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Student launches Feingold 2008 site

UW-SP student gets local media attention for Web-based effort to support nomination of Sen. Feingold

Joe Pisciotto
NEWS REPORTER

While only four months have passed since the presidential election, it doesn't mean that it is too early to start thinking about the next one.

Just ask Matt Wallock, a 20-year-old junior majoring in arts management here at UW-SP. On February 16 Wallock officially launched <http://www.russforpresident.com>, a Web site dedicated to electing Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold as president in 2008.

Wallock, who was the Stevens Point Campaign Coordinator for Feingold's recent senate campaign, said that the site was a long time in the making. "I first started working on the site right after the election," said Wallock.

He spent a month developing the idea, and decided to try posting it to a variety of free Web sites. The site didn't seem to work in that format.

In early February, Feingold announced that he would consider running for president in 2008.

Wallock immediately sprang into action and decided that "it was a great time to expand the site."

The site, while still being polished, serves as a fairly comprehensive resource for information regarding Feingold's political career. But its main purpose is to serve as a hub for a growing community of Feingold supporters.

Wallock started the site with

\$500 of his own money.

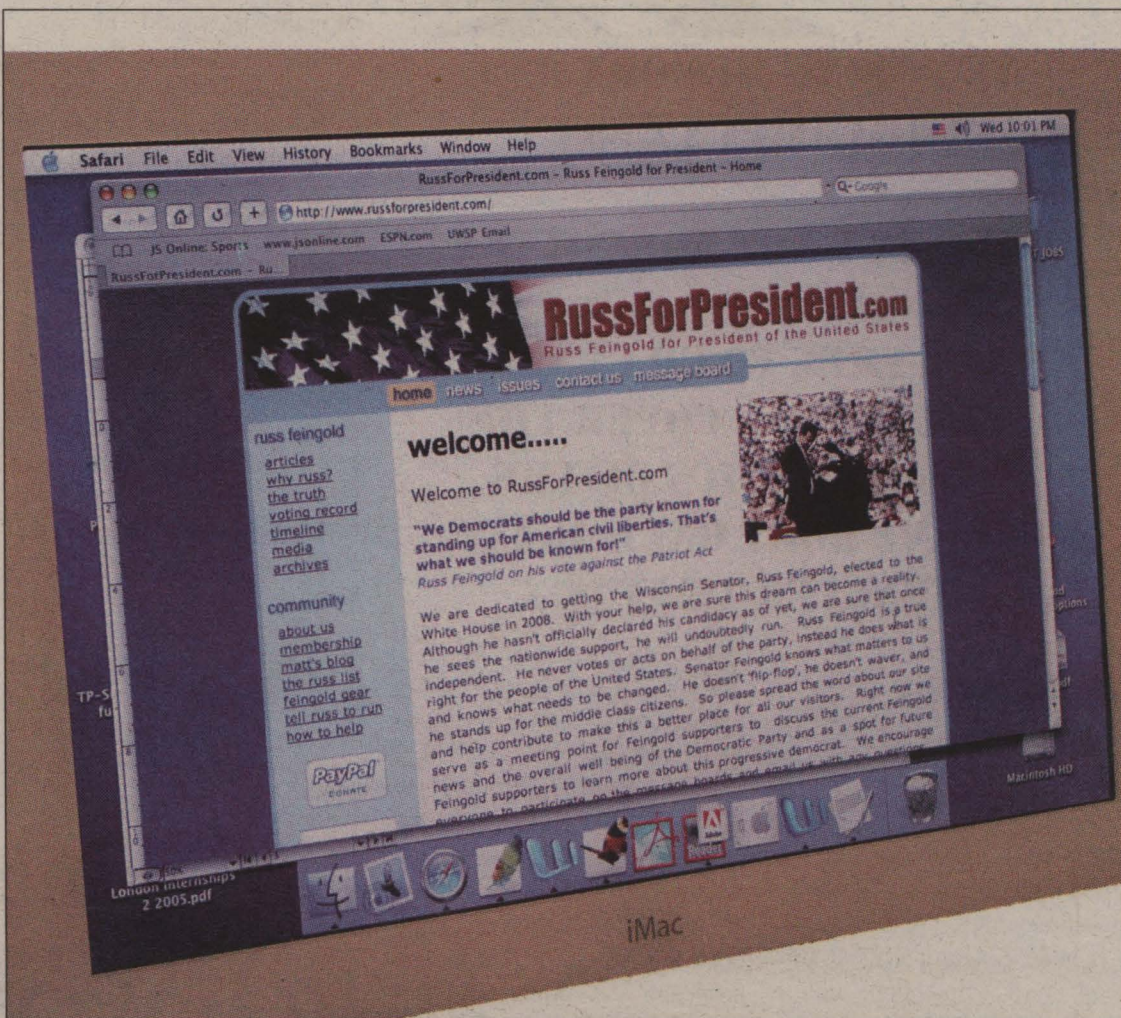
Much of the money was spent on hosting the Web site, while some was spent on advertising the site. Wallock stressed that the site will always be non-profit. All future income will be used for hosting and advertising.

In just more than two weeks of existence, Wallock's site has generated a lot of attention. The

site was the subject of a brief news story on NBC26 in Green Bay. Wallock said he has been getting e-mails daily from news organizations requesting information and interviews.

The site has even garnered national attention. Wallock said that people from all over the

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Paper science art



Photo by Holly Sandbo

Paper Science 486 is planning to make use of the 400 copies of the New York Times that flood campus every day. The class is planning to recycle copies The Times for use in local school art classes.

Open door protest

On Feb. 24, a UW-SP delegation, joined by other students from around the UW System came together at the capitol's steps to protest the proposed state budget. Students held doors painted with the phrase "Keep UW Doors Open 2 All!" signifying the fact that the UW System is becoming more and more like a gated community, only accessible to an ever decreasing privileged group of citizens.

The doors were signed by students from around the entire UW System. After the rally each university delegation delivered a door to various members of the Joint Finance Committee.

"Higher education is the driving force in preparing the next generation of our nation's leaders. With increased tuition and budget cuts we not only make it less accessible to all, we make it less effect in achieving this goal," said Josh Christensen of the SGA legislative issues

committee.

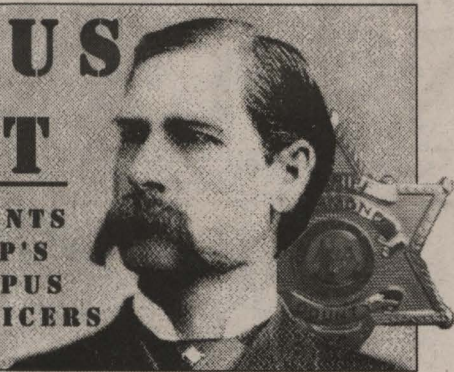
After the rally, UW-SP students met with area legislators to discuss the budget shortfalls. Over the past four years tuition has almost doubled.

Worse yet, the state has once again fallen short of its promise to reinvest in higher education, which received the largest portion of the budget cuts last biennium—resulting in a 37 percent tuition increase for students. On Feb. 8 Governor Doyle released his proposed budget for the 2005-2007 biennium and outlined his plan for the UW System.

While the governor's budget partially reaffirms the state's dedication to learning, it does not go far enough. His increases in General Purpose Revenue spending and student financial aid to the UW System do not make up for the monumental cuts it received in the previous biennium. For the new bien-see **Madison protest**, page 2

CAMPUS BEAT

TRUE ACCOUNTS
FROM UW-SP'S
FINEST CAMPUS
SECURITY OFFICERS



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Madison rally

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biennium students are looking at another tuition hike between 10-14 percent.

Mike Soley, a UWSP student says, "I just hope that I can finish school before I can't afford it".

In addition, while the governor did add over one hundred new faculty positions to the UW System, he proposed a cut of over 200 administrative positions. This creates a disconnection between the university and quality of education.

There are numerous staff members that do not teach in the classroom that can have just as large of an affect on the quality of education that a student receives.

Without a stronger commitment to both faculty and administration, the budget is not providing students or the institutions the full support they require.

Further, funding must also be restored for students with disabilities. The governor has zero-funded maintaining services for these students and Wisconsin must provide equal opportunities for all who wish to attend a UW school. Thus it is an unfunded mandate that will result in the UW system having to make cuts internally to pay for these essentially services.

"As students, we aren't blind. We see that there are industries, corporations, organizations, etc. who continue to get tax breaks, or at least avoid budget cuts even close to the magnitude that the university system continues to experience. So now we are left wonder-

ing, what makes them a higher priority than us," said Ariel McClain-Soley.

Wisconsin and the UW System have a history of being the front runners on many issues in the nation and some are pleased to see that this trend does not stop with this budget proposal. A proposed funding of \$500,000 for domestic partner benefits is a great step in providing support and equality for all state employees and citizens.

Now that the Governor has issued the proposed budget it is in the hands of the state legislature's Joint Finance Committee. They are the next gatekeepers on the road to a finished state budget, and the focus of current efforts to ensure the survival of the high quality education system that the UW System currently offers.

If you would like to voice your opinion on this issue, the UW-SP Student Government Association-Legislative Issues Committee will be sponsoring a "Budget Booth" on March 9. The booths will be held at the University Center from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM, and in Debot Dining Center from 4:30 until 6:30.

They will be providing information on the proposed budget, and also offering post cards to send to legislators.

Also on March 24, Legislative Issues Committee will host a "tuition candle-light vigil" in front of Old Main 7 p.m.--email Lauren McGrath, legislative issues director, for more info: lmcgr565@uwsp.edu

Alcohol awareness speaker

In 1990, Carolyn Cornelison called a college friend with the tragic news of a drunk-driving accident involving a fellow sorority sister. "Oh, Carolyn," came the reply, "We always thought it would be you." Cornelison was speechless. She now realized that as far back as her college days, her friends knew she had a problem with alcohol. But no one had ever confronted her about it.

Cornelison now takes her message "Courage to Care" to colleges and universities across the country to help educate students about the warning signs of out-of-control drinking and how to help friends with alcohol problems. During her presentation, she shares her personal stories of campus life as both a sorority member and athlete.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be hosting this program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in the University Center Alumni Room.

Through stories of her own college experiences and friendships, Cornelison teaches students her three keys to caring. The first is understanding the signs of out-of-control behaviors and knowing what to do about them. The second is sensitivity: becoming aware of these behaviors in yourself and those around you. The third, courage, is taking steps to help someone who has a problem with alcohol.

"The majority of students are doing the right thing," Cornelison said.

According to recent data from the Core Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 76 percent of college students are moderate, infrequent drinkers or nondrinkers.

"What I try to do is to give students the information they need to identify that minority of their friends who may have a problem with alcohol and to get them the help they need."

Cornelison has participated in awareness programs for college fraternities and sororities, athletic departments, and other college organizations at more than 150 campuses nationwide. She holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University where she worked as director of the Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center for four years.

Most recently, she was director of special projects for the Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) and GAMMA Peer Education Network. Carolyn's career also includes an extensive background in student activities and intramural sports programming.

The presentation is sponsored by the UW-SP Inter Greek Council and Baer's Beverage as part of their continuing efforts to prevent alcohol abuse.

NY Times reporter coming to UW-SP March 9

Politics at 30,000 Feet: A Reporter's View of the 2004 Election from the Back of the Campaign Plane will be the topic of a presentation by Jodi Wilgoren, Chicago bureau chief of *The New York Times*, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9 at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The event in the University Center Alumni Room is open to the public without charge. It is sponsored by the American Democracy Project (ADP), a civic engagement collaboration between *The New York Times* and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). More than 1,000 UWSP students and faculty are participating in this project and related civic engagement activities.

Undergraduates enrolled at AASCU institutions, of which UW-SP is one, take part in a myriad of programs through ADP to increase rates of civic participation at all levels of society.

Wilgoren was one of the newspaper's principal reporters covering the 2004 presidential election, traveling with Howard Dean through the Democratic primaries and then with the Democratic nominee, John Kerry. She wrote profiles of Dean's wife and Kerry's aide-de-camp, covered both parties' conventions, and wrote more than 200 news and feature sto-

ries from the campaign trail.

Wilgoren came to *The Times* in 1998 as a general assignment reporter for the Metropolitan section, spent two years as National Education Correspondent, based in New York, before taking the post in Chicago in 2001.



Jodi Wilgoren

As bureau chief, Wilgoren leads the paper's coverage of 11 Midwestern states, and has recently written front-page articles about a 10-year-old girl in small-town Indiana who was abducted and killed, apparently because she saw people making methamphetamine; states grappling with the question of whether free poker tournaments are legal; and Americans' search for relatives lost in the tsunami.

Before the campaign, she wrote about the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, particularly in the Arab-American community; the sexual abuse scandals in the Catholic church; political campaigns in several states; and

a wide range of feature stories including pieces on the rise in small-town bank robberies and the shortage of dentists in rural areas.

An award-winning reporter with *The Los Angeles Times* (LAT) from 1992 until 1998, Wilgoren worked in its Washington, D.C. bureau, in its Los Angeles City Hall bureau, and for its Orange County Edition, where she covered Newport Beach, education and the Orange County bankruptcy. Wilgoren was previously an intern at *The Chicago Tribune* in 1991, a stringer at *The Boston Globe* from 1990 until 1991 and an intern at *The Middlesex News* in 1990.

Wilgoren received the LAT editorial award for deadline writing, the Orange County Press Club award for investigative reporting, the California Teachers Association Award and the International Reading Association print media award. Born in 1970, she received a B.A. from Yale University in history in 1992. She also serves on the board of the Oldest College Daily Foundation, which publishes the *Yale Daily News*, and as a mentor to recipients of The New York Times College Scholarships.

STV goes live with news



Photo by Holly Sandbo

STV has recently resumed its live news broadcasts for the first time in nearly a year. The news is broadcasted live every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. with a rebroadcast at 10 p.m. The Anchors shown above are news anchors Kim Schaefer and Chris Stanford.

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country have contacted him to find out how they could help with the cause.

With about 300 unique visitors to the site per day, there seems to be great interest in a Feingold presidential campaign.

While he is excited that his site is generating a lot of traffic, Wallock isn't surprised that people would be interested in Feingold running for president. "One thing that Feingold has, that a lot of politicians don't," said Wallock, "is just an absolute will to do what's right."

He also cites Feingold's commitment to listen to his constituents as one of the senator's most appealing qualities. Indeed, during each of his 12 years in the senate, Feingold has held a public listening session in every Wisconsin County. Wallock believes that Feingold's record indicates that he would have a similar desire to hear the voices of citizens across the nation.

Not everyone agrees. Edward Moye, vice president of the UW-SP College Republicans, believes Feingold has distanced himself from the majority of Americans. "If Russ Feingold decides to run for president in 2008," said Moye, "he will be met with stiff opposition by most groups that do not have a left-leaning viewpoint."

According to Moye, Feingold's lack of support for the Patriot Act and for a number of White House proposals, along with his criticism of fellow Democrats, puts him on the fringe of the American political landscape.

Wallock disagrees. "Feingold votes rationally," he said, "whether or not he votes within party lines." This is yet another reason

why he felt compelled to create the Web site.

Wallock believes that Feingold appeals to a broad spectrum of people, citing Feingold's victory in the 2004 senate race. He defeated Republican challenger Tim Michels by 11 percentage points. In comparison, John Kerry defeated George Bush by only one percentage point in Wisconsin. For Wallock, this is evidence that Feingold draws support from conservatives as well as liberals.

Wallock encourages people of all different backgrounds to participate in the site. For those who disagree with Feingold, there is a message board for civil discussion. No one will be censored for expressing non-offensive ideas. The idea is to start a discussion.

Anyone interested in supporting the idea of a Feingold presidential campaign is welcome to contribute to the Web site. Wallock is currently looking for people to help with Web design and with posting articles.

