Michael Moore addresses slackers

By John T. Larson

Although the weather seemed to be working against him, noted Bush critic and critically-acclaimed documentary filmmaker Michael Moore arrived to a receptive audience on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The detour into Stevens Point was the 42nd stop of his 60-stop "Slacker Uprising Tour" designed to generate large student turnout in the 20 battleground states in this election. The crowd had been admitted into the Multi Activity Center (MAC) at 11:30 a.m. with the event scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. However, due to his flight being delayed by the inclement weather, Moore was forced to fly into Green Bay and drive to Stevens Point.

The event was unable to start until around 2:30 p.m. due to Moore getting slightly lost on the way. Although the incident did give him a chance to warm up an audience that had been standing and waiting for several hours.

"How do you get lost in Stevens Point," he asked the audience. After driving around the area for what he said was roughly a half hour, he figured out a way to get to the university. "Look, here's how we find this place, look for the 10 angry Republicans who are probably protesting it. So we drove around for a little bit and there they were."

Memo prohibits politics

BY Ben Wydeven

Three memos have reportedly been circulating through the UW system and UW-SP, citing the discretion faculty members should take against certain political activities on campus and in the classroom.

According to college faculty, a complaint from within the UW system caused system President Kevin P. Reilly to issue a memo to the system. Associate Vice Chancellor Nancy Bayne and Fine Arts Dean Lance Grahm each sent out memos to UW-SP faculty.

"It's a state-funded workplace, and state employees are not supposed to get involved in political activities," said Virginia Helm, assistant vice chancellor at UW-SP, who approved the associate vice chancellor's memo before it was sent out to faculty.

The memos addressed the issue of political activity among state employees, specifically

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America that never get a chance to have their opinions count and "We're the majority, they're the minority."

He offered a conciliatory point to the Republicans in the event of their defeat in the current election, stating, "When we're in power, we will not treat them like they've treated minori-
ties." Moore went further to say that, "Although many of us in this room consider being a republi-
can or being right-wing a deviant form of behavior, when we're in power we'll let republicans marry each other."

The comment was a mockery of the divisive stance by the party in opposition to gay marriage. Moore did have some positive comments regarding the Republican Party, saying that they used to stand for fiscal responsibility and moderation, and were often "just that third-republican." He spoke of Eisenhower's warning about the military-industrial complex and how "evil Republicans like Richard Nixon still did a few good things," such as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. In his words, now they have become, "some sort of weird, bizarre extreme" group of people that he could no longer figure out. He lashed out against the President's attempts to block repeated attempts to form a com-
mission to figure out the causes of 9/11.

He said that conspiracy theo-
dies aside, it is Bush's unwilling-
ness to protect America as the single biggest reason that he should be defeated in the election. He lashed out at the president's conduct of the war in Iraq and at one point referred to Bush as "a war criminal" and that it was time for "him to go to ground out in Crawford." Moore also had harsh words for the media, asking where any questioning of the President and his policies was during the last few years. He first demanded to know why the media was reporting that Wisconsin was going to vote for Bush, and questioned who they were polling to get those results, joking that they were calling the people protesting the event.

He said the media was part of the problem of no one question-
ing the President and his actions. For four years, they haven't done their job; they haven't asked the questions. Why before the war didn't the mainstream media do its job? Moore lashed out and said that by playing into the President's hand and not ques-
tioning the rationale for going to war, "70 percent of Americans supported the war, but supported it out of ignorance; they were told night after night that there was a consensus (of Iraqi involvement) to 9/11."

He stated that if the media covered the events with the same degree of truth before the war as they do now, most Americans would not have been in favor of going to war and would be as opposed to it then as they are now. Moore said that if the media spent 10 percent of the energy you spent attacking me after the fall of Baghdad Administration before this war started, those 1,100 kids, they might still be alive right now.

Moore told members of the media in attendance that they had a sacred trust to go after those in power, that they had the power to be the surrogate of the people and go to places where the common citizen could not and ask the hard questions of those in power. He angrily asked the media, "Why aren't you doing your job? Do your job!

It's time to clean this out of this generation of the press. Most of the parents of the media out-
lets having a financial stake in the war and would prohibit coverage that would prevent an invasion.

Steve Doyle in an attempt to have an impact on funding for the system in the next budget.

Students living on and off campus who are unsure of where they are supposed to vote can type in their address at the pro-
vided web site to see where they are supposed to vote.

http://elections.senate.gov/votingdistrict.asp.

Lines may be longer in the day, so students are advised to vote early if possible. The polls will close at 8 p.m.

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resources at UW-SP. Steppenwolf said he talked to a professor on campus who was told by a col-
league to take off a button he had been wearing. "He said he was walking around with a but-
ton on and one of his colleagues said, 'Oh! You should take that off,' and he said, 'What do you mean, that's the point?" said Steppenwolf. "I just think this is the triumph of this paranoia."

Professor of web and digital media design Roger Bullis said it’s hard to show both sides of an argument when there are more than two. "It's politi-
cal right now to be in favor of one religious point of view, and that's the one that seems to be dominating the campaign," said Bullis. "So if a scientist teaches science and research, then does the scientist also have to have a creationist's point of view? Would that be balanced?"

Bullis believes there is precedent to restrict speech whether it's in the media or on campuses. "The ones who were most concerned might have been equally concerned if they had a son or daughter in the class of a very, very conservative profes-
sor, who was pushing that con-
servative line. I think that then they would be pretty upset," said Helm, who is skeptical when professors have changed their classroom strategies. "I'm guessing most of them already do that.

Bullis says he's not wor-
ried about political biases in his classes. "I will probably be retiring soon," Bullis said. "I've got tenure, I'm a full professor. If somebody really wanted to go after me for something I've said in the classroom, so be it, it won't affect me at all."

Most of the political signs have disappeared since the memos appeared Oct. 14th, according to Helm. "I think most of the time, faculties really do try to be balanced if they're dealing with controversial issues," Helm said.

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Horowitz also spoke strongly about the war, elaborating upon his new book, Unholy Alliance, which is about leftists and the war on terror.

"Leftists hate individuals," Horowitz said. "They want every-
one to be in groups and they want to be at the top of those groups."

Horowitz also attacked those who oppose the president's deci-
sion to conduct the war in Iraq. "I do believe it's self-evident that when you say the president is betraying his country in the middle of a war, you are sabotaging the war effort and undermining it."

Horowitz accused several left wing political figures, including

Kerry, whom he said was "soft on communism" and "supporting communism" during the Vietnam War. "Ted Kennedy compared Bush to Saddam. Al Gore said that Bush betrayed America," said Horowitz. "But Horowitz praised Bush for "liberating 50 million peo-
ple," he did not have an answer why the Bush administration doesn't address some of the issues in the war. "I don't know why our country is such a mess," Horowitz said, despite his strong support for President Bush's posi-
tion in the war.

