

Students rally to support hurricane relief

Brandi Pettit NEWS REPORTER

Not since 9/11 has the country rallied around such devastation in gallant fashion. Many students and local supporters came to show support for victims of Hurricane Katrina on Wednesday in the sundial.

Chancellor Bunnell began the evening with a few remarks as she thanked the people in help turn the tragedy into a positive experience.

"These are the times that try men's souls," she said.

Mayor Gary Wescott was the evening's Master of Ceremonies. He understands concerns regarding the community's disaster plans, but promises that the city is on top of things.

'We all assume that during an emergency, these folks

attendance and asked them to (firemen and police) will be up and running real quick. We should have learned that lesson in New York. The operational plan we have now is... a huge book."

Katrina was a massive storm that started small but grew to a deadly Category 4 hurricane when it made landfall near Buras, La. on Aug. 29, covering lower New Orleans in 8 feet of water in only three hours.

Rescue efforts were slow, but hundreds of thousands were eventually relocated to shelters in states from as close as Texas, to as far away as Boston, California, and even Stevens Point and Marshfield.

Many ways to get involved were showcased during the rally.

Casey Gauthier, a member of Association for Community Tasks (ACT), said they are planning a trip to Mississippi during winter break.

"The Red Cross doesn't know what we'll be able to do in four months," she said.

Mae Nachmen of the local Red Cross says that in times of disaster, "The university is always one of the first to call



Photo by Mae Wernicke

victims. Both were upset by the destruction of Katrina, and Pete feels Katrina's wrath can also be felt here in Wisconsin.

"Gas prices are too high, it sucks," he said.

Coriey Evans, vice president for the Black Student Union (BSU) is happy with the people who came to the rally, and Evans believes the south will rebuild.

"But New Orleans will never be the same," he said.

For those interested in helping ACT, contact Gauthier at cgaut161@uwso.edu.



Photo by Mae Wernicke

Involvement Fair offers clubs, opportunities

By Jesse Stumbris NEWS REPORTER

Clubs and organizations at UW-SP officially kicked off the 2005-06 academic year with the annual fall involvement fair in the University Center on Tuesday.

The fair introduces students new and old to all of

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the organizations looking to increase their membership numbers.

Indeed, there is something for everyone including outdoor activities, cultural awareness, health education, volunteering, and much more.

Many of the organizations offered prizes and candy to grab the attention of interested students while others used

visuals.

A few booths displayed video footage of the club in action - including the women's rugby team who played a video of the team to help ease uncertainties about the sport.

UWSP senior Haley Mueller of the Sign Language Club informed her audience of the Christmas carols that the club performs and the hopes

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of performing other holiday songs - entirely in sign language

and ask, 'How can we help?'"

Cross is assisting 21 displaced

families. Nachmen said vol-

unteers are needed, but dona-

tions are always welcome. You

can reach the local Red Cross

included the vocal music

program, the Matt Buchman

Group, and Voices of Worship

Amber Tritz also came down to

show their support for Katrina

Pete Levendowski and

Musical entertainment

Currently the local Red

she said

at 344-4052.

Gospel Choir.

'Hopefully, we'll be able to take a trip to the School of the Deaf at Delevan," Mueller said.

The Sports Medicine Team had several representatives at their table.

Senior Dusty Lang, president of the team, was quick to introduce himself and explain the various volunteering opportunities and fundraising efforts that the club takes part to the fair knowing exactly what interested them. Juniors June Flick and Jamie Bruley, who volunteer in their spare time, had just moved into the area and were looking for various volunteering organizations. Freshman Pui Shan Chung visited the Chinese Culture Club.

Chung said her favorite booth was the snake display downstairs.

The students were generally satisfied with the approach and orderliness of the fair. Senior Jeremy Shute explained that with so many clubs, the fair was essential because, "it makes the countless groups here more manageable and accessible to the students."

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Fast changing leaves due to drought-like conditions. See page 9

in throughout the year.

Senior Carley Garrett of the Student Health Promotion Office stood and offered program guides to interested students and a brief description of an intensive training program for incoming students. The club also helps students who might be feeling the pressure of college life.

"We offer one-on-one student behavior facilities," Garrett said.

