Gannett papers acquire Pointer in multi-million dollar deal

Major downsizing, reform imminent

Benjamin Wellington
NEWS REPORTER

In a move aimed at generating revenue for the struggling university budget, UW-SP administration officials inked a deal late Wednesday evening for the sale of The Pointer, and several other historic student organizations, for $1.2 million. The sale comes just days after Douglas H. McCorkindale, UW-System President Kevin Reilly approved a similar deal which sent the entire UW-Eau Claire campus to the state of Idaho, thus spawning a major sell-off amongst the UW campuses.

Students throughout the UW-System are outraged at the recent liquidations - a direct effect of state budget woes which began in 2001. Many opponents of the sale are calling the move "a quick fix for a long-term problem." UW-SP senior and loyal Pointer reader Kaitlin Hornbeck led a three-student protest against the sale within hours of the announcement, shouting through a megaphone, "Selling out The Pointer is simply Pointless!" and "Losing the Ultimate Frisbee Team will ultimately ... not be cool!" The protest failed to gain momentum though, after the students failed to locate the Pointer office, which is cleverly hidden in the elusive Communications building.

Spring break '06 cancelled

Chris Sten
NEWS REPORTER

As a result of pressure from law enforcement and religious groups citing occurrences of jaywalking, public drunkenness, and indecent exposure, UW-System President Kevin Reilly announced Tuesday that college students will not receive the privilege of a spring break in coming years.

This is an unfortunate action for many college students who use the break to work and pay for the remainder of the semester. There are talks by officials to increase funding for financial aid to make up for the lost wages, but with the current government funding of higher education, the outlook is grim.

This unlucky student suffered a major head-wound while crossing the de-regulated intersection.

Photo by Holly Sandrik.

City of Stevens Point declares Franklin and Division crosswalk “complete free-for-all”

Several serious injuries reported in first week

Hank Praske
NEWS REPORTER

For years, the crosswalk on the intersection of Franklin and Division, just west of the UW-SP campus has been a major safety hazard. In a shocking move last week, the City of Stevens Point declared the crosswalk a "complete free-for-all."

"For years now, we've been contemplating several options which would make the crosswalk safer for students living west of campus," said Mayor Gary Wescott. "We considered things like a stoplight, a tunnel and even a zip-line. However, these options are not really cost-effective. We found the best method of traffic regulation is none at all. The free-for-all concept plays upon college students' desire for danger and risk-taking, plus, it won't cost the city a wooden nickel."

"Getting across Division at four in the afternoon was virtually impossible," said Thiel. "But now drivers seem to be gunning for us, like some twisted game. I saw a lady on rollerblades get clipped by a Hyundai the other day. It's only a matter of time before someone gets killed."

To promote the new "extreme" crosswalk, city road crews have repainted the lines into an abstract arrangement that "symbolizes the new reality of this cruel world."

"Said area resident and Mitsubishi owner Carl Hungus. "These pampered college kids need to learn the lessons of life early on. Life isn't fluffy clouds and spring break vacations. Life is my Mitsubishi Diamante headed towards your bike at 42 miles per hour."

SGA has appealed the decision to the state government, with no response as of press time.
News In Brief

Parking services moves into twenty-first century

In order to gain more visibility on campus, Parking Services announced the purchase of new "sneaky" uniforms for their entire staff of student ticketers. The uniforms consist of black jackackets, black pants, black socks, and black leather boots and matching officer's caps. They also include a 50,000 volt taser to shock students whose parking meters expire, or park over the lines of the parking stalls.

In addition to the new ninja-esque uniforms, a source within the inner circle of the Parking Services High Command has revealed that the organization is looking into using "state of the art" technology to create a race of cyborgs without feelings or emotions that would be better suited to the dirty game of enforcing the draconian laws of campus parking regulations.

According to the source, the cyborgs would be programmed to ignore the pleas of students who could not see parking lines in the snow or run out of quarters. They will also crush the windpipes of offenders who park in a lot without a pass. As the cyborgs have no souls or emotions, they are also expected to be used to hunt down drug dealers and underage drinkers as well.

SGA budget official questioned

An anonymous SGA budget panel official is being questioned after the treasurer of the campus group Token College Hippies was injured in an accident. According to one bystander, the unkempt barfoot youngster was beaten badly with a giant stack of forms that are required after reimbursement can be handed down.

This incident occurs on the heels of the disappearance of several campus organization treasurers who were scheduled to meet with SGA budget officials to appeal budget cuts. No SGA officials would go on record about the missing persons, out of fear of the dark powers of the budget office.

Gannett sale

"The university really sold us out on this one," said a dejected, obviously drunk Mella. "I'm glad they fired me though. At least now I can freelance for the CounterPoint — or something." Mella then held up a poster of The Pointer historical icon, Storkie, and began wailing, "Stork is coming with me," repeatedly. He then slipped into a hedge of shrubbery.

In addition to The Pointer, Gannett also acquired the Women's Resource Center, the Gay-Straight Alliance, and The Ultimate Frisbee Club, in an attempt to "mainstream as much of the campus, and ultimately the world, as possible," according to Melinda Felten.

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Bicyclists debate warms with spring weather

As the weather begins to warm up, Central Wisconsinites must face an inevitable pain associated with the change in season: the perennial two-wheeled devil - bicycle.

Whether driving in a car or on foot, students have to constantly watch out for the bicyclists that speed like hell across the remnants of the sandal and various campus crosswalks.

Each year, innocent pedestrians are struck by bicyclists travelling at excessive speeds as they navigate the busy campus walkways. According to SACRAW, a commune after she graduates, claims that she rides her bike whenever possible because it doesn't contribute to carbon dioxide emissions and it helps her to maintain a healthy body. "After all," she said, "we are known as the Wellness Campus. We are an example to the rest of the world.

Last week, according to witnesses, a local commie-pinko bike rider named Moonbeam, who plans to start a commune after she graduates, claims that she rides her bike whenever possible because it doesn't contribute to carbon dioxide emissions and it helps her to maintain a healthy body. "After all," she said, "we are known as the Wellness Campus. We are an example to the rest of the world.

"Local wellness advocates, promoting a new hippie agenda, hope to set up bicycle lanes around the town, especially near campus. They desire to turn Stevens Point into a beacon of sustainable living.

"We want cars, bikes, and pedis to move around the roads, " said Pat, claimingly concurred, adding that bicycling makes one feel good. "It's about individual health, sustainability, and community, " he said. "The folks that are different have a different way to do things; and that we can still be productive while having a minimal impact on the planet.

"I see Fink, " said Steve, "this is a values issue. It's all about the family. If we have people out there doing this, what time, when are they going to spend time together? I can fit eight in my Excursion. How many can you fit on the bike path?" ANWR jobs. These bastards want to take away all the jobs.

The debate will continue to heat up as time moves on. But unlike the global biosphere, this warming trend definitely has something to do with the costs of the colleges. Next year's budget cuts are expected to keep the length of the school year the same even though spring break will be eliminated. This would cause an increase in tuition to fund professor salaries, and operating costs for the colleges. Next year's increase in tuition is projected to be 14 percent higher than the action, now it may be as high as a 19 percent spike in price.

