SGA presidential candidates

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In the running this year the president/vice president teams are Robert Forseth/Adam Mielke and Melissa Cichantek/Courtney Ryan. Find out where they stand on the issues on page 3. Voting starts March 11.

UC as abortion battleground

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The University Center became a quasi-battleground over the issue of abortion last week as two groups set up tables next to each other in an attempt to persuade passersby of their respective versions of the truth.

Initially, a booth was reserved by Colleges Helping Innocent Lives Develop (CHILD). They issued a challenge to people who claim that they are pro-choice to come and meet with them in the UC. Once members of the Pro-Choice Alliance caught wind of the event, they managed to reserve the table directly next to CHILD.

CHILD’s challenge welcomed interested parties to come and view a video called The Hard Truth, said Christine Hofmann, president of CHILD.

The nine-minute video began with a short narration followed by a segment that showed the development of a fetus in the mother’s womb. The end result showed shots of dead babies outside of the womb. “It didn’t show the actual abortion, it just showed the results of the abortion,” said Kevin Grimsled, vice president of CHILD.

Melina Strohman, president of the UW-SP Pro-Choice Alliance said that while she didn’t see the video, other members of her group did. “It catered to people’s emotions instead of actually being factual,” she said.

According to Strohman, Pro-Choice Alliance set up a table to get out their side of the story as well.

“I think it’s safe to say that everybody would like to reduce the number of abortions in this country, said Strohman, “and, honestly, the only way to do that is in my opinion-and in many peoples’ opinions (there are statistics to back it up) - is contraception and comprehensive sex education.”

Strohman believes that pro-life groups too often try to win people over through scare tactics involving religion and death. She said that much more could be accomplished if people would simply sit down and have a discussion based on facts.

According to CHILD member Joe Pehoski, what his group is doing is “all about facts.” He thinks that facts are necessarily tied to emotions.

“We don’t encourage forcing the showing of aborted babies to anybody” said Grimsled, “but if they want to see it, then we will show it to them.”

According to the members of CHILD, about 10 people came to watch the video; some were pro-choice, some pro-life, and some didn’t mention their stance.

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Smoking ban economic issues at center of debate

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Individuals on both sides of the proposed smoking ban ordinance are gearing up and publicly weighing in on the contentious issue as the April 5 referendum draws near.

At issue is whether smoking should be prohibited at indoor public places and private workplaces, including bars and restaurants, in the city of Stevens Point.

But it isn’t as black and white as it sounds. The proposed ordinance is divided up into 15 sections, with many of the sections divided into a number of subsections. There is a lot of language contained in the proposed ordinance, and thus a lot of interpretation of that language is showing up in the public discourse.

Individuals interested in the fate of the ordinance tend to come down on the issue from vastly different perspectives. The pro-ban people usually base their decision primarily on the health aspect of the issue, while the anti-ban people are generally concerned with the economic impact the ban might have. But the issues do overlap. Both sides claim to be for the individual rights of people in the community.

Be Fair, the group primarily concerned with the economic consequences of the ordinance is comprised of a variety of businesses and individuals in the city. The group is supported and organized by the Portage County Tavern League, Stevens Point Convention and Business Bureau, and the Association of Downtown Businesses, along with other local business organizations.

Be Fair believes that the proposed ordinance is overly harsh and ambiguous, and that it would strike a blow to the economic viability of Stevens Point businesses.

On the opposite end of the spectrum are groups like Breathe Free, the local anti-smoking advocacy organization, and their controversial online list of supporters (that the tavern league claims listed many businesses that didn’t even know about or consent to being included on the list), along with many local wellness advocates.

Wellness advocates believe that the ban will greatly improve the health of the residents of Stevens Point, while having a minimal impact on the economy of local businesses.

Not so said Bruce Woboril, member of Be Fair and owner of the local bar, The Elbow Room on the Square. He believes that if the ban goes into effect, the whole town will suffer.

The ordinance would make the city of Stevens Point an “economic island,” according to Woboril. People who like to smoke at bars could easily drive a few minutes over the river and out of the city to places like Renee’s Red Rooster and Rusty’s Backwater Saloon or over to The Airport in Park Ridge, taking their money with them. If anything, he thinks smokers would just as soon stay at home or congregate at another person’s house.

In addition, some local hotels feel that the ordinance would have a major impact on their convention business. Woboril said that some organizations have already made it clear that if the no-smoking ban goes into effect they will select another Wisconsin city for their events.

In the community, the local bar, The Elbow Room on the Square, believes that the ordinance would make it difficult for local businesses to compete with other areas that allow smoking.

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By either choice or force, people have the option to refuse to go to any business they have problems with. It's a rights issue, a choice issue," said Kim Krayecki, member of Be Fair and owner of Kim's Barrel Inn. "There's 35 restaurants in town that are not smoking, that they can go to. There's places for those people to go, and now they're telling the smoker that they have no place to go.

According to Munson, this isn't really a choice issue. Only 24 percent of the population smoke. "While they may choose to smoke cigarettes, they don't choose to become addicted," he said. "It's one of the most addicting substances we know of." Woboril thinks it would probably be a different story if the whole state was going smoke-free in the workplace. As it is right now, she believes that the proposed ordinance will simply single out and affect the livelihood of local business owners who currently rely on the money of smokers.

"We cater to our clientele," said Sue Hansen, owner of Archie's Cocktail Lounge and member of Be Free. Hansen, a lifelong non-smoker, said a lot of people come to her bar to have a drink, relax, and have a cigarette. "I'm here for their pleasure." As tobacco is a legal substance, members of Be Fair feel they have the right to either use or not use tobacco. Hansen believes that a ban would help to decrease smoking rates among the population, and thus save taxpayers money in their last election. "They estimated that it costs $400 to $500, for every family in Wisconsin to pay for smokers' health care every year. If we want to talk economics - economics for all the people in the state of Wisconsin - we'll do something about tobacco. We'll reduce the incidence of use and where people can use tobacco.

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Presidential forum sparsely attended

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NEWS REPORTER

A sparse crowd assembled in the UC last Wednesday evening as the Student Government Association held its Presidential Advisory Board, where concerned students and leaders of campus organizations were offered the opportunity to voice their opinions, the SGA would rather "work together with the city council on the issue. "I put a $7,000 smoke sys-
On the issues: The platforms of the SGA candidates

**Forseth/Mielke**

**Multi-Cultural Learning**
- UW System students are less likely to be hired by major companies due to the lack of "multi-cultural" understanding. The candidates would stress full implementation of "Plan 2008" to increase the number of such classes and ease transfer of credits from other universities to help students compete in a competitive job market.

