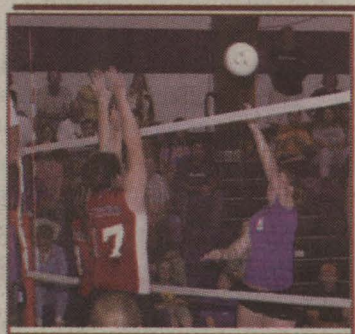


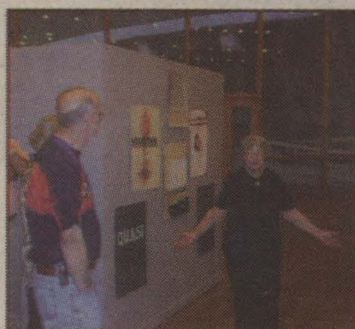


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## RFK, Jr. discusses environmental issues

### Environmental activist speaks at event meant to rally democratic party volunteers

By Ben Wydeven  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Local Democrats met Saturday at their headquarters in Stevens Point to train volunteers to be neighborhood leaders in an effort to encourage uncertain Democrat voters to get to the polls and win the presidential election.

Democratic leaders spoke to the people at the meeting about the importance of encouraging others to vote. According to one speaker at the meeting, Wisconsin is one of the key swing states being contested this election by the Democrats and the Republicans.

The speakers explained that there is a small group of people they need to persuade in order for the Democratic Party to earn the state in the Electoral College.

"Officially our biggest thing is our surge voters, which are democrats who vote regularly or vote democrat but don't always vote and also the undecided," said Scott Hanna, 23, a volunteer for the democratic campaign.

The goal at Saturday's meeting was to acquire volunteers to talk to as many people as pos-

sible to persuade them to vote.

The guest speaking at the meeting was Robert Kennedy, Jr., who spoke against the Bush Administration's corporate support and environmental ignorance.

Kennedy expressed his concern with strong words and powerful rhetoric, saying he was "more afraid of corporations than of Osama Bin Laden," a statement which, according to Kennedy, gave him a standing ovation when he said the same thing to farmers in Ohio.

Kennedy also said that he has three times the safe amount of mercury in his body, a factor resulting from eating fish contaminated with mercury.

In Wisconsin, \$8.2 million in federal funding will be cut from clean water funds in 2005 under the Bush Administration.

"The way he broke it down, he made people realize that corporate issues are affecting our environment and that affects people all across this country," said Hanna who was very impressed by Kennedy's speech.

Nick Heitman, the College Democratic Chair at UWSP, noticed the turnout at the Democratic headquarters was almost completely devoid of college students, a large part of Stevens Point's voting population.

"I personally feel that candidates don't pay us enough atten-



Photo by Liz Bolton

Democratic party volunteers at a rally meant to instruct them on how to attract more voters to the party. Wisconsin is one of the "swing states" both parties are trying to win this election.

tion and I feel that way, obviously because we don't vote," said Heitman, who was disappointed at the college turnout at the meeting but was impressed overall. "I feel that when college students vote, Democrats win."

The majority of attendants were middle-aged, senior citizens, unemployed and educators — typical Democrat demographics according to Heitman.

"They're only polling registered voters and likely voters," said Hanna. "The undecided and

the unknown voters out there is what's going to carry out the campaign this November and it's going to allow us to win. I'm pretty optimistic about that right now."

Heitman says if college students knew how critical the election was to their future, they'd make more of an effort to become involved.

"I think they'll be more inclined to vote when they know that when they graduate, it's going to be harder to find a job."

## Obey critical of Bush

By John T. Larson  
NEWS EDITOR

Rep. Dave Obey (D-WI) came to UWSP on Thursday Sept 16 to speak to students about his views of the current state of politics in the nation's capital.

In a brief introduction by Dennis Riley, professor of political science, the long career of Obey was said to be one that "teaches one not to use the term career politician as an epithet." Riley also said that the service that Obey has provided to his constituents and the nation point to why "term limits are a dumb idea."

After the introduction, Rep. Obey spoke of the deep concerns that he had of the direction the nation is taking, with regard to the current state of the social safety net, education funding, the war in Iraq and proposed changes

to overtime benefits and the intelligence community.

Obey began his presentation by voicing his concerns about the growing gap between rich and poor in the United States. "We used to think of Great Britain, with the monarchy and the House of Lords as the great class-based society, well, no more," he said. "We now have a greater gap between rich and poor in this country than they do in England."

He criticized the Bush Administration for perusing through tax cuts that he said disproportionately favor the top wage earners in the face of cuts in educational spending at all levels and economic difficulties.

Obey said that the tax policies show that the president "is comfortable in expanding the gap between the top one percent and see Obey presentation, page 2

## Apprentice winner Bill Rancic comes to UWSP

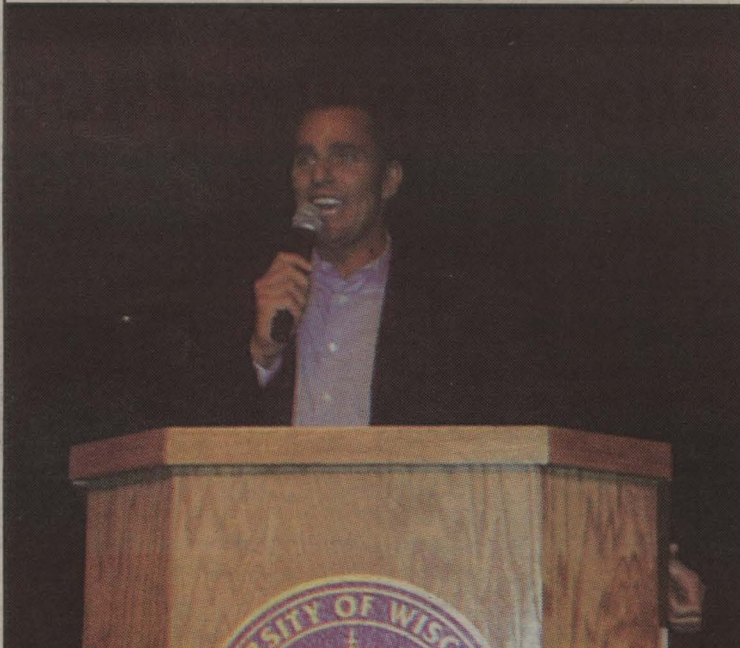


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Apprentice winner Bill Rancic spoke in the Laird Room on Wednesday to a receptive audience. Rancic was victor of the NBC reality show where contestants vied to win a job in the as an executive working under the tutelage of Donald Trump.



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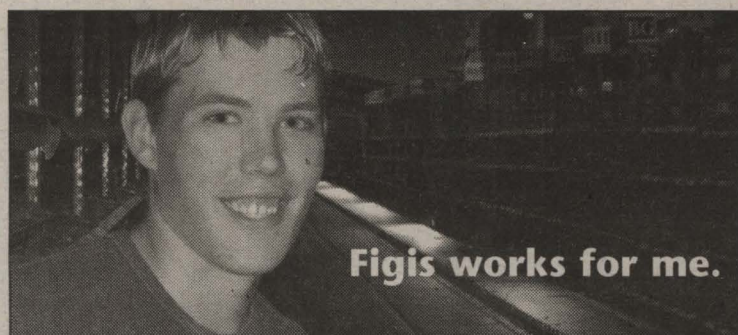
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Rep. Dave Obey, pictured above in a Spring 2004 visit to UWSP, has presented several lectures to the student body critical of the president.

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everyone else."

The representative switched gears to criticize the war in Iraq and the way it had been handled. He reminded the audience that for some time he had been calling for the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.

Obey said that the war in Iraq is "the dumbest war this country has ever fought." He blamed the current rate of casualties and instability in the Middle East due to poor planning on the part of the civilian leadership in the Pentagon, which he said has resulted in troop casualties due to lack of proper equipment.

He said that the failure was a direct result from the Pentagon spurning the advice provided by senior military leaders, such as former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki. Gen. Shinseki informed Congress that the amount of troops needed to successfully invade and pacify Iraq was around "several hundred thousand troops."

Wolfowitz dismissed these comments as being "wildly off the mark," and said that they could do it with closer to 60,000 troops at the end of the conflict. Obey said that the Pentagon slighted Shinseki at his retirement ceremony due to the resentment Rumsfeld had over the General's statements by refusing to "send a single person (from senior civilian leadership) to Shinseki's mustering out-ceremony."

He went on to state the frustrations of the military leadership, quoting one general who referred to the collective lack of planning for the war in Iraq and its aftermath as an "ill-advised Washington brain-fart."

Obey said that the quote is poignant as "when you get career military people to use that kind of language in public because they are so angry, I think that it is some indication that just maybe that the people in the Pentagon, the civilians don't know what they are doing."

The representative expressed

a great deal of his personal dissatisfaction with the way the administration has handled the insurgency in Iraq, and made it clear to the audience that this situation will not be over any time soon. "The tragedy is that nobody in Washington has the slightest idea of how we are going to get out."

He said that he fully expects the conflict to be a long term affair, and said that he would be personally amazed if the conflict only lasted five years. "It is an absolute god-awful mess, and nobody in Washington has an exit strategy."

After discussing Iraq for a few more minutes, Obey switched topics to the ongoing battle in Congress over proposed changes to overtime pay qualifications. Obey was critical of the changes proposed by the Bush Administration, claiming that the changes would deny overtime pay to over seven million workers.

The measure was defeated in an early September vote 223-193. Obey said that the House Republicans simply shrugged off the defeat, confident of victory as according to House Education Committee Chair Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) "Who's paying attention to what we're doing."

This quote prompted Obey to remind the audience that "being a citizen in a democracy is not optional," and that the only way to ensure that democratic government is responsive to the whims of the people is for the citizens of a nation to be engaged in the affairs of the day. This will enable the population to "know what characters like me are doing." In questions asked at the end of the presentation, the representative was also critical of the speed at which the administration is moving forward with proposed changes to the intelligence gathering community.

He expressed his dissatisfaction with the way the process was being conducted, as he would prefer that any changes be made after the election season to avoid hasty changes made in a partisan atmosphere that "we would have to live with for at least 20 years."



## Green candidate visits Point

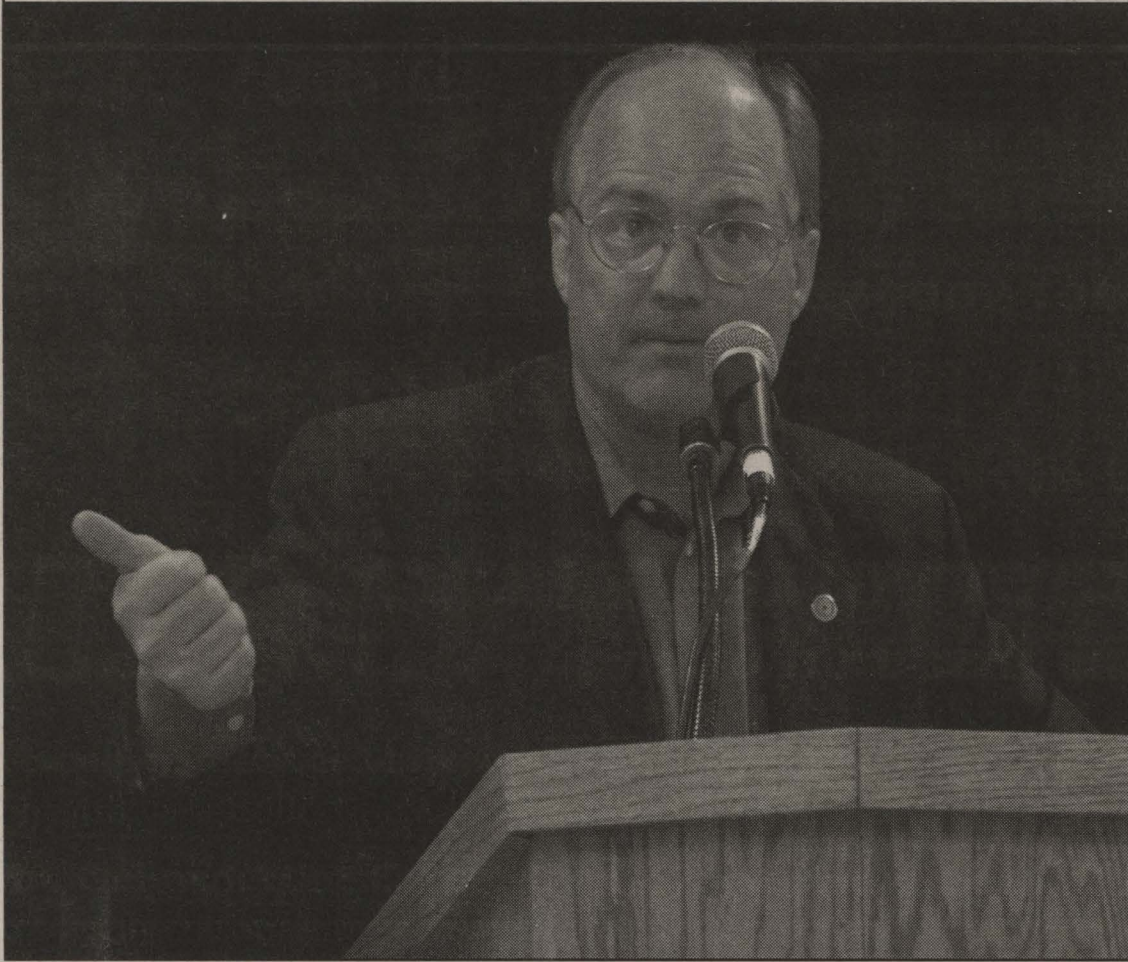
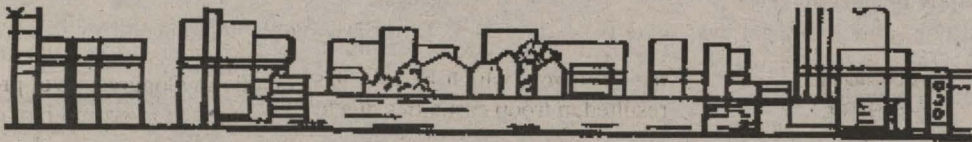


