it's very biased.

Michael Moore will be speaking at UW-SP from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday as part of his Slacker Uprising Tour to the swing states, which includes Wisconsin. The tour includes Green Bay later that day, where UW-SP College Republicans will be joining a statewide protest.

"We just felt it was worth our time, my time as an officer and the other officers as well as other people in our group," said Bernard. According to Bernard, Democrat turned Republican speaker David Horowitz, will visit UW-SP Monday at 7:30 p.m. For tickets sales for Moore or Horowitz, visit the information desk in the U.C.

Michael Moore coming to UW-SP

Controversial filmmaker Michael Moore is coming to campus on Saturday, Oct. 23 as part of his "Slacker Uprising Tour." Moore will arrive in Stevens Point at 11:30 a.m. and will speak at the Multi-Activity Center (MAC) located inside the Health Enhancement Center (HEC) starting at 1 p.m.

The event will run until 2:30 p.m., and will likely consist of activities that have been a feature of other stops along the tour such as reading letters written by soldiers serving in Iraq, awarding of prizes to students who register to vote and a karaoke sing-a-long to John Ashcroft's "Let the Eagle Soar."

The tour has been appearing to sold-out crowds around the country, with expectations that 600,000 students will have attended the rallies by tour's end. Moore started the "Slacker" tour in an effort to get millions of traditional non-voters to the polls on Nov. 2.

The tour stop in Stevens Point was sponsored by a coalition of student groups featuring the UW-SP Sociology Club, GSA, WRC, the Infinity Syndicate, Neale Hall, 90FM, the Political Honors Society and Roots and Shoots.

Students are advised that no banners or posters will be allowed in the building. Glass or plastic bottles will be prohibited.

CHILD protest

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First Amendment also took place on campus at the same time, according to West.

Pedestrians may have seen protesting groups on the sidewalk, picketing in protest of CHILD's demonstration. But even though the demonstration had negative responses, many people praised its boldness.

Administrators, students and community members alike visited the display at various times of the day. "There was actually more positive feedback than negative," said Roe, who respects the opinions expressed against CHILD.

"Anyone can make a statement about what they believe, by our amendment rights because it's a public school," said Roe.

"A few people were upset that the crosses were being presented on university property," said West, but despite protests, anyone has the right to exhibit freedom of speech on the UW-SP campus.

"It's really exciting to work at a place like this and express views and learn from each other," said West. "That's what the students with CHILD attempted to do."

On Friday, CHILD will be holding another silent protest, although more literal than that of last week's demonstration.

Activists will spend the entire day dressed in black, bearing a red arm band and remaining mute, handing out fliers in explanation of their demonstration. For more information, see the CHILD booth on Friday in the UC.

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BASEBALL IS A GAME TEEMING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

By A.M. Mella
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Over the past summer, I finally sat down and watched Ken Burns' *Baseball*. The nine-part documentary film takes the audience from the formation of our national pastime through the early 90s. Highlighting players from generations past, like Walter Johnson, Joe DiMaggio and Babe Ruth, the film does just as well with the modern game and generations. With each episode – cleverly dubbed “innings” by Burns – the game and the time period through which it passed, are brought to life. Burns is a master of illuminating stiff history, often using no more than photographs and period musical numbers. Just the same, he is a master of words. In closing, the narrator, in his best grandfatherly voice, recites:

It is played everywhere, in parks and playgrounds and prison yards. Back alleys and farmer's fields. By small children and old men, raw amateurs and millionaire professionals.

It is a leisurely game that demands blinding speed. The only game, in which the defense has the ball. It follows the season, beginning each year with the fond expectations of spring, and ending with the hard facts of autumn.

It is a haunted game, in which the player is measured against the ghosts of all who've gone before him.

Most of all, it is about time and timelessness, speed and grace, failure and loss, imperishable hope and coming home.

I'd known the sport of baseball since I was a kid, watching Robin Yount smack doubles in County Stadium, but recently, the game has

become much more. And so with this new respect for the game's dead, I floated upon another autumn, and another year of playoff baseball.

Ah, yes! Playoff baseball! The ultimate form of mental torture!

It is hard to argue in favor of any one playoff – the NFL and NHL have always produced some amazing finishes – but for as long as I can remember, baseball has been breaking my heart in some way. Of course, I celebrated my second autumn watching the Brewers lose The Series. Pretty much every other team I've cheered on since then has lost as well. But I made my biggest mistake of all, about five years back, when I was cursed enough to fall in love with the Red Sox. While the past five Octobers have been horribly miserable, at best, watching Burns' *Baseball*, made everything so much worse.

His only real bias as a filmmaker is oft-revealed in this docu-

mentary, as he so beautifully crafts the early triumphs, and prolonged defeats, of the Boston Red Sox. It is fairly obvious by inning nine, that Burns, too, is a Sox fan.

I think Burns said it best, calling baseball a game of “failure and loss.” Most of all, the playoffs are reality and they are death. Baseball is inherently a game of disappointment – a futile attempt to make it home. And for the Red Sox, home has been a fleeting ghost.

But wait! As I type this, the Sox are going ass-wild. Johnny Damon hit two homers. And somehow, in a nerve-bending twist of fate, the boys from beantown pulled off the impossible. The Red Sox have come back to win from 0-3 (jumping at least 6 inches into the air in celebration). Great Jupiter!

Well I guess baseball is not all disappointment, but I'm sure that ghost of the Bambino will ruin all this good fun before October's done.

90 f.m.

It is so rad, Zach Morris calls on his cell phone to make requests. Like the other day, he wanted to hear some Air Supply ... and they played it.



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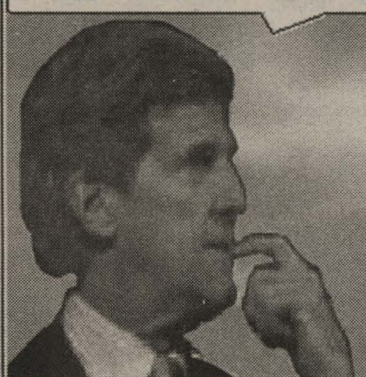
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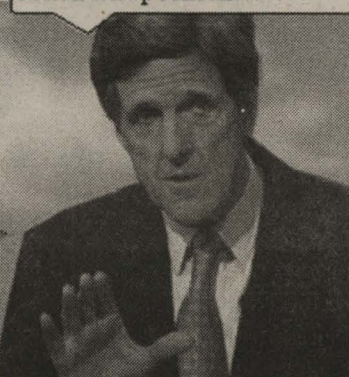
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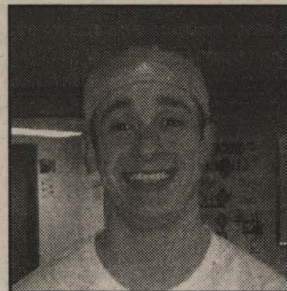
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Pointer Poll

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What is one thing you would change about UW-SP?



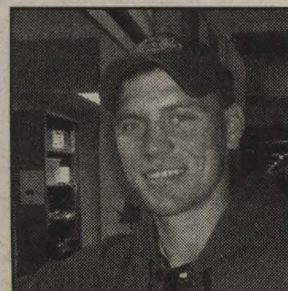
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We should have a water slide at the pool.



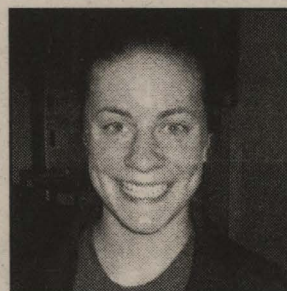
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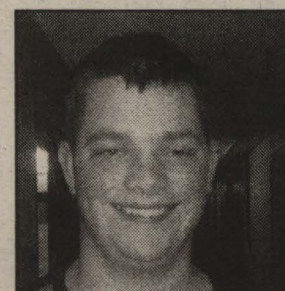
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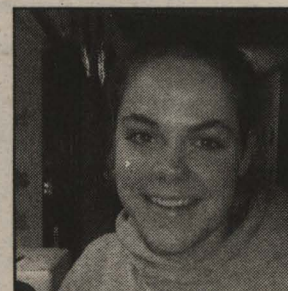
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Your College Survival Guide: Heavy Petting

By Pat Rothfuss

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Pat

UR colum sucks. Your always making fun of Bush. Have some respect he is a president and a great man who has done a lot for our country. If you hake america so much then get the fuck out. You comunist faggot.

jasonjedi69@yahoo.com

Dude, if you love America so much, why don't you capitalize it? Ahh... why bother? This letter mocks itself.

I'm tired of you illiterates sending me whiny letters. If any of you pro-Bushers out there can coherently phrase anything positive about him, I'll print it in the next column. Same thing for you Kerry people. Cowboy up, pick-lickers. prothfus@wsunix.wsu.edu.

Okay, moving on....

Pat,

I live in the dorms and I want to have a pet. But they say the only pets we can have are fish, and fish suck. You can't play or cuddle with a fish. I don't want a dog or anything, just like a hamster. What's the difference really? They both live in an aquarium, right?

