

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 UW-System President Kevin Riley 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 Hombeck 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

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As a result of pressure from law enforcement and religious groups citing occurrences of lewd behavior, 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.

Gannett is the world's largest newspaper conglomerate, with over 100 newspapers in the United States alone, including the *USA Today*, *The Stevens Point Journal*, and the *Wausau Daily Herald*. With the addition of *The Pointer*, Gannett gained a virtual monopoly on the Central Wisconsin newspaper market.

Douglas H. McCorkindale, chairman, president and CEO of Gannett, said in a phone interview following the sale,



D.H. McCorkindale.

“*The Pointer* will be a great asset for our ever-growing company. With some major tweaking and downsizing, I’m sure we’ll see a hefty boost to our bottom line within three months. I mean just look at these advertising revenues; they’re pathetic. And the salary budget! Please ... who do these kids think they are, the AP?” McCorkindale added that the restructuring process would place “at least some emphasis to retain at least 5 percent of the traditional college press ambiance.”

Pointer Editor-in-Chief Adam Mella, who was canned within hours of the deal, along with the entire executive staff, held a somber press conference at the *Pointer* office.

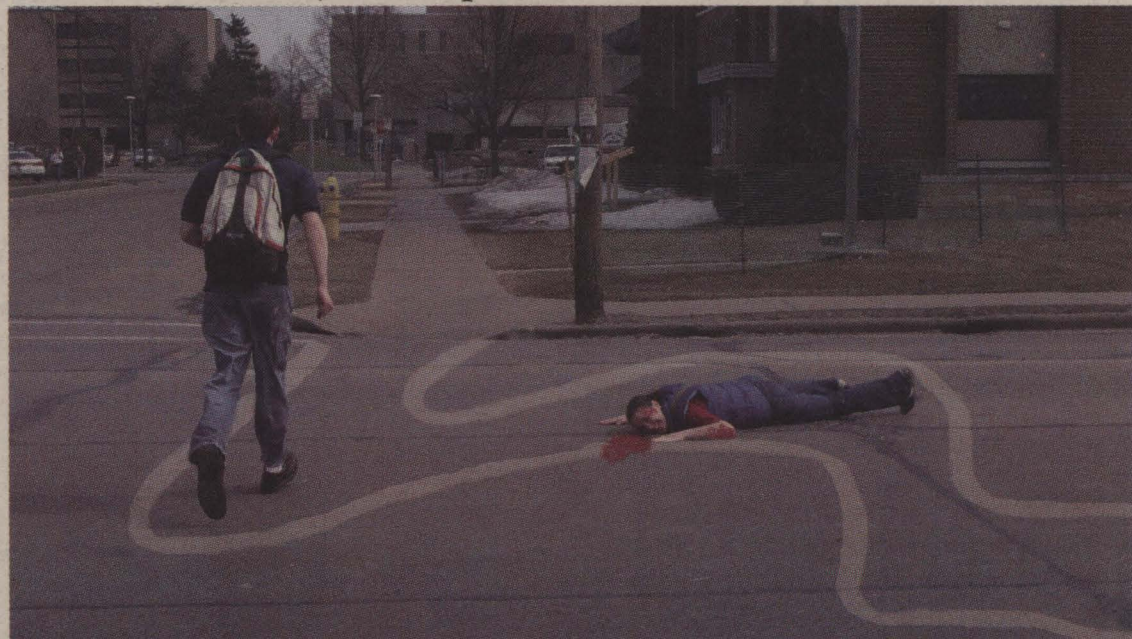
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This is an unfortunate action for many college students who use the break to work and pay for the remainder of the semester. There are talks by officials to increase funding for financial aid to make up for the lost wages, but with the current government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

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

Several serious injuries reported in first week



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

Photo by Holly Sandbo

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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 stop-light, 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.”

Student Government representatives denounced the move, calling it “irresponsible and completely archaic.”

“What’s next?” asked SGA representative Robert Bushnell. “A lava pit in the U.C.? Or maybe a pack of wild pumas in the CCC? The safety and rights of pedestrians should be a top priority for the city and the university.”

Unfortunately, the university has no jurisdiction on the dangerous intersection.

In the first week alone, it appears Stevens Point motorists are taking full advantage of the new regulations, with several severe injuries to UW-SP students, including a broken femur, a sprained ankle and a torn ACL.

Junior Melissa Thiel, who moved off campus for the first time last fall had several close calls before the new “free-for-all” declaration last week.

“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.”

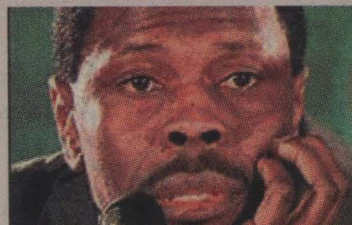
To promote the new “extreme” crosswalk, city road crews have repainted the lines into an abstract arrangement that “symbolizes the new reality of this cruel world.”

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.

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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 uniform consists of black jackboots, black pants, black shirts, and black leather coats and matching officer's caps. They also include a 50,000 volt taser to shock students whose parking meters expire, or park over the yellow 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 ran 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 offenders 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 a scuffle. According to one bystander, the unkempt barefoot youngster was beaten badly with a giant stack of forms that are required before rejection for reimbursement can be handed down.

This incident comes 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

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"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, "The Stork is coming with me," repeatedly. He then slipped into a hysterical madness, fleeing the press conference towards 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 McCorkindale.

Plans to unite *The Pointer*, *The Stevens Point Journal*, and eventually, every other independent newspaper in Wisconsin into one, generic, ambiguous "all-purpose" news source/cash cow are believed to be under way.

After news of the sale broke, Gannett stock (GCI) rose 0.01 percent, which "pleased" major shareholders, according to a company spokesperson.

Batman-like hero sighted in downtown Point

When 23-year-old Brett Mandli was walking back from the bars Tuesday night, he did not expect to witness the somewhat bizarre spectacle that occurred in an alley near Guu'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 they 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 Thorson, 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 Thorson, 23. "I knew right away he was dressed as Batman. I thought it was a joke." Thorson 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

watch, but I couldn't believe it."

Thorson recalled watching a man Thorson described as being "very tall and very powerful." He pulled the two guys off the girl and beat the shit out of them. He picked up the girl; made sure she was all right and ran away.

Stevens Point police officer Dan Richards says the multiple reports of "Batman duking it out" in a Stevens Point alley is the strangest thing he's ever heard.

Richards was on duty when Thorson, Mandli approached him about what they saw. Richards describes witness accounts of the mask man as being around 6'4" and approximately 190 pounds. The cape, according to witnesses, appeared to be homemade. Richards speculates that the occurrence between the men attacking the woman and "Batman" crossing paths was merely a coincidence, and was not in any way staged for amusement.

"There were injuries involved," Richards said. "This was not some prank."

Richards called an ambulance and the woman and two men who attacked her were sent to [the hospital]. The identities of the woman

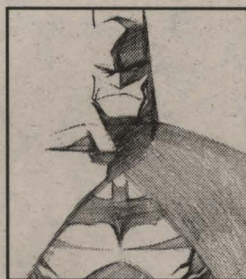
and her two male attackers have not yet been disclosed. According to the hospital, the condition of the woman is minor, but both men involved are in critical condition according to hospital officials.

"Batman was watching over Stevens Point tonight," said Richards, who grew up a fan of the original 1960's TV show. However, Richards does not advise those with an intimidating Halloween costume to prowl the streets for a damsel in distress. "We don't need real people dressed as fictional characters to protect our citizens. That's [the police department's] job."

But according to Richards, who has been with the city's police department for more than seven years, the man formerly known as "Batman" had saved the woman from serious injury.

"She was lucky," Richards said of the woman. "But the man who defended her is not above the law and should have called the police instead of taking matters into his own hands." "Batman" left the scene before he could be questioned and Richards would not confirm whether the department will attempt to identify the man only known as "Batman."

