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U-Pass system offers students free ride



A bus passes students on Reserve Street, a sight more common now that the university is included in the Stevens Point transportation network. Students can ride on the buses for free through the new U-Pass system.

By John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

Starting this semester, the Stevens Point Transit System and UWSP will begin the first year of a two-year trial run of the U-Pass system, which will allow students to ride on city buses for free. The idea originated in part due to a study undertaken last year by the transportation department to maximize the effectiveness of the bus system.

The final recommendation of the plan was to find a way to include the UWSP campus and areas of high student concentration into the transportation network. The system has come into effect after a year of planning and coordination between the city and the Student Government Association.

Students are now able to ride on any bus in the city for free by providing their student

ID to the drivers. The total cost of the U-Pass program comes to \$86,357.34 which, spread out across the entire student body, comes to roughly \$10 per student. The program is paid for by fees paid to the city out of the Segregated Fee fund that students contribute to as part of their tuition.

A committee was formed to decide upon the routes and to formalize how much the plan would cost. The routes travel through parts of Stevens Point that have a high density of student population as determined by the UWSP geography department.

The bus routes stretch out as far north as the Evergreen Apartments on North Point Drive, as far south as Main Street, and as far west as Wal-Mart on Highway 10. The campus portions of the route encircle the campus on Reserve Street, Maria Drive,

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Edwards makes campaign stop in Point

**Vice Presidential
candidate delivers
campaign message
to large crowd of
supporters**

By Ben Wydeven
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Thousands of Stevens Point residents gathered at Pfiffner Park on Sept. 3 to see Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate John Edwards speak to the city. For three hours after the gates opened, spectators waited in anticipation for the candidate and his entourage to arrive.

After a brief introduction by Stevens Point Mayor Gary Wescott, State Senator Julie Lassa and U.S. Senator Russ Feingold, U.S. Representative Dave Obey took the stage to introduce Senator Edwards.

In his introduction, Obey spoke out against the recent attack ads against Sen. John Kerry and defended the presidential candidate, saying that he had known Kerry for a long time and that he "was one of the toughest people I've ever known in politics."

Obey then directed criticism toward the economic policies of the Bush administration, saying that Bush "is masquerading as

an American populist and we need to strip away the fraud."

Edwards took the stage at around the same time that the Packers kicked off their last pre-season game. In his address, which was praised by the audience, John Edwards criticized George W. Bush's presidential mistakes. "We know how much attention to pay to what George W. Bush says at the National Republican Convention," said Edwards. "The truth is they've lead us from the edge of greatness to the edge of a cliff and we need to lead them out of the town."

After criticizing Bush's mistakes and empty promises as president, Edwards listed the ways he and Kerry would improve American's loose ends.

The campaign promises stated in the Edwards presentation included the provision of health care to Americans currently uninsured, the importation of low-cost pharmaceuticals from Canada, and tax breaks for American companies that resist job outsourcing.

Edwards offered a plan to provide higher education to those who can not afford it or are having difficulty doing so.

"You give us two years of public service to your community, your state or your country; we'll give you four years of col-

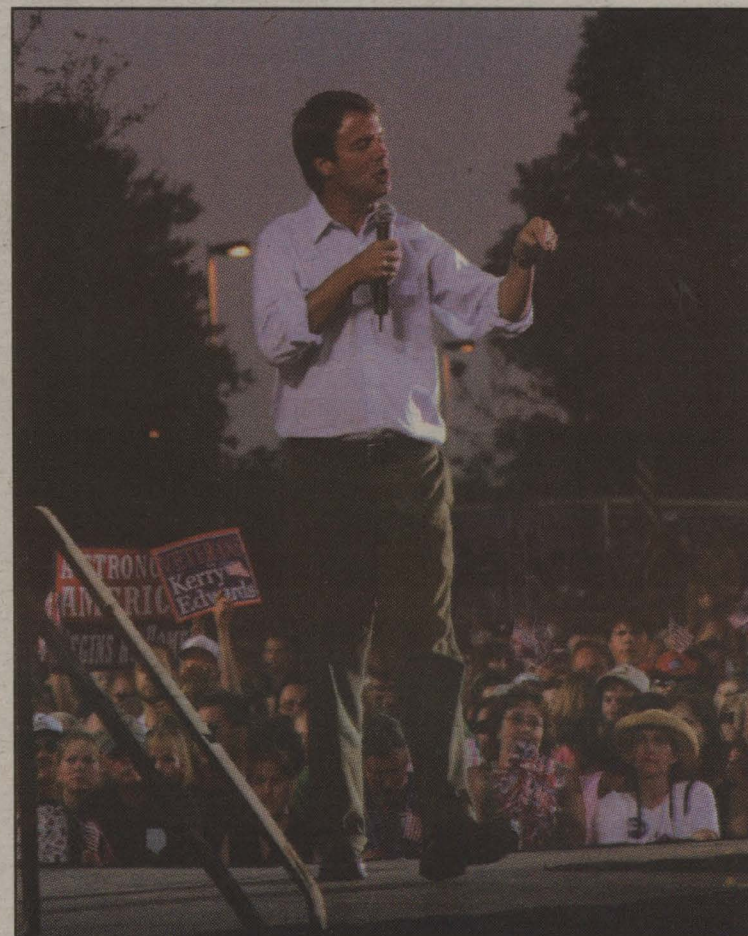


Photo by Liz Bolton

Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards addresses an enthusiastic crowd on Sept. 3 in Stevens Point.

lege tuition in return."

Edwards spoke of the ongoing war in Iraq, simply stating, "We can do better, and with John Kerry as our president, we will do better."

While the mostly Democratic spectators expressed

their favor for what Edwards had to say, others were skeptical of what a Kerry/Edwards administration is really capable of.

"It was really just a lot of political rhetoric," said

see **John Edwards**, page 2

Our new stork-creature

Some of you may be wondering, "What in the devil is that stork-creature on the front page?"

Ever since I was a freshman, the front page of *The Pointer* has looked pretty much the same – purple lettering next to the dome of Old Main.

Well, I thought it was about time for some change, so with help from our Managing Editor, Liz, we uncovered some ancient relics in the university archives.

The stork-creature, as he has been dubbed, first appeared on the cover of *The Normal Pointer* in October of 1902. This was *The Pointer's* long-lost ancestor and a year-long subscription cost only fifty cents. More of a literary review than a newspaper, *The Normal Pointer* featured our beloved stork-creature on the cover for only seven monthly issues, ending in April of 1903.

No reference is given as to why he appeared here, but we rather liked the feathery fellow. Some thanks are in order to the staff of the 1902-1903 *Normal Pointer*, especially their gracious Editor in Chief, M.F. Wadleigh, who graduated that spring. So to honor M.F. and all the Pointers in between, we're bringing the stork-creature back in all his superb maroon glory.

If you look closely at the foot of ol' stork-creature, he stands amongst previous copies of *The Pointer*, which started in 1894, and under his wing, is the current edition. While his raised leg clearly points to the *The Pointer* it also serves as a reminder to our great state's motto – "forward."

- A.M. Mella
Editor in Chief

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Mella's got the Conch

We're cookin' up a mess of chili in the stew-kettle

By A.M. Mella
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While researching the history of our new mascot, stork-creature, I read through many old and forgotten editions of *The Pointer*. Up in the university archives, they've got boxes of them, stretching way back to the early days, and they even have a copy of the very first issue of volume one, from 1894.

The Pointer was a very different publication back then – not much more than a pamphlet, really – focusing mainly on student literary work and on-campus news. There was no sports page, no Pointer Poll and certainly no outdoors section. It looked like something my great-grandparents might keep in their speakeasy. Ancient. I thought the paper might crumble into thin air.

I read the editor's column from the first issue of 1902. Therein, the wise M.F. Wadleigh reminded readers to patronize the advertisers and get their subscription fees in on time – then 50 cents a year, along with other timely advice on enjoying the college life and partaking in various clubs and university organizations. Pretty standard fare.

Then, near the end of his inaugural address, the grand Wadleigh turned his voice outward in challenge:

"Therefore I say, rouse yourself, rummage in that cob-webbed garret of your thots [sic] with an earnest effort and a firm determination to produce and contribute to your paper with your best thots in their best form; and you will speak the merits of your Pointer, in a tone that has the ring of honest coin."

He makes a good point that should not be swatted aside as some old-tyme action-speak.

This paper is in truth, your *Pointer*. Our staff is but a small fraction of the whole, and without your comments, your voice and your help, your *Pointer* shall remain such a figment.



It's like a good chili in a lot of ways.

Sure, sure – you can make a simple stew of chopped meat and a tomato based sauce and call it "chili" – but in the end you'll be left with third-rate chow. You see, I've never been one to do things half-way, but in this endeavor, I'm not only glad to offer you a stake in our success – I'm depending on it.

You see, a student-run paper is only as good as the student community that it serves, just as a decent chili is determined by its finest tomato, it's eager consumers. Yes, without one extra spice from the student body, we, the dogged *Pointer* staff, will turn out a paper every week. But as the reader, do you really want to read that material or eat that kind of chili?

Everything would be so much better if we all pitched in a few noodles and peppers ... and maybe some shredded cheese. Honestly. And how about some tabasco sauce?

So what can you do, to contribute to your paper?

It can be a small reminder of an upcoming event you'd like covered. It can be a letter to the editor, highlighting any aspect of the community you feel deserves highlighting. Your contribution could be a whole article on beetles, loin clothes or muskie fishing.

I just want to be clear that the door to our office is always open. Stop by sometime and check it out, because this is not only our workplace, it is yours as well.

And so, we now begin the forty ninth edition of our paper. May the ghosts of this office whisper goodness in our ears.

As the wise master Wadleigh once said, "We're cooking up a mess of chili in the stew pot, so bring down a chopped up rabbit, a bucket of beans and an progressive, determined attitude."

Well said, Mister Wadleigh, well said.

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Jesus said.

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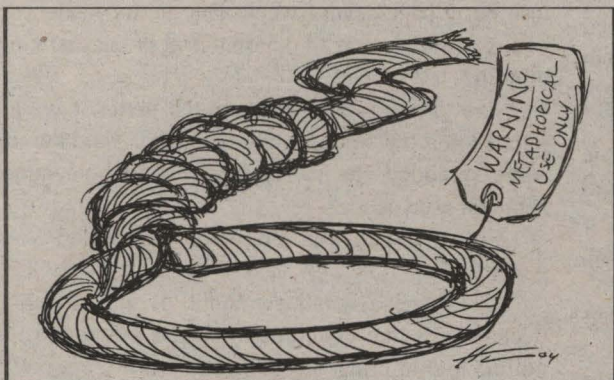
Your College Survival Guide: A Brave New World

By Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

WARNING: Side effects of Your College Survival Guide include dry mouth, tachycardia, deviancy, heightened bitchiness, academic failure, poverty, loss of alpha-male status, mange, sour-tummy, monkey arousal, Dutch Elm disease, premature heredity, strange bowel syndrome, and the tendency to obsessively read warning labels all the way to the end. Erections lasting longer than four hours, though rare, require immediate medical attention. You wish, pervert.