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When 23-year-old Brett Mandli watched walking back from the bars Tuesday night, he did not expect to witness the somewhat bizarre incident that occurred in an alley near Guy's. "I saw Batman," Mandli said. "He was beating up some guy in the alley as I walked by.

According to Mandli, a man in a cape and cowl, identical to that worn by the fictional comic book character "Batman", took on two men as the attempted to physically assault a young woman. "I was just passing the alley when I looked and there they were," said Mandli. "I thought I was seeing things so I looked again and it was real.

Mandli wasn't the only witness of this strange occurrence. Mike Thorsen, a biology major at UW-SP said he thought there was a costume party nearby when he saw the man. "He had a black mask with pointy ears on the top," said Thorsen, 23. "I knew right away he was dressed as Batman. I thought it was job."

Thorsen didn't think anything of it until he heard screaming coming from the alley the masked man ran into. "I was curious so I stopped to look over for this horsepower-deficient ass- hole," said Thorsen.

Some students feel that this is not such a bad thing, as they did not enjoy this year's spring break. "I spent a week in the rain in Missouri," said Josh Voelker, and avid muskellunge fisherman, "I didn't even see one fish, and a skunk ate all of my cookies."

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When they were standing in front of the college, theSACRAW, has set up a protest as a preemptive strike before the season really starts rolling.

"As you can see," said John Steele, president of SACRAW, "the bicyclists are already out in force. You have your two-wheelers, your unicycles, and even the occasional tricycle. Before you know it, the tandems will be out. It's just not safe for anyone of any height.

Members of SACRAW also claim that bicycles are a roadway hazard. In fact, the group plans to introduce legislation to rename roads to "motorways."

"So I'm driving my Ford Excursion down Reserve Street the other day, amazed that I'm getting 15 miles per gallon, when I come upon this goddamn kid riding his bike in the road, said local SACRAW supporter Gerhard Fink. "I'm thinking, what the hell is this? I shouldn't have to move over for this horsepower-deficient asshole."

Spring broke, from page 1

These actions have caused a mass uprising in the tourism industry, as spring-breakers contribute to yearly peaks in sales for destinations around the country and the world. "I may lose my job do this to this ruling," said Stevana Real, UW-SP student and travel agent for GO! Travel. "The reason was I hired was to help students plan their holiday travels, and without spring break, my days may be numbered."

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Sassy ducks pose a new threat to freedom

Hello friends, Carl Kreamer here, I just want to alert you to the latest developments on the Freedom Front. Let me just say that I truly believe in freedom. I see myself as a missionary of sorts, spreading the truth on UWSP campus.

There is a whole conspiratorial element that is destroying the very fabric of our society. Ducks! Filthy nasty ducks! They leave their poop everywhere, and have no respect for our efforts to create pristine environments for our outdoor enjoyment. They foul our walkways, muddy our water, and destroy our beautiful trimmed lawns.

I would like SGA to pass a resolution making it illegal for ducks to exist on campus unless they wear specially modified pants. I know just what you animal rights activists are thinking, what if the pants chaff? I hope all of the students will support this ban of pant-less ducks, and see through the sham of such trivial matters such as the Terry Schiavo case. The true threat is clear. These ducks must submit to our superior will.

With Love,
Carl Kreamer
Guest Editorial

Professor William Davidson

Thank you students, for your generosity

Wow! It sure has been a great year, filled with so much learning about communication skills.

I know many of you reading this have me to thank for these skills, as we once again set record numbers for enrollment in Communication 101. It feels really good to lecture such a popular class. In fact, an astonishing 100 percent of the graduating class of '05 has taken Comm. 101.

That's super. Sometimes it seems like these students were forced to take this course!

Anyways, I just wanted to thank everyone who elected to take my course over the past four (or maybe five) years. It certainly feels good being this popular. You should see the treatment I get from Faculty Senate.

With the revenue I made in 2004 off my book, You and Your Speeches, I was able to treat my family to a relaxing month-long vacation in Aruba.

In addition to the tropical vacation, I put a sum on my guest house, purchased a racing colt named Slippery Moon Garden, gave golden trumpeter swan statues to my extended family and finally got that foosball table I've always wanted.

Without that substantial revenue, none of this would have been possible.

Sometimes I wonder how you students are able to be so generous, but then I think about my fountain or that secret passageway I built behind my diamond-encrusted fireplace and just accept it.

At nearly $100 a book, You and Your Speeches is a great value. I'll bet you still read it every day, watch the video, and re-do the workbook assignments—all the while improving your verbal (and non-verbal) communication skills. That's dedication.

You could've used that $100 for rent or food, but instead, you chose learning. Again, my deepest thanks.

The UWSP Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi congratulates this year's faculty and student initiates!

2005 Faculty Initiates

For a record of distinguished accomplishment in his respective field, we honor

Sue Kissinger
Coordinate of CNR Advising and Recruitment

2005 Student Initiates

To be eligible for membership, the grade point averages of our junior class initiates must place them in the top seven and one-half percent of the junior class; the grade point averages of our senior class initiates must place them in the top ten percent of the senior class; and the grade point averages of our graduate student initiates must place them in the top ten percent of all graduate students.

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For you poor sods who don't read the column on a regular basis and those who have been suffering from memory loss, let's recap. Several weeks ago I received the following letter:

Dear Poser,

... Someone pointed you out to me outside the CUC the other day. You were strolling along, fat as a banker and wearing a swank leather jacket. ... You don't know what it's like to feel yourself fifteen, as if you could do anything. We're the elders. How dare you offer us real students college survival advice?

Yours truly,
Reed K. Haas

Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM:

In response, I calmly explained to Jack that I was a real student at heart, and that I had not, in fact, "given up on the dream." Though my memory is a little fuzzy on the subject, I've told him a few tales that might be a cross between Lord Krishna, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and Optimus Prime.

I also remember once, a "one armed" Muppet with an STD.

Most importantly, I offered to prove my Alpha student status by living for an entire day on three dollars. Here are the rules I set for myself:

1) No use of previously owned food. I start the week with empty cupboards and three dollars: that's all.

2) I'll only use each of my tricks once. I can't get one successful mooch, then I have to move on to something new. The one exception to this rule is foraging. My hunter-gatherer impulses cannot be restrained.

THURSDAY: STOCKING UP.

Since I'm starting the week with nothing, I decide to start with a bout of foraging.

Foraging refers to any activity which searches out and acquires unclaimed or otherwise "free" food.

I start in the UC. It's a great place to start because while the daily food meetings are tiny treasure troves for hungry scavengers, I feel like a billion. I decide to forage the meeting rooms in the UC. Now they're abandoned, so I grab a flash from my past in the gas station. Around 12:30 my girlfriend gets back into town. She's been gone for a week. I call her up and say, "Hey there chickie-boo. Buy me dinner and I'll love you up all serious-like." After a week away, lovins' is a valuable commodity to Sarah, so she agrees. Several sweaty hours later we're on our way to Hong Kong Buffet. For those of you who don't know me, I've never erred what it takes to get me into bed, now you know: $6.95 plus tax and tip. Line forms to my right. Later, more ramen. Honestly, I'm sick of it. But I think of you while I'm eating, Jack, and I smile.