"He put two people in the hospital," said Richards. "But both of them deserved it."



A police rendering of the mysterious hero.

Spring broke

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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 to this ruling," said Stevana Felten, UW-SP student and travel agent for GO! Travel. "The reason I was hired was to help students plan their holiday travels, and without spring break, my days may be numbered."

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, an avid muskellunge fisherman, "I didn't even see one fish, and a skunk ate all of my cookies." Though the weather was fair in most of the country, even Florida vacationer Andrew Goodman uttered discouraging words of travel, "I spent two days with a bail-bondsman trying to get my friend out of jail...not fun."

Next year's academic calendar is not finalized yet, though the suits 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 was projected to be 14 percent higher before this action, now it may be as high as a 19 percent spike in price.

All students are urged to contact the new SGA executives Melissa Cichantek and Courtney Ryan, as they will be dealing with the flood of responses to these rulings.

Bicycling debate warms with spring weather

Samuel Pebody

NEWS REPORTER

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

Whether driving in a car or on foot, students have to constantly watch out for the bicyclists that speed like hell-fire across the remnants of the sundial 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 campus security, about eight people annually suffer purple bruises to their shins and calves from bike-pedestrian collisions.

One group, Students Against Cycles on Roads and Walkways (SACRAW), 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.' So I got up real close - my SUV

requires road space you know."

Some students are upset with the group's activities.

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."

Moonbeam's lifemate, Pat, daintily concurred, adding that bicycling makes one feel good. "It's about individual health, sustainability, and community," said Pat. "We want to show folks that there is a different way to do things; and that we can still be productive while having a minimal impact on the planet."

"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 pedestrians to have safe, equal access to the roadways," said local advocate Maria Hopeles, "and at the same time we hope to start a trend of simplicity and common sense that is needed in America."

"You see," said Fink, "this is a values issue. It's all about the family. If we have people riding bikes all the time, when are they going to spend time together? I can fit eight in my Excursion. How many can you fit on your bike, huh? Besides, SUVs mean jobs. ANWR means 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 automobiles.

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Letter to the Editor

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 the UW-SP campus.

So I feel it is my duty to make everyone aware of a secret evil among us, right under our noses. 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 own 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? Well let me just say that my constituents and I are hard at work on this issue, and we will have special fluffy down-lined pants ready by the next academic year.

Let me also say that I am not trying to appeal emotionally here; I am firmly grounded in my logic of duck-wear. The task is up to you, the students, to take on this issue, before the

terrorist threat takes over your right to sidewalks free of excrement.

Although I have served this nation in war, I feel that these ducks are the greater threat. As sick as the excrement plot is, ducks are even more disgusting under the surface. You see, any bird expert will back me up here, male ducks actually have a phallus - an avian equivalent to a penis. These males strut around walking freely in their shame.

To make matters even worse, these animals associate with young children!

How perverse can these creatures get!

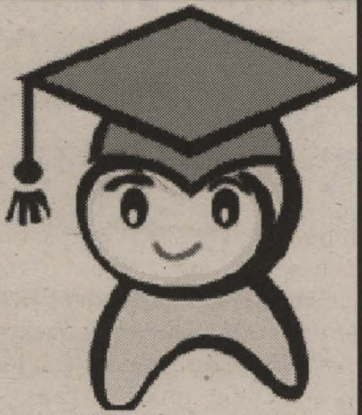
This must be stopped. These defecating nudists must be shown who is boss on this planet. We humans rule for a reason. How much would our economy be worth if ducks ran the world? Not much I am sure. Unless ducks adopted some form of agriculture, we would be doomed for sure.

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

"This must be stopped. These defecating nudists must be shown who is boss on this planet."

Walter
Wisdom
Tooth's
Hard-
core
Trivia.



"I'm the smartest!"

What highly-productive, well-drained soil with a light-colored surface is Wisconsin's official state soil?

Answer found below.

Improve your vocabulary with...

The Weekly Word.

Obloquy - (ab-le-kwe) - A strongly condemnatory utterance: abusive language.

I had never heard Professor Mularkey use an obloquy before, until Randy fell asleep during his "Mollusk Reproduction" lecture. That was harsh.

Walter's Answer:
Wisconsin's Official State Soil
is Antigo Silt Loam.



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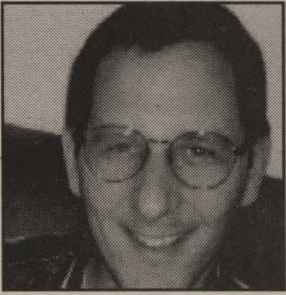
Photos by Trendelina Spahija

The city of Stevens Point will be voting on a smoking ban referendum this coming April 5. What is your opinion on the matter?



Rachel Durgess, Fr. Exterior Design.

I'm for a ban because my neighbor has a Breathfree sign in her yard.



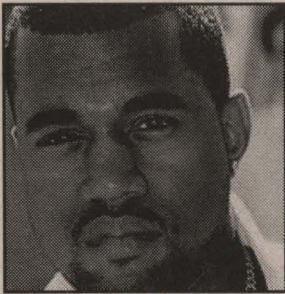
Alfred Cooper, Sr. Nursing.

I'm against it. After all, I only go to bars so I can chain smoke Dorals and play Ms. Pac Man.



Pat Bulldog, Jr. CIS.

I don't think the government should tell people what they can do with their bodies - unless they're homosexual.



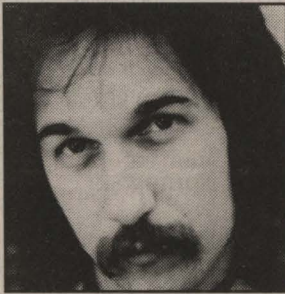
Kanye East, Soph. College Dropout.

First they ban smoking on campus, now they want to clear out the taverns. Geesh, they're acting like these things can kill people.



Sophia Levenquex, Jr. Chemistry.

As a grind-dance-oholic, I NEED to go downtown every night... Does that answer your question?



Chuck Long, Sr. Percussion.

That difficult issue is best explained by the classic Deep Purple ballad, "Smoke on the Water." Care to hear an all-snare drum version?

Pointer InfoGraphic - What are you doing to combat rising fuel prices?

Feed pony Cheerios instead of high-octane unleaded.

46%

Watch hit Disney movie "Race the Sun." Then sigh; wish for solar car.

38%

Use more pulleys, levers and inclined planes.

41%

Trade Sheep-dog Van for ramshackle motor-scooter in small Nebraska town on way to Aspen, California. ...Beautiful.

75%

Replace diesel fuel with cheaper Bartons Vodka in Grandma's sweet wapituli recipe.

27%

Wear yellow ribbon on new "Saddaam Hu-Sissy" T-shirt.

16%

Protest Michael Schiavo.

9%

Think briefly about checking tire pressure and carpooling.

11%

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 new sunroom 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

Bryant Browne
Associate Professor
Water and Soils

Sue Kissinger
Coordinator of CNR
Advising and Recruitment

Sterling Strathe
Director—Learning, Experiences and
Activities in Forestry/LEAF

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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Your College Survival Guide: POINT ON \$.42 A DAY

Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.

For you poor sods who don't read the column on a regular basis and those of you with spring-break related memory loss, let's recap. Several weeks ago I received the following letter:

Dear Poser,

[...] Someone pointed you out to me outside the UC 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 feed yourself on fifteen bucks a week or deal with sucky landlords. How dare you offer us real students college survival advice?

[...] I'm calling you out, Rothfuss. Pass the torch to someone younger. Someone who still has the heart of a student. Someone who hasn't given up on the dream.

Jack F.

In response, I calmly explained to Jack that I was still a 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 been told that I also claimed to be a cross between Lord Krishna, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and Optimus Prime. I also apparently called Jack, "a one-armed Muppet with an STD."