I love this time of year. After three months of vacation everyone is fresh and rested. All the professors have forgotten how much they hate teaching. They smile and chat with each other in the hallways. They cluster around Xerox machines like lame, tweedy gangs, pretending they're cool despite the fact that they're pushing encyclopedias door-to-door while all the other gangs sell lapdances, PS2s, and cherry-flavored crack.



Returning students are glad to be back, mostly because your summer jobs were tedious and degrading. Three months is long enough for you to forget that most of your classes are tedious and degrading too. You're full of hope. You're sure your new roommate won't be like the last one who wore tinfoil socks and had a tendency to get confused and occasionally urinate in the refrigerator. You're confident that this is the semester

you'll finally pass Math 106.

Right. And while you're at it you'll have plenty of time to plan your future career, find true love, attain nirvana, and develop a high-tech cybernetic arm that dispenses an infinite supply of orange PEZ. Sure. You'll have time for all that. After all, you've done the college thing before. You've got it all figured out... Right?

But you freshman are my favorites. I remember what that first semester was like: you've got a new haircut and mom's money in your pocket. You're on your own for the first time ever. You have so much freedom that you can hardly keep from shitting yourself with sheer delight.

And you exercise this near-infinite freedom the same way every freshman has done for the last ten thousand years. You buy posters for your dorm. You order pizza at unseasonable hours of the day and night. You touch yourself *down there* in a decidedly impure manner, repeatedly.

Well folks, cherish that delightful innocence for as long as you can. Because soon the horrible truth with start to dawn. You'll realize that freedom isn't all nachos, whippets, and wicked touching of the bathing suit area. Freedom is also credit-card debt, STDs that would blister the paint off a car door, and scholastic performance so shoddy that your professors have to invent new grades to accurately represent how profoundly you are sucking in their classes. Something like "triple F minus" or "negative B plus."

Some of you, the smarter ones, are already starting to realize how dangerous all this lovely freedom is. Truth be told, your freshman orientation package should include a coil of industrial-strength nylon cord with a label that says: "Welcome to college. Here's a whole lot of rope. Feel free to hang yourself with it." Unfortunately, the effect would be ruined by UWSP's legal department, which would make sure the rope was actually too short for anyone to *really* hang themselves with. And they would attach a second label, larger than the first, with bright red letters saying: "We mean metaphorically. Dumbass."

Truth is, I can't keep you from metaphorically hanging yourself. Honestly, I wouldn't want to. College provides you with unrivaled opportunities to screw up in a largely consequence-free environment. Screwing up is half the fun of being a student. If you don't make at least one or two

really nexa-level mistakes while you're here, you're really not getting your money's worth.

So just accept the fact that you're going to make a mess of things sooner or later. Then, when things get weird, or stupid, or broken, I can offer you advice on how to minimize the damage to your sad, tattered life.



Here at the College Survival Guide, we pride ourselves with handling the hard questions. Questions you can't take to your parents. Questions that would give "Dear Abby" an apoplectic fit.

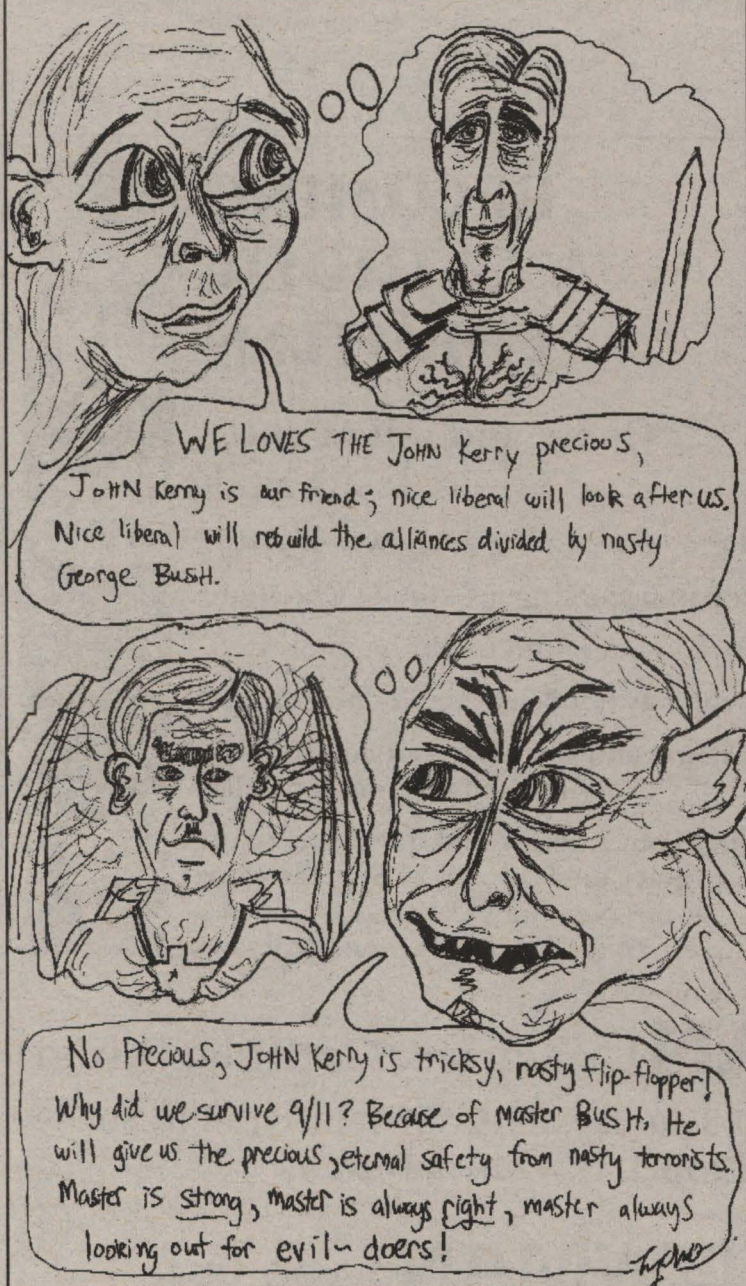
Over the years this column has dealt with everything: relationships, politics, sex, roommate issues/corpse removal, religion, dream interpretation. Anything's fair game. All you do is send in an e-mail to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu, and I'll solve your problems using my vast oracular wisdom. Or, if that doesn't work, then at least everyone will have a good laugh at your expense.

So e-mail your freakish questions, sob stories, and mewling pleas for help to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. Exceptionally good letters will be rewarded with fantastic prizes. I promise.

This week's College Survival Guide is brought to you by Caffeine, sleep deprivation, and the letter K. Also (and most importantly) by your friendly neighborhood hobby shop and game store: Games People Play. They'd love it if you stopped in to visit at their new, spacious location right next to Family Video. If you're a gaming geek, or just the regular type, they've got everything you need right there.

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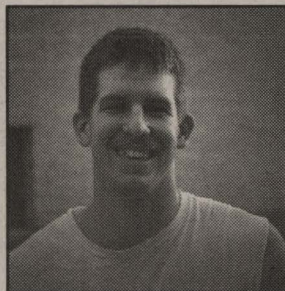
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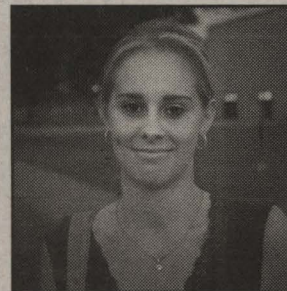
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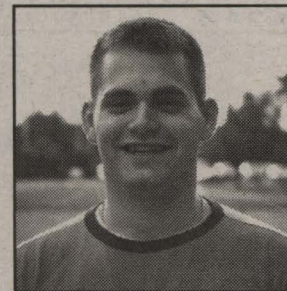
If you could invent a class to take, what would it be?



Nate Bessette, Jr., Land Use Planning



Alexis Gotter, Fr., Business



Josh Deisinger, Fr., Undeclared

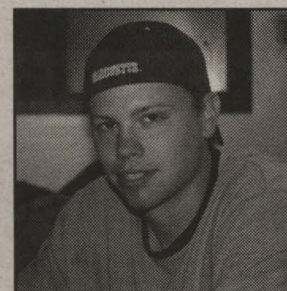
Video gaming- because it's fun.

Study skills because I put everything off to the last minute.

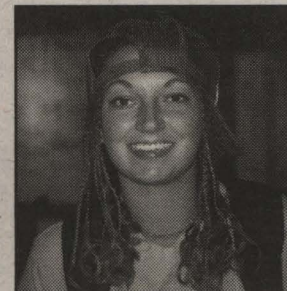
I'd take a class on weight building supplements- Muscology.



Courtney Stevens, So., Art



Adam Graves, Sr., Biology



Cindy Kowalchuk, Jr., Ecosystem Mngmnt.

Current events - there is so much out there that gets left out.

A class on Fantasy football... Why not?.

All males must take on phone etiquette; they have no skills.

Hidden history of UFOs revealed to students

UFO expert speaks on the controversial phenomenon

By Adam Rodewald

FEATURES EDITOR

UFO researcher Robert Hastings presented an eye-opening lecture and slide show on Tuesday evening concerning the U.S. government's secret responses to the controversial phenomenon of extraterrestrial sightings.

Hastings claimed to be communicating the facts to us and not merely forcing his opinions down our throats. "Take it or leave it," he said. "I am not a missionary." His presentation is based on previously classified government memorandums which have been obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, an act that allows citizens to petition for the release of classified information. Hastings said, "Let me assure you that this is absolutely authentic."

According to Hastings, the documents confirm, beyond a reasonable doubt, that UFOs do exist, and despite repeated public denials by official spokesmen, these objects "are of the greatest concern to the highest levels of the U.S. Air Force and the intelligence community." He stressed to the eager listeners that we have both a right and a need to know this information. "We have a democracy. Government is for the people," he said, protesting the secrecy surrounding these findings.