Photo by Liz Bolton

Green Party Presidential candidate David Cobb made a stop here at UWSP on Saturday, Sept 18 as part of his four day campaign tour of Wisconsin. Cobb, a native Texan and long-time lawyer for the Green Party, was joined at his rally by fellow Green Mike Miles, who is running for the 7th Congressional District seat currently held by 35-year incumbent David Obey. Campaign topics covered included the plan of complete withdrawal of U.S. military forces from Iraq, instant run-off voting, sustainable farming, and taking America's future back from corporations. Cobb replaces Ralph Nader, currently running as an independent, who ran on the 1996 and 2000 Green Party ticket.



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## Changes being made to STV operations

By Ben Wydeven  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Changes are being made to the operations of STV, UWSP's public access station. The station is moving its studio into the roomier University Television studio down the hall in the Communications building.

The station is promising new programming and fresh ideas that will take UWSP's student run station to new heights.

"We're in the state of flux at the moment," said Bret Lemoine, general manager of STV since fall 2003. "We no longer have a studio to call our own."

The University Television studio, which is run by Information Technologies, limits STV's use of the studio to between 8a.m. and 4p.m., but STV members are saying the limitations will keep them motivated to work hard.

"Last year we had the availability to use the studio 24 hours a day," said Shawn Kozlowski, sports director for STV.

"Being a part of sports we were somewhat lazy in the fact that we really had no reason to be organized and to be aggressive in doing shows, because we always had a studio available to us."

With the new move into UT, STV has access to better equipment, and more space than it had in the original studio, which will become studio B and be used as a classroom.

"At this point, STV is branching out in a new direction," said Jonathan Alden, program director for STV. "We're reorganizing pretty much everything that we've ever done."

With the changes, new programs will soon follow. Kozlowski will be kicking off his new program titled *The Jack Bennett Show* in which he talks with the men's basketball coach on a weekly basis about the progress of the season. The show is scheduled to air at 7 p.m. on Wednesday Oct 6.

"We also have *Pointer Previews* this year which is going to be a show which basically promotes upcoming seasons," said Kozlowski.

The show will depict athletes in their daily life during the off season. "We're going to follow them around for 2 to 3 days, go to class with their normal day and air that as well."

Alden also said the new studio will help enhance the quality of STV, but feels it's the students who really bring the station together.

"There are many people interested in reviving it and creating brand new programs and different genres of programming," said Alden. "I think students and community members alike who tune in will be able to see a whole platform of brand new types of programs of different genres."

Premiere dates and times have not been announced for *STV News* or *Pointer Previews*, but are both expected to begin on the first week of October.

"I think people will be very excited about STV this year, and I think they should tune in to see what all the transition is all about," said Kozlowski. "I think they will be happy with the product."

## New Voters Project hosts kick-off event

By John T. Larson  
NEWS EDITOR

The New Voters Project began its first major activity of the semester Wednesday night by hosting an information session designed to increase student awareness of the efforts of the project and its volunteers to get first-time voters to the polls.

"The purpose of (Wednesday's) meeting is to let people know all about the different ways they can get involved in the coming weeks," said Intern Maggie Mattucola.

She said that so far the results of the initiative have been promising. "We have been extremely successful. We have been at the top of the states involved as far as the number of registered voters." Wisconsin is one of six states

being targeted by the drive to recruit young voters.

Other states in the New Voters Project include Colorado, Iowa, Oregon, New Mexico and Nevada. These states were selected due to the large number of voters in the 18-24 age category that are likely to be first-time voters.

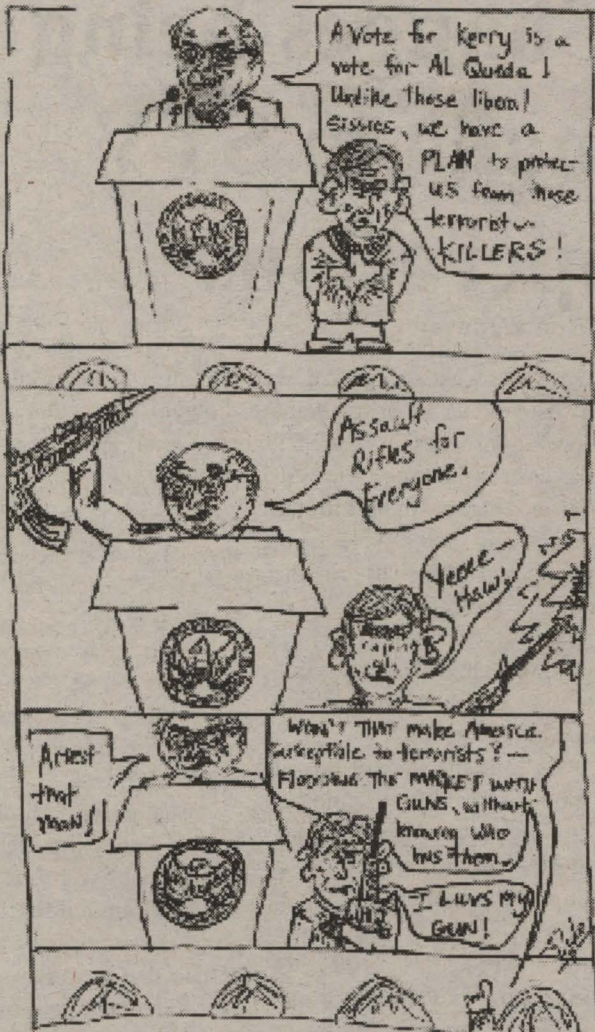
The total number of youths the initiative is attempting to reach is estimated to be upwards of three million potential voters.

Despite the amount of campaigning being done to court first-time voters and the potential spoiler role it could play in what is expected to be a close election, Mattucola stresses that the New Voters Project is completely non-partisan. "We do not endorse any candidate; we are all about civic engagement."



By John T. Larson and A.M. Mella

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## Mella's got the conch

My cold, robotic leg

By Adam Mella

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Once, long ago, I was a better, more complete human being. In retrospect, I have let this notion bother me far too long. Several summers past, I started down this path, and only now have I seen its completion. Reversing time, I'll begin in the third quarter of the big game:

*Scroggins inbounds the ball, passes to Mella, he's driving to the lane, plants, and Oh my folks, Oh my, this doesn't look good, Mella's gone down. He appears to be in a great deal of pain. Yes, it looks like he's holding his right knee folks. Oh my, oh my. Someone call the medic out here, this doesn't look good.*

Truth be told, I heard that ACL snap like a stick of dynamite. It was the worst feeling I've ever experienced, physically. As I hobbled to the car that evening, in the late-summer wind, I had a very bad feeling about where this would lead.

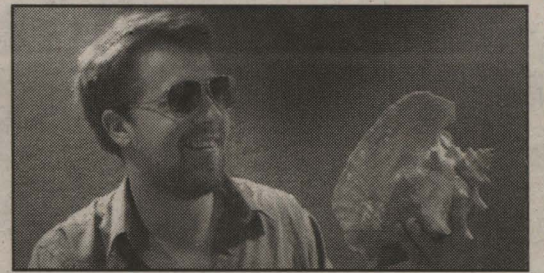
But I was not diagnosed. I was told to "wait and see." And for the next year and change, I lived with that mangled, unreliable knee. Playing badminton: trick knee. Doing the "Flying Squirrel Dance:" trick knee. Ice football: trick knee.

It continued to strike me down, time and time again, leaving me bewildered, weak and frightfully cold. Then, at a friendly summer volleyball game, the reality of this problem struck me down like a Karch Kiraly thunder-spike.

The noise upon impact was like that of a blender eating an aluminum pine-cone. Several weeks later I found myself on the operating table, in an anesthetic haze, whispering slowly, "Myyyy faaaace iss t-t-tinnngliing ..."

Afterwards, they showed me the disgusting pictures of the insides of my knee, and X-ray film, highlighted by two glowing, titanium bolts that had been drilled into my bones.

Three weeks later, I am no longer in grotesque



physical pain; however, I am left feeling strangely un-human.

I love to ride bikes, yet I am not to ride again until spring. I have bowled in league for 10 years straight without missing a week, yet I am not to roll another frame until the season is but decided and over. I am not to drive my truck to the fishing hole, nor swim one lap or stroke one breast-stroke in the cool pond.

Instead, I am left bored and robotic in nature, waiting for visitors, or a telegram from Bangladesh with fantastic news of treasure. I have been consumed by the evils of television and Super-Nintendo and artificial, greasy air.

So this is what it is like to be stripped of your legs, of your dignity, of your youth. Funny, this science of improvement has given me a glimpse of the world, old and new.

Yet now, with rehab, things are coming back, and the bolts in my leg have quieted some, allowing me sleep and a spring in my step. A few weeks ago I would have named off all the things that suffocated me and made me un-human, like some programmed robot seeking pain-killers and sweet motion. Then the other day, I was walking down the street and the sun was out and I realized what a cry-baby I'd been. What a pain in the ass I'd been to myself and those around me.

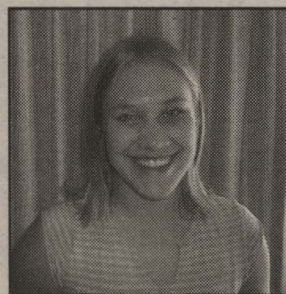
So instead of blaming the scientists and magic doctors for my stillness, I can now thank them, and see past my cold, robotic leg. For in but several weeks, I'll have all the things back which I missed so dearly.

Most importantly, though, and above all else, is the full recovery to the entity I once was – before my wretched fall from humanation. Physically, I will again glide through the "Flying Squirrel Dance," compete in Lumberjack Karate Week and run the mighty rapids of Mill Creek. Mental acceptance of my cold metallic knee will also come later, but for now, me and "Righty 3000" are on the good path, and doing better every day.

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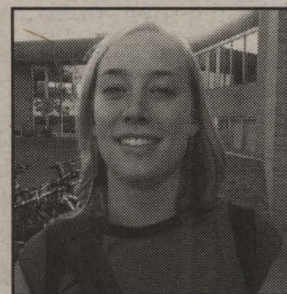
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### What was the worst thing you have ever eaten?



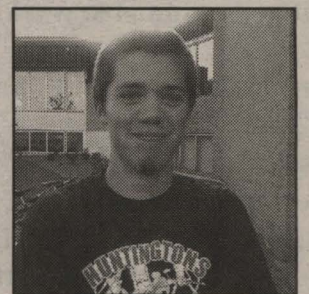
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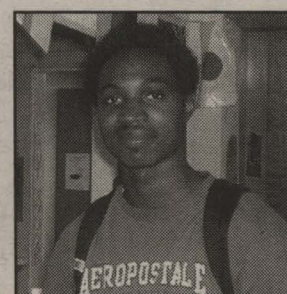
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Caviar.



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Deer meat.



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Pizza, chocolate milk, and juice-  
All at the same time!

Holly Rice, Jr., Physics

Human urine.



## Your College Survival Guide: You know you want to

By Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.  
THE CAPTAIN OF THE PINAFORE...