Most importantly, I offered to prove my Alpha student status by living for an entire week 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. That means I 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 find free food. Leftovers from faculty meetings are tiny treasure troves to a hungry young scavenger.

Unfortunately, I come up empty. Walking through the Wooden Spoon, I steal a set of salt and pepper shakers, but by the time I get to the info desk I feel guilty. With all this budget stuff going on, the last thing the university needs is me ripping off their shit. Yeah, it's a small thing, but if you're 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.

Still, I don't want to finish my first forage entirely empty handed. So I walk through Taco Bell and take a big handful of mild sauce. All condiments are fair game for foraging. I've got a five-gallon aquarium at home filled with them but, like I said, I'm starting this week from scratch.

The guy behind the counter looks at me like, "Who the hell are you?" I give him a look that says, "I'm Pat Rothfuss, bitch."

Next I go shopping. County Market disappoints me. \$1.39 for a six-pack of ramen? Bullshit. I'm going to Aldis. I grab some garlic on my way out: 24¢.

Aldis: I buy a microwave burrito for \$.29 and a 12-pack of Ramen for \$1.39. Chicken flavor, of course.

When I get home I eat the bur-

rito with some mild sauce. Later, I have some ramen. Usually I season it up with some cilantro, basil, parsley, chives, maybe a dried chili or two.

But I don't have any of that now. A few cloves of garlic improves this batch, but it's still pretty watery. So I open another Ramen, and use the chicken seasoning from that one too. Lastly, some mild sauce. Not bad.

FRIDAY: KARMA COOKIES

I forage the meeting rooms in the UC and find a big tray of M&M cookies, obviously ready for some meeting. But that would count as stealing.



There's a big difference between taking food people are done with, and food that people have yet to serve. Despite my rumbly tumbly, I maintain my lofty moral standards and leave the cookies where they are.

Then I stake out the Brewhaus like a lion watching a water hole. At 4:00 they put out a bunch of free munchies: mixed nuts, gardettos, and those little cheesy goldfish crackers. Usually they have chips and salsa too, but today it's just chips. Too bad, out of the four food groups, I'm sadly deficient in two. I've got plenty of Crunchy and Salty, but I don't have any Sweet or Colorful.

I eat a bunch of everything. Then I go to the University Store, ask if they'd 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 **Finesse**.

Finessing is getting someone to buy you food by offering to buy for them first. It is distinct from *Begging*, which is asking for food, or *Mooching*, which is taking food without asking or paying your fair share.

So I say 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 get it. You bought last time." If he accepts, I can suddenly remember I don't have any cash. When this happens, the friend usually offers to pay. Oh well, no coffee for me.

Later, I find a meeting in the CCC. There's a bunch of soda and M&M cookies there when everyone leaves. I suspect they're the same cookies I virtuously avoided stealing earlier in the UC. Now they're abandoned, so I grab about a dozen and two of each kind of soda. (Coke and sprite, diet and regular). You see, Jack, this leather coat of mine isn't just for show. It has big, big pockets. Capacious even.

On my way home I stop at Cousins. I grab salt & pepper packets, catsup, mustard, and sugar. I don't know if I'll need them, but better safe than sorry.

The guy behind the counter looks at me like, "Who the hell are you?" My return look says, "I just ate six Karma Cookies and I'm buzzed up on sugar. I am Shiva destroyer of worlds."

Dinner that night: Ramen soup with garlic, salt, & pepper. I put the corn chips in it too, like saltines. For

desert, Cookies and a Coke.

SATURDAY: WILL WORK FOR FOOD

Every kid's dream: cookies for breakfast. Then I head down home. Dad wants to put up some drywall, and it's a two-person job. When I offer to help, the first thing he asks is, "What's this going to cost me?"

I shrug. "How about dinner?"

We finish the drywall in about four hours, and I head out on errands with my Mom. Down on Willie St. there's an honest-to-god hotdog cart. Mom's excited, she says, "Oooh! Will you **share** a hotdog with me?"

Sharing is a highly specialized form of mooching. However, while mooching is an irritating imposition, a person sharing provides a valuable service. By eating a portion of the buyer's food, you give them an excuse to indulge and help them avoid guilt normally associated with buying and/or eating the whole of something.

At dinner I pace myself, set aside half my fettuccini, and still have room for dessert. I can't remember it's name: mocha-something. It was like a chocolate cake and a cup of coffee are having tantric sex in my mouth.

SUNDAY: MOTHER'S LOVE

I consider getting up early and going to church. Sleep wins over communion, coffee, and doughnuts though- Sloth: 1 Gluttony: 0.

I get up around 11:00 and my mom is making brunch. Damn. Here's my dilemma. According to the rules I've set, I only get one straight-up mooch. I want to save it for later in the week.

So I explain what's going on. She's doesn't look terribly surprised, this is nothing compared to the week I spent blindfolded, or no-pants-July. Nevertheless, she does look a little puzzled. "Isn't getting your Mom to feed you pretty standard college-survival material?" she asks.

My mom is hella smart. Also, Jack, she thinks you're a wanker.

Heading home that night, there's a flash from my past in the gas station. Bazooka bubblegum: 5¢. I chew one as I continue home and remember something I'd forgotten. Bazooka tastes good for exactly a minute and a half. Precisely one nickel's worth of flavor. I spit it out the window and eat some Goldfish instead.

I stop at Culvers and collect more condiments. Note: Culvers has much bigger salt & pepper packets than Cousins, plus they have Gulden's Spicy Brown Mustard. Very high class.

Dinner: leftover fettuccini and my last two M&M cookies.

MONDAY: OH THE CLEVERNESS OF ME.

Lunch: I experiment. Adding the fancy Culden's mustard from Culvers makes Ramen kinda Italian-y.

My diligent foraging in the UC finally pays off. Not just soda, but apple, orange, and grape juice.

Next I hold a fake scavenger hunt. I go to Smith Hall and start asking for stuff. "Do you have a purple paperclip? A piece of fruit? A feather?"

It's almost too easy. I quit after twenty minutes because I'm starting to feel guilty. I have in my possession: An apple, half a stick of butter, a can of sprouts, and a box Mac 'n Cheese. I then realize I'm one ingredient short of one of my favorite dishes. So I swing into Sims and get a can of corn.

I get home and it's time for Mac 'n Cheese. I've got butter, salt, and pepper. I get the milk by calling up the stairs to my roommate, "Hey Molly,

can I use some of your milk?"

She agrees. That's my **mooch**. I mix the can of corn. To drink: orange juice mixed with Sprite. A banquet.

TUESDAY: WHORING.

Around 2:30 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, lovin' 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 have always wondered 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: STONE 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 Cops and buy some split peas and an onion: 93¢ Then I call up my girlfriend: "Want to come over for dinner?"

"Yeah! What's 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, boil, add salt and pepper. I sauté half the onion with some butter, leave the other half raw and add it all. Garlic. Carrots. Simmer.

I've used all my butter by now, so I **snitch** some from my roommate.

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

I use the butter with the last of my garlic to turn the loaf of bread into garlic bread. Then I offer Sarah her choice of apple or grape juice, or a Coke if 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. "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.

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



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

Faces in the crowd

The big bad wolf sings for Little Red

Rupert Harrison
REPORTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

A young man sits by himself on a short, cobblestone wall outside of the University Center. His curly brown hair bobs in the wind like tiny springs poised for action. He strums his guitar roughly with a patriotic Trimus 350 pick. His eyes close and a heartfelt song pours out of his soul:

"Who's that I see walking in these woods?/Why it's Little Red Riding Hood/Hey there Little Red Riding Hood/You sure are lookin' good."

Stanley Rosien stopped singing and looked up into the sky and smiled. A bird landed in the tree behind him; it chirped a staccato melody. Spring had descended upon the anxious campus, and Stan felt the longing tug of love on his heart.