The lecture, titled UFOs: The Hidden History, began with a 30-minute slide

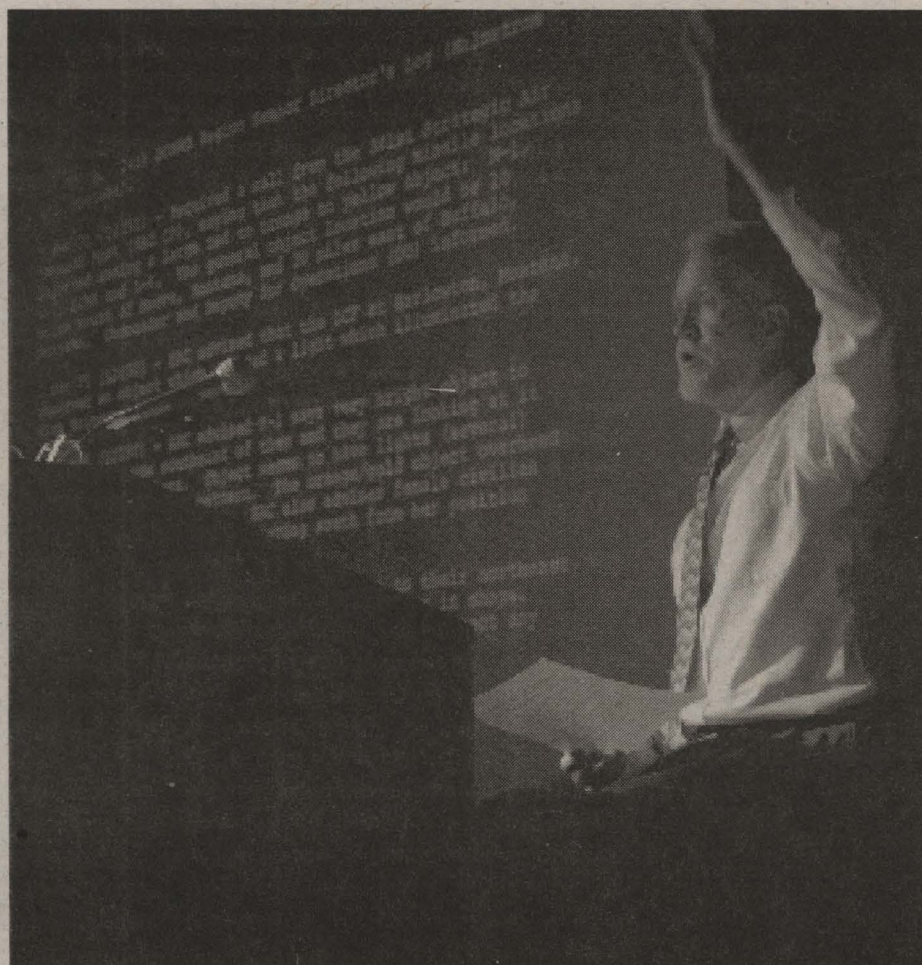


Photo by Liz Bolton

Robert Hastings dramatically reads from a memorandum obtained from the military.

show of UFO sightings and extraterrestrial abductions. It began in the year 1947, during which a massive wave of UFO sightings ironically struck the country on April 1 (April Fool's Day). Sightings were reported in every state except Georgia and West Virginia. The government publicly dismissed them as solar reflections on low-hanging clouds and flattened hailstones, but secretly deemed a full investigation to be necessary.

In 1948, a six-month investigation project titled Signs estimated that the sightings were probably interplanetary craft surveying the world. However, this conclusion was never admitted to the public. After the mass panic and hysteria following Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds* radio debut, during which people believed the program to be an actual invasion, the government felt they had no choice but to keep their concerns secret.

One of the most dramatic stories from the slide show was that of Betty and Barney Hill, a husband and wife who reported having actual contact with extraterrestrial life. They were driving down the highway when they spotted a UFO. Soon after they began to hear a constant beeping sound and became extremely drowsy. They both awoke two hours later completely, unaware of what had happened.

After undergoing time regression hypnosis, the couple vividly recalled being brought on board the UFO and undergoing medical examinations. Betty claimed to have communicated with one entity that could speak broken English. Robert Hastings said that most people who have studied these events considered the testimonial to be genuine.

In the 1960s and 70s sightings began to occur around major power plants and nuclear weapons facilities. One of the official memorandums that Hastings presented was considered top secret because it documented sightings near the U.S. premiere nuclear weapons facility in Los Alamos, New Mexico. A UFO appeared during a test launch and shot four consecutive beams of light at the missile which immediately fell into the ocean below it. Hastings commented, "They seem to be interested in monkeying around with our nuclear craft!"

Hastings concluded his lecture with a brief question and answer session and gave a list of recommended websites for further information, including ufoskeptical.org. "What I have is not scientific data," Hastings said. What he did present, however, was actual military and intelligence agency information.

Hastings' interest in UFOs began in 1967 when he was present at an air traffic control tower on the Malmstrom Air Force Base. "Five UFOs were tracked on radar for several minutes and jets were launched to intercept them. I later learned from Air Force sources that as the jets closed in, the UFOs performed a vertical ascent and left the area at enormous speed far beyond the capability of any aircraft," he said.

Since then, Hastings has spent years researching UFOs and the government's responses to them. He has spoken at more than 500 colleges and universities in an attempt to bring the truth out into the open.

ACTIVE OR INACTIVE?

For legal and practical reasons, student organizations need to be re-recognized each fall to maintain formal recognition status. To complete the re-recognition process, the following is required:

1. A list of current officers with addresses and phone numbers.
2. An Advisor Contract Form signed by your advisor(s) stating that he/she will advise your group (forms are available in the Student Involvement & Employment Office).
3. A completed Risk Assessment Questionnaire (to help protect organizations and advisors).
4. An updated copy of your constitution if outdated by three years. (NOTE: Constitutions need to be updated a minimum of once every three years.) In addition, if non-students are members of your organization a risk management statement needs to be added to your Constitution.
5. **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE** at ONE of two re-recognition meetings (PRESIDENTS or DESIGNEES) scheduled on Monday, September 20 and Tuesday, September 21 at 7PM in the Legacy Room of the University Center.
6. **ADVISOR ATTENDANCE** (if your advisor has not done so in the past) at ONE of several Risk Management sessions which will be offered through the Student Involvement and Employment Office.

Please register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in the Student Involvement & Employment Office, lower level of the University Center. Groups not re-recognized will not be included in the Student Organization Directory and will not be able to use university services.

**PLEASE VISIT THE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT & EMPLOYMENT OFFICE TO
REMAIN ACTIVE!**

Hypnotist Bruce McDonald captivates many

Master hypnotist returns to UWSP for yet another enticing performance

By Alli Himle

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

A filled Laird Room set the stage for the unbelievable talents of master hypnotist Bruce McDonald Friday evening. Students were lined well beyond the doors of the U.C. for a chance to not only see but participate in the spectacular feat of hypnosis.

McDonald has a long standing tradition of performing on the UWSP stage. A regular entertainer at UWSP since 1991, McDonald has enticed audiences annually with his humor, antics, and hypnosis.

Hypnosis, as McDonald said, "is an altered state of mind." It is a natural, powerful thing that involves extreme relaxation. The volunteers are completely aware of what is going on around them, but their heightened sense of calmness takes over, thus allowing them to completely let go of themselves.

Students' hands were quick to rise as McDonald asked for volunteers to begin the night's performance. Upon the random selection of the volunteers, consisting of both sixteen men and women, McDonald's hypnotic gift quickly had the volunteers slumped in their chairs on stage in complete relaxation. The only voice that became apparent to them was that of McDonald's.

With the volunteers having completely let go, it was not long before the audience

was left in utter laughter. McDonald began by having the volunteers feel as though they were smelling the most rancid smell to ever have come in contact with their noses. A mix of dirty diapers and old gym

they became completely entwined in each other.

McDonald next hypnotized a select few to believe they were ballerinas performing at Carnegie Hall. Complete

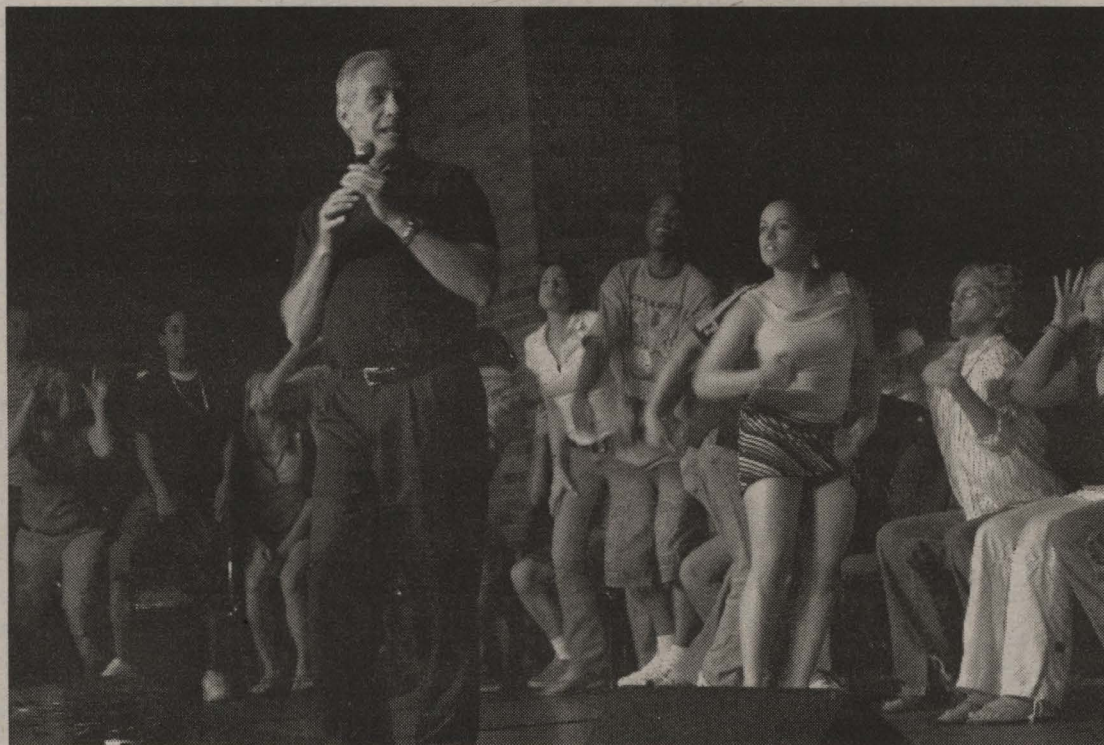


Photo by Liz Bolton

Students under hypnosis believe they are fourth graders harrassing their teacher, Bruce McDonald.

socks, compounded with the fact that it was coming from the person sitting beside them, found some contestants unable to contain their gag reflex. From there, the smell transformed into the sweet aroma of lilacs, a smell that the majority of the participants could not get enough of as

with deciding the color of their own tutu, the contestants were more than delighted to believe that it was their performance tonight that would decide the fate of their future in dance. Kicks, turns, and leaps abounded as the performers set to catch the attention of all who were watching.