Hey Pat,

Your article is the only section worth reading and I think you make a great pirate. My lovely friend Julie and I were walking through campus when she asked if I knew what all the black and white "You Know You Want To" signs are all about. Eventually I'm hoping for another sign that will tell me I want to do. If they don't tell me soon I'm going to apply it to what ever I want, like eating ice cream or hanging myself. What's your take?

Joe Bertsch

Thanks Joe, I'm glad you like the column, and I'm sure that you'd make a great pirate too if given half a chance.

In fact, for writing the first letter of the year, I'm granting you honorary pirate status. Your rank is cabin boy, and your new pirate name is Samantha. Your duties include entertaining the men and being savagely beaten around the head and shoulders when I'm in the midst of one of my methadone-fueled rampages.

I know this probably isn't the job you were hoping for, but due to budget cutbacks, it's the only position available. You'll just have to start at the bottom and work your way up. Sorry, I meant to say "as" there. You'll start as the bottom and work your way up.

Julie can join the crew too. Her rank will be "Captain's Special Lady," and her new name will be Miss Fanny Ann. Her duties will include being taken hostage, timely swooning, and kneeling me sharply in the groin whenever I leer drunkenly at her bosom. Sorry, that should read, "bosun." Jeez, I've got to get the backspace fixed on this keyboard.

Anyway Joe, you and your lovely friend Julie have come to the right place for answers. You see, those signs belong to me. They're part of my grand plan to control

the minds of you and all the other students on campus. Clever, huh?

You see, around mid-semester, when everyone's short on sleep and highly suggestible, I'll put out the new signs. I'm not exactly sure what they'll say yet, but here are a few ideas I'm kicking around.



YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO...  
PICKET DEBOT.

Seriously guys. When I was a student here there were two dining centers, and they were both open ALL DAY LONG. Are you people so witless that you don't realize that you're being screwed, or are you just so pathetically bovine that you don't care? If they made me pay 850 bucks a semester and treated me like that, I'd be throwing bricks and setting shit on fire in protest. The least you could do is stage a sit-in or something.

YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO  
GO SKINNY-DIPPING IN SCHMEEKLE

Truth is, you can't really consider yourself a UWSP student if you haven't been naked in Schmeekle at least

once. Traditionally, this is done at night, but hey, why pass up an opportunity for a great all-over tan?

YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO...  
SEE PAT ROTHFUSS IN PERSON.

Next Thursday, the 30th, I'll be part of a writing panel for a local conference. I'll be telling stories about what's happened over the years of writing columns here at UWSP. If you want to show up, it's from 1 p.m. - 2:30 in room 241 of the UC. Free for anyone who cares to come. Give it a try, if it gets boring you can always throw a pie at me or something....

YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO...  
MAKE LOVE TO A MUPPET.

We each have one Muppet that we feel a little closer to than the others. Myself, I'm torn between Grover and that guy that threw the boomerang fish.

YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO...  
SHOP AT GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

Yes, my minions, go spend money at my sponsor. Go to Stevens Point's coolest game store. Support local business. Buy hobby supplies and collectable card games. Consume! CONSUME! God, I'm such a whore.

YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO...  
ASK PAT ROTHFUSS FOR ADVICE.

C'mon folks. I know you have problems; I can tell just by looking at you. Mail all questions, comments, and smart-ass remarks to [proth@wsunix.wsu.edu](mailto:proth@wsunix.wsu.edu).

Forgive me if I'm out of line here, but I'm guessing that if you're reading this tiny end bit of the column, you're pretty hard up for entertainment. You know where you can find fun things to do? That's right: Games People Play. Not only do they have a great selection of sports cards, models, and miniatures, but nearly all their board games and role playing supplies are sold 10-percent below retail. It's close to campus, right next door to Family video. Don't look for the sign, because they don't have one yet. But trust me, they're there. If you want to you can think of it as a secret club that only the cool people know about.

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## Letters to the Editor

I am responding to the article by Ben Wydeven in the Sept. 16 issue regarding John Edwards' campaign visit to Stevens Point. I am concerned about the accuracy of the information at the end of the article. I am a Kerry-Edwards supporter who attended the rally. It would have been more accurate to say that all of the attendees were pro-Edwards and that there were a small amount of Bush supporters who made an appearance. Thus it is misleading to say that "others were skeptical of what a Kerry-administration is really capable of." These others are obviously Bush supporters and should be identified as such.

Richard Anderson had some incredible things to say. How can he criticize a political candidate in an election for using "political rhetoric" and saying "what people want to hear?" Also, what is so negative about using signs provided by the campaign staff? I was proud to wave the sign that was given to me. Also, it is standard procedure for security reasons to not allow people to bring their own signs.

As for Ben Kromholz's remarks, he is obviously not a Kerry supporter. I have no trouble with a Pointer article that gives the anti-Kerry viewpoint of two UWSP students, however, I think that a fair approach would also have included two pro-Kerry-Edwards UWSP students.

Sincerely,  
Lenore Hitchler

Another new school year and another huge tuition increase for the students from Wisconsin. Where's the outrage? Why do the students let the University System get away with this? I would expect nothing less than protests in the streets.

In the last two years instate tuition has increased by a whopping 32-percent! While at the same time tuition for the people from out of state has only gone up 8%. Everybody plays the blame game. It's always someone else's fault that they're having to raise your tuition so much.

Mr. Doyle and the state legislature have been running around congratulating themselves about balancing our huge state budget without raising taxes. I guess I would consider a 32-percent increase a pretty big tax increase! They tell you that they're "cutting" spending while our state spending continues to rise at a rate of 8-percent a year.

At the same time your professors are retiring with six figure pensions and full health care benefits. They are also still taking yearly sabbaticals to the tune of \$100 million per year. We wouldn't want to reduce any of that spending you know! Don't let them fool you, they've got it better than you'll ever see it.

That's okay. Just let them keep gouging you. At this rate can you imagine how much it's going to cost to send your kids to college in 30 years? Have a good time, because many of you will be the last person in family to enjoy the college experience.

Curt Weese



# Students must face the "major decision"

Finding an academic major that speaks to you is more complicated than one may have thought

By Alli Himle

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Deciding upon the perfect major is often a trying matter. Adjusting from high school to college is overwhelming enough; when compounded with deciding on one field of study one can find oneself at a fork in the road. The only difference is that this fork in the road contains roughly 50 different paths.

It is far too frequent to find many students walking aimlessly around campus, unsure as to what course of study is for them. One would like to think that a college major is something that just comes to oneself, something that requires no thought—a moment of euphoria, one might say. The truth of the matter is, far more people come to college unsure of where they want to go with their life than those who come to college with their four-year plan in hand.

It is a well-known fact that most students end up changing their major during their college career. Few people find a major that is entirely for them on the first try, and those who do are the exception. Knowing the appropriate major and what you want to do with that major once your time in college concludes is much less common than not knowing.

According to CareerPlanner.com, "It's fairly common for college students to have trouble deciding on a major. It's even more common for college students to have doubts about the major they have chosen, especially when classes get tough."

When students begin taking courses at college, the majority begin by taking general courses. These courses can serve as a

basis for what that area of study encompasses. Most students regard these classes as needless when they can, at times, help direct students in areas that they may have previously thought would never interest them.

Most importantly, students should not be afraid of changing their major as

changes career fields two or three times in their lifetime. With that in mind, there is no need to think that choosing a college major locks you into a specific career for the rest of your life.

In starting your journey on the quest for the perfect major, realize that choosing a major does not limit you to only

one career choice, nor does choosing a career limit you to only one major. For instance, a student who graduates with a degree in biology can be led to a career in the medical field or to something completely on the opposite side of the spectrum, such as becoming a soil scientist.

The first step requires a self-assessment. Make a list of your interests and possible careers or jobs that appeal to you.

Secondly, examine your abilities. Realize where your strengths and weaknesses lie and apply them to specific areas of study. In examining your strengths and weaknesses, you can even look back at high school subjects that you both enjoyed and excelled in, in addition to extracurricular activities you were involved in.

Next, examine what you value in a particular field of work. Values include security, status, working individually or

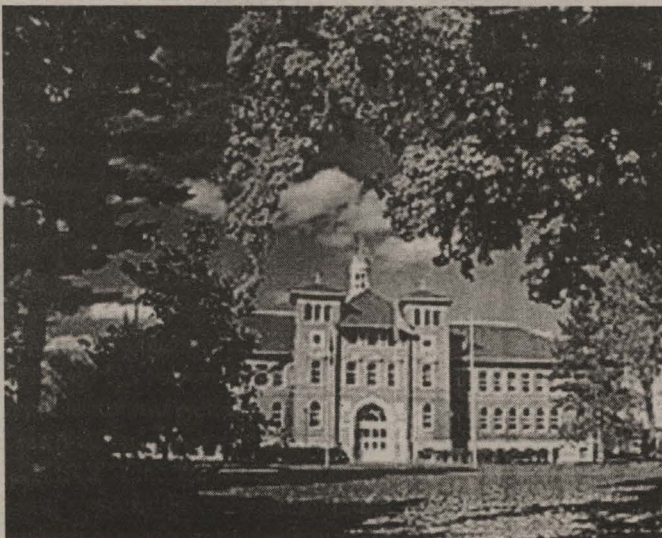
with others, group affiliation, stability, possibilities for advancement and contributing positively to the work community.

Lastly, narrow your choices and focus on one course of study. In narrowing your focus, talk to professors, advisors and the Student Academic Advising Center. The Student Academic Advising Center in particular focuses its attention on helping students who are either undeclared or are in transition from one major to the next.

In addition, you may find it helpful to seek out the career counseling that is available at Career Services in Old Main. It is also wise to talk to students who are either in the major you are contemplating or have graduated with a degree in it. It is particularly interesting to see what graduates of that major have chosen as a career path.

"Don't expect to know what the future will bring," said Lisa Nystrom, a UWSP senior. "I have changed my major since coming to Point and I will still graduate in four years. The majority of freshmen are scared of not knowing what to do because they don't want to be the person that is in college for eight years before having a bachelor degree." In the long run, being indecisive is not something to be scared of.

Above all else, do not be afraid to explore your options. After all, you have your whole life to get a job and decide upon a career path. Take this time to explore your interests and find out what it is that you truly want to do with your life.



they get more involved in their course work. According to the Student Academic Services Center, located in the Student Services Building on campus, 50 percent of UWSP students change their major during their career here.

Furthermore, the majority of college graduates find their interests and career paths altering once they have left college. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the average college graduate changes jobs once every three years and

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## An amazing experience changes student's life

UWSP communication student chosen as sole U.S. participant for Foreign Correspondents Program

By Adam Rodewald

FEATURES EDITOR

A highly competitive and life-changing opportunity in Finland came to Bret Lemoine, a UWSP student, this summer.

This opportunity was the Foreign Correspondents Program, a one month trip to Finland sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for newly graduated journalists or those soon to graduate. Participants experienced what it's like to be a foreign correspondent.

Bret first learned of this program through Division of Communication Professor Helena Vanhala, who is originally from Finland. Bret said, "To my knowledge, before she came to UWSP she had one student who made it to the top three to get into the program. So I think it was something she had an awareness of, obviously, being a journalist from Finland."

Helena sent word of the program to all of her students in an e-mail. "I thought it a fantastic opportunity so I applied, and there I was!" Bret said lightly, but his comment seriously understated how difficult it was to get into the program.

Only one individual from each of 20 different countries were selected to participate. In previous years, three people from the U.S. were chosen. Bret applied during the first year they reduced that number to one. "I feel very fortunate I was the one chosen," he said.

For Bret, the trip existed on two levels. On one level he said it was an opportunity to learn about the country and journalism. On another level, it was a lesson in diversity.

Bret explained the situation, saying, "There were people there from 20 different countries who were together for a month, and, in its own right, it was like a reality TV series... It's so, so wonderful because after the program I have a tremendous knowledge of [Finland], and I also have these 20 wonderful friends."

While in Finland, Bret and the other participants saw pretty much the entire country. "We did everything you could possibly imagine," Bret said. They primarily stayed in the city of Helsinki, a metropolis of over 1 million people, yet explored a vast array of experiences elsewhere.

Among these other experiences were five days in Lapland, the northernmost region of Finland, which actually breaches into the Arctic Circle.

While there, they visited the Santa Claus Village where Bret said "The real Santa Claus lives." He also ate reindeer, considered a delicacy in Finland, and went on an all-day hike through the wilderness.

One of the highlights of the trip was their opportunity to meet and talk with the president of

Finland. "It's such a striking contrast to American politics because they have a female president, and she has a very high approval rating," Bret commented.

The participants also spent a day with the Finnish Military. "I wasn't very high on visiting the military until we got on this boat. It was the coolest thing ever. I was like a little boy with a new toy!" Bret said, referring to a high-speed military boat with extraordinary maneuverability.