They haven't voted in Afghanistan in a real election since the garden of Eden," said Horowitz. "Five thousand years of recorded history in Afghanistan and Iraq. Now they have a chance. Thank you, George Bush."
Consider county executive option

For many, if not most students, Nov. 2 will be your first opportunity to vote for president. Whether you vote for John Kerry, George Bush or another candidate, your vote will be your statement of the policies you want your government to follow for the next four years. But what if you could not vote for a president?

What if the office of president didn’t even exist? What if Congress made all the laws and decisions of our country? With only a legislative branch, there would be no checks and balances in Washington, D.C.

Ironically, that is the very structure of government we have in Portage County! The county board serves as the legislative branch and makes all the decisions. There are no checks and balances, no executive leadership, no way for each of us to make a statement of the direction we want for our county. Wouldn’t it be nice to be able to vote for a county-wide leader based on a platform? To hear a state of the county address? To have department heads responsible to an elected person and not a committee? To have an executive who could veto county board actions that are unwise or even illegal?

We can change the form of our county government. We can have both an executive branch and legislative branch. We can create the office of County Executive. A referendum to do just that is on the ballot for Nov. 2. So when you go to the polls to vote for president, also vote for an elected leader for our county.

Doug Riddle
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Racial profiling is a serious problem in community

I am writing in response to the David Horowitz presentation which took place on our campus this week. I attended the event in an attempt to give Mr. Horowitz an opportunity to explain his stance on several serious issues facing our nation. As a result, I left feeling not only extremely offended by some of his remarks, but enraged at his stance on several grave problems we as a nation are obviously failing to deal with adequately.

When addressing the problem of poverty in America, Horowitz stated that the root of the problem is stemming from Mexico and when that is not the case, it is a result of people who are not trying to succeed. He stated that those facing poverty are the ones abusing themselves and their children, and as a result are the direct cause of the situation they are in. I beg to differ. There is a social and economic disparity which has existed in this country for hundreds of years. There is a disenfranchised group of people in America who have not been given the equal access, equal rights, and equal respect which has been so freely granted to others. This is the root of the problem. Poverty is not a choice as Horowitz stated, it is rather a problem which inflicts a select group of people to which “The American Dream” and unlimited opportunity has not been granted.

Horowitz then addressed the issue of racial profiling and its necessity in protecting our nation. In a conversation following the presentation, a group of students as well as community members engaged in a discussion regarding this topic and I found myself in the minority representing the viewpoint of the degrading and unconstitutional nature of racial profiling. Horowitz stated that it is necessary to profile in order to protect our American citizens. But what happens when the victim of this policy is an American citizen themselves?

Racial profiling is a serious problem which exists in our country, our state, and our community. To those who think it is keeping you safer, I ask you this: When was the last time you were followed home in your vehicle by law enforcement officials because you are not supposed to be driving a particular car in a particular neighborhood at a particular time based upon stereotype and appearance? Tell me when was the last time you were pulled over by police, ordered to step out of your vehicle, made to place your hands on the roof of your car, patted down in search of guns and drugs, humiliated and degraded into feeling like less of a person all because your skin color and physical appearance says you are a criminal and a terrorist? If you cannot say that you have experienced any of these degrading occurrences, then how can you tell me that the practice of racial profiling is a necessary policy?

I was told after the event that I, as a black woman, need to accept the fact that since I look a particular way I am going to be profiled, and that since Arabs make up a “majority” of terrorists, we as a people, as an ethnic minority, need to “sacrifice,” as this particular gentleman put it, and succumb to random searches and not make such a big deal about it if I “truly have nothing to hide.”

Well I refuse to accept this because terror to me is the act of instilling an overwhelming sense of fear into a person. Terror is alive in events such as the men who dragged 49-year-old African American James Byrd to death in Texas by chaining him to the back of a pick up truck by his ankles using a logging chain, and dragging him to pieces along a jagged dirt road. The men who committed this crime and others just as gruesome were neither black nor Arab, and therefore are not profiled because events such as this are not seen as serious enough.

When was the last time you were a victim of a hate crime? When was the last time you walked down the street in broad daylight to the piercing screams of racial slurs being thrown at you? Ask you to talk with someone that has been through these experiences in order to gain a deeper understanding of why we seem to be going backward instead of forward in supporting practices such as racial profiling.

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BY: Pat Rothsuss  
WITH HELP FROM GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

I honestly don’t know what I’m going to do for this week’s column.  
I was hoping for a letter so I could launch into a rant, something you all could have a good chuckle at. But I’ve got no letter, no furious rage, no funny. Sorry.  
I’m filled with a terrible anxiety about the big vote coming up. I worry that things are going to go badly: first for the election, then for our country. I worry that in 20 years people will point back and say, “That was it, right there: the 2004 election. That was when all this started.”  
The problem is, I can’t come up with anything catchy or funny to say on the subject. For the first time in a long time, I’m at a loss for words.  
Tonight, when I came home, I sat down in front of the TV despite the fact that my column is due. Flipping channels, I ran into a show about Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. Snetches, the Lorax. It was the perfect thing to get my mind off my column and the election.  
Geisel was a hell of a guy. Not only did he write books that made a lot of kids happy, but he wanted the world to be a better place. He wanted kids to think about important stuff so THEY could make the world a better place.  
As I watched the end of the show, I learned that when Geisel was 87 and dying from cancer, his biographers asked if he had any message he wanted to leave behind. He said he’d think about it. Then a couple days later he came back and gave them a piece of paper. It said:  
Any message or slogan? Whenever things go a bit sour in a job I’m doing, I always tell myself, “You can do better than this.”  
The best slogan I can think of to leave with the U.S.A would be: “We can...and we’ve got to...do better than this.”  
I turned off the TV and just sat there, numb. Right now, as I’m writing this, I feel like breaking into tears. I think about Dr. Seuss, a man who loved his country. He was worried, but had faith in our ability to make things better. “We can...and we’ve got to...do better than this.”  
There is no denying that America is a great country. Chances are, if you’re reading this, you’ll never have to worry about starving to death, or finding clean water, or having a warm place to sleep at night. Hell, if I pick up the phone, someone brings Chinese food right to my house. We’re really, really fucking lucky.  
But, ultimately, this isn’t enough. It’s just enough to make us lazy.  
And we can’t afford to be lazy, because things are getting worse. This year, a million more Americans don’t have health insurance. Unemployment is rising. Our education system has its budget cut again and again. Need proof? Every one of you is paying $500 more for tuition per semester than you would have two years ago.  
Is this one man’s fault? No. It’s the government’s fault. But the government is composed of politicians we elect. That means it’s our fault for putting them in charge, and our fault if we let them stay in office.  
You know what is one man’s fault? The war. The $142 billion spent on the war. The 14,000 civilians killed by OUR military during the war. Do you realize that’s not counting solders? Do you realize that’s more than five times the number of Americans killed due to the war? Do you realize that Iraq has one-tenth our population? Do you realize that there were no weapons of mass destruction? No connection with Al Qaeda?  
We are responsible for our country’s actions. America killed those people. It makes me feel dirty and sick.  
If you vote for Bush, you are voting for a man who invaded a country without good reason; a man responsible for the death of our nation’s soldiers; a man responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians, innocent women, and innocent children. If you voted for him in 2000, you made a mistake. Vote for him now and you have no excuse, there will be blood on your hands.  
Now I’ll admit that I don’t know which way Kerry will go on some issues. It’s a risk I’m willing to take. You see, voting for a little uncertainty is better than voting for someone who has shown that he does not care about human life, personal freedom, or our country’s reputation. Bush had his chance and he’s wasted it.  
I’m no Seuss. If I were, I’d tell some funny story that would make you all laugh, then think, “Cracmer’s right. He’s spent years and research the candidates up for election. REAL research, not just looking for excuses to believe the things you already believe.”  
I’m no Seuss. All I can do is ask you to take this shit seriously. We need to show the world that we are sorry for what America has done. Things are getting worse, but we can start making a difference right now. We can change the direction the country is heading.  
“We can...and we’ve got to...do better than this.”