Pretty Emotional Toward Mammal Embargos.

Well PETME, when I lived in the dorms, I too felt the desire for something mammalian to cuddle. However, since I horrify most women, I decided to buy an animal that was required to love me or face starvation. A pet.

So I bought an aquarium and two guinea pigs. I called them Mr. Fluffins and Squeaky Pete. They were teddy bear shorthairs. Cute as buttons.

How did I deal with the rule against pets? Simple. I ignored it. This worked for about two months until my RA saw them. He told me I'd have to get rid of them. I agreed. Then I got back to ignoring the rule. This worked pretty well for another month until he saw them again.

HIM: You said you were going to get rid of those.

ME: Get rid of what?

HIM: (Pointing) Those.

ME: I got rid of the old ones. Those are new ones.

HIM: You can't have any pets but fish!

ME: They aren't pets. They're food. I'm fattening them up.

HIM: Listen, there are rules!

ME: In Thoreau's concept of civil disobedience, it is every citizen's duty to oppose unjust laws.

HIM: I'm getting the hall director, you hippie freak.

Ten minutes later...

Hall Director: (firmly) You can't have pets in the dorms. It says right in the handbook.

ME: Except fish.

HIM: Right, except fish.

ME: (Pointing) These are fish.

HIM: Those are guinea pigs.

ME: Prove it.

HIM: [He leaves and comes back with a dictionary.] "Fish: An aquatic animal."

ME: They're aquatic.

HIM: Prove it.

So I leave and come back carrying my neighbor's aquarium. It's full of water, plastic plants, and several confused neon tetras named after the various Stooges.

Now at this point you should know something. Squeaky Pete

was everything you could want in a guinea pig: loving, cuddly, playful. Mr. Fluffins, however, was standoffish. He would occasionally give me this snobby look, as if he didn't approve of my behavior.

A few days ago, he and I had a talk about how he might more willingly embrace the role of loving pet. At the end of the talk I thought we were in agreement, but when I picked him up afterwards he made wee on my hand.

So, I picked up Mr. Fluffins, dusted the cedar chips off, and dropped him in the aquarium. He squeaked a little, then started to swim.

Then the director said, "Aquatic means they live under water. Swimming around doesn't count."

So, turning to look my hall director in the eye, I took Mr. Fluffins in a firm grip and pushed him underwater.

"Sweet mother of fuck!" he shouted. "What are you doing?"

"I'm showing you my fish," I said calmly, still looking him in the eye. Mr. Fluffins and the stooges started some improv comedy that lasted 10 seconds. Twenty seconds. Thirty seconds. I didn't look away from the hall director. His eyes were huge, he was sweating. I didn't blink.

"Fine! It's a fish!" he said.



I pulled Mr. Fluffins out of the tank, squeezed him out, then wrapped him in a towel and put him on my roommate's bed, just in case he decided to puke. After that, PETME, the hall director never gave me any hassle.

Best of all, Mr. Fluffins became the perfect pet... for three weeks. Then he tried to shiv me in my sleep. After that we had another talk, during which he made wee on my hand again. So I killed him, ate him, and made his skin into a little hat that I still wear to this day.

Games People Play continues their generous support of this lovely column. Next door to Family Video, they have everything your geeky gamer heart could desire. By saving on needless expenses like, say, a sign out front, they can offer most of their merchandise at 10-percent off. Try them out, please.

Reader disagrees with anti-Kerry letter

I realize this response will either be preaching to the choir or falling on deaf ears, but Mr. Craemer's letter published Oct. 14 was just too outrageous for me not to respond. For those who did not have the pleasure of reading his letter, let me recap. Mr. Craemer attempts to make a connection between evolution being taught and prayer being "attacked" in schools to "dramatic" increases in "social-ills" such as rape, murder, abortion, homosexuality (eek!) and so on. He even begins his letter claiming that there are statistics showing these social ills were "a flat line" before the sexual revolution of the 1960s. I would've loved for him to have actually included the statistics on which he bases his letter and their source. Sadly, he did not.

That said, there are a few things on which I would respectfully disagree with Mr. Craemer. First of all, to state that social ills were not a problem (or even that they weren't to the magnitude which they are now) is preposterous. What about slavery, racism, sexism, the horrid workplace conditions during and following the industrial revolution, the genocide of the indigenous peoples of this land by early settlers? Social ills are nothing new to the United States.

Secondly, statistics are not always an accurate reflection of reality. Just because women were so oppressed that the notion of reporting and successfully prosecuting a rape was absurd does not mean that rape did not occur. Just because homosexuals had to hide who they were born as in order to avoid persecution does not mean homosexuality did not exist. Just because women were forced to have unsafe abortions in secret to avoid stigma does not mean abortion did not occur. If rape, murder and armed robbery are things you are worried about, I would suggest taking

a look at economic injustice, or how much money our government makes from the arms trade each year (not to mention President Bush telling us in order to be safe we "must be on the offensive" during the last presidential debate). That might explain our violence-obsessed society better than a lack of prayer in schools or the sexual revolution.

While Mr. Craemer's letter claims that social ills were not a problem until the 1960s, it seems to me the only ones who had it good before the 1960s were the upper and/or middle-class white males. The truth is the 1960s were a time for a lot of revolutions (not just that oh-so-scary sexual one). It may have seemed like all of these issues only then became a problem, but really it was when the oppressed got so fed up that they made sure the upper and/or middle-class white males heard about it.

When people have their blinders on to the magnitude conveyed in Mr. Craemer's letter, it is not hard to see how he could be encouraging the vote for Bush by appealing to people's religious values. My only desperate plea to Mr. Craemer, and others, is to do a bit more research and critical thinking before casting that vote. I think, with that research, you would be surprised at how few of Bush's policies contain the Christian values with which most Christians identify. The major Christian issues of abortion and gay marriage are merely a smoke-screen used by politicians to manipulate voters through their consciences. Those issues guarantee the votes of a great many who will ask no questions beyond that. For the sake of this country and this world, we need to ask questions beyond that.

Sincerely,
Ariel B. Soley
Stevens Point

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Gamble the night away

Casino Night is fun, safe entertainment for all

By Adam Rodewald

FEATURES EDITOR

"I think we need a drum roll for this one!" The beaming announcer shouted as she lifted the No. 1 coveted prize of the night: a shining new X-Box.

Over 100 feet began stamping in pounding stimulation, and an equal number of eyes became simultaneously fixed upon that delicate hand reaching into the bowl of raffle tickets.

After seemingly hours of anticipation, the hand emerged with a tiny blue piece of paper upon which there was a number. The announcer began to read... slowly... slowly... and there was a moment of excruciating silence.

Suddenly, someone began jumping up and down and thunderous cheers and applause accompanied the lucky winner to claim the prize.

This was the final event to a delightful evening of gambling this past Tuesday. Casino Night, an annual event put on by the Residents Hall Association (RHA), proved to be an exciting diversion from typical college life for the horde of delighted students who attended.

The program was a mock casino set up in the Alumni Room. Classic gambling games such as craps, roulette, dice games

and the ever popular blackjack were available to play between 8-10 p.m.

Upon entering, participants were given \$5,000 in artificial cash to place their bets, and all winnings could be turned in for raffle tickets. At the end of the night, these tickets were used in a drawing for many different, valuable prizes ranging from free pizza and movies to the infamous X-Box.

While the appeal of these prizes was great, it may be a stretch to say they were the highlight of the evening. The energy was high and smiles abounded as almost everyone took the occasion as a time to relax and have fun.

Casino Night was organized by Courtney Ryan, RHA's social and contemporary issues chairman, who plans various programs on issues pertinent to campus including the annual blood drives and Tour de Point.

Unknown to most, the program was actually in celebration of Alcohol Awareness Week. "It's an alcohol awareness program. We are putting it on in conjunction with P.A.W.S. who is providing the free mocktails," said RHA President Kaytie Farrell. "It's a way for students to take part in a safe alternative to drinking,"



Photo by Liz Bolton

added Ryan.

RHA hopes to show students that there are fun alternatives to attending drinking parties by offering a relaxing break during the midterm.

About five members of P.A.W.S., an organization that promotes awareness of current issues among students, served the free non-alcoholic drinks that Farrell called mocktails. Jess Falish, one of the many attending students, exclaimed, "Give me a couple more mocktails, and I'll get pretty obnoxious!" The drinks were a delicious addition to the fun.

Various volunteers from RHA and Residents Hall governments ran the tables. Freshman Ben Ropella, Steiner Hall's RHA representative, was one of the many black-

jack dealers. When asked what he thought about the night, he responded, "It's pretty decent; maybe a little slower than expected, but it's really fun and everyone's being really respectful."

Farrell said that the program may not have had as many people as in previous years, but she felt that it was just as successful.

The estimated 130 or more participants is nothing to be ashamed of, and the smiles on people's faces definitely reflected the overall attitude of the evening. An abundance of cheers and high energy was proof of Farrell's statement, "You don't need alcohol to have a good time. I think that's the main thing we want people to get out of this."