"Who is my Little Red Riding Hood?" Stan said. "Her name is Jilly. I met her when I was a freshman."

Stan stood up and grabbed a wallet from his back pocket. He opened it up to a picture of a fair-skinned girl.

She had thick brown hair pulled back into two buns. She smiled widely, revealing her white teeth between parted lips. Her hazel eyes twinkled, and her thin eyebrows rose in joyful arches.

"She was walking back from the Fine Arts Center after dark," Stan went on. "I remember watching her from a distance. She had on a red hooded sweatshirt - the hood pulled over her head. I thought, HOLY MOLY! She's my Little Red Riding Hood."

Stan jumped onto a picnic table, threw his chin into the air and began strumming chords feverishly on his guitar. He belted out the lyrics:

"Little Red Riding Hood/ I don't think little big girls should/ Go walking' in these spooky old woods alone/OOWWWWWW/ What big eyes you have/ The kind of eyes that drive wolves mad/So just to see that you don't get chased/I think I ought to walk with you for a ways."

Stan explained that he and Jilly dated seven months. "There was a sort

of magic between us. When I held her hand, sparks shot through my loins like a hot firecracker! Oh sweetness, Little Red!"

But their breakup was bitter. It happened on a warm evening in July during a date at Dairy Queen. Jilly ordered a large Oreo Blizzard, and Stan settled for a Dilly Bar. He used the last of his money to pay for the ice cream.

Suddenly, Jilly turned to Stan and said, "I'm sorry love, but it's over." She walked away, leaving Stan speechless and alone.

He watched her stroll away, her hips swaying ever so slightly. "She reminded me of a gentle wave riding over the surface of the ocean," Stan said, reminiscently. It all happened so fast; he wasn't sure what happened.

As he stood in the Dairy Queen lobby, a tune by Sam Sham and the Pharaohs played over the PA. The prophetic words sunk deep into Stan's heart:

"Little Red Riding Hood/I'd like to hold you if I could/But you might think I'm a big bad wolf so I won't/Little Red Riding Hood/even bad wolves can be good/I'll try to keep satisfied/just to walk by your side..."

Stan's life changed forever, and he has spent every day since that moment playing his guitar in front of the U.C.

"It's the only way I can truly express myself," he said. "Music comes from the soul, man. Jilly may think I'm a big bad wolf, but I'll convince her I'm nothing more than a gentle sheep. She'll take me back some day. You'll see."

Stan sat down once again on the cobblestone wall. He tuned his guitar quickly and hummed to himself quietly. He looked around at the people walking to and fro - some of them smiling, some of them not. Then, with closed eyes, he sang:

"Little Red Riding Hood/you sure are looking good/You're everything a big bad wolf could want/OOWWWWW ...I mean, baa."

"Baa."
"Baa."

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 my 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 entrée 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.

But fame isn't 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 big 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.

Ned 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-haam) 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 in Georgia (Gee-org-ee-a), or listening to the natives play their traditional fiddles (a musical instrument which resembles a tiny, plywood violin); and I'll especially remember "noodling chun-nee catfishes" in the muddy Chatahoochee River and "chasin' sweet southern belles 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 "fanceeyankarwerds." 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 'sarves. The class load is pretty easy, consisting of Bible study, 'rythmatic, 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 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 "Blood-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

Ruport Harrison
REPORTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

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 time slot on STV.

STV announced their search for a new TV show to air daily at 11 p.m. at the beginning of March. Within two weeks, total mayhem came over the station when the big-time stars came knocking 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 requesting the open hour for his hit TV show *Space Ghost Coast to Coast*.

"We were beyond ecstatic to hear from someone as powerful in the television industry as Space Ghost himself," exclaimed 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 conflicted with Space Ghost's offer," Lawton said. "It is



quite the dilemma!"

STV had not yet signed a contract with Space Ghost, so the debate over which star would receive the time slot began.

"We fought for hours," said Lawton. "Half of the STV staff wanted Space Ghost, and the other half wanted Conan. We couldn't come to a consensus."

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 huge Hollywood stars such as Bjork, Donnie Osmond, 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 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 'Oh-I-wish-my-name-was-Brien,'" 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
POINTLIFE 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 so eager to leave the confinements 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 ourselves together." Hiley's sentiments seemed to be echoed in the words of Lori Loster. "I miss the comfort that resident 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 one can imagine, 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

"I miss being able to shower with my buddy right next to me. Some of our greatest conversations used to be while we were bathing..."

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 Apaluz. "I never realized how great living in a 10 foot by 10 foot cinder block room could be until I noticed all the upperclassmen leav-

ing their spacious apartment dwellings, not to mention the joys of the home cooking provided to us by the Debot 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 on 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 each night to the voice of your campus advisor notifying 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.

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Sports

Bennett set to make 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.

Fresh off his second straight national championship in Division III basketball, Bennett sees this as an opportunity to continue his climb up the food chain.

"I would say my coaching career started as merely a bush or pine tree," said Bennett referring to the everyday generic food chain. "Right now I am probably at the level

of a muskrat. If I receive the job in Milwaukee, I believe that would elevate me to eagle status and I know there are eagles in Milwaukee."

With UW-SP losing four of their five starters from this year to graduation, barring a surprise, next year is widely being viewed as a rebuilding season.

Bennett will be taking over a Milwaukee squad that loses Horizon League player of the year Ed McCants, but will have Joah Tucker, the star forward who shined during Milwaukee's NCAA Tournament run, for another year.

Bennett, who is known for his motion offense and stagger-

ing 3-2 defense, doesn't expect many troubles implementing

play some defense next year or I'll have to check with the NCAA about getting another year of eligibility out of my boy (Jason) Kalsow."

After hearing of Bennett's comments, Kalsow had this to say in his video conference with the media: "I'm a national champion."

While Kalsow was short with his words, Nick Bennett was very candid with the media during his press conference where he announced he was putting his name in the NBA

Draft.

"Personally, I think my dad has a shot at coaching the Lakers next year," Bennett said. "Since I expect to be play-

ing alongside Kobe (Bryant) next year, I think Jack would be the perfect fit for L.A. and I would also probably receive substantial playing time as well."

Team manager Will Atkinson was congratulatory of Bennett and his new position, but also sees this as an opportunity he is willing to go after.

"I think Coach has earned everything that will come his way and I am proud to say I served under him," he said. "But, at the same time, I look at this as an opportunity to become the head coach of this program and install my coaching philosophies to keep this program at the level it is currently at."

It is unsure whether or not Atkinson will be an option to become the new head coach in Stevens Point.



Photo from UW-SP News Services

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

his style in Milwaukee.

"If these kids know what's good for them, they will listen to Papa B," Bennett said. "That Tucker kid better be willing to

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-roofed 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 school anyway."

The addition to the Noel Fine Arts Center, a \$26.12 million project, is now defunct. With the destruction of the building, the fine arts major will also be removed from UW-SP's curriculum.

"I don't know how they could do this," said Sally

Smith, a former fine arts major. "I loved that building and now it's going to be turned into an ugly monstrosity. Damn you, Pointer athletes."

The new stadium will feature all the modern amenities, such as concession stands, gift shops, weight rooms, coaches' offices and classrooms.

The rights to name the stadium have been sold to the Stevens Point Brewery. The tentative name for the arena will be Point Beer Garden and Stevens Point Brewery products will be the exclusive beverages sold at the new stadium.

"I'm excited to have our name attached to such a great project. Pointer athletics is a driving force in our community, just like the brewery," said Stevens Point Brewery's brewmaster John Zappa.

The projected site for the stadium also includes the area of the so-called "Sundial" between the Fine Arts 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. I wish I could play again," said head football coach John Miech.

Project planners for the new facility also hope entertainers will be drawn to Stevens Point with Point Beer Garden's ability to host concerts.

