

SGA presidential election results



Photo by Holly Sandbo

With a 296 vote margin of victory, the team of Melissa Cichantek and Courtney Ryan will serve as president and vice-president of the Student Government Association for 2005-06. At the top of their agenda will be the issue of the rising cost of the Communications 101 text material, and plans to increase student impact on the faculty tenure decision making process.

Students subject to burglary wave

Joe Piscioti
NEWS REPORTER

A string of recent burglaries in the neighborhood surrounding campus has the Stevens Point Police Department calling on students to be more aware.

According to Sergeant Ron Carlson, there have been 12 burglaries since January 1, with eight of the crimes taking place in the three-block radius of Main Street, College Avenue, and Briggs Street. All of the victims live in student housing.

Of the 12 burglaries, only two have been perpetrated through forced entry. The rest have happened as a result of the burglar entering the residence through an unlocked door.

"There has been only one eyewitness so far," said Carlson.

The eyewitness was at

home when a stranger simply walked into his residence without knocking. When confronted, the stranger claimed he was looking for the eyewitness' roommate, who wasn't home, apologized, and left. The eyewitness later realized that his wallet had been stolen from another room, and called the police.

According to Carlson, the suspect is a black male around 22 years old, approximately 5'9", with a shaved head.

Police aren't sure whether all 12 crimes are connected, but there are a number of similarities.

"The MO is the same," said Carlson. Many of the same items have been targeted in each burglary. Five laptops, five digital cameras, five Sony Playstation 2s, cash, and a number of video games, DVDs, and CDs have been taken from the homes of the

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UW-SP international students still face obstacles

Johanna Nelson
NEWS REPORTER

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, and the subsequent Homeland Security Act, international students wishing to study in the U.S. have had an even tougher time gaining access to American universities, including the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

According to ESL Coordinator Jutta Brendel, UW-SP has seen its numbers drop from an estimated 300 to 165 international students over the past four or five years, due in part to tighter government regulations on visas.

"All potential students must interview at a (U.S.) consulate abroad, which slows down the availability of visas significantly," Brendel said.

Additional factors include competition from European and Australian universities - which conduct rigorous recruiting efforts - as well as financial burdens that require international students to pay, at a minimum, twice the amount that in-state students pay.

For Ellen D'cruz, an international student from Kochi, India, it was the financial obstacles that initially deterred her from pursuing the idea of studying in America. However, after realizing that her interest in interior architecture didn't have much of an outlet in India, she began to rethink her position on studying abroad.

"I didn't want to come

here at first, but my parents pushed me to consider it," D'cruz said. "I never thought it would happen because you need to show you have tons and tons of money (in order to obtain a visa), and we don't have that kind of money."

Despite her doubts, D'cruz applied and was successful. Now in her second year at UW-SP, she's happy with her decision, although it's been a struggle to come up with the money necessary to afford tuition, art supplies and off-campus living.

"Last semester I knew for sure I'd be going to school here in the spring, but I'm not sure about next year," D'cruz said. "I'd love to come back, but I don't know if I can afford it. Even this semester's been tough."

While nation-wide trends suggest D'cruz is not alone in her struggles, UW-SP has managed to maintain its numbers - usually between 165 and 200 foreign students - for the past two years. However, it will take continual and substantial recruiting efforts to prevent these numbers from decreasing in the future, Brendel said.

Senior Chris Ng, an international student from Malaysia, believes the key to maintaining the foreign student population lies in the students themselves. In his experience, many students opt to pursue an education at UW-SP after talking with friends and family, who have either attended or visited the campus.

"A lot of students have connections back home, which brings more people in. I think it's especially true of Koreans and Latinos; their numbers have really increased," said Ng, who chose to come to UW-SP after his father, who attended college in Chicago, recommended the campus.

Senior Callista Wong, originally from Hong Kong, believes the availability of scholarships and student waivers also may help in the effort to draw more students to UW-SP. In fact, the scholarships and waivers she's received through the Foreign Students Office have made college very affordable for her and her family.

"We haven't had to worry about expenses at all," Wong said. "The only thing we've struggled over is (the fact that) my parents want me to go to a better-known school, because in Hong Kong, brand is important."

With unpredictable factors such as political climate and international relations, it's impossible to say whether the number of international students will remain stable or fluctuate; however, Brendel hopes the university will continue to put forth a strong effort to recruit more students.

"People don't realize how much foreign students bring to a community," Brendel said. "If we want to continue to have diversity, we need to do more to attract (international students)."

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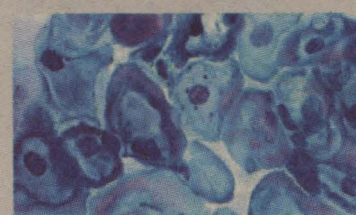
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Pointer baseball begins a brutal conference run against UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stout. Get the exiting highlights in Sports, page 8.



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Burglary ring

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victims.

Taking the similarity of this evidence into account with the fact that most of the burglaries are not forced entry, Sergeant Carlson believes that the suspect may scope the residences out ahead of time.

"Basically, what they are, are crimes of opportunity," said Carlson. "If he's confronted he comes up with an excuse."

The Stevens Point Police Department wants everyone in the community to be on the same page, and to be aware that if someone enters a residence who shouldn't be there, it may or may not simply be a

mistake.

"There have probably been another 12 [similar incidents] out there," said Carlson, but we don't know about them because people may have written them off as a simple mistake.

According to Carlson, people can take several precautions in order to prevent themselves from becoming victims of a burglary. The first thing to do, he said, is to be proactive and lock your doors.

He also mentioned that residents might want to consider keeping a light on when they leave their house at night. Most of the crimes have taken place around dusk with no one home, and a light may

give the impression that the house is occupied.

The last thing for people to do is call 911 immediately if someone just walks into the house uninvited.

Besides the burglaries in the three-block radius near campus, there have also been similar crimes committed on both Clark Street and Phillips Street.

The police are asking that anyone who has information about the crimes or who thinks they may have been the victim of a burglary call 346-1500 and speak with a detective at the Stevens Point Police Department.

Relay for Life event planned for late April

Marty Grosse
NEWS REPORTER

The American Cancer Society is holding their Relay for Life this month, offering the community to give a helping hand to cancer victims and their families. The relay is for teams of up to 15 people walking or running around SPASH's indoor track all night long. The first lap will be made by those who have fought cancer and won, and then participants will begin walking on the track at all times for 16 hours. The Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt, of Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours straight, raising \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. His idea caught on spurring similar events all over the country.

To keep contestants awake and spirits up, there will be many activities. "The event is on Earth Day," says Christina Gasser, "so we are using the

theme 'plant the seed of hope.' We will have activities lined up, like planting flowers, yoga, a DJ, and massages." Gasser is the Secretary of UW-SP's Colleges Against Cancer organization, which you may recall ran the "think pink" week last fall for breast cancer awareness and research. The SPASH pool will also be open during the event so contestants can take a cool swim to keep them up.

"Each hour has a different theme," says Gasser. "The first hour honors cancer survivors. Then there will be a *dudette* lap, where the guys dress like ladies. At 10 p.m., we hold the luminaria lap, in which people line the track with candles. The lights are dimmed, and the track is entirely lit by candlelight."

Everyone is welcome to join. Clubs, corporations, organizations, neighborhoods, and families all come together to raise money for a good cause and to pay tribute to those whose lives are affected by cancer.

This event offers the opportunity to be a community leader, spend time with friends and family, and meet your neighbors. Coordinator Paula Schulz says, "You get a little tired, but it's a small price to pay if we can soon find a cure for cancer. It's also a lot of fun."

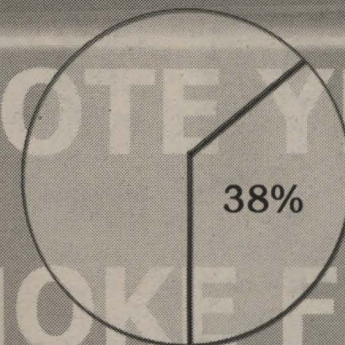
This year's Relay for Life will be held April 22-23, from 7 p.m. to 10 a.m. at the SPASH Fieldhouse indoor track. For more information on how you can help or sign up your own team, contact Paula Schulz at 252-6072, or email Paula. M.Schulz@uwsp.edu.

Smoking ban results

Smoking Ban Referendum Results:

For - 3,378

Against - 4,396



Approximately 38% of Stevens Point registered voters voted on the ban.

Graphic by Holly Sandbo

According to the unofficial results posted on the city Web site Wednesday evening, the referendum was defeated by more than 1,000 votes. While 3,378 people voted to pass the ban, almost 4,396 voted to reject it. The referendum clearly generated a lot of strong feelings on both sides of the issue. In the days and weeks leading up to the election, the Stevens Point Police Department received a number of complaints that claimed campaign yard signs had been vandalized or stolen.

Winter banished for a few months



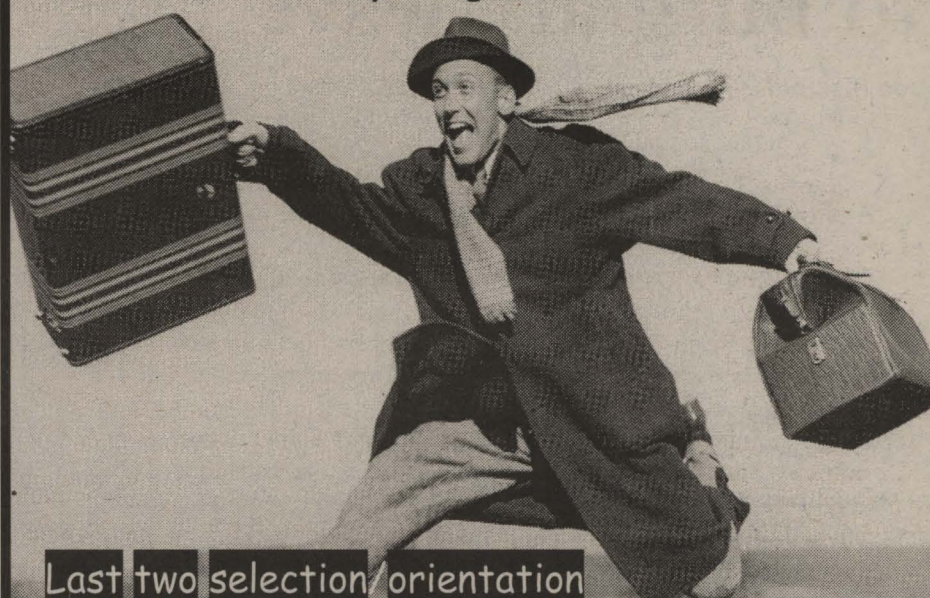
Photo by Trendelina Spahija

Students who left the area for spring break were in for a shock once they returned to classes. At the start of the break on March 18, nearly one foot of snow blanketed the campus. By the time students returned on March 29, the snow was gone and warm weather has so far reigned supreme.