A fresh new look for Debot

Renovations below Debot peak interests

By Carmen Speich

FEATURES REPORTER

The newly renovated Debot basement, C-Store and Grill are pleasing students with a modern look and more appealing items. Student input was the fuel that began the changes in UW-SP food service. Lower Debot now features more food variety and healthier selections, as well as new black-and-white checkered flooring.

Overcrowding and high student demand in the C-Store and Grill has become an increasingly large problem which pushed the university to seek out negotiations with Chartwells, one of the biggest food contractors in the U.S. After reaching an agreement, plans to renovate and remodel were made.

Most changes were made this past August and early September. As Jerry Lineberger, associate director of the University Center, explained, "We talked to RHA last year and worked with Chartwells to plan the changes." Chartwells works with many large universities, tracking trends and implementing new changes. RHA passed the proposal, and the money for the renovation was borrowed internally, Lineberger said. Specific care was made to make sure students' fees were not raised.

The University Centers, including the C-Store and Grill, are non-tax supported. This means that they are "auxiliary to the main function of the institution and are self-sustaining businesses," said Lineberger. They do not make profit but break

even without losing money in the process.

Renovations were slated to start in May, but, according to C-Store and Grill manager Karen Witkowski, were delayed until August because of late supply shipment. The newly expanded C-Store and basement Debot includes an expanded and opened walkway between the seating section and lounge area. The seating inside the C-Store now includes beverage coolers, popcorn machines and pastry display cases.

One complaint from students is that they do not have the luxury like they did pre-renovation of

waiting for their Grill items while comfortably seated in the booths in the C-Store. Now the only seating is located in the basement of Debot.

Despite this, student responses have been largely positive. Laura Farahzad, a student and C-Store employee, enjoys her non-work study job, and sees the many students that are using the stores. Farahzad explains that by working at the C-Store, she "gets to sample food and make a lot of new friends."

Lineberger described the history of Debot. "A long, long



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Renovations below Debot meet the high expectations of students.



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Educate, empower, vote

The New Voters Project demonstrates that your vote is your voice

By Alli Himle

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

In order to rock the vote and increase political participation at the college level, UW-SP hosted a program aimed at increasing the awareness of students, in addition to making them more informed and educated voters.

Sponsored by Centertainment Productions, in conjunction with the New Voters Project, the aim of this program was to increase voter turnout while decreasing voter apathy.

According to CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement), voter turnout among those under the age of 25 has significantly declined since 1972 when Americans ages 18-21 were first permitted to vote. In addition, the proportion of the electorate that was between the ages 18-25 fell from 14.2 percent in 1972 to 7.8 percent in 2000. The decline in voter turnout is due to a variety of reasons, mostly stemming from diminishing inclination to vote.

The goal of the New Voters Project is to register 2,700 students on the UW-SP campus to vote. At the present time, they have registered nearly 2,600 students, just shy of their goal.

Through this program, students were educated on the various platforms of each of the candidates. A representative from each of the political organizations on campus (College Greens, College/Young Democrats, and College Republicans) discussed the candidate representing their party and what their organization is doing to get out the vote on campus and throughout the community. Issues such as their party's and/or candidate's stance on civil rights, the war in Iraq and the possible reinstatement of the draft, the rising cost of higher education and

environmental protection were all touched on by the three representatives.

The intent of this program was not to lead a person to vote for one particular party. The intent was simply to educate, empower and, most importantly, encourage all who attended to go to the polls on Nov. 2. Numerous people our age are doing nothing to get informed. Continually students feel as though their voices are not being heard and the reason they feel this way stems from them not letting their voices be heard. We must all take a stance in our government, for that is truly what a democracy is all about. For the truth of the matter is, one cannot complain about the status of our government and the direction it is taking if one does not get involved in it. It is sad that something as simple as going to the polls and casting your vote is disregarded by so many.

It is time that the young become mobilized, it is time that we are no longer ignored, but most importantly, it is time that we refuse to let ourselves be ignored. It is only by going to the polls on Nov. 2 that this can occur. As Lauren McGrath, legislative issues director for SGA and speaker at the event said, "Students are a highly unrepresented constituency both in voter turnout and perceived benefits from our representatives. Legislators simply do not think they need to represent us because we are not representing ourselves." It is time for the voice of the students to be heard, and it is only through educating and empowering the student body that this can occur.

For those looking for further information on the candidates, you may find these non-partisan web sites of interest: factcheck.org, newvotersproject.org, and mtv.com.

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time ago it was a former pizza parlor." It was forced to close due to the resurgence of fast food chains like Pizza Hut and Domino's. "Then, it became a Mexican restaurant called Amigo's," before that too closed due to competition. In 1991, due to student demand, the C-Store became the store that we know today.

When planning the new implementations to lower Debot, the deciding organizations looked at popular market trends and student input. The

C-Store's area has increased twofold, and larger coolers have replaced the old to "serve people better and to be more respectful to the environment," Lineberger explains. "The sub line in the C-Store contains the same sub ingredients as the Pointer Express--except for the sub ladies!"

The C-Store and Grill, which employs approximately 50 workers, most of which are students, increased their inventory by "10 to 15 thousand dollars," said Witkowski. "Student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The change is good."

Bike it up!

Campus biking club rides hard

By Dawn VerHaagh

FEATURES REPORTER

The Mountain Bikers of UW-SP is a 5-year-old organization on campus that focuses on mountain and road biking.

Mountain Bikers is a laid back organization that maintains its goals of riding and racing bikes. It organizes group rides on the Green Circle, some members participate in Wisconsin Off Road Series (WORS), and over the last couple years, the club has also organized a spring break trip.

Tom Petri, sophomore and vice president of the Mountain Bikers club, became involved in the organization because "I like to bike and thought it would be fun to bike with people who know where they are going. It is also more fun when you are not by yourself."

The organization consists of 15-20 members, road or mountain bikers, and is active throughout the school year. They bike until early winter and then start up in the early spring when the salt

is off the roads. During the off-season many of the members will train at home with a trainer.

Currently the club is planning to raise money by selling UW-SP bike socks to benefit the organization. Previously Campus Cycle donated a bike for their bike raffle, and they are also looking forward to a collegiate race taking place this coming February.

WORS is America's largest state mountain bike racing series and holds races throughout the state, typically scheduled from the beginning of May to the end of October. The Mountain Bikers of UW-SP encourage members to get involved and compete in these races. Ryan Ruhland and Kyle Jacobson, members of the club and president of the Mountain Bikers of UW-SP, respectively, have competed in several WORS races in the Elite category. Ruhland had his best finish placing seventh overall at the Big Ring Classic in Wausau.



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Pointers hope to ride wave of success

By Matthew Inda
SPORTS REPORTER

After another championship year for the men and a close second place finish for the women, the Pointers got their feet wet Saturday, Oct. 15 in an intra-squad scrimmage.

SWIM AND DIVE

In the so-called Purple and Gold meet, the team divided up into two evenly skilled groups, Team Purple and Team Gold. The victor - Team Gold.

"Big, Bad, and Beautiful." These are the words Head Coach Alan Boelk used to describe this year's team.

Boelk was pleased with the performance at the Saturday event. "I am very happy about how the intra-squad went. The first meet of the year is always a little rough, but aside from that, it was a really impressive meet."

Now in his eighth season as Pointer head coach, Boelk has already won eight men's and women's conference championships combined. He led the men to their fifth straight title by overcoming UW-La Crosse last season. Also last year, the women were 42 points away from beating UW-L for the women's championship.

As a recipient of seven Coach of the Year awards, Boelk accepted the honors most recently last season for heading the men's squad.

"The most exciting part of coaching this team," Boelk said, "is getting to really know an athlete and help them along to hopefully find a new level." He also said that he enjoys watching the team members to see if they can find what it takes within themselves to really flow in a race.

"Every race I watch there is a chance a kid will really hit it. That is pretty exciting," he stated.

The team has been practicing hard week in and week out to prepare themselves.

"There are about 80 swimmers and seven to eight divers consisting of a very strong underclassmen lineup," senior Courtney Slagle said. "The team looks strong, talented and ready to take on the season."

Senior Diver Jason Stedman feels it's one of the best dive teams in recent years. "We have a lot of depth and a lot of talent on this year's team," he said. "It should be fun."

In preparation for a meet, Coach Boelk reminds them that everything they do is an extension of their being.

"Their actions define their character, and that each meet is an opportunity to make something beautiful happen - an opportunity that only comes once," he said.

The teams have their first meet at home against conference foe UW-Oshkosh on Friday, Oct. 22.

Pointers struggle as end nears

By Pamela Waukau
SPORTS REPORTER

With the season coming to an end, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's volleyball team struggled to make a comeback after two back-to-back losses on their home court Oct. 15 against UW-Stout and the next day against UW-River Falls.

VOLLEYBALL

UW-Stout, 5-2 after the win against the Pointers, was a solid team. UW-SP had a hard time executing the offensive plays which gave UW-S an easier time to take advantage of the Pointer's bad luck.