For education slightly more applicable to the program, the participants visited nearly every major newspaper and television station. Bret said, "That, for me, was really one of the highlights. Particularly, my interests lie in television, so I was kind of dorkin' out with all the TV stuff."

One entire day was spent at a Finnish TV station where they were able to see how news broadcasting and journalism were both different and the same in that country as compared to their own.

"It was kind of neat because it was like an extension of my internship," Bret said. Before going on this trip, he had interned at TMJ-4, the NBC affiliate station in Milwaukee. "It was almost bizarre to pick apart what they did at TMJ and see that's exactly what they did in Finland."

Participants were also able to learn what was newsworthy in Finland. Bret said, "We were all pretty curious to hear what they talk about over there. But, to be honest, it's pretty much the same as it is here." What he did notice, however, was that crime wasn't talked about so much as social issues.

Bret didn't just learn about Finland, however. He also learned a lot about other people as well as himself. "To be perfectly honest, the culture shock came when I came back. I never ever felt unsafe in Finland," he said. "The minute I got off the plane in Chicago and I went through customs, everyone was yelling and grumpy!" It was a rough contrast to the peacefulness of his trip.

Bret added that the trip reinforced his own views on the U.S. "Later on, talking with people, it was very interesting to get perspectives about our country from an outside source." He also found his political views supported very strongly. "I suppose it's no surprise that Europeans are very anti-Bush," he said. "When I stated that I support John Kerry, all 20 people stood up cheering."

Here in the U.S., Bret is now a senior living in Burroughs Hall. He is majoring in communication, and has served as the STV General Manager since last September. "To be honest," said



Bret Lemoine poses on the grounds of the President of Finland's summer home.

Bret, "STV is one of the reasons I came to UWSP. It wasn't the

reason, but it was the straw that broke the camel's back." was an experience that changed my life!"

Bret has recently finished his requirements as a communication major but still has one more year to complete before he graduates. To fill in that time, he plans to study abroad in London during the spring semester. When he returns he will graduate with a bachelor's degree in communication and pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

The educational opportunity the trip provided left Bret with an enthusiastic excitement. To sum up his feelings on his extraordinary opportunity, he exclaimed, "It really

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# Lewis Black sure to cause uproar in Point

One of comedy's angriest standups will perform in the Quandt Fieldhouse this October

By Alli Himle

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



Comedy is sure to reign as Lewis Black performs on the UWSP stage Saturday, Oct. 9. Black, an established actor and playwright known mostly for his

stand-up comedy, is sure to draw many laughs while in Point.

As "America's Foremost Commentator on Everything" Black is most readily known for his weekly commentary on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," in addition to starring in two half-hour comedy specials for the network. Black was also a regular contributor to Comedy Central's famed "Indecision 2000" election coverage.

As a stand-up comedian, he has performed at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, opened for Ray Charles, Gladys Knight, The Band, Chicago and Harry

Belafonte.

In 2001, Black received the prestigious "Best Male Stand Up" award from the

American Comedy Awards, a true showcase of Black's talent.

Born and raised in Silver Spring, Md., Black is a graduate of the prestigious Yale School of Drama. As a professional mentor, Black spends a considerable amount of time with the 52nd Street Project, teaching inner city youth.

In addition, he raises money for several scholarship programs while being an active contributor to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Described as a "caustic, cranky,

bile-spewing dead-on social and political comic," Black has received critical acclaim throughout America and Europe for his comedic antics.

Reserved seat tickets to see Black can be purchased at the UWSP box office. They are \$19 for students with a UWSP ID and \$24 for non-students. Tickets can also be reserved by calling 346-4100 or toll free at 800-838-3378. This event is being sponsored by Centertainment Productions.

## Time to Celebrate

A Celebratoin of Hispanic Culture

By Adam Rodewald

FEATURES EDITOR

UWSP will celebrate Hispanic culture on Saturday, Sept. 25 with food, music, and dancing.

The commemoration is the fourth annual Celebracion Hispana, and it is put on by the Student Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement (SALSA). The organization's mission is to provide a more extensive understanding of Latin American cultures and to reach the wider community of Stevens Point.

The evening of excitement will begin with a diverse dinner of Hispanic dishes. On the menu are such items as arroz con gandules (rice with pigeon beans), papas a la huancaína (Peruvian potatoes), and quesitos (cream cheese and guava pastries) for dessert. The entire meal will serve an appetizer, a choice from seven main dishes and two desserts.

Following dinner, speaker Francisco Scarano, Ph.D., will give a lively talk on Latin American culture. "I was told by one of our SALSA advisors that he really is a great speaker!" said Rosalena Figueroa, SALSA's secretary.

Scarano is a professor of history at UW-Madison, specializing in the Caribbean and Latin America. His research and teaching focuses on topics such as slavery, plantation economy and society, peasantry and the influence of racial imagery on nation building.

Other entertainment will include a Peruvian folk dance group called Grupo Tiahuanaco. They will be putting on a 30-to 40-minute performance.

Following their show will be Eliezer y su Nuevp Tumbao, a "hot salsa band" from Chicago performing in the Encore. The musical group

performs a vast repertoire of music including Salsa, Mamba, Boleros, Cumbias, Cha Cha's, Bachata, and more.

Eliezer Armijos, whom the band is named after, has been "burning up Chicago with his electrifying piano" since his arrival from Ecuador several years ago.

Celebracion Hispana has been an event in Stevens Point for the past four years. According to an article in a Sept. 2003 issue of The Pointer, people came from as far away as Chicago to attend this major event.

"If nothing else, it's a good experience," said Rosalena, encouraging people to attend the event. As stated in an e-mail announcement to students, "You don't have to speak Spanish to enjoy the great food, music, dancing, speaking, and entertainment!"

Though entertainment seems a major part of this event, it should be remembered that education is the focus. The program is an outreach for greater appreciation and understanding of Latin American culture and diversity as a whole.

Celebracion Hispana begins at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. Advance tickets are available at the UWSP Box Office for \$5 per student with ID and \$7 for non-students.



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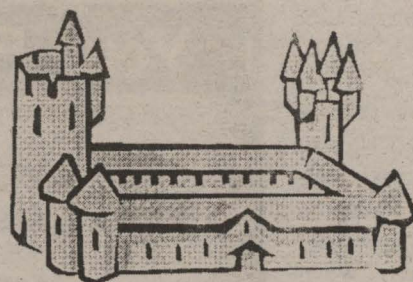
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# Volleyball team looks ahead to conference schedule

By Pamela Waukau  
SPORTS REPORTER

Don't expect a couple of losses for the Pointer women's volleyball team to slow them down this season.

After a great start, two defeats against St. Mary's University and Luther College only added more strength to the improvement of the team's skills.

On Sept. 10, the volleyball team took their first loss of the year against St. Mary's University. Although Stevens Point and St. Mary's were evenly matched, small errors played a huge part in the loss. Head Coach Stacey White was very pleased with the girls' team effort. "We adjusted very well to St. Mary's two tough outside hitters." The final scores against St. Mary's were 27-30, 30-17, 30-17, 28-30, 15-10.

Later that day, when the team matched up against Luther College, they put up a tough fight. It was a very close battle, but the Pointers ended up losing in the fifth

match by a score of 22-30, 23-30, 30-26, 30-24, 15-13.

Overall, the team worked as a cohesive unit and no particular player outshone the other. They all contributed to the outcomes and learned a lot from their mistakes. Some of the changes the team is working on are a new serve reception technique and a different defense.

Nicole Stahovich, one of the team's captains, likes the changes that have been made so far

this year. "We are playing with more confidence and we also execute. We have the ability to beat any team," she said. "It took a lot of bumps to get here but it is a very promising future."

The following day, the Pointers went up against Clarke College. The team stepped it up a notch and added another victory to the team total. It was a 3-0 defeat for Clarke College, (30-17, 30-20, 30-17) who proved to be no match for the Pointers.

Also on Sept. 11, a match against Maranatha Baptist College was a different story. Not only was that team more aggressive, but they challenged the girls on a different level.

"They had a lot of tips

and off-speed shots," said Coach White. Despite Maranatha's tactics, the Pointers prevailed with a 3-2 win (30-21, 22-30, 30-17, 27-30, 15-10).

The Pointers then squared off against UW-Whitewater on Sept. 16. In this match the team struggled while committing errors.

"We contributed to the loss," White said. "We can't have small errors against big teams like Whitewater. We just didn't play to our potential."

The errors proved to be too costly as the team lost 3-0 (30-16, 30-20, 30-24).

Although there have been some losses added to the record, don't expect the team to stop fighting.

"We never look at the past," Lori Marten said.

With an attitude like that, the young team should bounce back as they head into the thick of their conference schedule in the month ahead.

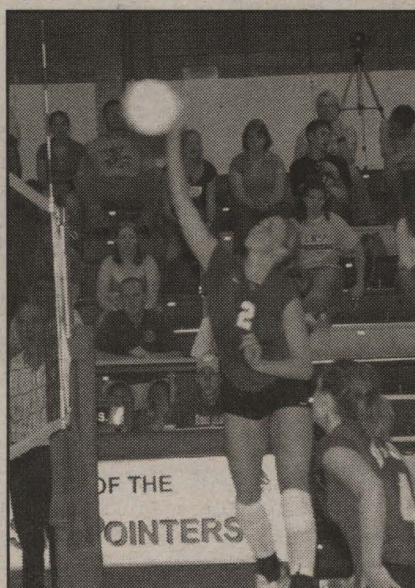


Photo by Liz Bolton  
Sophomore Katie Stephenson elevates herself for a spike in a recent match.

## Tennis team improves with close match

Adam Wise  
SPORTS EDITOR

It took Tiffany Serpico a few stabs, but she finally hit her mark.

Serpico, the tennis team's new No. 1 singles player this fall, won her first singles match of the year last week against Lawrence University's Susan Klumpner in straight sets, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0.

Also taking a win at singles for the Pointers was Kim Goron, who defeated Loni Philbrick-Linzmeier 6-1, 6-4.

Already having provided their team with two points on the total score for the day, Serpico paired up with Goron at No. 2 doubles and defeated Teodoro-Dier/Philbrick-Linzmeier with a score of 8-4.

Serpico's play delighted her coach, Karlyn Jakusz.

"Tiffany's performance against Lawrence was her best so far this season. Winning both singles and doubles was a big boost for her confidence," she said. "At the start of the season, she seemed very nervous and tentative. She seems to have worked through it, and is now playing very well. I hope it continues, and amounts to more victories."

The young tandem of Angela Brown and Emily Bouche followed up their first victory against Carroll College with another solid win against Klumpner/Sahar, 8-6.

As a whole, Lawrence narrowly edged UWSP 5-4, with the singles players taking falls on four of the six total matches.

Other scores for the match:

No. 2 Singles - Serene Sahar (LU) def. Angie Brown 6-7 (7-3), 3-6. No. 3 Singles - Amy Gammon (LU) def. Emily Bouche 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-2), 4-6. No. 4 Singles - Maggie Helms (LU) def. Jada Fenske 6-2, 6-3. No. 5 Singles - Adriana Teodoro-Dier

(LU) def. Liz Ganshert 6-1, 6-2. No. 3 Doubles - Gammon/Leila Sahar (LU) def. Ganshert/Fenske 8-6.

Coach Jakusz has been shuffling the lineup so far this season, trying to plug different players into different roles and seeing where they match up the best.

"Some of the players were not playing well at the start of the season. Some players also lacked experience. So it's been tough to get things set," Jakusz said. "I want to have a set lineup by Oct. 1st, which is our first conference meet."

This past weekend, the team participated in the UW-La Crosse Invitational.

The team had a total of three fourth place finishes in La Crosse.

At No. 3 singles, Liz Ganshert won her first match against Winona State University's Maggie Lindquist (6-3, 6-3).

She then lost her next two matches against UW-La Crosse's Shannon Mikulecky (2-6, 3-3) and in the third place match, Ganshert was defeated by UW-Oshkosh's Tina Wiesner (0-6, 0-6).