He especially would like to see citizens of Stevens Point and UW-SP students get involved. In trying to keep with the grassroots traditions of Feingold, Wallock plans to have town-hall style meetings every couple of months for those interested in being involved with making the Web site more successful.

While it is unclear whether Feingold will run for president, Wallock is optimistic. The senator is currently testing the waters to see if he has a legitimate opportunity to run.

But even if Feingold ultimately decides not to run, Wallock won't have any regrets. "We would still have a great community of people that support Senator Feingold."

Peace study lecture series

A series of presentations on peace issues is being offered this spring at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

All the events will be held on campus and are free and open to the public, sponsored by UWSP Peace and International Studies, UW-SP Religious Studies and the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies based at UW-SP.

On Wednesday, March 9, Rob Ricigliano, director of the Institute of World Affairs at UW-Milwaukee, will present "Is Peace Possible? How to Build Peace in the World Hot Spots." He will speak at 11 a.m. in Room 224 of the Collins Classroom Center.

"Same Sex Relationships in Ancient India and China" will be the topic of a discussion led by Sudharshan Duraiyappa, adjunct instructor at the University of Toronto, on

Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the University Center Alumni Room.

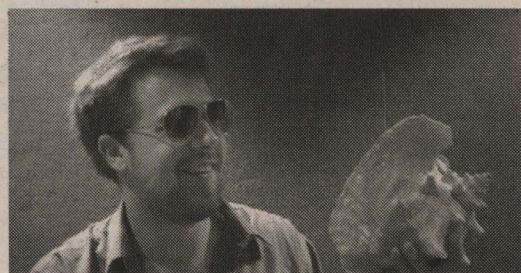
Northland College Professor Emeritus Kent Shifferd will present "Thomas Merton on Peace" at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, in Room 205 of the University Center.

"The Movement to Close the School of the Americas (SOA)" will be led by Roy Bourgeois, founder of SOA Watch, on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of Collins Classroom Center.

For more information, contact Eric Yonke, coordinator of peace and international studies at UW-SP, at 346-2458 or eyonke@uwsp.edu.

Letters & Opinion

From the Editor's Desk



Bad poetry and change

Complete embarrassment and self doubt washed over me, sitting shirtless on my bedroom floor. The cleaning bug took hold of me Sunday afternoon, and in a bin of old books I found this "writer's publication" I'd been accepted for in grade 12. They liked a poem (figure 1) I submitted; at the time, so did I.

I thumbed to my page and began reading, only to stop around line six...

The feeling I got was unexplainable. Like a cat contemplating badminton. How should one react at the realization that their previous work was plainly bad? To say the least, it raises some serious questions in my head.

My biggest concern is that this revelation is but the first in a long and painful series - every five years, grasping your own miserable ineptitude as a writer or artist or person.

It is quite possible that everything I wrote in the last year was bad, too. Certainly, this thought brought waves of humbleness to my door, which may be a good thing.

Perhaps this revelation befell me so that I become more humble; or perhaps, more driven as a writer. Maybe I should just abstain from further poetry.

In a lot of ways, this act of fate seems to mirror my own life - Discovery, introspection, failure, persistence. More and more,

I feel things happen for a reason. It's easier that way.

What have the past five years of living taught me? What have I learned during my stay in Point? Looking back mentally, there is hardly a piece of the current me in that poem.

I've become callous; numb. Cynical, sad and frustrated.

Figure 1.

As the moon looks over the dark valley, silence
As if the lunar twinkle
has formed an honorable
pact between the wild
creatures and their crude
dwellings,
Only the slender owl
slides through the crisp
night with ease, for it
must have struck a filthy
bargain with the moon
Perhaps as punishment
to the field mouse for
defying their agreement,
the unforgiving reflector
shines into the rodent's
beady eyes, glowing on
the owl's radar
As the moment of death
tolls, the mighty sun
rises, leading the mouse
to freedom, and again
cheating the moon of its
victory

While the same source of
light has two sides push-
ing back and forth, not
seeming to gain a foot
on either side

From the same light
comes opposing causes,
a contest within, for a
moment the yellow light
attains that pedestal
Only to be dethroned by
the persistent blue night,
in a never-ending battle
for the inhabitants of
their unending splendor.

Adam Mella
Grade 12

Amazingly joyous. In the last year alone, I've experienced my most wonderful happiness and most horrible, powerful depression. And I get through that now. I can appreciate the simplest of lessons. Yes, Mr. Martin, "We live in a beautiful world." But we live in a granite world, mentally at least; that is something I am just beginning to grasp. I don't think people should attempt art until they've seen the reality of good and evil, because that's what it's all about.

The most inspiring event of my entire life was falling in love, and subsequently, letting it slip away. I could write forever on that heartbreak; on entirely losing control.

But then from the darkest void, Point surprises me; life surprises me. And that is so refreshing. Will I agree in five years, with any of this? Will this accurately represent my reality? I can't wait to find out.

- Adam Mella
EIC

Like the pike?
Check out some cool
ice fishing stories in
Outdoors,
page 14,15,16.

Your College Survival Guide:

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Pat "Malchus" Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: GAMES PEOPLE PLAY.
PROVIDING SOCIOPATHS AN OPEN FORUM SINCE 1993

Dear Pat,

I'm writing because you may be the only person I can talk to about this problem. I've been receiving parking tickets at an alarming rate, and when this happens, a rush of anger overcomes me. This isn't ordinary anger, this is Brad-Pitt-in-Seven-after-he-finds-his-wife's-head-in-a-box anger. Deep, primal anger that causes me to envision myself beating someone with biblical ferocity.

*What kind of person can live with himself, knowing he is doing nothing but increasing the economic burden on the average UW-SP student? They remind me of the tax collectors from the days of Ancient Rome, some of the most reviled, hideous human beings to have ever lived. Even f*****g Jesus hated them. And guess what, Parking Enforcement? Jesus f*****g hates you, too!*

*Am I the only one that thinks this way? Am I simply mal-adjusted and throwing a tantrum because the precious little pocket money I possess is being taken away by Parking Services and its minions? Or are there others out there who feel as I do, and are too scared to stand up? Do I need to simply refine my anger management skills, or do I need to form a posse and lynch those f*****g?*

Help me, Mr. Rothfuss, you're my only hope.

P.S. Please withhold my name. I fear reprisals from Parking Services.

Wow. Just Wow.

When I started writing this column, I wanted three specific things: to make people laugh, to help folks with their problems, and to talk about campus issues. I like to think that over the last six years I've had a pretty good run and usually hit at least two of those three. However, in all this time, I've never received a letter that made me sit with my head in my hands and think, "Good Lord, can I print this?"

Don't get me wrong. There are plenty of letters I don't run, but this letter is the hat trick. It's a campus issue. It's humorous in that cover-your-mouth-with-horror-while-you-laugh sort of way. And the person sending it needs help with their problem. Sorry, *problems*. Their many, many problems.

It took me a while to realize why I was hesitant. It wasn't fear of retribution from Parking Services. I was afraid that some Christian would get their knickers in a twist and end up throwing stones at me.

Once I realized this, it was easy to print the letter. Partly because I refuse to be silent for fear that people will disagree with me. But also because I learned long ago that no matter what you say, some ass-hat will always find a way to be offended by it. Some people enjoy being offended so much that they live their whole lives looking for reasons to get upset.

But the main reason I stopped worrying is that Christians who pick fights trying to defend Jesus are ridiculous to me. Not only have they missed the finer points of cheek turning, but I seem to recall a story when Simon tried to whoop someone's ass on Jesus' behalf. Jesus wasn't too impressed and told him to, "Put up thy sword into the sheath. Anger... Fear... Agression. The dark side of the Force are they."

Okay, back to the letter. First you'll need an amusing acronym. How about: Parked Illegally, Student Shows Enraged Dementia?

Let's deal with your questions in order of importance, PISSED.

Anger management? Yes.

Are you mal-adjusted and throwing a tantrum? Probably and yes.

Are you the only one? No.

Should you gather a lynch-minded posse? Well, just last week I told someone off for throwing cheese in anger. So. Throwing cheese = Bad. Throwing cheese < Lynching. You do the math.

My turn for a question, PISSED. What have you been doing to get so many tickets? Since you don't mention any specific details, I'm going to go way out on a limb and guess that maybe, just maybe, part of this might be *your* fault. Is it possible that you've let your meter expire, parked in the wrong lot, or, to put it plainly, behaved like an inconsiderate choad?

We all hate getting tickets, but without the fear of tickets, most of us would be self-centered assholes when we park. The alternative to Parking Services is anarchy. And while anarchy is cheaper, the customer service generally sucks.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't have warm-fuzzy feelings for Parking Services. If they're being pricks, I'd like nothing better than to expose them in my column. But to do that I need something more tangible than your inchoate rage. I need incriminating facts and details.

But don't be sad, PISSED. Your vicious, bile-filled e-mail has given me an idea. I'm going to hold a contest and though you don't know it, you've just made the first nomination for: King Prick(s) of the Year.

Here's how it works. If something/someone pisses you off, e-mail me the details at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. Then, when the end of the semester rolls around, the winner will be the nominee with the most incriminating set of complaints against them. I'll also print a selection of the best e-mails sent in, and maybe present the winner with a humiliatingly illustrated certificate of some sort.

The rules:

1. You can only nominate organizations. You can't nominate individual people unless they're celebrities or public figures of some sort.
2. You can't nominate me.
3. You have to provide solid, rational explanations as to why your nominee sucks. Just the fact that you hate them isn't enough.
4. No anonymous letters. I need to be able to contact you and verify your story. Don't worry, I won't print your name if you don't want me to.

Games People Play continues to provide Stevens Point with cool gaming stuff, and now they've got the new Pirates of the Spanish Main expansion in addition to their usual assorted coolness. Remember, they're right next door to Family Video, and the sign outside says: "JadeCo Hobby."

E-mail Pat Rothfuss your vicious, spiteful, spleen-ventings at proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.



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Staff Editorial
Protective Services withholding info

I'm in a particularly foul mood this week, more so than I usually am, and it has to do with the simple notion that I am sick to death of getting jerked around by people from all walks of life. From fellow students who complain about everything we do here but never lift a finger to help us build a better paper, to Congress which is taking time away from insuring the security of its citizens to attempt to place indecency regulations on paid cable and satellite radio services, to the month-long battle to deliver The Campus Beat.

For those of you that read this paper to read about the misbehavior of fellow students, you must be on a serious jones by now as The Campus Beat has been conspicuously absent for over a month now, replaced by a bland space filler advertising that it will be down for a short time and will return at a later date. So now, after another week and another series of excuses, here is the full story as why the student body has been denied its ability to read about the idiotic behavior of their contemporaries.

The first week without The Campus Beat, the good folks at Protective Services had no reasonable excuse why there wasn't one available; a copy simply did not exist. As this had happened in the past, we simply shrugged it off, and said "better luck next week."

The second week we were told that Protective Services had upgraded their software used to log the reports filed by its officers and it was not ready yet. We gave them the benefit of the doubt, said "better luck next week," and went about our business of working hard to give people something to complain about.

On the third week we opted to do a "preemptive strike" and send advance

notice that we REALLY needed The Campus Beat for this week's issue and gave our sincerest hope that all the bugs had been worked out and if they could be so kind as to fax us a copy. We were informed that they were having a problem as the new software logged everything that they did, and most of it was things that are not even close to being interesting. So they swore that they would have it, singed, sealed, delivered to us for next week's issue. In a moment of divine forgiveness, after three weeks of a run-around, we absolved their trespasses and said "next week is the week."

Now here we are on the fourth week, and still nothing. We were told the excuse this week was that the chief, who has been sick for a few days and has not been in, has to sign off on giving us The Campus Beat, and due to illness had not done so. Under the public record laws of this state, they are obligated to provide this information to us, and we have a right to publish it.

Given that they swore that one would be available for us to print this week, given that we have been beyond patient at this point, and that the fact that the damn thing has been collected every Wednesday since time began, how is this possible? How can they not have one ready to go for a month and keep a straight face as we continue to show infinite patience in the face of what must be either incompetence or an organized effort to keep us from reporting information about the moronic behavior of a segment of the student population? Such questions deserve an answer, and if students can put down the X-Box controller and the bag of chips for more than a minute, they should do the same.

Letter to the Editor:
Support Smoking Ban

This letter is regarding the Freedom to Breathe campaign which will be shortly under voters' control to implement. I strongly encourage everyone to take part and vote against smoking in public places. The impact of our future health is in our hands and it is within our ability to take the first step in the right direction. According to the Centers of Disease Control, 23.4 percent of adults, smoke; almost 1 in 4. Through this movement to ban smoking in public places we will all be able to enjoy our freedom to breathe clean air and enjoy our right at the same time. Aside from the smell, burning eyes, and money it costs, smoking only brings harmful effects to those who take the route of smoker as well as nonsmoker. Let's vote for our health by voting against smoking and hopefully encourage the youth of our community to not be influenced and impacted by its negative effects.

Angie Henrichs

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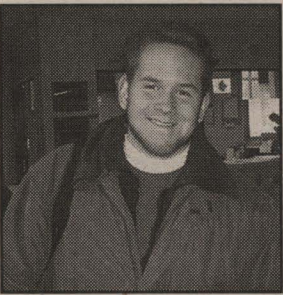
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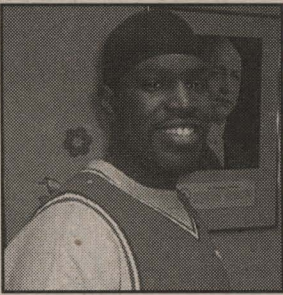
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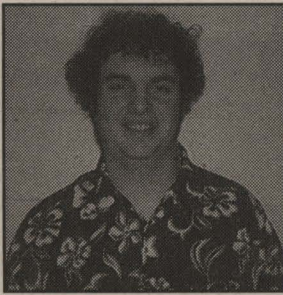
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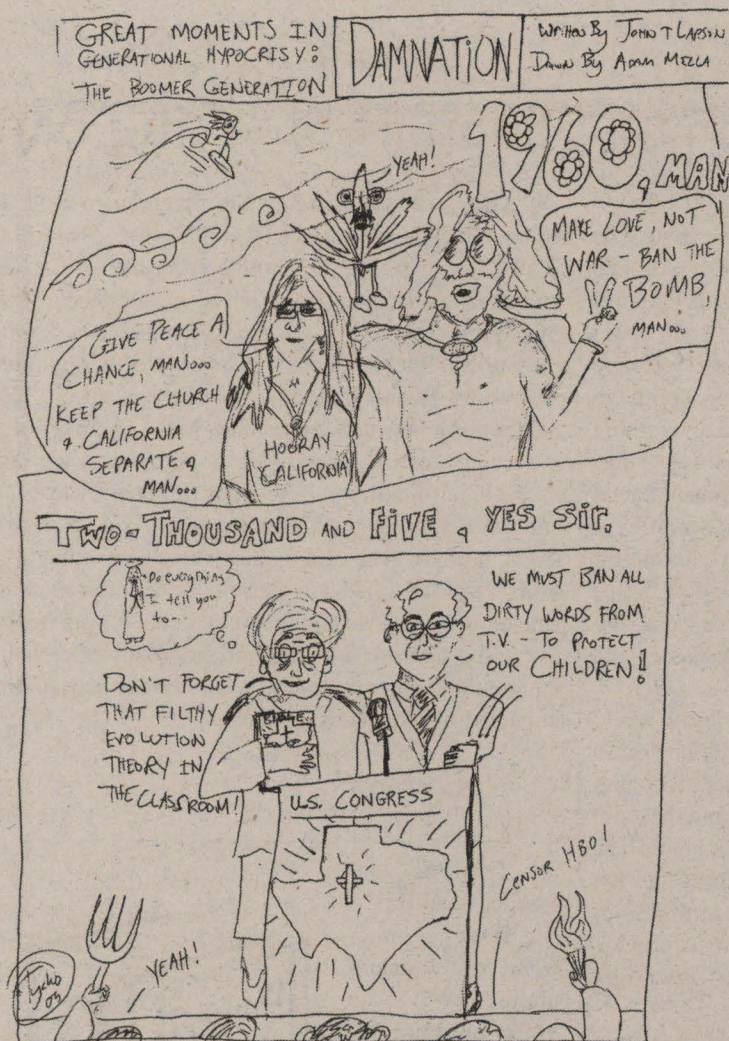
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Midnight shift.





