

# Students present research in annual symposium

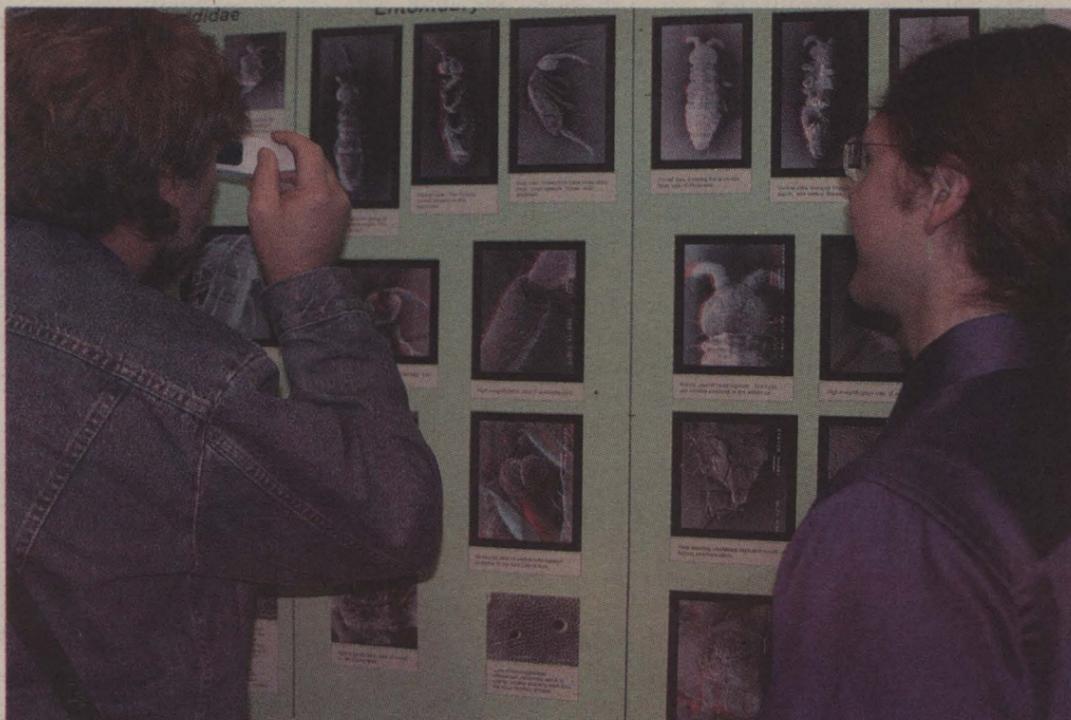


Photo by Holly Sandbo

Biology student Eric Abston presents research into stereomicroscopy. After taking two slightly different images of the same subject, one is imposed on the other to create a three-dimensional image.

**Joe Pisciotto**  
NEWS REPORTER

The UW-SP College of Letters & Science (CLS) held its 6th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on Saturday.

The event was held in the Natural Resources Building and showcased the research of local students from a range of disciplines within the college including biology, physics, business, and history.

"The purpose is to highlight the research that our students have been doing over the course of the current academic year," said Charles Clark, associate dean of the CLS. "In some cases it's research they have done the previous summer or they have started in the previous academic year, but they are bringing it to completion in this academic year."

Typically 65 to 70 students participate in the symposium, according to Linda Schultz, project assistant in the Dean's Office at the CLS. Attendance by non-presenters was estimated to be around 100 people this year.

The day consisted of three hours of presentations. The first and last hours were reserved for 18 oral presentations where students gave a formal talk in a classroom.

Sandwiched between the oral presentations was one hour of poster presentations. Here, students gave a more free-form talk about their research while using a poster displayed in the hallway as visual aid. They then discussed aspects of their projects with interested spectators.

This year there were 29 poster presentations given which, according to Schultz, was a good turnout.

The symposium was followed by a noontime lunch in the University Center Legacy

Room.

Any undergraduate in the CLS who has a research idea is encouraged to develop the idea and present it in the spring at the symposium.

"We put out a call for projects in the latter part of fall semester or early part of spring semester," said Clark, "and then the students submit their work to their faculty advisors."

Students then work with experienced faculty members in their departments. The individual faculty member ultimately decides whether or not to approve the project for presentation and then submits an abstract to the college.

Students who present are given a certificate in recognition of their achievement.

"We are trying in the college as much as possible to focus on and emphasize student research and faculty-student collaboration," said Clark.

Ultimately, the college wants students to gain valuable experience via the symposium. "The students are the ones who are presenting the research," said Clark, "and in all cases the students have either an equal role with faculty or are taking the lead in the research."

"Many of these students will take this research that is presented at the symposium and will present it at other conferences, and so the symposium is a good starting point for many students."

Students who missed out on this year's symposium can start looking ahead to next year. Even those who did participate are already anticipating what the coming year's research might bring.

"This year was smoother than ever," said Schultz. "So many of the students participate in it year after year until they graduate."

## Spring Commencement 2005



Photo by Holly Sandbo

As Specht Forum, otherwise known as the Sundial, is still unavailable due to the FAC renovation construction, spring commencement will be held in Lot E. Goerke Field, the site used last year, has been found to be environmentally difficult and sponsors of the plan say that the seating capacity of the site will equal that of the former site of commencement ceremonies.

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**Pointer softball team competes as fifth seed in conference tournament action. Sports, page 8**



**This toad might look ordinary, but hungry crows won't like him when he gets angry, or will they? Find out the complete story in Outdoor Oddities, page 11**

### New CNR dean selected

Christine Thomas, interim dean of the College of Natural Resources (CNR) UW-SP, founder of Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW), and a gubernatorial appointment to the Department of Natural Resources Board, has been named to the position of dean of the College of Natural Resources. She is the first woman to head the CNR.

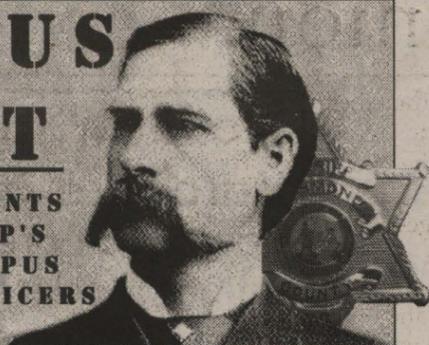
Thomas succeeds Victor Phillips, who left the dean's position last spring to head

the Global Environmental Management Education Center. She had served as associate dean of the CNR since 1999 and professor of human dimensions of natural resource management since 1989. From 1980 to 1988 she served as assistant to CNR Dean Emeritus Dan Trainer.

"I am very excited about entering this next phase of my 25-year relationship with the UW-Stevens Point community", said Thomas.

## CAMPUS BEAT

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



Watson Hall  
Friday, April 29 2:03 a.m.  
Type: **UNDERAGE DRINKING**

Stevens Point Police Department officers were admitted to the hall to arrest a resident for underage drinking.

Lot Q  
Friday, April 29 3:31 a.m.  
Type: **PARKING VIOLATION**

Protective Services officers contacted the owner of a vehicle that rolled or had been pushed out of its stall in the lot.

Neale Hall  
Saturday, April 30 1:44 a.m.  
Type: **DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Protective Services officers were notified about a fight between individuals from Neale and Hansen halls.

Thomson Hall  
Saturday, April 30 3:19 a.m.  
Type: **DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Protective Services officers were notified about three intoxicated male individuals fighting on the third floor north wing of the hall.

Knutzen Hall  
Saturday, April 30 3:19 a.m.  
Type: **DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Protective Services officers were notified about two intoxicated individuals who were behaving in a disorderly manner. The individuals were escorted to Watson Hall.

Maria Drive  
Sunday, May 1 2:26 a.m.  
Type: **PUBLIC WASTE HAZARD**

Protective Services was notified about a porta-potty that had been tipped over.

## Schmeeckle Reserve implements "Carry In-Carry Out" policy

Students and faculty walking through Schmeeckle Reserve might notice something different this spring: no garbage cans. "We felt that the trash receptacles detracted from the natural character of the area," said Ron Zimmerman, director of Schmeeckle Reserve. "The trash cans aren't compatible with our rustic theme; they are unattractive, and at times produce smells and attract wasps."

Schmeeckle Reserve has implemented a "Carry In-Carry Out" Policy that has been very successful in the Wisconsin state park system.

All garbage cans from the interior of the reserve have been removed. Visitors are responsible for carrying out any garbage that they bring in.

The policy not only preserves the aesthetics of the natural area, but also reduces costs associated with garbage removal, an important measure with the current budget restraints. "Our employees can spend more time on other projects that benefit the reserve, and the university has less garbage that needs to be shipped to a landfill," said Jim Buchholz, assistant director of the reserve.

Schmeeckle staff and UW-

SP Protective Services will be carefully monitoring the litter situation. Littering is an offense under UWS Chapter 18, and the citation is currently \$181. In mid-April, an individual was fined for throwing garbage into the reserve.

The staff of Schmeeckle Reserve has high hopes for the new policy and the associated benefits. "Visitors have always respected the reserve as a natural area," said Zimmerman. "We hope that people will follow the new 'Carry In-Carry Out' policy to help keep our natural area clean."

## Geoff Lawton discusses permaculture

Marty Grosse  
NEWS REPORTER

On Tuesday, May 3 UW-SP hosted Geoff Lawton as part of the GEM critical issues international seminar series that has been taking place throughout the semester.

Lawton is an agricultural development expert from Australia who practices and teaches the discipline of permaculture. Permaculture is defined as "the art and science of designing human beings' place in the environment." He was invited to provide a presentation on some of his experience with permaculture development projects and how they relate to global security.

Lawton related experiences from the countries of Jordan, Macedonia, and Iraq, where he helped to rebuild ruins of war, famine, and misuse of land. In Jordan, he converted a salty, desolate desert of the Dead Sea Valley into a lush, green food source for the

local people, and a model for them to employ on their own farms. "They called us crazy," said Lawton, "saying, 'You'll never grow fruit trees here'." Three years later, the former barren desert is now flourishing with trees and crops, and the land has actually declined in salt content.

Geoff entertained the audience with stories from his stint in Iraq in 2003, where he rebuilt a Kurdish village that had been completely destroyed. He provided some comic relief during the presentation, "I was trying to find a place to 'do my business' and the locals suddenly stopped following me and started shouting" he said. "It turns out I had walked through a mine field and had 'done my business' in a cruise missile bunker."

Lawton and his workers perform what they term geosurgery on the landscape altering it with bulldozers, and select vegetation. These alterations allow the landscape to act as a cistern, col-

lecting water and storing it, allowing for life in an otherwise barren landscape. The projects are designed to virtually eliminate runoff and erosion, while eliminating the need for fertilizer. These new parcels of life can be used to provide food and money to local villages, offering them a new chance at productivity and health.

Lawton has a strong desire for his profession, and works with the United Nations and aid organizations to provide as much service as possible to the human race.

Ultimately, his projects aim to teach local peoples in less developed countries how to live a sustainable life without the use of chemicals, and to retain their sense of community.

Lawton will not let himself be intimidated by a project, despite its size. "Scale doesn't worry me" he says, "give me a whole continent, I'll design it."

## Fine Arts Center renovation



Photo by Holly Sandbo

A recent fire has not deterred the multi-million dollar renovation of the Fine Arts Center. The construction will cease in early summer, and dance and music students who were forced to relocate to other locations on campus will be able to make use of the facility next semester, provided they are not graduating.

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# Letters & Opinion

## School of the Americas Watch not exclusively for those of Catholic faith

I was surprised and slightly disappointed at the talk given by Father Roy Bourgeois on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, as I felt that his talk left listeners with the impression that those of the Catholic faith are the only ones opposing the School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, Ga.; further, that everyone in support of the School of the Americas Watch is of the Catholic faith. At one point during his talk, he mentioned that soldiers committing the atrocities in the Americas should disobey their superiors and follow a higher law: God's

law. As an atheist who believes in the closing of the SOA, my motivation is not from the Catholic faith, and I believe there are secular reasons to disobey superiors ordering atrocities.