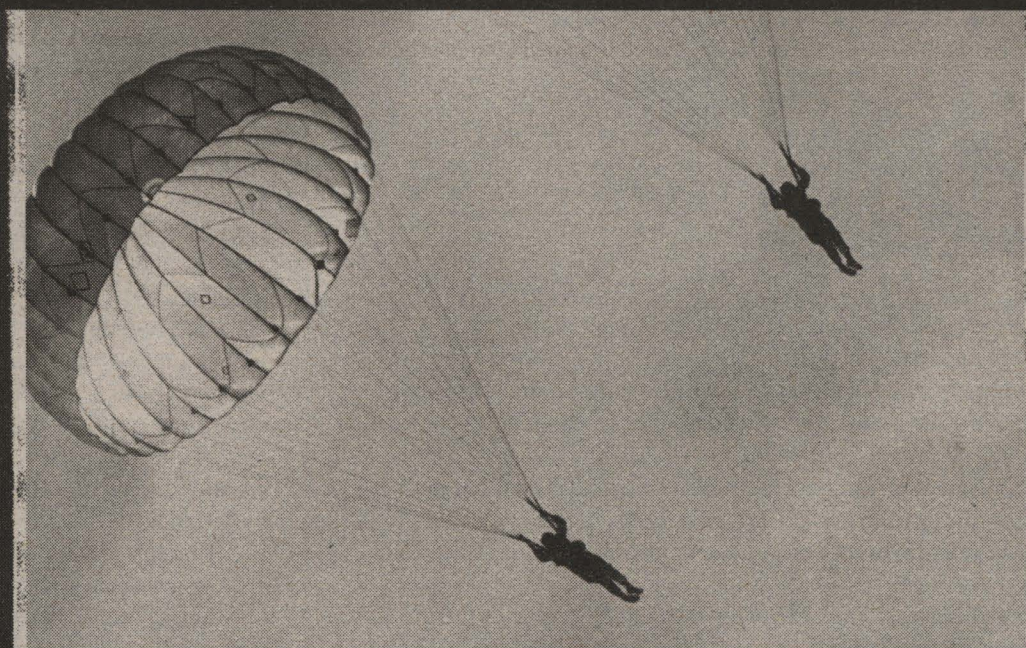
At No. 4 singles, Mashell Verbockel won her first match against WSU's Lindsay Thomas (6-3, 6-4).

She then followed Ganshert by losing her next two matches to Lax's Jenny Spoonholtz (2-6, 2-6) and UWO's Cassie Holewinski (3-6, 2-6).

Point also had a fifth place finish in the same bracket when Anitra Hovelson lost her first match, then won the next two against WSU and UWO.

Finally, the No. 2 doubles team of Ganshert/Fenske placed fourth by winning their first match against Hobert/Thomas from WSU 8-2 and then losing their next two matches.

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# Behind late comeback, Linfield outlasts UWSP

By Adam Wise

SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday, two of the most high-powered offenses in all of Division III football collided in Stevens Point. Many expected points to be scored, but few could predict the explosion that would occur.

Linfield, entering the game ranked second in the nation according to D3football.com, amassed a game high 539 yards of total offense to defeat the Pointers 46-35.

A final score, which would usually be seen at the Quandt Fieldhouse as opposed to Goerke Field, saw the Wildcats score 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter as Linfield QB Brett Elliot accumulated 480 yards passing along with his six touchdowns.

The Pointer offense, which was coasting in fifth gear for most of the game, stalled out as the game wore on into the final session.

The defense, whose lone spark of the day came from LaRon Ragsdale when he returned an interception 19 yards for the team's final score in the third quarter, was exposed by the Wildcat offense through



Borchart, 17, seen here being pressured by the Linfield Defense, was sacked twice, fumbled twice and threw one interception on the day.

missed tackles and loose coverage from the secondary.

The Pointers started off with the game's first score coming from the legs of Cody Childs on a six-yard scamper, but it was not long before the complexion of the game turned quickly from run-oriented to an outright air assault.

Elliot, completing 38 of his 59 pass attempts, connected with his receivers on scores of 13, 16, 11, 11, 10, and the final 59

yard screen pass to running back Thomas Ford to clinch the game with 3:55 left.

Brett Borchart, who showed the ability early on to run his team down the field with his arm and his ability to run, threw an interception and fumbled the ball on back-to-back drives late in the fourth quarter to seal the deal in this match-up.

With perhaps the highlight of the day, wide receiver Tony Romano took the ball from Borchart in the team's first drive of

the second half and the southpaw tossed a perfect 19-yard strike into the hands of Kurt Kielblock to extend the lead to 28-18. That was the last score from the offense for the rest of the day.

On the other side of the field, there weren't too many skilled position players from Linfield that didn't catch the ball at some point on the day for the Wildcats.

Casey Allen led all receivers with 13 receptions for 151 yards and two TDs. Also, Brandon Hazenberg had seven catches for 62 yards, Thomas Ford had five for 109 yards, and Brad McKechnie had four for 72 yards.

Top performers of the day for the Pointers were Cody Childs with 24 carries for 72 yards and five receptions for 34 yards. Ross Adamczak had five receptions for 71 yards and a score, and Tony Romano had four catches for 76 yards.

The Pointers, sliding down two spots to ninth in the latest D3Football.com top 25, go on the road to play at Waldorf this weekend with Homecoming less than two weeks away.

## Senior on the Spot Megan Craig – Cross Country



Craig

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**Do you have any Nicknames?** - Purple Giant, Andre, Meggie

**What are your plans after graduation?** - teach, grad school, or personal trainer for a hot celebrity.

**What has helped you become such an accomplished runner?** -

Training and my boyfriend Chris who keeps my head on straight.

**What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?** - The Naked Run when it was legal.

**What's your most embarrassing moment?** - Tripping over my own two feet during the Regional race my freshman year.

**What CD is in your stereo right now?** - Alkaline Trio's *Good Mourning*

**What will you remember most about UWSP?** - My perverted friends on the girls cross country team.

**What are the FOUR biggest influences in your life?** - Love, running, sleeping, and my growling stomach.

## Soccer continues dominance

By Steve Roeland

SPORTS EDITOR

The UWSP women's soccer squad added two wins to their season total last week, upending St. Norbert College 8-0 last Friday and defeating UW-La Crosse 1-0 in an overtime contest on Tuesday. The victory over St. Norbert's featured the Pointer's dominating offense, scoring six goals in the second half. Junior Erin Wash and sophomore Anna Van Stippen recorded two goals apiece in the victory over the Green Knights. The loss was the worst defeat in history for the St. Norbert program.

"We're finding ways to score, but we're not finishing always," said Head Coach Shelia Miech. "In the St. Norbert game we finished. It just depends on the game."

Tuesday's conference game against UW-La Crosse was a much closer battle. Neither team was able to put any points on the board during regulation due to exceptional goaltending by both teams. Finally, after 98 minutes and 42 seconds of play, senior forward Alyssa Souza scored her fourth goal in

the last three games to give the Pointers a 1-0 victory in overtime. Coach Miech praised Souza for her competitive attitude and great work ethic after coming off injuries in the past few seasons.

"This is (Alyssa's) first season to challenge herself," said Miech. "In the off-season, she worked tremendously hard and she's converting her position from a midfielder to a forward. Every game gets better."

This is the second year in a row in which UWSP and UW-La Crosse have went into overtime, with UW-La Crosse winning last season's contest 2-1.

The Pointers will match up this coming Friday against Loras College, the team that knocked off UWSP in the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament last season. The stiff competition doesn't end there, as the Pointers face WIAC rivals UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stout next week. Oshkosh and Stout are currently placed second and third respectively in the WIAC.

"Every game is going to be competitive in conference," said Miech. "All teams are going to want to beat us since we've been on top for so long."

UWSP has won the WIAC conference title 10



Kim Reese, 16, attempts a slide tackle against UW-La Crosse.

## UWSP men's basketball team to face Marquette

The defending NCAA Division III men's basketball champions will open the 2004-05 season by facing Division I Marquette University in an exhibition game on Tues., Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

The announcement was made at a press conference on Aug. 25 in Milwaukee with UW-Stevens Point coach Jack Bennett and Marquette coach Tom Crean.

"I think everybody in the

state can get excited about this game for one night," Crean said. "I have a lot of respect for what coach Bennett has done at Stevens Point. This will be a great, great test for our team."

UW-Stevens Point returns all five starters from last year's squad that finished 29-5 and won the school's first national title. Marquette was 19-12 last season and advanced to the second round of the National Invitation Tournament after qualifying for

the 2003 NCAA Final Four.

"I know we'll get better from this game and I know we'll help Marquette get better," Bennett said. "I'm so grateful for coach Crean and his staff to give us this opportunity."

Marquette also announced an exhibition game against Division II Lewis University that will be played in the on-campus Al McGuire Center. The game with UW-Stevens Point will be part of Marquette's season ticket

package with single-game tickets being made available through the Marquette ticket office on Oct. 30.

"I truly believe quality knows no level but we also know there's a big difference between Division III and Division I," Bennett said. "This is something we just can't pass up. This is truly an honor to play."

"When the rules changed with exhibitions and we had the opportunity to play Coach

Bennett's program, I knew this was something we want to take advantage of," Crean said.

The game was made possible by a new NCAA Division III rule allowing Division III teams to play exhibition contests against Division I opponents. The match-up counts towards UW-Stevens Point's 25-game maximum as the Pointers were forced to cancel a non-conference game at Northland College on Jan. 11 to make room for the exhibition.



## Golf team improves in over-all team scores

By Matthew Inda  
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP women's golf team headed back to the land of Lincoln this weekend to take action in the two-day Wesleyan Invitational in Normal, Ill.

The team finished 16th out of 24 schools. Overall, the team shot a 350 on Saturday and 332 on Sunday, improving their score by 18 strokes.

The Pointers were led by sophomore Susie Lewis, who shot an 84 on day one and a 79 on day two, giving her 42nd place out of 146 participants. However, the impressive performance did not stop there. Freshman Sara Mosher shot a career best 92 on Saturday, the second lowest on the team. But her superb weekend wasn't finished as she elevated her play to shoot a 79 on day two, making a 13-stroke improvement over day one, to finish with a score of 171. That score tied the largest margin of improvement at the Illinois Wesleyan University Invite that weekend.

"I know I could have done so much better after the first day, so on Sunday I made sure I stayed focused through the whole round, and everything came together for me," Mosher said. "I felt so great when I was done. It was awesome."

Junior Courtney Timblin's play followed with an 85-89-174 and junior Genna Saari had a 93-85-178 performance. Freshman Katie Kautz finished with an 89-94-183 and freshman Tina Young contributed with a 97-99-196.

The team set season lows at the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational. This is the first tournament this year where all of the teams stayed below 100 strokes each day. The 350 and 332 team scores were also season bests.

"We have some leaders on this team and they do a fine job of wanting to raise the bar and have our team improve each week," Coach Battaglia remarked.

"What impressed me was the focus the girls had on day two. They are determined to play better each time out and when the girls give their best, as a coach, that's all you can ask for," Battaglia added.

This weekend the team heads south to face conference foe UW-Whitewater in the Whitewater Invitational on Sept. 25-26.

## UWSP takes first in CC meet

The UWSP men's cross country team took part in the 42nd Les Duke Invitational at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa on Sept. 18. The Pointers ran away from the six-team field with first place, with all seven participants finishing in the top 10. Senior Mark Lalonde placed first in the field of 42, completing the course in 25:15. Here are the final results and times for all Pointer competitors:

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| 1.  | Mark Lalonde, Sr  | 25:15 |
| 3.  | Andy Bednarek, Sr | 25:50 |
| 5.  | Adam Bucholz, Jr  | 26:14 |
| 6.  | Jake Rhyner, Jr   | 26:15 |
| 7.  | Josh Kujawa, Jr   | 26:15 |
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OUR VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

Injuries rampant as season continues

By Adam Wise  
SPORTS EDITOR

Now, I know I wrote about the NFL last week, but I felt compelled to do it again for the second week in a row.

The 2004-05 season is a mere two weeks old and many teams have been ravaged by injuries.

I have read reports from statisticians confirming that this year isn't any different compared to any other year; it just seems that way because such high profile players are going down.

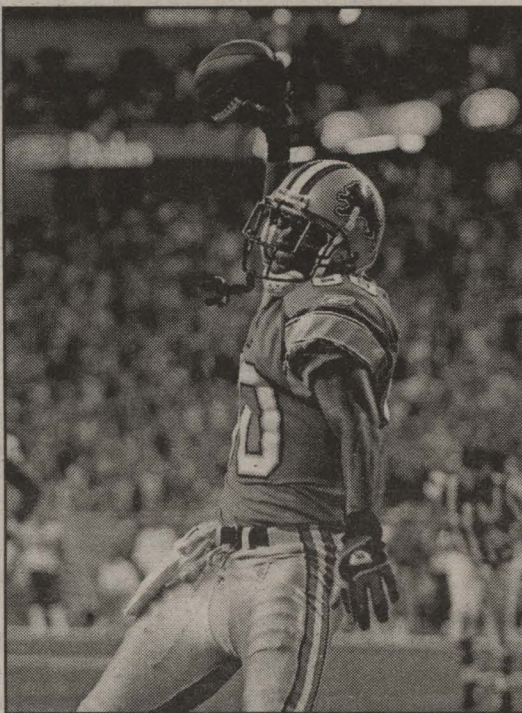
Here is a short list of a couple people you may have heard of being injured:

**Charles Rogers (WR - Detroit)** - After fracturing his collarbone last year only five games into the season, Rogers fractured the same bone in a different spot on the third play of 2004. He will miss all of this season.