**Weekend Activities**
- While there are many campus activities for students to be involved with during the week, many students flee Stevens Point on the weekends due to a lack of activities to hold their interests. The candidates would work with various clubs and campus organizations to develop more weekend activities to keep students in town and on-campus in order to create a better college experience.

**SGA Visability**
- Most students are aware that there is a student governing body, but are not involved in its activities and have little idea of what it does. The candidates would like to work with campus groups to get them actively involved with the presidential advisory council and would go to classrooms to raise general awareness of the activities and services provided by SGA.

**Cichantek/Ryan**

**Communications 101 Textbook**
- Every year for several years running the issue of the cost of the Comm. 101 Textbook has been brought before SGA. The candidates would like to actively work with Prof. William Davidson to find mutually beneficial ways to lower the financial burden the course material places on all UW-SP students.

**Student Input on Tenure Decisions**
- The candidates are in favor of working to give students a greater voice in faculty tenure decisions. They would work to create a better professor evaluation form that students would take more seriously and would work to give student honor societies a voice at the tenure decision meetings of their respective majors.

**Student Dining Options**
- The candidates would work to create more dining options for students looking for alternatives such as diabetic friendly and kosher meals. They would also work to provide locally grown produce in student dining centers as an alternative to the canned options that are now available.

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Letters to the Editor

Residence halls help fight hunger

WISPIRG has been working hard this semester to fight hunger in Stevens Point. The need for food is a growing problem in our community, with requests for food increasing over 30 percent in the last three years. We have set a goal of raising 3,500 food and personal items to donate to the Salvation Army. Over the next week you will see collection bins in the residence halls, University Center and the academic buildings. We would like to encourage all students to donate to this cause. The campus-wide food drive will start Thursday, March 10 and end on Thursday, March 17. The residence halls will be competing to raise the most items to help the poor in our community. The hall that raises the most food items will win a pizza party. To kick off this event on Thursday night, The Lights will be playing in the Encore from 8-10:15 p.m. This is going to be an awesome show! Students who bring an item to donate will be entered into a raffle to win a CD from the band.

Jessica White
WISPIRG Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness

Stop junk mail, save paper

Almost every day I can count on the mailman to bring me junk mail. Without even opening the letter it goes straight to my garbage, week the awareness planet. As apart of WISPIRG's ecological footprint campaign, this mail we receive. To stop this wasteful practice, send a letter with your name, home address, and signature to: Mail Preference Service P.O. Box 643 Carmel, NY 10512-6643. To stop pre-approved credit card offers, call 1-888-5-0PTOUT.

Stacy Brak, WISPIRG

Support the Save Our Lakes initiative

Wisconsin has about 15,000 lakes, however, many of these lakes are being destroyed by drastic development. Due to the growing number of issues that have been arising from this overdevelopment, the Board of the Development of Natural Resources is being called upon to adopt the Save Our Lakes Initiative, also known as NR 115. It is extremely sad to see the natural beauty and resource of our lakes being destroyed. It is beauty that can be preserved if only we were more careful about the actions we take when we develop without being aware of what the consequences of these actions are. Overdevelopment causes soil erosion and pollutes our lakes with phosphorus which in turn clogs the lakes with algae. Our soil quality is deteriorating and our water quality is suffering. So it is time to take action and support NR 115. NR 115 will increase restrictions on new development and will strengthen natural buffer zones. We want our lakes to stay beautiful and healthy so please contact the DNR and encourage them to take a positive step towards NR 115 and to put it out for public comment at the end of April.

Maryam Razvi

The Pointer is now accepting applications for next year’s Editor in Chief.

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EIC applications are due April 1.
Staff editorial

In Memoriam

A woman died last week in Oregon. She lived alone, her closest family residing in New Mexico. She was a retired businesswoman who loved to camp, hike, and go on cruises to Alaska. She made her own jewelry and artwork; she also volunteered a lot of her time at the local botanical society. She laughed a lot. You may wonder why I am writing about this woman. She wasn't well known on campus, and she wasn't even an alumni. She was my great aunt, and the coolest person I never met.

I found out last week, and I am so angry I could spit. I always spoke about visiting the elderly woman, but never did. I thought there would be time later. Perhaps I am refusing to admit the corporeal nature of my elder kin, but I doubt it. It is more likely that I was lazy. It didn't fit into my schedule. I had other things that came up. I didn't have the money, I was tired.

So now, I am combing the family for facts, anything really, on who this person was. I asked my aunt and grandfather, who became the property of the closest family residing in Oregon. She lived alone, her only family for any reason. I was tired.

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When she died, I realized what an opportunity I had missed out on. I am angry with myself and my selfish attitude. Not only did I have a chance to learn about a distinguished female relative, I could have seen what my own life might have been like had I made the same choices.

Without ever meeting the woman, I had still felt a connection with her. She was on a side of my family in which I had very few interactions. Her life had huge appeal to me, and I secretly wanted to see how her life had shaped who she had become as a human being, for better or for worse, and if it was a path worth taking.

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From the Editor's Desk

The microcosm of outlet malls.

I'm going to be brutally honest with you folks this week. I shamefully admit spending a slice of my gorgeous Saturday at an outlet mall. I make no excuses, nor real, pitiful facts.

"The outlet mall makes Wal-Mart look like a chimpanzee playing Mahjong,"

While my actions were disgusting, unbelievable and personally irresponsible, they pale in comparison to the deep veins of evil propelling consumerism to this unbelievable and personally irresponsible, although both are inherently spawn of the evil propelling consumerism to this maniacal level.

The experience of shopping at an outlet mall is nauseating. The parking lot(s) (not sure how many there were) have no horizon; nor do the stores. Large, colorful maps of the mall dot the desolate, soulless landscape, pointing poorly-folks towards their next false happiness in apparel or shoes or sunglasses. The bus-disguised-as-trolley-car transporters whisk the eager old ladies. They looked excited, but they were not - they had forgotten what excitement really was. Clamoring over racks of cheap sweaters, luggage or sunglasses, they chattered some subtle "squeaks" and "woops," apparently a form of primitive communication. Eyes shifting back and forth, keeping watch for falcons, they scurried about, riding the trolley, buying gifts for holidays months away.