SGA candidates selected for upcoming presidential election

The candidates for the annual election to pick a new student body president and vice president to lead SGA, and the university as a whole, have been chosen. The choices are either a Robert Forseth/Adam Mielke or a Melissa Cichantek/Courtney Ryan ticket for the week-long vote that will be taking place online from March 11 through March 17.

This year the number of teams vying for the top student positions in the university has been set at two. This number is quite a drop from last year's frenzied flood of an unprecedented five teams – a number that caused the winning team to garner 627 votes! If you want to know what these teams can offer for you as a student with their candidacy, it is best to make sure you attend the Presidential debates that will be taking place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the UC Encore next Tuesday, March 8. The event will allow you to ask the candidates any questions you desire, as well as offer an opportunity to catch a glimpse of UW-SP's very own pseudo-celebrities! Perhaps if you ask nicely they'll sign your arm...

Once you've marked your calendar to attend the above debate, then make sure to make a stop in cyberspace and check out this week's SGA Question of the Week.

This week's question is: Are you in favor or in opposition to some of your student segregated fees going towards Green Circle maintenance?

To answer, simply visit the SGA Web site at <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga>, and place your vote electronically. All results are tallied and all comments are forwarded to senators so as to better facilitate an open dialogue between representatives and represented.

Past questions that have provided influence in Senate decisions include questions on an Army Recruiter Ban, Dental Health Plan, and Banning To-Go Cups from the Brewhaus.

To find out more about what SGA is up to be sure to listen to the SGA Weekly Update on 90FM on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Also, make sure to attend our meetings every week on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Legacy Room of the UC. There is a Public Forum at every meeting in which guests are allowed to speak on any topic, on the agenda or otherwise, so, please, let us know what's on your mind, and help us with the direction of UW-SP.

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Guest Editorial of the Week

John C. Blakeman, Ph.D.

More strange cases in free speech

Several weeks ago we discussed free speech in the context of Adopt-A-Highway signs. This week's lesson: Free speech in the context of a rugby match. What?? Rugby and free speech?? That's scary, considering the kinds of songs rugby players like to "sing." Well, this case isn't about lyrics from "I Used to Work in Chicago..." but instead concerns the free speech of a rugby club on the East Coast that wanted to play the South African national rugby team, the Springboks.

The Springboks are problematic, since for much of the 20th century they represented the white minority government of South Africa. Up until 1990, South Africa's government was based on white minority rule and the system of apartheid, which politically and legally separated whites from the majority blacks. The presumption of apartheid was that whites were racially superior to blacks, and should thus be in charge of the political system. Apartheid was so pernicious, oppressive, and far reaching that the government even mandated that sports teams were not to be racially integrated, and only all-white teams could represent South Africa in international competition. That policy got South Africa kicked out of International Olympic competition in 1960, and other international sporting venues gradually isolated South African teams as well.

Except for rugby. You see, rugby is an obsession in South Africa. The Springboks are the pride and joy of white South Africans, and the 'boks are more than just the national team: They are bound up in the myth of white racial superiority, and indeed symbolized for many—whites and blacks—the white supremacist ideology that formed the foundation for apartheid. The 'boks are also very good, and other rugby-mad nations, from England and Argentina to Australia and New Zealand, relished the chance to take on the Springboks either at home or in South Africa. In the late 1970s, though, Australia, New Zealand, and Great Britain finally banned all sporting contacts with South Africa as a protest against apartheid. That ban included rugby. The 'boks now had nowhere to go since they were no longer welcomed overseas. There was no place for white South Africans to demonstrate to the world the superiority of their national rugby team. Except, of

course, in America.

In 1981, the Eastern Rugby Union, which organizes rugby in Atlantic coast states, invited the Springboks for a tour of North America. The Eastern Union rented a public stadium in Albany, N.Y., and made plans to host a match between the Eastern Union all-stars and the Springboks. In response, the House of Foreign Affairs Committee in Congress passed a non-binding resolution condemning the Springbok tour of the United States. President Reagan's administration, though, took no action, and simply viewed the tour as a private sporting event. However, New York Governor George Carey, concerned about security and unfavorable public opinion generated by the Springboks, cancelled the rugby match. The Eastern Rugby Union sued, claiming that the public stadium for the match was

would signal support for the South African regime. A rugby game, it seems, would communicate the wrong message. Yet, as the court ruled, the players simply chose to ignore the racial and political overtones of the rugby match, and the government could not cancel the match in order to send an anti-apartheid message to the rest of the world. However, let's be clear here: it's not that the right to play rugby is protected by the First Amendment. The issue is whether the government can cancel a sporting event because it disagrees with the message that event *might* communicate. That is something the government cannot do. The government can have its own anti-apartheid message; it just can't force others to adopt or support that message by canceling a rugby game.

Well, the Springboks defeated the Eastern all-stars 41-0 and then proceeded to tour the rest of the United States. The 'boks tour resulted in scores of protests and two bombings. Seriously. Fortunately, no one was hurt, although one rugby club hosting the South Africans did see its clubhouse go up in flames. Although Governor Carey did not want the Springboks in New York, Governor Lee Dreyfus did support a match in Wisconsin, although it never occurred. Governor

"Hmmm...using a rugby match in Wisconsin to communicate a message of opposition to apartheid, instead of banning a rugby match in New York to communicate a message of opposition to apartheid."

a public forum, and the First Amendment free speech clause protected their right to access that stadium and host a rugby match. The New York Civil Liberties Union (affiliated with the ACLU) took up the cause of the New York rugby players in federal court.

The federal district judge sided with the rugby players, and pointed out that this wasn't just any old rugby match. "This particular match," the judge noted, "has attracted extraordinary political prejudice, reflecting current global awareness of South Africa's apartheid policies." Governor Carey's cancellation of the game would place the rugby players "in stymied silence," and would deprive them "of their right to withstand political criticism by pursuing an activity which they choose to view as apolitical." In addition, "because of the singularly dramatic nature of the racial issue involved in this case, any curtailment of the [players'] rights strongly suggests censure on the basis of the content of the controversy." In a nutshell, the New York government intervened because the match itself

Dreyfus was quoted in the *New York Times*: "I'd love to see them [the Springboks] play a racially integrated American team and have us beat the pants off them." Hmmm...using a rugby match in Wisconsin to communicate a message of opposition to apartheid, instead of banning a rugby match in New York to communicate a message of opposition to apartheid. Who knew sporting events could actually communicate messages anyway?

But hopefully you know the ending: Apartheid collapses in the early 1990s, and South Africans—white and black—create a free and open political system. Nelson Mandela, a former political prisoner of the white apartheid regime, becomes the first president of the new South Africa, and proudly champions his beloved Springboks—now integrated—as South Africa hosts and wins the 1995 Rugby World Cup. And the new, integrated Springboks are back on the road. They recently visited Houston a couple of years ago, and were warmly received.

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Dinosaur will reappear on April 1

It vanished after spending over 30 years behind a closed window, now it will return on April Fools' Day

Adam Rodewald
POINTLIFE EDITOR

A ferocious Allosaurus skeleton stood in the window of the Museum of Natural History located on the first floor of the UW-SP library. He faced the University Center, staring at the busy students passing by with his mouth agape.

His predator teeth, sharpened to a piercing point, beckoned both horror and admiration. The bony body stretched almost 20 feet from his head to the tip of his tail, and his ribs sunk inwards, starving for curious spectators to amble by.

Then, one day the dinosaur disappeared, and it had everything to with a man named Ed Marks.

Ed Marks is the curator of the museum, a jack-of-all-trades, a naturalist, a teacher, an artist. Running a museum is a generalist type of job — a job that requires skills in all of these areas.

"I guess I was a person who never really focused on one precise area (of education), and museums offer people like me more (opportunities)," said Ed.

Ed attended UW-SP in the late 1960s and early 70s. He began with a major in biology but soon found himself wanting more. He had a passion for art, which would spark a crucial change in his life.

"I started an art minor when I was a junior, and I had never had an art class before. But I found it to be a very enjoyable experience," Ed said.

He had acquired this knowledge and appreciation for natu-

ral science through biology, and, now, a driving interest into artistic endeavors veered his life down a new path. He had struck the perfect blend of abilities and passions needed to run a museum.

It was this man, this generalist, this mastermind, who knew the secret of the vanished dinosaur. He knew because he moved it. And, to learn this secret, Ed would say, "Come to the museum on April 1!"

That is because Ed is currently renovating the museum, and his new dinosaur exhibit is scheduled to open on April Fools' Day.

"Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for the gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how."

-Aldo Leopold

Though the work is far from finished, many parts of the museum have already been remodeled.

Directly inside the front doors, about 25 feet ahead, is a golden lion sitting on top of a large rock. He reigns magnificently over the African Savannah. A spotted hyena prowls through the brush; he smells the raw blood of a zebra carcass.

Above the entry way is a timeline of the Earth's history. It wraps around the ceiling, spanning across the top of the door, and bordering the exhibit of rocks and crystals below it.

A showcase of minerals radiates on the left-hand side of the room. It features oxides, sulfides, carbonates, silicates and even fluorescents, which glow provocatively against the dark velvet backdrop.

Next will come the dinosaurs, after the display opens in April. The infamous Allosaurus will stand in all his glory, winding halfway around the room. A fiberglass cast of a Tyrannosaurus Rex skull will hang horrifically in front of the entryway, and it moves, clenching its jaw in a display of power.

Children, both young and old, can't help but have chills of excitement run up and down their spine at the sight of it.

The exhibit will display more than 25 fossils from the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. A Stegosaurus' tooth, Comptosaurus' skull, Triceratops' vertebra and a Velociraptor's claw will all entice spectators into the Earth's past.

And this is only the very beginning. Ed will be putting together displays of the Rocky Mountains, northern forests, an



arctic tundra, the northwest coast, grasslands, and more.

Already, there is a second scene from an African savannah, a history of the Menominee clans, birds of prey, and even four live snakes.

Ed began working at this Museum of Natural History in 1973 when his first project was to assemble the Allosaurus. In 1985, he began the first major reconstructions to the museum as a whole.

Since then, the museum has moved under the university's wing and eventually became part of the College of Letters and Science. Like nature, it is changing constantly.

"For a lot of children, this is their first time at a university, and it is certainly their first experience at a natural history

museum," Ed said.

"So, if we can present to them an interesting, attractive exhibit that's fun to be in, we have then set the conditions for those children to value the museums throughout their life."

Nature writer and philosopher Aldo Leopold wrote, "Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how."

"To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a good shovel. By virtue of this curious loophole in the rules, any clodhopper may say: Let there be a tree—and there will be one."

Ed is neither god nor poet, but, for many, he is creating a world of nature.



Photo by Adam Rodewald

A lion, hyena and cape buffalo are the dominant animals in the African savanna exhibits of the UW-SP Museum of Natural History. This is a free museum that's open to the public every day except holidays. Summer and semester break hours may vary.

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Faces in the crowd:

Who is Lovely Lindsay? Here's a hint. She's on the radio!

Jake Eggener

POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Dashboard Confessional, Chutes and Ladders, and acting – these are a few of Lindsay Stayton's favorite things.

Although Lindsay is a freshman, she is involved in a fair amount of activities. She is governor of her floor in Knutzen Hall, she is a member of Gamma Phi Delta sorority, and she is a DJ on 90 FM.

The "Lovely Lindsay" DJs on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon, so you might have heard her on our campus radio station. She really likes being a DJ and being able to play some of her favorite music and brand new stuff.

One day at the radio station Lindsay picked up the phone for the request line, and the caller asked if he was talking to the "Lovely Lindsay." When she said yes, he told her how she sure sounded lovely, and started asking her a lot of questions.

The caller turned out to be a truck driver passing by Point that just happened to hear her on the radio. She was a little freaked out by the call at the time, but now she laughs about it and likes to tell the story.

Lindsay loves pop-punk music and is a self-described "concert fanatic." She is glad she lives in the Milwaukee area and is so close to Summerfest. Last year she went to the music festival "just about every day!"

Movies and board games are a couple of other things Lindsay likes. She likes Disney's *Aladdin*, and simply adores *The Three*

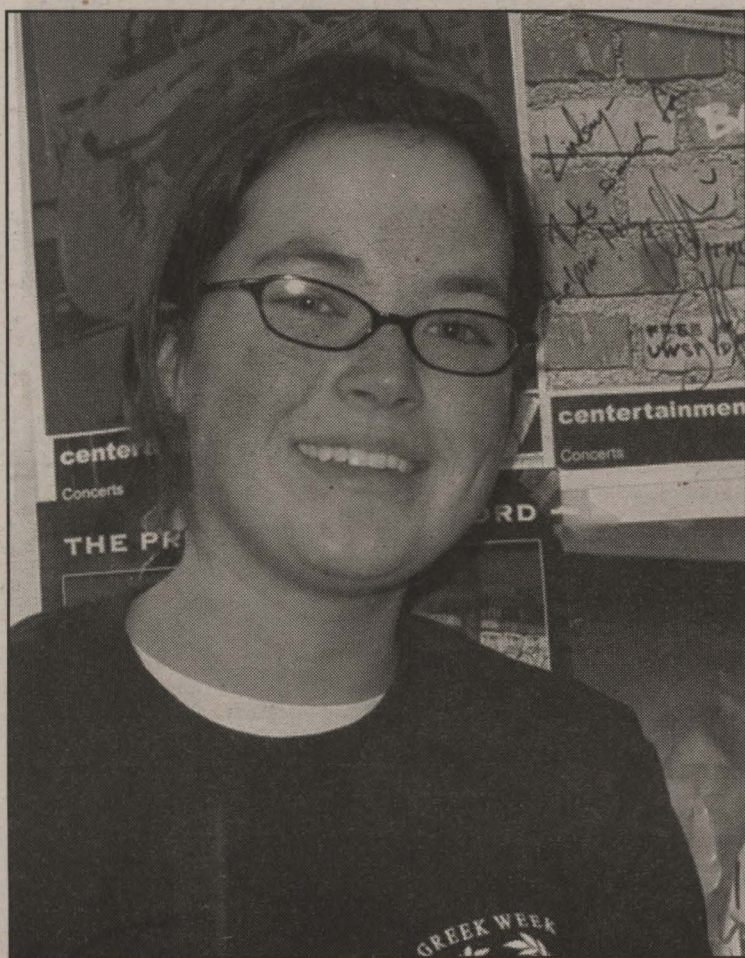


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Amigos. Chutes and Ladders, Scene It, and Pictionary rank among Lindsay's favorite board games. She also enjoys camping, acting, and working with kids.

After graduating from Whitnall High School, Lindsay chose to come to UW-SP. It came down to a decision between Point and UW-River Falls because she didn't think River Falls was big enough: "It would've been like just going to five Whitnalls put together."

Lindsay's favorite course to date has been Sociology 101,

taught by adjunct lecturer Helena Alden. Lindsay finds the class interesting, and said that Alden helps make the class "too entertaining to skip."

When asked about her plans after college, Lindsay said she didn't know anything for sure, but that she would like to do some more snowboarding. She went for the first time recently, and she would like to buy her own equipment, but is finding school costs prohibitive.

"Darn college," she grumbled.

Celebrate diversity with word and song

Alli Himle

POINTLIFE REPORTER

Speaker and singer-songwriter, Deidre McCalla, the critically acclaimed artist most recently recognized for her current release entitled *Playing for Keeps*, will be performing Thursday, March 3.