The team's offense was a little shaky against the Blue Devils. Shelly Maus,

middle hitter, led the team with 10 kills and Toni Johnson, setter, had 19 assists. However, UW-S managed to dominate the first and second matches by out-doing UW-SP's hitting game.

Although the Pointers lacked the persistence of passing, setting and making clean kills, their defense has been impeccable. Long rallies intensified the atmosphere. However, each rally ended in favor of the Blue Devils.

The following day, UW-SP suffered another home loss against UW-River Falls.

"We didn't play as well as we expected to play against them so (losing on Friday) made it hard to come back and play the next day," said Head Coach Stacey White.

UW-RF's big outside side hitter Katie

Thompson slammed 17 kills onto the Pointers. Falcon right side hitter Nina Petersen collected 13 kills of her own. The Pointers knew that River Falls had a tough offense. One of the efforts used to dismantle the tough hitters was serving tactics. The emphasis on placing the serves caused more UW-SP service errors.

"We needed to disrupt their serve receive," said Coach White. "They were scrappy and had some very good hitters."

Despite the Pointers' effort, the ball did not quite bounce their way and they came out of the weekend with a 1-7 record in the WIAC.

With only a few games left, the Pointers are trying to make the best of their past contests and hope to have better finishes in the final stretch of the season.

Pointers gain momentum, own four-game win streak

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Momentum is clearly on the side of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team as they enter the final stretch of the regular season. With two wins last week, the Pointers have mounted a four-game winning streak and have pulled into a first-place tie with UW-Stout atop the WIAC.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

In last week's action, UW-SP tallied a conference win over UW-Eau Claire by the score of 3-0. The Pointers also defeated non-conference rival St. Thomas (MN) 2-1 in another overtime victory for UW-SP, their fourth of the year.

At Eau Claire last Saturday, the Pointers jumped to an early lead with Alyssa Souza's ninth goal of the year at the 6:19 mark. With the score still 1-0 in the early second half, Souza added her second goal of the game at the 47:55 mark. To solidify the victory, Kimie Wieps scored the Pointers' third goal of the game. The scored remained unchanged through the rest of the game and UW-SP went on to win 3-0. The Blugolds were out-shot 15-6 by the Pointers in the match. Souza leads the pointers in scoring with 10 goals this season.

On Tuesday, the Pointers took on the Tommies from the University of St. Thomas (MN) in a fierce non-conference battle. Kim Reese got the ball rolling for UW-SP as she scored her fourth goal of the year at the 2:45 mark. St. Thomas fired back, answering

the Pointer score late in the first half. Jade Crepps tied the game at the 41:04 mark with her fifth score of the season.

In a dramatic overtime finish, UW-SP's Wieps collided with the Tommies' goalie. Wieps got off a wide-open shot and had it hit the post. She collected her own rebound and scored the game-winner at the 99:38 mark. The overtime victory moves the Pointers' record in extra time to 4-0-1 this season.

The Pointers are now 11-4-1 overall and are 6-1 in the WIAC.

The final two games for UW-SP are at home, as the Pointers take on UW-River Falls this Saturday at the UW-SP Soccer Bowl. The Pointers then take a week off to prepare for their final contest against Gustavus Adolphus on Halloween, Oct. 31, which is Senior Day.

Pointer Sports News and Notes

Fan Bus Available for UW-Stevens Point/Marquette Basketball Game

Fans wishing to cheer on the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team in its exhibition contest against Marquette University at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee will have the opportunity to ride a fan bus to the game on Nov. 9.

A coach bus will leave from Stevens Point at 3 p.m. The bus will begin loading at 2:45 p.m. in front of the Quandt Field house. A box lunch and soda will be provided for all fans taking the bus. Game tickets are \$15 per person and the cost to ride the bus is \$15 per person.

Fans interested in the bus to Milwaukee can contact the UW-Stevens Point alumni office at 715-346-3811 by Nov. 1. Ticket information can also be obtained by calling the UW-Stevens Point ticket office at 346-4100.

Men's Hockey Team Hosts Intrasquad Game and Skating Event Friday

Fans are invited to join the 2004-05 UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team on the ice on Friday in the team's annual "Skate with the Pointers" event that will be held following the Pointers' Purple/Gold game.

The Pointers take the ice at 7 p.m. at Willett Arena for their first intrasquad game of the year. Following the game, fans are invited to bring their skates and come on the ice with the team members.

UW-Stevens Point opens its season on Fri., Oct. 29 at home against UW-Eau Claire at 7:30 p.m. at Willett Arena.

Men's Hockey Earns Votes in National Poll; Picked Fifth in NCHA

The UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team has been picked to finish fifth in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association's preseason poll of league coaches.

The Pointers finished sixth in the league last year and had just two seniors on a squad that finished 13-12-3 overall while reaching the NCHA semifinals for the eighth consecutive year.

UW-Stevens Point also received 18 votes in the U.S. College Hockey Online Division III national poll. The Pointers were the second-highest vote-getter not in the preseason top 15. St. Norbert is the nation's No. 1 team and is also picked to repeat as NCHA champion.

LaLonde Named WIAC Cross Country Athlete of the Week

UW-Stevens Point senior Mark LaLonde has run in three cross country races so far this season and has yet to lose to a U.S. collegiate runner. Last week LaLonde won the UW-Oshkosh Invite with a time of 24:50 to earn Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's cross country Athlete of the Week honors for the second time.

Earlier this season, the Park Falls native finished second to a runner from Canada in the Notre Dame Invitational with a time of 24:41 and he won the Grinnell Invite in 25:15.

The men's cross country team is currently ranked fourth in the nation in Division III.

Quarterback takes spotlight in important Pointer victory

By Adam Wise

SPORTS EDITOR

When Scott Krause completed his senior season last year, one that saw him toss for nearly 3,000 yards and 37 TDs, few expected this year's QB to be as effective as Krause.

FOOTBALL

The doubters were wrong.

After another impressive outing last Saturday in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's 23-7 victory against UW-Stout, a sophomore is starting to replace the image of Krause with his own.

Brett Borchart has been steady as a rock for the Pointers so far this year. With a struggling defense and an inconsistent running game, he has managed to average more than 310 yards passing through six games while also posing as a constant running threat out of the pocket.

Last Saturday was no exception, either.

Although the Pointers could not convert on any red zone opportunities in the first half, Borchart engineered several scoring drives in the second half to pull away from UW-S.

Twice, the offense was able to find themselves inside the five-yard line only to turn the ball over.

On their second drive of the game, the offense had three attempts to put themselves up in the game from the one-yard line. Two Cody Childs draws and one QB sneak proved fruitless as the Pointers turned the ball over on downs.

The second time they reached the red zone was on their second drive of the second quarter.

Following a 23-yard completion from Borchart to Ross Adamczak on third and 10 that put the Pointers back on the one-yard line, Childs took a handoff on the ensuing play, fumbled and turned it over at the three to keep the score tied at 0.

Meanwhile, in the midst of all the drama the offense was creating, the defense finally began to play to their ability in this game.

UW-S missed a field goal, turned the ball over on downs, and then punted twice on their first four possessions of the game.

The fifth drive turned out to be crucial for the Pointers.

After the Blue Devil offense was driving one last time in the quarter to try to put some points on the board before halftime, LaRon Ragsdale intercepted a pass from Nick Ohman at the UW-SP 23 and returned it 77 yards for a TD to put points on the scoreboard with only 23 seconds left before halftime.

It didn't take long for the Pointers to distance themselves from their opponents in the second half.

After the Pointers forced UW-S to a three-and-out, Borchart connected with Adamczak for a 51-yard touchdown to put

Stevens Point up 14-0.

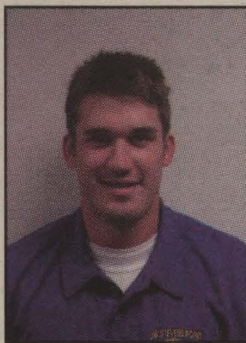
UW-SP converted on its first red zone score of the game when Cody Childs rushed for his third touchdown of the year on Points last drive of the third quarter from 12-yards out.

UW-S was finally able score on the first play of the fourth quarter when Nick Ohman completed a pass to Jesse Wendt for five yards, but that was as close as they would get.

UW-SP went on to add a field goal to win the game by 16 points.

Overall, Borchart completed 24 of his 38 pass attempts for 358 yards and a TD.

Point received field-day performances from wide receivers Tony Romano and Adamczak with Romano hauling in eight passes for 159 yards and Adamczak catching the same amount for 132.



Borchart

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What are your plans after graduation? - Find a career, a house, get a pimped-out car, and a wife to come along.

What has helped you become such an accomplished football player? - My older and bigger brother piss-pounding me as a child.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - 2001 conference championship with playoff birth.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Explaining why all my best friends date my sister or how I got turf toe on grass.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - John "Cougar" Mellencamp's Greatest Hits

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - *The Count of Monte Cristo*

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Friends made and friends played.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Parents, friends and the diverse culture in Scandinavia!