Another pervasive critter at the outlet mall is the uncomfortable male. Not wanting to stray too far from his chirping mate, the uncomfortable male stares into space, or at his hind feet, avoiding at all cost, eye contact with a pair of discounted silk pants or stretch pants. They usually stand far-from-his-space, or at great distances away, holding a coat and a handful of bags - all loaded with useless, unnecessary shit, no doubt. Bald and pathetic, these poor souls sometimes find camaraderie in smiling at other uncomfortable males. I am far too quick for them, though. The overhead music and restrooms are quite similar to a regular mall - hypnosis, far-away and ambiguous. At the sunglass and inflatable furniture store, a youngster nearly drove me mad with loud, nagging cries for attention from an athenic father. I saw an outlet store for one of those dollar stores and wondered, "Is everything now 75 cents? Or 50?"

The sun was setting on a beautiful March day, illuminating thousands of car windshields in the sea of parking lots behind. This is what power buys. The right to connect commerce with a trolley, instead of chautes and ladders.

On the Czar of Cheap Shit.

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Christianity vs. Freethought, an ethical debate

A well known atheist will debate a Christian philosopher over an ancient question yet to be answered

Jake Eggener
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Do ethics require a foundation in God? The answer to this question will be debated on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in the UC Alumni Room by two accomplished and equally matched opponents.

Taking the affirmative side of the debate is Dr. Peter Payne from the University of Michigan. Payne is currently an evangelism and apologetics specialist with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a group which he has been part of since 1991. He specifically works with the Graduate Christian Fellowship, which, according to his Web site "includes graduate students across a whole range of schools and disciplines."

Payne has debated atheists in the past, and his Web site states that he enjoys such debates in university settings. He has given talks and debated different issues at colleges across the country. Payne completed his Ph.D. in Philosophy in 1996 at the Claremont Graduate School in California.

The negative side of the debate will be tackled by Dan Barker, a former minister who went public about his atheism in 1984. Barker is a proponent of the school of Freethought, which bases opinions about religion on the basis of reason, rather than tradition or established belief. Freethinkers, in addition to atheists, include agnostics and secular humans.

Dan Barker is currently the public relations director for the Freedom From Religion Foundation, an organization he has nationally debated numerous topics related to religion. He has also published several books and recorded CDs about Freethought. While others are involved in putting this debate together, none are more deserving of credit than Matt Florence, current president of the Philosophical Society of UW-SP and vice president of Students for Freethought. He got the idea of a debate as a way to expose the campus and community to Freethought in an academic setting. Florence also thought the debate might be an activity for those like him, saying, "There are many outlets and opportunities for Christians to express their faith, but not really much for other students."

After the Philosophical Society seemed interested in the debate, Florence contacted Barker and attended one of his presentations. It wasn't until almost a year later that Peter Payne signed on, and even longer before Barker and Payne could match up their schedules and settle on a topic.

There is quite a bit of interest in this debate on campus.

The reporter abroad

Cathedrals serve as a symbol of social power

Rebecca Buchanan
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Do you know what the difference is between a cathedral and a church? Before coming to Spain, I would have said that a cathedral is just a really big church. Yes, a cathedral is a church, but there is so much more to it.

There has been a cathedral in every city that I have visited in Spain. Each time, I am still overwhelmed by the magnitude, beauty and mystery that each cathedral possesses. The cathedral is the defining part of the city. It represents religion, wealth, power and history.

Spain was founded upon Catholicism, and therefore most everything in Spain has some religious significance. Cathedrals were built, in part, to glorify God, but mainly were the symbol of the social and economic power of a city.

Only cities that had a bishop could have a cathedral. This started a competition between cities because each wanted their cathedral to be the biggest and the best. People of the cities would give all their money to the church for lavish decorations to out-do other cathedrals in surrounding cities.

The Romantic, Baroque, Gothic and Hispanoflamanco are the four types of cathedrals. The differences between these are the different arches used in construction, the amount of decorations and the layout design of the cathedral.

Cathedrals are decorated with pinnacles, spires, and towers reaching to the heavens. Inside there are golden alters worshiping Jesus, the Virgin Mary and patron saints. The elegant chapels are ornate, with tapestries, stone carvings and artwork.

My favorite cathedral is the 700 year old Leon Cathedral. Its construction began in the mid 13th century and was finished in less than 100 years, which is very short considering they sometimes take up to 300 years to build.

Leon Cathedral’s great glory is its incredible stained glass. The huge stained glass panels with dazzling colors illuminate the entire cathedral. There are over 800 panes of glass and each one tells a story, from fantastical beasts to plants to saints from biblical stories.

I remember standing and looking up to the ceiling, completely breathless at what I was looking at, and astounded at how one would even build such a gigantic and magnificent place. The cathedrals of Spain are unbelievable and one of the great masterpieces in art history.
The hidden resource

Adam Rodewald
POINTLIFE EDITOR

There is a place where anyone can go to get away from the world and relax. It is hidden in the depths of the University Center, located at the end of a long corridor, buried in a forest of offices.

This place is small and cozy. Magenta, powder blue and forest green splashes of paint decorate the walls. Pictures hang on all four sides of the room, making those who enter feel right at home.

There is green sofa big enough for only two people. It sits low to the ground, and a lacy, olive-colored blanket drapes over the back. A manila chair on wheels rests to the sofa’s left. Its cushion sinks invitingly when sat on.

Wire ornaments of naked women hang from the ceiling. They dance freely and happily. Some have wild hair that springs into the air while others are bald. They are neither slim nor firm, but curvy and graceful.

This place is the Women’s Resource Center (WRC), a small volunteer organization striving to educate and raise awareness on gender and women’s issues.

Most people may have heard of the WRC through the many programs they put on every year. Recently, they were responsible for bringing the Vagina Monologues to campus.

This provocative play about women’s sexuality raised donations for organizations such as SAYS (Sexual Assault Victim Services), the Family Crisis Center, and Family Center, Inc.

Another annual program put on by the WRC is Take Back the Night. This is a day for people to raise awareness about sexual assault through performances by various bands and speakers.

The title of this program comes from the idea that women should be able to walk at night without the threat of assault. It will be held on April 28 this year from 4-9 p.m.