By far the highlight of the evening came at the end when the volunteers had returned to their seats in the audience. It was then that McDonald made all of the male contestants believe that they were exotic dancers whose mission it was to entice the female members of the audience. Clothes were quick to come off as numerous girls in the audience found themselves the subject of a sexually overcharged male. Hysteria from the audience was apparent as the Laird Room quickly transformed into what appeared to be a Chippendale star performance.

It was more than evident in the faces and laughter of the audience that McDonald had delivered another star performance on the UWSP stage. However, in thanking McDonald for the laughter that he shared with us, we must also send a special thanks to all of the evening's student volunteers. You may not remember your performance, or how it was that you stole the show, but I think every audience member can attest that your performance was more than memorable. As McDonald said, "Without the student volunteers, the show would not be what it is. The volunteers are truly the ones that deserve all the credit."

Considering how enjoyable the evening was, we can only hope that Centertainment Productions will once again bring the talents of Bruce McDonald to the UWSP stage next year for another unforgettable performance.

Another year for growth

With a new year comes a time for new experiences

By Alli Himle

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

A new school year is upon us and with that in mind, mixed feelings are sure to arise. A new school year can mean many things to many people. Whether you are a freshman new to campus and college life, or a senior trying to make sense of how three (sometimes four) years have all too quickly passed you by, each school year brings new changes.

As my senior year is now upon me, I find myself feeling the same feelings that I felt that first year I began my journey at UWSP. That first year was a mix of emotions, especially those first few weeks completely and utterly on my own. My family, the people I had seen every day of my life, was now four hours from me.

And now, four years later, I still, in some regard, feel those same feelings. Maybe it is not the mere fact of my family being so far away from me, but the thought of knowing that this is my final year at Point. There will no longer be a first Belt's run for the fall semester, or the sight of new students moving into the residence halls, a sure sign that the new school year is now upon us.

As I am writing this article, I am thinking back to all of the experiences college has provided me with. Yes, it has at times been a challenging experience, but through it all I have had my friends. It is these same friends who were simply strangers three years ago.

And so, to those who find themselves in the whirlwind of college life trying to make sense of how they fit in here at UWSP, particularly the freshmen, realize that you are not alone in feeling completely overwhelmed and taken aback.

Make the most of your years here at Point, regardless of how long you intend to be here. For the truth is, it will not be long before you will be the same situation that so many of us seniors are in now.

Four years go by all too fast, before you know it, grad schools will be on your mind and you think back to how stress free (yes, stress free) freshman year was. Be confident in your decision to come to Point and know that even though you may be feeling overwhelmed and a bit scared right now, it will be only a matter of time before you will be scared to leave this place.

This is the time to let yourself go and become your true self. This is the time for new experiences and new friendships. But most importantly, this is the time to cherish and to make memorable. Many memories come and go, but the times you experience in college will stay with you forever.

And finally, to all the seniors that find themselves in awe of the fact of how fast the previous years have gone, remember this: only in looking at the past can we truly move forward. For it takes the remembering of freshman year and all the years combined to truly make sense of what college has provided you with. College is much more than an education; it is a time to begin anew. With that in mind, it is time that we all, freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, begin a new journey and vow to make this year a year of new memories and, most importantly, new experiences.

Hard Rock in Point

Local bands showcase talent in the Encore

By Adam Rodewald

FEATURES EDITOR

Music lovers gathered in The Encore Saturday, Sept. 10 for an energetic concert featuring local bands Aluminum Rust, Silik, and Way to Fall. The concert, titled Hard Rock, was the first rock show in The Encore, UWSP's performance venue, this year.

Aluminum Rust kicked off the night as the opening act. The former cover band has made a transition from playing classic Megadeth and Metallica songs to writing their own original music. While their new music is on the verge of Nu-Metal, the classic rock influence is still readily apparent.

As Silik took the stage, a rush of fans stormed to the front of the venue. Approximately 100 shouting people cheered, danced, and applauded the high-powered performance from this dynamic band.

Silik formed here in Stevens Point with the determination to stray from stereotypical rock music. They set out to "create music that was versatile and melodic, yet heavy and strange," the band said in their press release.

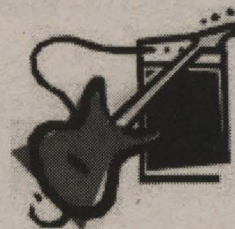
The band's members are serious musicians, and their lyrics are often dark. Jake Bowden, Silik's vocalist, sings in their song "The Fallen", "Alone the fallen. Alone like you.

You left me to die alone." Yet their personalities take on a more light-hearted tone. Bowden joked during their performance, saying, "This next song is about cans of water!" after he discovered that drinking water was now available in cans.

Way to Fall headlined the show. Their music is typical to modern alternative rock bands. They are heavily influenced by bands such as Incubus and the Deftones and have often been described as dark and endearing.

Way to Fall recently won the Southeastern Budweiser True Music Midwest Battle of the Bands 2004, and is now working to record a full length album to be released by the end of the year. A few songs are available for download on their website waytofall.com.

The Hard Rock show was a satisfying start for The Encore this semester. Supporters of Wisconsin's local music scene should expect a strong lineup of bands to follow.



Pointers mash TSU in Spud Bowl

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

In the 18th annual Spud Bowl, a contest that honors Central Wisconsin's potato farming industry, the UWSP Pointers pummeled the Tri-State (Ind.) University Thunder 57-3. The sweltering heat last Saturday told the tale of the Pointers' own hot streak, continuing the program's six-game winning streak, the fifth-longest in Division III football. This year's Spud Bowl victory improves UWSP's record in the annual event to 17-1. The only defeat the Pointers ever experienced in the game was a 28-21 overtime loss at the hands of Northern State (N.D.) in 2000.

Transfer quarterback Brett Borchard, a sophomore from Huntley, IL, only played one game and attempted one pass at Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.) last year. This season, he has the task of filling in All-American Scott Krause's shoes at UWSP. Borchard had an impressive debut for the Pointers, going 15 for 23 with 254 passing yards and five touchdowns.

The passing game was only

a portion of UWSP's offensive explosion last Saturday. The Pointers totaled 560 yards of offense, with 306 of them coming from the rushing game. Cody

got in on the running game. He gained 63 yards and scored a touchdown on the ground.

Senior wide out Tony Romano lead the receiving

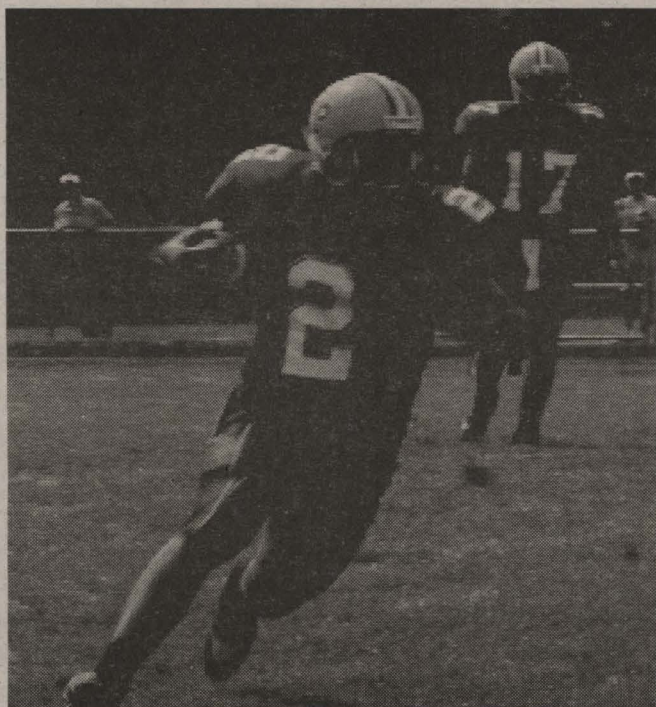


Photo by Liz Bolton

Cody Childs rushes for a gain in the 57-3 victory Saturday.

Childs gained 89 yards on 15 carries and caught two TD passes. Freshman Dustin Robinson was the Pointer's leading rusher, tallying 11 carries and 122 yards with a score. Even Borchard

charge for UWSP with 146 yards on four grabs and two trips to the end zone. Tight end Ross Adamczak pulled down two catches for 31 yards and had the first receiving TD of the game.

The Pointer defense held the Thunder to 302 yards of total offense. Only 66 of those yards came on the ground. TSU averaged a miniscule 1.8 yards per carry in the 54 point massacre. Thunder quarterback Jim Oliver Jr. was 14 for 34 and 229 yards.

The 57 points that UWSP amassed against TSU gives them a total of 221 in the past four games. The Pointers continue their dominance over TSU following last year's contest, a 63-0 victory in Indiana. On the D3football.com Top 25 poll, the Pointers dropped a spot despite the win, falling from sixth to seventh on the list. Two other WIAC schools appear in the top 25. UW-La Crosse is the highest ranking Wisconsin school at number three and UW-Eau Claire is ranked sixteenth.

UWSP will face second ranked Linfield (Ore.) this Saturday at Goerke Field. The Wildcats have won 25 straight regular season games and have been champions of the Northwest Conference for four straight seasons. Linfield has an incredible streak of 47 consecutive years with a winning record.

White proud of young team

By Pamela Waukau
SPORTS REPORTER

It's a new year, a new team and new attitude for the UWSP Women's Volleyball team.

On September 8, the team defeated St. Norbert's College and Finlandia College of Michigan in the St. Norbert's Triangular meet.

With only eight returning letter winners, the girls have a much different team than last year.

There are eight new freshmen on the team. Although they are young, the girls show no fear.

Nicole Stahovich, the lone senior on the team, is one of the captains whose play is very consistent and diligent.

In the first game against Finlandia, the girls pulled out an easy victory, taking the first three matches.

For the second game, however, it was not so easy. Coming from behind, the Pointers were down 0-2 and stepped it up to take the last 3 matches.

Even though they lost the first two sets, the team never quit.

"I am really proud of the girls; they fought hard and showed a lot of heart," said Coach Stacey White. "It was fun to see them work together, they could have given up, but they didn't."