THE WEEK AHEAD IN POINTER ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY - AT UW-OSHKOSH DUAL

- OCT. 22

FOOTBALL - HOME VS. UW-OSHKOSH - OCT. 23, 1 PM

SOCCER - HOME VS. UW-RIVER FALLS - OCT. 23 - 2 PM

TENNIS - WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS (AT MADISON) - OCT. 23-24

VOLLEYBALL - UW-STOUT TOURNAMENT - OCT. 22-23



Pointers climb high in rankings, run over opposition

By Jana Jurkovich

SPORTS REPORTER

Ranked second in the nation, the UW-SP women's cross country team claimed a share of the crown at last weekend's UW-Oshkosh Invite.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Pointers had four of the top seven finishers as they tied with the host Titans, who are ranked fourth in the nation, for first place. Megan Craig delivered the best Pointer performance as she finished second with a time of 17:50 over the 5,000-meter course.

The team will battle it out again this weekend at the UW-Oshkosh Dual in final preparation for the conference meet the following week.

On the other spectrum, the men's team didn't fair as well as the women's as they finished fourth among the eight teams.

However, UW-SP's Mark LaLonde claimed the individual title with a time of 24:50 for the 8,000 meter race. LaLonde, who has been a stand-out for the team this season, was also named the WIAC Cross Country Athlete of the Week.

Claiming these honors for the second time, LaLonde has yet to finish behind a US collegiate runner in the three races he has competed in this season.

The men, currently ranked fourth, will travel to the UW-Oshkosh Dual like the women for a final tune-up for conference.

POINTER ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Mark LaLonde - Men's Cross Country - The senior runner won the UW-Oshkosh Invitational which featured some of the best teams in the Midwest. LaLonde covered 8,000 meters at Lake Breeze Golf Course in 24:50, nipping Carleton College's Dan Bucy by just over a second. LaLonde's performance lifted the Pointers to a fourth place team finish.

Leah Herlache - Women's Cross Country - The senior placed fourth overall at the UW-Oshkosh Invitational as the Pointers tied the Titans for the team championship. Herlache ran a lifetime personal best of 18:16 on the 5,000-meter course. Her time eclipsed her own personal record by 11 seconds.

Ross Adamczak - Football - Offense - The senior tight end pulled in a career-high eight passes and had one touchdown to lift the Pointers to a 23-7 victory over UW-Stout. Adamczak's eight catches totaled 132 yards, with the biggest strike being a 51-yard touchdown pass from Brett Borchart early in the third quarter. His touchdown gave the Pointers a 14-0 lead.

LaRon Ragsdale - Football - Defense - The junior cornerback provided the turning point in the Pointers game at UW-Stout. With the Blue Devils driving late in the first half, Ragsdale picked off a pass and raced 77 yards untouched to give the Pointers a 7-0 lead. The pick was Ragsdale's third of the season, and the second one he has returned for a touchdown. Ragsdale also had six total tackles on the day, including four solo efforts.

Steve Garvoille - Football - Special Teams - The junior led the Pointers kickoff coverage squad making one solo tackle. The Pointers held UW-Stout to an average of just 9.8 return yards on five kickoffs. Garvoille finished the day with five solo tackles.

Alyssa Souza - Soccer - Offense - The senior midfielder blitzed UW-Eau Claire for two goals in the Pointers 3-0 victory on Saturday. Souza twice converted through balls, once from Katie O'Leary and once from Liz Kidd, to give the Pointers a 2-0 lead. Souza leads the Pointers with 10 goals and 24 points this season.

Melissa Becker - Soccer - Defense - The senior midfielder helped to hold two Pointer opponents to just nine shots on goal over two games. Becker also got the Pointers on the scoreboard in a 2-1 overtime victory at UW-Whitewater with an unassisted goal on the seventh minute of play.

Kim Goron & Angie Brown - Tennis - Doubles - Playing at No. 2 doubles, the pair picked up their third victory of the season. Goron and Brown defeated Cory Salo and Michelle Baur of UW-Oshkosh 8-3 in a dual match.

Lori Marten - Volleyball - The sophomore continues to be one of the top liberos in the conference. Marten recorded 55 digs in three matches this week, an average of 6.1 per game, and still leads the WIAC in that category. She had 21 digs against UW-Oshkosh and 22 digs versus UW-River Falls. She also notched one kill and one assist.

OUR VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

Memory of Rice fades, but does not disappear

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

Jerry Rice is the greatest wide receiver to ever play the game of football. This cannot be disputed. But recent events can somewhat make us forget the legacy that will live on when he finally retires.

Earlier this season the Rice record was broken. By this I mean his 274 consecutive games of catching a pass ended in Oakland's 13-10 victory against Buffalo.

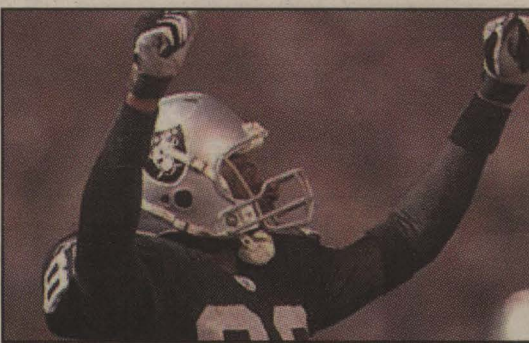
Rice had been shunned this season in the Raider offense, but who could blame them? The Raiders have a handful of talented young wide receivers on their roster who are just flat out better than the 42-year-old veteran.

You can somewhat understand why

Rice would become disgruntled this season. After all, he did win several championships in the Super Bowl for two of the greatest QBs that ever lived.

But there is a fine line between being upset and being a baby, the latter of which Rice has been recently.

Last Sunday, following Oakland's 31-3 drubbing at the hands of Denver, Rice was quoted by reporters as saying, "[Sunday] was a hard day to swallow - not going



Courtesy of BBC Sport
Jerry Rice with his former team, the Oakland Raiders.

out there and being productive, and not being competitive, and not putting up a fight to win this football game. I'm not going to get into what's going on with me, but I wanted to play in this football game, and it just didn't happen. I just want to play. I want to be involved. I want to be a part of it. I want to have opportunities."

To me, this is just another sad story of late team changes involving former all-star

athletes.

Now that Jerry Rice has been traded by the Raiders to the Seahawks, memories of Montana in a Chiefs uniform, Unitas in a Chargers uniform, or Michael Jordan in a Wizards uniform shoot back into my head.

Once again, I don't believe that when Rice suits up for the Seahawks this season people will forget his 1,524 receptions, 22,533 yards receiving, or any of those 194 TDs he's caught, but this has got to be the final hurrah for the man who has provided many great memories for pro football fans around the country for 20 years.

It is just a shame that he couldn't retire a 49er.

20 wins and counting...

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

The New England area is buzzing over the recent events surrounding their professional athletic teams. The Boston Red Sox have been renewing their long-time rivalry with the New York Yankees in the Major League Baseball playoffs. But there seems to be a story that's taking a back seat to the Red Sox playoff run that may be more newsworthy: the continuing dominance of the New England Patriots football team.

Last Sunday, the Patriots defeated the Seattle Seahawks, who many people believed were the only NFL team that could overcome the powerful Patriots, and have now won consecutive games. Seventeen of the 20 wins have come in regular season contests. The 20-game streak is a new NFL record. The word "dynasty" has begun to surround the New England Patriots and The Patriots (logo circa 1985) are winners of 20 games in a row.

This season, the Patriots have only faced small opposition from their opponents. Last week's game was won by 10 points, as the Patriots held off a Seahawks comeback to win 30-20. The only other team to give the Pats a run for their money was the Indianapolis Colts, who lost to New England in week one by the score of 27-24 after Colts Kicker Mike Vanderjagt missed a last-second field goal to tie the game. The Pats other three wins came against three of the worst teams in the NFL: the Arizona Cardinals (1-4), the Buffalo Bills (1-4) and the Miami Dolphins (0-6).

That being said, teams like the aforementioned Steelers and 49ers were dominant for many years and played against other great teams in their respective eras. The complete rosters of these teams can be rattled off by diehard fans who remember the "glory days." Names like Joe Montana, Terry Bradshaw and the "Steel Curtain" Steelers' defense personify the greatness of these dynasties and the characters who took part in their greatness. No team will ever match the mystique that the teams of the past carry with them still today.



I agree that it would be a difficult task to put together a winning team in the NFL in the era of free agency. The Patriots have made the most of this system and have produced a team capable of winning many games. But they are nothing like the dynasties of old. They don't hold the same mysterious aura that the 1960s Green Bay Packers have. There may never be another true dynasty like that again.