McCalla, a modern day folk singer with a voice that delicately conveys both strength and vulnerability, has touched the hearts and minds of audience members from Maui to Maine, from college venues to Carnegie Hall.

A renowned performer in both folk and women's music circles, McCalla's eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, and pop, seems to have a way of captivating the interest of a wide array of audiences. She has shared the stage with a multitude of notable names, including Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega, Odetta, Cris Williamson, Pete Seeger, and Sweet Honey in the Rock.

McCalla came of age in New York City during the zenith of folk harmony, when clubs were immersed in the sounds of Dylan and the like. Motown dominated the charts, and the streets of America were engulfed with anger and civil unrest. These influences conspired to create an imprint in the young and impressionable mind of Deidre McCalla.

McCalla's first album, *Fur Coats and Blue Jeans*, was released when she was only 19 as a student at Vassar College. Upon graduation, McCalla joined the music circuit and has never looked back.

With five critically acclaimed albums to her credit, including the recent MaidenRock release, *Playing for Keeps*, McCalla remains the indestructible road warrior.

As an African-American lesbian feminist, McCalla knows that diversity is something that we must all learn to embrace now more than ever. She is a single mother living in Atlanta, Ga., who recognizes that discrimination on the basis

of race, gender, and sexual orientation are issues that need to be addressed in order to move beyond existing barriers of inequality.

As co-founder of Family Pride of the South, McCalla has been a prominent supporter for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families. As a devoted supporter of home schooling, having homeschooled her own son, she realizes the role that she can play in allowing her son to formulate a view free from sex-role stereotyping and discrimination.

McCalla's words and music transform the inner and outer boundaries of our lives, chronicling our strengths and weaknesses, while embracing the power and diversity of the human spirit.

Having been the recipient of four New York Music Award nominations, a San Francisco Cable Car Award for Outstanding Recording, and a finalist at the Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk Songwriters Competition, McCalla gives a performance that is not to be missed.

Her powerful lyrics aim at invoking the need to embrace diversity. She deftly navigates a range of musical styles as she explores themes of love, family, passages, reverence for the earth, and social justice.

Her lyrics also cover the inner and outer landscapes of our lives, chronicling our strengths and weaknesses and celebrating the power and diversity of the human spirit. McCalla's performance will leave you undoubtedly impressed.

McCalla will speak from 4-5 p.m. in the Heritage Room and then sing at 8 p.m. in the Encore.

As Centertainment coordinator for the event, Brittaney Vollmer said, "When I checked out her musical talent I knew many more would want to listen to her. Her styles are unique and unforgettable. This is definitely an event you will want to check out." Each of McCalla's events are free with your UW-SP student ID or \$4 without.



The reporter abroad

Language barriers are a huge obstacle while studying abroad

Rebecca Buchanan

POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

As I study here in Spain for the semester, I am progressing in my Spanish speaking skills along with the other UW-SP students. However, being in another country and trying to constantly use their language is a difficult task. It is a huge obstacle to overcome.

Suddenly, simple phrases in English like, "Can I try this shirt on?" or, "Can you give me directions to the Plaza Mayor?" become quite a challenge. You have to think-on-the spot, and there are no teachers to help correct mistakes. You are on your own to communicate with the Spaniards.

When I think back to my skills in speaking Spanish on the first four days in Madrid and compare it to now, two months later, they have improved by leaps and bounds.

I often find myself thinking in Spanish, talking without strug-

gling to find the correct word to use, and taking notes in class completely in this new language.

Sometimes when I write in my journal, I involuntarily insert

"Sometimes... I involuntarily insert Spanish words instead of English words... many journal entries are in Spanglish."

Spanish words instead of English words. When I go back and read it later, many journal entries are in Spanglish.

I accidentally use Spanglish when I talk as well. I am trying to speak Spanish as much as possible, but, when I don't know a

word, I insert the English word to get my point across. Sometimes it works and other times I get blank stares or confused faces.

Recently, I was eating at a restaurant with some girls who are on this trip with me. We needed five more chairs, so, without thinking, I said, "Cinco more porfavor." (Five more please). The girls began to laugh. I didn't even know I had made a mistake.

Yesterday, I asked my host brother to rewind the movie we just finished watching. I didn't know the Spanish word for rewind, so instead, I said, "¿Alajandro, puedes *rewind* la pelicula?"

Eventually he understood me.

Trying to become fluent in any language is challenging, but I have learned that the best way is to become immersed in the culture. Little by little, day by day, I improve.

Alligators sink teeth into campus

Fourth floor lab in CNR inherits interesting tenants

Liz Bolton
MANAGING EDITOR

Hailed as living fossils by scientists, a nuisance by avid golfers, and frogs with teeth by Steve Erwin; two of these amazing creatures have made their way to Stevens Point.

Two young American alligators have come to the College of Natural Resources building and have made a home for themselves on the

fourth floor. Jube and Blue are their names, and they are under the care of herpetologist Dr. Erik Wild. "They get a little testy at feeding time," said Dr. Wild.

They got a chance to be seen by students and splash around in the vivarium on the first floor

of the CNR for a day, earlier this semester, before being moved to their semi-permanent home on the fourth floor.

The American alligator, the largest reptile in America, is a native to the southeastern United States, and was placed on the endangered species list in 1967. It was pronounced recovered by 1987, according to the National Parks Conservation Association.

Since then, alligators have become something of a mixed blessing. They have done so well in recent years that interaction

with humans have led to injury and even death.

Yet, in their natural environment, they have a very important role. In the Everglades alligators create

their own homes, called gator-holes, which serve as oases in the dry season.

Both of these alligators were captive bred, although Blue, featured here, is a lot friendlier. Jube, the smaller of the two, had its mouth

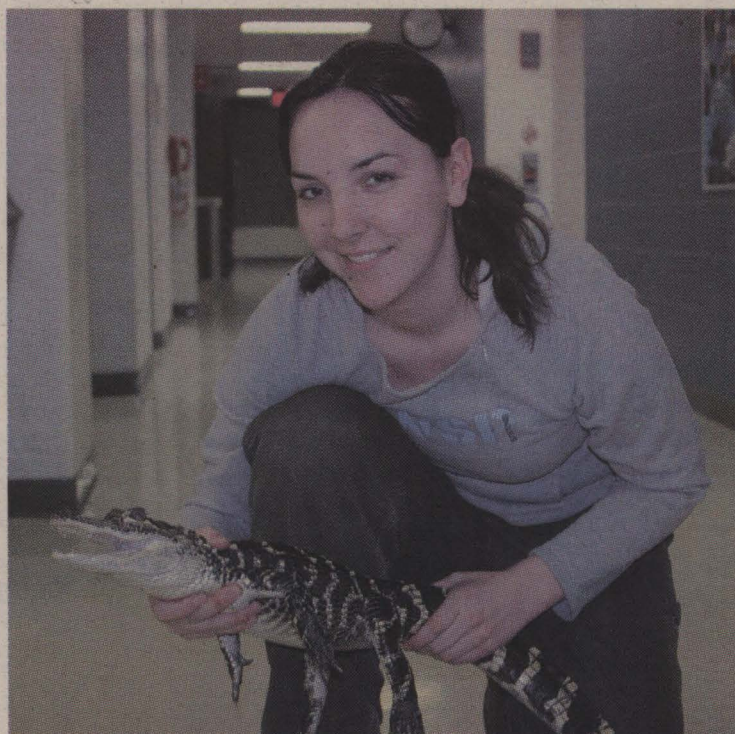


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Dr. Wild was nice enough to let me hold Blue, the more docile of the two. He called for his absent mother with guttural chirping noises and crouched down on the ground. He hissed a little when I grabbed his neck, but calmed down when I picked him up. Although I picked the alligator up wrong, it was still very cool.

taped shut by the former owner and dislikes being handled.

Right now they are used for educational purposes, and can be seen in Biology 101, 160, and 376. A staff of eight undergraduate students take care of the pair, and try to mimic their natural environment. Jared

Campbell, a sophomore biology student, said "it's a great experience to work with them if you plan on working with reptiles."

Obviously, these gators are not going to stay so cute and cuddly.

When Wild was asked about it he said, "Well, right now, they're pretty small. When they get bigger, we will have to find different housing for them."

The alternative to bigger housing is not pretty. Because of the infamous pet trade of young alligators, zoos refuse to take them. Unless another owner was found, the two alligators would have to be euthanized. Alligators have been seen exceeding 19 feet in length, however most are much smaller. Jube and Blue are only estimated to be three or four. If they receive the proper care, young alligators can grow almost a foot per year.

There is a chance that the two might be able to live in the vivarium when they outgrow their aquarium tanks. The vivarium is maintained by the Herpetology Society and they plan on housing frilled lizards and running experiments in the area.

Hopefully the alligators will be able to have a permanent home some day and will not be euthanized. "I would really like to avoid that if I could," said Wild.



Photo by Holly Sandbo

Scientific Notations

Omron To Demo Cell Phone Face Recognition

The Japanese technology company Omron is ready to launch a feature that equips a mobile device to accurately identify its user. The face recognition software uses a cell phone's built-in camera.

Brain Stimulation May Curb Persistent Depression

Individuals with severe depression who do not respond to standard types of treatment may be helped with an experimental treatment called deep brain stimulation, which involves surgically implanting electrodes in a targeted area of the brain thought to be involved in depression.

100 World Cities in Britain's Climate Rescue Drive

Britain launched a campaign on Tuesday to tackle the global climate change crisis through the sharing of information between 100 cities in 60 countries from Argentina to Vietnam.

Court Overturns \$521 Million Ruling Against Microsoft

A federal appeals court on Wednesday overturned a \$521 million patent infringement ruling against Microsoft Corp. and ordered a lower court to retry the case against the world's largest software maker.

Women Adopt Frozen Embryos, Save Them From Science

A Spanish clinic that allows women to adopt frozen embryos to save them from scientific research said Monday 14, women were pregnant with adopted embryos.

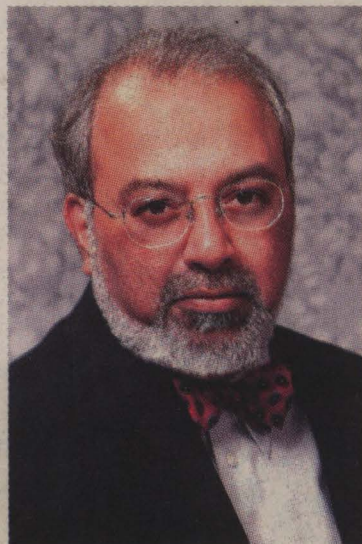
Seattle Zoo Tries to Inseminate Elephant

A ticklish business, artificially inseminating an elephant. With the help of high-tech ultrasound and computer gear, special protective clothing, wheelbarrows and not a little cooperation from Chai, a 26-year-old Asian elephant, Woodland Park Zoo officials hope the complicated process led by two German scientists will result in the pachyderm giving birth again, as she did four years ago.

Europeans Oppose U.S. Anti-Abortion Push at UN Meet

European countries are opposing a move by the United States to push a U.N. conference into stating that women do not have the right to abortion, French and British officials said on Tuesday. ~Yahoo News

Research Corner



Dr. Padmanabhan Sudevan
Dept. of Psychology

What type of research do you do?

My interest is in attention and memory. In any cognitive task situation, simple judgments are required. What we do is take this real world situation and simplify it in a lab setting. We test response rates for two different tasks. We ask participants to distinguish between vowels and consonants, or odd numbers and even numbers.

What have you found?

We're finding that there is a definite cost involved when subjects switch from one sort of task to another. We have tried different possible ways to minimize this cost of switching between tasks, and we have found that preparing subjects before each test helps. Right

now we are also trying to replicate the findings of a group in Munich. They found that if a subject is told to refrain from answering, they answer the next question much faster.

How are students involved?

When the lab was founded in 1988, we had two or three graduate students to help. Now we have 50-60. For subjects we use the students in Psychology 110.

Like what you see in this new section? Want to see more? Then come write for us. Science, health or technology; all warrant coverage in this paper.

Three named to All-NCHA, four to Academic

Kelly Vant

SPORTS REPORTER

Three UW-SP men's hockey players were named to the All-NCHA Team.

Men's Hockey

Making the First Team were senior forwards Mike Brolsma, who led the NCHA this season in scoring with 27 points, and Adam Kostichka.

Brolsma was also a 2002 All-NCHA First Team selection, and Kostichka was an Honorable Mention selection in 2003. Sophomore defenseman Chris Gehrke was named an Honorable Mention for this year as well. League coaches vote on the All-NCHA Team.

Also noteworthy are four players who made the All-Academic Team. Making this team were sophomore forwards Brett Coburn and Nick Zebro, junior defenseman Jordan Blair, and senior forward Adam Kostichka.

This is the second time Blair and Kostichka have made this team. The players, who are recommended by their head coach, must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA and have earned at least 50 semester or 75 quarter hours.

USCHO.Com D3 Women's Hockey Poll

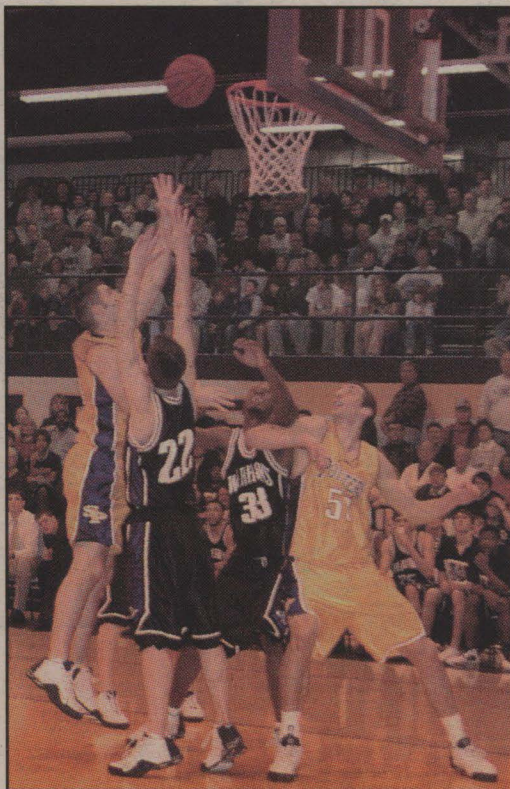
(First Place Votes)

1. Elmira (14) 21-3-0
2. Plattsburgh 19-4-1
3. Middlebury 21-3-1
4. Bowdoin 19-3-1
5. UW-SP (1) 22-2-1
6. Gustavus Adolphus 21-3-1
7. Manhattanville 20-3-2
8. St. Thomas 20-3-2
9. Williams 14-9-2
10. RIT 1-7-1

WIAC champs again!



Eric Maus (50) struggles to complete a lay-up last Saturday.



John Krull attempts a shot as Eric Maus fights for position under the hoop.

Photos By Trendelina Spahija

Adam Wise

SPORTS EDITOR

After taking a similar route to the WIAC Championship as they did last season, the Pointers completed their first 'back-to-back' championship run since its inception when they defeated UW-Whitewater 87-77 in front of a jam-packed Quandt Fieldhouse.

Men's Basketball

The changing point in the game, which had eight ties and 10 lead changes, was after Mike Toellner from Whitewater converted on a dunk that put the Warhawks up 56-54, causing the Pointers to call a timeout. The Pointers came out of the timeout and went on an 11-3 run to recapture the lead for the rest of the game.

"I basically challenged (them)," Head Coach Jack Bennett said. "I thought this is it, either we are really going to be on our heels the rest of the game, or we are going to draw a

line in the sand and say, 'We've got to get this game back to our tempo, and fortunately, we did.'"

Nick Bennett, who had 16 points in the game, scored 10 of the team's first 19 points as he energized the crowd early, converting on two three-point opportunities in a row to keep the game close.