Although the initial work, and continuing drive, to close the SOA is founded on Catholic faith, it is a misrepresentation of the movement for Fr. Bourgeois to talk as if all motivation for the movement stems from Catholic faith. As an atheist who has worked for four years to close the SOA, I am clearly a counterexample. I have been an educator in Wisconsin about the SOA, and have traveled three times to the demonstration at the gates. All this work, for me, is done not because I am rooted in the Catholic faith and believe in a higher divine law, but because I feel the atrocities happening to our fellow humans in the Americas, by graduates of the SOA, can be stopped if the U.S. changes its policies and ceases training those

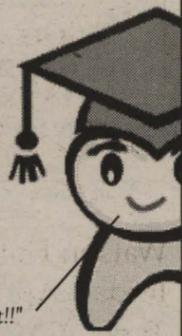
who are enacting the tragedies. It comes from a desire to live in a world different from the one in which we now live.

The world Fr. Bourgeois and the SOAW wishes to see come to fruition is a world free from human suffering, is peaceful, and is a similar world to the one in which I wish to see. It is because of this I support the SOAW in its drive to close the SOA. I also believe it is necessary to recognize the differences in motivation between activists in the movement; these differences are what enhance and strengthen movements such as the SOAW. Although Fr. Bourgeois' talk focused around the Catholic faith as his drive, it is not the drive of all advocating for the closure of the School of the Americas, and it is my hope that Fr. Bourgeois takes this into consideration for the future.

Justin Gleicher

**Walter Wisdom Tooth's Hardcore Trivia**  
How much precipitation does Stevens Point receive each year, on average?  
**Answer on page 4.**

"I'm the smartest!!!"

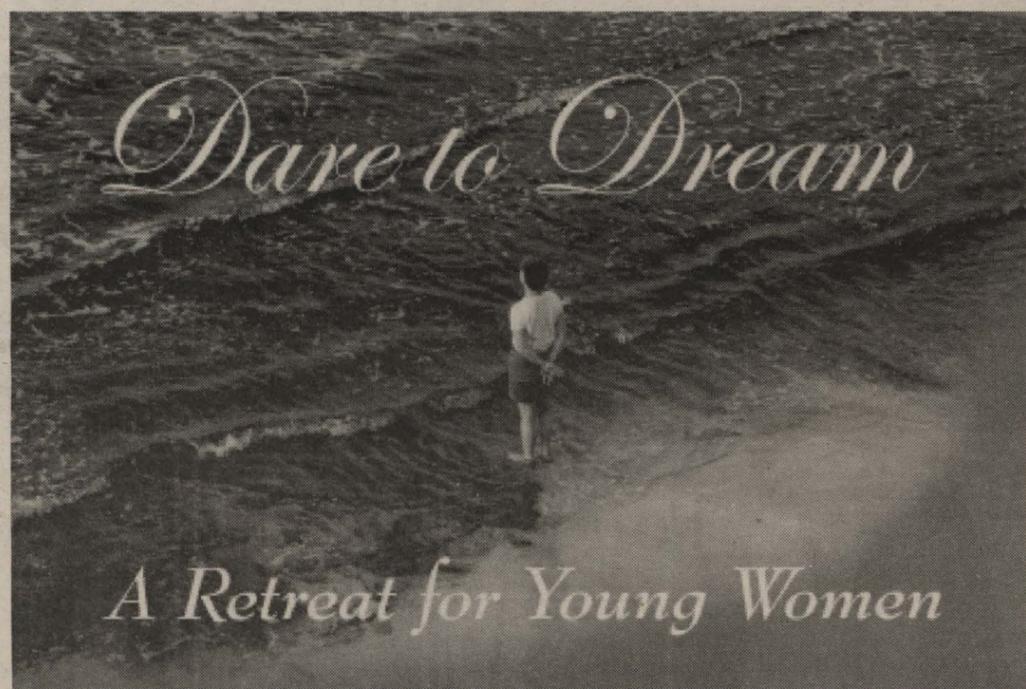


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### The Weekly Word

**Denouement (n)** - The outcome of a complex sequence of events; culmination.

The *denouement* of Beverly's research on otter psychology was the publication of her findings in *Otters: The Complexity of Lutra*.



May 20 - 22, 2005

River Pines Retreat House

Whiting, Wisconsin

This weekend is for high school and college women, ages 14 through 26, who would like to experience the life and spirituality of St. Clare and St. Francis, as well as the life of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. The setting for the retreat at River Pines Retreat House is quiet and restful, located on the shores of the Wisconsin River in Whiting, Wisconsin. For more information, contact:

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## Benefit for paralyzed UW-SP student, Andy Janicki, scheduled for May 14

Life is one of the most precious gifts we have. You can be on top of the world one second and at the very bottom the next since you never know what the future holds for you.

As many of you may have heard, Andy Janicki, a 22-year-old junior biology student at UW-SP suffered a spinal cord injury January 26, 2005. While enjoying Wisconsin's beautiful winter weather with friends, Andy injured himself and was flown to Froedert Hospital in Milwaukee. Andy suffered a compression fracture in his fifth cervical vertebrae and hairline fractures in his third and fourth cervical vertebrae. The damage to his vertebrae caused his spinal cord to be impinged and left his body paralyzed. Andy's injury is incomplete, which means he has sensation throughout his body and a full recovery is possible.

Andy is a unique individual. Not only is he an excellent student but he is also an outstanding person. Andy is passionate about backpacking, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, snowshoeing and is an adamant outdoor advocate. When he's not outside, Andy enjoys reading, tending to house plants, attending concerts and creating jewelry. Although Andy sounds like a typical college student, he is anything but typical. Andy is one of the most thoughtful people I know. I have never seen or heard him treat another person negatively. He is the type of person that causes you to ask yourself "Why did this happen to Andy?" I think Andy himself answered this question best when he told me, "The only thing I can do about my accident is work to get better."

After spending close to two months at Froedert, Andy is now living in Menomonee Falls with his family. Andy is confined to a wheelchair and has limited use of his arms. He is undergoing outpatient therapy three days a week and continues to keep a very positive attitude in hopes of a full recovery. I've never seen a person with so much sheer resolve. Andy's doctors have commented repeatedly on how impressed they are at Andy's determination during his therapy. That is Andy's positive and hardworking mindset, though. He's always pushing himself further in every aspect of his life.

Please join Andy and his family and friends at his benefit on Saturday, May 14 from 1 to 8 p.m. at Jimmy B's Bar. All proceeds from the benefit will help Andy pay for equipment he needs to modify his home and help with other expensive medical costs. Admittance into the benefit is \$15, which includes live music by Moogie, The Lights Band, Reverend Eddie Danger & The Feel Good Revolution and Elf Lettuce. Food and beverages are included with the cover charge, raffles will be held every hour, and volleyball and other fun activities will take place. Many local businesses have generously donated goods for the raffle to help support this cause. Jimmy B's Bar is located at 916 Maria Dr. in Stevens Point. Please come show your support for a fellow UW-SP student, Stevens Point citizen, and a great individual.

Adam Eader

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## I'm done with this glorius conch ...



They say leadership positions induce stressful aging. Au contraire! My work here has kept me young, alert and vigorous. Just look at that spirited moustache!

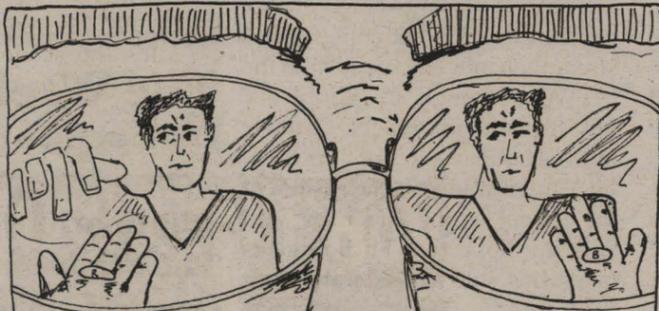
It feels like May, *even at night*. When I think about June, I get violins and shivers on my neck. I'm done with the conch; done with the big brown chair. I'll keep looking forward to Wed. nights and Thurs. afternoons; to the sleepy, foggy feeling of completion.

Thanks to those before me, and those who will rise. To the people who gave criticism, my respect (much as I twinge).

There is *never* enough space, and so, I must be off. We all know what happened to Piggy...  
~A

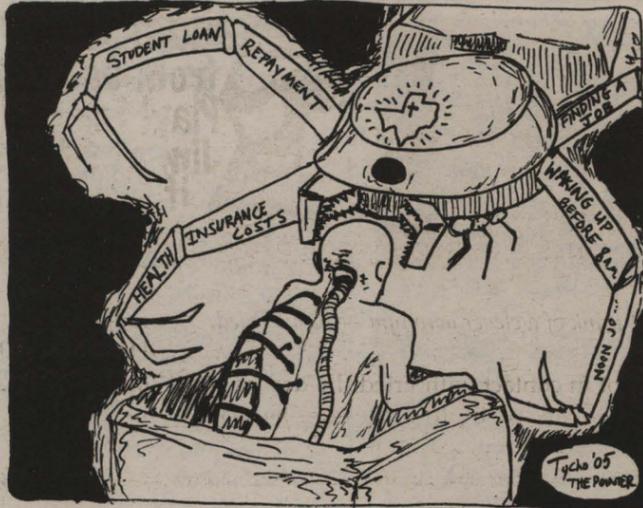
### DAMNATION

WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD ...



YOU TAKE THE BLUE PILL - YOU WAKE UP IN YOUR BED, GO TO CLASS, AND BELIEVE WHAT YOUR PROFESSORS TELL YOU TO ...

YOU TAKE THE RED PILL - YOU WILL GRADUATE TO THE REAL WORLD...



## Staff Editorial

### Who's Speaking Out?

#### On the singularity of gay expression

While watching an entertainment news program on E! network the other evening that covered the recent GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) Media Awards, I noticed that none of the celebrities they interviewed were actually gay. Well, unless you count the guys from *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, who once again fulfilled the role of token gay commentators.

Clearly this annoys me, and I can explain why.

While their absolutely staggering blend of camp and blandness, combined with their corporate-sponsored quest to make straight people look and feel better, wins over many viewers, they are not the only gay people on earth, and should not be treated as such. What they are are the most popular and palatable expression of gayness around, and seldom if ever will any of them make a statement that will shock, offend, or provoke serious thought. This is why the cameras pan to them every time a network wants the "gay opinion," as if any such unified thing exists, instead of Le Tigre or Larry Kramer. And, while it is important to hear gay voices that can speak without raising a firestorm, (think Ellen Degeneres and Nathan Lane) it's equally important not to hand over the mike to that group of gays alone.

Ultimately, then, the biggest problem doesn't lie with what the *Queer Eye* guys are saying or where they're saying it, but with the way less mainstream voices are ignored and marginalized by major media. I'm sure the gay and lesbian performers and professionals who went unheard at the GLAAD awards would agree with that.

Rebecca Conn  
Arts and Review Editor

**Walter's answer:**  
While everyone knows that the average yearly precipitation in Wisconsin, from 1971-2000, was 32.64 inches, not many know the average for Stevens Point was 31.96 inches during that same period. Anyone thirsty?



## Pointer Poll

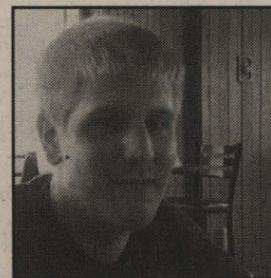
Photos by Trendelina Spahija

Discussion is currently under way for renovations to the University Center. What would you like to see in the new and improved U.C.?



Megan Younkle, Fr. Music

A bigger Brewhaus because the Brewhaus is very nice place to hang out with friends and they have good music.



Nick Nuber, Fr. Music

I think it would be cool to have more food places because we will have more variety.



Kate Vandeven, Fr. Education

I think it has everything but it needs to be organized.



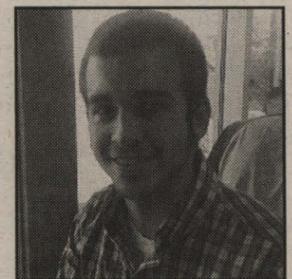
Caity Carmody, Fr. Forest Dec.

It would be nice to have a bowling alley because all the bowling places are out of campus.