The WRC is a volunteer-based organization. However, there are three paid staff members: the coordinating director, volunteer coordinator and outreach coordinator. Volunteers and staff members each have designated office hours so that people can come in and use their resources or just talk.

“We work a lot with sexual assault services, but that’s not our main area of focus,” said Outreach Coordinator Abby Horstman. “If anyone has a crisis, we can direct them to the right place.”

The WRC has contacts that direct people to the right place for help with just about anything big or small — from sexual assault to eating disorders, pregnancy, relationships, parenting or even academics.

They have an extensive library containing books, magazines and information on a range of gender issues. It is available for students to research for assignments or read up on current developments in gender issues. Women’s Press, an annual newsletter, is also created and distributed through the WRC.

This periodical can be found in the University Center, classroom buildings, residence halls, or just about anywhere else on campus.

Even though this organization is focused on women, men are just as welcome to make use of the resources. It is a laid back, safe environment for anybody to make use of. Stop by room 030 in the U.C. to check it out.

I am the woman offering two flowers whose roots are twin.

Justice and Hope
Hope and Justice.

Let us begin.

-Alice Walker

The Women’s Resource Center is a relaxed, comfortable and safe environment for anybody to come regardless of gender, age, race or sexual orientation. A variety of books are available on topics such as sexuality, health, marriage, parenting, politics, women’s studies and more. Everyone is welcome in the center to use these resources or to just hang out and talk.

Come and See

Franciscan Spirituality Weekend

March 18 - 20, 2005
River Pines Retreat House
Whiting, Wisconsin

A “Come and See” weekend for women, ages 16 years and up. The weekend will focus on the spirituality, lifestyle and life events of St. Clare and St. Francis. The location of the retreat house, on the shore of the Wisconsin River, will provide a relaxing time away. For more information contact:

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One month dedicated to remarkable women

The entire four weeks of March have been set aside to recognize the achievements of women, but why?

Alli Himple
Pointlife Reporter

Women have made a substantial contribution in history and for this reason, it is important that we acknowledge this celebrated month and pay tribute to the women, whether well-recognized or not, who have helped bring our country to the place it is today.

Prior to 1970, women's history was rarely acknowledged. Since that time however, the field of women's history has encountered a metamorphosis. Today, almost every college offers women's studies courses; the time has come when women are celebrated for their contributions and recognized as equal contributors to civilization.

And so, as we recognize Women's History Month this March, it is only right that we come to understand the history behind the movement - the reasons as to why each of us, regardless of gender, should encourage ourselves and our children to understand the history of the women who contributed to the world we live in today.

Two significant factors are said to have contributed to the emergence of women's history. The women's movement of the 1960s shed light on their lack of acknowledgement in traditional American history textbooks. The movement also lifted the aspirations and opportunities for women, thus producing an increasing number of female historians.

Women's history also helped to play a significant role in the larger movement that transformed the study of history in the United States.

Previously, the study of history was defined as an intellectual history, chronologing the key political events and leaders, primarily men, who influenced the social fabric. However, the 1970s saw a dramatic shift in this prior tradition by bringing to light social history. With this new realm of study, emphasis began to move to the broader spectrum of American life, thus including topics such as urban life, public health, ethnicity, the media and poverty. Increasingly, women's role in all of these issues and what history began to see as a blossoming effect, transpiring throughout generations.

Being that women rarely held leadership positions and, until recently, had only a minor influence on politics, the new history proved to be an ideal mode of presenting women's history. Subjects such as the history of women's education, birth control, marriage, sexuality, and child rearing, were covered in greater depth.

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Events scheduled for Native American Awareness Week

Wisconsin's poet laureate and two musicians will be among the featured presenters during Native American Awareness Week, March 28 through April 2, at UW-Stout.

Denise Sweet, professor of English at UW-Green Bay, state poet laureate and member of the Anishinaabe Nation; Bill Miller, Mohican storyteller and musician, and Michael Jocabo, Cherokee singer/songwriter, will come to UW-SP to mark the week of activities that conclude with the American Indians Reaching for Opportunities (AIRO) annual pow-wow on Saturday, April 2.

In addition to working with UW-SP students in Native American literature courses, Sweet will read her poetry at 3 p.m., Monday, March 28 in the University Center (UC) Alumni Room. That same day, a video of Spirit: The Seventh Generation, an American Indian Dance Theatre from Broadway, will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Room. All of the events are open to the public and free of charge.

As part of Native American Awareness Week, the public is invited to the Alro Pow-Wow on Saturday, which begins with a grand entry at 1 p.m. in the Berg Gym. A feast will be held at 5 p.m. and a second grand entry will be at 7 p.m. A number of vendors will offer American Indian items for sale. Admission is $4 for adults and $3 for students.

 UW-SP is traditionally known for hosting the largest university-sponsored pow-wows in the state. During the grand entry, all sovereign nations of the area are represented as dancers and drum groups in full regalia are led inside by veterans carrying various flags. Dress is influenced by tribal affiliation, status, honors or personal preference.

Drum groups sing special songs throughout the day, calling the names of the drum groups. In addition, the grand entry includes drumming contests, held with the winners becoming the head dancers for next year's event. Last year over 1,500 spectators participated as well as 600 spectators.
In front of a boisterous stand-room-only crowd of more than 2,800 people, UW-SP blew away Lawrence University 79-45 last Saturday in the second round of the Division III NCAA Tournament.

SPORTS EDITOR

Fueled by a seemingly unstoppable Nick Bennett (he scored 16 of the team’s first 25 points), the Pointers jumped to a 36-26 lead at halftime.

The lead was acquired after the Pointers fell behind in the first half at 17-18. After consecutive turnovers by the Pointers, Brian Bauer’s jumper at 10:44 was the Pointers’ lone make of the first half.

In front of a packed Quandt Fieldhouse last Saturday, Nick Bennett (33) goes strong to the basket against Lawrence University in second round action of the NCAA tournament.

“We got handled (in) every single aspect of the game,” Lawrence Head Coach John Tharp said. “We didn’t have tremendous energy tonight and we didn’t play intelligent enough to beat them.”

“We played a good game,” Nick Bennett said. “First half we struggled a little bit, second half our offense had everything clicking and I thought that really translated to us playing harder on defense.”