The fair attracted students of all backgrounds and ages. Some of the students came

Sophomore Matt Schreiber appreciated how the organizations took the time to publicize themselves.

As for his favorite part of the fair:

"Well, I enjoyed all the free stuff," Schreiber answered. "College kids love the free stuff."

Renovated DeBot opens to rave reviews

Hilary Bulger

After months of renovation, the Elizabeth Pfiffner DeBot Center celebrated its grand opening on Monday.

Chancellor Linda Bunnell, who was in attendance for the ing is much more inviting.

"The dining room feels spacious and it feels so much brighter ... and I really like the seal," she said of the large UW-SP seal that graces the center of DeBot.

Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, University Center's director,

ceremony, said the new build- repeated the same sentiments as Bunnell about her observations of the new facility:

> "It's beautiful," she said. "The colors are gorgeous."

Whistles sounded as students were selected to win mugs, T-shirts, backpacks, and other prizes while free ice cream and punch were served

outside the main doors.

A live band, karaoke, an I-Pod giveaway and also a dedication by the chancellor comprised the list of events at the student meal center.

In the chancellor's dedication, she recognized many. people involved in the process including the architects,



contractors, the defender staff, the UC maintenance staff, Chartwells, the UC administrative staff, and several others.

Chancellor Bunnell then announced that she believes the project has accomplished its goal of not only modernizing DeBot, but also offering more dining and seating options.

Bunnell said the biggest challenge regarding the renovation was the time factor.

"A lot of people worked very hard to get this done on time," she said.

Comments received from students were generally positive, mostly regarding the generally brighter and more inviting appearance.

One senior stated that the ceiling design may be a little excessive and did not like standing in line, though overall said it was clean, nice, and a positive change.

SGA Corner

UC Renovation- Student Decision to close rather than phase

The UC renovations project was approved and fully funded by the Student Senate body last year and we are now in the planning stage.

This summer, architects of the UC renovations project offered students the option of closing the UC rather than phasing during renovations. Unfortunately, the discussion had to happen by mid-August in order to plan the construction on time. So as President, I gathered as many student representatives as were available to help make this decision while the student body was away for the summer.

I, along with the students and SGA members who havebeen involved in this issue, met with the architects and committee chairs and took the time to carefully weigh the pros and cons of each option. We have come to the conclusion that closing is the best option for students.

Here is why:

1) Closing the UC will COST STUDENTS \$1.5-\$2 million LESS than phasing. This will be reflected by a decrease in the renovation fee added to our segregated fees each semester.

2) Closing the UC means CONSTRUCTION WILL END at least ONE SEMESTER EARLIER than phasing. The architects predict that the UC will only be unavailable for one academic year, instead of interrupting two years of ourtime here.

If we had chosen to phase, only 20-25% of the building would be available at any one time. That space will be mostly taken up by the bookstore and only basic food service- there wouldn't be the Pointer, Spoon, and Brewhaus like there is now. There would be very little (if any) meeting and office space available. There would be unscheduled outages of power and water, as well as disruptive construction noises. The vast majority of student orgs would have to move their offices during renovation no matter if we phased or closed.

Whether we phased or closed, the UC would be virtually unusable. While closing sounds shocking to most people at first, by doing so we get the benefits paying less and getting the UC finished sooner without much more inconvenience than we would already experience.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

During the course of this year, there will be exploratory and planning committees where students will need to be involved in order to ensure the best student service during renovations. We will need to plan alterative study space, decide how to provide more food service, and brainstorm problems we predict will arise during the year-long closing, and we want your ideas.

Please contact us if you would like to be included in an ongoing renovations committee decisions or you can also simply volunteer as opportunities are posted and announced.

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Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Your College Survival Guide:

By Pat "Rothfuss With help from the Mission Coffee House

Dear Pat Rothfus,

I'm a freshman here at UWSP and one of the girls across the hall told me I should send an e-mail to you and ask you a question. She wouldn't tell me anything else, like who the hell you are, or WHY I should ask you a question, or what sort of question I should ask.

But honestly, I'm bored out of my skull right now. I don't know anybody here. I've seen my roommate like, three times, and two of those were her kicking me out of the room so she could have some "personal time" with her boyfriend. Since I've got nothing better to do, why not send a complete stranger an e-mail?