Wednesday Soup:

Last day: I decide to go out with a bang and make dinner for my girlfriend and myself while still staying inside my budget. No measly ramen for my girlfriend though. I'm making something special. Stone Soup. I go to Copps and buy some split peas and an onion: 93¢ Then I call up my girlfriend: "Want to come over for dinner?"

"Yeah What's your cookin'\" "Split pea soup. Can you bring some carrots and a loaf of bread when you come over?"

Of course she can. After all, I'm making dinner, right?

Stone Soup is getting people to bring food together for a communal meal.

Water, split peas, peel, add salt and pepper. I saute them the whole half hour. I add some Goldfish instead. It's almost too easy. I quit after 15 minutes. "I love having a boyfriend who can cook," she says. "You're awesome."

You hear that Jack? I didn't just survive on three bucks. I'm awesome. I rule.

DESSERT!

Desert? More lovins' with the sweet taste of Jack's humiliation.

I use the butter with the last of my garlic. Then I chop and saute the irish potatoes in garlic. Bread. I then offer Sarah her choice of either apple, grape, or orange juice. She wants it, or a Sprite. The soup turns out great. Sarah, who is highly food motivated, is so delighted by it that she dances around.

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"What's this going to cost me?""What's this going to cost me?"

"I'll be kind enough to give me a medium-sized bag, then return and covertly fill the bag up with Goldfish and chips. I see a friend, and I want a mocha, so I decide to try a Finess... Finessing is getting someone to buy you food by offering to buy them for first. It is distinct from beggimg, which is asking for food, or Mooching, which is taking food without asking or paying your fair share.

So I go to my friend, "Hey there. Can I buy you a coffee?"

He says, "Nah, I'm good."

Damn. He's supposed to say, "Let me go get a bill," but I didn't want a big hand going on, the last thing the university needs is me ripping off their yeah. It's a small thing, but it's not part of the solution.

So I take the salt and pepper back, and decide to add a third rule. 3) No flat-out stealing. I'm better than that.

I still don't want to finish my first forage entirely empty handed. So I walk over to Culvers and decide to add a third rule. 3) No flat-out stealing. I'm better than that.

Non-individually packaged items work best. Snitching involves taking something that wouldn't be missed. Ice cream, cereal, and non-individually packaged items work best for snitching.

I open another Ramen, and use the mild sauce. Not bad.

Next I go shopping. County Market is the torch to someone younger. Someone who still has the heart of a student. Someone who hasn't given up on the dream. I give him a look that says, "I'm Pat Rothfuss, bitch."

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DESSERT!
Three-foot colossus discovered in Stevens Point diner brings notions of fame to student

Richard Sweat
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

“Now that’s what I call a french fry!” shouted Courtney Riedle at 5:37 p.m. Wednesday in the Wooden Spoon.

Courtney, a freshman living in Hansen Hall, discovered the three-foot french fry. “This was the first time ever eating in the Wooden Spoon. I had always heard that they served better food than at Debot, so I thought, ‘Heck, I’ll give it a try’!”

Whatever the Wooden Spoon is using to cook their food, it sure has some magic in it. At least that is what Courtney and her friends Alissa Jordan and Jamey Krump think. The record-breaking fry is worth a great deal to these girls.

Courtney said, “I ordered a cheeseburger. The main entree looked like a pile, so I decided to play it safe with something I knew. I got an extra plate of french fries to go with it, and that happened to be the money plate!”

The current record for the biggest french fry is nine inches, and Courtney’s fry is about to blow it out of the grease pan. The colossus is now being held in a special Tupperware container dubbed “The Shrine” by Alissa.

Courtney plans to register her fry with the Guinness Book of World Records immediately. “World wide fame is coming my way, baby!! It’s all coming my way!” she said as she danced around wildly.

“Wow, it’s a great fry. I hope it’s good enough for this ambitious freshman. She also plans to sell her fry in an online auction later this year. I heard of some guy who sold a seven-inch french fry for over $20 on E-bay. Just think of what I can get for three feet! I want checks with zeros, lots of zeros.”

The Wooden Spoon’s head cook William Newhart was excited to have been the one to fry the tasty morsel. “I can’t stop wondering how that potato must have been before they cut the poor bastard,” he said.

Others eating in the diner that night crowded around to catch a glimpse of the phenomenon.

The reporter abroad

From Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Ala.

Red Bertrand
POINTLIFE REPORTER

Well! Life sure has changed since last fall back in good old Stevens Point. For the past three months, I have been living in the exotic, rural nation of Alabama. Life in Birmingham (Bur-ming-ham) and on the quaint campus of Jefferson State Community College has little reminders of home, and plenty wacky and distinct differences.

We started our trip with a continental tour of “Dixie,” the culturally distinct region where Birmingham rests. I’ll never forget our visit to Stone Mountain, Georgia (Geo-ge-e-a), or listening to the natives play their traditional fiddles (a musical instrument the Wooden Spoon uses a tiny, plywood violin); and I’ll especially remember “noodling chun-kers” (fish) in the muddy Chattoochee River and “cha-sin” sweet southern bellies in the apple orchard.

Birmingham is a primitive place, nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The natives like to touch my shiny teeth, and are especially intrigued with my shoes and “fancyankarwerds.” The language barrier has been difficult.

My typical day at Jefferson Community College starts around 10 in the morning. On every other Tuesday, we get to bathe in the river; otherwise, we start the day with a traditional Alabama breakfast of grits and possum, or possibly a homemade biscuit with some fresh “saves.” The class load is pretty easy, consisting of Bible study, ’rhythmic, Morse code and spellun. The result is plenty of free time which I use to explore my new surroundings and culture.

For “funning” the locals I like to drive their pick-up trucks down to Jameson’s Swamp outside of town and drink a devilish concoction called “shine.” Me and my roommate Skeeter built a still in our dormitory, which cranks out a fresh batch every other day. Sometimes we hunt for a mythical beast called the “Bleed-horn” in the woods behind the James B. Allen Library.

The campus is filled with vigorous life. I’ve become quite active in the Young Confederates, College Republicans and Mud Club.

Birmingham is a place of simple living and simple pleasures, which is a welcome change. I would like to thank International Programs for offering such a life-changing experience to us students. I’m sure I will miss the ignorant charm of southern hospitality, and all the racist, bigoted natives once I return to Stevens Point in May. I’ve got to run to the Friday-night barn dance. From the other side of the world, this is Ned Bertrand, signing off.
Late night hosts wage epic battle

Rupert Harrisson
REPORTER EXTRAORDINARE

The two famed late night show hosts Conan O'Brien and Space Ghost have engaged in a heated battle over who will fill in a new late night slot on STV. STV announced their search for a new TV show to air daily at 11 p.m. beginning of March. Within two weeks, total mayhem came over the station when the big-time stars came knockin' on their door.