After shooting just 9-18 in the first two rounds of the tournament, Jason Kalsow managed the game for the Pointers as he shot 11-15 for 28 points with 10 rebounds and also made several beautiful passes to find the open man when the defense collapsed onto him.

With a tough road ahead of them in the NCAA Tournament, Coach Bennett believes his team is well prepared after playing three tough games within a five-day span.

"The tournament is grueling," he said. "I think this week is as hard, mentally and physically, as anything that will happen in the NCAA."

"If you survive it, then

you have a great chance to at least make some noise in the NCAA."

Continuing with the ongoing theme of the week, the Pointers received substantial contributions from a few other members of their starting rotation.

Tamaris Relerford had 12 points while John Krull and Eric Maus worked in the paint to contribute 11 and 8 points, respectively.

With the win, the Pointers improve to 3-0 in WIAC Championship games while the Warhawks are now 0-3.

The Pointers have this week off to rest for what should be an entertaining second round match-up Saturday night.

The team will play either Lawrence University or Gustavus Adolphus, both of whom the Pointers beat on their way to a National Championship last year.

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Quandt with the winner moving on to the sectionals.

A short, but tough road ahead for Pointers

Adam Wise

SPORTS EDITOR

After winning the WIAC Championship game last Saturday, the UW-SP men's basketball team was assured of a spot in the NCAA Tournament. They just weren't sure where.

A day after they won the conference, the NCAA revealed the four tournament brackets containing the 48 teams that were selected to participate in its extended season.

The Pointers received the third seed in their bracket, which also contains Illinois Wesleyan and Puget Sound (whom they defeated last year 100-79 in the sectional round of the tourna-

ment).

As for the immediate future, the Pointers will host their second round match-up this Saturday at the Quandt against the winner of the Lawrence-Gustavus Adolphus first round game.

Whoever the Pointers receive for Saturday, it will be a familiar face as they beat both of these teams last year in the tournament (Gustavus 66-55 in the second round and Lawrence 82-81 in overtime of the sectional final).

By winning the conference tournament, UW-SP was the only WIAC team to make the NCAA tournament. With the conference having so many

quality teams this year again, Head Coach Jack Bennett was happy to keep every other team out.

"I think that (keeping a WIAC team out) is important," he said. "Familiarity sometimes can be a problem. I'd rather take my chance against somebody outside the conference. It's not personal, it's business."

While the Pointers were expected to come back this season and compete for another tournament spot, few people really understand the difficulties of reaching the tournament.

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Men's basketball regains No. 1 ranking

The defending NCAA Division III men's basketball champions will open the 2004-05 national tournament as the top-ranked team in the latest poll from D3hoops.com.

For the third time this season, UW-Stevens Point moved back into the No. 1 ranking after falling out in a previous week. The Pointers opened the year as the preseason No. 1 and are now 24-3. UW-Stevens Point dropped out of the top spot after each loss, but regained the No. 1 ranking in the following weeks each time. The Pointers were third in last week's poll, but leapfrogged No. 2 Amherst (Mass.) after winning three games to claim the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

It marks the first time that a team has held the top spot with three losses in an in-season poll since the University of Chicago in the final week prior to the 2001 NCAA tournament.

Both of the Pointers' potential first round NCAA tournament opponents are ranked high as Lawrence is ranked 13th and Gustavus Adolphus is ranked 17th. The two teams meet Thursday with the winner playing in Stevens Point on Saturday at 7 p.m.

This Week in Pointer Athletics

Men's Basketball - Home vs. Lawrence or Gustavus Adolphus in NCAA Division III tournament - March 5, 7 p.m.

Women's Hockey - Possible NCAA Division III tournament game - March 11, 12 or 13

Swimming - Women at NCAA Division III Championships (Holland, Mich.) - March 10-12

Men's & Women's Track - WIAC Indoor Championships (at Platteville) - March 4-5

Wrestling - at NCAA Division III Championships (Northfield, Minn.) - March 4-5



Kalsow and Nechuta both finalists for Josten's National Player of the Year

UW-Stevens Point seniors Jason Kalsow and Amanda Nechuta are both finalists for the Josten's Award presented to the NCAA Division III men's and women's basketball Players of the Year.

The duo is among 10 finalists for each award that is given annually by the Salem (Va.) Rotary Club. The awards are presented during the men's championship weekend in Salem on March 17. Kari Groshek is the only previous UW-Stevens Point player to be a finalist for the award in 2002.

Kalsow and Nechuta each set UW-Stevens Point's all-time respective scoring records within 15 days of each other earlier this season. They are the only Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference players among the finalists. Buena Vista (Iowa) is the only other school with both a men's and women's finalist.

Kalsow, a Huntley, Ill. native, has 1,745 career points and is also the school's all-time leading rebounder with 823 for his career. He is fourth in school history with 431 career assists and needs

one more field goal to match Tim Naegeli's school record of 689 for his career. Kalsow hit the game-winning shot with 0.2 seconds left in last year's Division III championship game.

This season, Kalsow ranks among the leaders in all 12 of the league's statistical categories. He leads the WIAC in scoring at 19.9 per game and assists at 4.3 per contest. Kalsow also is shooting a league-high 51.5 percent from three-point range and is third in the league in rebounding at 7.1 per game. He ranks 39th in the country in scoring and has scored in double figures in 59 straight games.

Nechuta, a Mosinee native, has 1,780 points to rank third in WIAC history and just 54 points behind the league's career record. She holds the school record for career field goals made and ranks fourth in school history with 747 rebounds. Last season, she scored a single-season school record 617 points.

Nechuta is currently leading the WIAC in scoring for the third straight year, averaging 16.6 points per game. She is also

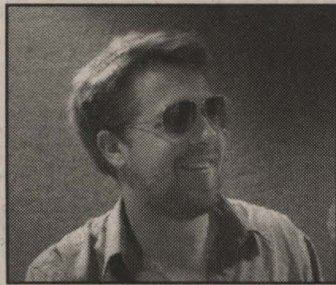
an outstanding defensive player, ranking second in the league at 2.6 steals per game.

In addition to their basketball ability, the award also recognizes academic prowess and community service, recognizing those who fit the ideal of a well-rounded Division III student-athlete.

The other men's finalists are J.D. Byers, Lebanon Valley (Pa.); Russ Churchwell, Oglethorpe (Ga.); Seth Hauben, Rochester (N.Y.); Adam McCoy, Aurora (Ill.); Jon Nielson, Wheaton (Ill.); Tyler Rhoten, Trinity (Conn.); Andrew Schiel, Amherst (Mass.); Tommy Stolhandske, Texas Lutheran; Eric Wiebers, Buena Vista (Iowa).

The other women's finalists are Alyssa Antolick, DeSales (Pa.); Amy Argetsinger, DePauw (Ind.); Ashley Edwards, Concordia-Austin (Texas); Katie Maguire, Buena Vista (Iowa); Diana Martinez, Hardin-Simmons (Texas); Tara Rohde, Trinity (Texas); Megan Vig, Carleton (Minn.); Siobhan Zerilla, Wilmington (Ohio); Olivia Zurek, Bates (Maine).

Senior on the Spot Adam Mella - Editor in Chief



Mella

Career Highlights

- UW-SP bowling league
- Member of "No funny stuff"
- Tenth semester running, two championships, two runner-ups
- Led league in team average every semester.

Major - Double major in history and comm. - journalism emphasis.

Hometown - Manitowoc, Wis. 54220

Do you have any nicknames? - Toast, The Killer Whales, Pico

What are your plans after graduation? - Junior reporter at any newspaper on the Pacific Ocean, or become a wild man.

What has helped you become such an accomplished writer? - How flattering... I've been writing since I was in third grade. I wrote a fictional series about a magician-hero named Ely Illyboon. It's been getting easier since then. I just try and write something meaningful every day. Most days I don't, but I try and keep at it, keep trying new things. Mostly, it is fun for me, and that is the most important thing. If I can do this and get paid, I think I might not go insane, so that's cool.

What is your favorite memory from working at *The Pointer*? - Watching Craig Mandli puke in the Milwaukee Hilton, watching Dan Mirman grind dance on a 40-year-old Mullette, making out with a giant corn-dog ... the conferences were all pretty fun. I like the late nights. And the coffee machine.

What do you want people to remember from the year Mella was Editor in Chief? - That we tried really hard to bring the paper up to speed. I think it looks much cleaner, and I hope people appreciate that, or at least notice.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - The Avalanches, *Since I left you*, The Only Children, *Change of Living*, or *The Garden State Soundtrack* - that's a good one.

What DVD is in your DVD player right now? - *Winged Migration* or *Big Lebowski*.

Who is your favorite writer? - That's tough. I've been loving David Quammen lately, but I really don't know; it's someone different every week. And how can you compete with Salinger or Faulkner? That's an unanswerable question.

How many members do you have in the Taco Club and are you accepting any more applications?

At last check, our newsletter listing included 312 names. Famous members include Lewis Black and the voice of Kit from *Nightrider*. We have regional offices in Colorado, New York and Stevens Point. And yes, we are always looking for people who love tacos and fun. I also run a Galloping club, if anyone is interested.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Walleyes, sadness and the woman who stole my heart.

Pointers capture second straight NCHA tournament title, earn accolades in the process

Steve Roeland

SPORTS EDITOR

Home ice advantage paid off for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's hockey team, as they captured the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association tournament championship last weekend in the friendly confines of Ice Hawks Arena.

Women's Hockey

The Pointers, already regular season conference champs, made their case for a bid to the NCAA tournament even stronger by earning their second consecutive tournament crown and their third tourney title in the five-year history of the event.

UW-SP hadn't played a game in 10 days prior to their opening round contest with UW-Eau Claire, but the time away had no effect on the performance of the squad.

The Pointers struck first and fast, with Hilary Bulger taking passes from Tracy Truckey and Ashley Howe to collect the first goal of the contest at the 5:13 mark.

Early in the second period, Howe made the score 2-0 on her 16th goal of the season. Howe stole the puck from a Blugold player and collected the unassisted goal at the 1:36 mark.

UW-SP shut the proverbial door with Katy Lankey's ninth score of the season 3:26 into the third period. Jessie Suter and Lauren Kellin assisted on the score for the Pointers. UW-SP's controlling performance earned them a 3-0 opening round victory.

Pointer goalie Amy Statz collected 15 saves in the shut-out and improved her record in goal to 19-2-1.

UW-River Falls (13-12, 6-4 NCHA) defeated UW-Superior 5-4 in overtime in the other first round match and awaited the Pointers in the final. Last Sunday's contest was the fourth finals appearance for each school in the history of the conference tournament.

The Pointers once again came out of the chutes and scored quickly against the Falcons. Kim Lunneborg, on an assist from Ann Ninnemann, found the back of the net for the 11th time this year 6:09 into

the first period. UW-SP added another goal in the first period on Lankey's 10th of the season. Jackie Schmitt and Suter assisted on Lankey's score.

With a 2-0 deficit, UW-RF worked quickly in the second period. Kelly Jensen put the Falcons on the board with a goal only 31 seconds into the second period, cutting the Pointer lead to one.

UW-SP had an answer to Jensen's score and responded with a goal from Schmitt less than five minutes after the Falcons scored. Lankey assisted on Schmitt's 14th goal of the season.

The final period went scoreless, giving the Pointers the tournament championship with a 3-1 victory over UW-RF.

With the win, the Pointers extend their unbeaten streak to 12 games and improve their winning streak against the Falcons eight games. Statz picked up 17 saves in the final and earned her 20th win of the year.

The NCHA does not give out an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, but is awarded an at-large bid. The Pointers seem to be the likely candidate for the bid, finishing the season with an overall record of 22-2-1. The pairings for the NCAA tournament are revealed on March 6.

Other acknowledgements were earned by members of the UW-SP team, including Head Coach Brian Idalski, who earned Coach of the Year honors for the second-time in his young career. Under his four-year command, the Pointers are 87-15-7 and have won three NCHA tournament championships.

Individuals were also honored by being voted to the All-NCHA teams. Pointers named to the first team were Statz as a goaltender and Schmitt as a forward. Howe and Jana Jurkovich were named to the All-NCHA second team. Kellin, Ninnemann and Liz Goergen were given honorable mention.

UW-SP athletes also earned All-NCHA academic team honors. Bulger, Goergen, Howe, Jurkovich, Ninnemann, Statz, Truckey, Julie LeClair and Hayli Hupp were all selected to the team.

Our View From the Cheap Seats

Battling the NFL's bulge: The Overweight Epidemic

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

Many people in America obsess about their weight and try radical diets and supplements to keep their weight down. In the National Football League, however, most players are always trying to put more weight on.

A recent study conducted by University of North Carolina endocrinologist Joyce Harp and student Lindsay Hecht measured the body-mass index of 2,168 NFL players who were active in the 2003-04 season by using information pulled from the NFL web site. BMI is a measure of a person's height-to-weight ratio, but does not take into account muscle mass. A BMI of 30 or above is considered obese.

The results that Harp and Hecht came up with were some-

what startling: 56 percent of the players examined were considered obese by BMI standards. On top of that, nearly half of those players considered obese had a BMI of 35 or more, considered severely obese. Some players were even measured at having a BMI in the morbidly obese range, coming in with a BMI over 40.

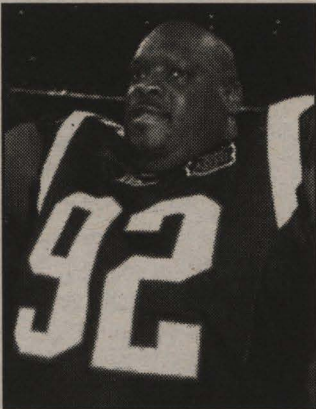
The NFL is shrugging off this survey, saying that the test is flawed due to the lack of consideration for muscle mass. Despite the fact that BMI doesn't measure muscle mass, NFL players, namely linemen, may be at risk for serious

health problems.

Just looking at NFL players like Grady Jackson or Ted Washington, the casual observer can determine that many players are overweight. While this comes to no one's surprise, it should still be a priority of the NFL to monitor players' health and warn them of the potential health dangers of being excessively over-

weight.

Players who are obese face risks of joint pain, heart problems, increased blood pressure, diabetes and poor overall health.



Ted Washington is among the many overweight linemen in the NFL.

Football fans around the world finished last season with a heavy heart, resulting from the loss of future Hall of Fame defensive end Reggie White. White died due to a case of sleep apnea, one potential danger of being overweight. White maintained a large frame during and after his playing career, and this may have been a contributing factor to his sleep apnea.

Competition in the NFL is fierce and every team is always trying to get an upper hand. Players who pack on extra pounds to intimidate or reduce the amount that they can be pushed around, need to look to the future and be aware of the risks involved with being obese. The NFL should educate and discuss the risks to the players who fall under the 'obese' category.

A players' union spokesman

told the Associated Press that the health is "discussed all the time" in the NFL. He also stated that, while some players are obese, there are no major problems associated with players' weight.

With statements like these, the NFL seems to be ignorant to the problems that weight can have on the body. If the union can't see the potential dangers of obesity, how can the players, especially when coaches are telling them to gain more weight? To win the battle of the bulge, the NFL needs to look out for players' current and future health and make players aware of the problems that can emerge from obesity. A player's life doesn't – and shouldn't – end after he retires.

Minus the slush, is there a better month than March?

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

There, we made it. We are out of the month of February.

Not that it's that bad of a month, but let's face it, there's a reason why it's only 28 days long, right?

We are now in March, the month that makes every sport junkies' wildest dreams come true.

We have the NFL free agency period, spring training has started for baseball, March Madness is right around the corner for college basketball, and for hockey, well, better luck next time.

I will admit I am the first person in the door when PSA class resumes. You know, professional sports addicts.

I mean, you are reading a column from a guy who had a

weekend job last year and took the weekend off just to watch the NFL draft; but, let's stick to the reason we are here.