Christy Klimek, Soph. Elementary Ed.

More computers and larger computer labs because there are not seats available and also a quiet study lounge.



Jon Hanes, Jr. Geography

I like to see more variety of food because the food is limited.

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## Staff Opinion

## Parting shots

In any long-winded farewell editorial or speech, it is customary for the writer or speaker to reflect on what they have or have not accomplished in time spent in their particular institution. I'm having a difficult enough time encapsulating five years of thoughts and experiences at this university; I cannot imagine the task of trying to condense 20 or 30 years into a written or verbal oration that will not bore the audience into a coma.

As I write this, I am listening to the overly sappy Beatles song "The Long and Winding Road." I find it strange, as if my Ipod has somehow fused into my brain and knew that I was preparing to write this, and the auto shuttle feature cued up just the appropriate piece of music to get the memories flowing. Damn that Steve Jobs and his minions at Apple for this unholy, yet totally convenient device. As I listen, the path in and out of UW-SP has been quite the long and winding road, with times of great fun and excitement, soul crushing winters, bouts of depression and frustration, and many a person that I will not soon forget that have followed me down this strange path.

Unlike some students, I leave this university with the degree in political science that I came here for in the first place. Changing my major never once crossed my mind, and for that I would like to thank the hyper-intelligent faculty of the political science department for putting up with my eccentricity and for never once showing me the door when things hit a rough patch in that road. If anyone in the reading audience has not had the privilege of taking a political science class, you are missing out on difficult, but thought provoking subjects, and as citizens in a republic system of government you have a duty to know just how the system works and how to make it responsive to your demands, not just the demands of the talking heads on the cable news channels.

I also thank the staff of this paper, in particular my reporters who have worked diligently to cover as much of the news events of the campus as a weekly paper will allow. I thank Adam Mella and his creativity on the work that we did on the political cartoon *Damnation* this year. He is one of the more original humans that I know and this paper will no doubt be less interesting without his taco-addicted presence. I also have to give a tremendous thanks to Liz Bolton, who has worked tirelessly to shake the cobwebs off of the paper and give it a fresh new look. She will be the Editor-in-Chief next semester, and I have full confidence that she will never waiver in her desire to give the student body the campus paper that they ought to have.

I thank the people at 90 FM WWSP for allowing me the half-hour every week to produce *To the Point* on their public affairs block. They always gave me enough rope to hang myself with, and never once attempted to interfere with the content of my program. It was a great creative outlet and a chance to air my grievances against those that irritated me and to output the endless stream of foreign affairs data that sometimes clogs the works of my brain.

I of course would be executed if I did not thank my parents and my family in general for their more than generous help and occasional financial contribution along the way. Even when the scholarship that I came to this university with fell apart, they never once wavered in their support and use of free laundry service, and for that I give you my unending thanks and my full assurances I will keep the politicians away with a large board with a nail in it when it comes time to pull that plug.

I thank my employer Festival Foods for their help these past five years. They have allowed me to work when I was able, and have left me to my own devices on Saturday evening. I don't think that I would have been able to pay for my higher education more or less on my own without their assistance.

I came to this university with a considerable amount of baggage from high school that still has me behaving like a mad hermit at times, and many a brave soul have attempted to lower my perimeter defenses long enough to drag me out of my fortress of solitude to go out and have a good time. You know who you are, and my thanks for your efforts to hijack me away from my usual lonely habits.

In my final act of pompous arrogance and self-aggrandizement, I urge all students that attend this university to get out there, get involved, and enjoy as much of their time spent in the higher education system as possible. It might sound clichéd and difficult to perform in these days of rising tuition, but it is important to make this time count, as it is the last years of true freedom, unbridled by real-world responsibility that you will ever have. I think that I made the most of them, but only time and a terribly expensive psychotherapist will one day be the final judge.

*The long and winding road  
that leads to your door  
will never disappear  
I've seen that road before  
It always leads me here...*

And now, time to end the sappy stuff, graduation is at hand, time to party and begin the job hunt...

John T. Larson  
News Editor

## Your College Survival Guide

Pat Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Dear Pat,

*My semester has completely turned to shit. I was fine until about six weeks ago when I broke up with my girlfriend. I got into a bit of a funk and missed some classes, but it wasn't that big a deal all by itself. Then I got sick and missed more class. My roommate spilled a two-liter of coke onto my computer, and I lost two papers I was working on. Then two weeks ago I had to head home because of some family stuff. Missed more class.*

*The end result? I think I'm fucked. Like really, really fucked. I've missed tests and deadlines. I haven't showed up for my psyche class in almost two weeks; it's just too embarrassing to go back after all this time. I really respect the prof and love her class.*

*I don't want to go in and insult her with "Boo Hoo, my life's been really hard." She doesn't want to hear about my problems.*

*So what the hell can I do? I'm going to fail my classes. The ones I don't fail, I'll be lucky to scrape out a C. My folks are going to kill me.*

*If you could give me any sort help, I'd appreciate it. Barring that, can you recommend a good roof for me to jump off of?*

*I can't think of a clever acronym - call me Fried.*

I got in contact with Fried the day he sent me his e-mail, partly to make sure he wasn't serious about jumping, but also to make sure he could start in on my advice as soon as possible. Time is of the essence when it comes to fixing these end of the semester SNAFUs.

Good news: Fried isn't really going to jump, and he's feeling calmer now. Here's the advice I gave him on how to deal when things go terribly wrong.

## STEP ONE: A SLOW, DEEP BREATH.

Whatever your horrible situation, the first step to recovery is to not go all bugfuck nuts. Every couple years some UW student jumps off a bridge, eats some pills, or throws a similar sort of solo pity-party because he/she is absolutely sure their life is irrevocably wrecked by... whatever. Maybe it's your first big-bad breakup. Maybe you got caught plagiarizing a paper. Maybe you got your first ever B- and you're terrified of the ass-kicking you'll receive from your hellishly uptight parents.

At this point, your life might suck worse than ever before. Fine. Things suck. But I can tell you one thing for damn sure, some dramatic gesture isn't going to make it better. You know what's harder than explaining to your mom why you're going on academic probation? Having to explain it from the mental ward of St. Mikes after having your stomach pumped.

So. Chill out. Your life sucks. Deep breath. Let's move on and see what we can salvage from this mess.

## STEP TWO: TRIAGE.

You need to talk to your professors. It'll be hard, embarrassing, especially if you really like them. But while they probably have heard every sob story in the book, that doesn't mean they're heartless.

So go talk to them. In person. E-mail is for fakers and cowards. Be polite, tell them the truth, and ask if anything can be done. Maybe things aren't as bad as you think. Maybe they'll be willing to give you an extension on the paper. Maybe you can get an incomplete. Remember, they used to be students too. They might surprise you...

Or maybe not. Maybe your prof will look you in the eye and tell you that even with a signed excuse from God, you're still boned. Believe it or not, this brutal honesty is a blessing. That means you can cross that class off your list and focus your energies elsewhere. It's the academic equivalent of cutting off a mangled limb and cauterizing the stump: painful, but necessary to your survival.

Triage is about making hard choices. Is

it better for you to work your ass off trying to salvage all your classes, only to end up with a bunch of Ds? Probably not. It's probably better to give up on the class that would take the most work, then channel that energy into your other classes where it will pay off.

But what about the F?

Deep breath. You can just re-take it next semester and your new grade will

replace the F. It's not a big deal in the long run. Hell, I failed Math 106 four times, and I turned out all right...

## STEP THREE: FOCUS.

After talking to your profs, and finding out EXACTLY what needs to be done, you knuckle down and bust your ass for the next two weeks. Make a timeline of what needs to be done, and do it. Above all, stay in contact with your profs, and if you make them a promise, keep it.

## STEP FOUR: RELAX.

Lastly, you need to avoid bursting a vessel over the tragic state of your life. That means that your timeline should include some time for relaxation. Trust me, you'll be much more productive if you're not wound so tight. So have a full night's sleep. Go get some sushi. Hang out with friends. Get laid.

Or why not play a game? Whether you're a little freaked a lot freaked, a game with friends is a great way to blow off a little steam.

And I can hook you up. You see this week's illustration? It's not just for looking pretty. Cut it out and take it in to Games People Play for an ADDITIONAL 10 percent off your purchase. Considering that most everything there is already being sold at below retail, that's a pretty good deal.

Don't mention it. I'm glad to help.

Well everyone, It's been fun. Thanks to my readers for the letters. Thanks to *the Pointer* for the space and being so understanding. I'll be back next year.

This Saturday Pat Rothfuss will be at a local convention, giving a presentation about how to be a successful novelist. Tips for new writers and such. Feel free to stop by and say hi. By no small coincidence, Games People Play will be there too. Why not stop by and see us both? Convention details available at <http://tinyurl.com/b7wwu>.

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# Pointlife

## A premier marathon walk

Walk Wisconsin promotes healthy living for the community

Elizabeth van Wieringen  
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

After months of lethargically sitting on my couch watching *Law & Order* and eating Fritos, I decided that since the weather was getting warmer it was time to get off my butt, and start exercising. I decided to join the Walk Wisconsin Marathon, the first ever non-profit, non-competitive walk in Stevens Point.

The walk will be held on June 4, National Trail Day, and will use the Green Circle trail. Registration for the full walk (26.2 miles), the half walk (13.1 miles), and the quarter walk (6.5 miles) costs \$25 and may be completed online at [www.walkwisconsin.com](http://www.walkwisconsin.com).

"We are tired of jokes about us Wisconsinites being portly," said John Jury, founder of the walk, "so we want this to be the premier marathon walk, without hurting

fundraising walks."

To help give the community a step in a healthy direction, all participants will receive a starter kit for future walking and a T-shirt. Rest stops with food and water and a cookout at the finish line are also set up for walkers.

"It's a motivator to get people to exercise more," Jury said. "People just need to get out more and shut off the television. Get out and walk."

Personally, I thought training would be easy. I had done a 150-mile bicycle marathon twice. But after my first week training, my legs ached. I learned the hard way that good shoes are important.

"It was hard at first," said Terrie Bucholtz, a fellow walker-in-training, "But now it has been seven weeks and I am noticing things fit better. I think my overall health is

better. I am definitely not as stressed."

Walking also got easier for me in the following weeks. Once I got new shoes, my legs didn't ache nearly as much as they had before.

"Start small and add a little more [walking] every day," Bucholtz said. "Just get out there and start somewhere."

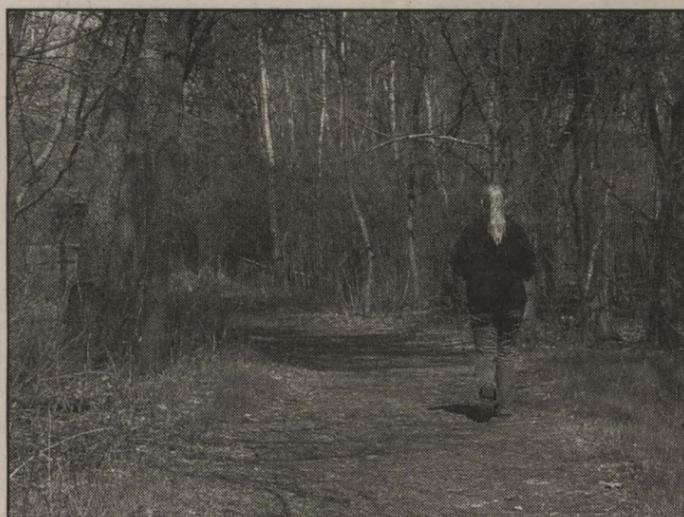
As a member of the Portage County Community Foundation, Jury realized there was a need for an event to help with the general health of the community. Walking fit in with the lifestyles and the landscape of the Stevens Point area.

"Walking is used by most baby boomers," Jury said. "Actually, walking is the no. 1 exercise performed by the most people in the United States."

The marathon was planned for Portage County but has sprung into a statewide event. People from Illinois have also shown an interest. Four community training days had been scheduled, with one left before the walk.

I know when the walk is over I will keep up with my walking schedule. Bucholtz feels the same way.

"I don't know to what extent I will walk, but it is definitely something I will keep up," she said. "The hardest thing is the time. The house is less clean, and I am not home, but it is worth it."