Matthew Lawton, STV's general manager, said, "It came upon us so quickly that we didn't really know what was going on." On Tuesday, March 15, STV received a call from Space Ghost offering his hit hour for his hit TV show Space Ghost Coast to Coast.

"We were beyond ecstatic to hear the incredible news as powerful in the television industry as Space Ghost himself," explained Lawton. "I gave him the time slot immediately." Two days later, STV received another call late in the afternoon. It was Conan O'Brien. "He offered us the rights to air his show during our opening, which obviously we didn't really know what we were going on."

Jennifer Garvey, STV's promotional coordinator, insisted on contracting Space Ghost. She said that he would bring a "new, intergalactic edge" to campus television. Space Ghost has interviewed Hollywood stars such as Borjik, Donnossie, Jim Carey, and super model Tyra Banks. Lawton, however, is fond of Conan. "Who else can bring their audience Triumph the Insult Comic Dog, Pimpbot 5000 and The Masturbating Bear all in the same show?" he said.

Space Ghost Coast to Coast debuted in April 1994 on the Cartoon Network. The show was born of the realization that any "battle" involving late-night talk shows could probably use a vanquishing super hero in the mix, according to the Cartoon Network. Late Night with Conan O'Brien, referred to as "the most cunning talk show around" by Entertainment Weekly, began its 12th season on September 13, 2004. The show has dominated ratings in its time period, and every aspect of it has been praised in the media, according to the NBC Web site.

Space Ghost responded negatively to Conan O'Brien challenging him for the new time slot on STV. He wrote in a letter to Lawton that he was "disappointed and hurt" that STV would offer him the show and then change their mind two days later.

"I'm going to take Oprah to the hole," said Space Ghost, his face void of expression. "What am I thinking? I can't take Oprah to the hole. I'll just fly around for a bit and then lie about it."

Conan, however, spoke confidently. "Half of all Americans are now using the Internet to get their news... but don't worry. Experts say that before you know it, we'll all be back to using the Internet for it's primary purpose - downloading porn."

"I think I can compete with Conan "Ohe-i-wish-my-name-was-Brief," responded Space Ghost. "After all, I do have the universe's only talk show hosted by a super hero. I am a super hero... was... back in the day... but I still do super hero work now... on the side."

Lawton encourages everyone to write STV to let them know which talk show host would best suit UW-SP's needs and wants. STV plans to make their decision regarding the late night show by mid April. An exact premiere time is yet to be announced.

Upperclassmen flock to dorms unexpectedly

Students are suddenly trading in their apartment living for the comfort of residence hall life

Molly Maxim
REPORTER

An alarming number of junior and senior UW-SP students are leaving behind their lifestyles of independent living to come back to the dorms they so willingly wanted to leave a mere matter of months ago.

As residential living director Joe Totman said, "We are already at capacity for next year based upon the number of juniors and seniors returning to the residence halls. We are unaware of why the numbers are so high. Usually the students seem to be more eager to leave the confines we establish in the dorms."

The reasons as to why students are returning seem to be rather varied. A great number of students seem to simply miss the close proximity of living. As junior Eki Hiley said, "I miss being able to shower with my buddy right next to me. Some of our greatest conversations use to be while we were bathing our selves together." Hiley's sentiments seemed to be echoed in the words of Lori Loster. "I miss the comfort that residential living provided me with. There is nothing quite like the feeling of togetherness as we all stand outside huddling for warmth after a fire alarm was pulled at 2 a.m."

Residential living has assured the student body that they are going to do their best to accommodate the needs of students wanting to come back to campus housing. However, it has been noted that in order to offset the cost associated with trying to find a dorm room for every student's request, the cost of housing may potentially see a 20 percent increase. "This is nothing to be alarmed about," noted Totman. "Usually the cost of housing sees a significant increase every academic year. This needs to happen in order to keep the drug trafficking of resident living personnel at a sustainable level."

As an example, the increase in students wanting to live on campus has created an enormous loss of profit to the surrounding apartment complexes. As the director of Lofty Acres apartments said, "We really cannot understand why students would be so willing to go back to the cell blocks of residential living. We are simply at a loss for words."

Regardless of the reasoning behind it, the impacts of this rising trend seem to leave a great many baffled. With juniors and seniors coming back to campus life, many freshmen and sophomores are beginning to wonder if apartment living is really all it is made out to be. "I have always heard how much living off campus rocks compared to living in the dorms. But now, as upperclassmen are beginning to move back, I am starting to wonder if I am truly not appreciating all that dorm living has to offer," stated sophomore Mitch Apaluza. "I never realized how great living in a 10 foot by 10 foot cinder block room could be until I noticed all the upperclassmen leaving their spacious apartment dwellings, not to mention the joys of the home cooking provided to us by the Debit staff. I feel like I am experiencing the royal treatment here on campus," said Bobbie Mosier triumphantly.

As upperclassmen continue to flock back to the comfort and safety of residential living, many questions will begin to arise. All that is for certain is that the true joy of campus living cannot be unappreciated or undermined. For in the end, it is resident life that provides students with the comfort of showering with strangers, waking up to the delightful sound of intoxicated students running down the hallway, and most importantly, reminiscing about your childhood as you are tucked in bed each night to the voice of your campus advisor reminding you that quiet hours have now begun. As upperclassmen can testify, nothing beats the feeling of home brought to you by the friendly and welcoming staff of residential living.
Bennett set to move to Milwaukee

Lee Ving Point
SPORTS REPORTER

With officials at UW-Milwaukee searching to fill the recently vacated men's basketball head coaching position, UW-SP's Jack Bennett has surfaced as the likely candidate to fill the open spot.

Bruce Pearl, Milwaukee's former head coach, left the school to accept the same position at the University of Tennessee.

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Could this be the last UW-SP senior class coached by the legendary Jack Bennett?

New stadium to be built on site of Fine Arts Center

Art Nomore
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite the fact that the addition to the Noel Fine Arts Center is close to completion, the UW System Board of Regents approved a plan for a retractable-roof multi-sport facility that would be built on the site of the existing Fine Arts Center.

The new stadium, with a suggested cost of $125 million, will have a 10,000-seat capacity and will be the new home of the football, soccer, basketball, hockey, baseball, track and softball teams at UW-SP.

"The Board of Regents just decided that a stadium is more important than a fine arts thing," said UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell. "Sports bring in more people to this campus.

The addition to the Noel Fine Arts Center, a $26.12 million, 10,000-seat capacity facility that would be built on the site of the existing Fine Arts Center. The projected site for the stadium also includes the area of the so-called "Sanfald" between the Fine Arts Center and the Library Resource Center and the parking lot behind the Collins Classroom Center. New parking will be added at the current site of the Health Enhancement Center, which will be razed after the new stadium is erected.

"The new stadium will bring in a lot of recruits and potential students to UW-SP. It will be a one-of-a-kind facility that no other D-III schools have," said Bunnell.