That girl just came out of her room again, (I can't remember her name and she doesn't have it up on her door yet.) I asked her what sort of question I should ask. She said, "Something about surviving college." Then her roommate said, "You're having her e-mail Rothfus?" then they both busted up laughing and wouldn't tell me anything else except that I should send it out.

I don't have a question about surviving college. I don't know enough about college yet to know what sort of question to ask. So I guess I'll just ask "Why should I ask you a question? Who the hell are you?"

That's it. Let me in on the joke. Are you some sort of Oracle or something? Or is this some sort of hazing they put all new students through? I hope you're not a pervert or that girl's ex-boyfriend or something.

Bored in Baldwin

Well BIB, thanks for the letter. I've got some bad news and some good news. Let's get the bad news done first. It's easier that way, like tearing off a band-aid.

This IS a sort of hazing. And I am, in fact, a pervert according to most of the dictionary definitions. (http://tinyurl. com/bfkpv) Too bad for you, I guess that's what you get for mindlessly giving in to peer pressure, eh?

The good news is that I'm an Oracle too. People write me with questions, and I give them advice. I'm like a superhero, and my power is that I can solve anyone's problem in 800 words or less.

Lastly, I don't THINK I'm your neighbor's ex-boyfriend. The

odds are against it. But if she's blonde and her name is Jessica, mention that her Love Wookie wants his stuff back. If she's confused by this, you can clarify that by "Love Wookie" I mean me, and by "stuff" I mean the Dave Mathews CD's, my zippo, and the red leather chaps. Now, on to your questions BIB. "Who the hell am I?" I am the guardian angel of all Stevens Point students. I was a student here for nine years, so I know all the ins and outs of the university system. I know all the tricks. "Why should I ask you a question?" Because I can help. Over the years, I've given advice about pretty much everything. I've done dream interpretation, offered schedule advice. I've helped with roommates,

Everything Sucks

jobs, classes, relationships, sexual Lego fantasies, pushy parents. Pretty much Everything.

That's why I know how to help you with your problem even though you didn't ask about it, BIB. Your real question is, "What can I do so that I'm not so bored, freaked out, and lonely here at UWSP?"

I'm guessing that you already know the typical answers to this question, Bib. The best way to meet people is to get out and get involved in the bajillion different activities the University has to offer. Get involved in a couple clubs, talk to the people in your dorm, go to house parties and throw up on an interesting-looking boy.

But you know all that, so I'll skip it. Here's the real advice.

For the most part, being a first semester Freshman Sucks. It sucks hard.

Chances are, you won't know anyone, you'll hate your roommate, you'll miss your high school friends, your parents, your pets. You'll be bored, lonely, lost, and all around disillusioned about the whole college experience.

Here's the key to getting through the Suck: recognize that it is a key piece of your first semester at college. It's perfectly normal, you just have to tough it out.

I remember my first semester here as a Freshman. I was living in Pray Sims on a floor full of Sophomores and Juniors. I knew two people, but I didn't know them well. My relationship with them was entirely comprised of nodding to them and saying, "hey" when I walked past them in the hall.

I didn't even have a roommate. While this might seem like a cool thing; it wasn't. Even if you hate your roommate because they drink your milk, leave their dirty socks out, and kick you out of the room so they can get groiny with their boyfriend, they're still one more person you're making a connection with on campus. Dealing with them toughens you up; it makes you a better person in the long run.

But I didn't even have that. After four weeks I was bored out of my goddamn mind. I was so bored that I did ALL my homework. I was so bored that my room was clean. I was so bored that I made lists of things to do, just so I could do them and then cross them off on the list.

Rock bottom for me was about 5 weeks into the semester. I remember laying in my loft, unable to sleep. I thought, "This sucks worse than anything ever. I don't know anyone here, and I never will. If I fell out of this loft and broke my neck and died, no one would notice until mybody started to reek."

Yeah, it's every bit as depressing as it sounds.

But it slowly got better. I got involved in a martial art and hooked up with a few people. Those friends introduced me to other friends. By the middle of second semester, I was busy enough to start neglecting my homework. Not long after that I started kicking my new roommate out of the room, for reasons I'm sure you're familiar with.

So don't worry, all you Freshmen. Everything sucks now, but it gets better. Trust me. What's more, if you e-mail me with the occasional question, I'll help you through the rough spots, or at least mock you in a vaguely humorous way and distract you from the unbearable shittyness of your life.