I am so out-of-here !!

DEADLINE for FALL 2005 TRIPS EXTENDED

Where will you be next fall? Be original! Think: Australia, Germany, England or ?????



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Letter to the Editor

Leave seed, tractor hats to the real farmers

Growing up as a farmer I never got into any "hip" fashion trends. Us farmers kind of have our own idea of fashion which mostly includes flannels and Carhartts. Sure we don't look cool, but we've been in this admitted "fashion rut" for a good 50 years now and it's what has helped us keep our identity as farmers. In high school it was always easy to pick out the kids that were farmers. We had our grease-stained Carhartts and a hint of fresh dairy air still on us from milking cows before school. We've enjoyed this distinction for a long time but unfortunately "main-stream" fashion had to step in! The recent craze of "NON-FARMERS" wearing hats with the names of farm-related companies has really riled me up. You guys have all seen them. Admitted non-farmers wearing our green John Deere hats. I always ask people wearing John Deere hats, "What kind of John Deere tractor do you have?" Their usual responses are, "I think my Grandpa had one" or "We have a John Deere lawn mower." Pathetic! How could you guys do this to us? These hats are the only cool piece of clothing we've

developed in centuries. You guys didn't steal our overalls or flannel shirts, but we come up with one cool idea and all of a sudden everyone jumps on the band wagon. And the worst part about the whole thing is that these hats are being purchased at the MALL! We get salesman giving us free hats all the time and all of a sudden the malls are profiting off our hats at 15 bucks a pop. Ridiculous! The farming community has been scrambling trying to find a solution to this devastating disaster. I recently got a Pioneer Seed hat from a salesman who was selling corn seed. Perfect, I thought. No one will have this hat on campus. I couldn't have been more wrong. Within a few weeks I saw four or five people wearing Pioneer Seed hats and two of them were known non-farmers. I was crushed. And to make matters worse, one of the non-farmers was wearing his Pioneer Seed hat backwards! If my Grandpa saw that he would be turning in his grave. Needless to say, I quickly retired my Pioneer Seed hat. Unless people begin to rally behind us and stop wearing our hats, it seems inevitable that main-stream fashion will eventually take over our one-time exclusive control over farm-related hats. As farmers we can only wait until this trend passes so we can begin wearing our hats again and regain our identity.

Stephen Kaufman
UW-SP Student, Farmer

SGA corner - Postitions still open; judicial branch added for next fall

In case you haven't heard, your new president and vice president for the 2005-2006 Student Government Association are...drum roll please...Melissa Cichantek and Courtney Ryan! We in SGA would also like to send out congratulations to those elected to the 2005-06 Senate. This year we had an enormous write-in campaign for Senators, a whopping nine people had the required amount of write-in votes to make it onto Senate.

Those elected to Senate for next year are: Lee Her, Ryan Dorshorst, Amy Clark, Robert Forseth, Alissa Colbert, Paul Logan, Ross Cohen, Michelle Law, Kyle Borkenhagen, James Waisbrot, Dolly Vang, David Davila, Bee Yang, Christopher Johnson, Pa Houa Yang, Eric Letlebo, Maichoua Moua, Kristen Waklee, Aaron Stieve, Adam Mielke, and Garrett Jones.

But let's not forget that there is still time to get involved with SGA Senate this year! In fact, there will be at least three new Senators coming up for approval in the next few weeks. Stop by the Lower UC in Room 026 for more information or check out the applications through the SGA Web site (http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga/inside_sga/director_applications.htm) if you would like to apply to be a member of next year's

Executive Branch. Positions include: Executive Director, Multi-Cultural Director, Budget & Assistant Budget Director, Student Life Issues Director, Legislative Issues Director, Academic Issues Director, and Communication Director.

Each position pays for 15 hours of work per week and allows you to gain hands-on experience in organizational and governmental workings, as well as the ability to get free business cards - hey, business cards!

Applications must be returned soon so that Melissa and Courtney can begin interviewing candidates within the next couple weeks.

Speaking of jurisprudence... SGA is currently taking applications from any student interested in serving on next year's newly created Judicial Branch as Chief Justice, Vice-Chief Justice, Associate Justice, or as Clerk of Courts.

This newly created branch of government will be the main instrument in hearings on matters involving student organizations pertaining to constitutions, bylaws, regulations, rules, and code of conduct review.

If you are interested in a career in law, or just want to be part of a one-of-a-kind experience, get your application to James Duquette in the SGA office by Wednesday, April 20.

For more information and applications, check out the Judicial Branch Web site at: http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga/judicial/inside_judicial/judiciaryindex.htm.



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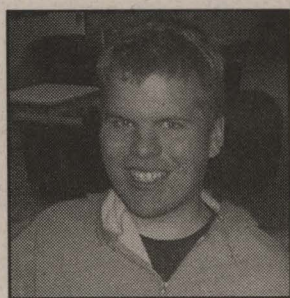
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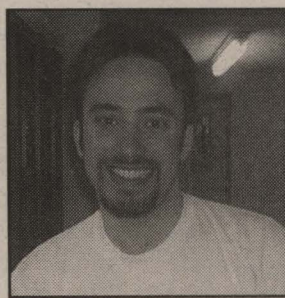
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What's your favorite or least favorite thing about spring?



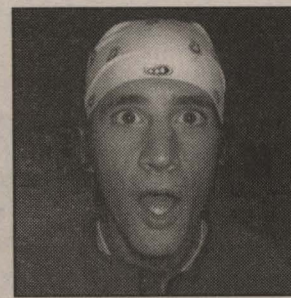
Joe Frost, Jun. CIS

Favorite: Return of the warm weather.



Mike Schiebel, Sen. Social Science

Favorite: Baseball starts.



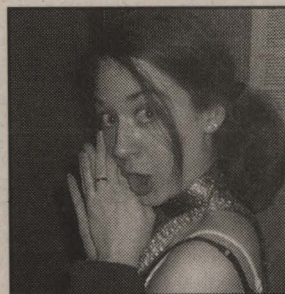
Derek Miess, Soph. Elementary Ed.

Favorite: Rolling out my motorcycle.



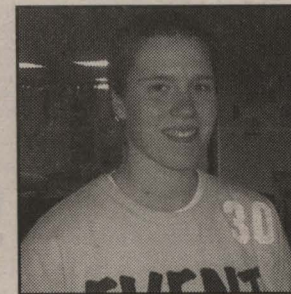
Ashley Price, Fr. English

Least favorite: Raunchy smell coming from football field.



Christine Grimm, Soph. BFA Acting

Favorite: All the cute boys that run around without their shirts off.



Bethany Blicharz, Jun. Wild Life Mn.

Favorite: Flowers.

Your College Survival Guide:

HICKEYS AND YOU

By: Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY
"NOW THAT'S ONE DAMN FINE COAT YOU'RE WEARING."

For those of you confused by the strange weather we've been having lately, let me explain. This is spring, the beautiful, brief window of time between Shoveling season and Mosquito season. Enjoy it, because in three or four days we'll have so much humidity that it'll feel like you're living in a fat man's armpit.

Secondarily, I'd like to thank whoever has been chalking flowers on the sidewalk. They make me happy. So, I salute you flower artist. If there were more of your kind, the world would be



a better place.

Sixthly and lastly, I feel it is my duty to inform you all that *Sin City* is a friggin awesome movie. Seriously. The last dozen movies I've seen have disappointed me horribly, but *Sin City* surpassed my best expectations. So, if you haven't had your RDA of vengeful hookers, you should really go check it out. And read the graphic novels first, you philistines.

Thirdly, I got a hot tip* from a reliable source** saying that there will be a trivia question in hour 38 based on a game available at Games People Play: either Apples to Apples or Settlers of Catan. If I were you, I'd go over there and buy both of them, just to be safe.

And, in conclusion: A letter.

Dear Pat,

I have a great boyfriend that I enjoy kissing, although, he has a problem. He can't kiss my neck without giving me a hickey. I tell him over and over that I don't like them and to not do it, but he just can't seem to help himself. I enjoy fooling around with him and I don't want to have to eliminate him kissing my neck from the agenda, but I can't keep walking around campus looking like a leper. How can I make him stop?

Sincerely,

Please Make it Stop

P.S. Should I use cutting him off as a weapon or is that bad for a relationship?

It's nice that you have such a great boyfriend, PMS. And it's so sad that he can't keep himself from giving you hickies. I don't mean to pry, but what horrible condition makes him incapable of NOT giving you a hickey? Have government scientists spliced his genes with that of a vicious dingo, leaving him with a compulsion to gnaw at you? Does he

have, perhaps, some hickey-related cognitive impairment? Has he been diagnosed with ADHD (Arrogant Dickhead Hickey Disorder)?

I'm guessing no. That means that he damn well CAN help himself, and chooses not to, despite the fact that you told him "over and over." I hate to be the one to break it to you, PMS, but from where I'm standing, your great boyfriend kinda seems like a dick.

Now don't get me wrong, the hickey itself has a long, glorious tradition. Hell, in the Kama Sutra, they give a whole chapter to describing the eight different types of biting. You should give it to your boyfriend to read. The call number in the LRC is....

Holy shit. The library doesn't have a copy of the Kama Sutra in the stacks. All they've got is some crappy old paperback version under "leisure reading."

That's shameful. How are y'all supposed to get an education if you don't have the appropriate books?

Give me a second....

There. I just Amazoned a good copy for the library. Congrats PMS, thanks to your letter, future generations of UW-SP students will have the opportunity to browse through ancient Hindu porn.

For now though, I suppose I'll just have to quote you a few pieces of advice from my buddy Vatsyayana:

"When a man bites a woman forcibly, she should angrily do the same to him [...] and if she be excessively chafed, she should at once begin a love quarrel with him."

He also says:

"In the affairs of love, a man should do such things as are agreeable to the women of different countries."