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Deer in the headlights

Motorists and deer collide more frequently this time of year

By Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

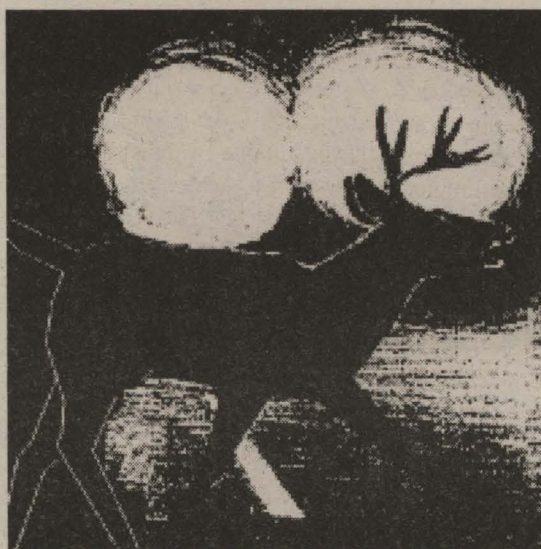
If I said that autumn was the greatest time of year in Wisconsin, would you disagree with me? The colorful leaves, the comfortable temperatures, the outstanding fishing, the hunting seasons, the football games - I could go on forever about all the great things autumn has to offer, but for now, I won't. Instead, I'd like to talk about the unfortunate, but imminent, increase in vehicle-deer collisions that occur this time of year.

From mid-October through late November there are more collisions between motorists and deer in the state than at any other time of year. The main reason for this is the rut (the deer breeding season). Like college students at a local bar, bucks will search for and chase does with no regard for their own well-being or awareness of their surroundings. To be concise, let's just say the deer have one thing on their mind.

Anyone who has lived in Wisconsin for any length of time would be in the minority if they said that they had never had a deer in their headlights at some point in time. The hoofed creatures seem to be everywhere these days, with DNR population estimates placing the herd at almost 1.7 million animals. This is all the more reason to be cautious as you hit the highways to visit family or friends this fall.

In 2003 alone, there were almost 22,000 reported collisions between motorists and deer in Wisconsin. (According to the Wisconsin D.O.T., the number was probably twice that, as many collisions go unreported.) From the reported collisions, 792 injuries occurred and 13 people were killed. In both Green Lake and Shawano County last year, deer-vehicle collisions actually outnumbered non-deer related crashes! Overall, the combined reported damages from deer-vehicle collisions in 2003 for the state equaled nearly \$40 million and, based on what's happened in the past, those numbers will likely rise again this year. Since 1979, the number of collisions between vehicles and deer in the state has steadily been on the increase, mainly because there are simply more cars on the road. Last year, there were 235 more injuries from deer-vehicle collisions than there were in 1999.

What does this mean for UW-SP students? Plain and simple, it means that you should stay alert when traveling this fall. Students making long trips home for the weekend, running on four hours of sleep and fighting heavy eyelids while going down the highway at 75 mph, may have a hard time spotting a hormone-crazed buck wandering out in front of them on I-39. To be tired is one thing, but to make matters worse, as the days get shorter, it is all that much more difficult to spot Bambi, or one of his family members, through a river of headlights



or under a blanket of darkness. To counteract this, drink coffee or soda, suck down some No-Doze, roll down a window or crank up your favorite Air Supply album. Just do whatever you have to do to make sure your eyes are open and you're not getting too comfy behind the wheel. This should go without saying any time you drive, but when there are increased odds of a 200 pound animal wandering into your car or truck's radiator, it's worth re-emphasizing.

Here are some tips for keeping deer out of that radiator, and you out of the hospital this fall:

- **Stay alert! It's worth mentioning a second time.**

Be prepared to hit the brakes at any time. Watch for the glowing eyes of a deer and if you spot one, slow down right away. Deer often travel in groups, and just because you see one that isn't crossing the road, doesn't mean that others won't. Trust me, I know from experience.

- **Just because you're driving in a residential area doesn't mean there aren't deer to hit.**

Welcome to Stevens Point. I can't count the number of times I've seen deer wandering along Hwy. 66, Michigan Ave., or 2nd Street, and those are just a few examples.

- **If you're in the unfortunate situation where you know that hitting the deer is inevitable, DON'T SWERVE!**

More damage and injuries occur every year from people leaving the road to avoid a deer than from hitting the animals. In this situation, simply hit your brakes, brace for impact and keep the vehicle on the road. Your car or truck can be fixed. You may not be so fortunate in fixing your body if you hit a tree, another car, or end up rolling in a ditch.



Photo submitted by author

Sights like this will not be uncommon for many Wisconsin motorists over the course of the next month, as white-tailed deer enter the rut. Bucks will chase does across roads with total disregard for their own safety and without any hesitation. Drivers must be cautious now, more than ever, in order to avoid costly or even potentially deadly collisions with the animals.

Local restoration project receives \$1 million federal grant

By Hilary Bulger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Winnebago System - Rush Lake Initiative Project, whose focus is to protect, restore and enhance migratory bird habitat, has received a million dollar grant from the U.S. Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Partners of the project, which include Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, several departments of the Wisconsin DNR, local interest groups and a few private landowners, are matching the grant with over \$2,500,000. Another \$57,888 was added to the cause by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"The project area totals over 6,000 acres, made up of areas on Rush Lake, western Lake Winnebago, Lake Poygan, Lake Winneconne and Lake Butte des Morts, as well as the surrounding wetlands and uplands around these lakes."

The project, developed by a combination of citizen groups, local governments and resource professionals, consists of the Winnebago Comprehensive Management Plan and the Rush Lake Strategic Action Plan. The project area totals over 6,000 acres, made up of areas on Rush lake, western Lake Winnebago, Lake Poygan, Lake Winneconne and Lake Butte des Morts, as well as the surrounding wetland and uplands around these lakes. The largest part of the project area is Rush Lake, a 3,000 acre prairie wetland that will be restored.

Benefits of the project will be felt by both humans and wildlife. The project area is frequented by boaters, birders, anglers and hunters. The public will enjoy water quality improvements, as well as access to more lands. All wildlife in the area will be positively affected, though migratory birds are the target of the project. Thousands of waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds go through the area, including several endangered and threatened species.

An additional aspect of the project is to try to get the public involved. Private landowners in the project area are eligible for funds to do habitat work on their property as long as they preserve the land for a minimum of 10 years. Further funds are available for purchasing conservation easements and public lands. Interested parties should contact the DNR.



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Round and round we go

Snowmobiles in Yellowstone

By Hilary Bulger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

In 2000, the National Park Service announced, after a decade of studies, that increasing snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park was "impairing resources and values - air quality, quiet, wildlife, and visitor enjoyment." President Clinton responded with a plan to phase out snowmobiles and switch to snow-coaches. Last year the Bush administration reversed this plan, allowing 950 snowmobiles a day into the park. The Clinton plan was reinstated in mid-December last year by U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan, who lowered the maximum number of snowmobiles allowed into the park to 493. Shortly after that, U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer threw out the Clinton plan, allowing 780 sleds a day into Yellowstone.

Despite Judge Brimmer's ruling, traffic was down to 260 snowmobiles a day, having been disrupted by Judge Sullivan's decision. This brought up an argument for allowing more sleds. The town of West Yellowstone, located at one of the gates of the park, is dependent on tourist activity. Snowmobiling has been their big draw. While it is true that in January, after the number of sleds allowed was lowered significantly, the business activity was down 31 percent from the previous year, it is also true that the town's economy rebounded and ended up five percent ahead of the previous winter. Other towns at Yellowstone gates are more diverse than West Yellowstone, so were not as affected.

The Bush administration's current plan allows 720 machines a day. The Park Service

says this will result in "unhealthy levels of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide and benzene, noise at levels that may prompt visitors and employees to choose earplugs, and further disturbance and displacement of wildlife." Though the administration has promised to allow only cleaner snowmobiles into the park, the sleds allowed in 2003 - 2004 were more polluting than those previously allowed in the park.

The snowmobile industry and the states of Wyoming and Montana have been fighting the phase-out with lawsuits. Last week, Judge Brimmer ruled that the process leading up to a National Park Service decision in 2001 regarding snowmobile use was flawed. Judge Brimmer also rejected the industry's claim that the Park Service has an obligation to keep sleds in the park under the Organic Act. The judge concluded that the Park Service has the right to switch to snow-coach only as long as it completes the appropriate process.

There is a second court case in action, with Judge Sullivan presiding. It regards studies done by the Park Service over the past four years in response to the snowmobile industry's initial lawsuit. Sullivan has also ordered the Park Service to publish new rules for the upcoming winter that adhere to his December 2003 ruling.

It is also important to note that, though it's Yellowstone in the limelight, all of these rulings also apply to Grand Teton National Park. Let your voice be heard by voting, calling your representatives and senators, and getting involved with interest groups. There is lots of federal land around both Yellowstone and Grand Teton where snowmobiling is allowed. Let's sled on that and save two of our national treasures we have worked so hard to save.