This non-funny column brought to you by Games People Play, who doesn’t necessarily share my views.

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Damnation  
By John T. Larson and A.M. Melia

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Anti-establishment doesn’t mean anti-American

As a person who is “energized by Michael Moore’s rhetoric,” I was surprised to find out from a quote by Kyle Cracmer in last week’s Pointer that I am part of “…the anti-establishment, anti-American, anti-values demographic.”  
Continuing my reading, I was shocked and dumbfounded by the warnings put forth and the suggestions of censorship. “We need to really be careful who we give a voice to in this nation...” - following the unfounded generalizations. How could he possibly suggest that my or another American’s voice should be silenced?  
The “anti” words used above are so often used in such negative connotation that we fail to recognize the symptoms of and justifications for certain behaviors. Am I anti-establishment? I wouldn’t say so. But when rephrased to ask, “Do I support my ability and right to organize and challenge the government when my basic liberties and those of my country-people are threatened,” the answer is a resounding yes. If not, I might still spell color with a ‘c’. Do I believe the Electoral College, a voting system that has caused the winner of the popular vote to lose the presidency four times, is a flawed one? Maybe.  
And dare I suggest that we, the country with the highest greenhouse gas emission levels, are selfish not to ratify the Kyoto protocol like so many other sovereign nations? For the sake of future generations, I must.  
My conscience, though bruised, will somehow make it through knowing I’m a little anti-establishment. Even though I’m as patriotic as the guy driving a Ford truck with an American flag hanging in the rear window, I can at least empathize with a less-than-perfect world view of our lifestyle and culture. But there’s no dodging the bullet on my “anti-value” beliefs. I am a firm believer that any couple has the right to partake in the benefits granted to others, regardless of gender or sexuality. I am also a staunch supporter in the separation of church and state, as I believe, like those who came to and found our country while escaping religious persecution, that all people have a right to their own faith. This right is, of course, not being abused having another’s doctrine forced upon them by legislative decree or indirectly by influence in the government.  
And so, Cracmer has me pegged on all three accounts. But what he suggests next, “that we need to really be careful of who we give a voice to in this nation,” is leaps and bounds beyond my civilly disobedient thoughts. To actually suggest that another person’s voice needs to be silenced simply because it is contrary to your own is far more anti-American than my hopes for healthier forms of government or a general concern for our environment. These suggestions, bordering on Palmer Raidera rhetoric, constitute exactly the kind of close-minded behavior that contributes to the negative images those in other parts of the world (and *gasp* even our own citizens) may construct about the U.S. The “American duty” to the words of that we must fulfill is not achieved through separation and silencing as he suggests, but instead, by understanding and respect.

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A lesson from the Brewhaus
By Jaclyn Ratajczak
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Is it just me, or is the Brewhaus overcrowded? I asked myself this after a few trips in the past week to the underground sanctuary in the University Center that only led me to utter disappointment. My usual spot, my usual chair and my usual group of friends had been overridden by crowds of students huddling around every table in loud gossip.

I don’t want to be misunderstood. I think it’s great that the Brewhaus is attracting more people. That leads to great business, good jobs and a place for people to gather and have a good time. I have, however, made me realize the inevitable truth—that I’m getting older. I can’t stay here all my life, sipping coffee and perusing the selection of magazines. Faces are starting to look younger and soon I will have to graduate from college because I won’t know anyone who is left. Have things definitely changed? Walking into the Brewhaus used to be a collision of recognizable faces, now it’s mostly a clutter of unrecognizable people as I search through the crowds for a familiar friend.

I realized I was getting older on about the third trip to the Brewhaus this fall semester when the new employees were, in fact, new students. I realized I was getting older and needed to graduate college when on my fourth trip back I got my usual coffee—black, Colombian roast, to satisfy almost everyone. From a cute, family-style atmosphere to excellent breakfast specials to very reasonably priced sandwiches or prepared meals, this place has it all.

The tiny building and light blue exterior are decorated in a country style. Paintings by Wisconsin artists are displayed on the walls and up for sale. The floor, booths and tables are primarily made of brightly polished wood, and an antique wooden radio plays music mildly in the background.

There are two rooms to sit in, though the opening between them is so large it could be considered one room. Large windows located in each section allow in enough sunlight to bring a delightful amount of life to the building. The soft colors are relaxing, and the waitresses are kind.

However, being served by nice people is only the beginning to the appeal of America’s No. 1 muffin, beckons customers from its street-corner location on Hwy 66.

The Brewhaus this past two years and loves it, “I like working with the people,” she said. “We have a fun group.”

"The waitresses never left a customer waiting and never once were seen slacking."

The service is top of the line, but it certainly isn’t the only good point of the restaurant. The food alone was worth coming back for. They offered a huge assortment of meals from an eight-page menu, dwarfing the somewhat limited variety of many other sit-down restaurants. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert items were all available. One of their appeals is for the early risers. The doors open at 6:30 a.m. every day when customers can choose from the exceptionally low-priced Early Bird Breakfast Specials. These deals include a meal consisting of two eggs, hash browns and toast for only $3.10, and another that includes a two egg ham-and-cheese omelet and toast for $4.10.

Other meals range from $3.30 to around $6. They offer a low-cholesterol egg substitute for those who want it. The muffins including caramel apple, triple berry and the signature blueberry muffins. To top it all off, the wait for food is only about five minutes.

While Gross was speaking, a little girl of only three or four years approached her with a large, beaming smile, “This is what’s good about the job! The kids!” she said. All of the surrounding customers seemed happy and satisfied.

For those interested in checking out this fine establishment, it is open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Fire Crew burns for fun
Campus organization provides firefighting opportunities

By Dawn VerHaagh
FEATURES REPORTER

The UW-SP Fire Crew is a unique organization on campus providing members experience with real life situations and the opportunity to run their own burns without the needed qualifications professional firefighters have.

The crew runs a prescribed burning program. Private individuals will contact them specifying what they want taken care of, and the Fire Crew does the burning. The crew also works with the Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, private forestry companies and mostly with the DNR, staffing them with hand crews and riders for their engines. By working with these service organizations, the crew accomplishes their major goals of obtaining practical experience in wildfires, ecology and fire suppression.