While Bennett and Jason Kalsow were the two leading scorers for the Pointers, the team received substantial contributions defensively and defensively from Jon Krull, Eric Maus, and Steve Hicklin (who replaced Tamaris Relerford in the second half starting lineup after Relerford broke his hand) during the game.

“Eric is such a good defender,” Coach Bennett said. “Other than maybe one or two times, he did a really good job guarding (Chris) Braier. You cannot give Chris those angles, he’s so strong and quick and Eric really held his position.

“Jon is a scorer, he scored a ton in high school and I thought he started to really cut hard in the second half,” said Bennett. Tharp also had a few nice words to say about Maus.

“Maus is a monster defensively,” he said. “People don’t recognize how good he is.”

The Pointers won’t be able to celebrate their largest post-season victory ever for very long as UW-SP hosts the sectional round of the playoffs this weekend.

Hanover (Ind.), Trinity (Texas), and Puget Sound (Wash.) come to battle for the right to move on to the final four, which will be held the following weekend in Salem, Va.

The Pointers beat Puget Sound in Washington last year, 100-79, in the sectional round.

Relerford out for playoffs; tickets sell out fast for sectional games

SPORTS EDITOR

After earning their second straight trip to the sectional round of the NCAA Division III Tournament, more commonly known as the Sweet 16, UW-SP has received the right to host the event, as well, for the first time in school history.

UW-SP will be host to three teams this weekend as Hanover (Ind.), Trinity (Texas), and Puget Sound (Wash.) travel to central Wisconsin to compete in the bracket with the winner earning a bid to the Final Four the following weekend in Salem, Va.

“We are excited, we think we earned that right through our play,” Head Coach Jack Bennett said. “I think it’s good to be home.”

Bennett also said he thinks this is one of the toughest sections in the entire bracket with Hanover coming off a big upset against Illinois-Wesleyan and Trinity, a team with great size from Texas.

Trinity and Hanover are scheduled to play each other Friday night at 6 p.m., while UW-SP and Puget Sound will follow them at 8 p.m. The winner of each game moves on to the Elite Eight and will play each other Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Unfortunately, the team wasn’t able to celebrate the announcement for long before receiving some bad news.

After senior point guard Tamaris Relerford had a freak accident on the court last Saturday which forced him out of the second half completely, X-rays proved on Monday morning what Head Coach Jack Bennett feared the most: a broken hand.

According to Bennett, Relerford broke the metacarpal bone, an injury that will sideline him for the remainder of the playoffs.

The freak injury came on the heels of freshman guard Shawn Lee’s return to a Pointer uniform after breaking his hand earlier in the season.

Bennett said that while he won’t make any announcements on the starting lineup before the game Friday, he is expecting Steve Hicklin, Kyle Grusczynski, and Lee to fill the void. Also, Bennett said he expected to fill the open spot on the active roster with freshman guard Tyler Doyle.

As for the contest, this will be the second straight game the Pointers will be playing a team that they beat last year (100-79) on their way to earning the school’s first national championship.

In that game, the Pointers shot nearly 65 percent as they received an unbelievable performance from then junior forward Nick Bennett as he scored 37 points (13-17 FG) and garnered six assists.

With one victory under their belt against Puget Sound, Coach Bennett doesn’t expect the Loggers to be coming into this game uneasy.

“I think they will play us tougher,” he said. “They are a little bit better inside, they still press, gamble, and try to get steals all over the floor. The key is to take care of the ball, be sound with the ball, but still attack.”

With the announcement last Sunday that UW-SP would be hosting the games this weekend, hundreds of people lined up at the UW-SP box office on Monday morning to buy at least one of the 1,200 tickets that were allocated to UW-SP fans.

The box office was scheduled to open up at 10 a.m., but with the level of demand, they opened an hour earlier and were completely sold out by noon.

Coach Bennett stressed that more tickets should become available later in the week. The three opposing teams have each given 400 tickets to sell, but since fans of the other teams have such a large commute, Bennett doesn’t expect them to sell all of their tickets.

According to a box office employee, they hope to have more tickets available starting Friday morning.
Eight athletes to compete in NCAA championships

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will be sending eight athletes to the NCAA Indoor Track & Field National Championships, held this weekend at Bloomington, Ill.

The Pointer women placed third last year and will be looking for another high finish with four individual qualifiers and one relay in the field.

Megan Craig who placed seventh in the 1,500 meter last year, looks for another all-American performance in the mile run. Craig is ranked fifth in the country with a qualifying time of 4:59.12.

Jenna Mitchler will run in the 800 meter having been named Track Athlete of the Meet at the WIAC Championships last weekend. Craig and Mitchler will join teammates Marie Burrows and Ashleigh Potuznik on the Pointers’ distance medley relay team. The Pointers have the fifth best DMR time in the country this year at 11:59.57.

The other two qualifiers for the Pointer women will compete in the shot put. Amanda Nechuta comes back to the track team after being named the WIAC player of the year in basketball. She placed third at the WIAC Championships and has the fifth best throw in the nation this year. Julia Slabosheski is seeded ninth.

The Pointer men will send two competitors to the championships. Senior Mark LaLonde was the national runner-up in the 5,000 meter run a year ago, and will return in the same event. LaLonde is seeded 12th in the event.

Mitch Ellis will make his first appearance at the indoor nationals, qualifying for the high jump with a mark of 2.04 meters (6’8”).

UW-La Crosse is the defending national champion on the men’s side, while UW-Oshkosh will be defending their title for the women.

NCAA 2005 Men’s Basketball Sectional Tournament
Hosted by UW-SP - March 11-12

Hanover, Ind. (25-5)

Trinity, Texas (24-6)

Puget Sound, Wash. (22-3)

UW - Stevens Point (25-3)

Winner of Sectional goes to Final Four in Salem/VA. - March 18-19

Pointers earn third straight top 10 finish at nationals

Mike Hayes placed fifth at heavyweight to lead three All-American finishes and a third straight top 10 finish for the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team at the NCAA Division III championships this weekend in Northfield, Minn.

The Pointers totaled 26.5 points to tie for 10th place with Ithaca (N.Y.), Augsburg (Minn.) easily won the national title with a whopping 162 points and four individual champions.

Hayes lost a heartbreaking sudden-death overtime match to second-seed Blake Gillis of Warburg (Iowa) in the quarterfinals, but bounced back with three victories, including an 8-4 win over Brett Christensen of Simpson (Iowa) in the fifth place match.