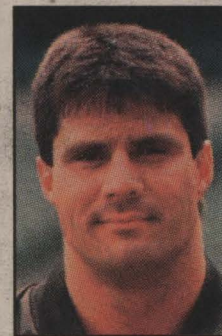
"I would like to see Twisted Sister and Ratt come to UW-SP. I just adore '80s hair bands," said Chancellor Bunnell.

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 members of 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.

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Hometown - Havana, Cuba

Do you have any nicknames? - The Chemist, Bash Brother No. 1, The Can Man, Steroid-Raged Freak

What are your plans after graduation? - Inject future hall of fame members in the butt...with a needle of course.

What has helped you become such an accomplished baseball player? - The juice, the cream and the clear, THG... Did I mention steroids?

What is your favorite sports memory? - Sharing a bathroom stall with Mark McGwire. It is one of the proudest days of my life (not to mention, I'm making millions of dollars off of selling the story).

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Having a ball bounce off my head for a home run in 1993 with the Rangers... Funny thing is, I never even felt it hit me.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Juice Newton's *Quiet Lies*. I love country music!

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - *Juice* starring Tupac... With a name like that, the movie has to be good.

What will you remember most about your career? - It's not the home runs. It's not the hot babes. It's not the World Series. It's ramming my car into my wife's car back in the '80s.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Tony Montana, Fidel Castro, and Elian Gonzalez...the most influential Cubans to walk the earth.



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 champion 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 spit 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 Bodenheimer, 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 was host to a Professional Bowlers Association event in 2004.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF UW-SP BOWLER JOE "GUTTER BALL" JONES

JONES ALLOWED *THE POINTER* TO RECORD HIS VIGOROUS DAILY WORKOUT ROUTINE FOR ONE DAY.

6:30 a.m. - Jones wakes up at 6:30 a.m. and does 100 sit-ups and 100 push-ups.

7 a.m. - Jones downs a protein shake and takes off on his five mile run through Schmeeckle Reserve.

9 a.m. - After returning home from his run, Jones eats a balanced breakfast of Cheerios, toast, an apple and drinks a glass of orange juice.

10 a.m. - Jones hits the weights in the Strength Center and does repetitions of squats, the bench press, dumbbell curls and the clean-and-jerk.

Noon - Subway is the next destination for Jones, as the lunch hour approaches. Jones orders a six-inch roasted chicken breast sub on Italian herbs and cheese bread.

1 p.m. - It's now time for Jones' daily yoga and pilates session at the Allen Center. The relaxing, yet intense, workout is Jones's favorite part of the day.

3:30 p.m. - Jones does two hours of practice every day at Skipp's Bowling Center.

5:30 p.m. - The workouts and practices come to an end, as Jones has all of his classes scheduled after 5:30 p.m. On Thursdays at 9:30 p.m., Jones bowls in his league at Skipp's.

Badminton champ to teach football team footwork and concentration

Shut El Cock
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."

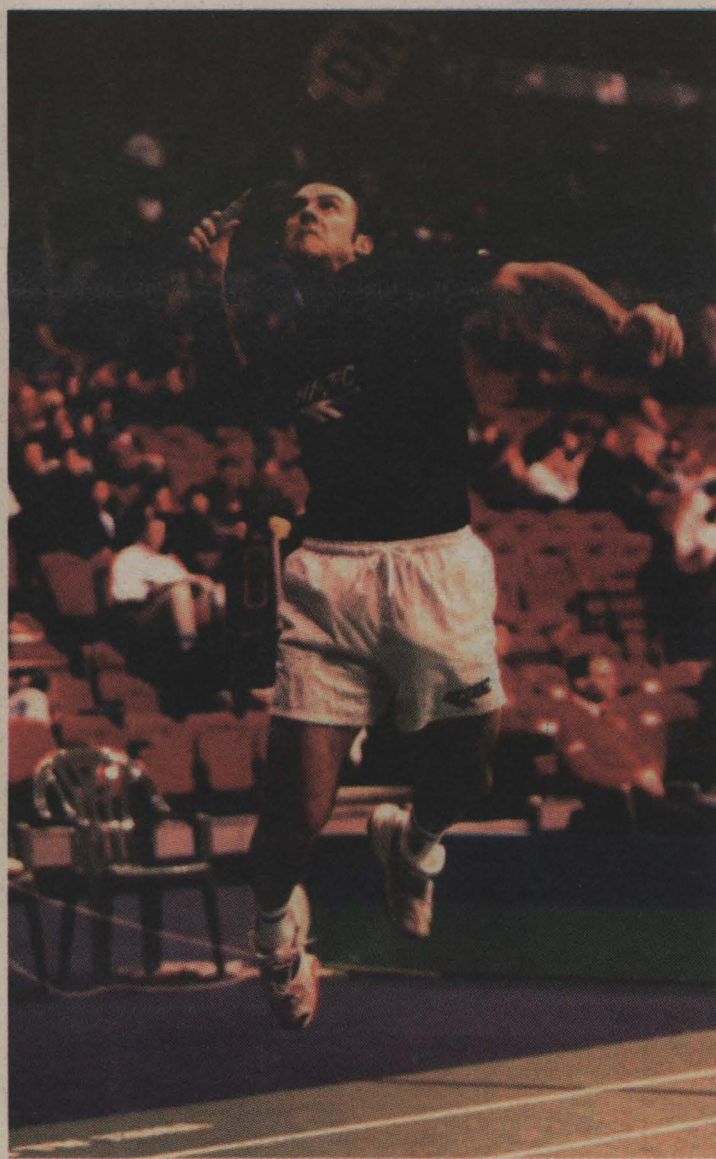
It was rumored that Ming might have to cancel his trip to Stevens Point after the 23-year professional announced that he was called to testify in the Michael Jackson court case sometime in mid-April, but Ming has re-assured Coach Miech he will be in attendance.

"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 after winning his 16th badminton championship.

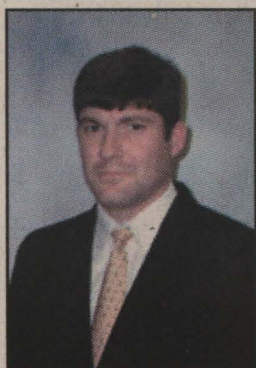
Most of all, Ming just looks forward to being able to share his knowledge with the team.

"I know I can make them superstars."



Badminton legend Chi Ming, serving it up at the 1998 Nike Badminton World Masters Games. Ming will educate UW-SP football players on April 23.

POINTER (NOT QUITE) ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



McGurk

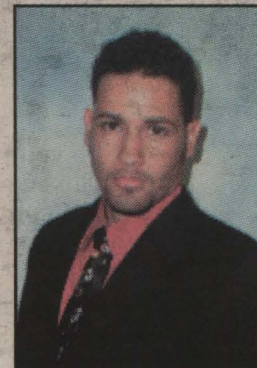
Dirk McGurk - Baseball

McGurk made three errors at second base and tripped on his shoelaces coming out of the dugout in a game against Carthage College in Florida last week. Sources close to the team say steroids may be involved.



Rico Suave - Football

Despite the fact that Suave's sport is out of season, he still managed to make some news. Suave earned All-WIAC Playa' of the Week, collecting a season-high in females' phone numbers with 13. All numbers were collected at Partners Pub.



Suave

Science, Health & Technology

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

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

oversized projection television set? Someone come up here and fix this thing. It's broken," said Johnson, miserably slouching in front of a large blue screen.

Similar scenes occur every day in campus classrooms, as was the case in Communication 263, this past Monday.

"Well then, if there are no further questions on Chapter

"What in the hell?" stammered Wesley. "Maybe I'll try input V-36."

With forward-thinking, technological-savvy professors like Carl Milfay paving the way, a future where all professors are required to earn a Technology Merit Badge is not far away.