They do a lot of weekend work and also help with community programs. The crew is involved in chainsaw work for the Red Cross and also has emergency saw teams for the Portage County Disaster Services. Currently the crew is looking at bringing in additional trainees.

The Fire Crew is open to all individuals and currently has approximately 60 active members and over 100 people on the e-mail list. Anyone with the specific requirements (Type 2 Wildland Firefighter) can become a member or take the required classes to get involved. This certification is offered through Forestry 224 or by enrolling in the weekend format this coming spring.

Jenna Lange is the UW-SP crew leader and currently in her fourth year with the crew. She got involved as a freshman by taking the fire operations course. Lange commented on her interest in the organization, saying, “I just have a love drawn to fire! We have a lot of fun, work with a lot of great people and get excellent work experience. You can’t get that in the classroom.”

The spring fire class takes place, March 11-13, and is open to the public and professionals. All donations go to the UW-SP Fire Crew. This weekend course involves four NWTC courses; Basic Fireland Operation, Intro to Fire Behavior, Intro to Incident Command System, and Human Factors on the Fireland, and supplies an individual with the required certification. These are the same courses that are covered in the Forestry 224 class on campus.

Dr. James Cook, UW-SP forestry professor, is the Fire Crew advisor. For more information on the crew, visit www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/fire
FEATURES REPORTER

UW-SP graduate shares experience of the suffocating altitudes of Mount Everest

By Carmen Speich

Walking is over-rated

Regardless of the question, Glowacki is not shy about answering them.

Born without legs, Matt Glowacki's birth in 1973 in Menlo Park, Calif., was far different, for Matt was born without legs. Matt's presentation encompassed the real meaning of the word "handicapped." Matt illustrates through situations, social expectations are lowered for people who have a disability. That real compassion is a level playing field where everyone can possess high expectations and $6 for those without. Matt is not here to preach, but to teach. "You have to overcome an entertaining and enlightening presentation.

Baldwin's Haunted!

By Michael Schiebel

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**Sports**

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**Pointer Athletes of the Week**

Chris Peterson - Men's Cross Country
- The freshman runner was the top collegiate finisher at the Pointers' dual meet with UW-Oshkosh. Peterson ran the 8,000-meter course in 26:52.

Erin Jaspern - Women's Cross Country
- The freshman runner finished first of 25 runners at a dual meet featuring UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh. Jaspern covered 5,000 meters in 19:55 for her first collegiate victory.

Tony Romano - Football - Offense
- The senior wide receiver scored the winning touchdown in overtime in the Pointers' 22-16 victory over UW-Oshkosh. Romano took a short third down pass and weaved 19 yards through the Titan defense for the decisive score.

Craig Johnson - Football - Defense
- The senior defensive lineman made six total tackles in the Pointers' 22-16 win over UW-Oshkosh.

Tony Seidel - Football - Special Teams
- The sophomore defensive back made three solo tackles on punt coverage in UW-Stevens Point's overtime win over UW-Oshkosh. The Titans managed just 3.4 yards per punt return.

Kimmie Wiep - Soccer - Offensive Player
- The freshman forward scored her first career hat trick, leading the Pointers to a 6-0 blanking of UW-River Falls. Wiep's three goals came in a span of just 13 minutes. Wiep also scored the Pointers’ fourth overtime game-winning goal of the season in a 2-1 victory over St. Thomas on Tuesday. It was the first overtime goal of her career.

Katie O'Leary - Soccer - Defensive Player
- The junior defender filled in for non-active teammates in both games this week and performed well.

Nicholas Teo - Men's Swimming Events
- The sophomore was a double winner for the Pointers, taking both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events in a dual meet with UW-Oshkosh. Teo led a Pointer 1-3-5 sweep in the 200 with a time of 1:48.63, and won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:05.92. The Pointers defeated UW-Oshkosh to win their 42nd consecutive dual meet.

Jelica Crook - Women's Swimming Events
- The sophomore claimed two events in the Pointers' season-opening dual meet against UW-Oshkosh. Crook breezed past the field in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:00.08, and later won the 100-yard freestyle in 55.62 seconds.

Raene Bugarske - Women's Diving Events
- The sophomore diver swept both diving events during the Pointers dual meet victory over UW-Oshkosh. Bugarske scored 214.70 points on the three-meter spring board, and 204.70 on the one-meter board. The Pointers outscored UW-Oshkosh 32-2 in the two diving events.

Nichole Stachowich - Volleyball
- The sophomore left side hitter recorded the first 20-kill match of her career when she chalked up 14 in a three-game sweep of Luther College on Saturday. She made just two errors and hit .613 in the match. She also picked 19 digs in the Pointers’ loss to UW-Stout. For the week, Stachowich had 66 kills and hit .300 over five matches. She added 15 service aces, one solo block, nine assisted blocks, and 48 digs.

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**Swim team impresses in conference debut**

By Matthew Inda

*SPORTS REPORTER*

The Pointers' swim and dive team left a wake this past weekend at the HEC Aquatic Center Pool as they dominated UW-Oshkosh on Friday Oct. 22 in a blowout victory.

**SWIM AND DIVE**

The men's team scored 167 points to Oshkosh's 65 points to take the win in Stevens Point. The women's team scored well almost matching the men with a 161-point effort. Oshkosh women scored 71. This was a very similar victory in terms of points to last year’s meet versus Oshkosh where both the men and women’s combined score was almost 200 points more than the UW-O Titan’s combined score.

“We performed very solidly for an early season meet. I am pleased,” Head Coach Al Boeck said. “We have a long season. It’s nice to get off to a good start.”

The Pointers stayed strong and did not allow Oshkosh to finish first in any of the 26 swimming and diving events. A few of these individual event wins and times were exceptional this early in the season according to Coach Boeck.

Sophomore Jelica Crook took first place in both the 200-yard and the 100-yard freestyle.

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Stomrs calm air atack, but fail to silence Pointers’ persistence

By Steve Roeland
Sports Editor

Severe weather and a titan of an opponent did all they could to keep the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team from pulling off a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference victory with Joe Patek to put UW-0 on the board.

By Mark Lalonde
Cross Country

UW-SP grabbed an early advantage on Dan Heldmann’s 31-yard field goal with 10:55 left in the first quarter. The only other action in the first quarter was a 37-minute delay as a severe thunderstorm rolled into the Stevens Point area, and its effects would be felt throughout the day.

The second quarter scoring started and ended with quarterback Brett Borchart’s four-yard scamper with 10:09 remaining. The touchdown run put an end to the Pointers’ 10-play, 64-yard series. At the half, the Pointers held a 10-0 lead.

After tallying 81 yards of offense in the first half, the Titans took control of the third quarter when quarterback Nick Wara connected on a 17-yard touchdown pass with Joe Patek to put UW-O on the board. A successful extra point attempt narrowed the Pointers’ lead to 10-7.