## Final thoughts: A senior's reflection

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POINTLIFE REPORTER

The long-awaited meeting of the roommate. Introducing yourself to your neighbors across the hall. Belt's runs in the early autumn chill. Late night pizza delivery. Chatting until the wee hours of the morning about nothing really at all.

I never thought that writing my final Pointer article would be so hard. I thought that I would rejoice in knowing that I had made it; I had set out and accomplished the goal that I had set for myself four years ago. But now, as I sit surrounded by friends (completely oblivious as to what I am writing about), I try to hide the tears welling up in my eyes.

Four years ago, as I set out upon my journey at Point

with tears streaming down my face, I never imagined leaving would be this hard. I was crying because I feared going to college - I feared what lay beyond the safety and security of the only life I had ever known. Yet, it is a different feeling that has encircled me now; it is a sadness that is hard to comprehend.

I have realized that the way I feel about leaving college is immeasurable compared to the sadness I felt in closing the door on high school and saying goodbye to the only friends I had known since my elementary years. The truth of the matter is that I still have two weeks. I can only imagine how hard it will truly be when those two weeks are no longer.

It is funny how life can change so quickly. I remember

the first e-mails, the forwards about college life sent to me by my high school friends who seemed so far away. It is ironic that it takes the experience of college to truly realize who you are. Over the passing of four years I have witnessed so many changes, not only in myself but in my friends as well.

I have seen my friends come to be the beautiful and inspiring people that I now regard as my family. I have been there as my friend broke up with a boyfriend who no longer seemed to compliment her as well as he did in high school. I have been there to celebrate my friends' new relationships, some of which grew into love and transpired into engagement bliss. And it

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## Faces in the crowd:

Meet a true Pointer who doesn't give up

Rosemary Rottscheit  
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

An air of somberness hangs over the Health Enhancement Center here at UW-SP. A native Stevens Pointer, Sister Rosella Reinwand, will be leaving us soon.

If you haven't gotten to know the equipment room manager yet, now's your chance. Sister, as she is known to most, has been taking care of athletes since 1969 and will be retiring in the next few years.

Although she has not announced the exact date, it is coming sooner than most of us would like to think.

"She's an institution here," said Frank O'Brien, the director of athletics. "It's hard to imagine anyone else in that room."

"She said to me, 'If you wanna take shit, this is the place to work,'" Sister said with a smile.

When Sister first applied in 1969 for the job, she was turned down. The university hired another woman, but 10 days later, Sister got a call to interview again.

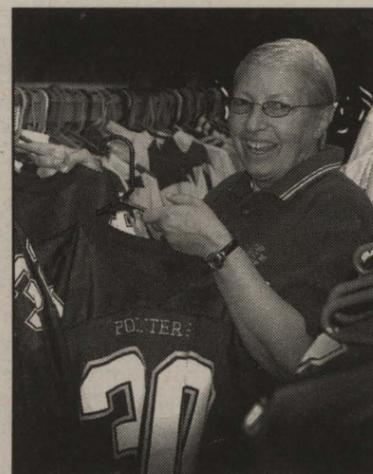
The woman who initially got the job didn't want it. Sister remembers their meeting vividly.

"She said to me, 'If you wanna take shit, this is the place to work,'" Sister said with a smile.

Sister soon understood, although she was unwilling to throw in the towel.

Initially, her responsibilities included only taking care of women's sports and physical education classes. Her duties expanded when men's athletics was added to her list.

"I put in a lot of hours," said Sister. "It's hard when



you work like that all the time."

How does she do it? "She's got her own system," said Shirley Egner, the women's basketball coach.

Here at UW-SP, Egner is just one of many who appreciate Sister.

"We never worry about anything in that equipment room," said O'Brien.

On her personal time, Sister attends athletic games on campus and away. She went as far as St. Louis to cheer for the women's basketball team in 2002.

"We know we've got somebody looking out for us," said Egner.

Sister doesn't just sit on the sidelines, either. Instead, she indulges in her passion for photography.

She takes pictures for the teams and displays them by the equipment room. All costs come out of her own pocket.

"She's a pretty special lady," said Egner.

After her retirement, Sister would like to spend more time volunteering like she used to. Traveling is also high on her list of things to do.

With all her plans for post-retirement, she's still planning on making time to come back to visit everyone.

"I'm going to miss the athletes," said Sister. "I think we have really neat athletes."

She also loves her employees and wouldn't trade her coworkers for any others.

"She's a Pointer," said O'Brien.

That sums it up best. So here's to a true Pointer.

We will miss you, Sister.

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# A chance to rejoice for summer

## Pat McCurdy headlines the annual Copper Fountain Festival

**Adam Rodewald**  
POINTLIFE EDITOR

Music, mysticism and mayhem can all be enjoyed at this year's Copper Fountain Festival on May 13.

Every spring, Centertainment Productions holds this festival to commemorate the students' year of hard work and the inauguration of another summer. They added on their Web site, "We do this to thank the students and the community for attending our programs throughout the year."

Copper Fountain Festival is held at the Pfiffner Park band shell beginning at 4 p.m. and will feature musical performances by The Bull Dogs, Hair Ball and Pat McCurdy beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Pat McCurdy will be the night's main attraction with his unique singer/songwriter style. Though originally from Milwaukee, he is acquiring a sort of cult following across the country.

McCurdy's music is hard to classify, but an article in the *Lacrosse Tribune* on Dec. 12, 2003, says this about him, "If you picked up a phone book, pointed to 100 random names, and got them all in one room, Pat McCurdy could entertain 99 of them."

The Bull Dogs may be remembered from their performance in September 2004, at the political rally for vice presidential candidate John Edwards. However, the band has been around for over seven years writing songs similar in style to the Beatles and Oasis.

The third group to perform, Hair Ball, is classified by Centertainment as a "spoof on 80's rock bands." Centerstage Coordinator Brittany Vollmer explained, "They have costume changes throughout their set making fun of all the '80s rock bands."

If three live bands aren't enough incentive to participate in the festival, there will be a number of games and prizes to win. The activities will include gladiator jousting, boxing, palm readings, bingo, face painting and an obstacle course with a giant slide. Prizes will be awarded to bingo winners.

Food will be available for purchase courtesy of six greek



organizations. The general festival foods such as hotdogs, hamburgers and pizza will be offered along with cotton candy and an assortment of baked goods.

Alcohol will be served at a beer garden to those who are of age, and all revenue will be used to fund this free event.

A shuttle service will provide rides from the U.C. to Pfiffner Park every 15 minutes beginning at 4 p.m. for anyone in need of transportation.

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is with these same friends that I have sought comfort and acceptance when I vowed to give up my meat-eating tendencies and pronounced myself a vegetarian, knowing that my rural beef-raising family would never quite understand my reasoning for going to such an extreme measure. We have shared both laughter and tears together through the years. We have become a family - a family bound together through friendship and trust.

For those of us seniors, embarking upon a new journey free from the insurmountable cramming and intense multitasking, we realize that through it all it has been more than worth it. As we write the last paper, attend the last class, and take the last final, we come to realize how quickly it all passes us by.

I would be dishonest if I said that there were not times when taking one more test just seemed to be too much for me, yet, looking back I knew that walking away from here would never be as simple as I had envisioned it to be. And honestly, I never would have wanted it to be.

And so, to those of you who still have a year or more left at this fine institution,

I tell you this: savor every memory, every moment that you have here. As I find myself with only a few weeks left here, I still can picture myself, as if it were only yesterday, as the disoriented freshman, unsure of how it was that I got here and unsure of where to go now that I was free from the safety net that protected me since my birth.

It is astonishing how fast four years can pass one by. It is astonishing that it will not be long until I will retreat to the place that was my only home for 18 years, but was so quickly replaced with the passing of one college year.

Yet, it is in these few years that I have come to realize what truly matters in life. Good friends are certainly hard to find and impossible to forget. Had it not been for the friendships that I have formed here I can honestly say that leaving would not be as hard as I have found it to be.

Without a doubt, college has changed me. Friendships formed through college have changed me. I thank each and every one of the friends that I have come to know through UW-SP. Most importantly, I thank myself for being afraid to let go, for I know that being sad to leave college is the true testament to knowing that it was worth every project, every paper, and every exam.

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## Sports

## Showdown at University Field to decide WIAC champ

Steve Roeland  
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team set the stage for a duel with the UW-Whitewater Warhawks that will determine the conference champions by sweeping UW-Superior last weekend.

## Baseball

With four wins against the Yellowjackets, the Pointers pulled within one game of the Warhawks who currently sit atop the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. UW-W hasn't lost a game since April 16 and is on a 13-game winning streak. The Warhawks are also ranked No. 1 in the nation by the American Baseball Coaches Association poll.

Coming off a 20-5 loss at Division I University of Illinois-Chicago on Wednesday of last week, the Pointers got back on track in time for the weekend double-headers against UW-Superior. In game one on Saturday, UW-SP earned their first shutout of the year with a 6-0 victory. Pointer pitcher J.C.

Reinke threw a complete game seven-hitter in the win for his first career shutout. Pointer third baseman Tim Schlosser reached base in four of his five plate appearances, going 3-for-4 with a walk and an RBI.

UW-SP earned their second shutout of the year on the same day they collected their first, defeating the Yellowjackets 5-0 in Saturday's nightcap. Jordan Zimmerman pitched his first career complete game and shutout for the Pointers in game two, striking out six and allowing only four hits. Nat Richter slammed his fourth homer of the year in the ninth inning to preserve the Pointer triumph.

Pointer designated hitter Steve Wiczek continued his outstanding work at the plate in Sunday's opener, collecting three hits and driving in two runs. Wiczek's solo home run in the fifth inning was his 12th of the year and his run-scoring single in the first helped the Pointers to a 5-3 win.

The Pointers finished

the series on Sunday with a total obliteration of the Yellowjackets, tying UW-SP's record for most runs in one game and also setting the school record for widest margin of victory with a 27-0 trouncing.

Stewart Larsen got his first career start in the game at second base and made a strong case to see more playing time. Larsen, a freshman with only three hits this season, went 5-for-6

with six RBIs. First baseman Ryan Jones tied his own single-season home run record after he hit his 14th of the year in the seven-inning contest.

With the momentum gained from the UW-Superior series, the Pointers hope to take the WIAC championship this weekend. The regular season champion is given the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament in Wisconsin Rapids on May 13-14. In order to top-ple the Warhawk clutch on

first place, UW-SP will have to win three of the four contests against UW-W.

"I think that having the ability to play Whitewater at home in our final regular season conference series is advantageous for us. It is our last home series of the year, and we will be honoring a terrific group of seniors on Saturday," said Pointer head coach Pat Bloom. "Also, we know our ballpark better than anyone else - the dimensions, the surface, [and] the angles - so I think that also gives us an advantage heading into the series."

The Pointers split the season series last year against the Warhawks and haven't defeated UW-W three times in a season since 2003.

Bloom feels that UW-SP needs to do the small things in order to dethrone the Warhawks and that, while preferred, a No. 1 seed in the conference tournament

doesn't guarantee a trip to the NCAA tournament.

"We must minimize our mental mistakes and take advantage of every opportunity we have in the course of the series. Our pitchers must also make quality pitches to every hitter in their lineup, as their lineup is very strong and they can score runs in a hurry.

"Obviously, we would love to have the No. 1 seed ... however, when it comes down to postseason play, every team is going to bring their 'A game' every pitch and every inning, so it really doesn't matter who you play or what seed you have," he said.

The Pointers are 30-6 overall, 17-3 in the WIAC and ranked ninth in the ABCA poll.



Reinke



Larsen

## Pointers take fifth seed into conference tournament

### UW-SP News Services

UW-Stevens Point takes part in the conference tournament this weekend in Whitewater with the winner earning an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III tournament.

The Pointers are the fifth seed in the tournament and meet fourth-seeded UW-Superior in the opening game on Friday at 1 p.m. UW-Eau Claire is the top seed and faces either ninth-seeded UW-



Photo by Holly Sandbo

The Pointer softball team travels to Whitewater this weekend for the conference tournament to play UW-Superior.