With two very polarized attitudes toward the construction of the new stadium, town hall meetings will be scheduled in the near future for UW-SP students, faculty and the community to come and share their thoughts.

The construction of Point Beer Garden is scheduled to be completed in time for the 2009-10 academic year.

An artist's rendering of what Point Beer Garden will look like when completed.
**UW-SP bowling leagues gain NCAA D-III status**

Bo Lingalley
SPORTS REPORTER

Student-athletes who participate in the UW-SP bowling leagues at Skipp’s Bowling Center on Wednesday and Thursday nights can now earn more than bragging rights at the alley.

The NCAA officially declared bowling as a Division III sport and the leagues will be eligible for national championships this year.

“I might have to take the league more seriously now. Maybe I won’t drink so much each week,” said Joe “Gutter Ball” Jones, a three-year veteran of the league. “Wait a minute, who am I kidding?”

The UW-SP leagues are the first sanctioned bowling leagues in Division III and will continue to operate in their normal fashion until other schools are admitted.

The national championship will be decided in a 64-team post-season tournament, much like in Division I basketball.

The teams with the best record in each of the three sessions (two sessions on Wednesday and one on Thursday) will be given automatic No. 1 seeds. The fourth No. 1 seed will go to an at-large bid.

The remainder of the field will also be selected on an at-large basis.

“I hope Dick Vitale and the gang cover this tournament, because basketball ain’t got shit on us,” said “Gutter Ball” Jones.

The creation of the NCAA Division III bowling national championship has garnered interest from a cable sports channel, as the newly-introduced ESPNU will be covering the tournament in its entirety this May.

“We are excited to be a part of the newly-created championship in bowling,” said George Bodnichem, president of the ESPN family of networks. “This is the first in what is sure to be a new trend in the broadcast of college athletics.”

The locations for the regionals have been set for the championship tournament. The Stevens Point regional will be held at Skipp’s Bowling Center, the Menasha regional will be held at Sabre Lanes, the Bloomer regional will be held at Bloomer Bowl and Liquor Mart and the Madison regional will be held at Badger Bowl.

The Final Four and title contest will take place at Miller Park in Milwaukee, which will be host to a Professional Bowlers Association event in 2004.

**Badminton champ to teach football team footwork and concentration**

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SPORTS REPORTER

World-class badminton champion Chi Ming is scheduled to perform a clinic for the UW-SP football team this spring to teach Asian footwork and concentration methods.

Ming, who has won 19 badminton championships in his native Mongolia, will come to campus April 23 to work with the players on improving quickness with their feet and their mind.

Ming is looking forward to this opportunity to share his knowledge.

“I hope (that) my knowledge (will) help (the) team (to get) better,” Ming said. “I just want them to win.”

Head Coach John Miech said he has been waiting for this kind of impact visit since he first became coach.

“When I became head coach 16 years ago, I said to myself, ‘If I can get Ming in here, I know it would help my team dramatically,’” he said. “Unfortunately, the seniors will not be able to reap the benefits Ming will bring to the table.”

Ming, whose world-renowned book called *A Peace of Mind at War*, will offer multiple techniques in footwork and concentration to improve running ability and vision on the football field.

UW-SP safety J.J. Chaudoir is waiting impatiently for the arrival of the Zen master.

“I know that with Ming’s assistance, our team should vastly improve,” he said. “I heard his meditation techniques are considered the best around the world. I am looking forward to becoming one with my full circle self.”

Running back Cody Childs also had positive things to say of the man.

“What Ming did for Emmitt Smith probably extended his career another five years,” he said. “I am looking forward to working with the little guy.”

It was rumored that Ming might have to cancel his trip to Stevens Point after the 25-year professional announced that he was called to testify in the Michael Jackson court case sometime in mid-April, but Ming, has re-assured Coach Miech he will be in attendance.

“My talk at court won’t be long,” he said. “I must go tell them what I know and then I leave.”

Ming said the reason he must testify surrounds his visit to Jackson’s ranch in 2000 and after winning his 16th badminton championship.

Most of all, Ming just looks forward to being able to share his knowledge with the team.

“I know I can make them superstars.”

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Professor gets technology merit badge

George Mularky
SCIENCE REPORTER

As the class took their seats, newly confident professor Carl Milfay strode towards the multi-media podium and quickly logged onto the computer, loaded a Power-Point presentation and then proceeded to expertly play a VHS tape with full audio. He even managed to dim the lights correctly.

Milfay is the first at UW-SP to earn a technology merit badge. The program, started in 2004, is designed to promote technological proficiency amongst professors in all colleges and programs. Curbing technological ineptitude has not been an easy process, however.

“You see every time a professor tries to utilize the immense classroom technology available, they screw it up big time,” said UW-SP senior Frank Baker. “They either put the DVD in upside down, turn off all the lights or try displaying a map of Mongolia on video line three, instead of one. It’s a joke.”

The problem of technological ineptitude especially plagues older professors. In a recent History 302 lecture, aging professor Nancy Johnson fell victim to overwhelming “hi-tech gizmos.”

“Let me see here... OK. Well the video should be playing now. Geesh. Is it playing now?” asked a confused and frustrated Johnson. “Let me try this. Nope. Why isn’t the volume working on this seven, we’ll go ahead with the Power-Point presentation on film noir,” said professor Wesley. With remote control in hand, Wesley somehow managed to infect the entire Communication building’s network with deadly viruses, turn off the lights in the Wooden Spoon and play a horrible acoustic rendition of Heart’s “Barracuda.”

Confusion turns to desperation and utter fear when most professors have to deal with modern technology in the classroom.

Communications professor Rhonda Sprague, pictured above, experiences this to the disadvantage of her class.

As I am still keenly interested in all things sticky and gooey, I began meddling with mammalian mucus-producing glands. Using basic string theory and a knack for finding exemplary mammalian mucus sources, I was able to recreate anti-gravity, right here on earth.

Which mammals produce the best mucus?
Well wombats produce a very sticky mucus, and flying squirrels have the most elastic mucus, but the gold-standard to date, has got to be dolphin – Grade A Bottlenose.

What is currently your main area of study?
Funny you should ask. I was originally attempting to create a sort of “super” ball, using rubber dynamics and beta symmetry physics. As you well know, the super ball had already been invented.

So what was the breakthrough moment in your research?
I suppose it was when I realized you cannot resist gravity; you must succumb to its force. That is where string theory comes into play. The mucus itself has the means to overcome the massive force of gravity; however, it does not have the mentality. By applying string theory to the world’s finest mammalian mucus, I was able to circumvent those massive forces at their most finite.

OK. So what do you plan to do with this technology?
Well, I’ve developed a killer line of hair products, which I use daily. Also, I’m looking into creating a building material that would be 120 times stronger than steel, yet ten times lighter and much cheaper.

You just blew my mind.

(footnotes)
A sub-atomic theory based on the belief that all life is made of identical “string” of matter.

Scientific Notations
Health services takes preventative measures
Health Services announces new preventative measure to combat student health problems by issuing every student a bottle of Vicadin.