Another Wara touchdown pass put the Titans on top late in the third quarter. Wara hooked up with Chad LaLuzerne on a 42-yard strike, the first play of the drive, with 1:44 left in the quarter. The extra point was missed, keeping the score 13-10 in favor of UW-O.

Borchart used his legs once again to put the Pointers back in the lead in the late game. To cap off an eight-play, 63-yard drive deep into the fourth quarter, Borchart ran a bootleg from the one-yard line into the end zone to put UW-SP up 16-13. The extra point attempt was blocked, which would play a big role before the end of regulation.

The Titans had 2:27 left in the game to tie or win after Borchart’s second touchdown run. A huge 60-yard completion from Wara to Aaron Chaltry gave UW-O the ball, gaining 89 yards on 18 carries. As for receiving, Kurt Kielblock had nine grabs for 76 yards and Romano had five catches for 91 yards.

The point-spread victory by a score of 22-16.

Borchart’s arm, which was on fire in the previous few weeks, was held to 206 yards. This was due mostly to the slick conditions on the field. He was 23 of 46 with a touchdown and an interception.

The Pointers have now won two WIAC contests in a row and improved their conference record to 2-2. They stand at a 4-3 record overall.

The Pointers travel to Whitewater this Saturday to face the UW-Whitewater Warhawks, who are ranked nationally in three polls and who defeated UW-River Falls 42-23 on Oct. 16. The Warhawks (6-1, 1-3) are tied atop the WIAC standings with UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse.

The Pointers are currently tied for second with UW-River Falls.

Major-Business Administration/Economics
Hometown - Park Falls, WI (The ruffed grouse capital of the world.)
Do you have any Nicknames? - People call me a variety of names: LaLonde, Marlo, Marcus, Mack, and sometimes AP/Ashole.
What are your plans after graduation? - Try to get a real job...other than be a bike messenger.
What has helped you become such an accomplished runner? - Running a long, long way every day.
What is your Favorite Pointers sports memory? - Second place team finish at the 2003 XC national championship.
What is your most embarrassing moment? - My inability to complete the “shake” before races. I always manage to get a little bit on my shorts.
What CD is in your stereo right now? - Atreyu’s The Curse
What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Well, if it was out on DVD it would be Team America: World Police.
What will you remember most about UW-SP? - Bubba’s sniper dance moves of Usher.
What are the three biggest influences in your life? - 1. The smooth Adolphus Water.
2. The incoherent Internet ramblings of P-Ashole.
3. The incoherent Internet ramblings of P-Ashole.
Joe Baldarotta excited about the upcoming season, but the veteran coach knows the Pointers back to the top of the NCHA standings.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women’s soccer team averaged UW-River Falls’ conference title from last season by defeating the Falcons 6-0 last Saturday. With the win, the Pointers claim at least a share of the WIAC crown, their 11th title in the 13-year history of WIAC women’s soccer.

UW-SP can earn sole possession of the conference title if UW-Stout loses or ties in one of the Blue Devils’ two WIAC contests in a row. The Pointers will take on the Blue Devils Oct. 30 and into the playoffs.

For good measure, Kidd scored her second goal of the game at the 87:52 mark. Kidd has six scores this season.

The Pointers out-shot UW-RF 18-13 in the match. UW-SP goalkeeper Meredith DeCaluwe recorded her third shutout of the season, collecting two saves.

2004-05 UW-Stevens Point Men’s Hockey Preview

By Nick Aussprung
Sports Editor

The newcomers on the UW-Stevens Point men’s hockey roster have head coach Joe Baldarotta excited about the upcoming season, but the veteran coach knows they’re not the group that’s going to lead the Pointers back to the top of the SCHA standings.

Rather, it’s the six experienced seniors with a combined 452 games played over the past three years that are the key to the Pointers’ success.

“We have a great nucleus of guys that have been among our top two or three scorers the past few years,” said Baldarotta, who begins his 13th season. “As every team in this league knows, if their older players don’t play up their potential, it could be a long season. So far, I’ve been impressed at the way everybody’s attitude is pretty incredible.”

Five of the six returning seniors are forwards, including Adam Kostichka, who led the team in scoring the past two years and Mike Breholm, who was second in scoring the past two years after leading the team in 2001-02. Ryan Kitchhoff, David Lee and Nick Molika also have been regulars on the forward lines the past three years.

Defensively, Derrick Johnson is the lone returning senior and is joined by experienced juniors Jordan Blair and James Jernberg. Sophomores Chris Gehlke, Adam Setten and Anthony Noreen all gained valuable playing time last season.

Several newcomers will also join the lineup and the biggest impact will be at goaltender, where three-year starter Ryan Scott has departed. Freshmen Brynn Davies and Jim Redpath are expected to compete for playing time.

“Tasha Fritsch (12) lines up for a shot around River Falls.”

“We really like the new kids we’ve got,” Baldarotta said, “I think the two goalties can be big-time goalties. They come to us with great resumes.”

Overall, Baldarotta is optimistic about turning around the misfortunes of the second half of last year.

“We had some very tough things happen to us late last season, but that’s behind us,” he said. “We’re young, but we have a good core. We’ve got some kids that show a lot of promise and I’m looking forward to having an improved season.”

Story Courtesy of UWSP News Services
Jakusz learns on the job as season ends
By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into this season, Head Coach Karlyn Jakusz knew it was going to be tough to make the UW-SP women's tennis program a legitimate contender in the WIAC. La Crosse, Whitewater, and Eau Claire always seem to be the top three teams in the conference in some order.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Last weekend the WIAC Championships took place, culminating a season for the Pointers that, in all honesty, contained more downs than ups.

The team, as a whole, finished sixth out of seven teams in the conference. It was the final matches of several Pointers' careers including Kim Goron, Team Captain Tiffany Serpico, Jada Fenske, Liz Ganshert, and Marie Pingry (UW-Stout) and Amber Weissinger (UW-River Falls), whom she lost to earlier in the season.

The Pointers also took several sixth place finishes from individuals. Even though it doesn't erase the mistakes, Jakusz said this season was a valuable learning experience she can use for the future.

"With this being my first year, I made plenty of mistakes, but I hope I learned from them, and can build on that for next season," she said.

Jakusz said one of the reasons why Point struggles in the conference is because they don't participate in spring practices. That is about to change.

"That is something we will implement this year," Jakusz said. "We will begin spring practice in March, so if anyone is interested in playing UW-SP Tennis, let me know!"

As for performances go, Goron was the top finisher from the team at No. 3 singles. After being defeated by Julie Tellefsen (La Crosse) 6-1, 1-6 in the first round of their bracket, she went on to win her next two matches (6-0, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-3) to take fifth place.

Jakusz said she was impressed with the way Goron handled herself in the latter matches against Marie Pingry (UW-Stout) and Amber Weissinger (UW-River Falls), whom she lost to earlier in the season.

The Pointers also took several sixth place finishes from individuals.

There is nothing better in volleyball than a 3-0 shut-out victory. That is precisely what the volleyball team did last Saturday against Luther College at Menomonie. The team viewed this as payback for the loss to Luther at the beginning of the season.