Lori Marten, a sophomore and also one of the captains, was the greatest asset to the team that night. As a back row player, she kept the team focused by constantly communicating to them on every play.

"She was the heart of the team," said Coach White.

Two of the areas that the team strives to do better in is their serving and blocking. "Blocking was sort of a minor issue during the Triangular," Bethany Richter said. "We could have started out a little stronger, but we got more confident as the night went on. We believe in ourselves."

Richter was also on the team last year and really sees a difference in attitude and determination in this year's club.

This year she plays in the right side hitter position for the Pointers.

Another two players who are shining for the team so far this season are freshmen Shelly Maus and sophomore Katie Stephenson.

Maus is the six-foot tall middle hitter whose hitting average is .337.

"Shelly is not playing like a freshman, but as a well-rounded player," said Coach White.

Stephenson's hitting average is .260 and she also has 30 blocks.

"Both girls are playing very well," said Coach White.

With six out of nine teams in the WIAC conference ranking in the top 25 percent of the nation, the Pointers will be playing against some tough competition for the rest of the year.

Their next home game will be against Viterbo University on Monday, September 20 at 7:00 pm.

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Pointer golf finishes weekend in Illinois

By Matthew Inda
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's golf team kicked off their second week of play in Illinois on Aug. 10-11.

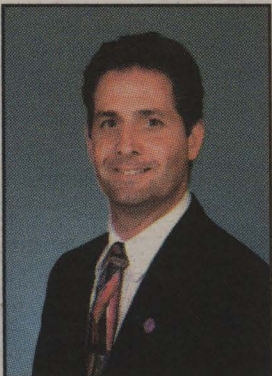
The team headed down to compete in the Knoxville and Monmouth College Invites. Led by first year head coach Joe Battaglia, the girls went on to finish in ninth place of 18 at Knoxville and 11th place of 19 at Monmouth.

Sophomore Susie Lewis finished eighth at Monmouth with an 82, +7. Freshman Katie Kautz shot a 97, followed by Alesia Nordahl with a 98 and Sarah Mosher scored a 101. Juniors Genna Saari and Courtney Timblin finished the day at Monmouth with a 105 and 102, respectively.

"Overall, we as a team felt we could have played better both days," Battaglia said. "There is a lot of potential on this year's team. They are upbeat and excited to play. We are making strides in the right direction and

the players are going to continue to gain confidence and continue to strive for the goals we have set for the season."

Coach Battaglia brings what he calls "a never give up" attitude to the course. "Every hole, every shot."



Coach Joe Battaglia

The goal the team brings to the fall season is shaving strokes off every hole. Coach Battaglia believes motivation is key to improvement as well as player confidence. "The short game practice, including chipping and putting, is key," he said. "Course management, playing to your strengths and working on your weaknesses (are also important)."

The Pointers figure that Eau Claire and Oshkosh will be

the teams to beat. "It's good to go out and compete with the talent on these teams. Playing against good competition, such as Division 2 teams, is a good way to experience and learn."

Coach Battaglia has a lot of golf experience from which to teach his team. He is the head golf professional at Tri-City Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. He has also spent time working as an assistant at various courses in Arizona.

Now that the 1996 grad is returning to UWSP, he takes over a team that finished fourth in the 2003 season and hopes to keep improving upon that. "You need a coaching philosophy," he states. "You need to fine tune and relate to each player. Figuring them out is fun and challenging."

"I'm happy with the progression of the team and happy to be a part of it. Coaching kids is awesome," Battaglia finishes.

The Pointers head to Bloomington, Illinois for the Wesleyan Invitational this weekend.

Koon shines in surprise performance

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

It didn't take long for Nikki Koon to impress her coach.

After finding out the morning of the UW-Whitewater Invitational that she would be playing singles due to an injury on the team, the first year netter competed hard in three rounds of the tournament Saturday.

After being relegated to playing in an exhibition match during the teams' first loss to Carroll College the week before, Koon was moved up to number three singles for this meet.

Koon lost her first match to Jenny Sponholtz (UW-LaCrosse) 0-6, 1-6.

Then, after being placed in the first round of the consolation bracket, Koon managed an impressive 6-2, 6-2 victory against Charis Sorum (WI Lutheran).

After finally heating up, she then slugged it out with Anna Greeno (Beloit) in the consolation finals for three sets, before losing 1-6, 6-3, 3-6.

Koon was visibly happy about her performance Saturday. "I think I played pretty well overall," she said, "It was a lot of fun."

Coach Karlyn Jakusz was impressed. "She got thrown right into the fire without really having an opportunity to think about it," she said.

"Her first match was pretty tough for her. Her second round match she won pretty easily. In the third round, I could tell she had got a little worn out because it was so hot Saturday, but she played really well (for) not knowing she would have to play," Jakusz said.

Also, the number two doubles tandem of Liz Ganshert and Jada Fenske finished the day on a winning note.

After losing their first round match to Eau Claire 1-6, 1-6--the team from EC went on to take second place in their bracket--the Pointers received a bye in the first round of the consolation bracket, then went on to be victorious in the final against the doubles team

Berg and Knoelke (WI Lutheran) 6-2, 6-2.

Both Ganshert and Fenske believe they need to improve on their return of serve and staying focused on the game.

"Liz and Jada probably played their best doubles match so far this season in that tournament," Jakusz said.

"I hope that, with the matches coming up, they will show even more improvement."

Overall, the Pointers didn't fare well, only scoring three points for the day and finishing seventh out of seven teams.

The outlook for the team is good. "We have a lot of girls that are really committed to playing well and trying their best in a league that is pretty tough," she said.

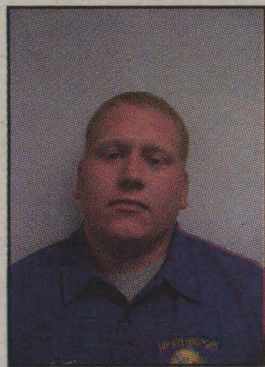
The UW-Whitewater Warhawks, which hosted the event, took first place with 38 points.

Looking ahead, the next meet is this weekend, September 17-18 at the UW-LaCrosse Invitational.

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Senior on the Spot Cliff Ruland - Football



Ruland

Major - Wildlife Management
Hometown - Wonewoc, WI
Nickname - C-Dog

What are your plans after graduation? - Hopefully find a job, if not return to school and get a teaching degree for biology.

What is your favorite aspect of football? - Getting the chance to hit someone and not have to go to jail for it, and also the team camaraderie.

Most embarrassing moment? - Celebrating the victory after our last game last year and then getting beat up in Clint's Explorer, by a girl.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be? - Clint Bakken, then I would be able to make offensive lineman look like rag dolls.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Ozzfest 2003

What will you remember most about football at UWSP? - My teammates, Steeler Miles, and the Fair.

Who are the three biggest influences in your life? - My parents because they taught me to work hard at everything I do and also my fiancé, Heather, because she has supported me the last four years of my life.

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This NFL season sure to be one for the books

By Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

If the first week of NFL action was just a hint of the season up ahead, we are surely in for another great year of professional football.

I'm sure, with the popularity of fantasy football, that many of you football geeks were paying attention to the box scores outside of just Ahman Green, but week one was a HUGE week for running backs.

While there were a couple rookie and first year starting RBs that had a tough go at some defenses, nearly all the veterans lived up to expectation and proved to be worth every penny.

Curtis Martin, Priest Holmes, and Edgerrin James all exploded for 196, 151 and 142 yards, respectively. Among the top five were Quentin Griffin and Clinton Portis.

It turns out the swap of Clinton Portis and Champ Bailey truly was heavily in favor of Denver. Not only did Denver already have a RB on the team to fill the hole made by Portis, but they also got one of the top cover corners in the league who will

also pose as a nice offensive threat now that Mike Shanahan has decided to incorporate him into the passing game as a receiver/decoy.

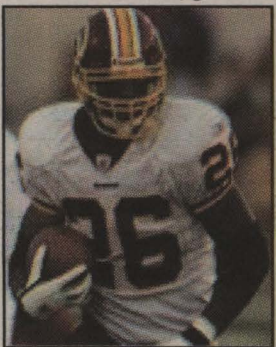
Crazily enough, that list didn't include last year's leading rusher, Jamal Lewis. He was too busy being stuffed by the Cleveland Browns defense to even come close to approaching the century mark.

Now don't get me wrong here. The NFL will still have a great air show as well.

With new rules enforcing the touch rule between DBs and WRs, Terrell Owens is going to be catching plenty of TDs in Philly. Marvin Harrison will continue to catch over 100 balls, and maybe if Marc Bulger can keep it together in St. Louis, the Rams will continue to be the best

show on turf.

Maybe I'm overexaggerating after just one week of play, but with the new rules enforcing the passing game and number of quality RB's starting in the NFL, this season is definitely looking to be one for the books.



Portis

2004 - 2005: Bold Predictions for the Pack

By Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Now that the first week of the NFL is part of the league's 85 year history, the crystal ball has become clearer for doing some prognostication. While I may not be Chris "The Swami" Berman, I do watch the National Football League--especially the hometown Green Bay Packers--with a great deal of interest. So without further ado, here are Steve Roeland's bold predictions-four of them in honor of Brett Favre-for the 2004 - 2005 Packers' season.

4. Mike McKenzie will come back to the Pack.

As they say, money is the root of all evil. And it's the main reason people do their jobs day in and day out. Mike McKenzie has been holding out on the Packers for quite some time and, now that the first paychecks have been issued, the financial strain will hit the cornerback quite hard. Each game he misses is a \$162,000 loss. While he will probably still want out of Green Bay, McKenzie will be back on the field for the Packers this season.

3. Ahman Green: MVP?

Believe it, Packer fans. The workhorse running back has amassed 1000 yards rushing in each of the past four years and has 41 touchdowns as a member of the green and gold. Green turned in a nice performance on Monday night and will continue to do so all year long. He will build on his career-best season last year (1883 yards, 15 TDs) and will get closer to, if not surpass, the 2000 yard mark. Add 20 or so TDs to the mix and Green is a genuine MVP candidate.

2. Green Bay will NOT win the NFC North Division, but will get into the playoffs.

Vastly improved competition

in the NFC North (except for the Chicago Bears) will challenge the Packers all year long. A tough season schedule that includes contests versus the Colts, Rams and Eagles, as well as facing the Minnesota Vikings twice, will wear on the Packers. Always a tough team to beat, the Pack will split the season series with the Vikings this year with the home team winning each contest, and will win some close games against playoff-quality opponents. The Vikings have a schedule that may yield 11-plus wins, so they will come out on top of the NFC North. End of the year status for the Packers: a 10-6 record with a wild card berth into the playoffs.