Sticking to the NFL, many people reading this may not understand my interest in this area.

If you haven't read one of my several prior mentions of myself being born in Michigan and growing up a Lions fan, here it is for you one last time.

As many of you know, the Detroit Lions haven't been the ideal powerhouse in the NFL for quite some decades now. While the Packers have had a legitimate shot at a deep playoff run every year for the past 10 just because Brett Favre plays quarterback, some of you may not understand the excitement free agency brings to me.

While the Lions have actu-

ally caught up to the class of the NFC North, they still have to prove it on the field. Finally, they have few holes to fill this year to field a respectable team for 2005, but I still will love these few weeks just because of the player movement, the rumor mill, possible trades being discussed, who is over-paying for who and who is not spending at all. There are tons of things to follow.

With the Lions only needing a back-up quarterback, a guard, and a safety, they won't be making as much of a splash this year as in previous off-seasons (Dry Bly in 2003 and Damien Woody in 2004).

This, however, is a very interesting off-season for the Packers.

In my opinion, EVERYTHING hinges on whether or not Favre comes back. While certain events may take place

prior to his announcement that could sway him either way, he is the golden goose.

By other events, I mean it may be a little easier for Favre to decide he's done when he looks at his all-star offensive line and sees 40 percent of it gone (Mike Wahle and Marco Rivera) before the end of next week.

While there is a shot that they can still bring back Rivera. The team also has to decide whether to give its best defensive player, Darren Sharper, his bonus by March 11 or he will be cut as well.

Besides maybe Dallas, whom I think is screwing itself over by bringing in Drew Bledsoe and not going to Drew Henson, I think the Packers have the most at stake this year to either stay atop the pack, figuratively speaking, or tumble to the ground.

Trust me, this isn't just an easy tumble, this is a giant leap to the level of the Arizona Cardinals or Washington Redskins.

I think the NFC North will be radically changed from last year. While some free agents could make a difference, Chicago should be much better if they can keep Rex Grossman healthy and Detroit will continue to improve if Charles Rogers, Roy Williams, and Kevin Jones all stay healthy. Meanwhile, I think Minnesota will be surprised at how important that one safety who had to double up on Randy Moss for the past seven years was, now that he will be back in the box.

Whatever happens, I know that this month should provide plenty of entertainment for all sports fans even if you aren't as emphatically engaged in it as I am.

BENNETT
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"There are almost 400 Division III teams," Bennett said. "This might be the toughest tournament to get into in the country. We earned it by beating three really tough teams."

With so many returning players from last year's championship run, Bennett isn't worried about his players being unprepared with the heightened level of play that is to be expected when playing in the tournament.

"Our players will not get too carried away or get too down in the course of the week or the course of the games," he said.

"They usually don't let success go to their head."

He also said you need a couple things to get through to the final four.

"You have to be good, you have to have some luck, (and) you have to get some calls."

While the bracket is devised by the NCAA to limit the amount of travel, it unfortunately doesn't try that hard to get the best teams to the final four.

UW-SP's bracket alone has four of D3hoops.com's top 10 teams and eight of their top 19. Wittenberg's bracket has four of the top 10 teams and seven of the top 21. Then, only two of the teams in the second bracket are

even in the top 25 with Ramapo at 18 and York at 20.

Bennett credits this to the fact that certain regions of the country are just more competitive in Division III basketball.

"The Midwest is one of the strongest hot beds in Division III," he said. "If you survive that first and second round, because of the strength of the teams, you have a great shot at the final four."

While the Pointers have a long road ahead of them before they reach the championship game, Bennett likes his chances.

"We want to give destiny a run for its money."

2004-05 All-WIAC Men's Basketball First Team

Jason Kalsow - UW-SP
Nick Bennett - UW-SP
Brad Reitzner - Platteville
Jim Capelle - Oshkosh
Angelo Griffin - Whitewater
Laron Reed - Superior
Casey Drake - Eau Claire
Brandon Temperly - Platteville
Joe Werner - La Crosse
Andy Jahnke - Oshkosh

Honorable Mention:
Eric Maus - UW-SP

2004-05 All-WIAC Women's Basketball First Team

Amanda Nechuta - UW-SP
(Also Player of the Year and All-Defensive Team)
Cassandra Schultz - UW-SP
Rachel Becker - Eau Claire
Shannon Boatman - Platteville
Kelsey Duoss - Stout
Erin Effle - River Falls
Shannon Eggers - Oshkosh
Lindsey Erichsen - Stout
Brittany Herrick - Oshkosh
Shawna Koss - La Crosse

Honorable Mention:
Amy Scott - UW-SP

Until the last flag waves

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

The tip-ups have been restrung and greased up, the auger blades sharpened and the truck is filled with gas and ready to roll. Three more classes and it's time to go – the final weekend of the Wisconsin game fishing season is nearly upon us.

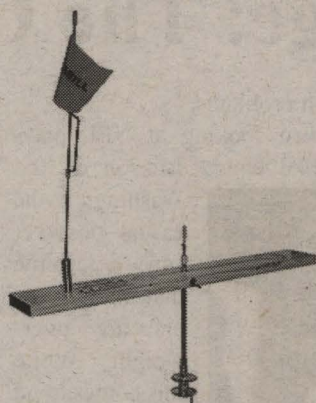
It's a final opportunity to fire up the grill, stick some beer in a snow bank and strategically place a few tip-ups in hopes of bringing home just one more mystic revelation from the depths below. Maybe even a fish too.

This is the time for one last round of stories about the one that got away, one last toss of the deflated football and one last stand on a frozen hunk of water

with your friends and family. Anyone who enjoys fishing as a group activity knows what I'm talking about.

If the weather forecast holds true, the conclusion to this year's season should be a good one. The slightly warmer predicted temperatures should allow for a little melting and, thus, a little more oxygen in the water to get the fish moving.

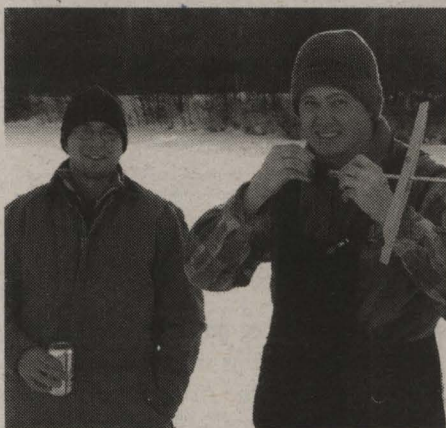
To be honest, however, if the fish don't bite it won't make a bit of difference to me. To go home empty-handed is just a subtle reminder that Mother Nature still has the upper hand. In today's world it's somehow comforting to know she's still got the final say. The bite of a crisp afternoon is just another way of keeping us in check. A cadenced burst of steam appears with every exhalation, rises toward the sky and then vanishes, only to be replaced by another. Not so different from life is this cycle. We get so caught up in life that sometimes we forget about the little



things; little things that a beautiful day on the ice can remind us of. Isn't it funny how sitting on an overturned bucket, staring down an eight-inch hole into the abyss, is a perfect opportunity for reflection on such deep thoughts?

Isn't it also funny how sometimes sitting on that overturned bucket is an opportunity to engage in thought no deeper than the bottom of the bottle of beer in your hand?

This, my friends, is the beauty of ice-fishing and reason to take advantage of the last weekend of the season – to feel one more crisp breeze, to laugh one more time with family and friends and to reflect as much or as little as you wish, until the last flag waves...



Volunteers needed for Sturgeon Guard program

DNR Press Release

OSHKOSH, Wis. – When the sturgeon in Wisconsin's Lake Winnebago System begin their annual spring spawning run up the Wolf and upper Fox rivers, volunteers from across Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota come to protect them. When sturgeon spawn along the rocky shorelines of these rivers, they pay little attention to people and are very susceptible to illegal harvest.

To protect them, the volunteer "Sturgeon Guard" maintains a presence at the spawning sites 24 hours a day throughout the spawning season, which usually begins in late April and lasts through early May.

The program is intended to protect the system's population of lake sturgeon, which is considered one of the healthiest populations in the world. Sturgeon are harvested from the system during a spearing season each winter. The season this year ran 12 days from Feb. 12 through 23, with 1,238 sturgeon taken from Lake Winnebago and the Upriver lakes.

The volunteers in the "Sturgeon Guard" program

maintain a presence and visual deterrence to poachers at the spawning sites throughout the spawning season. The protection effort is directed by Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement staff and funded, in part, by Sturgeon for Tomorrow, a local sturgeon conservation organization.

When the spawning begins, pairs of sturgeon guards are assigned to sites for 12-hour shifts. Prior to assignment, the volunteers check in at "Sturgeon Camp" just north of Shiocton, where they are fed a good hot meal, given a generous sack lunch and an identification hat (that they keep), and are directed to their site. DNR wardens check up on the volunteers during the shift. At the end of their shifts, guards return to camp for another home-cooked meal before making their way home.

While it is impossible to predict the exact dates that spawning will occur each year, guards are routinely scheduled from April 15 through May 5. Spawning generally occurs for a five to seven day period within that time window.

"We are generally in need of volunteers for the night shift and weekdays," said Todd Schaller, the DNR warden supervisor

charged with managing the Sturgeon Guard program.

"Because people work weekdays our pool of volunteers shrinks during the daylight hours." The night shift guard positions are sometimes tough to fill because the job requires staying awake when people are normally asleep, and if the weather is cold, volunteers are sometimes scarce.

"While we do our best to get all scheduled guards out on the riverbank to see fish, invariably we must cancel some scheduled shifts if the fish are simply not active."

Protecting spawning sturgeon is a great way to spend a spring day, evening, or night on the banks of the Wolf River, often with sturgeon clearly visible. Many guards bring spouses and children, and have made sturgeon guarding a family tradition. Organizations or groups are also welcome to participate.

Anyone interested in signing up for the 2005 Sturgeon Guard program should send an e-mail message to: <sturgeon@dnr.state.wi.us> (e-mail is preferred if possible) or call the Sturgeon Guard Hotline Coordinator at the DNR Oshkosh Service Center at (920) 303-5444.

State shoreline zoning standards may toughen

Adam Mella
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Current State Shoreline Zoning Standards, enacted in the 1960s, are coming under scrutiny by conservation groups and landowners alike. WISPIRG's Save Our Lakes Campaign leads the charge for stricter zoning regulations. An April 27 meeting of the Natural Resources Board may be the first step in such a policy change.

Since the original zoning standards were adopted in the 1960s, Wisconsin's lakes witnessed a 200-percent increase in shoreline development, on average. While 28 counties responded with centralized regulation and tougher zoning (Portage County not included), the state remained inactive to the present day.

The resulting lakefront sprawl greatly increases the amount of pollution runoff entering Wisconsin waters. The main problem involves rising phosphorous levels – a harbinger of dense algae-blooms and decreased oxygen content – which slowly kill lakes and rivers.

WISPIRG's initiative, NR 115, seeks tougher regulation on building codes, statewide. Current zoning laws allow new construction within 30-35 feet of the water. NR 115 would increase that all-important buffer to 50 feet, including existing natural vegetation. NR 115 would limit impervious surfaces – pavement, rooftops and open lawns – to 20 percent of the property and expand lot size requirements for single homes and larger resorts; a move aimed at mitigating large-scale lakefront development and subdivisions.

Critics claim WISPIRG's initiative tramples landowner rights, although many lakefront property owners agree something must be done. Others assert such legislation will make lake frontage all but a dream for the average Wisconsin citizen, a trend already glaringly troublesome.

Regardless, WISPIRG feels that a grassroots campaign and improved water quality will win out. For more information on their initiative, visit their Web site, www.wispirg.org/lakes.

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CWES names new director

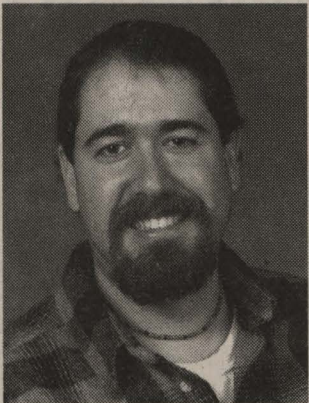
UW-SP Press Release

A University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 1993 forestry graduate has been named the new director of the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), located in Amherst Junction.

Scott Johnson, a native of Barneveld, began his work at CWES last month.

Johnson has an extensive background in outdoor education. Since 2001 he has worked as a natural resource educator for Wyalusing State Park near Bagley. His duties included developing and administering more than 20 outdoor education programs for children and adults, and increasing participation in the parks programs. While there, Johnson doubled the attendance of the educational programs to 7,500 participants and increased the number of volunteers from 20 to 1,100. He also gained a great deal of attention, including air-time on two statewide television programs, for his invasive species eradication programs.

Randy Champeau, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources Outreach and Extension, is hopeful that under Johnson's direction CWES will be headed for a "revived, bright future." Champeau went on to say, "(We) were clearly impressed with Scott's credentials and we



Scott Johnson

believe he has the background and experience to lead CWES in being the best it can be." Prior to working for Wyalusing, Johnson served as executive director of the Outdoor Skills and Education Center in Plymouth. He also has held positions as a school program director for the center in Plymouth, as an

intern naturalist at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River and as a naturalist at Pattison State Park in Superior. All those positions involved developing and teaching outdoor education programs to youth and adults.

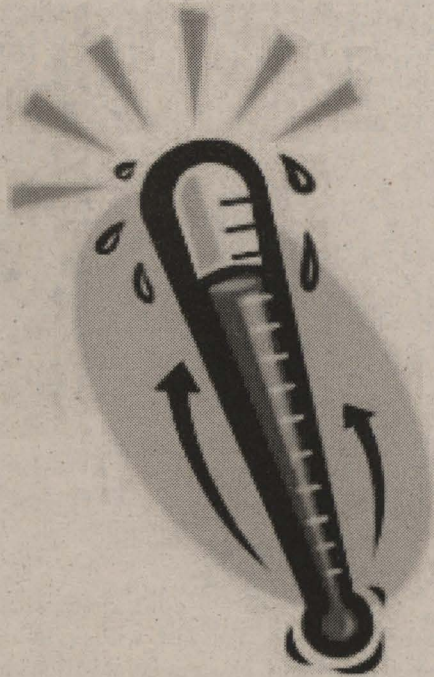
Johnson is an avid outdoorsman interested in canoeing, hiking, cross country skiing, hunting and a variety of other activities. A UW-SP College of Natural Resources field station on the shores of Sunset Lake, CWES was the first site in Wisconsin to be designated as a "National Environmental Study Area" by the National Park Service. The station gives people from the university and the community the opportunity to learn about outdoor skills and the environment. The 300-acre learning and teaching center has been an integral part of UW-SP's environmental mission since 1975.

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The view from the groover

Volume One: Introducing the Groover

Hilary Bulger
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Everyone knows humans think better on the can. We do. And while there are lots of nicknames and versions of what Webster's calls "a fixture for defecation and urination," none are quite like the groover. Sure you've got bathroom, lavatory, privy, crapper, head, john, latrine, loo, pot, and water closet, but they just can't hold a candle to the infamous groover for doing some strenuous brain exercising.

For those unfortunate souls who do not yet know what a groover is, hold on to your seats, and get ready for Groovin' 101. A groover is the toilet of river folk. The rafting bathroom. Many of the more popular rivers, particularly those in the arid and beautiful southwest, where the climate attracts river goers but does not lend itself well to decomposition, are, well, quite frankly, experiencing a poop problem. The number of rafters is just more than the environment can accommodate for and it is quite common, if one is groover-less, to dig a cat-hole only to find it is a second-hand cat-hole, which is not a pleasant experience by any stretch of the imagination.