The Pope goes Bionic
Pope John Paul III has gone bionic in what insiders say is the latest attempt of the Catholic church to show its determination to stay alive. Robo-Pope will begin dispensing wisdom by Christmastime.

Erlenmeyer flask remains darling of scientific world
For the seventh year running, the Erlenmeyer flask remains the favorite amongst professional and hobby chemists world-wide. Lab workers cite the erlenmeyer’s sleek lines and rugged durability as reasons for their unconditional love.

The study also noted that most chemists surveyed preferred the erlenmeyer’s wider, loving mouth.

UW-SP offers new smoking-only area
Rustic smoking shanty adds quaint touch to UW-SP campus. The facility comes equipped with a cot and three ashtrays.

Freedaa Smokes
SCIENCE REPORTER

In an impressive move last week, SGA announced the establishment of a smoking-only building on campus. This move is expected to vastly improve smoker/nonsmoker relations.

The building is a historic monument of sorts, and was first located on the outskirts of Montgomery, Ala. A local cotton farmer donated the shanty which had been left vacant since April of 1865. “This building proves beyond a doubt that everyone can receive their fair share,” said an unidentified administration official.

The building is located behind Hyer Hall, on the outskirts of the baseball diamond.

Three students tested the building out on Friday, after being given dirty looks by students on the street who caught them smoking. “It isn’t so bad,” one said. “It’s kind of peaceful, here actually. Peaceful-like.” The three dodged errant baseballs as they made their way to the building.

They found sanctuary in the smokery as others inside welcomed the trio and made room for them on the dirt floor. Later, one woman began singing hymns while the others listened.
Fun, dangerous new faunae to be released into residence halls

Wingfield Hollinghurst
CYNOPHOBIOLOGICAL ENThusiAST

Residential Living announced late last week that several interesting and extremely lethal wild animals will be released into each residence hall at the start of the fall 2005 semester. Each hall will receive one large or several small animals, with possibilities ranging from alligators and bobcats to plague-bearing rats and rabies-infected raccoons. The reasoning behind this rather unorthodox move is as expressed by Residential Living in a press release, the desire to "help speed the transition into university life for our incoming freshmen and also to help our returning students on the right track. Simply put, we at Residential Living feel that if, as an eighteen-year-old adult, you lack the skills and wherewithal to dodge and defend yourself against a host of predators, you may very well lack the adaptive skills needed for success in college and the real world."

A newsletter naming the beast or beasts present in their child's hall will be mailed to the parents of each incoming student, as well as a list of its habits and the medical actions to be taken in the event of an attack. Bobcat Hall will also be extending its hours of operation until five in the evening to deal with late afternoon incidents. "We expect, naturally, a few mishaps in the first weeks," said Residential Living also stated that they felt this "new learning adventure" would encourage students to spend more time in the classroom instead of their room, discourage time-wasting activities like playing pool in basement recreation areas, and encourage alertness, agility, keeping the kitchens free of stray food and comradery. "Nothing cements a bond between two roommates like barricading a door against a hungry mountain lion."

Pending the experiment's success, Residential Living plans to keep it in place for many semesters to come, and is currently working on an instructional kit, "Make Your Campus Wild," to be sent to other colleges in need of solutions.

S.P. ranks third in nation in rabbit pop.

Moe Howard
LOCAL StOOGE

A report, released Tuesday, by the Federal Commission for Furry Creatures, ranks the city of Stevens Point third in the U.S. in cottontail rabbit density per square mile. One year ago, Point ranked 24th in the nation in this survey. The sudden jump in population has led to great speculation among city officials that the innocent little bunnies really are "doing it like human flesh." Pickens. "I can feel their beady little eyes watching me and that's when I know it's time to hip-hop on home." Many people love the rabbits, but with population densities like this, they really can become dangerous. Though many people are unaware, rabbits can be carnivorous at times and, in fact, have a particular taste for human flesh.

"I get scared when I'm walking home at night," said Sally "Slim" Pickens. "I can feel their beady little eyes watching me and that's when I know it's time to hop off home." This approach is probably a little extreme according to animal officials. "There's really nothing to fear," said Buktuu. "Though rabbits have been known to bring down a full-grown human from time to time, it hasn't happened in this area in at least three or four weeks." Most local officials reiterate the fact that rabbits generally will leave humans alone if they keep a safe distance and don't harass the animals. "Try not to worry about it," said Buktuu. "When you're outside, just hang around with people who are slower than you at all times."

Outdoors

DNR's Hill Introduction Program a complete failure in Portage County

Glen Planeski
WILD HILL ENTHUSIAST

For the past two decades, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has implemented, without success, a wide-spread Hill Introduction Program (HIP) in central Portage County. Before the logging companies swept through the land in the late 1800s, the land on which Stevens Point now sits was literally teeming with Wild Hills. Flash forward to the present day, and the elusive North American Hill (Americaris Arpinimus) is practically extinct in Portage County, aside from the remote eastern region.

The Stevens Point of present day rests on one of the flattest known stretches of land, this idea of the Mississippi. The "Point Plateau," as biologists call it, spans 6 square miles, and it's known that the Bullet Hall could be extending its hours of operation until five in the evening to deal with late afternoon incidents. "We expect, naturally, a few mishaps in the first weeks," said Residential Living also stated that they felt this "new learning adventure" would encourage students to spend more time in the classroom instead of their room, discourage time-wasting activities like playing pool in basement recreation areas, and encourage alertness, agility, keeping the kitchens free of stray food and comradery. "Nothing cements a bond between two roommates like barricading a door against a hungry mountain lion."

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Government officials and environmentalists report that there is new evidence that one of the wildest, most unforgettable invasive species in the Continental U.S. is wrapping up its annual migration to southern regions of the country from the Midwest.

The Wildus Maximus, otherwise known as the college spring-breaker, has reportedly been spotted anywhere and everywhere from the Florida Panhandle, to Mexico, to the Bahamas during the past few weeks - leaving a trail of SPE 15 lotion and Admiral Nelson in its wake. According to Florida Director of Environmental Affairs, Howie U. Duising, the fast-as-lightning invasion is something new to native southerners.

"Year after year we just have to make the best of the situation," says Duising. "We've done our best to implement safety programs and have even set up safe havens for local residents who wish to escape the invasion." Still, some southern officials fear the lasting effects of an invasion year after year.

The collective pale skin of many of the creatures can sometimes reflect so much sunlight back towards the sky that we see a surface temperature drop ranging anywhere from five to fifteen degrees Fahrenheit," said Pensacola meteorologist, Reid Mills. Southern animals also feel the direct effect of the spring-time invasion. Since 1983, at least 35,000 seagulls have reportedly fallen victim to the ill-effects of alcohol, with an unknown number of illegitimate chicks resulting from the induced lack of proper judgment.

"Spring breakers are terrible! One minute we're flying along, minding our own business and the next we're seeing a pelican and a bottle of Early Times," said one gull, who chose to remain anonymous. "These are experiences I'd prefer to just forget."

Fortunately for the country's southern inhabitants, the spring-breaker only stays for a short period of time before returning to its northern home and a life of innocent dormancy. Aside from the occasional gull gaffe, the spring-breaker passes on its way unnoticed.