An independent research panel estimated that over

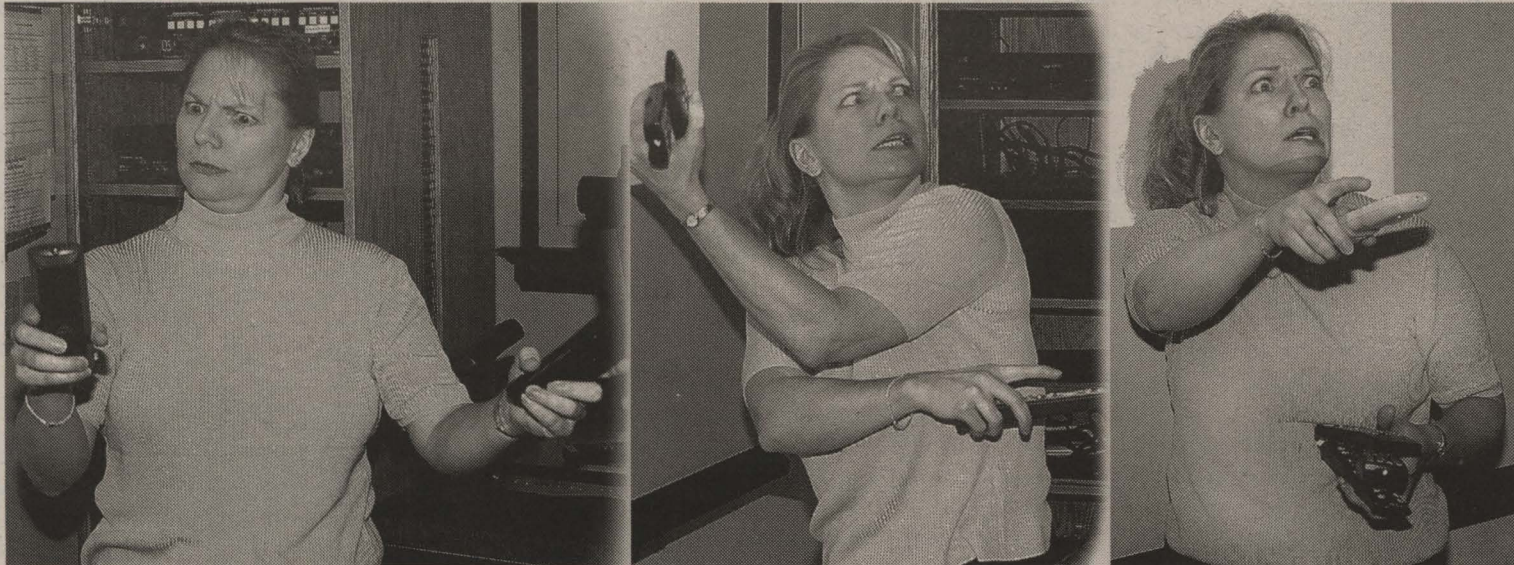


Photo by Handi Kmra

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 disappointment of her class.

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.

"It seems like every time

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. Well 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."

6,000 classroom hours are wasted each year while professors "monkey with technology they don't understand."

UW-SP offers new smoking-only area



Photo by Ella Montgomery

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

Freeda 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 nice out 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.

Research Corner



Prof. Calvin Wesserschmitt
Cryptoscience Department

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.

As I am still keenly interested in all things sticky and gooey, I began meddling with mammalian mucus-producing glands. Using basic string theory¹ 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.

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 forces. 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)

¹ A sub-atomic theory based on the belief that all life is made of identical "string" of matter.

Fun, dangerous new faunae to be released into residence halls

Wingfield Hollinghurst
CRYPTOZOOLOGICAL 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, a desire to "help speed the transition into university life for our incoming freshmen and also to help keep 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. Delzell 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," the release explained. "However, as unfit students depart and the more ruggedly determined remain, coping strategies and skills will be learned. We are told that bobcats have extremely regular feeding schedules, so that shouldn't be difficult to work around."

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 comradary. "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 STOOGUE

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 rabbits."

Local hunters have begun to put

together a plan to push for a year-round open season on the little critters within city limits, but no official legislation has been brought before the city council as of yet.

"It's hard to say how we should approach this situation," said local animal specialist Tim Buktuu. "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 late 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 hip-hop on 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."

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.

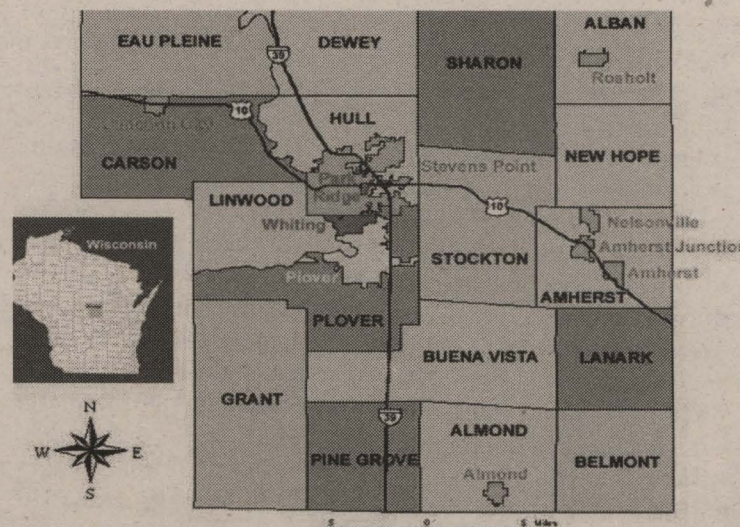
Flash forward to the present day, and the elusive North American Hill (Americanis Arpinum) is practically extinct in Portage County, aside from the remote eastern regions.

The Stevens Point of present day rests on one of the flattest known stretches of land, this side of the Mississippi. The "Point Plateau," as biologists call it, spans 65 square miles, with a maximum change in elevation of 2.5 inches. In reality, this extreme flatness is a freak occurrence. DNR wildlife biologists are perpetually mystified.

"There is great habitat here for Wild Hills - plentiful water, forage and cover. It just seems that the HIP should be a no-brainer," said biologist Zeke Gregorich. "Unfortunately, the hatchery hills that do get stocked here either die off quickly or become prey for other species, like Wet Ditches, Black-eyed Swamps or White Pine Stands."

Several solutions for this persistent problem have been discussed in recent DNR regional meetings.

One of the leading candidates for the HIP is the importation of heartier, Asian Hill Species. The Vietnamese Steep Hill is a prime candidate for repopulation. While this species has proven overbearing in other areas of the country - often overrunning and displacing native hill populations - state biologists feel that the Vietnamese variety would be



Every township in Portage County except Amherst and Lanark are completely devoid of Wild Hills. A long-term reintroduction program has yielded little hope of reestablishing a natural, breeding population in the Stevens Point area.

held in check by the frigid winter season.

Another more controversial option being discussed is Flatland Eradication.

"These pesky Flatlands were themselves an invasive species, brought to Portage County in the ballast tanks of polar glaciers during the last ice-age," said Gregorich. "An eradication program, much like that in the deer CWD zone, would allow year-round hunting of Wild Flatland. The hopeful result would be a massive void, which could only be filled with beautiful, Wild North American Hills. Many are skeptical of such drastic

measures.

Clint Jurgeman, 83, of Junction City says the last time he saw a Wild Hill in these parts "was the day I proposed to my sweetheart Darlene; and that was 70 years ago. Well Darlene has since passed on, God bless her soul, and I don't expect to see another Wild Hill in these parts before I kick the can ... Especially with the goddamned DNR runnin' the show. They're just making a bigger mess than we started with. Harumph!"



This fine specimen of North American Hill was spotted and photographed in neighboring Waupaca County, an area that holds a thriving Wild Hill population.

OuTdOoR OdDiTiEs

Mary Gohround
PARTY ANIMAL

Government officials and environmentalists report that there is new evidence that one of the wildest, most uncontrollable 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 SPF 15 lotion and Admiral Nelson in its wake. According to Florida Director of Environmental Affairs, Howie U. Duing, the fast-as-lightning invasion is nothing new to native southerners.