Senior Nichole Stahovich, had an amazing game against Luther College. Stahovich, Point's left-side hitter, had an all-around great contest finishing with 21 kills, six serving aces, and eight defensive digs.

"Since their first match against Luther in early September, the team has increased their intensity and maximized their attention to teamwork. Starting out as a very young team, they adjusted well over the season and have the right attitude to learn from their mistakes. In their first attempt to defeat Luther, they fell apart in the third game and gave them the last two matches. "Overall, we are a better team than Luther; we learned to step it up in the third game and keep the intensity going," said Coach Stacey White.

In the last game against Luther, the Pointers maintained a tough defensive match. This time, however, they pounded Luther from kills, serving aces, and also managed to defend everything that Luther presented them with.

Stahovich

Stevens Point also participated in three other matches while at the tournament in Menomonie. The team was defeated in a heartbreaker against Hamline University, 2-3 (26-30, 21-30, 30-26, 30-22, and 15-13).

Stahovich led the team with 16 kills while sophomore Katie Stephenson had 10. Sophomore Lori Marten led the Pointers with an impressive 35 defensive digs in the match.

The team rebounded from the Hamline loss when they defeated Viterbo University, 3-1 (30-24, 19-30, 30-23, and 30-25). Stahovich once again took the spotlight leading the Pointers with 13 kills and three serving aces. Marten also led the team with 22 defensive digs.

Finally, the Pointers were once again defeated 0-3 (14-30, 14-30, and 20-30) by UW-Stout for the second time this season. Junior Katie Besner led the team with nine kills, while Stahovich managed 19 defensive digs to lead the Pointers. Junior Toni Johnson also had 3 serving aces.

With a primarily positive turnout to the weekend, the team can use this momentum in the upcoming WIAC Tournament.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN POINTER ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY - WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS - RIVER FALLS, Oct. 30
FOOTBALL - AT UW-WHITEWATER - Oct. 30, 1 P.M.
MEN'S HOCKEY - HOME VS. UW-EAU CLAIRE - Oct. 29, 7:30 P.M.
SOCCER - HOME VS. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS - OCT. 31, 2 P.M.
SWIMMING - AT UW-EAU CLAIRE - Oct. 29, 5 P.M.
VOLLEYBALL - HOME VS. BELOIT - Oct. 29, 7 P.M.
By Steve Roeland

If you ask many of the overjoyed Boston Red Sox fans who propelled the Sox into this year’s World Series matchup with the St. Louis Cardinals, they will give you a response with the word “Papi” in it. “Papi” refers to Boston’s left-handed slugging designated hitter/first baseman David Ortiz, the larger-than-life character who seems to have lifted the “Curse of the Great Bambino” right off of the wavering shoulders of the Red Sox nation. After all, carrying around that curse for over 86 years would take a toll on anyone, but Ortiz was strong enough to help end one of sports’ most storied droughts in all history.

With Pedro Martínez’s declaration that he was the New York Yankees’ “daddy” prior to the American League Championship Series, it would not be the daddy, but the Papi who would dominate the empire in pinstripes.

In the series against the Yankees, Ortiz was unconscious, hitting .387 with three home runs and 11 runs batted in. Two of those hits were game-winners: a walk-off homer in the 12th inning of game four and an RBI single in the bottom of the 14th to win game five. In perfect dramatic postseason fashion, the Red Sox overcame a 3-0 deficit in the series to take the AL pennant in seven games. And Ortiz has been effective throughout the playoffs, not just against the Yanks.

Ortiz carried the BoSox into the ALCS with a 10th inning walk-off job in game three of the AL Division Series against the Anaheim Angels. The Sox finished off the 2002 World Series Champions in a three-game sweep. Ortiz has a ridiculous stat line in the playoffs: 404 batting average, five home runs and 19 RBIs.

Against the Cardinals in the World Series, Ortiz took a break from the job of pulling off heroics. Most of the gassy performances have come from Curt Schilling’s game two performance with a bloody ankle or Pedro’s seven scoreless innings of work on Tuesday. But the main reason that the Sox returned to the grand stage is thanks to Papi’s assistance.

The Red Sox won the World Series this year, erasing an 86-year drought that many thought would last longer. Without the help of Ortiz’s late-game heroics, the Sox might have been blaming the curse for another year of disappointments. Instead, they are World Champions.
It's that bloody moon!

The election, Halloween, the Red Sox win?! What does it all mean?

By Joel Borski

OUTDOORS EDITOR

I must admit, I was a little disappointed when I stepped outside to see the lunar eclipse last night and found nothing but a heavy layer of clouds greeting me instead. After doing a little fact checking during the past week, I couldn't help but be somewhat interested in this bi-annual phenomenon. What? You mean you didn't even know that an eclipse was taking place this week? Usually, I'm not even aware when these events take place either, but after I stumbled across an article about the "blood moon," I wanted to see what the hype was all about.

According to those rocket scientists at NASA, a lunar eclipse causes the moon to appear "blood red" because of the shadows that the Earth casts upon it. Essentially, it's like seeing every sunrise on Earth being, all at once, reflected off of the moon. That's all I could really tell you about it though. I got bored with the information after about three minutes. I just wanted to see the thing. Thank goodness I could at least look at pictures on the Internet. To be honest, if you turn the lights off and enlarge the picture, it's almost like seeing the real thing. Thank goodness I could.

Through my disappointment, I eventually got to thinking about how coincidental it is that the "blood moon" should appear around the same time as Halloween. I thought about how it was also ironic that the "blood moon" should appear around the same time as October 31st, when something amazing happened. It was beyond anything I could fathom. Something I never thought I'd see in my lifetime. Something I'd dreamt about but never actually believed would come true: The Red Sox won the World Series.

What does this all mean for us? To be honest, I don't really know. Perhaps, it's a sign of major things to come. Maybe Mother Nature is warning us. It's possible, anything is possible. Hell, I'll even consider this a sign that I've had too many Hamm's Special Lights. I'll let you come to your own conclusions. Whatever the case, I'll see you outdoors! I'd better see you in the voting booth first, though!

Ethics are finally rewarded

Award program promotes hunter ethics and safety in the state

By Joel Borski

OUTDOORS EDITOR

Most Wisconsin hunters have, hopefully, witnessed or been the beneficiary of a good deed or positive act by another hunter at some point during their lives. Unfortunately, in many cases, the person who carried out the act probably went without proper recognition. Many readers can probably attest to this. Luckily, there is a program that seeks to award and recognize those hunters who go above and beyond with their actions in the outdoors every year.

The Ethical Hunter Award is created in 1997 by La Crosse Area Warden Supervisor, Steve Dewald, and La Crosse Tribune outdoor writers, Jared Davis and Bob Lamb, to recognize hunters throughout Wisconsin who do good deeds or who, while hunting, set positive examples for other outdoors enthusiasts.

"People tend to hear about the poachers and other law enforcement cases," said DeWald. "The general public doesn't hear about hunters forming partnerships with landowners or older hunters mentoring youngsters who are on their first hunt. We're trying to get some of those 'good news' out to people."