Whitewater or eighth-seeded UW-Platteville. On the other side of the bracket, UW-Oshkosh is the second seed and plays seventh-seeded UW-La Crosse while third-seeded UW-Stout plays sixth-seeded UW-River Falls.

UW-Stevens Point entered the week ranked 25th in the country and went 2-3 in the WIAC cluster in River Falls over the weekend. The

Pointers beat UW-Superior 6-2 and lost to UW-Eau Claire 1-0 on Saturday. They opened Sunday by defeating UW-La Crosse 3-0, but then lost to UW-Stout 2-0 and UW-River Falls 6-2.

Laura Zierler (Kaukauna, Wis.) continued her hot hitting by batting .412 (7-for-17) with four RBIs for the weekend. Korrin Brooks (Stevens Point, Wis.) and Stephanie Anderson

(Milwaukee, Wis.) each hit .400 (6-for-15) over the five games.

Kelly Jablonski (Stevens Point, Wis.) had a streak of 47 2/3 straight innings without allowing an earned run snapped in the loss to UW-Stout. She picked up the win over UW-Superior, while Anderson threw a five-hit shutout against UW-La Crosse.

### This week in Pointer Athletics



**Baseball** - Home vs. UW-Whitewater (DH) - May 6, 1 p.m. and May 7, Noon.

**Softball** - vs. UW-Superior (WIAC Tournament at Whitewater) - May 6, 1 p.m.

**Men's and Women's Track** - WIAC Outdoor Championships (at La Crosse) - May 6-7.

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# The Pointer Athletes of the Year

## Male



UW-SP men's basketball team

Even though Jason Kalsow and Nick Bennett each had outstanding personal seasons filled with numerous accolades and awards, one of the things Coach Jack Bennett prided himself in this season was that his team played as a team. The team won 14 of their final 15 games of the season including their final eight games which were all in the post-season.

Honorable Mentions: Alex Anderson (swimming), Steve Wiczek (baseball).

## Female



Amanda Nechuta

Even though the women's basketball team didn't quite reach their expectations this season, Amanda Nechuta had a great season for the Pointers as she lead the way to their 21-6 record this season as they bowed out in the second round of the WIAC Tournament. Nechuta became the all-time leading scorer in Pointer women's basketball history this season as she surpassed Sonja Sorenson and finished at 1,801 points all-time. She also earned numerous accolades such as WIAC Player of the Year, NCAA Division III Player of the Year, and D-III News National Player of the Year.

Honorable Mention: Jackie Schmitt (hockey), Jenna Mitchler (track and cross country).

## Track teams have busy weekend, conference championships this weekend

UW-SP News Services

The Pointers had their final tune-up for this weekend's WIAC outdoor championships by splitting the squad three ways over the weekend. Several of the top runners participated in the Drake Relays, while the men's team competed at the Loras Invitational and the women's team placed fifth of seven teams at the UW-La Crosse Classic.

### Track and Field

Both teams will be in La Crosse this weekend for the WIAC championships. Events begin at noon on Friday and continue on Saturday with field events at 10 a.m. and running finals at noon.

Mark LaLonde (Park Falls, Wis.) ran the third-fastest 5,000-meter run in the NCAA Division III this season at the Drake Relays on Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa. LaLonde posted an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 14:32.63 to place 13th in the field over 20 runners that were primarily from Division I schools.

The women's 1600-meter relay team of Katie Simo (Appleton, Wis.), Liz Goergen (Apple Valley, Minn.), Jenna Mitchler (Kaukauna, Wis.) and

Marie Burrows (Menomonee Falls, Wis.) had an NCAA provisional time of 3:55.48 while placing 13th of 33 teams. The men's sprint medley relay of Pat Leonard (Chicago, Ill.), Bryan Buechel (New Holstein, Wis.), Nick Ver Duin (Howards Grove, Wis.) and Matt Legel (Crystal Lake, Ill.) that was sixth of 24 teams in 3:27.23. The women's sprint medley team of Lisa Anderson (Porterfield, Wis.), Simo, Burrows and Mitchler were fifth of 29 teams in 4:02.32.

Also, the women's team placed fifth of seven teams at the UW-La Crosse Classic on Saturday. Jessica Beaulieu (Eau Claire, Wis.) had the Pointers' top performance with a second place in the hammer throw at 146 feet.

At Loras, the men achieved most of their suc-

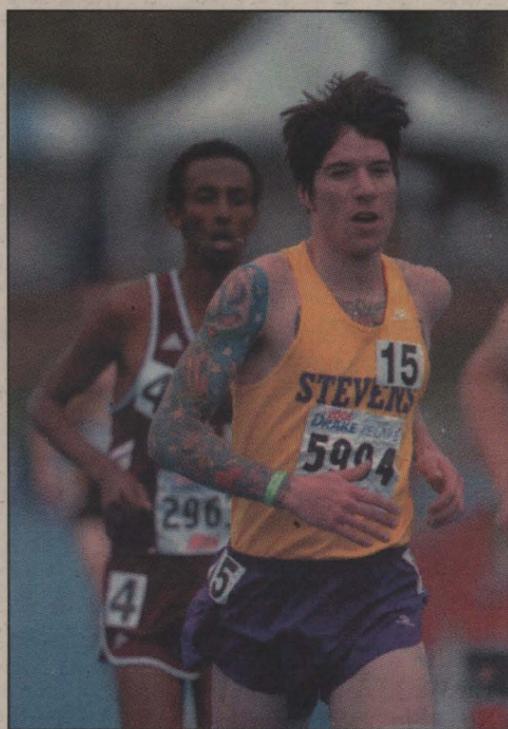


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Several of the top UW-SP runners competed at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

cess in the 400-meter hurdles as Paul Schliepp (Redgranite, Wis.) was second in 56.01 seconds and Eric Knaebe (West Bend, Wis.) was third in 56.09 seconds. Cory Baumann (Marathon, Wis.) was third in the 1500-meter run at 4:05.74 and Ryan Shepard (Cornell, Wis.) was third in the high jump at six feet, four inches.

## Beamish and Wotachek to play basketball at UW-Stevens Point

UW-SP News Services

A pair of conference Players of the Year have informed UW-Stevens Point men's basketball coach Jack Bennett of their intentions to attend the school in the fall and play for the two-time defending NCAA Division III national champions.

### Men's Basketball

Bryan Beamish, a 6 feet 5 1/2 inches swing player from Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School and Jerome Wotachek, a 6 feet 7 inches power forward from Mishicot High School, both plan to take their talents to UW-Stevens Point.

Beamish was the Wisconsin Valley Conference co-Player of the Year after posting 18.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game this past season. He shot 56.3 percent from the field, including a league-best 46.5 percent from three-point range. Beamish led the Red Raiders to a 25-1 record and the WIAA Division 1 state semifinals. He was an hon-

orable mention all-state performer and a two-time first-team all-conference selection.

"Bryan is one of the finest collegiate prospects in the state and we are very pleased to have him join the Pointer basketball program," Pointers' coach Jack Bennett said. "His ability, feel for the game and desire to improve are exactly the ingredients we look for. Bryan's been superbly coached and raised the right way. He will be a terrific addition at UW-Stevens Point."

"Bryan was a great high school player and one of our leaders," Lincoln coach Dan Witter added. "His biggest strength may be his passing and vision of the court. I truly believe his best basketball is in front of him. He is one of the best kids and best players I have ever coached."

Wotachek was the Olympian Conference Player of the Year after averaging 17.1 points, 10.8 rebounds and 3.2 blocks per game as a senior. He had 35 points and 20 rebounds in a win over Manitowoc Lutheran this year as the Indians avenged a 36-point loss from earlier in the

season. Wotachek also was one of the Indians' top players as a junior when they finished as the WIAA Division III state runner-up.

"We are very pleased to have a player of Jerome's ability and potential join our Pointer program," Bennett said. "He's an outstanding young man, well-coached and hungry to get better. We're pleased to have him at UW-Stevens Point."

"Jerome has a lot of upside to his game and is constantly improving," Mishicot coach Pat Rau said. "This past season he began the year strictly being able to score with his back to the basket and by the end of the year he was able to hit open 15-footers and make a one-dribble move facing the basket."

UW-Stevens Point finished 29-3 this past season and defeated Rochester (N.Y.) 73-49 to become the third team in NCAA Division III history to win back-to-back national titles. The Pointers also won their fifth Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title in the past six years.

## Our View From the Cheap Seats

### My final rant: ode to the cheap seats

**Adam Wise**  
SPORTS EDITOR

With the end of the semester near and a successful year of *The Pointer* behind us, I have a few last words to shed off my chest while I still have column space.

So, I have been feeling a bit perturbed, to put it nicely, about all the stupid decisions going on in professional sports lately. I'm not even sure where to start, really.

Terrell Owens demanding a new contract, Javon Walker asking for more money, Marquette changing its nickname, Kellen Winslow Jr. crashing his bike, etc.

Since when was it acceptable of an athlete to demand re-negotiation of a seven-year contract one year into the frickin' deal?

I understand Owens delivered one of the best comeback stories in NFL history last year when he performed in the Super Bowl on one leg, but this is exactly what the Eagles should've expected to happen when they signed the floozy flamboyant.

It seems like I've complained about the Packers every week recently, but the damn team gives me too much to work with.

Javon Walker, because he had one good year playing alongside the third best quarterback to ever play the game, thinks he deserves a brand new contract is ludicrous and I applaud Brett Favre for calling him out because of it.

I found Favre's hinting of an 'earlier rather than later' departure from the game due to sickness caused to his stomach from situations like this. I just find it amusing how a man can't stick to his word, even when he is being paid hundreds of thousands of dollars. Shame on him.

In late breaking news, the long awaited announcement of the nickname change for the university of Marquette was made official yesterday. Now all you Golden Eagles fans out there can save your breath and a few syllables now that you are only required to yell GOLD. You have to wonder how much money the University will save on print alone for T-shirts, hoodies, jackets, etc.

All these stories and I haven't even gotten to my

Idiot of the Week award yet, so you know this one must be a doozy.

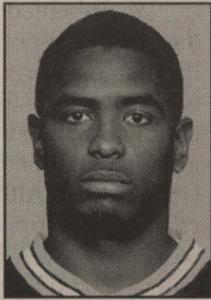
Kellen Winslow Jr. came into the NFL with controversy the minute he was drafted.

Not only had the son of a former NFL All-Pro related playing football to that of being a soldier in the armed forces, but his agent also lobbied for a while that even though he was the seventh pick of the first round in last year's draft, he should still receive more money than the first player taken.

This is a player the Cleveland Browns valued so much that they traded a second-round draft pick to the Detroit Lions just to move up one slot. Nevertheless, Winslow didn't make it though much of his first season when he broke his leg during an onside kick and now the man

received numerous injuries early this week from a motorcycle accident in a nearby apartment parking lot. The kicker is he has clauses in his contract that stipulate no motorcycle riding.

Winslow will be subject to giving back somewhere between \$5-10 million should the Browns pursue that venue.



Walker

### Every end leads to a new beginning

**Steve Roeland**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The final column of the year may just be the hardest to write. As a sports editor, I want to include some athletic references in my final opinion piece, but the end of the year also calls for a little bit more than that.

Throughout the year, I have written numerous articles with game recaps, as well as columns that illustrate my own feelings about sports. Looking back on what I have done in the past and what I hope to do in the future, I can safely say one thing: I love this job.

Ever since I was a wee lad, I played in some form of organized athletics. Whether it be T-ball, soccer, YMCA basketball or high school athletics, I played it. After I finished my final high school and American Legion baseball seasons in 2003, I needed to find a way to continue to be active in sports.

I came to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with the hope of playing Pointer baseball. I tried out in the fall of 2004 but didn't make the team. Fortunately, I found a great alternative: *The Pointer*. It was surprising how easy it was to start writing for the paper. I e-mailed the previous sports editor, explaining my interest in sports journalism. I received an e-mail back that

included an assignment to cover women's hockey. I was on my way.

When the 2003-04 school year began to wind down, I applied for the sports editor position. The previous editor was graduating and a replacement would be hired. After interviewing with the current editor in chief, I was happy to find out that both Adam Wise and I would be running the show in the sports section.