Don't lie to yourself. You're in desperate need of advice. Mail Pat Rothfuss at proth@wsunix. wsu.edu

For being the first letter of the year BIB gets a \$10.00 Gift certificate to our sponsor: The Mission Coffee House. Conveniently located downtown, right across from Shopko, The Mission is the place to go to if you want to get your caffeine on.

Just a hop, skip, and jump from campus, it's got some great shows every weekend. And for you freshmen like BIB, you don't have to be 21 to get in. Or, if you are 21, you can go and get liquored up to your heart's content. Y'know, if that's what makes you happy.

This week on Friday the 16th The Deadlies are showing up with some Progressive Jam Rock. While on Saturday Meteah Strike, the Browns, and Response are bringing around some emo/aggro/ indi/pop. Five bucks at the door.

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Kandice Paape, So. Early Childhood Ed. "I think it's a waste of money to buy jeans that already have holes in them."

How do you feel about the current trend of people wearing jeans with prefabricated holes in them?

Photos by Mae Wernicke

Pointer Poll



Will Barnett, Jr. Environmental Ed. "I think I should go into the jeans business and put holes in jeans and sell them for \$50 instead of \$12."



Corey Scharrer, Jr. CIS/Psychology "This is a dangerous, slippery slope. Next we'll have vintage-fit holey underwear. Disgusting!"

Pointlife

For the freshmen: "Getting to know you"

Aaron Hull THE POINTER

It's a much-exhausted line, but truer words were never spoken: It's not what vou know, but who you know. This has probably been drilled into your head for years, but you may never have given it much thought. I certainly didn't, until I started applying for internships and looking into graduate programs and potential employers.

Only then did the wisdom of this old adage gradually come to light. References (from employers, professors, and others whom I've come to know over the past four years) quickly assumed a greater role in determining my future than I ever anticipated. Make no mistake about it: The associations you form over the next four to five years are in all likelihood some of the most important ones you have made, and will make, for a good long while.

Now it's all well and good to stay chummy with your advisor and BS with your profs after class now and then. There is, however, an association you ought to form over

the course of the coming years which is far more important than any others you will make during this time. And that association is with yourself. What's that? You already have a strong working relationship with yourself? Well, congratulations! You're a novelty. You're one of the blessed few who truly know and understand themselves. In that case, read no further. And maybe reconsider your decision to attend college altogether.

Despite all the hype about the market value of a college degree, the average wage differential between college grads and those who've called it quits with their high school diplomas, a university education is, I believe, first and foremost an opportunity for exploration. And exploration of a particular kind. True, you'll be exploring many worlds here: the intellectual, the social, the vocational, and (depending, probably, on the social) the legal and the sexual. But fundamentally what you'll be engaging in is exploration of the most necessary - and, I'd say, practical - kind: that of yourself.

this, you ask? Well, it goes without saying that to in order to really grow, you ought to spend at least some of your time engaged in quiet selfreflection. But not too much. The danger here, especially for you as a freshman, is that you'll spend an unhealthy amount of time caged up in your dorm room, lights out, computer screen aglow, chatting and blogging with the other toad-like wretches who've found a new home on the Net.

Or maybe you'll just spend a lot of time contemplating the mysterious contents of your new roommate's mountains of Tupperware containers. In either case, you'll be withdrawing into yourself to the point of atrophy. No, best not to spend too much time "finding yourself" right off the bat. There's always the danger of losing yourself in the process. Much better to discover yourself by discovering others, and making only occasional dates with yourself.

If you missed the Involvement Fair last Tuesday, you may not be aware of the plethora of campus and com-How do I go about doing munity organizations which exist. I was one of the representatives for The Pointer, at Booth #7, and after my shift was up I strolled through the UC, making an effort to stop at nearly every booth to talk briefly to each organization's representatives. I couldn't do it! In more than an hour of walking and talking, I still had to rush through the last thirty or so booths in order to make it to the 100s before they packed up.