1. The Pack is Super Bowl Bound.

Pack your bags for Jacksonville, folks, because the NFC will be represented in Super Bowl XXXIX by the Green Bay Packers. As Brett Favre said before the season, it's Super Bowl or bust this year for the Packers. While Green Bay's defense is questionable in several areas, Favre's arm and Ahman Green's legs will lead the team through the playoffs and into the big game on Feb. 6. Green Bay will match up against the Philadelphia Eagles in the conference title game and will get sweet revenge in Philly. The AFC champion Indianapolis Colts will defeat their own nemesis, the Patriots, in the AFC title game making it a Favre vs. Manning shootout. Winner of the game? Sorry to disappoint, but the Colts have too many weapons for Green Bay's young defense. Indy takes the title, 38-30.

There you have it, football fans. Now find a water cooler and some of your best buddies and talk amongst yourselves.

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Pointers dominate at Luther

By Jana Jurkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Both the UWSP men's and women's cross country teams got off and running on the right foot this past weekend.

The women easily claimed victory at the Luther Invitation in Iowa Saturday afternoon. Among the 14 other teams, the Pointers placed five runners in the top six and finished with a dominating 17 points.

The women also claimed the meet winner as senior Megan Craig ruled the course with a 5,000 meter time of 18:27. Jenna Mitchler came in second, Leah Herlache third, Ashley Potuznik fourth and Tami Scott

sixth, to round out the top five Pointer runners.

The Pointer men traveled to the St. Lawrence Invitational to open their season. The team received 69 points and finished in second place, 44 points behind the champions from Carthage.

The Pointers highest finisher was James Tesmar as he crossed the finish line of the 8,000 meter course in eighth place and with a time of 27:31. James Lisow came in thirteenth, Denton Helms fourteenth, and Joe Rodriguez fifteenth, to give the Pointers a good showing.

The men will travel to Iowa this weekend for the Grinnell Invitational, while the women have the weekend off.

For bow-hunters, the wait is over

Wisconsin archery season set to open this weekend

By Joel Borski

OUTDOORS EDITOR

Saturday, September 18th, marks the opening day of the Wisconsin bow deer hunting season, and for hunters in both Portage County and the entire state of Wisconsin, the long-awaited, "unofficial," first day of autumn is almost here. Not surprisingly, the Wisconsin weather doesn't seem to know this yet. After a long summer full of below-average temperatures and above-average precipitation across much of the state, heat and humidity have blanketed central Wisconsin in recent weeks. According to all DNR outlooks, however, the deer hunting forecast appears to be good.

Current estimates place the state's deer herd at or near 1.7 million animals — well above desired herd numbers, even though 2003 saw record bow and muzzleloader kills and the third highest total deer kill in Wisconsin history. Low winter-kill rates and little to no predation in previous years are thought to be the main culprits for such high numbers as these factors have allowed for very high birth and survival rates among fawns throughout the state. This is why, for the first time since 1996, the DNR has enacted its Earn-a-Buck program in 26 deer management units (DMUs) outside the CWD management zones.

According to the Wisconsin DNR website, in order



for a unit to be designated as Earn-a-Buck, the unit must first have two consecutive years of Zone T. If a third consecutive year of Zone T is warranted, but is not enough to reduce the deer population to within 20 percent of the unit can be designated as Earn-a-Buck. Earn-a-Buck regulations require a hunter to first tag an antlerless deer before they can tag an antlered buck. Earn-a-Buck Zone T regulations will be lifted in future years if antlerless deer are harvested to bring (and maintain) the over-winter population to within 20 percent of goal.

In Portage County, two DMUs (62B and 65A) are designated as Earn-a-Buck units, while 3 others (62A and 65A) have been designated for Zone T hunting. DMU number 57A is the only Portage County unit that is under neither the Zone T nor the Earn-a-Buck regulations. Be sure to double-check your Wisconsin Hunting Regulations booklet for the DMU in which you hunt and the rules that apply to your given unit.

For questions about hunting in Portage County, contact the Wisconsin Rapids DNR office at 715-421-1111 or check out the Wisconsin DNR website at www.dnr.wi.us/.

Most importantly, best of luck to everyone taking to the woods this season!

Summer's not over, Get out and play

By Hilary Bulger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

Not ready to give up summer? Or feel like you didn't even have one? Don't catch a case of the back-to-school blahs. We have had amazing weather since school started, a sure sign that summer is fighting back, as should we. We are in a prime location to make the most of late summer and early fall as the Stevens Point area offers numerous activities to settle any outdoors appetite.

There are 4,600 state park and forest campgrounds in Wisconsin offering camping, hiking, fishing, swimming and more. The DNR's website, www.dnr.state.wi.us, offers a list of ongoing activities: camping locations, dates, and fees; fishing seasons and regulations; and current events within the DNR. Campsites can be reserved in advance through the DNR website or by phone at 1-888-WI-Parks. Hartman Creek, located near Waupaca, has year round camping and excellent hiking. Rib Mountain State Park in Wausau is open for camping through October and features a 60-foot observation tower which provides a view 700 feet above the surrounding plains.

While you're out, go fishing! Trout streams are open game until September 30 and then it's time for late season muskies and northerns. Make sure you have a fishing license and check the regulations, as the open seasons, particularly for trout, do vary by location.

Outdoor Adventures is an awesome on-campus resource, offering trips, classes, retail, and rental.

Make sure you check them out, their web page is on the university site under "Centers."

Disc golf is a wonderful outdoor sport that is gaining popularity. Stevens Point boasts three courses and there are several other courses nearby. The Professional Disc Golf Association's website has information on and directions to courses nationwide. Check them out at www.pdga.com.

The Green Circle is always a great option for both biking and walking. A 30 mile loop around Point, it winds past the river and through forests. Accessible from any side of town, it is a quick way to get out and relax.

No matter what it may be, just do something! Get out of the dorm room, off the couch, and for the love of Pete turn off your computer. Get your friends together and take advantage of one of the best times of the year.



Election 2004 — Environmental issues

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)

By Hilary Bulger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

In 1960 President Eisenhower designated 8.5 million acres in northeastern Alaska as the Arctic National Wildlife Range. In 1980 the Range was renamed the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and was almost doubled in size, totaling 19 million acres. Two million of those added acres were labeled Area 1002, a site for potential oil development. Area 1002, also called the Coastal Plain, is north of the Brooks Range and south of the Beaufort Sea.

America currently consumes 25 percent of the global oil supply, yet holds only three percent of known oil reserves. The United States imports nineteen percent of its oil from Canada and Mexico and another fifteen percent from the Middle East. In light of rising gas prices, continued war in the Middle East, and the decrease in oil production on the North Slope, only 60 miles east of ANWR, there have been continued pressures to drill in Area 1002. Estimates for how much recoverable oil actually exists in Area 1002 vary from as little as 600 million barrels to as much as 9.2 billion barrels.

Arguments for drilling are largely economical. America would certainly benefit from producing more domestic oil, but at what cost? ANWR is home to over 250 animal species, including muskoxen, polar bears, grizzly bears, wolves, caribou, and millions of migrating birds. It is also home to several nations of Athabaskan natives, most notably the Gwich'in people who, in 1999, submitted a plea to the United Nations asking the United States and Canada to reverse the threat of cultural genocide.

For exploratory drilling to begin in Area 1002, both the President and the Congress need to pass legislation. President Reagan tried to get this legislation passed, but was unsuccessful. President Clinton unsuccessfully attempted to designate ANWR as a National Monument, which would have prevented drilling from ever occurring. Clinton also vetoed an act which would have opened ANWR to drilling. Currently, President Bush is in favor of drilling. The Senate has voted in favor of drilling twice, once in 2002 and again in 2003, but the House has not passed the legislation that would allow drilling to begin. The 2003 vote was much closer than the 2002 vote and there is no guarantee a third vote would have a smaller margin. Both houses of Congress currently have bills that would protect ANWR from drilling on the floor as well.

With the upcoming election the question of whether or not to drill in Area 1002 is getting more attention than ever. It is important to note that there are dozens of other locations in national parks, monuments, and memorials that are also being considered as drilling locations — ANWR is simply the poster child that represents the worst of these places. There are numerous websites on the internet where voters can educate themselves about what the issues are and where the candidates stand. The candidates' official websites, as those of both government and environmental groups, are good places to start.

Besides making an educated vote, the best thing that the average American can do is be smart about their oil consumption. Currently, 25 percent of cars, 33 percent of SUVs, vans, and trucks are operating with severely under-inflated tires. (continued, see ANWR, page 11)

Expect fall colors to be on time

Despite stress on many trees,
Expect majority of color change to follow usual schedule

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Wisconsin DNR says that residents can expect quality fall color season even though many have been seeing color changes in trees since mid-August. Though typically the main cause for color change in trees is day length, Wisconsin's unusually cool and damp summer weather pattern this year is believed to be the main reason for these premature color displays. Cool and wet conditions allow for such things as fungal growths that cause leaf loss and can also cause stress due to overwatering, especially in low-lying areas. A majority of

Wisconsin's forest stands have remained healthy this year, however, and are expected to change color right on time.

Interested fall color fans can expect an early to mid-October peak here in Portage County with current color change estimates at only 0-10 percent in the majority of trees. In the northern Wisconsin regions, one can expect peak color in early October with trees near the town of Cable and the surrounding area peaking in as soon as two to three weeks. Southern Wisconsin regions are still estimated to be up to seven weeks away from peak col-



ors. For more information and an up-to-date color report throughout Wisconsin, visit www.travelwisconsin.com or contact Kristen Held of the DNR's Division of Forestry at (608) 264-6036.

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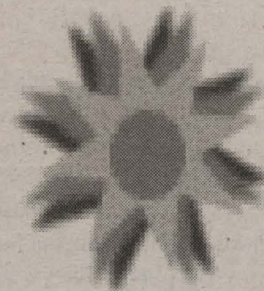
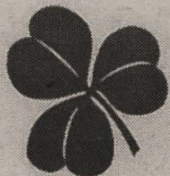
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High: 73
Low: 58

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If every vehicle on the road had its tires inflated to the correct PSI, America would save 60 million barrels (one barrel holds 55 gallons) of oil per year. An additional 24 million barrels could be saved if every car was fueled with the correct fuel grade. Currently, only six percent of vehicles require premium grade gas, yet 20 percent of gasoline sales in the U.S. are for premium grade.