Wild Man found in Schmeekle

Other "Wild persons" believed to still be on the loose

W. Dickens
OUTDOORS EDITOR

UW-SP security officials, along with the FBI, CIA, NSA, ATF, DEA, DOD, FAA, FCC, FDDA, FEMA, NATO and a man known simply as "Bob" are designating Schmeekle Reserve as an area of "High Concern" after the discovery of a wild human living within its wooded borders.

Campus authorities, in coordination with the Stevens Point Police Department, were called to the southern bank of Lake Joanis late Wednesday afternoon, after receiving several reports of a small, crazed, hairy man running semi-naked across the ice on Lake Joanis.

Amanda Love was the first officer to arrive on scene. "It's hard to know how to approach a situation like this," said Love. "We had no idea why he was out there or if he was armed or anything like that. For all I knew he was some lunatic, hopping up on a boom and 'shrooms."

After several hours of carefully attempted communication with the stranded man, the SWAT team was summoned to the scene, along with the highway desk and a tactical officer from Green Bay.

"It was getting late and we needed to get him off of the island before frigid night-time temperatures set in," said Police Capt., Frank Lee.

Once on scene, the helicopter crew was shocked to find that the stranded man was, in fact, anything but your typical lunatic. One look at his loin cloth flapping up down in the wind, revealing more than most cared to see, was evidence enough of this. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing," said Crew Chief Mark O. Polo. "That's one not-so-concealed weapon I'd prefer not to deal with ever again."

Several shots from a tranquilizer gun later, the frightened, and now completely naked wild man was loaded onto the chopper and flown back to St. Michael's Hospital for observation and testing.

Several attempts at communication have failed and psychologists report little progress in relations with the man.

"I've had to tighten his straight-jacket three times since he arrived," said Dr. Liz Ippun. "It's hard to say how long it will take to make a connection with him."

A search of the island in Lake Joanis turned up numerous skeletons of rabbits, squirrels and deer, as well as a walkman containing a Cyndi Lauper cassette.

"We believe that 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' is the first clue as to why this man went nuts," said Capt. Lee. Amazingly, this is only the beginning to the mystery of the Schmeekle wild man.

An aerial survey of the reserve revealed what appeared to be a permanent camp about 300 yards north of Lake Joanis.

An investigation of the camp revealed a still smoldering fire and the carcass of a freshly killed raccoon. In a shocking twist, three different sized, bare footprints were found in the immediate vicinity of the camp, but quickly disappeared into the woods.

Officials refuse to speculate as to the origin of the footprints, and an FBI source was overheard uttering the simple phrase, "God, help us all."

Wild Man found in Schmeekle

Other "Wild persons" believed to still be on the loose

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OUTDOORS EDITOR

UW-SP security officials, along with the FBI, CIA, NSA, ATF, DEA, DOD, FAA, FCC, FDDA, FEMA, NATO and a man known simply as "Bob" are designating Schmeekle Reserve as an area of "High Concern" after the discovery of a wild human living within its wooded borders.

Campus authorities, in coordination with the Stevens Point Police Department, were called to the southern bank of Lake Joanis late Wednesday afternoon, after receiving several reports of a small, crazed, hairy man running semi-naked across the ice on Lake Joanis.

Amanda Love was the first officer to arrive on scene. "It's hard to know how to approach a situation like this," said Love. "We had no idea why he was out there or if he was armed or anything like that. For all I knew he was some lunatic, hopping up on a boom and 'shrooms."

After several hours of carefully attempted communication with the stranded man, the SWAT team was summoned to the scene, along with the highway desk and a tactical officer from Green Bay.

"It was getting late and we needed to get him off of the island before frigid night-time temperatures set in," said Police Capt., Frank Lee.

Once on scene, the helicopter crew was shocked to find that the stranded man was, in fact, anything but your typical lunatic. One look at his loin cloth flapping up down in the wind, revealing more than most cared to see, was evidence enough of this. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing," said Crew Chief Mark O. Polo. "That's one not-so-concealed weapon I'd prefer not to deal with ever again."

Several shots from a tranquilizer gun later, the frightened, and now completely naked wild man was loaded onto the chopper and flown back to St. Michael's Hospital for observation and testing.

Several attempts at communication have failed and psychologists report little progress in relations with the man.

"I've had to tighten his straight-jacket three times since he arrived," said Dr. Liz Ippun. "It's hard to say how long it will take to make a connection with him."

A search of the island in Lake Joanis turned up numerous skeletons of rabbits, squirrels and deer, as well as a walkman containing a Cyndi Lauper cassette.

"We believe that 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' is the first clue as to why this man went nuts," said Capt. Lee. Amazingly, this is only the beginning to the mystery of the Schmeekle wild man.

An aerial survey of the reserve revealed what appeared to be a permanent camp about 300 yards north of Lake Joanis.

An investigation of the camp revealed a still smoldering fire and the carcass of a freshly killed raccoon. In a shocking twist, three different sized, bare footprints were found in the immediate vicinity of the camp, but quickly disappeared into the woods.

Officials refuse to speculate as to the origin of the footprints, and an FBI source was overheard uttering the simple phrase, "God, help us all."

Weekend Weather Outlook:

Friday: Rain/Snow mix. High: 33 Low: 20
Saturday: Sunny with wind. High: 22 Low: 19
Sunday: Partly cloudy. High: 15 Low: 6

Change of heart?

Bush finally ratifies Kyoto Protocol

In a move that surprised many and will doubtlessly cause a stir in Congress, particularly among his fellow Republicans, President Bush signed the Kyoto Protocol last Friday. After withdrawing the United States from the pact early in his first term, Bush has repeatedly argued against the Protocol, claiming it would hurt the American economy.

Kyoto, introduced in 1997, was embraced by former President Clinton. Since Bush abandoned the pact in 2001, there has been worldwide pressure for the United States to re-join the fight on global warming, especially since the United States accounts for 25 percent of global emissions. Leading the charge is English Prime Minister Tony Blair. Bush's war ally and one of Kyoto's biggest supporters.

Bush visited Blair last week, reportedly to talk about the war on terrorism, but Kyoto must have been on the agenda as well, since Bush's signing came just two days after he returned home from England. By signing, Bush has pledged that the United States will drop its greenhouse gas emissions 5.2 percent from 1990 levels by 2012.

"This was not exactly how I wanted us to do this, but something had to be done. As a global leader, we will continue to lead, this time in the war on global warming," Bush stated Friday afternoon. Such a quick and dramatic reversal of policy will no doubt have repercussions, perhaps among Bush's staunch Republican supporters in Congress.

There are others, though, who are thrilled, hoping this marks the start of an environmentally friendly presidential administration. "I just cannot believe it," a warily optimistic Carl Pope, the Sierra Club executive director stated. "At least Senator McCain is happy with the President's decision and are hoping he continues down this road, particularly regarding oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other beautiful places currently in danger."