So, some of the smarter river folk realized the need for some sort of portable toilet, and

through trial and error, created the groover. A groover, put simply, is a metal can, of varying shape and size that generally sports handles to facilitate easy transportation. Some groovers are simply ammo boxes (square metal boxes commonly used to transport gear on river trips due to their waterproofing) lined with garbage bags. Yes, garbage bags. Double bagging encouraged. When a bag's full, tie a knot in her, and she's done. Reline your groover and you are good to go. Most groovers now are a little more complicated, and comfortable, than a lined ammo box. Most resemble toilets, even have seats, and are often accompanied by toilet paper (a luxury in the wilderness!) and a foot pump operated hand washing station.

When a rafting group arrives at camp for the night, the pre-designated groover crew gets to work. The first, and, as far as contemplation goes, most important matter of business is location. Ideally, the groover is semi-hidden but in some cases, such as in bear country where the groover must be semi-close to camp, or in areas with little vegetation, there is no choice. In these situations, it is nice to have tarps along to give shyer groover users some privacy. Once enough privacy is ensured, it's on to bigger mat-

ters: the view. The best thing about a groover is that you are outside, presumably on a gorgeous river somewhere. This is the groover's secret, the reason it beats all its other toilet competitors in its ability to allow for serious soul searching.

Now you can hopefully picture a groover, picture sitting on one, doing your business, and possibly picture the scene. The gurgles and splashes of rushing rapids harmonize your thoughts into coherent discoveries; the overwhelming mountains, streaked by hanging glaciers, drag your thoughts with them to the stars, and you are completely and hopelessly lost in thought. Can you imagine the thinking, the contemplation that could possibly be done? The enlightenment achieved...

So, we have "The view from the groover," a space where, now that we have established exactly what a groover is, we can report, comment, and reflect on our outdoor world today. Any submissions, suggestions, questions, or general nonsense regarding our great green Earth are quite welcome and may be sent to hbulg761@uwsp.edu, subject, "The view from the groover." Happy grooving!

OuTdOoR OdDiTiEs

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Skunk and junk do NOT mix.

Take, for example, a south-eastern Wisconsin man who found out the hard way.

For dignity's sake, no real names will be disclosed. (Except for that of the skunk.)

For your sake, no picture will be shown.

Allow me to set the scene.

It's a beautiful late-February day and "Bob" is at home, relaxing and horsing around with his family's pet skunk, Ozzy...

Ok, to be honest, I don't know what the weather was like. I'm just willing to bet it seemed pretty darn pleasant before "Bob" had a set of sharp teeth, which just happened to belong to Ozzy, attached to his penis.

It's hard to think of a circumstance that could more rapidly turn a man's "good day," bad.

Skunk teeth are razor-sharp and their bite can be vicious. Perhaps it goes without saying that this wound was severe enough to warrant immediate medical attention. "Bob" was whisked away to the local hospital for stitches and a DNR warden was dispatched to the scene of the incident.

Unfortunately for Ozzy, this is where the story gets a bit gloomy.



The Prince of Darkness can't compete with the bite of this Ozzy...

Though the pet skunk was purchased from a licensed breeder in Iowa, Wisconsin law does not allow a quarantine option for a possible rabid wild animal, even a pet one. The DNR officer had no choice but to euthanize the striped critter on-site.

Skunk-lovers from around the country have voiced their anger with the unnecessary demise of Ozzy since the incident took place.

As it turns out, Ozzy was clean. He was just an unfortunate victim of circumstance - of biting the wrong place at the wrong time.

"Bob's" wife, "Betty," blames him for the whole incident. After all, she had advised "Bob" and their three children against rough-housing with the smaller, striped family member many times.

Bet "Bob" listens now...

Unconventional pike tactics versus reason

Adam Mella
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As the inland game fishing season closes this weekend, anglers from around the state will set out for one last chance at their personal ghosts - a big pike or wily walleye, perhaps. Sometimes the result is regret and a long wait for that third weekend in May. Often though, an angler is lucky enough to end the season on a positive note. Such was the case for yours truly, thanks in large part to unconventional tactics.

Unconventional tactics? I hear many people snicker disbelieving sarcasm at this mention. "Sure. Right. Whatever. I'll stick with my grandfather's proven scheme, you coconut." They go on and on.

But I tell the truth kids. Unconventionality is but one way to say "revolutionary" or "innovative." Meriwether Lewis and Elvis and Gandhi were unconventional thinkers as well. Perhaps you've heard of them.

Moving along, then. Our story begins with failure - failure to rise early enough for a journey to larger, more productive waters. So, after some greasy "B" and a trip to Glen's, our ramshackle coalition of seasoned pros and hung-over rookies hit a small, secluded spot only five minutes from home. I knew then, that it was time to get creative on the spooky pike below. I utilize a proverbial suitcase of "unconventional" tactics when this type of situation calls for such.

Tactic one began with a tip from one of the rookies in the group. Our dear Kate informed me at breakfast that her grandfather used raw bacon for bait. Why the hell not? I asked our waitress if she could help us. "Absolutely," was her reply. Once on the ice, we dual-rigged two tip-ups with a shiner/bacon mix. It only took 45 minutes for our first bacon-loving pike to trip a flag. Unfortunately, sloppy handling lost the fish. We didn't have any more takers on the bacon rig that afternoon, but that is not the point. The bacon-rig worked in theory and in practice.

Tactic two, or the "Bender rig," was named for our friend Andrew Bender, who concocted the method. This involves a jig rod, a large rattling lure (Rapala, fire-tiger) and a large golden shiner. Combining the three with erratic jigging motions is "a sure-fire way to tempt the pike," said Bender. Sure enough, we had a pike follow the contraption halfway up the hole. Sadly though, no fish were actually caught using this tactic, however, it too proved pike-provoking.

The afternoon bore witness to several other notable irregularities. Of course football action often arouses lethargic pike. It seems a series of slant routes or a thunderous punt towards the



piners gets the pike excited like none other. Perhaps it's the noise on the ice, or perhaps the toothy critters just admire silky smooth skills. Either way, playing football works.

Another crafty tactic is the look-away. Simply look away from your tip-ups for five minutes or walk to the far end of the pond. A sneaky pike might try and pull a fast one on you.

On particularly slow days, nothing draws bonus flags like a good air-hump. Don't ask how this became part of my vast ice-fishing knowledge - it is plainly true. Humping a tip-up or friend, although juvenile, almost always translates into a pike within five minutes.

From here on out, my unconventional tactics get weirder - bordering on voodoo-ish, even. Therefore I will stop with the show-and-tell for today. Let it be known though, that no unconventional tactic is too eccentric. So go forth you ice anglers: Yip, run in circles, try new baits, sing heart-wrenching ballads. Combine the powers of hot sauce and Neil Young.

The moral of this story is not really about fishing - it's about the unabashed freedom ice-fishing offers the soul. Contrary to the popular modernist beliefs that permeate our society, magic does exist, folks. Thaumaturgy and superstition add a necessary spice to the gray existence of Wisconsin's February skies. And that is why raw bacon and irrationality deserve thought on the frozen water - or any water for that matter.

The weekend slowly drew to a close and a hearty round of brandy was our last trick of the afternoon. As the last drop touched lip, in the distance, an orange flag rejoiced, no doubt impressed by our sacrifice. In the end, a healthy, 26-inch pike thrashed about, and a smile crossed every face on that pond. Fruition!

I denounce reason, my friends. I ask you to join me. The world becomes livelier when you step into the unknown.



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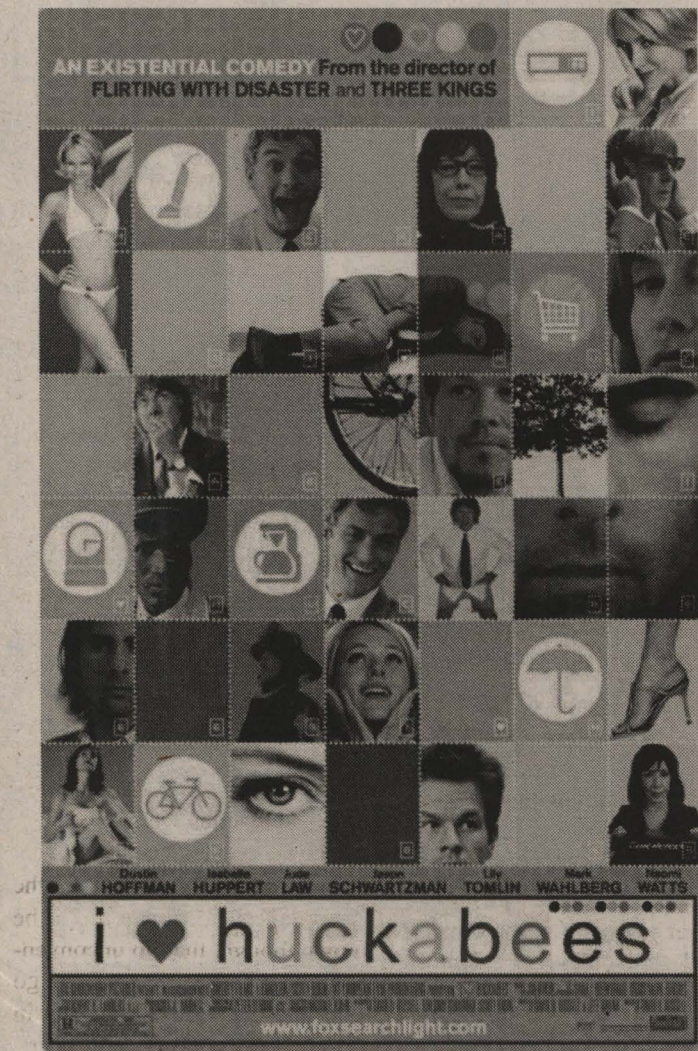
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DVD review:

I Heart Huckabees.

Director: David O. Russell (R, 106 min.)
Cast: Jason Schwartzman, Jude Law,
Dustin Hoffman, Naomi Watts

Adam Mella
EDITOR IN CHIEF



Often the case in Stevens Point, movies that take risks or break molds don't get asked to visit. So being upfront: Shame on you, Rogers Cinema, for failing to show *Huckabees*. And *Sideways*, and *Life Aquatic* ... the list goes on. Luckily, we in the flyover do get DVDs, eventually.

This new release is definitely a movie that relishes taking risks and breaking molds. Essentially, *I Heart Huckabees* is a movie about ideas and the meaning of life – which at first seems like an insane concept. The only reason it works is because Russell never solves those mysteries for us. Who could?

Huckabees does its damndest to reach that apogee, though. Watching for the first time is comparable to being tossed into a blender with a magnet and every philosophical work of the 20th century, seriously. The dizzying effect of comprehending the blur becomes soothing at some point, creating an enjoyable viewing experience.

The story revolves around Jason Schwartzman, an environmentalist set against urban sprawl. He finds life darkening, wondering if his work has meaning. Enter Hoffman and Tomlin as "existential detectives," that guide their client's philosophical predicaments. Eventually, the movie transforms into a polemic struggle – the ideology that everything has meaning versus the comforting sanctuary of nihilism. As often happens, the poles melt into one another, creating a fantastic casserole of confusion.

On not-so-subtle levels, *Huckabees* confronts corporate America, consumerism, capitalism, oil, greed, and most importantly, interconnectivity. As Hoffman's character says, "The end of my nose and the air around it are all the same thing."

Like many movies that take chances, *Huckabees* fails on many levels to tell the story correctly, although that is mildly the point and probably not even possible. Still, Russell constructs a meaningful, mentally violent film that demands thought, and several viewings.

The actual DVD was disappointing from the get-go. I mean, come on, no trailer??? The no-frills approach is almost void of special features, aside from director commentary (I've never been a big fan). And seeing how this is really a movie review disguised as a DVD review, I'll end by saying the DVD was disappointing, but the actual movie easily makes up for those shortcomings. It's a sure-fire rental for a weeknight. I definitely heart *Huckabees* – ...that's so lame.

Season 5: The Simpson's Reformation

John T. Larson
NEWS EDITOR

I find myself watching one of my favorite shows, *The Simpsons*, on a level similar to the way some folks go to church. Every Sunday, like clockwork they get up and worship and go through the whole process of bowing and prayer but their faith has long since departed the room, and now go through said process out of routine more than an actual desire to be there and pay attention. The same could be said of my viewership of *The Simpsons*, as I find my own lack of faith disturbing, shaken to the core by season after season of sub-par episodes that are but a dim memory of the glory of the episodes of old. I no longer watch out of entertainment, but I have been programmed for so long to tune in every Sunday, I find I cannot turn away.

So, like most people who find their faith lacking but lack the courage to find a new faith (or spend the hour finding the damn remote that has vanished into the phantom zone that is my couch) I opt to go to ancient text that is pure and free of pollution and iconoclasm by those that would use it as a cash-cow rather than the pure rapture of the source material. So I fired up the DVD player and watched *The Simpsons: The Complete Fifth Season*, which, in my opinion, is the last truly all-around solid season. This season saw the original core of writers that started with the show's humble first season leave the nest for bigger (and for the most part not better, see *The Critic*) things.

This was the last season that seemed to hold true to creator Matt Groening's original vision of an animated sitcom that ironically would be more realistic than a live-action sitcom, while not being unwilling to stretch reality for comic effect. This was when the first act would actually make sense and flow with the rest of the episode, when the show had decent endings, and Homer was not so obnoxiously stupid and would cry at the drop of a hat. This season also had some predictions on the future, two of them in the same episode, and those predictions

revolve around towns looking to gambling to fill coffers depleted by tax cuts and a mauling of an ambiguously gay tiger handler.

This season is also home to my personal favorite *Simpsons* quote of all time (Mmmmm...forbidden doughnut), and my personal favorite episode entitled "Rosebud", which is damn close to a shot-for-shot remake of *Citizen Kane*. From Homer's stint at college, to him riding the bomb down to a group of beatniks, this was the last days before his character became a raving loon that is supposed to be an animated embodiment of the American id. It was when Springfield was still a small town where the family just happened to live, before it became a town filled with over-the-top stereotypes of every subgroup that litters our culture.

The episodes of that time long ago (1993-94) have better comedic pacing, perhaps owing to writers that don't seem to be infected with ADD like the current group of blasphemers, or the fact that the show was two full minutes longer and had the luxury of time to pace its humor. It was also one of the last seasons that used hand-drawn animation, which for whatever reason seems more appealing to the eye than the digital technique used today that makes all the characters look like they're made of rubber.

Perhaps I also have an affinity for this season as it was the first one that I had a chance to see in full, after a four-year running battle with my parents, who were concerned about the subversiveness of the show having an effect on my young mind, and a hard won privilege is always one that will be remembered better in the mind than it actually may be. In sum, I have been to the mountain top, and find that what now makes up my chosen faith is in desperate need of a Martin Luther to place a long-winded list of grievances on the producer's door and remind them of what this show was intended to be, an animated show that was intended to be amusing and somewhat realistic and demonstrating at the end the best we could be, instead of reminding us on a weekly basis of how we are collectively annoying and embarking on a trip to cultural hell.



UW-SP Choir sings love songs

UWSP News Services

Choral students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will perform "Love is in the Air," a combined choir concert featuring songs about love, on Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.

Both performances will be held in Michelsen Hall of the Noel Fine Arts Center (NFAC). The events are part of the Music Scholarship Series. Admission will be \$6 for the general public, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for youth and free the day of the concert for students with UW-SP IDs. Tickets are available at the UW-SP Box Office, Room 103A University Center, 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378, or at the door if the concert is not sold out in advance.

Each performing group will be singing one or more selections dealing with the theme of love. The texts for these selections are drawn from a variety of sources including Hebrew poetry, Keats and Shakespeare as well as English and American folksongs. In addition to the songs about

love, the Women's Choir, Choral Union and Concert Choir will each perform selections with no text. These selections will feature sounds and syllables with no meaning that create a mood or recognizable sounds.

The Women's Choir will perform "Five Hebrew Love Songs," by Eric Whitacre with Jerad Miller of Scandinavia on violin, and "La Lluvia," by Stephen Hatfield.