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Doodling during class really does pay off

By Laura Pennings
ARTS AND REVIEW CO-EDITOR

So I was walking along the streets of downtown Stevens Point when I noticed a gallery located on the corner of Water Street and Main. Before my eyes, I saw the Smith Scarabocchio Art Museum with its unique display arranged in the window front. Impressed with what I saw, I traveled to the door to see what was inside. To my disappointment, the front door had "open" hours posted from only 1-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and the remaining Monday, Wednesday and Friday hours read "closed." Being that it was Friday afternoon, I thought I would just come back as soon as I could.

One afternoon, I met with owner and exhibitor David L. Smith, and chatted with him about his distinctively styled, non-objective, negative/positive mirrorimaged flip effect, Scarabocchio, otherwise defined as doodling, presentation gallery. We also discussed his interest in contacting local artists for display of their artwork and the Association Downtown Businesses' push to have more information available to students about downtown events.

In addition to those topics discussed, we focused on the nature in which his works are created and colorfully titled in pieces such as "Mary, Mary, Quite Literary How Does Your Story Flow? With Split Infinitives And Dangling Participles All In A Row. How Does Your Story Flow?" and "52 Great Years Dave and Alyce" which Smith created for his 50th wedding anniversary present. My favorite, however, was Smith's personal demonstration of the perspective box in relation to the museum and everyday life. Smith uses this box as a teaching tool for art and vanishing points to make "you realize that every vertical line meets above your head since you are the center of your visual universe."

Also displayed in this museum are 11 paintings by Kelly Meredith, a muralist who, with the help of Susan Prentice Martinsen and other volunteers, completed the work of the logging-themed "Rivermen" mural in Stevens Point last April. Upstairs, you will walk along a pathway of artwork created by Ben Franklin, Jr. High 7th, 8th and 9th grader Scarabocchio designers. For appreciation and further knowledge about artists, Smith has also given

space to the books and their inspiring outlooks on art well as designated the middle area of the upper floor the displays of wood constructions by six different students. Finally, hanging from the ceiling was the "Celestial Dance," which was created by a good friend of Smith's, Albert Benedict, who should also be credited for the window display of "The Trinity."

Before closing, I encourage all of you to go downtown and check out the Smith Scarabocchio Art Museum for its interesting doodles, sculptures and further appreciate art, as explained by David himself.

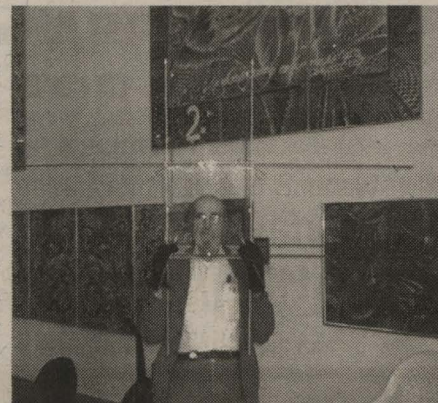


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Carlsten Art Gallery: List of Upcoming Events

Oct. 23-Nov. 24, 2004

Midwest Painters: Dan Addington, Randall Berndt, Bertold Boone, Laurie Hogin, Mary Mayhew, Olivia Petrides, Stephan Samerjan
Reception: Monday, Oct. 25, 4p.m.-6p.m.

Dec. 5, 2004-Jan. 30, 2005

Patricia Tobacco Forrester: Watercolor
Reception: Monday, Dec. 6, 4p.m.-6p.m.

Feb. 6-27, 2005

On and Off the Wall: Installations by John Hitchcock, Adam Davis, Cathleen Lewis and Jennifer Angus
Reception: Sunday, Feb. 6, 2-4 p.m.

March 6-April 3, 2005

Spanish Colonial Art Religious 1650-1950: Work from a Midwest Collection.
Reception: Sunday, March 13, 2-4 p.m.

March 2-5, 2005

Poetry and Art Exhibition: Elimination of all forms of violence against women; La Eliminacion de Toda Forma de Violencia Contra la Mujer
Reception: Wed., March 2, 4-6 p.m.

April 10-May 1, 2005

UW-SP Juried Student
Reception: Sunday, April 17, 2-4 p.m.

May 8-22, 2005

BFA Candidate Exhibition
Reception: Sunday, May 8, 2-4 p.m.

Schneider Student Gallery (receptions for the Schneider Gallery are at the same date and time as the receptions in the Carlsten Gallery):

Oct. 23-Nov. 24, 2004

Terri Nicewander: Myths of Creation

Dec. 6, 2004-Jan. 30, 2005

Ryan Dorshorst, Steven Tutaj and Mike

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Feb. 6-27, 2005

Erin LaBonte: Recent Work

March 6-April 3, 2005

Stevens Point Area School District Elementary School Artwork

April 10-May 1, 2005

Paul Leonard: Recent Work

May-BFA

Only in your worst nightmare

By Anna Jurovic
ARTS AND REVIEW CO-EDITOR

Most people recognize art when it is presented to them in the form of music, theatre or paintings. What might be a surprise to you is that right now, art is also being offered in the form of none other than blood, guts and gore.

For the last two weekends, The Nightmare in Marshfield has been open. For those of you that don't know, The Nightmare is a haunted house ... but not just any haunted house. This one is filled with real-life experiences. Not ghosts and goblins, but drug overdoses, suicides and drunk driving.

Over 300 people each night come together to make this a success every year. The scenery has to look realistic and the situations have to make you feel as if you are right there, witnessing some of the biggest killers of young people that our country experiences today. The look and the feel of this haunted house are something that you will, hopefully, never experience again. Many have gone into this wanting to be scared, just like any other haunted house around; instead, their lives are changed forever.

Unfortunately, the effect is attributed to Christian love in the end. Not that I do or do not believe in this, but I think that it wrecks the effect that this experience has on everyone. Some people that go into The Nightmare are not religious people, and this religious ending may ruin the permanent effect that it could have on them. I guess that's what you get when it is run by an Inter-Varsity Christian fellowship ... Go figure.

The Nightmare will continue to run through the weekend of Halloween. Bottom line: Go see The Nightmare and share it with your family and friends. Remember, it can happen to you; knowledge is power. For more information, check your MOD or go to www.thenightmare.net.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 21st:

Mime-U.C. Heritage Room/ 10-11:30 a.m.

Film Noir-CAC 333/ 6-9 p.m.

Don Pepe-The Encore/8-11 p.m.

Friday, October 22nd:

Starsky and Hutch-Debot 073/7-9 p.m. and 9:30-11:30 p.m.

Battle of the Bands-The Encore/7-9 p.m.

Laura Caviani-Clark Place/8-10 p.m.

Saturday, October 23rd:

Comedian Brad-The Encore/8-9 p.m.

Michael Moore-HEC/1 p.m.

UW-SP Combined Choirs-Michelsen Hall/7:30-10 p.m.

Sunday, October 24th

UW-SP Combined Choirs-Michelsen Hall/3-5 p.m.

Monday, October 25th

Finding Mozart's Soul-Off-Campus/10-10:30 p.m.

Intermediate Piano Level IV-FAC/1-2:30 p.m.

Opening Reception-Edna Carlsten Gallery/4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26th

Open Mic w/Dale Dickerson-UC Basement
Brewhaus/8-11 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27th

Music Colloquium-Michelsen Hall/4-4:45 p.m.
"Point Star" Contest-The Encore/8-10 p.m.