What you need to do, PMS, is explain to your boyfriend is that women from your country don't like hickies. Explain that he's using the Biting-of-a-Boar and you would much prefer, say, The-Coral-and-the-Jewel. You probably also want to make it clear to him that if he gives you just one more hickey, even a tiny one, you're going to dump his sorry ass and write a long, detailed blog about how embarrassingly tiny his dick is.

Ultimately, PMS, it's your call. If you like the biting, but don't like the visible signs, have him nibble somewhere other than your neckline. Broken-Cloud is good for this.

Should you use sex as a lever against him? Well, my general answer to that question is "no," because that sort of heavy-handed manipulation is bad for a relationship. That said, I don't think your beau is particularly romp-worthy. Call me old-fashioned, but I'm of the opinion that if you can't trust a guy to not bruise up your neck during foreplay, he's probably not trustworthy enough to have sex with, either.

Games People Play continues to offer all sorts of cool board games, models, card games, and RPGs, most all of it at below-retail prices. They also have some pretty cool reference books that would probably be really helpful for your trivia team. They're next door to the campus Family Video. They're inside JadeCo Hobby. Stop by and see them. I command it.

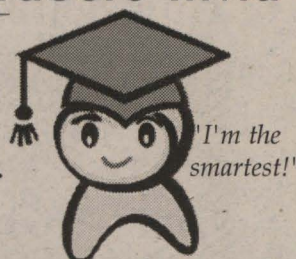
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Walter Wisdom Tooth's Hardcore Trivia

On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Grant in a Courthouse in this Virginia town, effectively ending the U.S. Civil War.



Answer on page 5.

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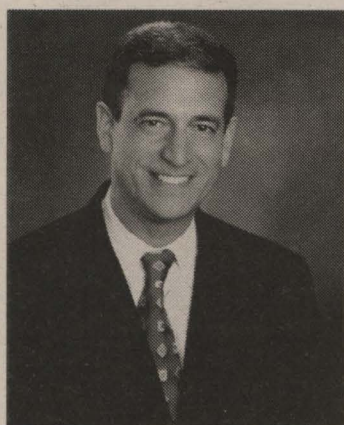
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Cutting Pell Grants: A mistake we can't afford



U.S. Senator Russ Feingold

FROM CAPITOL HILL

The administration's recent cuts to federal financial aid for higher education sent a clear message to students: When it comes to paying for college, don't count on Pell Grants. College students know better than anyone how important Pell Grants can be when it comes to paying for college - Pell is the cornerstone of financial aid in this country. But now these new cuts, coupled with the failure to raise Pell Grant award levels to keep up with rising college costs and inflation, are slowly but surely pulling the rug out from under students struggling to afford a college degree.

The President talked in his State of the Union address

about increasing the size of Pell Grants, but he didn't talk about the number of students who will lose some or all of their Pell funding because of his administration's cuts. The University of Wisconsin System predicts as many as 5,500 Wisconsin Pell recipients may lose their grants entirely, while thousands more will see their amount of Pell aid reduced. And the cuts don't stop there. The changes will have a ripple effect through other financial aid programs. According to the GAO, many students who receive work study, Perkins Loan, and state grants will see cuts as well.

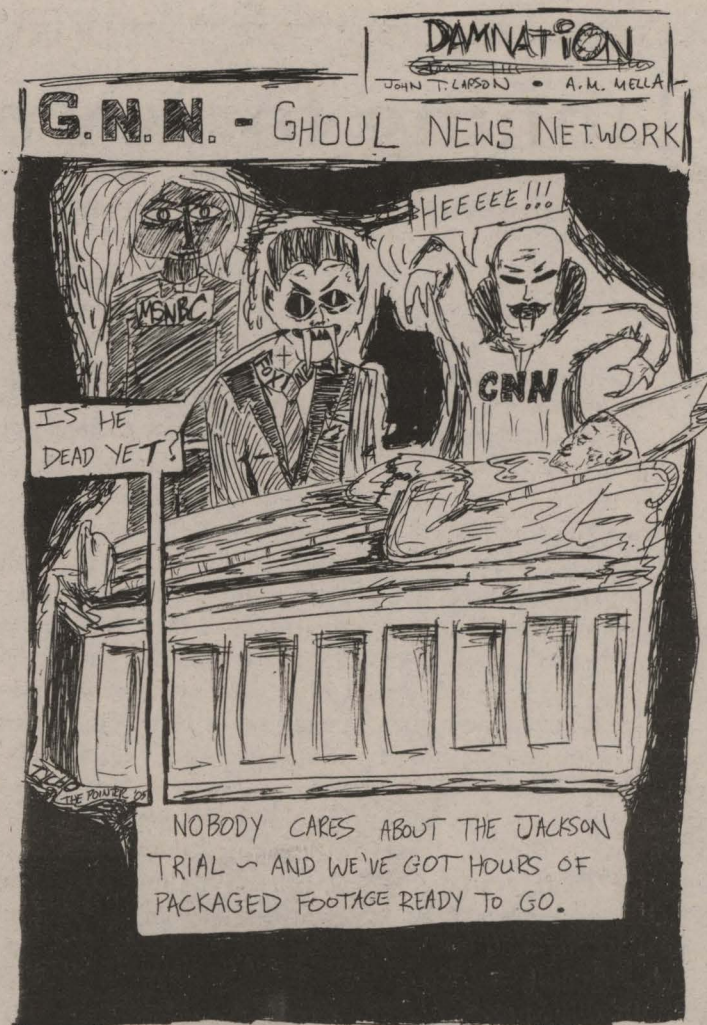
While we need to be fiscally responsible, we also need to do more to help students facing record-high tuition costs. I have been proud to support a number of increases to Pell over the years, but I also know that those changes aren't enough - we can't say that we have equal access to higher education in this country until Pell Grants start to catch up with the cost of getting a college degree.

To give the Pell Grant program the support it deserves, I have joined Republican Senator Susan Collins of

Maine to introduce a resolution that calls on the Senate to increase the maximum Pell Grant award to \$9,000 per student by 2011.

I also have joined bipartisan efforts calling on the administration to reverse its rollback of this grant program. Some of this pressure seems to be paying off - the budget the administration released in February proposes a modest increase to the Pell maximum award amount (currently \$4,050) and an elimination of the program's current shortfall. But the budget does nothing to stop the rollback that will take Pell money from students and families already struggling with the cost of college.

The choice is simple: Do we make substantial increases to Pell Grants in order to support middle and low-income students' access to higher education? Or do we tell those trying to achieve their dream of a college education that they are on their own? Without a strong Pell Grant program, we put a college degree within reach only for those who can pay their own way, and that's a mistake that we can't afford to make.



Walter's answer is:

Lee surrendered in Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia.

Many people incorrectly assume that the surrender was made in Appomattox, at a courthouse. The official surrender occurred in the house of Wilmer McLean.



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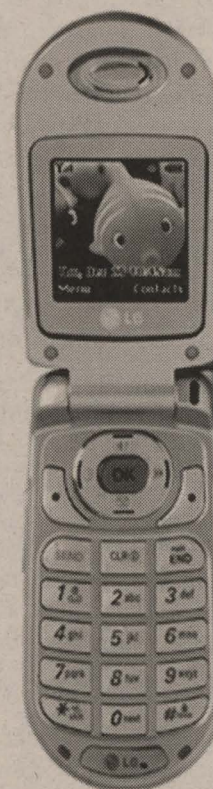
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Planning for a wedding while still in school

Experiencing the excitement of being engaged while papers, projects and exams keep coming is rough

Alli Himle
POINTLIFE REPORTER

Being engaged is, to say the least, an exciting time. Taking myself as an example, I know just how exciting of a time this truly is.

After dedicating myself to a long distance relationship for over three years, only seeing my (now) fiancé once a month with the exception of three months in the summer, I am delighted to know that we have made it thus far. It appears that we are now in the home stretch.

Looking back over these past three years and realizing how far we have come, I am proud to say that I have maintained a long distance relationship my entire college career. No, it has not been easy. As expected, there have been some bumps along the way, but now as I look at the ring on my finger, I realize that we have made it.

I was never the type that

saw myself as having a boyfriend in college. I was too busy for that – too focused on academics and being involved in other activities. So, one can infer as well that I never pictured myself being engaged at the young age of 21.

Sometimes however, one finds that life catches them off guard and that they cannot always plan their life out to the finest detail. I guess you could say that is what happened when I met Ben. I was swept away and, as our relationship began to progress, I knew that becoming engaged was not just the next step; it was the right direction for us, regardless of being in college.

Engagement bliss is wonderful. I am sure anyone who has been or is currently engaged can testify to that. As you share the exciting news with family and friends, questions begin to be asked. And, with that, the planning for the big day inevitably must begin.

Planning a wedding while in college seems to be a bit more involved than I would have expected. I have come to realize that the way in which I plan is not the way in which

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my fiancé would like to plan. I tend to be a very organized, detailed person who enjoys getting things accomplished often times before they are even assigned. My fiancé, on the other hand, tends to be a more laid-back person, trusting that things will get done when they get done.

Secondly, planning takes on an entirely different dimension while one still must focus on academic studies. Doing homework instead of looking at wedding dresses and bridal magazines seems to be a constant struggle.

For me, engagement bliss means wanting to plan every infinite detail in order to have the perfect wedding – the day that practically every girl envisions in her mind since the days of playing with Barbie and Ken.

However, as the planning begins to unravel, the issue of money takes to the forefront. Who would have ever imagined that pledging your love to someone would require enormous sums of money? I know that I never did. And, as we all know, college students are continually lacking in funds. Tuition, books, housing, and food tend to take precedence over wedding details. This is not merely by choice, but by necessity.

And so, with a little under a year and two months to go until the big day, I find that I am going to try and take my fiancé's stance on this matter.

I am going to bask in the joy of being engaged and hold off on the planning for a little while longer. (This is not to say that I haven't taken care of any of the planning thus far. For those who know me, not taking care of anything at all would require me to be absolutely crazy.)

I am going to enjoy my final semester of classes without trying to decide what food the guests will be served. And lastly, I am going to realize that in the end, everything will eventually get done. For now, all I need to do is be happy, be excited, and be in love.

Meet "The Icon"

Jessica Sword
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Dubbed "The Debot Icon" by students and staff, Frank Gaura, UW-SP's longest student manager, will graduate in May.

Originally from former Czechoslovakia, Frank moved to Stevens Point at 19. He graduated from Pacelli High School in 2000 and enrolled in UW-SP the following semester. After five years Frank will have to say goodbye to the 12,000 Debot patrons he serves each week and the organization he has grown to love.