Cody Koenig and Al Staciu Markus also had successful wrestlebacks, placing seventh at their respective weight classes. Koenig lost in the quarterfinals at 174 pounds and in his second consolation match, but rebounded to beat Jason Shively of Delaware Valley (Pa.) 5-2 in the seventh place contest. He had three victories at the meet to end his career second in school history with 118 wins.

Staciu Markus avenged a first round loss to fifth-seeded Mike Troutman of Ursinus (Pa.) by posting 10-3 victory in a rematch in the seventh place match. He lost to Troutman 12-6 in the opening round, but won a pair of consolation matches to earn All-American honors.

Joel Burdick had a pin in his opening match at 141 pounds, but then lost to the same two opponents that eliminated him the previous year. He lost to Jeff Patzke of Luther (Iowa) 8-3 in the consolation matches and Mike Gaeta of Springfield (Mass.) 7-3 in the consolation.

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The madness of March goes beyond March Madness

Steve Roeland
SPORTS EDITOR

While most of the focus in sports has plenty of other sports news to keep all fan bases happy.

In the professional version of basketball, the NBA is hitting its apex as we near Selection Sunday this week. Each day, new teams are added to the brackets after winning their conference tournament and punching their ticket to the Big Dance. While most of the focus in sports during March is fixated on college hoops, this particular March has plenty of other sports news to keep all fan bases happy.

Golf needs its top players to play on Sunday

Adam Wise
SPORTS EDITOR

If you missed it, you missed one hell of a final round.

If you didn’t already know what tournament they were playing at, you could have sworn it was the U.S. Open. Last Sunday, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson went up against each other, paired to play each hole together, in an instant classic that I am sure the PGA Tour would love to see more often.

Who cares that it was only for the Ford Championship at Doral, the back nine in a while.

For those of you that didn’t watch it, let me catch you up with a quick rundown.

The drama really started when they reached the 12th hole, a 603-yard behemoth of a par five, all squared with seven holes remaining.

Woods some how reached the green with a monstrous shot from his driver and three-wood. After reaching the green, Woods made an impressive putt for eagle while Mickelson took a par and fell two shots back.

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Nine lives, no more?
La Crosse resident proposes open season on bothersome cats

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

With the approval of a La Crosse man's proposal next month, any hunters with a valid small game license could potentially have the right to hunt cats in Wisconsin.

Mark Smith, a 48-year-old firefigther, also an avid hunter and trapper, will see his suggestion presented before the Wisconsin Conservation Congress on April 11, in all of Wisconsin's 72 counties. According to Smith, any cat not under direct control of its owner, or which does not have a collar, should be considered fair game.

The idea came to Smith after dealing with stray cats in his own yard on many occasions.

According to one professor at UW-Madison, Smith has a valid proposal. After studying the stomachs of more than 100 trapped cats, Professor Stanley Temple has estimated that millions of birds are killed by rural cats in Wisconsin each year.

Of course, there are a multitude of critics who oppose the proposal vehemently. Cat lovers across the state have voiced their disapproval and are planning another protest of the ongoing hunting season. Many have fears that tame, pet cats will be shot — mistakenly perceived as their wilder brothers and sisters.

One man, Ted O'Donnell, has even set up a Web site to inform pro-cat-life proponents of the situation, (www.dontshootthecat.com).

It will certainly be interesting to see how this issue plays out. I'm not claiming to be for or against the legality of shooting cats, which, by the way, is NOT legal at this point in time. Cats are currently considered "domestic," and any domestic animal, whether it has an owner or not, cannot be harmed in the state of Wisconsin. What Smith proposes will allow for a strict definition of what is domestic and what is not.

The DNR stresses that even with the approval of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, the proposal still has to be made into legislation.

Some argue that because cats are a non-native species, legislation will not be necessary. Apparently, time will tell.

I can see it now — a large group of hunters, gathered around the truck on a cold November day, title towing, clad in blaze orange, and admiring the fruits of the day's hunt... two tortoise-shells and a tabby.

Turbine project faces possible head-wind

Planned construction of 386 ft. turbines in Horicon could cause a 'gusty' situation

Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

A proposal for a wind farm in the Horicon Marsh area is under close scrutiny, after a report, issued Tuesday, cites the possibility for harm to numerous birds and bats that inhabit the area's sky.

According to reports, the environmental impact statements of the Forward Wind Energy Center cite the possibility of great danger to species such as the sandhill crane and Canada goose, as well as raptors, small birds and numerous bats with the introduction of the 133 proposed turbines.

The main reason for concern lies within the fact that no reports currently exist which allow for comparison between a large-scale wind energy operation and a location such as Horicon. The report claims that, though there is little evidence to prove that rotating turbines cause harm to birds, there are studies that approximate the conditions of Horicon Marsh and the surrounding areas.

You go granary! Anyone with questions, comments, concerns, outdoor jokes, etc... can send those sorts of things to joeb741@uwsp.edu, subject: "The View from the Groover," a place to report, comment and reflect on our outdoor world today.

The Siskiyou National Forest... to loggers was a designated fish and wildlife habitat. The loggers were standing on a bridge on the road to the forest, with a road block of rocks and logs, as well as a pickup with flat tires and an "Earth First!" banner a few miles beyond the bridge.

Seventy-two-year-old Joan Norman, who was picked up and moved aside by Forest Service officers before being arrested, claimed, "We have no laws in our forest, so we will be the law."

The marsh is home to a variety of animals and also serves as one of the most active flyways in the United States. Approximately one million Canada geese visit the marsh over the course of a year, along with nearly 90 other bird species. The planned construction of 32,000 acre Forward Wind Energy Center, located in Dodge and Fon du Lac counties, is slated to begin sometime in early autumn of 2006 and could potentially supply 100,000 homes with electricity.

A decision will be made in July as to whether the project will go ahead as planned.
RETRACTION:
Boarding in Hawaii

Sometimes even the best of us make mistakes

Hilary Bulger
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Well folks, breaking news here. One of our outdoors readers is smarter than I am! Who’d a thunk it? Two weeks ago I reported to you that Hawaii was the only unfortunate state to not get snow. Turns out I was quite wrong and our southern friends are as lucky as we are.