The Choral Union will perform the Cornish folksong "I Love My Love," arranged by Gustav Holst, "Two Shakespearean Lyrics," by James Mulholland, and "Past Life Melodies," by Sarah Hopkins. The women of Choral Union will perform Alberto Favero's "Te Quiero," arranged by Liliana Cangiano.

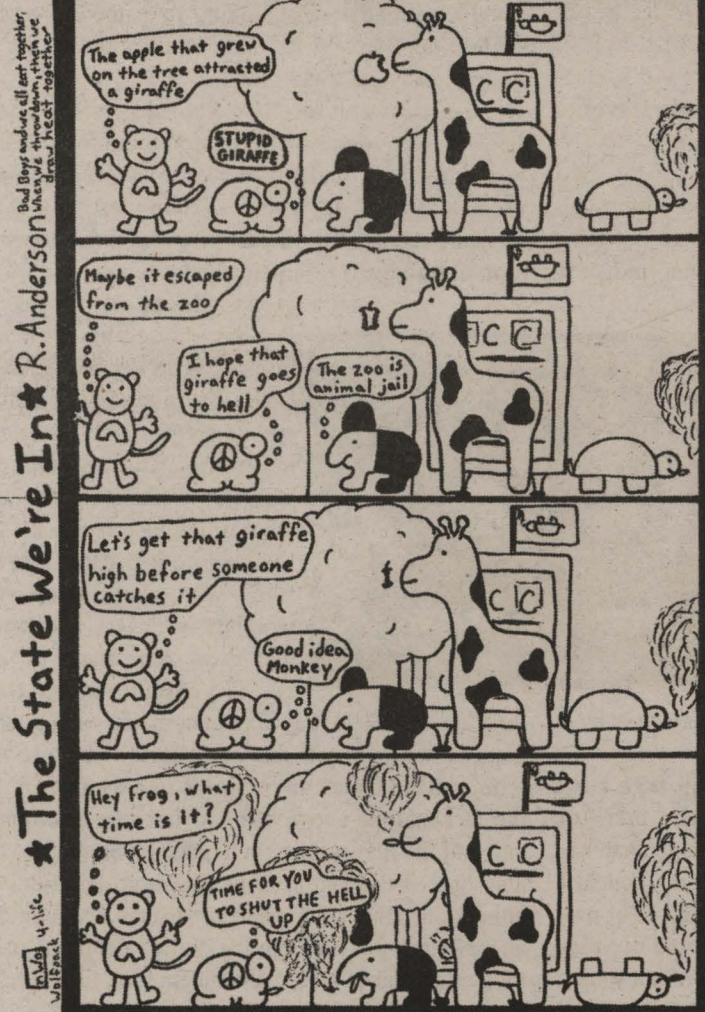
The combined men of Choral Union and Concert Choir will perform the Kentucky folksong "Down in the Valley," arranged by George Mead, and "How do I Love Thee," by Mulholland, featuring soprano Susan Bender, assistant professor of music at UW-SP, and Molly Lindeman of Valders on horn.

The Concert Choir will ner-

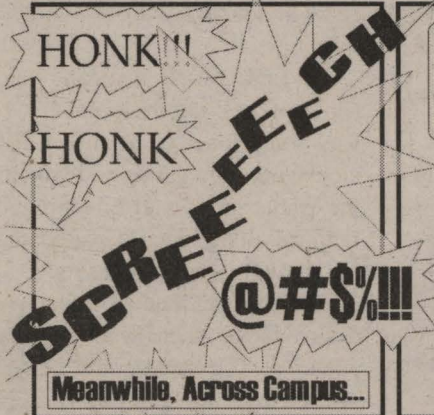
form "Quel Augellin Che Canta," by Claudio Monteverdi, "Ov'è, Lassé, Il Bel Viso?" by Morten Lauridsen, "A Party of Lovers at Tea" by Dominick Argento, and "Psuedo-Yoik," by Jaakko Mäntyjärvi.

The concert will be conducted by Lucinda Thayer, director of choral activities at UW-SP, and Mary Ellen Mitchell will accompany the performers on piano.

Thayer, in addition to her work at UW-SP, is active as a guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States. As music director of the Wausau Lyric Choir since 2000, she has traveled to Italy and England for choir performances. Before coming to UW-SP she conducted and taught at Smith College, Mary Baldwin College, UW-Madison and University of Central Florida. She has also served as the director for several noncollegiate choral groups. Thayer is a member of several choral associations and is immediate past president of the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association.



Resident's Evil



I love being a pedestrian at a crosswalk... ...Why?

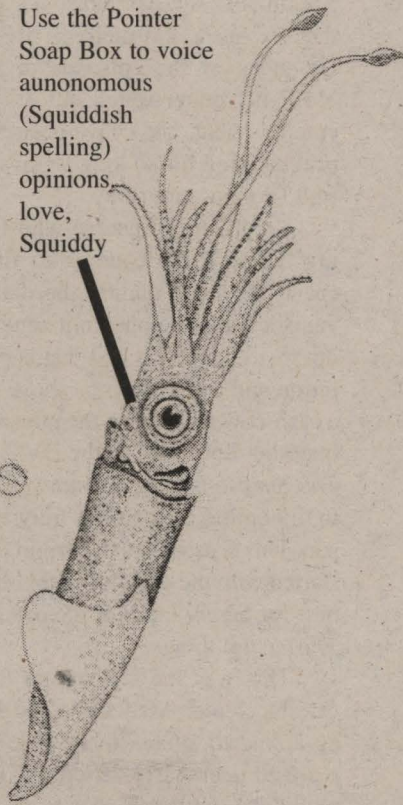


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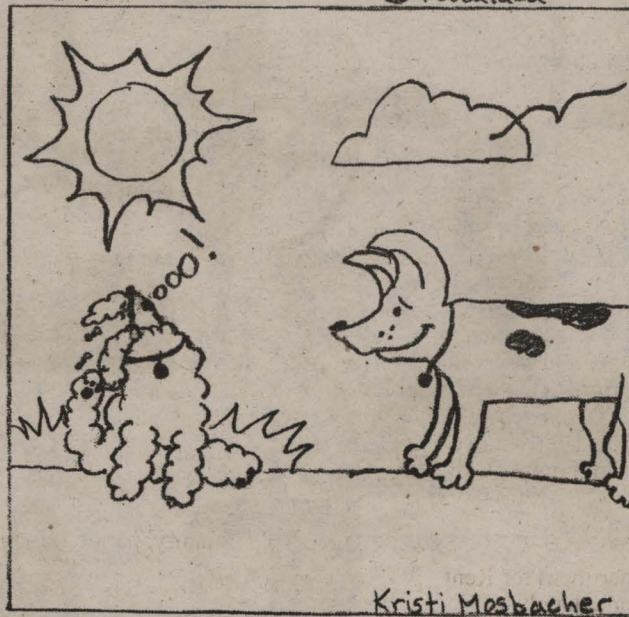
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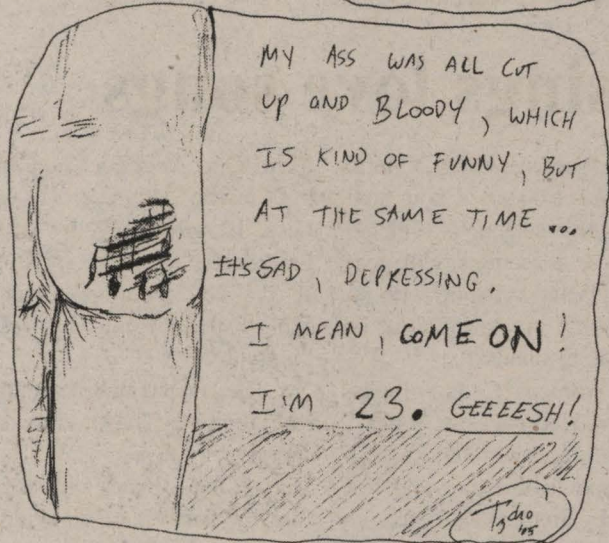
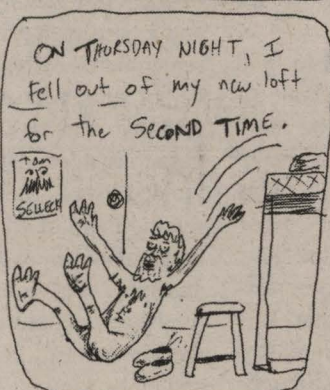
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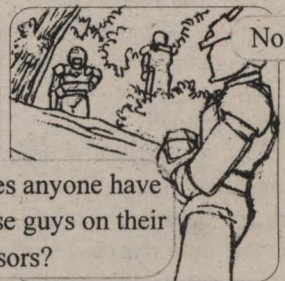
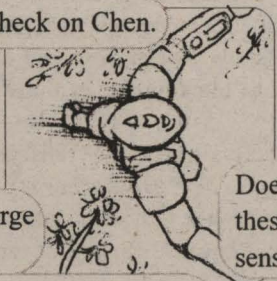
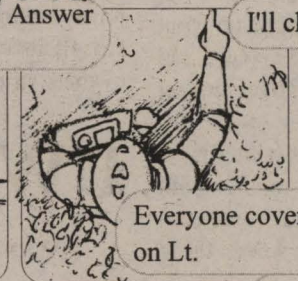
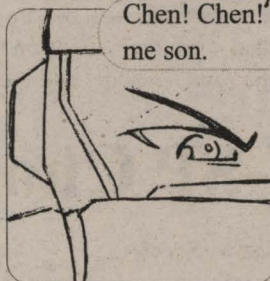
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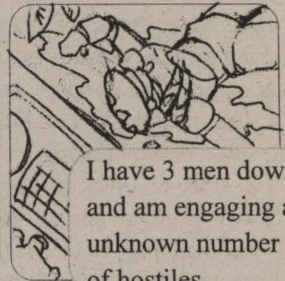
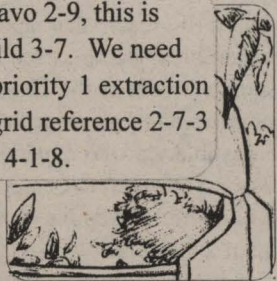


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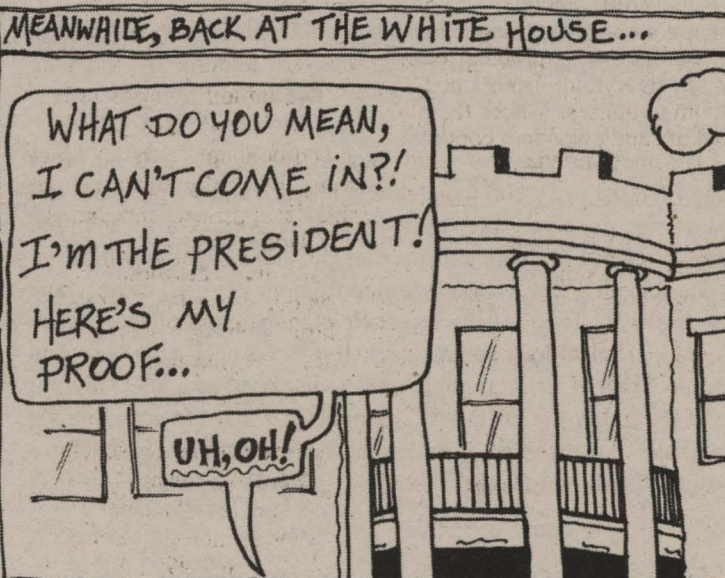
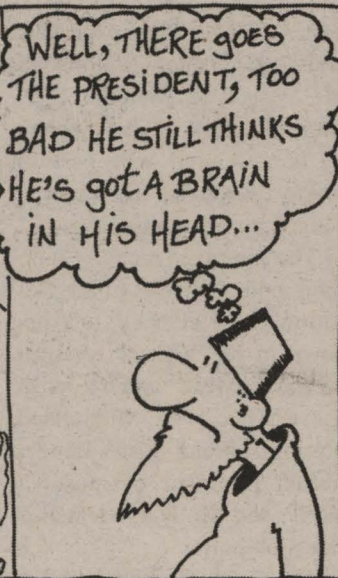


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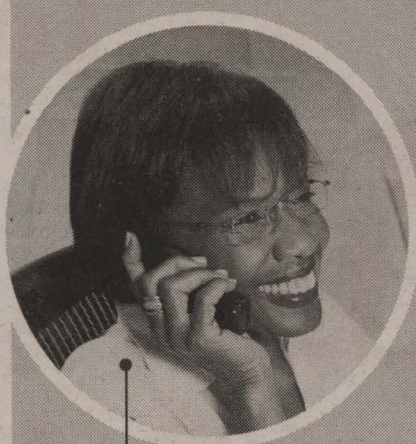
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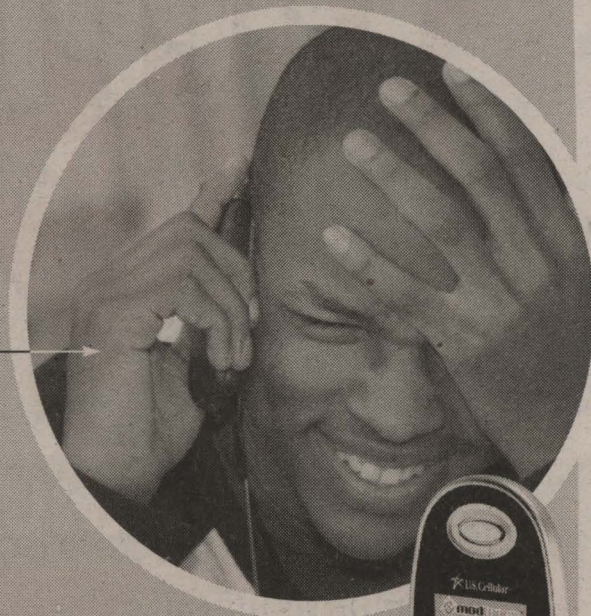
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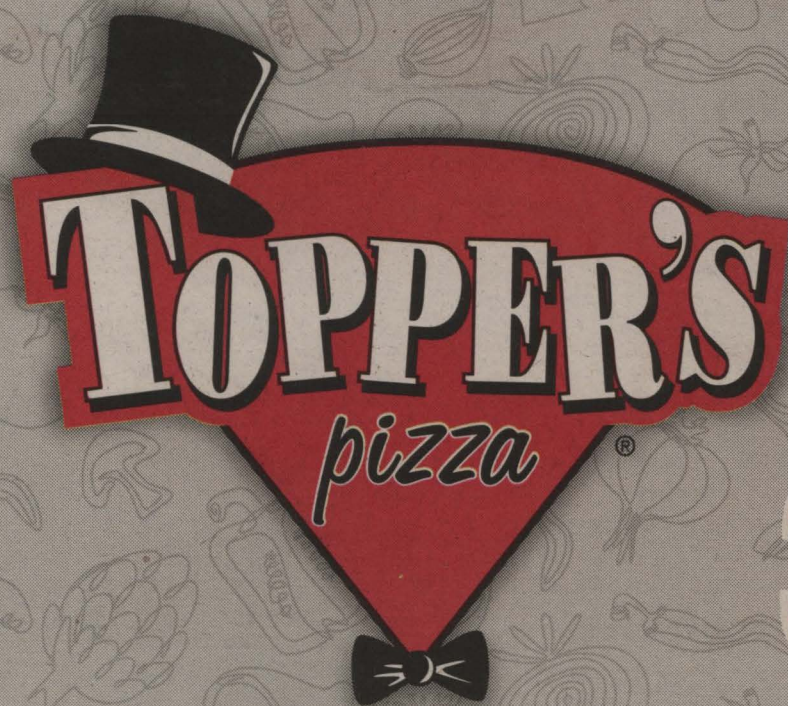
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