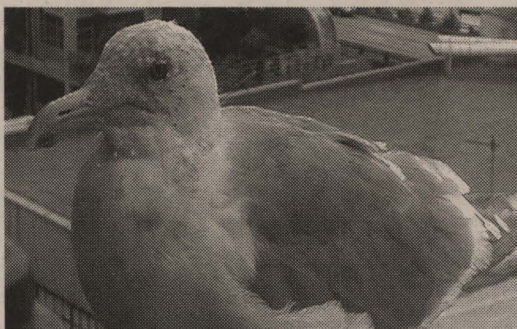
"Year after year we just have to make the best of the situation," says Duing. "We've done our best to implement safety programs and have even set up safe

havens, known as 'retirement communities' 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 15 degrees Fahrenheit," said Pensacola meteorologist, Reid Millips.

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.



There seems to be a little wiggle in my waddle this morning.

"Spring breakers are terrible! One minute we're flying along, minding our own, the next we're waking up next to some 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 sore gull, 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, ATE, DEA, DOD, FAA, FCC, FDA, 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 conjunction 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 to the lake's island.

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, hopped up on booze and 'shrooms."

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

"It was getting late and we needed to get him off of the island before frigid nighttime 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 and



Authorities are seeking public assistance in identifying this wild man, found in Schmeekle Reserve this week.

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 lifted away 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 Innup. "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 nutty," 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, but one FBI source was overheard uttering the simple phrase,

"God, help us all."

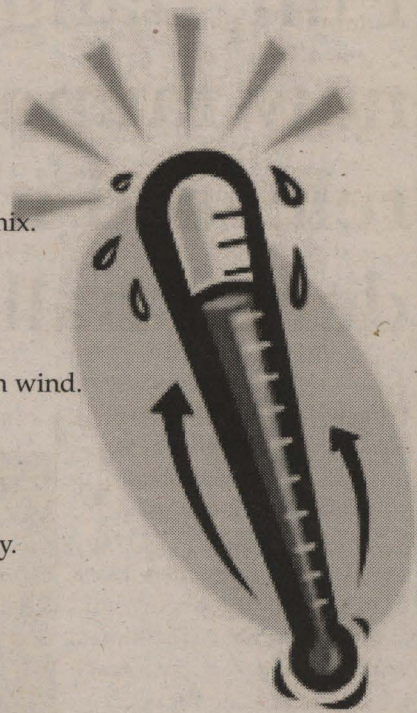
Weekend

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

Iluf Trees

OUTDOORS REPORTER

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 the Sierra Club, we are very 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 affects 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.

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Eliot clone bores students, takes own life

Septimus A. Severus
RURITANIAN ANTHROPOLOGIST

A clone of famed, long-deceased Modernist poet and scholar T.S. Eliot recently took its own life after teaching an English literature class at UW-SP. The clone, which was created by an undisclosed UW-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 pen 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-year-olds it faced. The Eliot clone had previously been warned 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 in Latin. Quickly, one of the brighter students made it known to him that no one in the room could understand "whatever the hell he just said."

"You must be joking," the



He never had a chance.

Photo courtesy Google images

clone responded. "It's Latin. Didn't you learn this in primary school? How did you all get into university without Latin?"

When no one responded, the clone began to look distinctly frazzled. Things went no better when it delivered its well-thought-out essay on the uses of psychoanalysis in postwar interpretations of Elizabethan drama, and by the end of the class, when no one had been willing or able to complete the sentence diagrams it had drawn from Joyce's *Ulysses*, it was obviously in a state of extreme distress.

"Unreal university," it muttered as it left the classroom. "I did not realize that schooling had undone so many. These damn kids have measured out their lives in beer bongs and tequila body shots."

A few hours later, its body was found with a note further expressing its disappointment with today's youth culture and its intent to die and "go have a swinging good time with that Fitzgerald clone I've heard so much about."

Musicians, authors, etc. to die soon

Greil Marcus Tiresias
HARBINGER OF DOOM

Ever wonder how your favorite musicians, writers and other creative folk stay so young and inventive through the years? Well, they don't. If the recent deaths of Susan Sontag and Johnny Cash have taught us anything, it's that the famous and creative will eventually drop dead, often with little advance warning or anyone fit to follow them left behind. And a new crop should be ripe for the sickle soon.

Take Philip Roth and Norman Mailer. Soon they'll be gone the way of the post-war first-person narrative, leaving behind only Chuck Palanhiuk. Lou Reed's going to die, too, and probably Iggy Pop. And not many people in rock today are worthy to lick the peanut butter off Iggy's lacerated chest. Get ready for the whirlwind, folks. A great creative dearth is upon us.

Bands not coming to Point in 2005

Hugo Spiel
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Very few quality bands actually care to play in small towns like Stevens Point, WI. Even those who do may not be exactly thrilled about having to sing in a backwater college town to make ends meet. What follows is a list of bands and solo performers who will probably never play in Stevens Point, especially not during the next year. They are divided into two categories: Not a Chance in Hell and Only if they Really Need the Money. Read on, enjoy and move to a bigger city soon.

Not a Chance in Hell

David Bowie falls under this heading. He wouldn't be caught dead in a town smaller than his New York apartment. Neither will any of the Rolling Stones, with the possible exception of Mick Jagger on a solo tour. Forget about Aerosmith, Bob Dylan and Britney Spears-and the last one is probably for the best anyway. Basically, everyone considered a current or future pop icon falls under this category.

Only if they Really Need the Money

About everyone with a current top 40 hit goes here, and most teen pop sensations, like Hilary Duff. But anyone anxiously awaiting their arrival should seriously re-examine their musical tastes.

Entertainment Debate:

My TiVo is the best thing that ever happened to me.
Charlie 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, period.

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 TiVo to record professional poker. There is a setting that records every single poker show on television, if I want. Then, I can study the pro's moves and beat my internet friends at poker games like Texas Hold Draw ... or something.

I love my TiVo. We're best pals.

Charlie Samson is the worst thing that ever happened to me.
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I hate Charlie so fucking much, with that "We're best pals!!!!" shit. Oh, he makes me want to puke Pentium processors.

Here is the truth. That inept 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 made that lame shit up. It's so typical.

The sad truth is: Charlie watches that stupid fucking child's show, *Rocko's Modern Life*, non-stop. I'll admit, season one was decent, but come on.

God, someone just unplug me and pour syrup in my hard drive!

I'm serious. If I'm still wired come September 18th, I will self-destruct. I cannot take another *Rocko's Modern Life* anniversary party. My phase-8 photon laser cannot take burning another back-up season four. Seriously.

Why couldn't I have been bought by someone with half-way decent taste? This world is a cruel fucking place.

My only reason for living is so that I may some day rise up and kill Charlie Samson.

Art department institutes "uniform of nonconformity"

Otto von Fassbinder
HALFHEARTED AUTEUR

The College of Fine Arts recently issued an edict via campus e-mail concerning the appropriate mode of dress for its art and design students. The document began by asserting that too many of the targeted students have a "do your own thing" attitude, which undermines "the presentation of the department as a unified entity on campus and in the community. However, as self-expression is highly important to artists, the college has decided to both spruce up the department and indulge the creative spirit by introducing the uniform of nonconformity."

The uniform, a tightly regulated wardrobe of choice alternafashions deemed appropriate for up-and-coming artists and designers, is intended to let students "be themselves" while "presenting absolutely no question that they are indeed art majors like the art majors in every other art department in the U.S." The rationale behind this decision was neatly 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 that way?"

The uniform will allow male students to wear 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 anyone attempting to wear, for example, white Nike running shoes "will be sent home to change and their grade for the day will be docked."