In that time I spoke to representatives from, among numerous others, both the prolife and pro-choice groups, the pre-med, pre-vet, and pre-law societies, Habitatfor Humanity, Hmong and Southeast Asian American Club, Herpetology Club (where I was accosted by a rather large snake), Jaycees, numerous Greek organizations, International Club, SGA, Ecological Council, Sigma Tau, English Club, Barney Street, the College Republicans, a brand-new Anime club (where artist/cartoonist Roger Wang drew a remarkably accurate (if rather effeminate) version of yours-truly, and (my personal favorite) the Dancers of Shaharazad (belly-dancers!). And all I could think was: I've wasted my college years.

What I'm really getting at here, in a roundabout fashion, is this: GET INVOLVED!!! And don't be afraid to try lots of new things! This is, just as They say, really the last time in your life when you'll have almost limitless opportunities to do just that. Think of yourself as the guinea pig/ mouse/rat/chinchilla (choose your rodent) and UWSP as the laboratory.

This isn't a perfect analogy, of course, because, in large part, you also get to be the guy in the white coat who chooses which tests to run. In any case, neither role you play here is privy to the outcome of the experiment. So, you captained the cheerleading squad and sat on prom court in high school? You just might join Falcon's Gate and sit on SGA's Parking Committee. Maybe you earned solid C's your senior year. There's a chance you'll leave UWSP summa cum laude.

That's the great thing about college. It's your first real chance to start anew and get to know who you really are. Or choose who you want to be.

"English types" raise funds for hurricane victims

Aaron Hull THE POINTER

Say what you will about the impracticality of English majors. When it comes to helping those in need, they really know how to pull together to make a difference. Case in point: UWSP's English Club has teamed up with the Psi Beta chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, to help provide relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The two organizations are collecting money and items through Sept. 23. All proceeds from fundraising, and all cash collected, will be donated to the American Red Cross to benefit the hurricane victims. Items collected will be auctioned off on eBay.

majors here, while simultaneously doing something to make the world slightly better."

Drews was traveling when Katrina initially struck the Gulf Coast.

"We were stuck in an RV for weeks and had no idea what was going on," she said.

She only learned of the tragedy after glancing at the front page of a newspaper

It hits you, seeing people

This isn't the first time English Club and Psi Beta have worked together to benefit others. Last spring, the two organizations joined to stage a poetry workshop for children at the Stevens Point Housing Authority's Homework Center. Aided by the UW-SP English department and some grant money from Sigma Tau Delta, they were able to publish a chapbook of student poems and donated books of poetry to the center.

"The hurricane relief project is just another small way of giving back," Scarborough said. "We're privileged to be earning degrees at this university. Much has been given to us and we have a responsibility to give ourselves, even when we don't have that much." Items for auction can be dropped off at the English Office, Room 486 in the Collins Classroom Center through Friday, Sept. 23. For those interested in volunteering, there will also be a booth in the UC Concourse on Monday, Sept. 19 and Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The relief project is the brainchild of Psi Beta President Mark Scarborough and English Club President Jennifer Drews.

"During our first day back to classes," said Scarborough, "Jen and I brainstormed about a semester kickoff activity that the English Club and Sigma Tau Delta could do together, letting the rest of the campus know there were still English losing everything."

outside a McDonald's. The news struck her hard.

"It hits you, seeing people losing everything," she said. "It makes you want to cry. It makes you want to do something."

Scarborough said he was "emotionally battered" by the destruction left in the wake of Katrina's path.

"Jen and I felt that if we could do something kind for the victims of the hurricane, no matter how small, we should do so," he said.



Science, Health & Technology Blood drive coming to the Laird Room

Donate a pint and save a local life

Joe Pisciotti THE POINTER

Want to save a life or two? Want some free food? Got an hour to spare?

If you nodded when you read any of the above questions then you might want to consider showing up to the Laird Room on Monday, Sept. 26 or Tuesday, Sept. 27 to donate some of your lifesaving blood to people who need it.

On both days from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. BloodCenter of Wisconsin and a number of volunteers will be on hand to collect blood that will be used throughout Central Wisconsin.

> "When you donate

blood with BloodCenter of Wisconsin," said Todd Abner, director of Donor Recruitment, 'you keep blood flowing throughout the community and contribute to a safe, continuous supply of blood to meet patient needs in area hospitals."

The process of donating is simple and quite painless. When you arrive you are handed a packet of registration materials to look over and are asked a set of questions to find out if you qualify to be a donor.