The Ethical Hunter Award can be received by people of all ages and backgrounds and has three requirements that must be fulfilled in order to be nominated. The aforementioned requirements are as follows:

- The nominee must be a licensed Wisconsin hunter.
- The ethical hunting act must take place in Wisconsin and must take place during the applicable calendar year.
- Written nominations must contain the name, address and telephone number of one or more witnesses.

In the past, award-winners were recognized for assisting a conservation warden who was dealing with a dangerous subject, restoration of hunting habitat, making private lands available to new hunters, and returning a 10-point buck to its rightful owner after it had fallen off a vehicle.

Sadly, for the past seven years, the Ethical Hunter Award program has essentially flown under the radar, unrecognized by a majority of Wisconsin hunters. Now, finally, it is starting to get some well-deserved exposure through outdoors magazines and newspapers, as well as through DNR efforts.

It is beneficial for us, as hunters and outdoors enthusiasts, to take advantage of a program such as this. Though not every positive act in the field will qualify as a potential award-winner, it is important that people start being recognized for the good things they do and the positive impact they are having on our beloved sport.

If you are fortunate enough to experience an event that you feel is worthy of the Ethical Hunter Award, don't hesitate to nominate the deserving party. It is programs such as this one that aid in carrying on our hunting tradition as we know it.

Written nominations can be sent to Warden Steve Dewald at the Department of Natural Resources, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI 54601. All nominations must be received by Jan. 5, 2005.

Are you feeling a draft?

Army recruiters can't fill their quotas. Re-enlistments are plummeting. Soldiers are being forced to stay past their contracted time.

Meanwhile, Iraq is a quagmire that's only going to get worse.

With America's armed forces already stretched to the breaking point in Iraq and Afghanistan, where are tomorrow's troops going to come from?

As college students today, we ought to seriously consider that question.

Oh yes, President Bush insists he won't bring back the draft. But remember: this is the same president who swore that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. That Saddam was linked to 9/11. And that Iraqis would welcome us with open arms. He was dead wrong every time.

With George Bush stubbornly determined to go it alone, our allies won't join us. American troops will still be 90 percent of the "coalition." And 90 percent of its dead and wounded.

And the volunteer military will be a casualty of war.

So unless you like the idea of graduate school in Fallujah, we need to pay careful attention to what our president is saying, versus what it really means.

Now do you feel that draft?
Russia begins ratification of Kyoto Protocol

Major progress toward eliminating global warming will be made

By Hilary Bulger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Kyoto Protocol, introduced in 1997, will finally be going into full effect after years of delay. The protocol asked industrial nations worldwide to cut collective emissions of six different greenhouse gases to 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. Hoping to curb the effects of global warming, the treaty recommends alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power, as well as reducing use of traditional energy.

When the protocol was introduced, it required ratification by 55 countries accounting for at least 55 percent of 1990 emissions. When the United States, the world's leading polluter, pulled out in 2001, things looked bleak for the Kyoto Protocol. Without Russia, the second leading polluter, getting the necessary 55 percent of 1990 emissions would have been impossible. With Russia's economy on the upswing, many Russians were opposed to joining the pact.

Though Russia did sign the treaty in 1999, it had not yet ratified it. On Friday the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, voted in favor of ratification 334-73. The Upper House will consider the treaty today and then it will be passed to President Vladimir Putin. Both are expected to sign. The protocol will go into effect 90 days after Putin notifies the United Nations of its ratification. With Russia, countries accounting for 61 percent of 1990 emissions have joined the cause.

Russia's ratification may put renewed pressure on the United States to take another look at the protocol. Though the United States accounted for more of 1990 emissions than any other country, 36 percent, the Bush administration backed out of the pact in 2001, claiming it would harm the economy. EU Commission President Romano Prodi issued a statement saying: "The Kyoto Protocol may not be perfect but it is the only effective tool that is available to the international community. The United States should not abstain from the one fight that is crucial for the future of mankind." Australia is the only other country to reject the Kyoto Protocol, while 126 nations including Japan and Germany have already adopted it. There is pressure for China and India, both with rising industrial economies, to sign into the treaty as well.

The upcoming election will have a huge impact on Kyoto. Current President Bush has already backed out of Kyoto and made no indication of even considering re-entering. Senator Kerry has made it very clear he is a supporter of the treaty. If the United States were to ratify the treaty, countries accounting for 97 percent of 1990 emissions will be involved. This would mean global emissions would be cut by 5.0 percent, instead of the 3.2 percent they will be reduced by without the United States.

The time is now
Your vote affects the future of our great outdoors

By Hilary Bulger
ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Well folks, this is it. In just a few days we will all have the privilege of voicing our opinion in what has been billed as the most important election of our lifetimes. This election could be decided by our generation. Are you going to participate? As you roll out of bed on Tuesday, please make a trip to the polls a top priority. Do you really not care about the future of our country? Your future? The future of your family? I know you do.

I have been focused on the environment in my articles, pleas, and shameless begging for votes. Obviously there are other important issues that need attention as well, and a vote should not be based on a single issue, but I fear that, in light of things like terrorism and the war, our world - the basis of life - gets lost. If we did not have the Earth, where would we be? We would be nothing. In destroying Earth, we destroy our home and ourselves.

Even when you look at the environmental issues, you see unfamiliar names. Kyoto Protocol, ANWR, Area 1002, Clean Water Act; What does it all mean? What's really going on? Well, there have been five big extinctions in the history of Planet Earth. The last one was the loss of the dinosaurs, about 65 million years ago. The average rate of extinction since then has been one to five species a year. We are currently in the middle of the sixth great extinction, losing approximately 10,000 species a year. It is difficult to determine this number exactly, because species are dying faster than we can discover them and unknown species are becoming extinct. Some scientists believe we are well on our way to the next big crash.

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Halloween movie reviews

By Rebecca Conn

For most students, The Rocky Horror Picture Show and the Friday the 13th series are probably considered the classic Halloween movies. Many of them may not even be aware of the goldmine of horror cinema turned out by Hollywood and elsewhere during the 1920s and 30s. Vampires, mad scientists, monstrous monsters—they’re all there, sometimes appearing on film for the first time. Some of the prints might be a little scratchy, and silent films can take time to get used to, but these films are too great to allow a few technical problems and contemporary expectations to obscure them. Here’s a brief rundown of three of the finest and easiest to find flicks; the plots will probably seem familiar, and hopefully the films will be too by the time Halloween has passed.

Nosferatu (1922)
This grandfather of all vampire movies is so similar to Bram Stoker’s 1898 novel Dracula that his widow sued the studio for plagiarism when it first appeared. Fortunately, the picture survived, so today’s audiences can still watch Max Schreck stalk around as the huge-fanged, bat-eared Dracula doppelganger Count Orlock. Progressing with the speed and intensity of a plague, this F.W. Murnau masterpiece chronicles Orlock’s attempt to leave his creepy country castle and spread vampirism in defenseless Bremen, Germany. Only the noble actions of a pure young woman (Greta Schroder) can halt him, but at a terrible price. Murnau’s understanding of Expressionist concepts and use of sinister symbolism make the film both deep and fascinating, and Schreck’s characterization of the godawful ugly Orlock is still unnerving after 82 years.