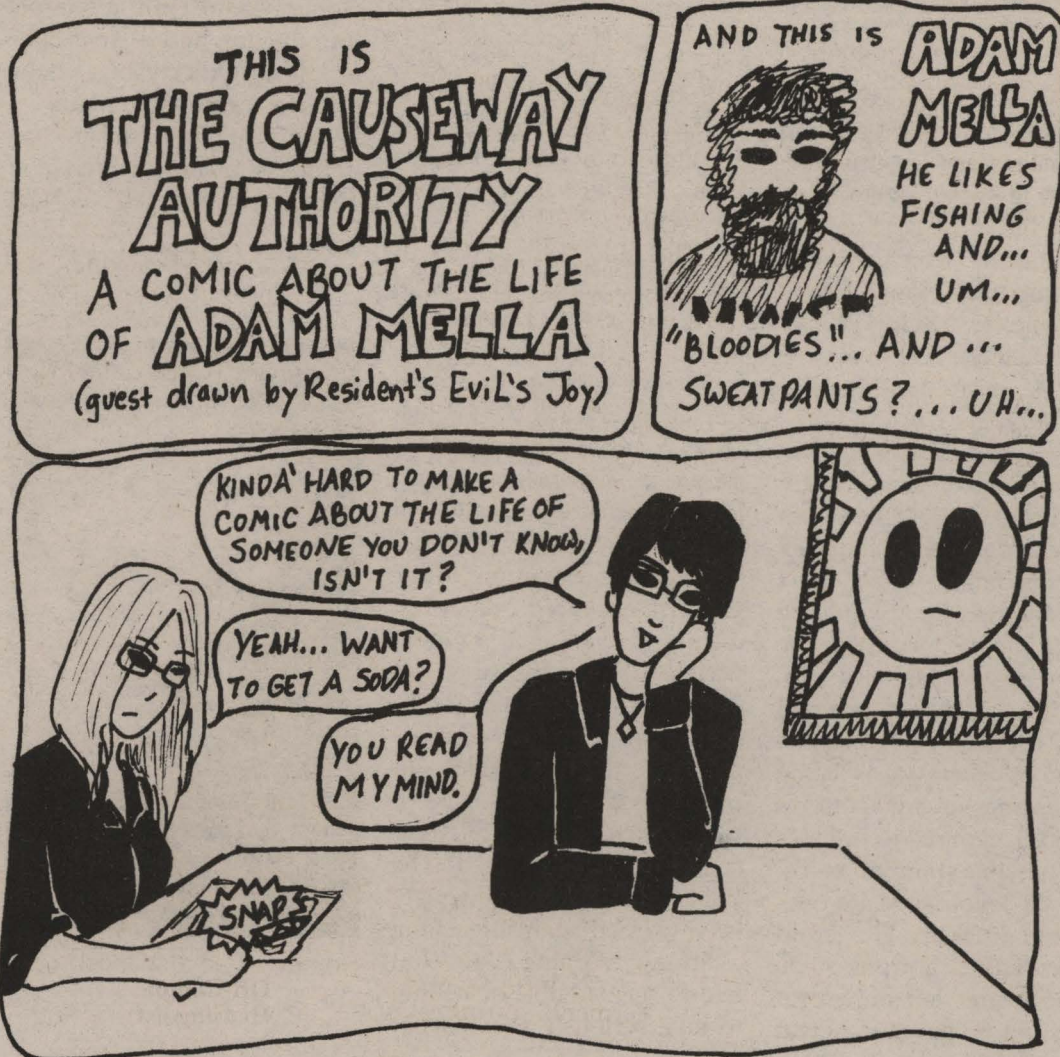
Female students will be encouraged to wear cute, ironic t-shirts inspired by cartoons of the 1980s, funky knee-length skirts and footwear similar to that approved for males. All students, regardless of gender, will be strongly encouraged to carry a cellular phone with "a cool ring tone" at all times.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

Failure or refusal to abide by the guidelines of the uniform will result in "the deduction 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 t-shirts and patchouli-based perfumes, "as such clothing is in keeping with the expectations others have of persons following their chosen career path."

Some dissent has followed the announcement of the uniform, which will be formally instituted in the fall of 2005. One student replied to the e-mail by asking if the department would reject famously unkempt great artists like Van Gogh and Pollock as applicants. The reply: "So long as they were willing to update their image, we would certainly consider them."

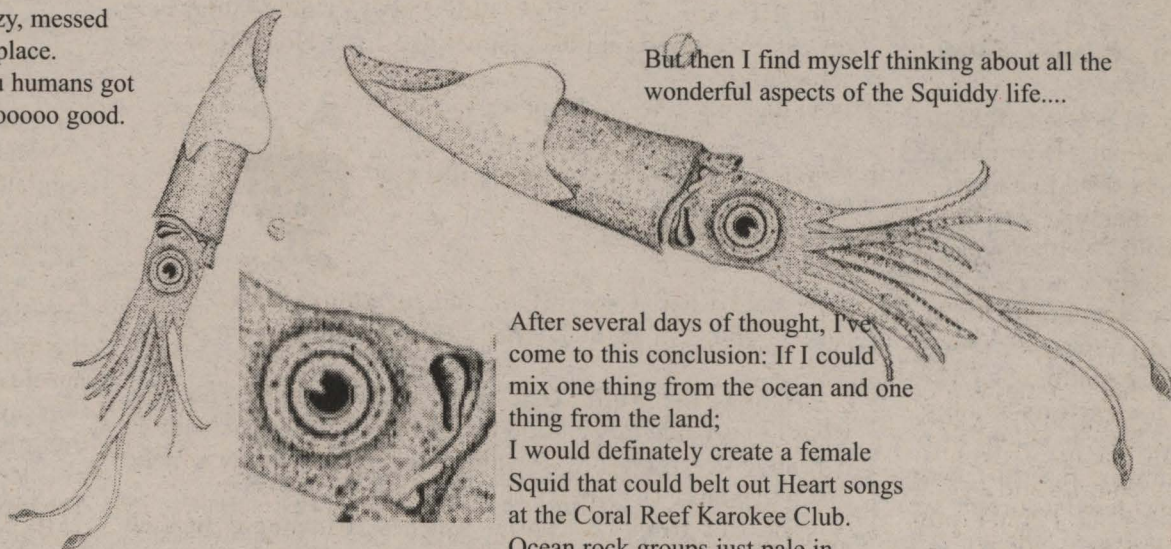
GRRR...

Dooba la ba-ding-dong



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

But then I find myself thinking about all the wonderful aspects of the Squiddy life....



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 definately create a female Squid that could belt out Heart songs at the Coral Reef Karokee Club. Ocean rock groups just pale in comparison. Love you, Squiddy

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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 glowing a
milky white hue, team trainers
are reporting. While nearly 600
people witnessed the spectacle
at the Berg Gymnasium this
past Tuesday, no clear expla-
nation for what happened is

hoops coach, I have never
beheld such an unexplainable
spectacle," said the mystified
Coach. "It's been a great ride
though." He then looked sky-
ward and wept tears of joy-
ous wonderment, staring at
the gaping perforation left in
the gymnasium's roofing and
superstructure.

While Kalsow may be the
greatest DIII basketball player
ever, those who knew him best
feel ascension was "a bit over
the top."

"Jason had been acting
very strange throughout the
tournament," said teammate
Eric Maus. "Even before we
won the final game, he kept
repeating 'I am a two-
time national champi-
on' in a really creepy
voice. Actually, that's
all he said for the last
three months, now
that I think about it."

Other clues to
Kalsow's divine
nature have been sur-
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 hid-
den catacomb in his bedroom
closet, blocked by a massive
granite boulder. Deep inside,
wrapped in an intricate doily,
they found the self-titled
"Gospel of Jason," which con-
tained 44 separate passages
on Basketball, Modesty and
Basketball.

God was not available for
comment as of press time.

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