This year was a great learning experience, not only being an editor, but being part of a team in the workplace. While I don't want to toot our own horn, I feel that things went smoothly all year long and we co-editors put a quality sports section out every issue.

Next year will be another great learning experience for me. Adam is moving to the news desk to take over the news section, giving me the opportunity to sit at the helm of the sports section all by myself. I am excited to be given this kind of responsibility and it is my goal to build upon the foundation of quality that we have constructed this year.

I still look back on my

playing days in high school and wish I would still be on the roster, suiting up each week and taking the field. Even so, I have no regrets about getting involved with college athletics via the student newspaper. The people I have met and worked with at *The Pointer* have taught me valuable lessons that I will use for the rest of my journalistic career. The people I have yet to meet and work with at the paper will hopefully be presented with the same lessons that I have learned.

To all my coworkers who are leaving the paper, I wish you luck in all you do and I thank you for your continued support over the last year. To returning coworkers and new faces at the newspaper, I extend a warm welcome to you and I look forward to another great year.

To all readers and those involved in UW-SP athletics, I thank you for your devotion to the school and to our organization. Thank you, athletes, for making our job enjoyable and exciting every single week.

Have a great summer, Pointers.



# RUSTY'S

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# Outdoors

## OuTDoOr OdDiTiEs

Joel Borski  
OUTDOORS EDITOR

So perhaps you think you're having a bad day, bad week or even a bad month, but I say look on the bright side - at least you're not an exploding toad.

According to various reports from around the world, one German city has a serious problem on its hands when it comes to these amphibians. For quite some time now, toads have been spontaneously puffing up and exploding in and around Hamburg, and scientists have yet to be able to explain the phenomenon definitively.

To date, over 1,000 of the poor, wart-covered creatures' bodies have been discovered - entrails no longer contained within the body cavity.

One German scientist believes that clever crows are to blame for the slow and painful deaths. According to this theory, the birds peck into the toads with their beaks between the chest cavity and abdomen of the amphibians. In a natural defense strategy, the toad bloats its entire body up. Now without a liver and with a gaping hole in its body, the lungs and blood vessels of the toad essentially explode. The remaining organs in the body cavity then begin to ooze out.



Do you think I look fat?

As pleasant as it sounds, the experience is undoubtedly equally enjoyable for the poor toads. As biologist Heidi Meyerhoefer was quoted telling the *Hamburger Morgenpost Daily*, "The toads burst, the entrails slide out. But the animal isn't immediately dead. They keep struggling for several minutes."

Water testing, done by the city of Hamburg, has shown that the water quality of the main pond where the unfortunate toads are exploding is no worse than any other water in the area. So what exactly is causing the phenomenon? Another local theory blames a nearby horse track for spreading an equestrian virus to the pond water and yet another hypothesizes that the toads are committing suicide in order to avoid overpopulation.

Whatever the case, it's safe to say that toads just don't 'croak' the way they used to. Then again, *Outdoors Editors* just don't use bad puns the way they used to either...

## Spring River Classic to take place May 21-22

Rick Gamsby  
OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

The Prime Water Anglers (PMA) is proud to announce its Fifth Annual Spring River Classic Fishing Tournament. The event starts on Saturday, May 21 and finishes Sunday, May 22, on the Stevens Point Flowage.

Cash prizes will be 80 percent of the \$100 per boat entry fee. First place could take home as much as \$5,000. "Our tournament has had the highest payout in Wisconsin," said former PMA club president, Mike Wiza.

Club 10, a local bar and dance hall, will be hosting the event. It is located three miles west of Stevens Point on Hwy. 10. All contestants must launch from, and return to Club 10 for weigh in. Games for the kids and raffles for adults will be offered for the spectators and contestants by Club 10. There will also be brats and hamburgers, soda and beer.

All entries must be received prior to the mandatory rules and orientation meeting held Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at Club 10. A maximum limit of 100 boats will be allowed to enter. Boats are to be limited to two person teams. "Boats will go out in the order that entry forms are received," said Wiza. "So it's important when you register." Entry forms are available at Club 10 or by mail. All ages are welcome to join the event. Any person 17 years of age or younger must be

teamed with a parent or guardian, or written parental consent.

For more information about the tournament rules and regulations, and how to enter, contact Tournament Director Gill Polum, at 715-344-1241 or Mike Wiza at 715-341-1136. Wiza's e-mail is Mikewiza@charter.net

Along with the Spring Tournament, PMA and Club 10 offer these other activities: special events, boat trips, and boat, kayak and canoe rentals. "We teach young children how to fish," said Club 10's owner, Bob Jakusz. "For the last three years, second graders from a local elementary school have had a field trip, where they spend a day fishing from the dock and learning to cast in the parking lot."

Anyone who wishes to join PMA can contact Club President Cliff Jakusz, at 715-345-1644. There is a monthly meeting held at Club 10, on the first Tuesday of each month. "We have free beer and anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome," said Bob Jakusz. For more information about Club 10, contact Bob Jakusz at 715-344-7128

Remember to respect state laws regarding fishing rules and regulations. Visit the Wisconsin DNR at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us> for more information.

Buy your fishing license online at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cs/restypes.asp>.

## Well, that's what I get!

Andy Niemeyer  
OUTDOORS CONTRIBUTOR

Spring has finally graced us with its presence. But this could be a bad thing. With temperatures soaring into the 60s and 70s, I find myself becoming less enthused with the many tasks assigned to me, and hear the voices in my head urging me to stray from the path. Wanting to partake of nature's beauty I constantly lose focus in my afternoon classes. Important formulas, theories and ideas get overlooked. My focus shifted to more important questions. Questions along the lines of will my boat run, are the smallies biting, and should I skip class and go fishing? These questions fill my small brain and replace the now buried information I pay too much to learn.

Recently, with an upcoming geology test at the end of the week, I tried to study. I tried to be the responsible college student that my mother believes me to be, but the golden sun-rays and warm temperatures screamed at me to take the boat out fishing. My mind constantly wandered to my place of happiness. A place where I sway back and forth, standing in my little boat, waiting for a slight tug at the end of my line, watching the hours in the day tick by. I forced myself to focus. I secluded myself - locked myself in a room with no windows, but try as I might, visions of myself hoisting a trophy fish like bass master champion Michael Iaconelli or fishing guru Al Lindner kept reoccurring. Hours went by like minutes and studying had gotten me nowhere.

After hours of listening to the devilish voices inside my head, I gave in, broke down and did what every college student concerned with their grades would do. I called up my friend Josh and we journeyed out to test the raging waters of Bukolt Park. With my small, twelve-foot boat loaded down with poles, tackle, and us, we cruised away from the launch, watching the fish finder and hoping to find a secret spot loaded with fish. I motored behind an island to escape the wind. The smooth water greeted the boat as we drifted across. Subtle beeps from my Eagle fish-finder indicated fish lurking in the water below. An underwater hump appeared to house numerous fish. Waves gently slapped against the boat, beating like a soft-sounding drum.

With the anchor now set, we began jigging, hoping to pick up the bottom-hugging walleyes, or possibly run into a school of traveling crappies. With each cast and retrieve an impaled min-surfaced, usually unnoticed by the finicky fish.

Watching the setting sun, we decided to take off - our catch consisting of two crappies and five small walleyes - all returned to the depths to see another day.

Once we arrived at the boat launch, I jumped out to bring around the trailer. As I did so, a short, stocky man clad in a black Sterns coat approached the boat. Reading the embroidering on the coat, and seeing the shiny badge, a light went on in my head. A lump developed in my throat.

"Can I see your license," the man asked Josh and I.

As we presented our licenses I suddenly remembered not throwing in a second life jacket for my friend. I usually keep one in the boat at all times for myself, but forgot to throw the second one in for Josh.

Of course once I remembered this the next question that the warden asked was to see our PFD's.

"Not good," I thought.

We presented the one lifejacket, but the penalty of not having a second was inevitable. Thirty minutes later, after having a chance to reflect on my stupidity, I was handed a ticket, allowing me to donate funds to the overly-depleted DNR budget. Although not mad at the officer, I was furious with myself.

"That's what I get," I thought, "For not staying at home and studying."

That night I explored my options. Wondering how I could ask my parents for the money without indicating it would be a fine they were financing. I thought maybe I could tell them that I needed money for food... but I quickly voided this idea since they had sent a car-load of groceries home with me the last time I saw them. Then I thought maybe I could say I need it for books. After all, every college student needs books! But, unfortunately, this idea wouldn't work either with only three weeks of the semester left. I could hear both of their voices if I posed this idea to them.

"What? You've been in school for all this time and you still don't have the books?!"

So I decided to take this one on the chin and pay it myself. However, I will be accepting donations from anyone who feels sorry for me (or wants to fish with me again - ahem... Josh).

With my mind concerned about financing the DNR donation, I forgot all about the upcoming test I had neglected to study for. The only thing I could do now was pray, that through some sort of divine intervention, I passed the test. Lying in bed that night I could hear that same little voice that talked to me before, saying "Ds get degrees and you might as well tax deduct your donation."

### Weekend Weather Outlook

Friday: Morning showers.  
High: 71 Low: 47

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Scattered T-storms.  
High: 66 Low: 55

Sunday: Scattered T-storms.  
High: 75 Low: 54



# Amazing Alaskan adventure - The grand finale

Hilary Bulger  
OUTDOORS REPORTER



For our last section we kayaked on the Prince William Sound from Cordova to Whittier with a stop in Valdez. The summer was flying by, we only had one section to go...

July 29 - 8 miles - It's our first day on the Prince William Sound. I can't believe our final section has begun, it's so sad. P.S. Lots of fish sightings - looks like promising food opportunities. Yum. ~ Sam

July 30 - Layover Day - We practiced wet exits, which most folks seemed to think were pretty fun. I caught a big ol' salmon yesterday! YAY! It was awesome. ...Leah brushed a jellyfish when we were doing wet exits but fortunately did not die. Hurricane Craig was at all force during some of the paddle float re-entries, but again, thankfully no one was hurt. ...The tide is really intriguing to me as I have never really experienced it. Fourteen-and-a-half feet tonight - our highest of the section I believe. ~ Hilary

July 31 - 12 miles - It was a wonderful day here in Prince William Sound. We feasted our eyes on starfish - oh sorry, sea stars, jellyfish, salmon jumping to and fro, and Matt and Hilary saw a shark. I wasn't there but I'm sure Matt had some sort of seizure which is always amusing. This place never ceases to amaze me. You walk through five feet of brush and you are in a whole other moss-filled universe and it really does look like Fern Gully. Absolutely beautiful. ~ Leah

August 1 - 12 miles - We rounded our first big point, Gravina Point. Conditions were pretty windy and wary as we lay exposed to the sea opening up to the south of us. Seasickness found several of us. ~ Elsie

August 2 - 18 miles - As we watched a bear, a whale came up beneath our boats. There we watched rocks slip by under piney trees and kelpy stones. Topless weather and bustling salmon found themselves between a redhead and Knowles Head. I peed four times in a jug. ~ Evan

August 3 - 13 miles - Campsite NW side of Two Moon Bay, around Porcupine Pt. Student leaders starting tomorrow. Great waters today. Very beautiful as usual.