Amazingly, another 60 million barrels would be saved if each American commuted only one day a week with only one other person. Imagine the oil and environment American citizens could save if we all commuted every day with multiple people. So let's do ourselves and the rest of the world a favor by getting educated on the issues, voting, and doing our part to save our natural resources.

Vote for Change Concert

By Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings

ARTS AND REVIEW CO-EDITORS

As many of you know, there is a presidential election campaign going on, and coming this November, many of you citizens of America will get a chance to vote for our next president. As a way of speaking to the public and giving them one of the greatest nights they may possibly remember, various musical artists have banded together for 34 shows in 36 cities over 11 days. Starting on the first of October, artists such as Bruce Springsteen, REM, James Taylor, Death Cab for Cutie, The Dixie Chicks, Jurassic 5, John Mellencamp, Bonnie Raitt, Jack Johnson, The Dave Matthews Band and more will come together to perform in the Vote for Change concerts that encourage the people to get out and vote.

Although the Vote for Change concerts are mostly promoting the election for John Kerry, it is also true that not all of the performers are as much for Kerry as they are against George Bush. More than anything though, these concerts intend to reach those voters who would otherwise ignore the political information provided by news channels and political speeches and reach them through musical entertainment. As part of some performances, artists have chosen to voice their own opinions about where they stand politically in the hope that they can encourage those who attend the concerts to take action and vote.

The nearest location for the tour is Madison, Wis. on October fifth. This concert includes The Dave Matthews Band, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Jurassic 5 and My Morning Jacket. If you thought things couldn't get any better, you might be interested in knowing that there will be a grand finale show on October 11th in Washington, D.C. where all of the performers will play together.

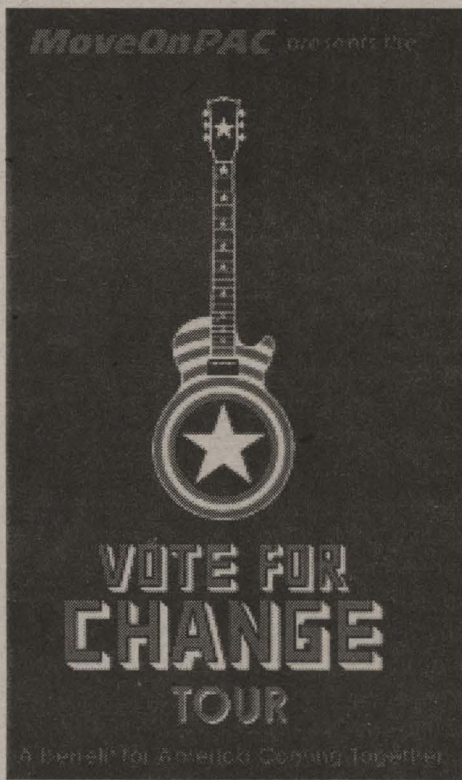
Proceeds for these concerts will go towards America Coming Together (ACT), a group which has teamed up with MoveOn PAC, a grassroots political action committee working to take back our government and encourage others to take a political stand. Other proceeds will go toward election swing states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. For more information, visit www.moveonpac.org and order your tickets today. For those of you who can't make the show, watch for a future article on how awesome the show was. (We are going, you know!) For those of you who can, look for us and who knows, we may even become great friends!

Artist's Declaration: Vote for Change is a loose coalition of musicians brought together by a single idea--the need to make a change in the direction of our country. We share a belief that this is the most important election of our lifetime. We are fighting for a government that is open, rational, just and progressive. And we intend to be heard.

We plan to do something never done before--to concentrate our energies in the states where the election is expected to be closest. We hope this commitment of time and effort by so many artists and our willingness to take our energy to so many parts of the country will help inspire our fellow citizens to take a hard look at what is at stake in this election, at the federal, state, and local level, and to get involved in trying to move our country in a truly compassionate and humane direction.

We have chosen to do these concerts with two organizations that we think are doing excellent work in motivating our fellow citizens to get involved in progressive politics. MoveOn PAC and its sister organization MoveOn.org have been on the cutting edge of raising issues of war and peace, social justice, media integrity, and honesty in government. MoveOn PAC will be the official presenter of this tour. American Coming Together (ACT) has been doing tremendous work in registering and mobilizing voters to support progressive candidates at all levels of government. We are happy to announce that the financial proceeds of the tour will go to help them with their continuing efforts.

Most importantly, we wish to communicate our concerns to our fellow citizens and join with them in the effort to change the direction of our government towards one that will make our country as great as it can be.



CD Review of the week John Cale: *Hobo Sapiens*

By Rebecca Conn
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

John Cale is old, and getting older all the time, but his new album, *Hobo Sapiens*, is comfortably contemporary, featuring lots of acoustic guitars and familiar, though cleverly re-spun, alternative rock beats. That Cale is still musically with it should surprise no one familiar with his career. He was creating the art-garage-rock ancestor of his current sound nearly forty years ago with the Velvet Underground. His training and skill as a classical musician, combined with Lou Reed's poisonous lyrics, tempered the Velvet's nerve-stripping intensity into a never-before-heard shriek of intelligent dissonance.

Cale is still intelligent, and he's still a classicist. On *Hobo Sapien's* opening track, "Zen", he bitches about the lack of meaning and mystery in art these days; everything's gone too flatly real for his taste. He sings an elegy for Rene Magritte, and titles one song "Archimedes". But don't expect a tidy cultural history lesson from every song. Cale excels at embedding dark little narratives in his lyrics, like in "Reading my

An Introduction

By Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings

ARTS AND REVIEW CO-EDITORS

Hello to all new and used Stevens Point students (woo hoo). We'd like to introduce ourselves. I'm Anna Jurovic and I'm Laura Pennings. Pleased to become acquainted. Moving on...

So, Anna, how long have you been a student here at UWSP?

Well, Laura, I've been attending this fine institution for four years now which officially makes me old. Thank you. And you?

Yep, I'm old too. Don't I know you from somewhere?

Only from being friends with you for the last four years and living with you in a 4x4 square in London.

Oh, right. So anyway, when did you realize that you were an extremely talented young, er, I mean unfortunately old, journalist destined to write for *The Pointer*?

I would have to say my prodigious writing abilities truly shone through during my "oh so hard" semester in London. Remember those days?... (Blah, blah, pause while we take a moment to reminisce)...and we're back. Thanks for reading Anna and Laura's self-esteem booster column. But seriously folks, we're here to do a job, so keep those distracting mental notes to a minimum. On to the next question.

Laura, in what direction would you like to steer the Arts and Review column?

Well, considering that I am highly knowledgeable in the area of the "arts" I would like to welcome you all into my brilliantly confused mind (assuming that all of you are scratching your heads in amazement as to who we are and how this article actually got printed).

Ok, is there anything else you think we should add?

No, no. I think everyone has gotten the picture just fine.

Sounds good. Yeah for us!

Yes, yes. Bravo! Great article. Score one for *The Pointer*!

And we're on the board. Is anyone laughing yet?

Rest assured, you can always look forward to promising entertainment in future articles contained in the Arts and Review section. If any of you would like to contribute or have an idea for an article, just let us know by emailing us or contacting us in *The Pointer* office. Peace out, homies!

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"Letter from Abroad" is the song everyone will walk away from the album thinking about, but it's his elegant appreciation of Magritte that has stuck with this reviewer. Magritte is the Surrealist famous for declaring that nothing in art is what it appears to be, and with its leaps between classicism and postmodernism, complaint and celebration, narrative and noise, neither is John Cale's *Hobo Sapiens*.

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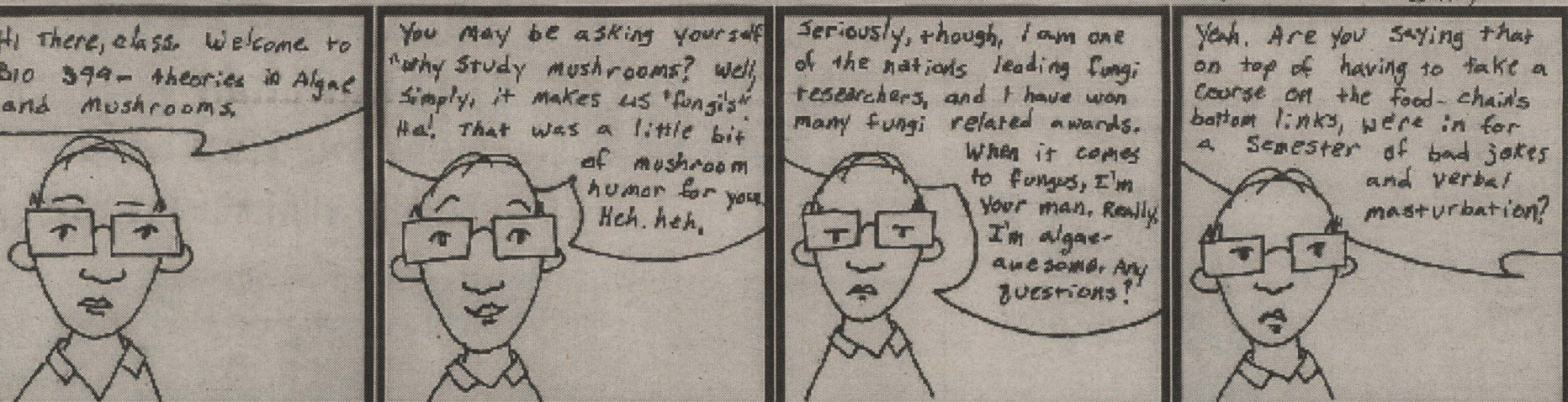
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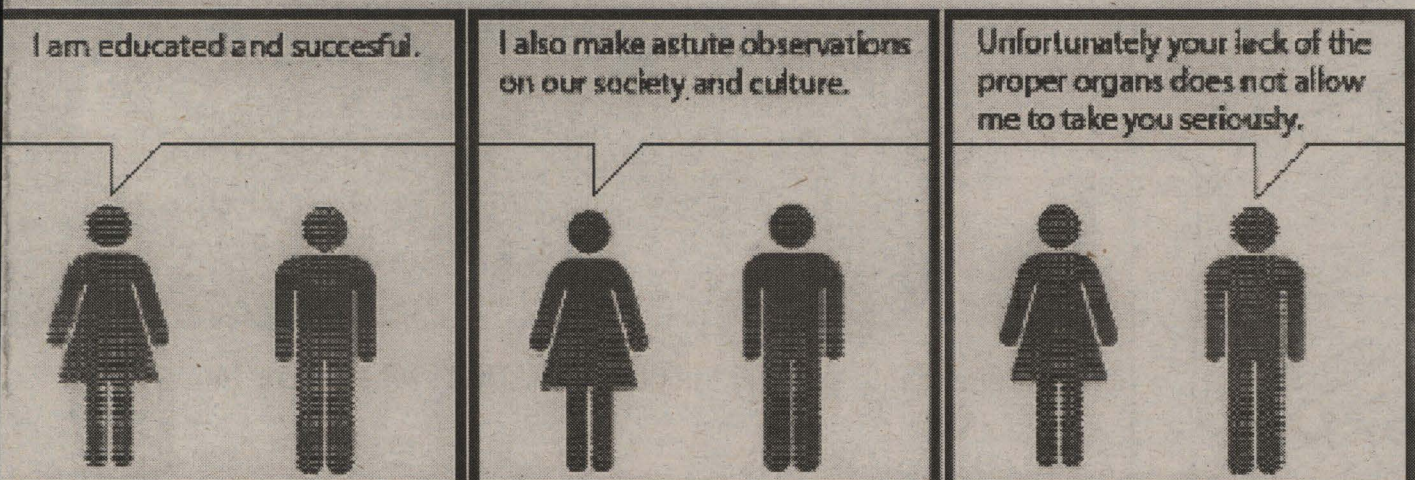
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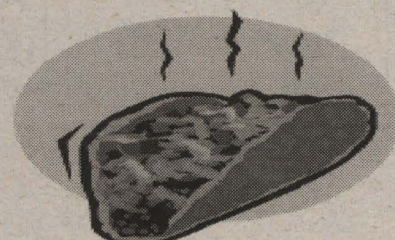