The Phantom of the Opera (1925)
How can you make a silent film about an opera house? When you have Lon Chaney in the title role, it’s easy. Performing one of his most memorable roles, Chaney plays a terribly deformed musical genius who hides in the depths of the Paris Opera House, terrorizing the staff and extorting money from the managers through clever machinations that lead them to believe they are dealing with a ghost. Smitten with love for a young ingénue, Christine (Mary Philbin), Chaney becomes her music teacher and carries her off to his underground lair, hiding his deformity behind a mask. Christine’s rich lover (Norman Kerry) is on her trail, however, and she is curious about why her mysterious suitor wears a mask... Though directing credits go to Rupert Julian, Chaney had creative control over this piece. Called the “Man of a Thousand Faces,” he designed his own stunning makeup for the Phantom and played him with such pathos that you have to be inhuman not to love the monster. The other actors might be stagy, and silent films can take time to get used to, but these films are too great to allow a few technical problems and contemporary expectations to obscure them. Here’s a brief rundown of three of the finest and easiest to find flicks; the plots will probably seem familiar, and hopefully the films will be too by the time Halloween has passed.

The Bride of Frankenstein (1935)
This is a sequel to the 1931 Frankenstein, but it’s not necessary to watch that film first to appreciate this one. Bride functions perfectly well as a solo piece. Director James Whale spins a weird gothic story about the title doctor (Colin Clive) and his efforts to overcome his ethical convictions and make a mate (Elsa Lanchester) for his corpse-cobbled Monster (Boris Karloff). Like Frankenstein, this film is full of deep, dark stuff, but it’s leavened with a liberal dose of black humor; look out for the now-obscure Ernest Thesiger’s scene-stealing turn as Frankenstein’s hilarious and sinister mentor Dr. Pretorius. Karloff proves himself master of The Monster in an emotionally challenging role, Clive belts out his famous “It’s alive!” like no one else can, and Elsa Lanchester’s signature shriek can still pin a person to their seat.

Hello Everyone—

Just a friendly reminder to get off your lazy asses and...

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Student Art League Presents The Eye

By Joseph Quinnell

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, Oct.28:
Jimmy Wayne-7:30 until 9 p.m.
Andy Liesner-8 until 9 p.m.- The Encore

Friday, Oct.29:
Rocky Horror Picture Show - Midnight until 2 a.m.- The Encore
Van Helsing-8 until 10 p.m.- Debot 073

Saturday, Oct.30:
Ingram Hill-Pop/Rock quartet band-7:30 until 8:30-The Encore
Haunted Brewery Tours-6 until 9:30 p.m.-At the Point Brewery

Sunday, Oct.31:
The Eye-2, 5, and 8 p.m.-CCC
Hopswort Haunted Banquet-Arrive at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m.-At the Point Brewery-$20 admission fee

Monday, Nov. 1:
UW-SP Jazz Ensemble-7 until 10 p.m.-Basement Brewhaus

Tuesday, Nov. 2:
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Wednesday, Nov.3:
Music Colloquium-4 until 4:45- FAC Michelsen Hall
Jazz Vocalists-History and Evolution-7 until 8:30 p.m.
Bobby McFerrin-7:30 until 9 p.m.- Sentry Theatre
"Point Star" concert-8 until 10 p.m.-The Encore

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Point Star competition back for its fourth run

By Rebecca Buchanan
FEATURES REPORTER

UW-SP’s very own American Idol competition is right here on campus. Forget auditioning for the television show, because the Point Star competition is the place to be a star! Wednesday, Oct. 27, will kick off the fourth annual competition held in the University Center’s Encore at 8 p.m.

Point Star, similar to American Idol, is a three-round series in which contestants perform a song of their choice or from a karaoke list in the Centerstage office. There is no stipulation or requirements on who can compete; it is open to any students willing to sing their hearts out.

The grand prize for winning the contest and becoming UW-SP’s Point Star is a cash prize of $200.

Elimination will consist of four judges, and performers will be judged based on how well they sing and lyrical accuracy. At the final performance, the audience will participate in the scoring. The winner will be determined by the audience vote, and the judges’ scoring.

The first two performances, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, are round one, and the next two performances will follow in the upcoming weeks. Don’t miss this great opportunity to see some fun, exciting entertainment.

Even if you are not a performer, all are encouraged to attend to cheer on friends or come for a fabulous time. This contest is free with your student I.D. or $4 without. See you there!

Become an informed voter

Are you an ignorant voter? Don’t be too ashamed if you are. I used to be one myself. I have a plan to help you correct this ignorant behavior in 15-minute intervals of time. That doesn’t sound too bad, does it? First of all though, you have to find out if you are an ignorant voter. Have you recently said, “Well, I don’t really follow politics, but I’m going to vote for so-and-so.” Another type of ignorant voter is the one who feels they are knowledgeable after just watching the television ads on the election. Oh, please! All these ads do is take a certain phrase of words out of context to make either candidate look like an idiot, or use some type of comment like, “This person voted against this 89 times.” There are relatively few of these ads that are decent, truthful and aren’t taken out of context to make either candidate look like an idiot, or use some type of comment like, “This person voted against this 89 times.” There are relatively few of these ads that are decent, truthful and aren’t taken out of context.

Okay, I can hear you yelling “What’s the plan to becoming an informed voter, I don’t have all day!” Step 1: Go to Google search for the words “John Kerry” and “environment” (or any other topic you choose). You will be amazed what you can find out in less than 15 minutes. Many Web sites even have a chart that compares Bush and Kerry and what they’ve done for the environment. Step 2: Tomorrow morning, turn on National Public Radio (NPR, 90.9FM) and listen on your way to work/school (15 minutes). Step 3: At 5pm, tune in to your own college station, 90PM (89.9FM) to listen to news from students like yourself (15 minutes). Step 4: The day after that, turn on your TV at 5pm for some CNN Headline News (15 minutes again!). If you need to rinse and repeat, please do so. You will be amazed at the short amount of time it takes to turn yourself from an ignorant voter to an informed voter. If you want the truth, you are going to have to research and find it yourself, because television ads are not going to tell you what’s really going on. After all, you’re going to college to gain knowledge and learn, how to research, which helps to make better, more informed decisions, right?

To conclude, the Bush administration has had four years to prove that they could do something with America and I believe they have let us down in more ways than one (poor environmental law enforcement, unemployment, the ever-growing gap between the rich and the poor and skyrocketing health insurance costs, to mention a few). If someone or something doesn’t work, change is in order. You always hear that the only thing constant in life is change. Don’t you think it’s about time for one? Vote with a conscience and stand up for something you believe in. This is my stand. You can make yours at the polls on Nov. 2.

Cynthia Atchison
UWSP Graduate, Class of May 2004
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