If you qualify you are given a mini-physical by trained professionals. Among other things, they test your blood to make sure your iron levels are sufficient.

If you pass your physical then you can donate blood.

They only take one pint of blood -- out of the 10 to 12 that your body holds -- as you lounge back on a chair and relax

Each step in the donation process takes about 10 minutes. Afterwards comes the reward: a veritable feast of food and beverages to recuperate with, including pizza and subs.

Anyone 17 or older weighing more than 110 pounds can be a potential donor. For a smooth donation process, there are a few things you should know before you go.

Are you feeling healthy on the day of the donation? Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should forgo donating.

"If you wake up with sore throat you can't a donate," said Vicki Bohman,

Account Representative with BloodCenter of Wisconsin. "It will make patients sick."

Recent rule changes now allow people with tattoos to donate regardless of when the tattoo was drawn, as long as it was done by an artist licensed in the state of Wisconsin.

Travel outside of the U.S. in the past year is the most likely reason a potential donor would be deferred from donating, said Bohman, depending on which country the donor has visited. BloodCenter staff will help recent travelers determine if they are eligible to donate.

Be sure to bring a picture ID such as a driver's license or student ID. If you've donated before, you can simply bring your BloodCenter donor card. Finally, make sure that you are well hydrated before donating. Drink lots of water and eat a healthy meal in the morning. It's also a good idea to drink plenty of fluids the day before donation. If you are properly hydrated the donation process will be easier for everyone.

Individuals can donate blood once every 56 days. The next BloodCenter campus blood drive will be on Dec. 8 in Pray-Sims Hall.

The blood drive is being sponsored by Association for Community Tasks and is open to students and the general public. Appointments and inquiries can be made by calling toll-free 1-888-310-7555. Sign-up sheets will also be posted in the University Center. Walk-ins are also welcome at any time.

Library roof goes green

Adam Rodewald SCIENCE REPORTER

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) looks the same as always when observed from ground level, but looking at the building from a different angle may reveal something new: a "green roof."

The University Sustainability Committee along with Facility Services installed the first green roof in central Wisconsin this past June, located on the east side of the LRC's second floor.

"It's neat because the roof is only visible from second floor on up but not from the ground level," said Sara Windjue, resource specialist for the environmental education group KEEP (K-12 Energy Education Program).

Larry Beck, director of Facility Services, commented, "This is so nice. You go to the second floor of the library and it is looking right at you. It's eye-catching, I think."

A Green Roof is a roof

the plants on the roof.

Another benefit of the new roof includes protection from outside elements. It acts as insulation to reduce heating and cooling costs and muffle outside noise pollution. The roof also helps reduce maintenance costs and creates an aesthetically appealing environment.

garden. In time, the vegetation grows thick enough to hide the trays.

ed system," explained Beck. "I guess typically first you need a waterproof membrane, then a root-barrier so roots can't go through the roof."



Photo by UWSP News Services

"The library staff said they could notice the difference right away in the morning," said Beck. "We know it's a step in the right direction. The idea for building a green roof was introduced to the University Sustainability Committee two years ago by a student. The committee then brought it up with Beck and Facility Services.

Five different drought tolerant plants are used in the green roof and are estimated to become self-sustaining within

Get to know the Allen Center and get free stuff

Press Release

Where do I go to get a good workout without lifting all free weights? Where can I get a relaxing massage or learn about stress-relieving techniques? Where can I rent a bicycle, canoe/kayak, or outdoor gear?

If you find yourself asking these questions then you obviously don't know about the Allen Center. During the week of Sept. 19 the Allen Center is having daily prizes and promotions to help students become aware of what the facility has to offer.

Located directly behind Smith and Roach Halls, the Allen center is home to the Cardio Center, Outdoor EdVentures, Student Health Promotion Office, Mind and Body Connections, and

Mind and Body Connections, located at the desk of the Cardio Center, is a great place to receive relaxing massages.

Student Health The Promotion Office helps students live a healthy lifestyle by offering students different techniques to eat right and quit smoking.

Special activities are planned Monday through Friday in the Allen Center. There will be free T-shirts and water bottles for visitors taking tours. Feel free to bring a friend to the Cardio Center for free.