"Debot is symbolic to a melting pot, at one time we had student workers from 13 different nations, that made the transition easier. I can really relate to international students," Frank said. "I see students come in here and sit for hours. I like that about Debot; you can get a meal and hang out."

Avid reader and skiing enthusiast, Gaura is also Student Government Association's executive director. He is fluent in six languages and hoping to obtain a position in international law.

Empty studio is beneficial for STV

Programming is on the rise after move

Jessica Sword
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Forced out of their studio last May after plans to develop a multimedia classroom, Room 121 in the CAC that housed Student Television (STV) for the past 28 years remains empty.

What seemed like a difficult task has now proven favorable for the entirely student-run television station. The organization now works directly with University Television (UT) staff in their studio, located on the first floor of the CAC building.

"Productions have increased in quality."

-Jonathan Alden

Production manager, Jonathan Alden asserted, "Productions have increased in quality. Professionalism has soared, our new sports set is just one of the benefits."

Student Television is allowed to use professional-grade equipment. Volunteers run the camera, audio and lighting within the studio.

The development of Room 121 has been halted by equipment backorder and ventilation renovation planned for

this summer. The classroom will be a digital media lab, used for video and audio production.

"It will give us the opportunity to teach production outside the elements, room for cameras and lighting. With the new classroom we will have the space dedicated to production in communication," said Bill Deering, communication professor and previous advisor to STV.

STV now has a closer relationship with UT, management of the studio. To share access to the facilities, studio time is divided between classes, UT programming and STV productions.

Michael Martin, UT manager speaks of the relationship, "It's beneficial to both of us. Working with the students has been even personally rewarding. STV's programming is very beneficial to the university and community as well."

While the UT studio is available between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., STV has been able to run live news on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Matt Lawton, STV general member commented, "The UT technicians have been very accommodating, they have done more than they are obligated to do."

Currently three main programs occupy UT programming. *Talk About It*, hosted by



Photo by Holly Sandbo

STV staff members Jonathan Alden, Shawn Kozlowski and Matthew Lawton (from left) stand in their equipment room.

Gary McKenna; focusing on the history of the Dominican military and its impact on civilian society, *NASA Television*, an educational programming fed from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and *Democracy Now* an alternate to nightly news.

STV programming includes *STV News*, *The Jack Bennet Sports Show* and *Undergrads*, a weekly sitcom about the struggles of two Stevens Point undergrads.

So as the former STV studio in Room 121 lies vacant, STV continues to prosper. "It

would have been easy for STV to be passive about the whole situation, but through all the hassles and headaches," Alden finished, "STV has grown stronger."

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When the first ants begin to build in the sunlight...

Adam Rodewald
POINTLIFE EDITOR

It is the beginning of April, and spring is in the air.

Students wake up in the morning and open their windows to the bright sunshine. Warm air flows into their rooms through porous screens. A cool breeze blows gently against their faces and welcomes them to a new day.

Guys are dressed in t-shirts, holding their heads up high, showing off their smiles. They say hi to their buddies with a gratifying shout. A few brave men parade about in their tattered cargo shorts.

Girls lift their hair into fun, springtime styles, leaving their ears and necks exposed. Socks are placed to the back of dresser drawers while sandals and flip-flops replace shoes and boots.

The burning, sweet scent of grilled food lingers in the air. Heads turn upwards as noses fill with the tantalizing aroma. Crowds gather around the charred grills, and the mixing voices erupt with laughter.

Some people stand with bare feet, massaging their toes on the grass. Others walk along the sidewalk with a bounce in their steps. People

are in motion everywhere.

Bikes emerge from the indoors, and people ride fervently along the streets. Skaters bring out their skateboards; runners jog around the town. Those who are walking slow down and acknowledge the world around them.

Frisbee players gather in wide circles around the many fields on campus. One guy tosses the opaque, green disc to a slender girl in a red t-shirt. She twists around, makes her catch, and tosses the Frisbee with quick precision to someone else. He misses, and a passerby stops to throw the disc back.

Along Isadore St. in front of the residents halls, a group of 12 students kick a hackey sack back and forth, and a girl sits on a picnic table to do homework only a few yards away. She plays music softly through a small radio, but the sound is carried off with the wind.

The first ants are starting to build. The first bees are starting to fly. The first buds are starting to grow, and the first grass is turning green.

There is a feeling of excitement that hovers in the air as if this weather had never been experienced before.

Faces in the crowd:

A humorous tutor, more than a student

Katie Polomis
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Sarah Burgess milled around the room in busy fervor. "Well, I want to be a professor, and I figured [becoming a tutor] would be a really good way to cut my teeth a little bit," she prattled on.

Her room is in a constant state of disarray attesting to her busy schedule of preparing to graduate in spring. She cleared a pile of pledge wipes and books from her bed and motions for me to sit down.

"Plus," she adds, clicking off the music playing in the background, "they pay me for it. I'm like, 'Dude you want to pay me money for doing something I love? Rock on.'"

Finally satisfied with the cleanliness of her room, she flops down into her chair and props her feet up on the end of the bed.

Sarah has tutored students in Burroughs Hall since she was a freshman, but for the last year she has been working as a tutor at the Learning Center (TLC). The TLC resides in the far corner of the library's basement. It is often a neglected resource for students looking for help with their classes and papers,

she said.

From the door of the TLC wafts the scent of fresh baked goods. People can be found studying, learning, talking and smiling in every corner. Friendliness reverberates off the pale blue walls embellished with Latin sayings.

Sarah then explained an interesting anecdote from one of her group tutoring sessions for Psychology 110. "We had to cover Freud, which some people fear, and [for] some people that's why they took psych. Well, with Freud you have to...talk about sex, because there is a big sex component to Freud."

Sarah began that day's session stashed up on the 300 level of the CCC. She closed the door after everyone arrived, and encouraged them to get the giggles and awkwardness out of their systems.

"We're going to be saying words like..." she paused for dramatic effect, "...penis!" A few awkward chuckles escaped the lips of the learners, most of whom were freshmen. With that out of the way, Sarah got down to business.

She explained Freud's third stage of development: the phallic stage. Defined in

layman's terms, this is when a child, usually between the ages four to six, begins to seek pleasure from contact with one's own genitals.

One brave soul from the back of the room threw up her hand and asked in a half shout, "Like masturbation?"

Sarah nodded. Exactly.

The girl came bounding down the aisle to write the word in one of the boxes drawn on the chalkboard. "It's learners like that," Sarah states, "that makes my job easy."

Other benefits of being a tutor, Sarah points out as she paints the air around her with emphatic hand movements, is that she has a lot more confidence in her skills for educating.

She pulls her wavy black ponytail tight behind her head. Tutoring has been a good experience for acquiring a greater understanding of her own field of study. Helping others is a way to attain the general knowledge when your studies become more focused.

Dancing in her chair, Sarah decides to throw in a plug for the TLC, "It's fun, we're down there!" Giving quick thumbs up and a smile, her attention shifts back to the homework piles flowing off the sides of her desk.

I am so out-of-here !!!

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The reporter abroad

Bonjour from those studying in France

Jennifer White
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

You will certainly be able to recognize the students returning from France in May because if the weather keeps up like this, it will look as if we've been sitting in a bathtub for four months.

Our first days in Caen were warm and sunny, but what a tease! We haven't seen sun since Feb. 9. I know you're probably thinking that it just can't be as bad as Stevens Point winters, but this year it sure is.

Every day we're blessed with not just one form of precipitation, but usually two or three: rain, hail, snow, or if we're really lucky, slush. I have a friend who's lived here one year and he's gone through four umbrellas before he got the sense to buy a "quality umbrella." Until I came here, I never realized quality in an umbrella really mattered. (Kind of like a snow shovel does in Wisconsin!)

Other than the brutal weather, we've been enjoying our experiences here. We've visited castles and small towns that we've only read about in fairy tales. In fact there's a castle right in front of the university with a moat and turrets and even creepy people who lurk behind corners at night - like the trolls of old.

Most of our fellow students are accustomed to this ancient architecture because they come from coun-

tries rich in history such as Sudan, Brazil, South Korea, and Vietnam, just to name a few. It's really amazing to look around the classroom and see so many different colors of skin, eyes and hair. And everyone here has come together for the common purpose of learning the language.

Those of us who just arrived struggled at first with the simple task of buying a sandwich. The servers would hear our accents and start speaking English immediately (even when we obviously knew more French than they knew English). However by now we're all capable of ordering food.

It's been a while since we've been to a restaurant expecting a simple salad and instead ending up with a plate full of unknown, slimy objects from the sea. (I think there's one of those critters still stuck between two of my back teeth.) So now we are capable of choosing what we eat: lot's of cheese, bread, yogurt, and Nutella.

I have good news for all of you who have yet to try Nutella; they sell it at Copps. The French eat it like we eat peanut butter, but it's a chocolate hazelnut spread. Do try it if you have the chance.

Now I'm off to trudge home through the snow for 25 minutes. Hopefully by the time you hear from us again, we will be tan and dry and fluent in French.

Sports

Scoring leads to early success for Pointers

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off of an impressive spring break of games in Florida, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team was looking to begin their grueling conference schedule last Wednesday against UW-Oshkosh.

Baseball

The Pointers, who earned a 6-1 record including a sweep of top-25 Carthage College in Port Charlotte, Fla., had hoped to host the conference opener at University Field. Due to unplayable field conditions in Stevens Point, the games had to be moved to Oshkosh and played on Friday.

In game one of the double-header against the Titans, the Pointers fell down 2-0 in the third inning. UW-SP fought back however, and took a 4-3 lead on Nat Richter's two-run, two-out home run in the ninth.

The lead was short-lived as the Pointers committed three errors in the bottom of the ninth and allowed two earned runs to score, giving UW-O a 5-4 victory. Steve Wiczek led the offensive charge for the Pointers, going 3-for-4 and driving in a run.

Game two of the twin-bill started off quickly for the Pointers, as Wiczek launched a two-run homer in the top of the first. The Titans worked into the UW-SP lead, scoring a run in the bottom half of the first.

UW-O exploded for four

runs in the second inning and didn't look back from there. After adding three runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh, the Titans collected the sweep over the Pointers with a 12-6 win.

Titan first baseman Ned Yost, son of the manager for the Milwaukee Brewers, went 3-for-4 with four RBIs. Second baseman Jeremy Jirschele went 3-for-5 with five RBI for UW-O.