**Steve Smith (WR - Carolina)** - Most Packer fans know of this because it happened against them. Smith is a playmaker, but the Carolina offense is set up so that they can just plug in bench players with little disparity. Even though it was against the putrid Chiefs' defense, they proved they can still score points in their week-

two victory.

**Anquan Boldin (WR - Arizona)** - Last year's offensive rookie of the year has yet to play a snap this season, and will likely be held out until at least another month. However, this injury has not stopped Boldin's agent from demanding a contract extension. The Cardinals are likely to oblige, even though he has another two years left beyond this season.



Danny Moloshok/Getty Images

Charles Rogers, once again bit by the injury bug

**DeAngelo Hall (CB - Atlanta)** - Tabbed as one of the next top-flight shut down cornerbacks, this rookie Falcon injured his hip in a preseason game and will miss nearly half of the regular season.

While these four players will miss extensive time, Grady Jackson (DL - Green Bay), Dre Bly (CB - Detroit), Boss Bailey (LB - Detroit), Stephen Davis (RB - Carolina), Deuce McAllister (RB - New Orleans) will all miss portions of this season with various injuries.

While the severity of Mark Brunell's injured leg is unknown at this point, quarterbacks have stayed relatively healthy thus far. Will it only be a matter of time until they start going down as well? We'll see.

The curse is worse for Cubs fans

By Steve Roeland  
SPORTS EDITOR

My life, just as all other lives of Chicago Cubs fans, entails year after year of "what could have been" followed by "there's always next year." The past several seasons, however, have yielded more successful campaigns for the Cubs.

With a tremendous (albeit underachieving) pitching staff and a lineup that is more like an all-star team, the Cubs should be bringing in World Championships for many years to come. Still, the "Curse of the Billy Goat" wreaks havoc on the Northside Nine year in and year out.

This season, my Chicago Cubbies are right in the thick of the crowded field atop of the so-called "Hunt for October." After last season's Bartman debacle in the National League Championship Series against the Florida Marlins, the Cubs are looking for a bit of redemption in this year's postseason.

Since the St. Louis Cardinals have locked up the NL Central crown, the only hope for the Cubs is by way of the Wild Card. With National League powers like the

Cubs, the San Francisco Giants and the Houston Astros all within percentage points of each other, no Wild Card lead is safe. Every game until the end of the season is crucial to gaining ground in the race for the playoffs.

The Cubs finish off the final weeks of the season with games that, theoretically, should be relatively easy for the Cubs. Facing lower quality teams like the Pittsburgh Pirates, the New York Mets and the Cincinnati Reds should produce a good amount of wins. The only team that may give the Cubs trouble are the Atlanta Braves, who comfortably atop the NL East.

The Braves will play an important part in Chicago's playoff run, due to the fact that the Wild Card race is so close. Three games against the Braves will test the Cubs and will show if they can contend for a World Series title.

If the Cubs want a chance to go deep into the postseason, they must first finish the regular season strongly by winning games that should be wins. Another strong playoff run should be enough to put all critics to rest.

UW-Stevens Point Places Fifth for Highest-Ever Director's Cup Finish

The most successful season in UW-Stevens Point athletics history resulted in a fifth place finish in the United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup Standings, which measure the top overall athletic department in the NCAA Division III.

The fifth place finish is the highest in school history and the best by any Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference school since UW-Oshkosh was fifth in 1996-97. It marks the first time UW-Stevens Point has been recognized for its achievement as the second through fifth place finishers receive

a plaque commemorating their season, while the winner receives the Director's Cup trophy. The awards were presented on Sunday at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics convention in Dallas.

The standings, formerly known as the Sears Cup, include points accumulated in NCAA tournament competition. UW-Stevens Point was in second place following the winter sports season and held its top five ranking despite earning no points in the spring. The Pointers had a national championship in men's basketball, a run-

ner-up finish in men's cross country, third place finishes in women's cross country and indoor track and field and a fourth place finish in women's basketball. The Pointers also earned points in men's indoor track and field, wrestling, women's soccer and men's and women's swimming and diving. The runner-up finish in women's ice hockey is not included in the standings since a sport must have a minimum of 12 teams in its tournament to qualify.

UW-Stevens Point amassed 730 points, surpassing its previous best of 656.5 in 2001-02 when it finished sixth in

the final standings. For the third time in the past four years, UW-Stevens Point placed the highest placing non-East Coast school. UW-Stevens Point has now finished in the top seven five of the past seven years and was the only WIAC school to post a top seven finish since 1997 until UW-Crosse finished seventh this year.

Williams (Mass.) won its sixth straight trophy and eighth title in the nine-year history of the award. Emory (Ga.) was second, Middlebury (Vt.) was third. The College of New Jersey placed fourth overall.



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8)	Montclair State
9)	UW-Stevens Point
10)	Wheaton



# Find "Edventures" on campus this fall

By Joel Borski  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

As summer weather winds down and autumn slowly approaches, there are undoubtedly some UWSP students who are looking for an excuse to get out and enjoy all that fall has to offer. For those students, and faculty alike, there is a place on campus that offers a multitude of different options, programs and supplies to aid in this quest for outdoor escape.

Outdoor Edventures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center, vows to do their best to "get you out of the classroom, away from your books, and outside" this semester.

According to Promotions Coordinator Ashley Atkinson, the Outdoor Edventures office includes a large rental center which offers "canoes (and all equipment; paddles, PFDs, etc.) bikes, backpacks, tents (just got in some new, four-person KELTY tents), sleeping bags (20 degree and 0 degree bags), sleeping pads, cross country skis, snowshoes (just got in 13 new pairs), ice skates and more!" There is also a retail section which offers

"Nalgene (new colors and styles), frisbees, disc golf discs, bandanas, carabiners, thermoses, and other outdoor equipment."

Aside from all of the equipment available at Outdoor Edventures, there are also many programs and skills courses offered to any interested UWSP students. Such programs and courses can range from organized camping trips to one or two hour demonstrations designed to, in some way, enhance your outdoors experience.

Whether you're already an outdoors enthusiast, or simply someone interested in getting outdoors but lacking the means to do so, stop in and check out the Outdoor Edventures office from 3-6p.m., Monday through Thursday, and noon-4p.m. on Fridays. You can also check out their website at [www.uwsp.edu/centers/outedven](http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/outedven), for more information about rentals and future trips. See you outdoors!

Here are a few of the upcoming programs at Outdoor Edventures:

**September 29 (6-7 p.m.)**: *Ultra light backpacking course*; designed to teach interested backpackers techniques for lightening the load while still being prepared on the trail.

**October 1-3**: *North country backpacking trip*; Here's your chance to escape the hustle and bustle of campus life by enjoying autumn in the UP. Cost is only \$55 and the sign-up deadline is Sept. 29 by 6 p.m.

**October 6th (6-8 p.m.)**: *Leave No Trace*; This program is designed to teach you some of the basics on how to tread lightly on the land we love.

## Award-winning nature writer Kathleen Dean Moore slated to appear in Point

By Joel Borski  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The Environmental Ethics Program is pleased to announce Oregon State University distinguished professor of philosophy and award-winning nature writer Kathleen Dean Moore as the first in a four-part speaker series entitled, "The Big Mean Dog Lectures," set to take place at UWSP this fall.

On Thursday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. in CNR 170, Moore will present "The Island Paradox: Connections and Separations." Moore will also be holding a public reading starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor's center for her newly released book "The Pine Island Paradox."

Program coordinator Michael Nelson describes Kathleen Moore as "one of the most important conservation voices in the country today."

Other speakers in the series include geographer/archaeologist William G. Gartner, who will deliver a presentation on the connection between Pre-Columbian use of fish resources and the conservation legacy of Aldo Leopold; Skidmore College environmental sociologist and writer Rik Scarce, making a presentation entitled "Good Laws Gone Bad: Wolves and the Endangered Species Act"; and Michigan Technological University wolf biologist John Vucetich, who will deliver a presentation on confronting the inevitable normative dimensions of the Endangered Species Act and also on the status of wolves and moose on Isle Royale. For more information e-mail [michael.nelson@uwsp.edu](mailto:michael.nelson@uwsp.edu) or [james.sage@uwsp.edu](mailto:james.sage@uwsp.edu) or call 346-3907.

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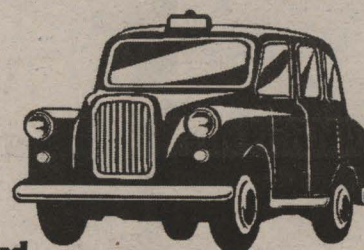
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# Backcountry cooking

Tasty tips to make camp just a little more enjoyable

By Hilary Bulger

ASSISTANT OUTDOORS EDITOR

When the typical person decides to go camping, the shopping list is usually short and sweet: soda pop, hotdogs, chips and s'mores. That is a great shopping list for an overnight camping trip, but on the second and third nights, it can get pretty ugly. And what about a longer trip? A week or more? What the heck would you eat? Moldy hot dogs and warm pop won't get you very far. With a bit of money, a bit of time and a bit of trial and error, you can solve this problem and become the ultimate gourmet camp cook.

As a gourmet camp cook, you'll have to upgrade from your basic hot dog roasting stick. The basic necessities for a camping cook-set include a frying pan, a pot, a lid to be used for both, a pliers to hold the pan and pot with, a spatula for stirring, flipping, etc., a couple of lighters in plastic bags, a measuring cup (plastic or metal), a bowl, spoon and water bottle for each person and, of course, a stove.

The type of stove you purchase will depend on what kind of situation you plan to use it in (overnight or expedition; backpacking or car camping etc.), the amount of use it will be receiving and how much money you are planning to spend. There are many companies that offer small, quality stoves including MSR, Snow Peak, Coleman, Primus, and Brunton. Stoves can be purchased from any outdoors store and range in price from \$30 to \$150. REI has a wide variety of models on their website, while Midwest Mountaineering, EMS, and LL Bean are also good places to look. A reliable, mid-priced option is the MSR Whisperlite (\$60-\$70). When you buy your stove, make sure you also get the necessary gear to accompany it. This could include fuel, a fuel bottle, a fuel pump, a windscreen, a heat reflector and a repair kit.

There are a few food items you simply cannot do without. Brown sugar makes anything taste better, flour is a necessity if you plan to bake anything (pizza, anyone?), peanut butter makes any snack heartier, and powdered milk goes into everything. Foods that are easily prepared with boiling water, such as rice and pasta, are backcountry staples. Breakfast foods such as cream of wheat, oatmeal, and grits also fall into this category. Granola and grape nuts are also easy breakfasts. Either purchase or make a baking mix for pancakes and biscuits that does not require eggs. When making pancakes, make sure you bring some chocolate chips and try to find some edible berries. Butter and cheese will keep fairly well without refrigeration for longer than you may think. These will really help your creations taste just like food you'd make in a normal kitchen.

Dehydrated vegetables will help you accomplish this as well.

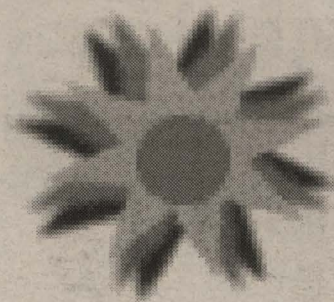
The secret to being a successful camp cook is simple: spices, spices, spices. The key component to every backcountry pantry is a killer spice kit. A good beginning lineup is salt, pepper, garlic powder, cumin, basil, oregano, cinnamon, and chile powder. Also in this group are necessary baking items like yeast and baking powder.

Equally as important as your spice kit is a good camping cookbook. Not just any cookbook will do. It has to be a camping cookbook, with recipes that actually use all those mysterious powders and dehydrated chunks. Most cookbooks will also give you sample lists of exactly what to bring, as well as tips on rationing extended trips. The National Outdoor Leadership School's *Cookery* is an excellent guide for beginners. Other titles include *Lip Smackin Backpackin*, *The Well Fed Backpacker* and *Dry It, You'll Like It*. These can all be purchased at both bookstores and sporting goods stores.

So instead of stopping at the gas station and buying hot dogs and chips, hit the grocery store, stock up and knock the socks off your friends with lasagna for dinner. Just make sure that when you're nominated for full-time camp cook, you designate yourself a dish washer.