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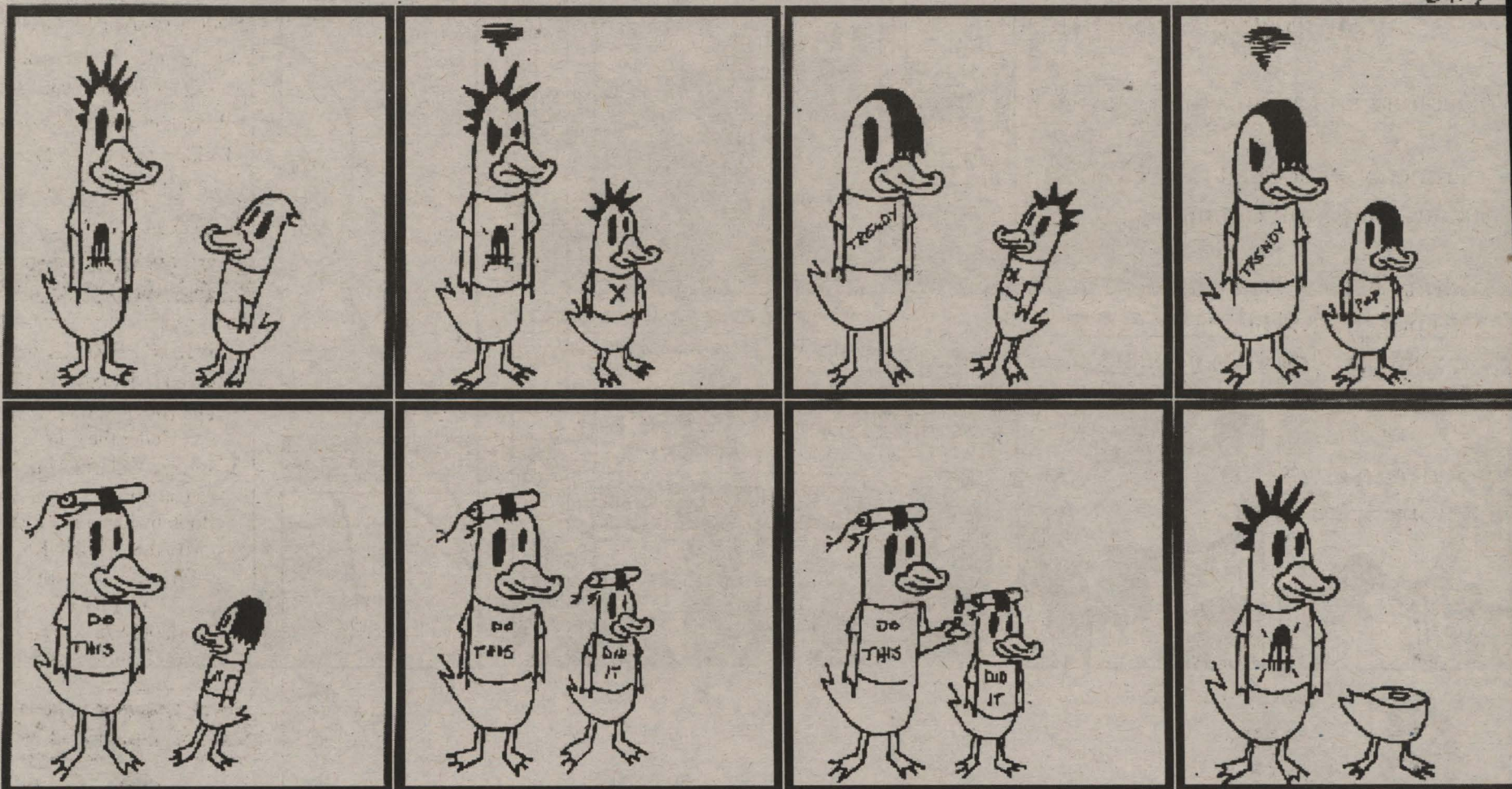
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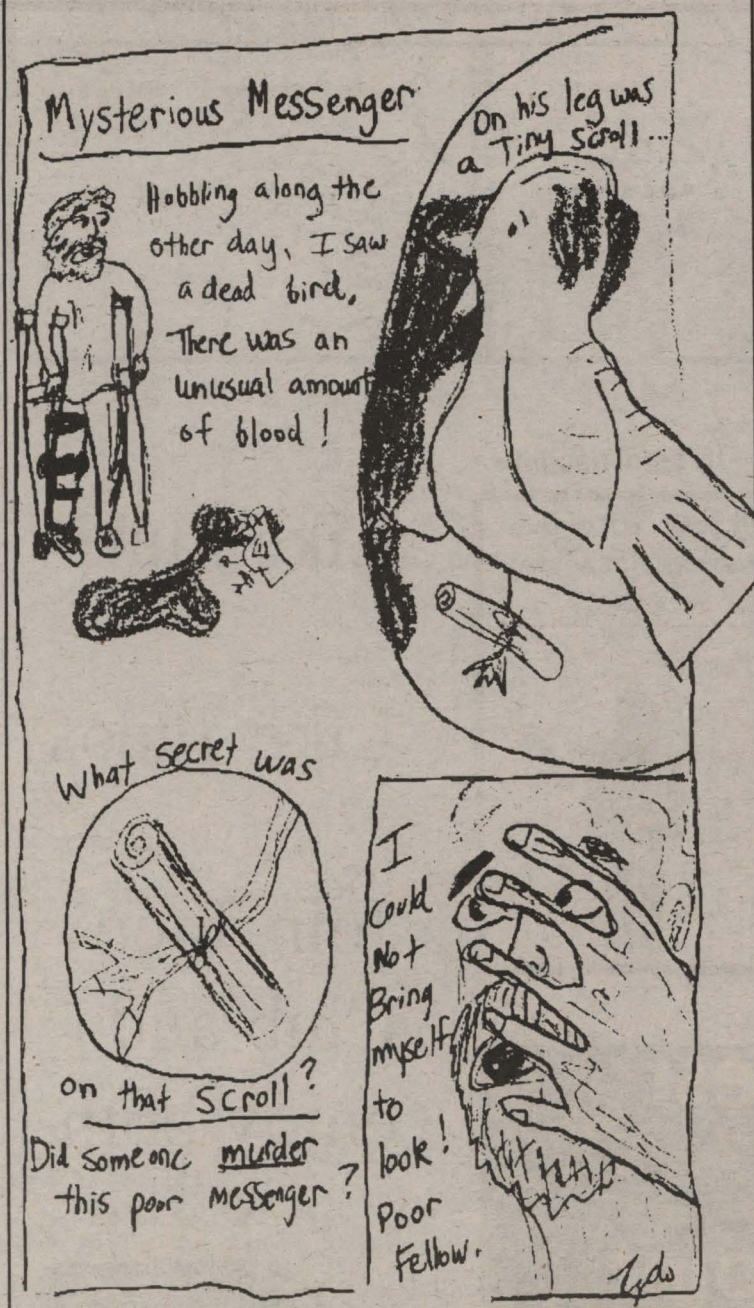
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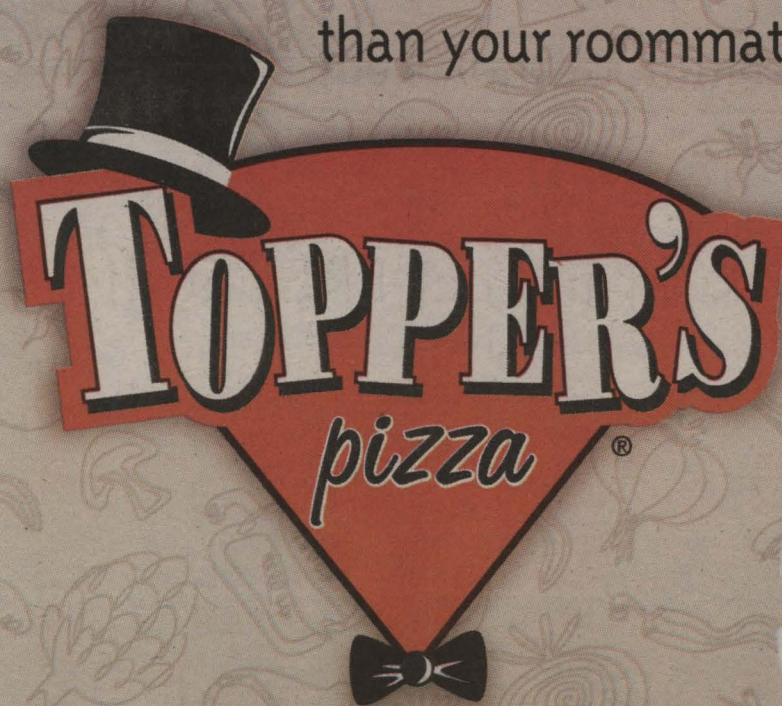
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