UW-SP came back to the friendly confines of University Field last Saturday and Sunday as the Pointers hosted a four-game weekend series with UW-Stout.

Game one on Saturday also saw Wiczek and the Pointers get off to a quick start. A grand slam by Wiczek in the bottom of the first gave UW-SP a lead they would never relinquish. Wiczek finished the game 2-for-4 and drove in five as the Pointers took the first of four games from the Blue Devils, 7-4.

The second Saturday game contained a bit of controversy. UW-Stout scored two in the top half of the ninth to increase their lead 11-8. The Pointers tied the game at 11 in the bottom of the inning and stood in position to win the game. With two outs, UW-SP drew four consecutive walks, apparently giving them a 12-11 victory.

Pointer catcher Ben Warwick was the runner on second as shortstop Jake Frombach earned the final walk of the inning. Warwick got caught up in the moment and began to cross the field to



Photo by Adam Wise

Ryan Jones, UW-SP's all-time home-run leader, looks to turn on a pitch last Saturday vs. Stout.

get to the dugout. After realizing he needed to get to third, Warwick changed directions and headed to third base.

By this time, UW-Stout's coaches had argued that the runner should be out, and the umpires agreed. UW-SP protested the call that Warwick was out and that he forfeited his right to third base.

Pending the protest, Saturday's finale was postponed due to darkness and was to be completed on Sunday.

The protest was upheld by NCAA officials and UW-SP was given the 12-11 win on Sunday morning.

"My initial reaction was surprise at the fact that one of our ballplayers had started running toward the mound," said Pointer Head Coach Pat Bloom of the interesting occur-

rence. "My next reaction was anger [followed by] confusion because I really wasn't sure exactly what the ruling was in that scenario."

"It teaches you that you can't take anything for granted," Bloom said.

Looking to veer from any interesting outcomes in Sunday's games, the Pointers used big innings to get on top of UW-Stout early. In the first game, a five-run second inning helped UW-SP gain an insurmountable lead, despite an attempt by the Blue Devils to make the game interesting. The Pointers took game one on Sunday 10-9.

Wiczek, who had five RBIs in the game, homered in game one along with Adam Evanoff for UW-SP.

Using the big inning concept, the Pointers finished off

the Blue Devils in game two on Sunday in convincing fashion. Tied 2-2 after one inning, the Pointers hit their stride in the second. Six runs crossed the plate in the inning thanks in part to a two-run double by Ryan Jones and a three-run homer by Chuck Brehm.

Four more runs in the fifth put UW-SP ahead for good, as the Pointers completed the four-game sweep of UW-Stout, 14-4 in seven innings to round out the busy three days.

The team also went on to beat St. Norbert in a double header on Tuesday afternoon. Scores of both games were a lopsided 13-1 and 13-2 victory for the men in purple.

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Jablonski throws five-inning no-hitter as Pointers sweep MSOE

UW-SP News Services

Freshman Kelly Jablonski pitched a five-inning no-hitter

Softball

as the UW-Stevens Point softball team completed a sweep over Milwaukee School of Engineering with 10-1 and 8-0 victories on Sunday in Milwaukee.

Jablonski had three strikeouts and allowed just one baserunner coming in the fourth inning on a catcher's interference play by her former Stevens Point Area Senior High batterymate Korryn Brooks.

The Pointers had 10 hits in the second game win as Jenny Feidt was 3-for-3 with a home

run and a double. Rebekah Bauer was 2-for-3 with a two-run single in the first inning.

In the opening game, winning pitcher Stephanie Anderson slugged her first two career home runs as the Pointers scored in every inning and rolled to the win. Mandy Jellish was 3-for-4 and Feidt had two doubles. Chelsea McIlquham, Nikki Schomer and Laura Zierler each added two hits.

The Pointers travel to Whitewater Thursday then are off this weekend. They kick off their first home stand of the year this Tuesday, April 12 as they are scheduled to play UW-Whitewater twice starting at 3 p.m.



Jablonski

Jock Briefs

Track & Field Athletes of the Week

Cory Christnovich (Neenah, Wis./Neenah) - The senior hurdler led the Pointers to sweep the top three places in the 110-meter hurdles at the North Central Invitational. Christnovich won the event with a time of 15.33 seconds. He also ran in the 400 meter hurdles, placing 10th.

Kent Hutchinson (Green Bay, Wis./Preble) - The junior claimed top honors in the javelin throw at the North Central Invitational. Hutchinson easily won the event with a toss of 47.77 meters, as the Pointers claimed the top six places in the event. Hutchinson also competed in the triple jump placing fourth with a leap of 13.17 meters.

Marie Burrows (Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee Falls) - The sophomore claimed first place in the 200 meter dash at the North Central Invitational. Burrows breezed past the field in a time of 25.75 seconds to claim top honors. Burrows also ran on the Pointers' victorious 4 x 400 meter relay team, and the 4 x 100 meter relay team which placed second.

Bethany Richter (Green Bay, Wis./Preble)

- The sophomore set a personal record in the javelin last week, and improved it by another two meters this week. Richter claimed first place in the javelin at the North Central Invitational with a toss of 37.13 meters (121' 10"). She also placed third in the long jump, leaping 5.17 meters (16' 11.5").

Nechuta tallies six points in WBCA all-star challenge

UW-Stevens Point forward Amanda Nechuta scored six points, but her team fell short in the annual Women's Basketball Coaches Association all-star challenge on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Nechuta was the only NCAA Division III player in the game as the division's national Player of the Year. Her team, the Brickyard 400s lost to the Indy 500s 82-72 in the game played at the University of Indianapolis.

Nechuta played 18 minutes and scored six points. She drained a three-pointer in her first shot attempt and finished 2-for-4 from the field with one rebound, one block and one steal. Nechuta had four points in 10 minutes in the first half and played eight minutes in the second half.

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Our View from the Cheap Seats

Lakers look to be lottery-bound for a few years

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

With all the attention on the opening day of baseball this week, not much fanfare was heard about the Los Angeles Lakers.

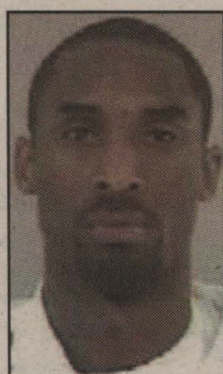
The Lakers cemented their spot in the NBA Lottery Draft this coming summer with a loss to the Phoenix Suns to a tune of 125-99.

This is the first time the Lakers will be eligible to draft relatively high since 1994, which sparks an even bigger debate.

How long until the Lakers will return to prominence?

After trading Shaquille O'Neal to the Miami Heat for what has become garbage (Lamar Odom and Caron Butler have not been able to play alongside Kobe Bryant, surprise), losing Gary Payton and Karl Malone, and pushing Phil Jackson out the door, the Lakers have little hope beyond running with a one-man-team in Kobe Bryant.

Beyond the current top eight teams in the west who are either likely to stay at



Bryant

their current position or even improve upon their current rosters, the Timberwolves, Jazz, and Clippers - all outside of the playoff picture and looking in - will likely improve next year, which is worse yet for the Lakers.

The current roster of the Lakers is in shambles and will have to be tinkered with again this summer by General Manager Kobe Bryant.

Kidding aside, Bryant will likely sign off on the deal for whoever is brought in to coach

the team (since Tomjanovich couldn't stand an entire season and current interim coach Frank Hamblen doesn't want the job to begin with).

After that, signs are pointing towards the Lakers dealing Lamar Odom, a man who despite his penchant to never pass the ball in the offensive court, still garners respect as a legitimate scorer in the league. Once both of these deals are done, the Lakers still have plenty to go.

While I love Chucky Atkins coming off of any bench, he is not a starting point guard in the NBA and must be replaced for next season. Also,

the Lakers will likely have to rid themselves of Brian Grant, Slava Medvedenko, and Vlade Divac if they have any hope of improving. While few and far between, the team does have some young talent on the team in rookie guard Sasha Vujacic, forward Luke Walton, and an improving Chris Mihm at center, but none of these players will ever become impact scorers at this level ever.

So, for the time being, as hard as it sounds, the NBA will have to live without seeing the L.A. Lakers - its pride and joy of the league - in the playoffs for this year and most likely, the few years ahead.

Opening day's ups and downs across baseball

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Opening day, one of the most glorious days in all the baseball season, may have been overshadowed by the bigger baseball news that broke on Sunday: A player was caught using steroids.

Many agree that the positive test of Tampa Bay Devil Rays' center fielder Alex Sanchez shows that the random-testing system works. Sanchez will serve the mandatory 10-day suspension.

Despite that fact, another startling discovery was made the next day when 38 minor league players tested positive

for steroids. All was not lost on opening day, however, as some stories and performances may have saved the day.

The Red Sox/Yankees rivalry got off to an exciting start on Sunday, with Randy Johnson leading the Yanks to a 9-2 victory. Even though the game was somewhat of a blowout, it was a beautiful thing to see Major League Baseball again.

Along came Monday, the day that I considered opening day, and several decent performances in the early games started the day off on the right foot. The Tigers beat up on the Royals, thanks in part to Dmitri Young's three home



runs. The Milwaukee Brewers looked impressive in their opener against Pittsburgh, as long-time Brewer Jeff Cirillo collected two hits including a homer in a 9-2 victory.

At approximately 4:10 p.m., my opening day came to a head, as I plopped down in front of the TV to witness

the spectacle known as the Chicago Cubs. A Cubs fan all my life, watching the first game always gets me fired up for the whole season. To my delight, the Cubs pounded on Arizona, knocking their starting pitcher out of the game in the second inning.

It was a joyous sight to see Derrek Lee drive in five runs and Aramis Ramirez, who signed a nice contract extension with the Cubs, drive in four. In the end, the Cubbies dominated the D-Backs with a 16-6 win. My opening day was complete.

It may have been easy for the casual observer to mark opening day(s) 2005 as

a disaster due to the steroid incidents. To me, a hardcore baseball fan, nothing can overshadow the beginning to a new year. Every team starts in first place. Everyone has a shot at the World Series.

The news of positive steroid tests did take away from the coverage of opening day, but it should have. The news shows that the testing works. Players who get caught will be named and will face punishment. I feel that the fact that the policy works, combined with a wonderful opening day, shows that baseball has its act together, something that may not have been said just a few weeks ago.

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The Pointers have outscored their opponents 154-93 so far this season. UW-SP is averaging over 10 runs per game, while allowing six.

After Tuesday's games, Wiczek is hitting .532 with six homers and 29 RBIs. The senior designated hitter/first baseman also has 10 doubles in his 33 total hits this season.