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## Weekend Weather Outlook:

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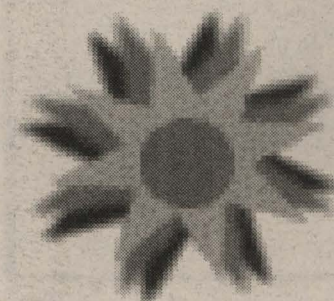
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# Aurora Borealis prefers autumn

Strange lights are most common between September and November

By A.M. Mella  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Autumn is a wonderful time of year to spend outdoors. While most people focus inward, on the bountiful opportunities provided by Wisconsin's lakes, forests and fields, the fall season affects the outdoors in every direction.

Such is the case with sky-gazing. Beyond the normal realm of "outdoors" lies the universe. In every sense of the word, the great unknown, our massive frontier, is very much outdoors.

Watching for the northern lights has long been one of my favorite pursuits. It is a spectacular side-dish, in many ways, to other outdoors experiences – a nighttime hike, fall walleye fishing or a brisk autumn camping trip.

Focusing on the latter, fall camping often leads to the majority of my borealis encounters. In the past I would attribute the swirling-light-frequency of this season to the crisp air and clear nights, but recent scientific research has begun to explain this uncommon regularity.

Data compiled by NASA from 1932 to 2002 undoubtedly shows a higher occurrence of geomagnetic disturbances in the elderly months. The same is true of the younger spring months, although the data is not as prevalent. Either way, the months surrounding the fall and spring equinoxes regularly register double the amount of borealis activity – six to seven storms a month, compared to two or three normally.

While these long-term patterns at first mystified the brain-tank at NASA, the solution appears to be simple geometry. The earth's magnetic axis actually wobbles throughout the year, exposing itself to more magnetic activity during the fall and spring.

Earlier in the week, the fall equinox slipped by us quietly, bringing with it, these increasing chances of northern lights activity. If science has proven anything, surely these strange lights will begin to appear in our skies with escalating recurrence.

Chances of seeing these mysterious beams increases greatly when exploring the outdoors. That is most true because of the outdoors' stupendous lack of unnatural light pollution. If you can't get away from the city lights, your chances of spying the borealis will spiral downward.

So consider this weekend a good bet. The weather forecast looks decent, and the temperatures couldn't be better. Get a few friends together and plan a camping trip. After the tents are pitched and the fire is stoked, crack a refreshing beverage and glance up every so



Photo submitted by author.

*The Northern lights are a regular visitor in September and October.*

often. Even if the borealis doesn't show, the star-gazing alone should be enough to strike the fear of immensity into your soul.


Just think, the sun could be hurling a cloud of beautiful nuclear wind at our planet you read this very sentence.

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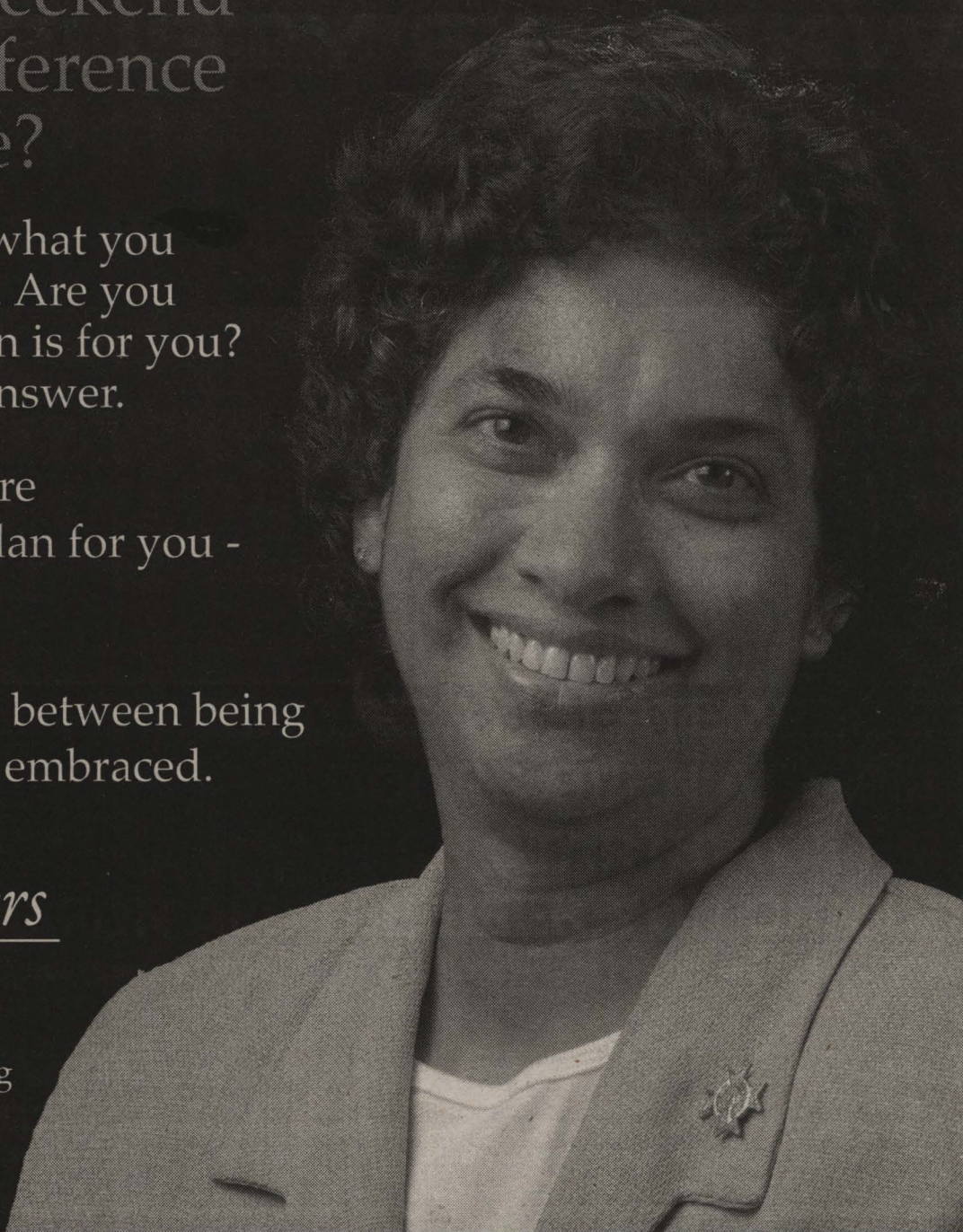
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# Carlsten Art Gallery: A display worth seeing

By Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings

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Unfortunately, not many UWSP students are aware of the Carlsten Art Gallery, which is located on the second floor of the Fine Arts Center on campus. (That is, unless you are one of many art students who frequently attend the art majors' anonymous slumber parties.) This art gallery has housed everything from contemporary works to historically reconstructed pieces. Student artwork can also be found in the Schneider Student Gallery, established in 2001, located inside the Carlsten Art Gallery. Currently on display in the Schneider Gallery is a collection of photographs taken by eight art students who traveled to Munich and its surrounding areas as part of the semester abroad program that we have here on campus.

When we entered the gallery, it brought us back to our days in Europe. Each of the photos was arranged in a film strip fashion, making us feel as if we were traveling alongside each of the photographers. The feeling each image portrayed ranged from somber, as in the *Berlin Wall* by Micah Rahn or Nikki Kroner's *Jewish Cemetery, Prague*, to Renee Gasch's energetic *Oktoberfest Parade, Munich*. There were also many historically scenic themes such as *Schloss Hohenschwangau, Bavaria* by Amy Peterson or *Door, Turkenstrasse, Munich* by Jessica Cossalter.

Surrounding the Schneider Student Gallery is a collection of posters created by Aesthetic Apparatus, a design firm located in Minneapolis. These posters displayed on the surrounding walls are arranged in a col-



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lage-like format representing a theme more commonly seen in music stores. Each set of poster clusters outlines a particular theme, ranging from the classic vintage look, to comic strips, to pretty in pink meets morbid man, to a sixties psychedelic, lucidly tripped-out state of mind.

While admiring the interesting array of posters, we found specific pieces that were worth taking a second look. The most obvious mismatched pairs were the ones where "pretty" things were mixed with morbid, like the kitty with skulls, or the nun whose face was skeletal. Also noted were the entrance posters of a boy with a bulls'-eye on his forehead, separating the kitty with skulls section. In making use of as many colors as possible, even the plethora of head-or bodiless humans or animal references seemed docile in form (Let us know when you figure out the artist).

Final feelings for both the Carlsten and Schneider Student Gallery are ones of admiration, appreciation and pure confusion. We highly recommend that you get over to the Fine Arts Center to see these excellent pieces of artwork. You will be surprised by the talent that each artist displays in their work and glad that you took the time to expose yourself to works that you can truly relate to (i.e. the cut-off arm--just kidding).

## Expression Dance Studio has a creative "new" way to workout

By Anna Jurovic and Laura Pennings

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Who has ever found themselves in this situation when getting ready to workout: you know you have to, yet the thought of doing the same repetitive thing for the third time this week makes you want to get a Snickers and watch Oprah instead. Well, this happens to us all the time. We are constantly trying to find new ways to workout, and thanks to Expressions Dance Studio, we have some new ideas.

Expressions is a new studio founded and run by Lindsay Baier, located on Church Street by Ben Franklin. It is open Monday through Friday, 3:30-8 p.m. and offers four adult classes. Whether you are in the mood for Butts

and Gutts, Stretch and Tone, Aerobic Dance or the all-too popular Belly-Dancing, Expressions is the place to go. Our personal favorite is belly-dancing (everyone could use a new move or two). In this class, you are taught a wide variety of moves, including belly and hip rolls, by none other than a local belly-dancer. These classes cover techniques from traditional Egyptian and Middle Eastern belly dancing and are offered on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for the small fee of \$5.

For those of you who have children, there are a wide variety of classes for the younger dance crowd. Class ages range from 3 years old to 10th grade, so for those of

you who act like you are between these ages, there is a way to socialize with some "mature" peers.

Overall, we feel that not only is this new studio good for those of us who haven't quite yet come to terms with the continuous weight gain (maybe from all those Snickers and Oprah—ok, fine, it's the beer), it is also good for the Stevens Point community. Maybe it will become a source for more community activity and growth, which is always needed. Hope to see all of you there! (Guys are welcome—you eat Snickers too, and a few occasional beers.)



## Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

Directed by Kerry Conran

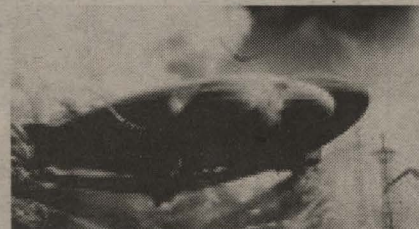
Starring Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie, Sir Laurence Olivier (archive footage)

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By Rebecca Conn  
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*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* is a film that would be most at home in the world of yesteryear, specifically a Saturday afternoon movie palace circa 1939. There, broken into episodes, it would be king of the sci-fi action serials, wowing the seven to 14 demographic week after week. However, it isn't a golden age serial, and all the air battles, special effects and Jude Law close-ups in the world can't make this movie mean anything to anyone past the entry point of puberty.

Above all else, *Sky Captain* is about set pieces, computer-generated set pieces, to be precise. Not a speck of the brushed aluminum, not a single skyscraper or airplane exists outside a piece of software, which means the cast had to scramble around a blue-screened set for the whole filming process, just imagining the late thirties décor they inhabit in the finished project. When it troubles itself to toss out a plot, *Sky Captain* is the story of dashing flying ace Joe (Law) and his once and future sweetie, an enterprising girl reporter Polly (Paltrow) embroiled in the case of some missing scientists. When giant robots attack New York City and smash up Joe's air force for hire, he and Polly are off to find their maker, a reclusive mad scientist (Olivier) out to destroy the world who's holding the missing scientists, his former colleagues, captive as well.

The silly and predictable scenes that follow freely borrow images and themes from films like *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Island of Dr. Moreau* and the Indiana Jones series, to name but a few. This rich appropriation leads nowhere, though; director/writer Conran gives nothing back in the way of vision or uniqueness of approach to those he takes from. His story and characters are no more than bits of glossy cardboard propped against an even glossier backdrop.

At least Jude Law seems to enjoy playing action hero in make-believe land, and while it's fun to watch him have fun, it's disappointing that an actor of his talents chose a movie this abysmal for a playground. Paltrow just looks out of her depth; it might be the c.g.i. sets, but most of the time she sounds like she's delivering her lines to a blank wall. Olivier is dead, so none of this is his fault, and Angelina Jolie's turn as a sexy British air commander is barely worth mentioning.