Both Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa on Hawaii’s Big Island generally get a wintertime dusting. Mauna Kea, which means white mountain, usually gets enough snow to board or ski on and is home to the 70-year-old Hilo Ski Club. Hilo has no chair lifts, rope tows, or other facilities, but guided tours are available as a 4-wheel drive vehicle is necessary to reach the summit. Hilo offers down-hillers almost 100 square miles of sometimes ski-able terrain, with two-mile runs and verticals of up to 4,500 feet.

Snowfall usually peaks in February or March, though some-times skiers and boarders have been able to get out as early as October. Hitting the slopes is usually a last minute decision as the weather, during the 80s. Please forgive me after all, and, next time you are in the world. Besides, where else can you board in the morning, surf in the afternoon, and hula dance the night away???

So not only was I wrong, I was way wrong. Hawaii doesn’t just sometimes get snow, it hosted a ski meet on the fourth of July during the 80’s. Please forgive me for my errors, I am only human after all, and, next time you are in Hawaii, check out what the locals call “Pineapple Powder,” allegedly the finest snow (read, best powdery) in the world. Besides, where else can you board in the morning, surf in the afternoon, and hula dance the night away???

Snow does fall in Hawaii!

OutDOOR OddITIES
Joel Borski
OUTDOORS EDITOR

A lobster lover’s dream...

Typically, when you go to a restaurant and order lobster, whether it’s from the menu or you select a tasty specimen from the aquarium, you’re going to receive about one pound of the savory sea dweller. On average, it takes five to seven years for a lobster to grow to this size. Now, consider Bubba – the exceptionally large lobster. Twenty-two pounds of lean, mean, pinching fury. This old boy avoided lobster pots and the perils of the Atlantic for years... and years... and years – some estimates figure the giant crustacean to have been between 50 and 100 years old.

Caught off the shore of Massachusetts a couple weeks ago, Bubba was transported, shortly thereafter, to a fish market in Pittsburgh. The owner of the market received a great deal of attention from animal rights lobbyists calling for the release of Bubba, as well as from People for the Eeating of Tasty Animals, who offered a hefty price for the beast.

Turning down such lucrative offers, the market owner decided to give Bubba to the Pittsburgh zoo, who planned on transporting the giant to a Ripley’s Believe it or Not museum.

Sadly, Bubba never made it to the museum. During a physical - apparently, lobsters and men have a lot in common when it comes to avoiding the doctor? - Bubba’s little ticker called it quits on him.

Zoo keepers believe the stress of the move, coupled with a slight shift in water quality may have been the cause of Bubba’s demise – though the zookeeper’s stethoscope was reported as “extra cold” just minutes before the exam.

An investigation of the zoo kitchen last week revealed the presence of a dirty pot and an empty tub of butter...

2005 licenses go on sale March 10

DNR Press Release

MADISON – Wisconsin hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for the 2005 license year go on sale at all license sales locations, over the Internet, or by phone beginning on March 10. The licenses will be required beginning April 1, as all the current 2004 licenses expire at midnight Thursday, March 31.

Nearly 1,500 sporting goods, hardware stores, and other retail locations use the automated system to issue recreational licenses. More than 3.4 million licenses and approvals are sold through ALIS, bringing in more than $59 million dollars in revenue to Wisconsin’s Fish and Wildlife Account each year. Most licenses can also be purchased online through the Licenses, Permits and Registrations page of the DNR Web site or over the phone by calling toll-free 1-877-WI-LICEN (1-877-945-4236). Both the Internet and phone sales must be done by credit card.

To maintain Wisconsin’s fish and wildlife programs, and in response to requests from hunting and angling groups, Gov. Jim Doyle has proposed increasing conservation license fees as part of his 2005-07 State Biennial Budget. The Legislature must approve and the Governor must sign a final budget. License fees included in the final budget would take effect later in 2005.

“Wisconsin’s hunting and fishing licenses are a bargain, and they will continue to be even if fees increase,” according to Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Hassett. For instance, he notes, Wisconsin resident fishing licenses are proposed to increase from $17 to $20. “Seventeen states already charge more than $20 for resident fishing licenses,” he said.

Resident sportmen and women serving in the military can continue to receive free armed forces fishing and small game licenses. They may pick up the license while on leave at any license agent location, not just at a DNR office or County Clerk’s office as in the past.

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by nationally recognized professional choreographers. The UW-SP dance program has participated almost continuously in the regional ACDFA Conferences since 1982, and hosted a regional festival conference in 1985. Two dances picked from the full bilateral ACDFA Warmer of Aftonmas radar by Jade Jabolski with Tara Kremer, Tara Tilley, Abbey Laufenberg, Kaye Lepore, Kristin Peterson and Lila Carton. Meaning two pieces that entered the competition were The Fly's Lament and How to Make an Origami Crane, choreographed by graduates senior Amanda Doerr and Lindsay Anderson respectively.

Chosen dances were performed in front of more than 300 students and were each critiqued by a jury made up of adjudicators and guest professionals, including Broadway choreographer Donald McKayle, National Endowment for the Arts choreography winner David Dorfman, and Trinette Singleton, teacher at the Joffrey Ballet Company in New York.

"ACDFA was an amazing experience for all of us!"

The Fly's Lament was honored by being one of eight pieces chosen from 40 to be performed in the gala concert, which served as a reminder type the student represented by Steven's Point. Said dance student Jayme Seeman, "ACDFA was an amazing experience for all of us. As a dancer, it is always a great time to take from new teachers, learn new styles of dance, and to meet dancers from across the country. The performances were creative, inspiring, and innovative; we all had a great time." Congratulations to the UW-SP dance department for their success.

Spring break breakout: Four wild and weird films

By Jeremiah Zbrowski ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

With spring break break at hand, you students without the funds to escape to a sunny vacation haven might be wondering how to pass the time and still have some fun before classes resume. These truly classic, truly bizarre films will give you something singular to talk about when people ask you what you did on your vacation. Quoting a few lines from a Certain Joe harangue or describing the deranged criminal characters of Desperate Living ought to make your friends stop bragging about their perfect tans.

This Night I'll Possess Your Corpse

Coffin Joe, with his calculated, his coldness, and his passionate rants, is looking for a perfect mate in order to have perfect children. This, the second movie in the Brazilian cult classic Coffin Joe trilogy, has one of the most unique and funny depictions of Hell, torture via tarantulas and the obligatory hunchback.