"I'm so happy for him because I know how hard he's worked his whole college career to try to achieve success," said Bloom. "We've never really been able to see the real Steve Wiczek. It took getting healthy and re-tooling his hitting mechanics. He's been a tremendous asset to our lineup."

The Pointers improved to 12-3 overall and 4-2 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with this past week's victories. As of the March 29 American Baseball Coaches' Association poll, the Pointers are ranked 18th in the country.

UW-SP travels to UW-Platteville this weekend and will meet UW-Oshkosh next Wednesday at University Field.

HPV: Should you be worried?

Margaret Barres
SCIENCE REPORTER

Human Papillomavirus is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States, but only 27 percent of women have even heard of HPV. Should you be worried? Well, yes and no.

According to a study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* published in 1998, the incidence of HPV infection in sexually active young college women is high. This study, the first of its kind to address the various "unknowns" associated with HPV infection, followed 608 college women at six-month intervals for three years. The results showed an incidence of HPV infection at 43 percent, with a significant association between HPV infection and younger age, as well as an important correlation to being sexually active with sexually active partners. Men are also at risk for HPV infection, but prevalence in men is more difficult to assess.

The study also showed, however, that the median duration of HPV infection is around eight months. Therefore, the previous notion that "once you had HPV, you had it forever" was refuted and it was found that it was actually a series of infections, sometimes by different strains or sometimes by simultaneous infections with different strains, that led people to believe they could never get rid of the virus.

On the UWSP campus, Dr. Jim Zach of the university Health Center, put together a summary of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

on campus describing those most commonly seen at the Health Center. According to his handouts, HPV is the most common STD seen at the UW-SP Health Center.

"STDs cause a lot of emotional distress for students," says Dr. Zach. "I probably spend more time on that than other medical concerns for some students."

There are more than 100 different types of the HPV virus, separated into high-risk strains and low-risk strains. Some of these cause genital warts and others cause "subclinical" infections that either are invisible or cannot be seen easily. Genital warts are extremely common and can be treated and cured. Subclinical infections are even more common, can lead to cancer and currently cannot be treated.

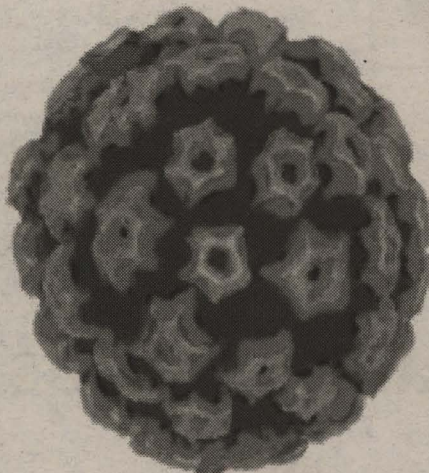
So how often does HPV lead to cancer? Dr. Zach relates figures of around 13,000 cases of cervical cancer per year in the U.S. and about 5,000 deaths from cervical cancer.

However, he emphasizes that these "tend to be people who haven't received medical care or chose not to have PAP smear screening," therefore, making these deaths "mostly preventable."

The high risk strains don't necessarily result in cancer," says Dr. Zach. "Your immune system can clear those as well as the low-risk strains of HPV. It's just that the ones that persist are generally the high-risk strains, and the potential is

there for those to cause cellular changes that result in cervical dysplasia (precancerous cellular changes) or cervical cancer."

How do you know if you have HPV? According to Dr. Zach, there are signs, but there are not many symptoms of HPV.



Graphic provided by Cervical-cancer-causes.com

Human Papillomavirus

"The signs of HPV infection are genital warts or an abnormal PAP test with low- or high-risk viral types. There are generally no symptoms specific to HPV infection unless you experience pain or itching along with the signs."

Are you at risk? Considering that 50-75 percent of the sexually active population has HPV, up to 90 percent of sexual partners of infected people also become infected and condoms provide little protection from HPV, the risk of becoming infected with HPV is very real.

How do you protect yourself from HPV? Abstinence is one of the safest options. If

abstinence isn't an option for you, then while not 100 percent effective, condoms are still your best bet. They have limited protection against HPV and herpes, which can be transmitted by skin-to-skin contact, but they offer important protection against HIV/AIDS and other STDs that involve bacteria or viruses that are transmitted via body fluids between mucus membranes.

Limiting the number of sexual partners you have is also an important consideration. In his handout, Dr. Zach suggests, "Genital exams and STD testing should be done prior to new relationships."

The most important thing according to Dr. Zach with any STD is "to take the time to understand it. As troublesome as it is, when you understand it better, it's easier to cope."

A diagnosis of an HPV infection, in any form, can be scary and confusing. If you are concerned with HPV, Dr. Zach is an excellent source of information. Stop by the UW-SP Health Center or visit the First Aid Station near the Travel Board in the University Center to learn more.

IT hopes to bring new technology to campus

Liz Bolton
MANAGING EDITOR

Information Technology has remained untouched by budget crunches so far, sources say, and expect some new features next year.

IT hopes that over 200 new computers will be replaced for next year, with most going to the labs. The residence halls are required to purchase more than 30 computers, which are paid for by students living in the dorms.

A whole new computer lab will also open next year. NFAC 215, a Windows lab in the new addition of the Noel Fine Arts Center, will be open next year as well.

The most interesting possibility for next year is going to be a remote computer lab. The program is still in the testing phases, but if it is successful, students will be able to access campus computers from their dorms, or even off campus.

This would allow for some interesting possibilities for students if it were to work. Students would be able to use any software in the standard

Scientific Notations

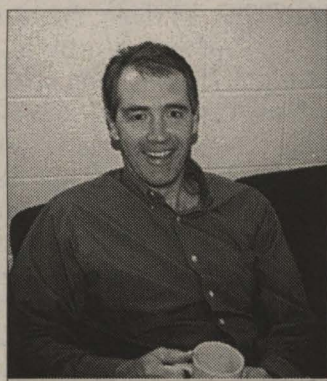
Natural gene repair fixes immune system - U.S. researchers have found a way to initiate a DNA repair process artificially to treat children with no immune system.

Fish around world smaller than ever -

Canadian scientists said unlimited fishing has slashed populations of large predator fish and those caught now are half the size of fish caught in the 1950s.

Human damage to earth worsening fast - Humans are damaging the planet at an unprecedented rate and raising risks of abrupt collapses in nature that could spur disease, deforestation or "dead zones" in the seas, an international report said on Wednesday.

Brain chip reads man's thoughts - A paralyzed man in the US has become the first person to benefit from a brain chip that reads his mind. BrainGate, consists of nearly 100 hair-thin electrodes implanted a millimeter deep into part of the motor cortex of his brain that controls movement.



Professor David Gibbs
Coordinator of the Collaborative Degree Program and General Studies.
Specializes in Web programming, speech recognition and synthesis in eLearning

Research Corner

What kind of research do you do?

Our first stage involved finding some kind of system which would allow for a "speaking" PowerPoint. Recorded voices take up a huge amount of space and aren't easily changed. We tried to find a way to allow speech on-line without the hassles of recorded voices.

What have you found?

We found it was possible to find a workable medium which allowed for on-line lectures to be accompanied with speech. We purchased a speech engine called "Kate," which is a step up from other engines in the XP package and found using a microphone or keyboard we could input notes into a PowerPoint program which could be read by "Kate." This way on-line classes don't miss out on lectures.

How are students involved?

Right now we have five students working on a special project to try and navigate Web pages through speech. We've already been to presentations in Ohkosh and Wausau. The right business would pay 5-10,000 dollars for a program like this so we hope to earn some money for the university.

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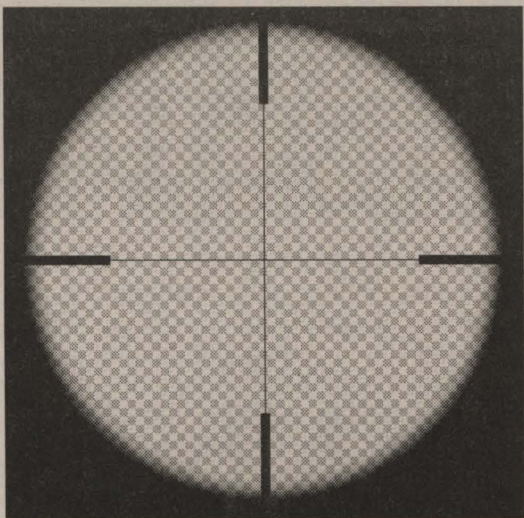
One mouse-click, one kill

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Ask most true hunters across the country about what hunting means to them and they'll likely tell you that it's about more than just a kill. Hard work, dedication, patience, comradery and the thrills of nature often mean as much to the hunter as putting meat in the freezer. There's nothing quite like the smell of early morning dew while searching for a mid-April turkey, or the crunch of freshly-fallen leaves on a November bow hunt. These are the things that separate life and reality from the fast-paced, technologically advanced world that sometimes is as much of a burden as it is a blessing; the things that no video game or television could ever truly replicate.

Texas native, John Lockwood, might beg to differ.

Lockwood, the inventor and owner of www.live-shot.com, has recently received a great deal of attention from all over the country for his new idea of "hunting." The basic premise involves a ranch filled with a variety of exotic animals, and a remote-controlled, Internet connected rifle, ready to shoot at those animals. With this high-tech shooting platform, a person anywhere in the world can simply go to Lockwood's Web site, plug in his or her credit card information, and proceed to "hunt" through the computer screen - using a click of the mouse to pull the trigger of the rifle when the crosshairs fall in the correct place. A guide constantly tends to the shooting platform to make sure of good shots and clean kills.



While some view this branding of technology and tradition as a way for people who are disabled or are in a hunt-free country to experience the thrill of the hunt, there are just as many who see it as completely immoral, unnatural and unfair.

Many Texas legislators, along with groups like Texas Parks and Wildlife and Safari Club International, vehemently oppose Lockwood's plans for the future of hunting and have already begun drafting proposals to ban Internet hunts.

Lockwood himself is not interested in pursuing animals in his Internet-friendly manner, but instead prefers the thrills and excitement that only a live-action hunt can offer.

This issue obviously carries with it some serious questions of morality and overall integrity of the sport of hunting. How can a person learn to respect and appreciate the animal he or she pursues while sitting in the comfort of a home office, wearing

pajamas and drinking cappuccino?