The United States becomes one of over 125 countries who have signed Kyoto, in attempts to curb emissions and their effects on the planet. Kyoto just went into effect last month, after another country responsible for a large percentage of emissions, Russia, ratified it after much delay. Now that the United States has joined the fray as well, Kyoto officials expect to begin seeing results very soon.
The clone, which was created by an undisclosed UWS-SP biology major, was reported to have exited the 200-level class in a state of profound depression and anger. A few hours later, it was found lifeless in the fourth floor men's bathroom of the Collins Classroom Center, an archaic fountain in its throat.

"I thought Eliot would be a great clone," reported the student responsible for its creation in a statement released from the bowels of the Pentagon, where he is being held for questioning about his advanced cloning techniques and a possible summer internship. "A couple of years back I cloned F. Scott Fitzgerald for my midterm from some genetic matter left on a beer bottle, and he got along great with the students. Of course, he did die of liver failure after a couple of weeks. I guess Eliot's just not their kind of Modernist."

The Eliot clone was of the same opinion. While still fresh out of the culture dish, it expressed pleasure at the opportunity offered it to teach English literature by English chair Michael Williams, and prepared a briefcase with lecture notes to "easily fill three good hours." When it arrived at its classroom in the CCC, it appeared somewhat dismayed by the fact that it wasn't a lecture hall, and confused by the computer next to its lectern. It was even more put off by the half-asleep, ill-prepared and fidgety class of twenty-five eighteen to twenty-two-olds it faced. The Eliot clone had previously prepared against teaching a Friday morning class, but hadn't seemed able or willing to take seriously the concept of "thirsty Thursday." Determined to get off on the right foot, the esteemed clone began with a simple introduction and a small joke about "whatever the hell he just said."

"You must be joking," the student retorted. "I thought Eliot would be a great clone." The student was then being questioned about his advanced cloning techniques and a possible summer internship.

Entertainment Debate:
My TIVO is the best thing that ever happened to me.

Charlotte Samson

The day I brought my brand new TiVo Series2 Digital Video Recorder home was the best day ever, with the possible exception of September 18, 1993 - the first day Rocko's Modern Life aired.

I immediately set the gizmo up, plugged in all the plugs and was soon whisked away to a world without real people or problems. Now, I can sit home every day and watch Rocko's Modern Life non-stop. In case you were wondering, Rocko's Modern Life is the best animated show ever. Probably the best show I've seen in a long time.

I do watch other shows on occasion just to mix it up, especially since I have all four seasons of Rocko burned to DVD. Sometimes I'll set my TiVs to record professional poker. There is a setting that records every single poker show on television. The sad truth is: Charlie watches that stupid fucking "Entertainment Debate:" Charlie Samson is the worst thing that ever happened to me.

TiVo Series2 #63789

I hate Charlie so fucking much, with that "We're best pals!" shit. Oh, he makes me want to punch pesticides. Here is the truth. In that sonofabitch has no idea what I'm capable of. He didn't even read my manual. And he definitely doesn't record or watch poker. I don't know why he's so mean. Persistent failure to meet with the uniform's standards could result in expulsion from the department. In certain exceptional cases, certain students majoring in painting and ceramics will be allowed to retain their tie-dyed shirts and patchouli-based perfumes, "as such clothing is in keeping with the expectations of the art majors in every other art department in the U.S." The rationale behind this decision was nearly encapsulated as "people need to be able to identify artists on sight. How else can we know who's creative and cool if artists don't dress the part?"

The uniform will allow male students to select corduroy jackets and patterned dress shirts with jeans as well as certain skate and alternative band gear. Certain deck shoes, dress shoes and shades of Converse high tops will be allowed, but any one attempting to wear, for example, Nike running shoes "will be sent home to change and their grade for the day will be docked."

Female students will be encouraged to wear cute, iron-tshirt shirts inspired by cartoons of the 1980s, funky kneelength skirts and footwear similar to that approved for males. All students, regardless of gender, will be strongly encouraged to carry a cellular phone with "a cool ring tone" at all times. Starbucks travel mugs will be permitted as acceptable accessories.

Failure or refusal to abide by the guidelines of the uniform or the collection of points from class projects, being sent home to change and being ridiculed by one's more with-it friends. Persistent failure to meet with the uniform's standards could result in expulsion from the department. In certain exceptional cases, certain students majoring in painting and ceramics will be allowed to retain their tie-dyed shirts and patchouli-based perfumes, "as such clothing is in keeping with the expectations of the art majors in every other art department in the U.S." The rationale behind this decision was nearly encapsulated as "people need to be able to identify artists on sight. How else can we know who's creative and cool if artists don't dress the part?"

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Resident's Fools

After Rehab

Hey, Money! I just came back from the Army recruiter!

Hey! What are you gonna do in the Army, man?

Yeah, but you'll get hurt, man.

Naw, I got that covered. See?

Cool, but you're so slow, how will you keep up?

No problem, dude! I used to be a toy tank!

I guess you'll be just fine... as long as you pass the Piss Test.

Piss Test, huh? Maybe we should thank this whole thing over...

The ocean is a crazy, messed up place. You humans got it sooooo good.

Yes Dick, I solved the terrorist problem. Bin Laden thinks he has the silver spoon, think he can conquer the world...

Heh, I gave him the cone we bought in a Tasmanian Trench. The guy must be so happy to find it that he加快发展 in MahWallet in a mountain cave, April Fool's to him!

After several days of thought, I've come to this conclusion: If I could mix one thing from the ocean and one thing from the land; I would definitely create a female Squid that could belt out Heart songs at the Coral Reef Karaoke Club.

Ocean rock groups just pale in comparison. Love you, Squiddy

Comics

Resident's Fools Hosted by Ricky Rachtman

After Polish

I started Playing The Piano. What Did They Do To Me?
Bonuses Sports

Kaslow ascends during pep rally

Jimmy Safari
SPORTS REPORTER

DIII player of the year apparently much more powerful than world knew.

In a spectacle unmatched on this world in over 2,000 years, Senior Power Forward Jason Kalsow ascended to heaven during a recent pep rally. All the while glowering a milky white hue, team trainers are reporting. While nearly 600 people witnessed the spectacle at the Berg Gymnasium this past Tuesday, no clear explanation for what happened is discernable.

All that remains of the WIAA and DIII Men’s Basketball player of the year are fond memories and a golden, number 44 Pointer athletic jersey, with a faded image of Mr. Kalsow imprinted upon the still sweaty fabric of his former Self-titled hoops coach, I have never beheld such an unexplainable spectacle,” said the mystified coach. “It’s been a great ride facing since the pep rally. They include the fact that Kalsow bled bright blue since 2003 and also, his amazing powers for “healing,” teammate’s errant jump-shots into the cylinder, as well as tuberculosis.

After the Great Kalsow’s ascension, family members found a hidden catacomb in his bedroom closet. Blocking off a massive granite boulder. Deep inside, wrapped in an intricate doily, they found the self-titled “Gospel of Jason,” which contains 44 separate passages on Basketball, Modesty and Basketball.

God was not available for comment as of press time.

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