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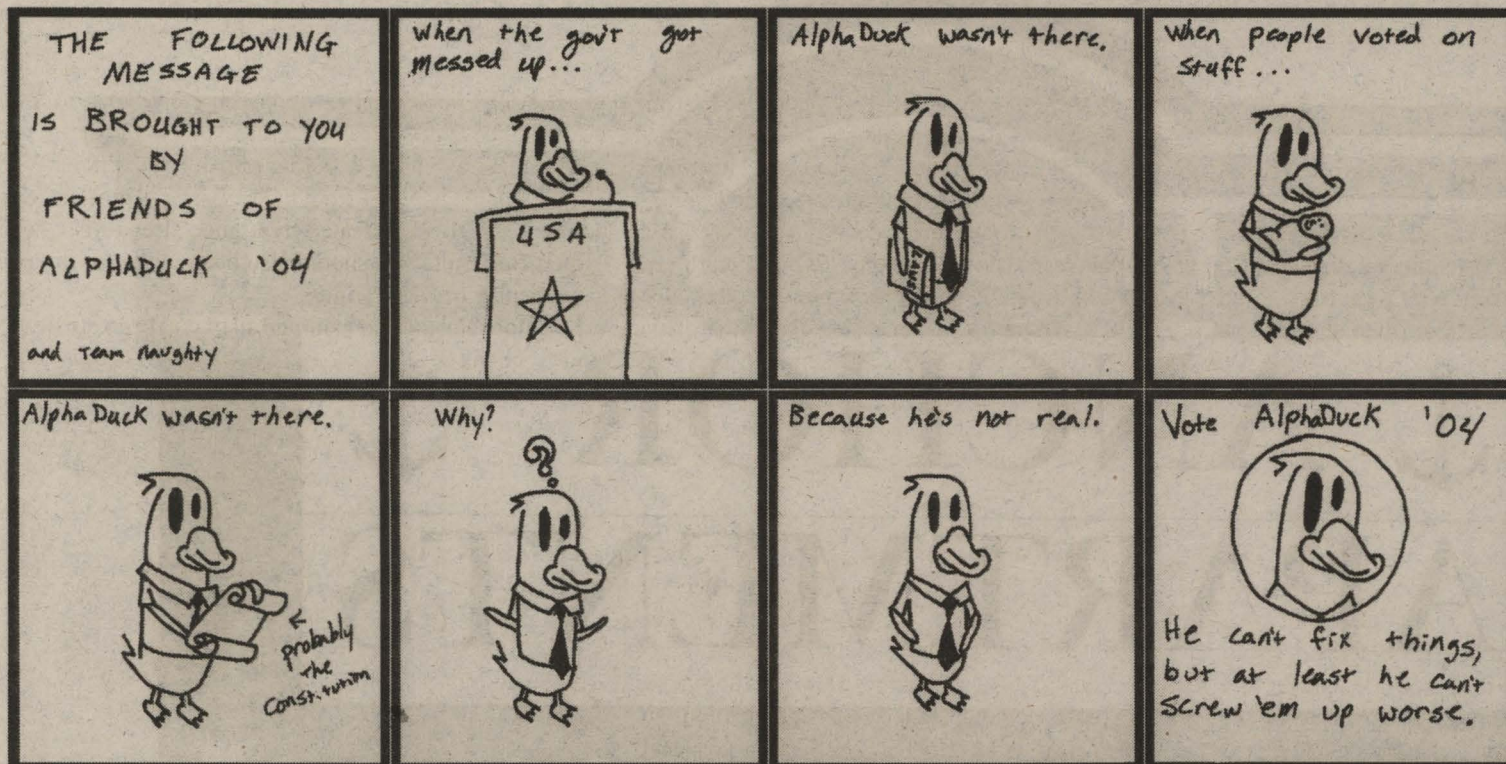


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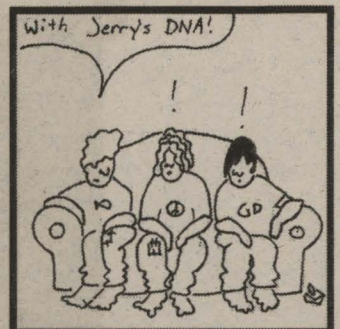
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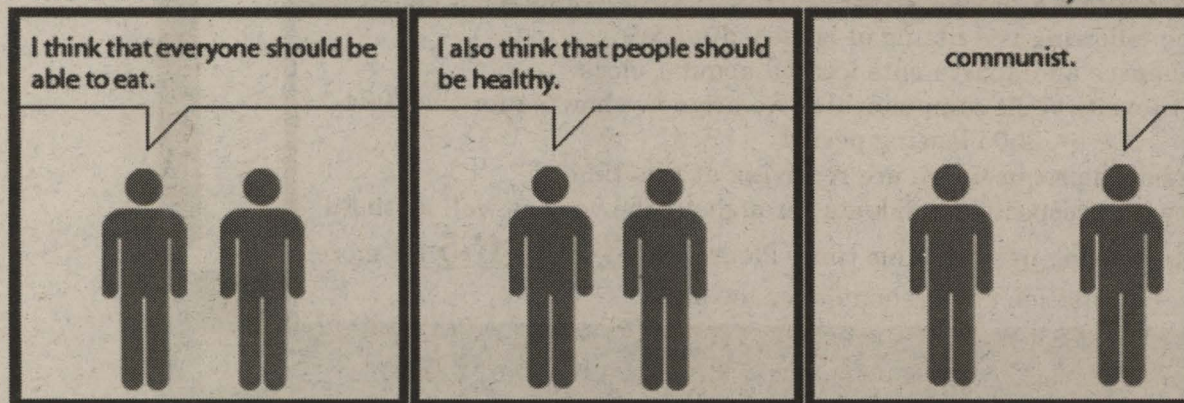


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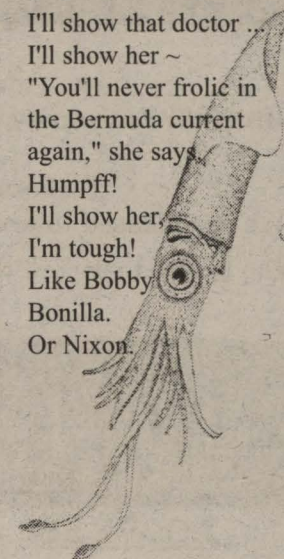


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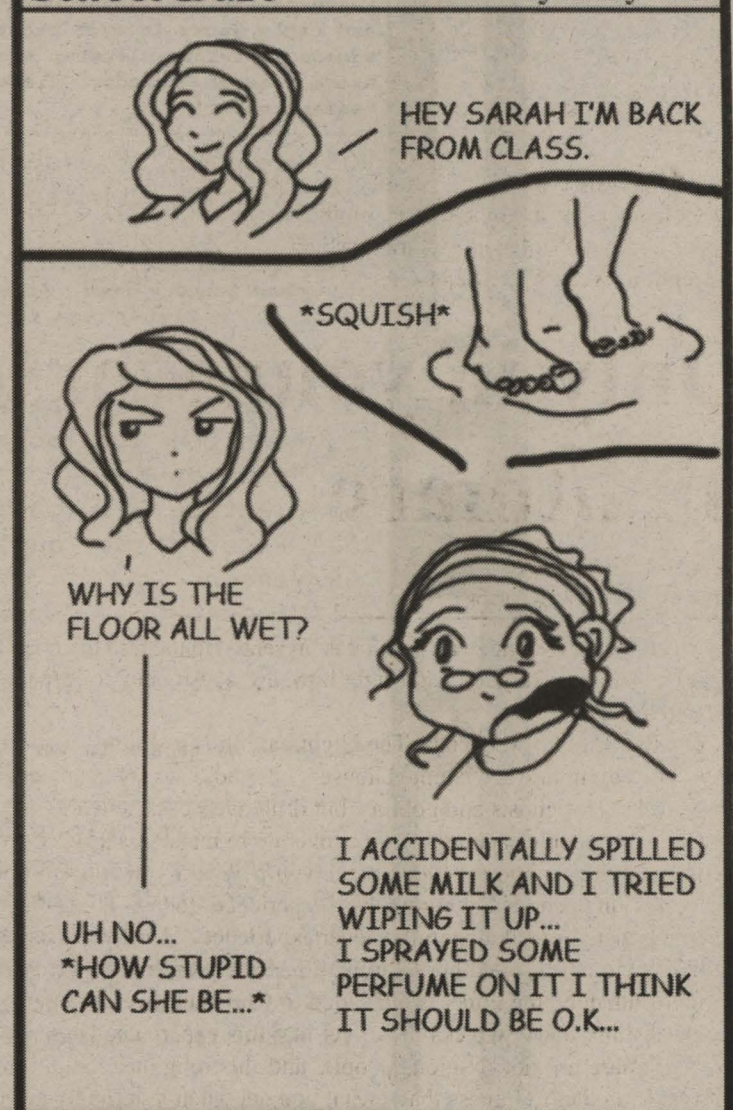
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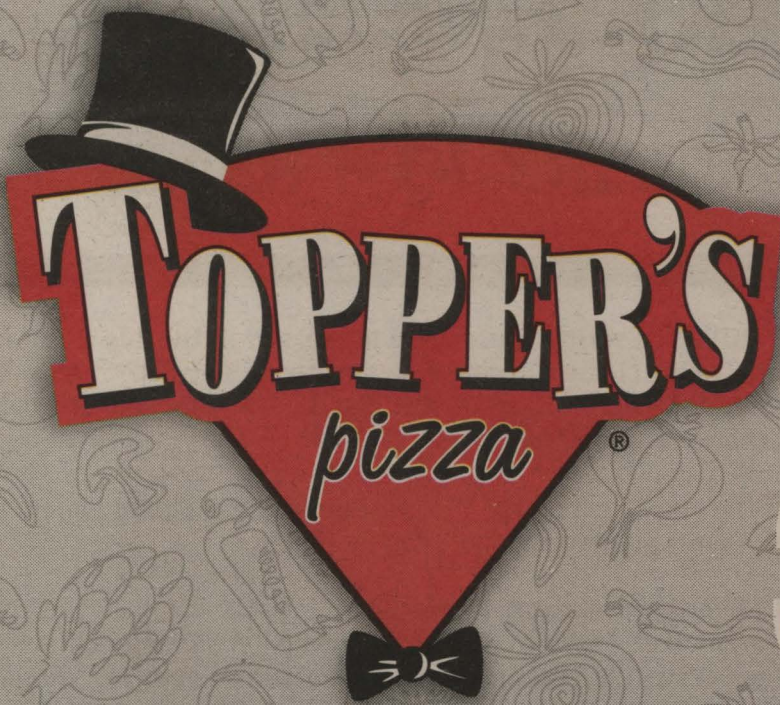
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