Just picture it - sitting around the fireplace, admiring trophies of years past, telling stories of the big ones that got away...

"It was a cool, crisp, October morning. The sun was just breaking over the horizon, flaking the first sparks of glowing orange sunlight onto my stand. In the distance, I could see the magnificent beast moving with slow, calculated steps towards me and my heart began to pound. His steamy breath glistened as it rose from his nostrils and then vanished as quickly as it had appeared. I raised my rifle and carefully placed the crosshairs on his front shoulder. Then, in one magnificent moment...my computer froze up."

Coulee region duathlon provides exciting challenge

Press Release

Enjoy the beautiful scenery while getting exercise at the 14th Annual Coulee Region Duathlon on April 30. The race, consisting of a 3-mile run, 17-mile bike, and then another 3-mile run, will be held at Drugans Castle Mound Golf Course in Holmen, Wis. Holmen is located only minutes away from La Crosse, Wis. The Duathlon is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Recreational Sports as well as many other local businesses. The Duathlon will begin at 8 a.m.

The race is sure to challenge competitors of all ages and skill levels. Competitors will find the course to be beautiful and serene; however, they will discover it consists of straight-aways, curves, and rolling/steep hills. Stations will be provided throughout the course to provide times, water, and aid in any possible way. Participants are reminded that helmets are required, and drafting is not allowed.

About 250 racers are expected at this year's event and people of all ages are encouraged to enter. There will be cash prizes awarded to the top three male and top three female finishers. The prize amounts are \$75, \$50 and \$25

respectively. Awards will also be given to the top three male and female finishers in each of the age categories. The age categories will be broken into 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50+. All awards will be presented at the conclusion of the race.

Online reservations and more information can be found at the Recreational Sports Web site, www.uwlrecsports.com. For more information contact Krissy Zegers with the Recreational Sports Department at (608) 785-5221. Information on how to get on the mailing list for the Duathlon brochures can be found on the Web site as well. The registration price for the race on or before April 22 will be \$35 for community members and \$25 for UW-La Crosse Students. Registration after April 22 will be \$40 for community members and \$30 for UW-La Crosse students. The cost to register on the day of the race will be \$45.00 for community members and \$35 for UW-La Crosse students. All students must bring their student IDs. A long sleeve t-shirt is included in the registration fee.

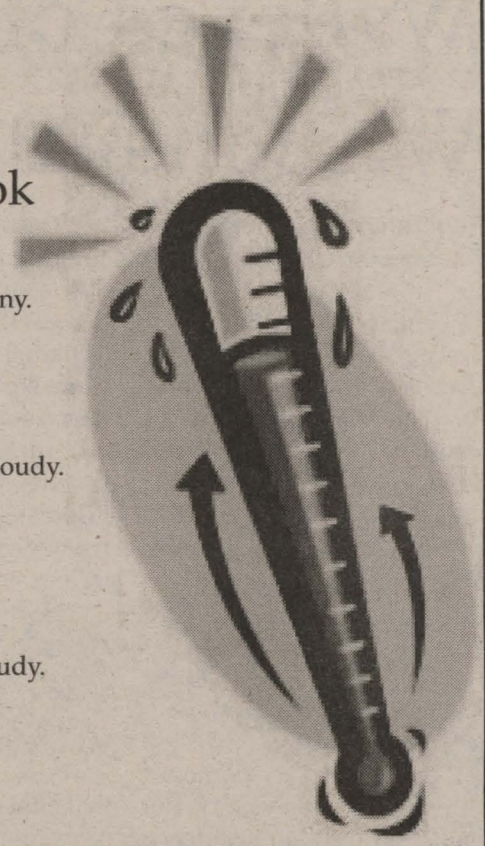
The Coulee Duathlon is fun, rewarding, and above all, a great aerobic exercise. Food and beverage refreshments will be provided after the race while waiting for results.

Weekend Weather Outlook

Friday: Mostly sunny.
High: 64
Low: 30

Saturday: Partly cloudy.
High: 63
Low: 34

Sunday: Partly cloudy.
High: 62
Low: 39



Check out the U.P.

Stephanie Daly
OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

Spring's sunny skies bathe budding maple trees, warm winds, and college students eager for a shift to outdoor activities. Already many students can be seen rollerblading, jogging, shooting hoops, or grilling out. For anyone who is able to overlook escalating gas prices and also enjoys traveling, camping is a terrific outdoor activity for any spring or summer weekend.

While many campgrounds surround a small Upper Michigan town called Watersmeet, there is a natural retreat located on Marion Lake, which embraces the word 'secluded.' Settled in the Ottawa National Forest, the serenity and isolation offered at Marion Lake Campground welcomes a chance for relaxation and adventures, such as hiking and biking on the various trails throughout the park.



Bond falls.

A spectacular attraction just 30 minutes north of Watersmeet, is the Bond Falls. The falls are located on the Ontonagon River just off of Highway 45. According

to one source, these falls are the "best kept secret" of the western Upper Peninsula. As the sun withdraws for the day and you head back to the campsite, be sure to visit Robbin Pond Road along the way. You'll be in for a memorable night.



The dead end of Robbins Pond Road -aka- The Paulding light sight (in less-mysterious daylight).

Watersmeet isn't much more than a main street and a casino, however the town is known for a popular and haunting attraction - the Paulding Light. This unexplained light appears each night after dusk, five miles north of Watersmeet, on Robbin Pond Road.

According to a popular legend among the locals, the first sighting occurred in 1966. A group of teenagers claimed that the temperature in their car quickly rose as a bright light washed over them. The light seen today may be a signal lantern from a railroad brakeman who was crushed between two train cars. Or perhaps the brakeman blamed himself for a train accident and committed suicide. Today he wanders, warning others of the dangers. Which is true? Visit the area and decide for yourself.

Walleyes of the Wisconsin River

Paul Becht II

OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

The time has come - jig heads, minnows and that first open water cast. The chase for the elusive walleye is on. Students and townspeople alike will tell you that having the mighty Wisconsin River flowing so close is a blessing, or a curse in disguise.

he finds himself on the river pretty often and catches his fair share of "almosts." When asked if the limits had him looking elsewhere for places to fish he simply replied "No, just go out and wade through all those pin-dickers and maybe you'll catch a meal." That seems to be the consensus of most student anglers; it's good to be able to catch



The current slot limit on Wisconsin River walleyes have many anglers questioning its effectiveness.

As anglers put away their tip-ups and start dusting off their rods and tackle boxes, out comes the rule book. The Wisconsin River is in its fourth season of slot limits on the tasty walleye and to some it just doesn't make sense. Catching those 14 inch walleyes can be done all day long, but that 15 inch mark is hard to hit for the fish hunter. Not to mention the 27 inch that you will have to throw back this year because it's not quite big enough.

The slots have been in effect since 2002 and are part of a "sunset clause" which will either come to an end or get extended in 2007. The Wisconsin DNR has put limits on many types of fish in many bodies of water contained within the state borders, most of the time put into effect to protect a species. However, the river's limits exist for a different reason, as Pat Schmalz, DNR Treaty Fisheries coordinator puts it, "a slightly different perspective." The slots were put in to experiment with the size quality of the walleyes in the river.

No studies have been done to see if the fish population has benefited from these rules, but the DNR has one planned for this spring. "Mostly what we have gone on is comments from fishers, some feel it's the greatest thing since sliced bread, but others don't like it at all," Schmalz said.

Joe Schmalzing is one who doesn't like it much. Being a student at the university,

fish all day, but going home with a stringer full is even better.

Michael Hansen, professor of fisheries at UW-Stevens Point feels the rules could be a little different. "You should harvest the little fish and protect the larger ones. They can pile up and slow in growth otherwise," he said. The one thing for sure is that there seems to be quite an abundance of the smaller ones.

The Wisconsin River is not the only body of water that has the 15-inch minimum that was put into effect in 1990, but some did manage to get past the rule. Bodies of water with higher mercury levels get different limits, and lakes like Winnebago which have superb fish quality have different rules as well. But, as many say "The river is just so close".

Anglers all over town will grumble about not catching legal walleyes, but deep down all of them kind of enjoy it. If you could go out for an hour and catch five legal in a row it just wouldn't be the same. That's why they call it fishing and not catching, right?

When asked what he thought about the upcoming season, Schmalz said, "If we are going to see major impacts they should be starting about now." So do not fear fishermen and women of Stevens Point, there will always be fish to catch. Maybe not to eat, but then, there is always the Final Score and that tasty fish fry.

UW-SP Fire Crew conducts prescribed burn



photo by Holly Sandbo

Burn Boss Caleb Schreiber keeps an eye on a field just north of the Village Apartments on Michigan Avenue and Maria Drive during a prescribed burn. The UW-SP Fire Crew working with the Society for Ecological Restoration hopes to restore the property to natural oak savanna.

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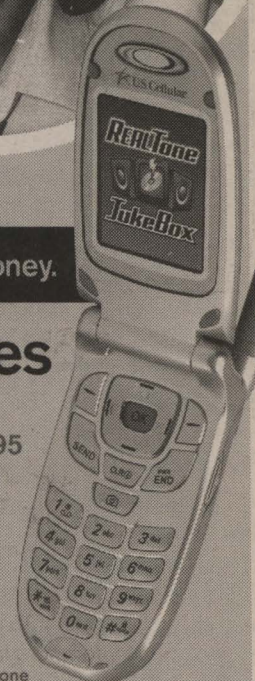
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Grammy-winning artist at UW-SP

Andrew Burt

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Bill Miller is an enigma of sorts, but in no way did this detract from his entertaining performance in the Alumni Room last Thursday. He appears soft-spoken and humble on first appearance. But when he gets behind a microphone he truly shines as an entertainer and as a storyteller. His jocular wit and humor mesh well with his laid-back storytelling. Good-natured and self-assured on stage, he mesmerized the audience telling tales about how he came upon each song. Sometimes his stories ran a bit long, but Bill always followed them with a really good song that captured perfectly his life or the lives of his people, or for that matter people everywhere. He is down-to-earth and doesn't come across as a man who recently won the Grammy for Best Native American Music Album for his first instrumental album in 10 years, *Cedar Dream Songs*. He expressed amazement that he won at all, but his songs showed exactly why he won. A compelling mix of blues, folk, and plain ol' rock make Miller's songs transcend all genres. They are fully human and tell human tales. Miller takes his acoustic guitar and brings the listener to new vistas of experience. His love of the blues is his main musical inspiration with

scalding twelve-bar blues songs like "Face the Blues," but he has no problem writing straight-ahead rockers like the Radiohead-influenced "Underneath the Blue Sky." But Miller shines most of all on songs that incorporate elements of his native heritage, such as "Ghost Dance," which easily brought goose bumps. His Native American flute pieces were also moving. An impressive cover of "Amazing Grace" was among several other heartfelt flute pieces that showed Bill Miller's impressive musicianship.