Dad Savage

Dad Savage, an in-charge, tough-as-nails, homophobic English country boy who loves line dancing and owns a tulip farm. This movie shows the complex nature of the emotions involved in betrayal and revenge.

Gattaca

Gattaca is one of the most intriguing, and perhaps most psychologically frightening, science fiction movies of the past decade. It seems to have created a new underclass. A person's future is set at birth, but Vincent Freeman gives up his life and his identity to take on the identity of Jerome Morrow, who has the double helix that gives him the chance to go to medical school at the corporation Gattaca and off into space.

Desperate Living

A masterpiece from director John Waters, whom William Burroughs christened the Pope of Trash, in which every scene strives, appropriately, to be the trashiest ever. This movie features road kill dinner, a sex change at gun point, a lesbian glory hole, a certain body part being fed to a dog and a queen best on infecting her town of criminals, Mortville, and song

One de-wonderful DVD review

By Rebecca Conn ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

De-Lovely

Starting Kevin Kline, Ashley Judd and Jonathan Pryce

De-Lovely

One of the many smaller but well-received films of 2004 that managed never to be screened in the city limits of Stevens Point, De-Lovely is a lavishly appointed musical drama that tells the story of Cole Porter's tumultuous relationship with his beloved wife Linda. For those of you who can't tell a Fontaine from a Lunt, Cole Porter was the brilliant lyricist-composer behind smash Broadway and Hollywood hits like Kiss Me, Kate and song standards like "Let's Misbehave" and "In the Still of the Night."

And while Linda was a driving force behind his talent and success, their marriage was troubled by Porter's growing fame, their awkward, sometimes painful negotiation of his complex sexuality, serious illness and finally death.

More or less biographically accurate plot aside, the best things the film features are the aforementioned gorgeous period costumes and sets, and the generous supply of Porter's own songs. It was true in the forties and it's true today. It's hard to have a flop when Cole Porter's written the tunes. Second best is Kline's performance as Porter, which is nuanced and compelling enough to keep the character interesting, with brief interludes of boredom. Less enjoyable is Judd's turn as Linda, though the relentless flatness of her performance revives her in the second act. And, while the songs are all beautifully performed by contemporary music stars like Sheryl Crow and Elvis Costello, the sheer number of celebrity cameos is a little distracting.

Still, the film is really gorgeous and, at times, really moving. The final scenes, which show Porter's final blind-sided, grief-dogged days, are reminiscent of Sir Ian McKellen's portrayal of the last haunted days of Frankenstein, and just as moving. The addition of Bill Condon's better film Gods and Monsters. All things considered, though, for fans of Porter or for fans of fabulous collections of love stories, De-Lovely will provide edification, entertainment and satisfaction. It may not be the best thing around with Cole Porter's name on it, but it's a good enough place to start.

Celebrating the dance: UW-SP students at ACDFA

By Carmen Speich ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Twenty-four UW-SP students laced up their dancing shoes this past weekend as they participated in the American College Dance Festival (ACDFA) at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. These dance students, accompanied by Professor Susan Gingras, a technical design student and also assistant professor, spent four days at the festival, in which they were able to attend master classes, perform and see the work being done by their peers in the Midwest.

Established in 1971, ACDFA offers the opportunity for students and faculty from around the country to have their choreographic works adjudicated.

Inishmaan: A view from the theatre department

By Amanda Tolischak ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

When the acting is great you cannot help but enjoy the whole show! The Cripple of Inishmaan, directed by Stephen Trevillion Smith and performed in Jenkins Theatre February 25, 26, 27 and March 3, 4, 5, not only captured the audience with its impressive set designs and lighting, but with the phenomenal acting embodied by the students who brought their characters to life.

I consider myself fortunate to be able to experience such a show as a member of the theatre and dance department. I am a dance major here at UW-SP, which allows me to know many of the actors who perform in the shows here. I am always impressed by their ability to step outside their own personalities and create characters that make the audience forget who the actor embodying them is. The acting in The Cripple of Inishmaan left me with a strong reaction.

The play takes place in the town of Inishmore, Ireland some 70 years ago. Upon entering the theatre, the viewer is greeted with the sound of ocean waves crashing on the shore gently fills the auditorium. The feeling is one of good health, prosperity and comfort. However, upon meeting the characters we find that the beautiful scenery is somewhat of a deception.

"Inishmaan exhibited the highest caliber acting"

The main character, whom the others call "Cripple Billy," was born with deformities to his leg and arm. However, he is a bright young man with stars in his eyes for adventure. He dreams of leaving his boring life in Inishmore and to make a place for himself, to leave his mark. McAlvey brings Billy's character to life, not only with an outgoing personality, but the ability to be fierce and gruff throughout the play is no doubt a difficult task, which she took on famously.

The many other actors in the cast exhibit talent and a willingness to go on a limb with their characters. Johnymphettamnike, played by Ken Ursu, is perhaps the most amusing of the playing. Billy is hilarious and curious, taking much torment from his older sister Helen, played by Ali Gilbertson, who is overbearing and constantly bossing around her brother. Billy's ability to be fierce and gruff throughout the play is no doubt a difficult task, which took her on famously.

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**Resident's Evil**

Well, I've got to get to class! Catch you later, Marie!

See you later, Aria!

By: Joy

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**The President Was Born**

With a silver spoon in his mouth, he's never done anything right or had anything that wasn't handed to him because of this silver spoon that he lost here when he visited last week. I wonder if he will get by alright without it.

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**Wendy Ton**

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**Thinking of you always,**  
Love,  
Squiddy

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**I'll bet many of you are planning a trip to the ocean for spring break.**  
I can't wait.  
My tentacles salivate at the tempting thought of young, wet flesh. MMMMMmmmmm.

Thinking of you always,

Love,

Squiddy

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**The Causeway Authority**

**The Amazing True Life of Adam Melia**

I was at a party in Milwaukee and someone gave me some sporty shades.

Plus, I was wearing my sexy, rayon, leaves-shirt.

He looks like Bono!

A few hours passed and...

Uno, dos, tres, cuatro!

One, two, three, fourteen?

Man, I despise Bono.

And vertigo sucks.

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**GRRR...**

Doobalaba

Hey pal! Always assume the "position" - I sniff you, you sniff me.

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