When everything's said and done, not much of this picture is worth remembering. While the sets are impressively lavish, the film holds little for anyone who isn't in junior high or a die-hard movie nostalgic. Go see it if you must, but don't be surprised if it leaves you wanting something better, something more.



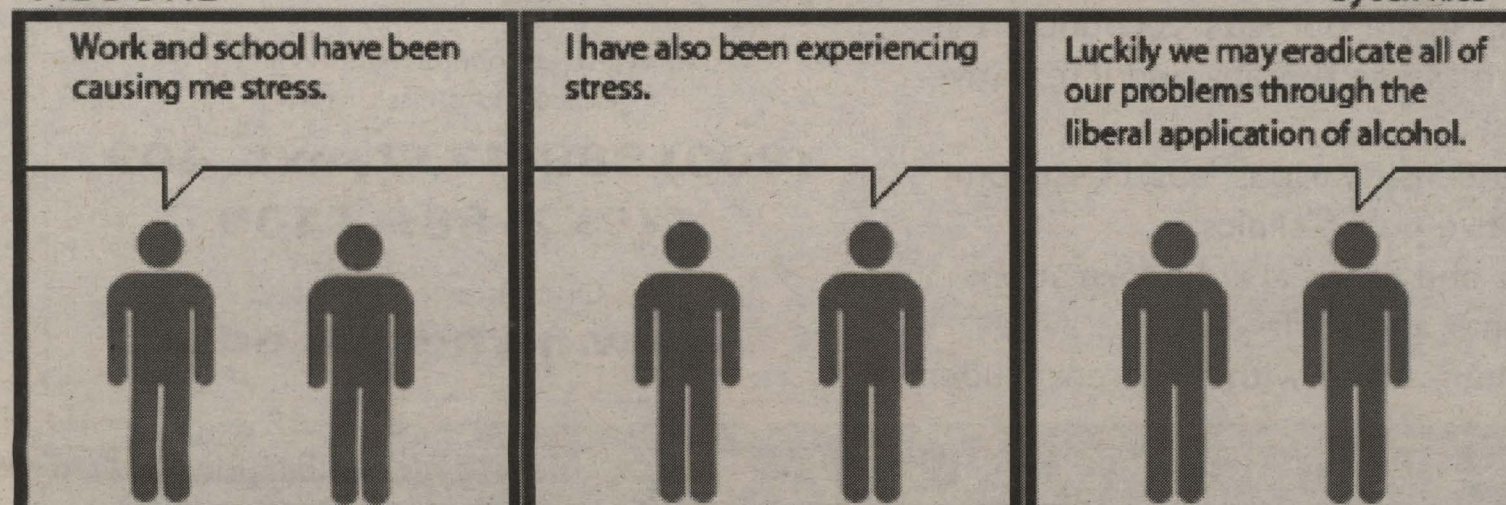
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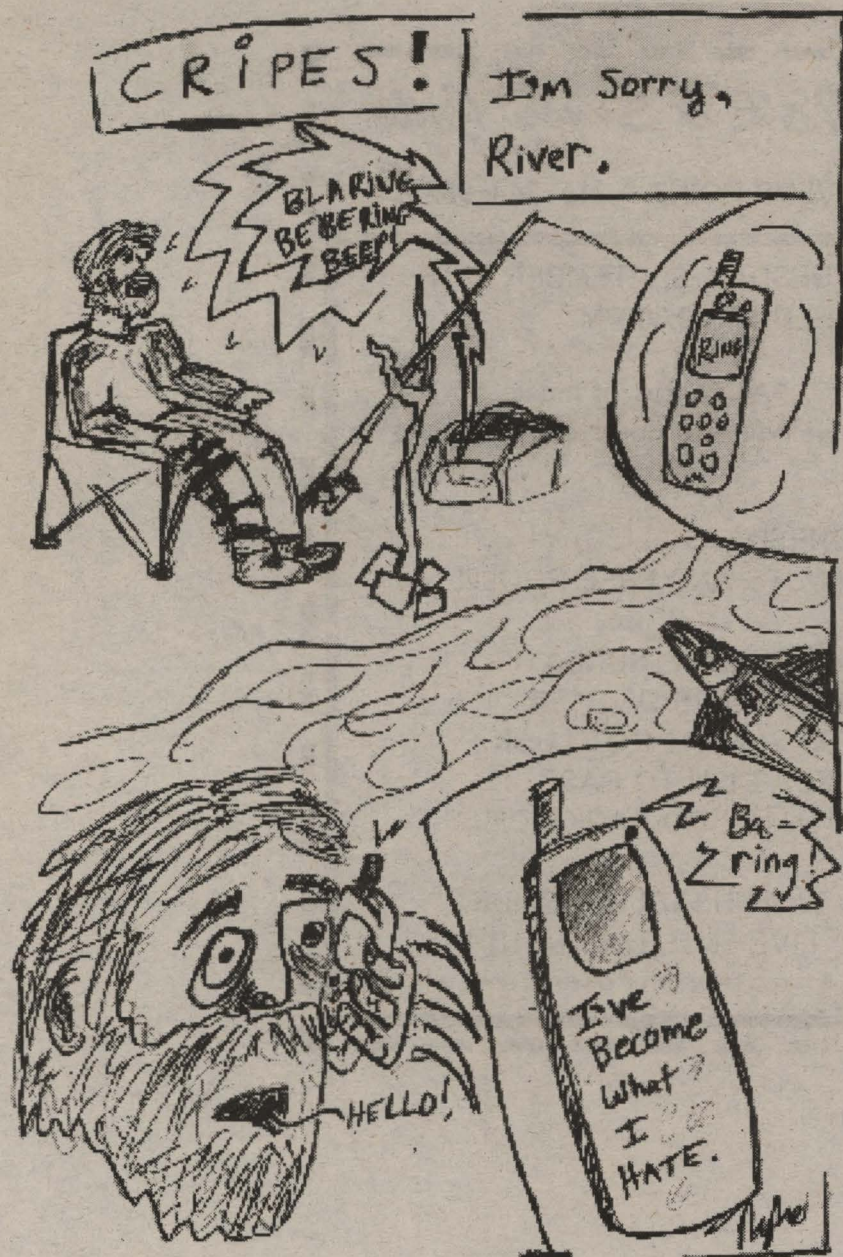
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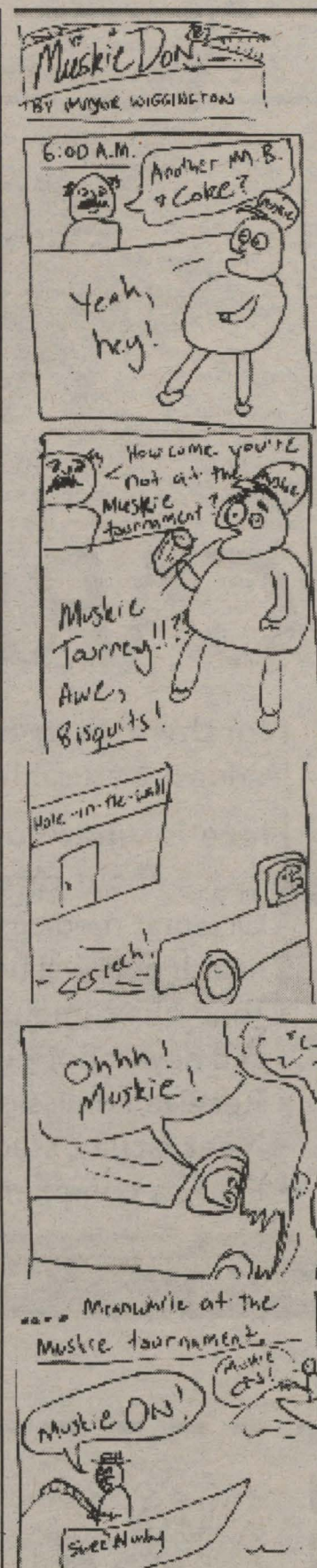
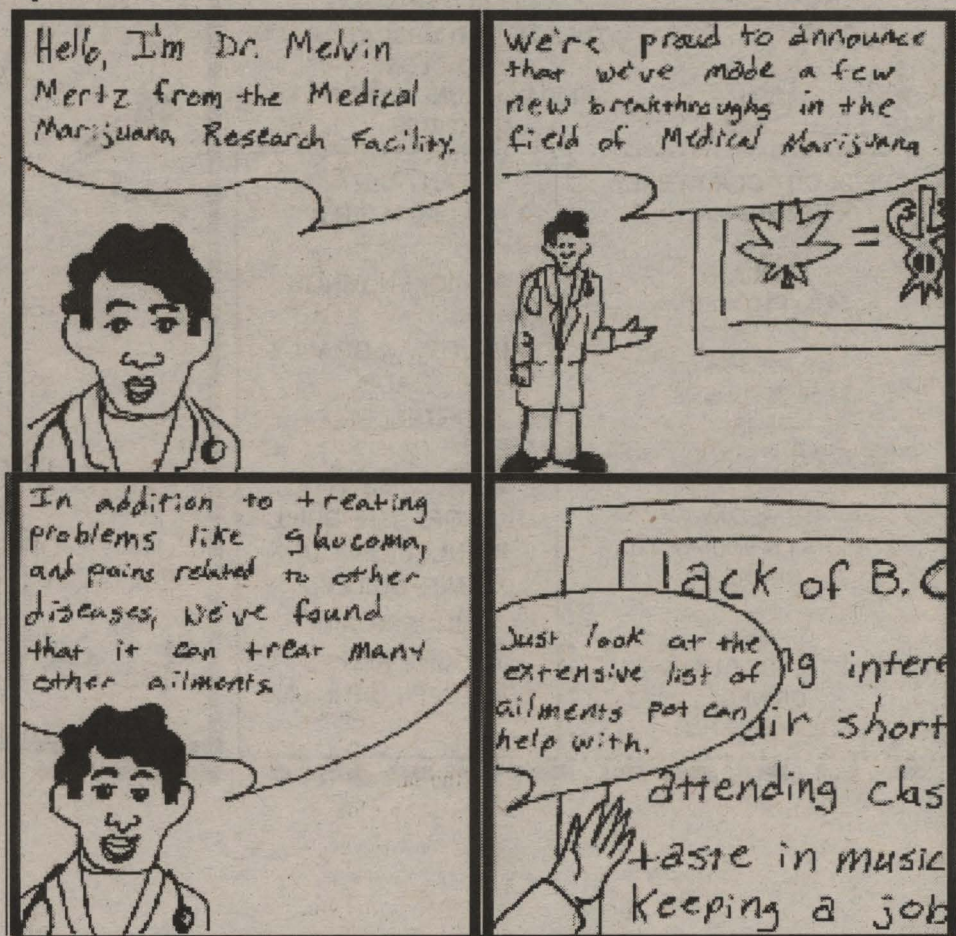
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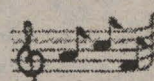
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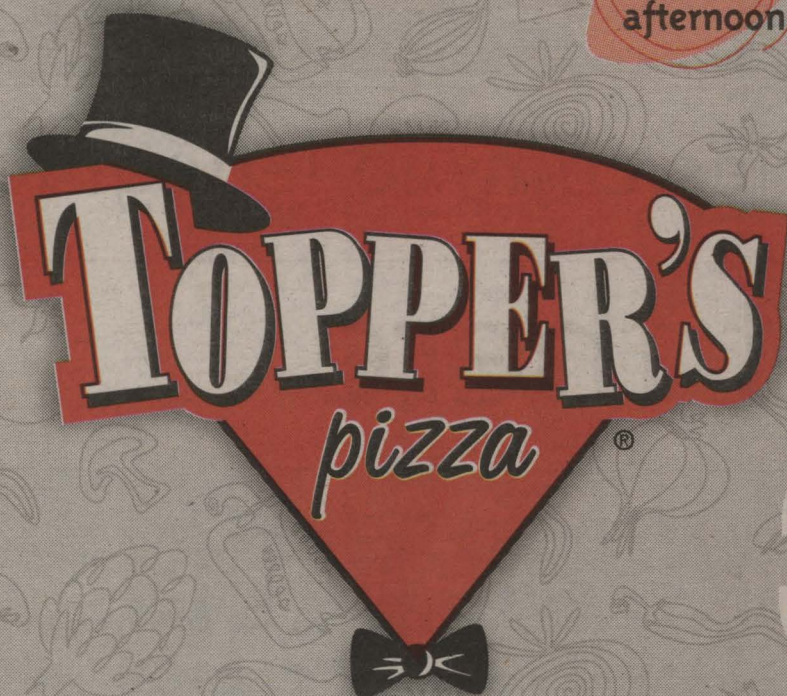
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