Miller capped off his performance with a musically uninspiring cover of Neil Young's "Old Man," but Miller followed it up with a cover of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" that incorporated folk and the blues into an excellent take on what has become an old standard.

All in all, Miller's performance was very good. Sometimes he tends to get carried away and sometimes his vocals fall flat when he is trying to hit higher notes, but his music speaks for itself. Not only is he a technically good musician, but he also speaks to us all as people and is able to bring people together - something that is sadly lacking in most performances of today.



The intense Bill Miller.

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In memoriam: Saul Bellow

Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

One of the leading lights of American literature, Saul Bellow, passed away this week at the age of 89. He was part of the midcentury literary vanguard, which included Norman Mailer and Philip Roth, that revitalized the American novel. Though possibly less widely read than Roth and Mailer, Bellow wrote beautiful intellectual novels, sometimes funny, sometimes melancholic, like *Herzog* and *Humboldt's Gift*, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize. One of his last works, 2000's *Ravelstein*, is a deep, wistful history of the death of a close friend, the scholar Allan Bloom. Now the world of letters has lost another friend, and his own legacy of words will pay him his last respects.

Burning down the house: A look at *Fahrenheit 451* at UW-SP

Rebecca Conn

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

Can you imagine a society in which firemen don't put out fires, but stop them, and where the things they burn are books? This is exactly the dystopic world Ray Bradbury envisioned when he adapted his classic novel *Fahrenheit 451* into the stage play that was presented in the Encore in UW-SP's University Center last Thursday evening. Entirely student-produced and performed, the show toured local junior high and high schools before its final performance in the Encore. It concerns the story of Montag, a successful fireman who slowly comes to question his high-speed, anti-literate society, where television fill walls and no one talks about anything, after a series of encounters with Clarice, a free-spirited teenager, and Beatty, a fire chief with a disturbing secret past.

In an interview, UW-SP theater major and *Fahrenheit 451* director Andrew Claude stated that he chose to present this play for several reasons. "I love this book, and talking to a lot of people, I realized that many...weren't made to read it in high school. I thought it was standard reading," he said, adding, "It has a lot of connotations to what's going on in society today, like reality television, where the script means nothing...(People) talk to the screen, and it means nothing."

Any good production of *Fahrenheit 451* makes an audience start to think about what fearful, wonderful entities books really are, each one with "a person behind it," as Montag says. It also makes one think about how ugly and empty human life can be, and how rich if only one isn't afraid of it. Claude's production, with its spare sets and professional performances, did just that. Though purists of the novel might be annoyed at the time-saving rewrites Bradbury made, none of them impugn the work's quality. In

"(People) talk to the screen, and it means nothing."

any case, one shouldn't be paying attention to that, but to the beautifully acted torment of Montag, the man learning to really read, and his wife, Mildred, living life through her television wall. Be impressed that students built this show themselves, from the acting to the directing to the music. It was a fine effort, clearly passionately felt by all involved, to bring a vital work to the stage. Said Claude, "(I want) to get people...away from their little boxes." He succeeded.

Wausau poetry: a growing voice

David Cohen

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

The city of Wausau is known throughout central Wisconsin as a conservative area without a lot of tolerance for people with unusual lifestyles. Poets from other parts of central Wisconsin don't look at Wausau as being a good environment for a poet. Dave, a celebrated poet from the Stevens Point area, is always surprised when he meets a talented poet and discovers they are from Wausau. He says, "All of the local TV stations are from there and it seems like the entire city is filled with TV reporters. It looks like a very plastic town."

However, the poets of Wausau have been gathering together and developing an active literary community. In Wausau's downtown area, between tall, pristine buildings owned by large companies operated by people in clean suits, there is an open, grassy, park-like area where the poets and radicals of Wausau huddle together in the midst of

the mass commercialism. This band of individuals is quite eclectic. The people have varying jobs, interests and incomes, but what they do definitely have in common is a love for free expression and individuality. These people juxtaposed together make an interesting, particularly unusual amalgam... But what makes the Wausau poetry community so interesting is its juxtaposition of different things and ideas about life.

There have been numerous short-lived poetry groups in Wausau over the last several years. Lately, however, these groups have been coming together actively in a higher profile. The person largely responsible for this is an architect and Wausau native named Kevin. Kevin began organizing "action readings." Many local poets and others began uniting under his banner. The unusual quality about Kevin as a literary organizer is that he, until very recently, did not read or write poetry.

What makes Kevin a successful poetry organizer, however, is that he has some qualities that most "actual" poets lack: organization and ambition. **Con't next week**

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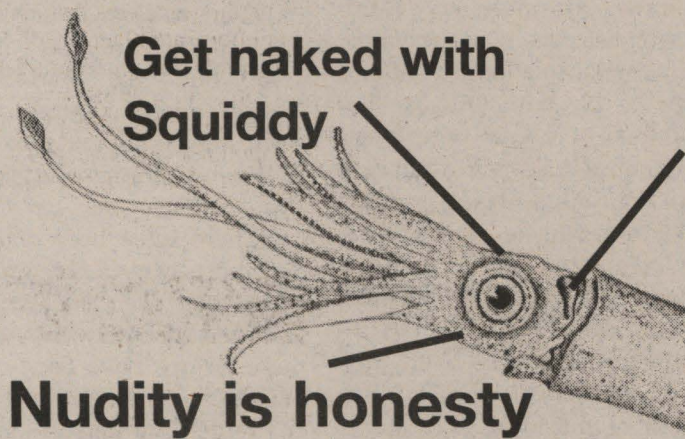
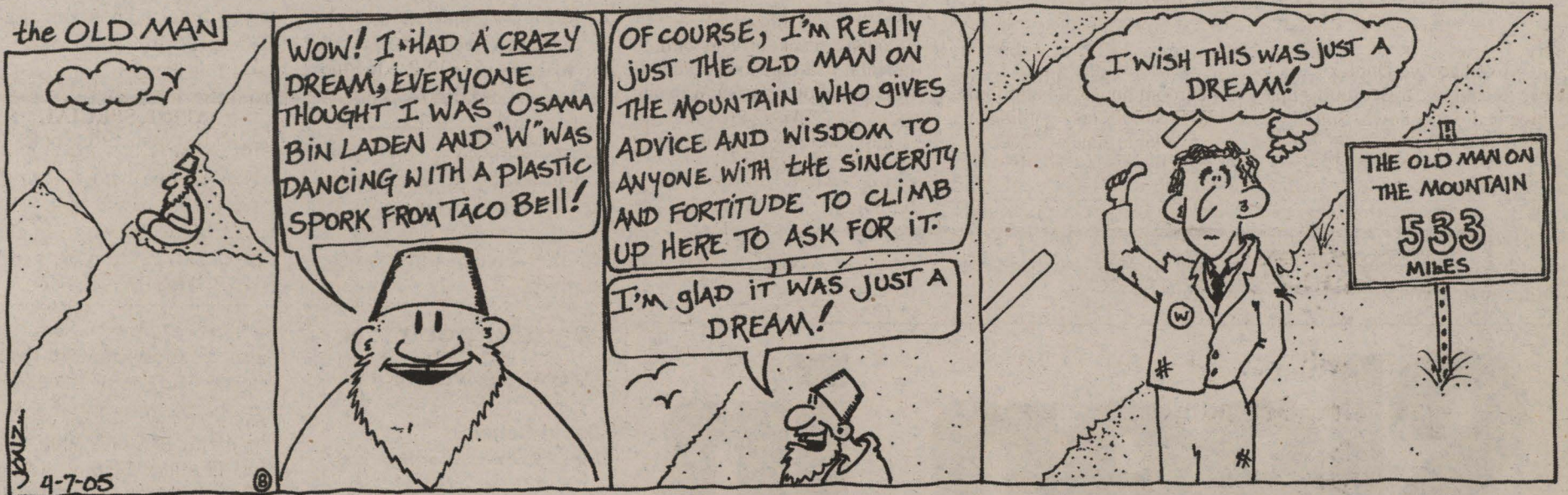
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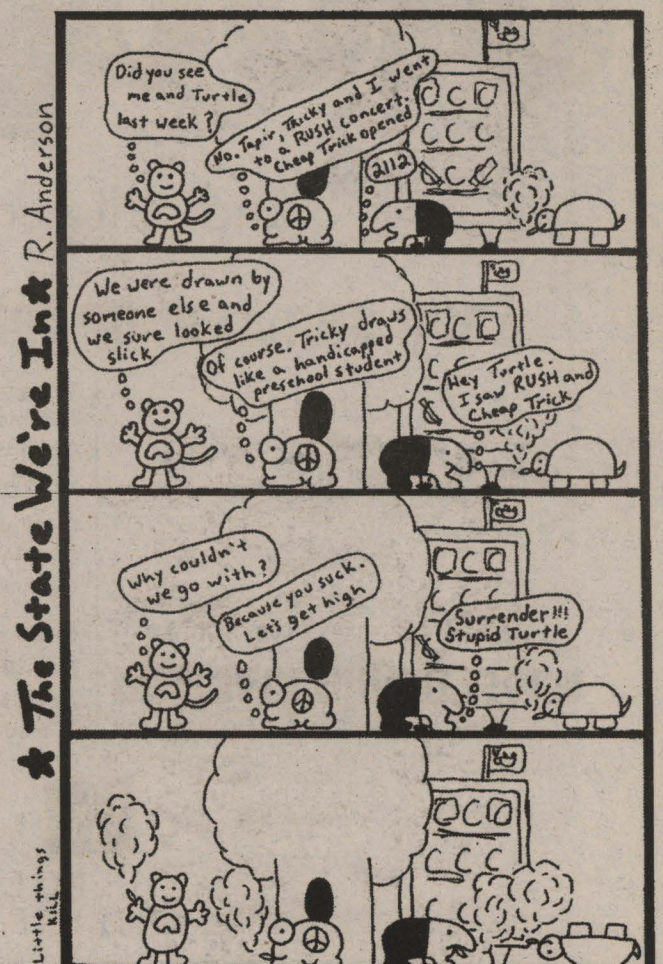
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