~ Allison

August 4 - 12 miles - We left Two Moon Bay this morning with a big crossing across Fidalgo Bay. ...We spotted some whales breaching, sweet! ...came around a point and saw the Alutic village of Totitlek. ~ Matt

August 5 - Matt and Sam found an island. They named it S & M Island. There was a sea lion there. ...Everyone is being silly. Swanny is ticklish. Sam is good at backrubs. Leah has red head. Head lamps are fun. We only have two weeks left. Crazy. ~ Hilary

August 6 - 13 miles - It started as a beautiful sunny day, small crossings, range lines, and generally a good time being had by all. ...At one memorable beach found a waterfall to stand under to wash their smelly bodies, and do I mean smelly! ~ Dave [Kayaking Instructor]

August 7 - Layover Day in Valdez - The Valdez Challenge was on! Unfortunately Brian and I got separated within the first hour, so I spent the rest of the day exploring the town the way I like best - alone. ...It was a fantastic day with lots of learning and sunflower seeds. ~ Evan

August 8 - 16 miles - Happy Birthday Allison! Sam and I almost got attacked by a pack of otters. No, seriously, they're evil at night - red eyes and sharp teeth. But they're real clumsy on land. There were about eight to 10 I'd say and they were plottin on us. ~ Ashley

August 9 - 10 miles - ...In the distance there were incredible views of Columbia Glacier. Lots of snow and we even began paddling by icebergs. ...Four of us went out at a time and worked on high and low braces and turns with them. Leah was the first to flip... ~ Tracy

August 10 - 11.5 miles - So August 10th was amazing. We started the day off with an iceberg-filled crossing to Glacier Island. We navigated through big icebergs and little 'bergs, blue 'bergs and white 'bergs... on the south side of Glacier Island we came upon a sea lion colony - all barking at one thing or another. ... We had a few friendly sea lions playing around our kayaks - jumping, splashing, flipping... Matt decided that a swim with the enormous creatures was necessary and went ahead and flipped his boat over. ~ Leah

August 11 - Layover Day - Oh and the day was: August-for-whale-breaching-the-amazing eleventh. Love is feeling the sun from both sides. ~ Sarah

August 12 - [We broke into two groups for three days, so the groups had different mile-



ages] - 27 miles - Sarah and I found one of the gates to hell. Yes, hell. Picture a glacier with a massive river rushing out of a cave. This river appears to be coming up, right out of the center of the earth, there is a waterfall, which looks backwards - as in going up, in the middle of the cave....And it's that weird twilight. It looked like nothing I could have ever imagined... ~ Hilary

August 13 - 13 miles - We saw at least a million salmon jumping, a hungry black bear, sea lions, and also a lost baby sea otter which was really cute....At approximately midnight the girls found out their tent was too low for high tide.

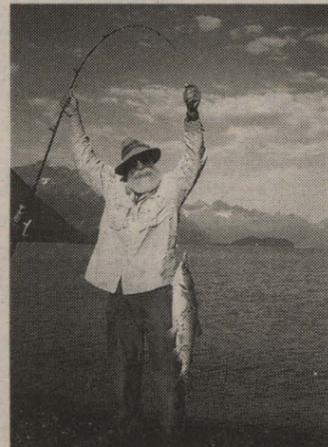
Ha ha. Good times. ~ Sam

August 14 - 17 miles - I freakin love this place! ... Met up with some sea lions and watched them play for twenty minutes. ...The view from here is great right now! Got to camp, swam in the bay for awhile, etc, ate dinner, watched Hilary freak out from eating Dave's Insanity Sauce, ouch. ~ Matt

August 15 - [Back together] - 15.5 miles - ...Reunited with the other group. Everyone was happy and excited and stories of adventure were shared. Glaciers, animal sightings, the hot sauce challenge, fishing in underwear, peeing in pants, etc. ~ Brian

This is where the group journal abruptly ends, leaving the last four days of our great adventure un-chronicled. Over the next four days we did another 36 miles for a grand summer total of 604 miles by my count. We had one last evening meeting the night before we had to leave

and I won't lie, there were definitely tears shed. There was also singing and story telling and remembering and learning and gaining new appreciation for the people we just spent the last 74 days with, complete strangers at the beginning. It was amazing, incredible, enchanting; there just aren't strong enough words within the realm of my knowledge. This is dedicated to the people I shared my summer with. I love you all.



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# Arts & Review

## Danstage: Ready to gear up

**Carmen Speich**

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

The hardwood is swept, the publicity is out, and the costumes are fitted, all just in time for the opening weekend of *Danstage*, the annual performance that showcases the talents of students and faculty alike.

UW-SP houses one of the finest dance programs in the Midwest, and this festival of what some might argue the finest of the arts is a rare opportunity to catch a glimpse of elite athletes in electric performances. Dance majors and non-majors alike will showcase a wide variety of work choreographed by faculty and select students. This year, even moreso than years past, offers a potpourri of styles sure to impress.

To start the evening, performers will take us back to the era of smoky Chicago blues as a dozen dancers tap to the fiery syncopation of blues artist Lucky Peterson. Next we will move from Chicago to the Grand Canyon, as acclaimed choreographer Ann Mosey combines danger and trust as an entanglement of symbolic dance. Then it's back to Chicago, but this time

it's swinging, not singing. Choreographer Jeannie Hill, who spent nearly a decade as a company member with Manhattan Tap, pulls from her background of directing and performing with Jump Rhythm Jazz Project and countless other endeavors including live theater and comedy to create this *Swing Thing* premiere.

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*The Fly's Lament*, created by student Amanda Doerr, has the prestige of being selected for *Danstage*, as does *Three Piece Suit(e)*, which features the unique talents of 11 male theater students as they portray the "normal" corporate

work day by bursting into dance with some coy 80's soundtracks. Following this crowd favorite is *Virtually There* by Professor Joan Carlen and *I've Got Your Number*, which serves as a homage to the "cool" jazz of the 50's.

*Leaving* explores more serious issues. Death is portrayed through the painful process of letting someone go. Choreographer Susan Gingrasso created the piece after her experience as a hospice caregiver, and set her piece to *The Song of the Lark*, composed by UW-SP music professor Charles Young.

Rounding out the evening is *New Funk Fo Ya*, staged by New York-based guest choreographer Patrick Strong.

This special event will be taking place two weekends only: May 6-8 and 12-14. Tickets are on sale through the University Box Office in the University Center. Cost is \$3.50 for students and \$13 for the general public.

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## Sci-fi fun brought to cinema life: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

**Blair Nelson**

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Starring Mos Def, Martin Freeman and Stephen Fry

Directed by Garth Jennings

Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman) pleads desperately for construction workers not to demolish his home, in order for a new hyperspace motorway to be built. He even lies down next to a bulldozer's forks, protesting. Should he be this dubious? Suddenly, an African American man shows up (Mos Def) with a shopping cart of beer, his mission apparently to take Arthur to a nearby English pub. As they walk back, the house is torn down piece by awful piece, a final wall falling with a thunderous roar. Arthur stands emasculated, hands spread to the heavens in a cry of "why!" Ford Prefect (Def) secures Arthur and points his thumb to the sky, and both men are whisked away. A moment later the Earth is completely annihilated with a small, rather silent, kaboom. Armageddon has reached its apex.

This isn't the plot of another disaster movie from Hollywood. Rather, it's the wonderfully bizarre territory of author Douglas Adams, creator of the famed and well-known sci-fi loaded *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Here it is turned into a feature film for the first time, (the mini-series came out in the early 1980s) and directed by newcomer Garth Jennings. The galaxy depicted is a strange, rather extraordinary one, filled with some weird if not amusing creatures, including the Volgans, tall blobs who speak in funny British accents, yet lack in poetry skills; then we have Marvin, (voiced by Alan Rickman) the manic-depressive creature shaped like a bloated letter "T"; and leading the pack is the president of the galaxy, Zaphod Beeblebrox, who speaks in Elvis tones and has an uncanny likeness to the lead singer of Nickelback. Luckily both are very funny, especially Sam Rockwell who plays the conceited Zaphod with smart intelligence for what he is, never making him dull for one second. Who knew the galaxy as we know

## Poetry Corner: Creative expression for the end of the semester

**Compiled by Rebecca Conn**

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

Poetry is an ancient and a noble artform, the perfect way to express one's deepest emotions and profoundest thoughts, as Mr. Craemer's piece shows, as well as reflect on the simple acts and pleasures of life, like the lessons Ms. Firkins shows us are to be learned from peeling and eating a mango. While I and *The Pointer* are saddened that so few poets submitted their work to this, the final issue of the 2004-05 school year, I am pleased and delighted with those who did submit, even if they exceeded the 15-line maximum. This is the last edition of *The Pointer* that I will serve as Arts and Review editor for, and I would like to thank not only these poets, but all my contributors from this semester for making my job fulfilling and fun. Enjoy the rest of the semester, and the summer too.

Excerpts from *My Soul has been Told: String Theory in the Western Universe*  
by Kyle Z. Craemer

Part 4: *Equations For Primal Regression*

My Hedonist's Heaven cannot be hurled

Still lambasted, sensual  
visions buffet my world

That is a promise! But it's  
inlaid and pearled.

In a story, all that is keep-  
ing me sane

But self-torture and chas-  
tisement; guilty remains

Of a Soul on trial: My  
earthly domain of chains

Cannot be transcended,  
thus my agony inflames

My tragedy, a Prisoner of  
my own Reality: Not a fallacy

Now, sheared, the chains  
fall

My victory! I heard the  
Truth in the Call

In forgiveness there can  
be bliss

And now that Snake,  
again, with a horrible hiss

"You can have no forgive-  
ness; you are no better with  
this."

Part 6: *Sweet Masquerade:  
The Din of Sin*

But Brightest Sun did set,  
and rising up twenty leagues  
The Mountain grew shad-  
ows and ravenous wings

As those glistening black  
feathers fanned flaming coals  
of desire Necro Kings of Un-

Universe did smell the fresh  
fire

They rushed with their  
tumultuous, tempestuous  
hordes

An ominous, foreboding  
sense of doom and forlorn

So deep and Soul feared I  
did hear a minor key's chords

Under the surface of Un-  
Reward: A landscape of tricky  
trap doors

I turned to run, and so  
stepping, did straightaway  
fail

Down the hallway, actu-  
ally a tunnel, a spillway of  
lord Ba'al

I slipped and I slid and  
grabbed right by the Grail

Reaching out, I did claw,  
holding fast with my nails.

As I surveyed my new  
position, like Life on a String

In darkness, I beheld many  
more disturbing, uncomfort-  
ing things.

I looked up with many  
smiles, but sadly My Beings

Where not lined up, nor  
fetal, in The Light I was see-  
ing.

*The Last Time I Ate a  
Mango Was Too Long Ago*  
by Kelly Firkins

When holding a mango in  
my hand I feel powerful yet  
I am reminded of the  
importance of being gentle.

When peeling a mango I  
feel anticipation but  
I am reminded of the  
importance of being patient.

When biting into a mango  
I feel my animal instincts  
escaping  
through the sweet juice  
that runs

and dances down  
my chin.

I am reminded of my  
humanness by the urge to  
wipe my face,  
the importance of being  
clean.

My hands reach towards  
my face to wipe it off  
when all of a sudden I  
take another bite of that ten-  
der-oh-so-sweet-magnificent  
mango.

My animal instincts win  
as I let the fluidity of the  
mango fly off of my face,  
drip down my arms  
to meet my elbows  
and then jump to  
the ground.

I am reminded of the  
importance of simple plea-  
sures.

## What's going on in the Centercase?

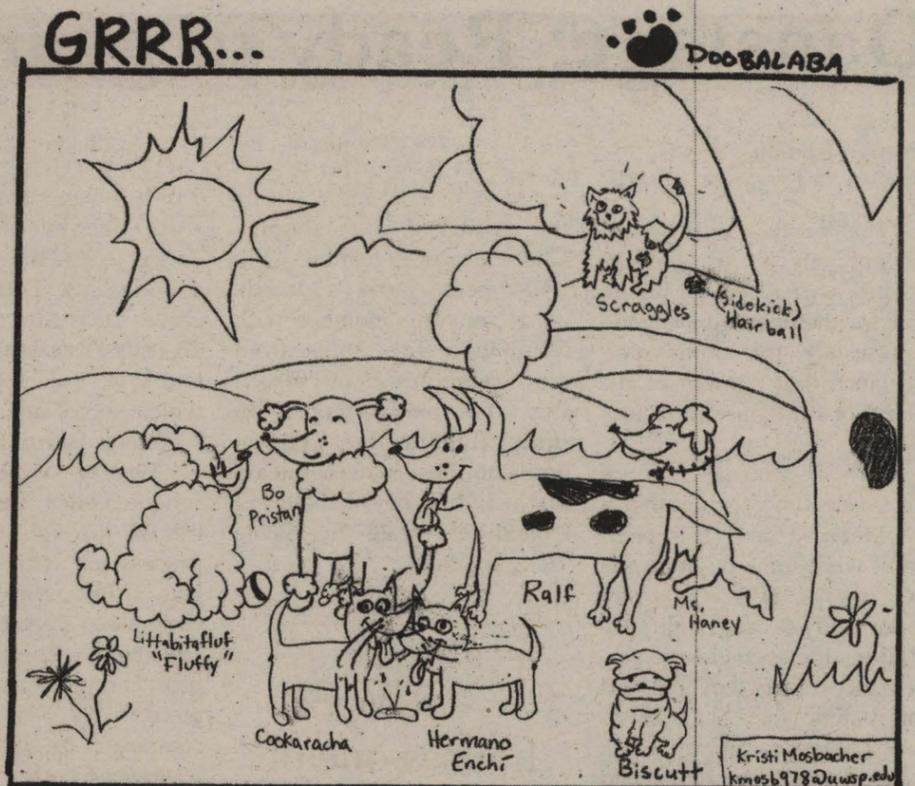
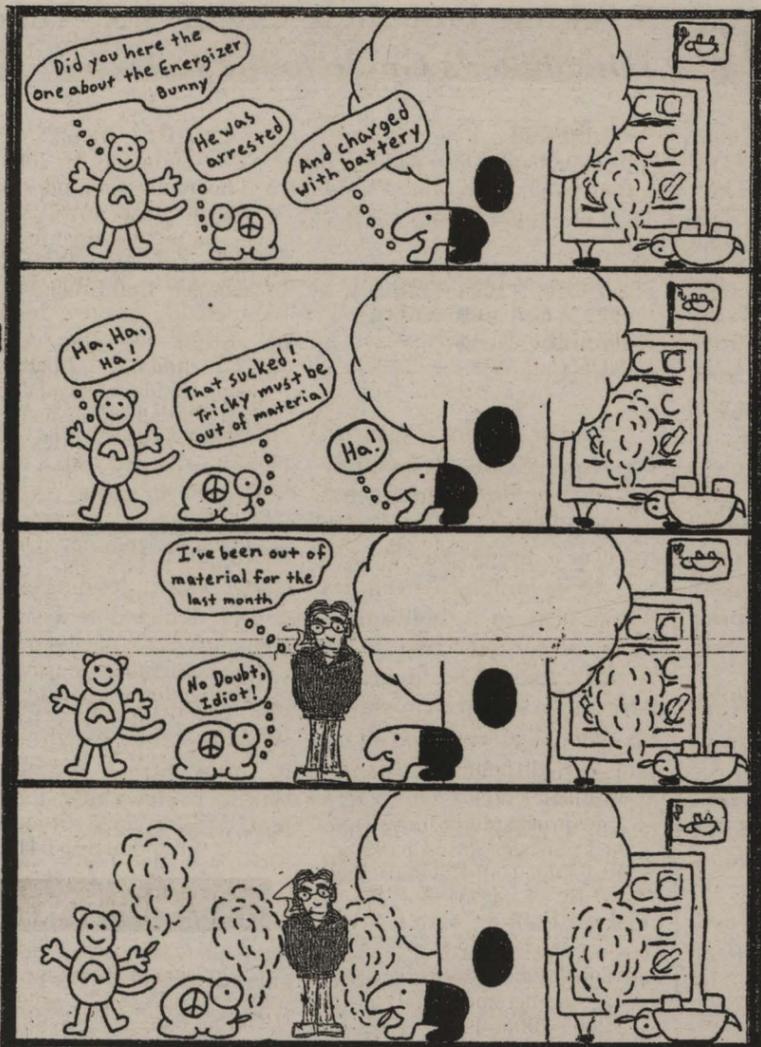
**Angela Leong**

ARTS AND REVIEW CONTRIBUTOR

Centercase is proud to present a living art exhibition entitled *I Have to Do*. This exhibition consists of students performing contemporary movements inside the exhibition case. Various artistic performances are arranged for onlookers this week, May 2 - 6, 2005 at the University Center - Lafollette Lounge.

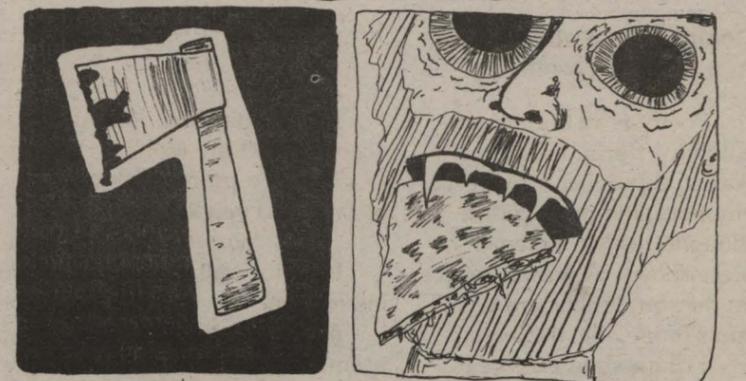
Make sure you don't miss this interesting and excited living art event! Performances include a conceptual self-portrait by Eva Heule and Celia Menz, a combination of visual performance, painting and music by Paul Scharfenberger and Tyler Ross, hysterical contemporary movements and visual performance by Ryan Gerlach, Justin Andrew, Ben Hacker and John Anderson and more visual performances by Joel Hueber, Justin Boehm, Jennifer Wojczak, Jeremy Dehnel and Justin Ehrhardt. These performance events are made possible by Greg Diekroeger, supervisor of Centertainment Productions, and Ron Stregel, director of Multicultural Affairs.

I've seen a million faces and I've rocked them all!

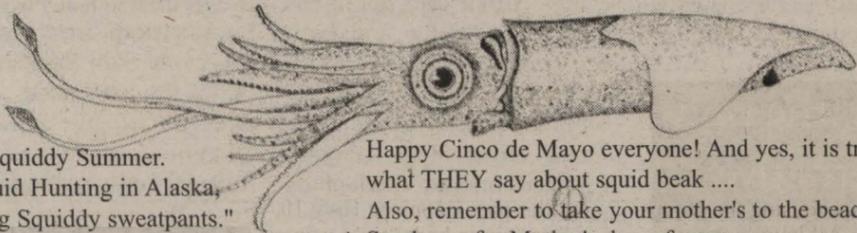


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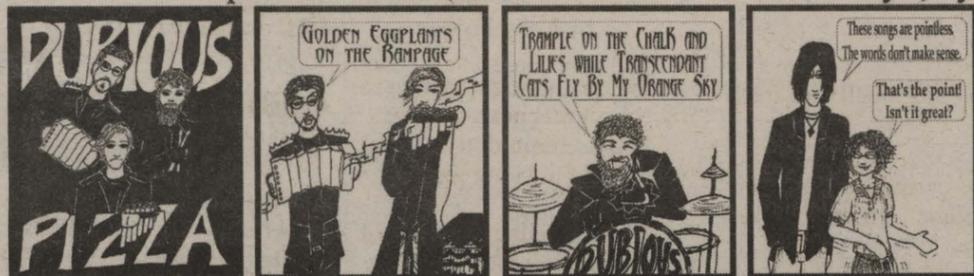
Happy Squiddy Summer. Stop Squid Hunting in Alaska, buy "Hug Squiddy sweatpants."



Happy Cinco de Mayo everyone! And yes, it is true what THEY say about squid beak .... Also, remember to take your mother's to the beach on Sunday ... for Mother's day, of course.

**Resident's Evil: Special Year-End Edition**

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## HOUSING

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# Director of *Super Size Me* at wellness conference

**Jessica Sword**  
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

Up for a seven hour walk? That's what it will take to burn off the amount of calories in a super-sized Coke, Fry and Big Mac. This is just one of the chilling facts the summer documentary, *Super Size Me*, has revealed to fast food-indulgent Americans.

Award-winning writer, director and producer of the film, Morgan Spurlock has dedicated his time to promoting public discussion on the issues of nutrition and obesity throughout the country. On Thursday July 14, Spurlock will be the closing keynote at the 30th Annual Wellness Conference held on the UW-SP campus. The speech is free to the public.

The conference, started by Bill Hettler, M.D., director of University Health Services at UW-SP, is in its 30th year and runs from July 9-14. Hettler finds the conference as a way to bring together a group of professionals to build a network of their knowledge in

the health promotion field.

This year's theme, "Putting Wellness to Work," applies the wellness vision at home, work and in the community. Wellness and health promotion professionals are to model their presentations on creative and innovative methods that encourage healthy living and positive behavioral change.

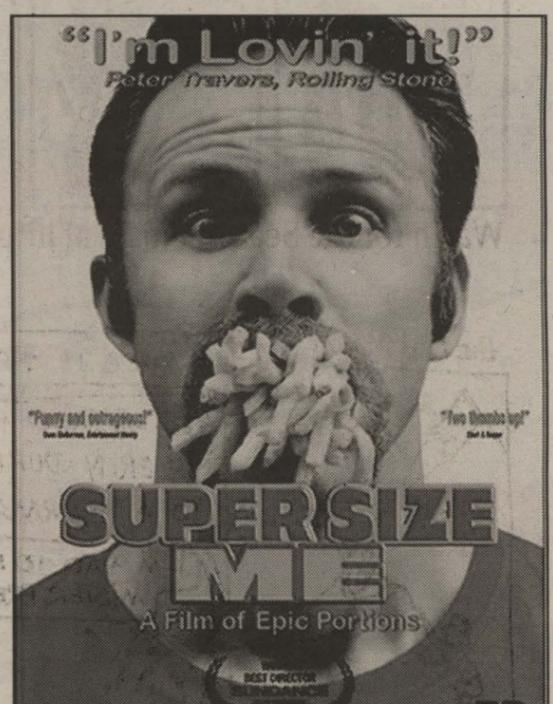
Other keynote speakers include Jana Stanfield and Crystal Kuykendall. Stanfield's music has been featured on 20/20, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Oprah* and the movie *8 Seconds*. Her compositions are described as "psychotherapy you can dance to." Kuykendall is the acclaimed author of the bestseller *Hope to Rage 11*, and has served as the executive director of the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Over 1,200 health and wellness advocates participate in the conference annually. There are more than 200 innovative programs to educate and share ideas in the health and wellness field. Some breakout sessions

include Worksite Wellness, Elementary Education, Coaching and Nursing.

The National Wellness Conference also offers UW-SP health promotion students to participate in a work study program. This program includes participating in the conference's operations. Those students selected are eligible for special registration packages to the conference. For more information call the National Wellness Institute at 800-243-8694.

Morgan Spurlock's keynote on Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. is sponsored by the Wausau Heart Institute and the Cardiovascular Research and Education Foundation (CaRE). To receive tickets call the Aspirus Information Center at 800-847-4707.



*Super Size Me* was nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary film of 2004 and is on more than 35 top 10 Critic's Lists.

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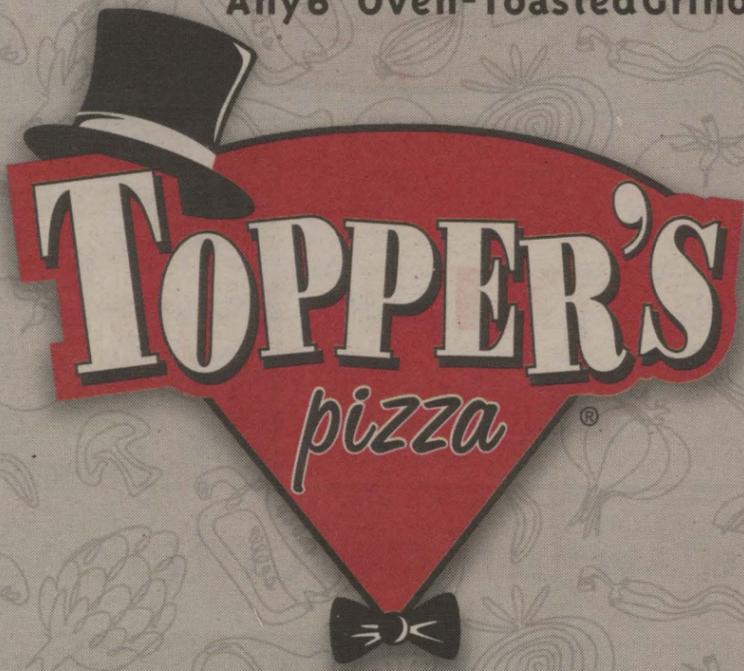
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