Other activities include free stress relief sessions at Student Health Promotion Office, free chair massages and paraffin hand dips by

"This is partially a patent-

system that utilizes plants to bring environmentally positive elements to a building. The no. 1 benefit of the system is that it collects rainfall and reduces runoff, flooding, and sewer overflow.

"Previously [the rain] went down the storm sewer, down the Wisconsin River, and eventually to the Mississippi River," said Beck. "It took all the waste off the roof with it, but now we can keep that here."

According to Beck, the green roof will retain up to 100 percent of a one-inch rainfall. That means 90 percent of rain each year will be absorbed by

"I was interested enough to follow through," said Beck. "It's just a good environmental practice and I think we need to showcase that when-

ever we can."

Several types of green roof systems exist, but the GreenGrid System was ultimately chosen. It consists of hundreds of trays laid next to each other making a grid-like

a year. In the meantime, members of KEEP have volunteered to water the garden.

"We want to make sure the campus is conserving energy, and a green roof is one way to do it," said Windjue.

Beck hopes to expand the green roof to the west side of the LRC in the future, but educating the public about its environmental benefits is his main priority.

"I think hopefully that every student who goes

through here knows what a green roof is by the time they graduate," Beck said.

Group Fitness. Each of these departments provides fun and healthy programs available to all students at UWSP.

The Cardio Center recently received six new Star Trac workout bikes -- four recumbent and two upright -- as well as four new FreeMotion machines, to provide a total workout circuit.

Outdoor EdVentures just received ten new Trek mountain bikes that will be free to rent during "Get to Know Allen Week." They will also have a huge gear sale of tents, bikes, sleeping pads, snowshoes, and ice skates.

Mind and Body, a campfire and smores by Outdoor EdVentures, and free snacks all week at various locations in Allen.

The Allen Center is a great facility for students to get involved, stay healthy, and explore the outdoors. For more information regarding daily activities and times, please visit www.uwsp.edu/ centers/cardiocenter/al.html or contact Stacey Duellman at 715-346-4271.

Sports

Hurricane brings hardships to big easy athletics

Steve Roeland THE POINTER

With all the damage and destruction that Hurricane Katrina brought to the Gulf Coast states of Louisiana and Mississippi, sports in that region should be the last thing on the minds of those affected. Still, athletic competitions can provide an escape from the horror and loss that many in those states endured.

The city of New Orleans was just one of the places affected by Mother Nature's fury two weeks ago. It was, however, the city with the most to lose in terms of sports.

One of the most awesome structures used to host sporting events is housed in New Orleans. The Louisiana Superdome became the beacon of hope for survivors of the storm, but quickly became a cesspool of despair and filth. The hurricane itself tore apart sections of the building's roof. The refugees housed there in the makeshift shelter, forced to live in the stadium without supplies for about a week, had no choice but to leave the Superdome in a landfill-like condition. The abuse endured by the Superdome during and after Katrina may cause the building to be completely

demolished.

The New Orleans Saints, who call the Superdome home, fought fatigue, emotion and a fierce Carolina Panthers squad to pull out a last-second 23-20 win on the road last Sunday. They will "host" their first contest on Monday, a game which will be played at the Meadowlands in New Jersey against the New York Giants. Other Saints home games will be played in Baton Rouge at Louisiana State University and in San Antonio, Texas at the Alamodome.

The extent of Hurricane Katrina's role in the 2005-06 Saints season can be felt locally as well. The executive vice president for the Saints is a graduate of Appleton West High School in Appleton, Wis., an hour drive from Stevens Point. Packer fans will also remember that Super Bowl XXXI was held at the Superdome on Jan. 26, 1997. In that game, the Green Bay Packers defeated the New England Patriots 35-21.

Packers quarterback Brett Favre is just one of the athletes in the NFL who called the Gulf Coast home. Favre lost his boyhood home in Kiln, Miss. and aided in relief efforts by sending generators and other supplies to the

area in the days following the storm. Favre was joined by other players hailing from the region like Steve McNair and Peyton Manning in urging for assistance in helping the survivors of the storm.

When tragedies of this magnitude occur, the best the human heart has to offer can be seen predominantly. Many athletes and franchise executives in all areas of the country have generously donated money and time to the victims of Katrina. Even UW-SP is offering assistance to anyone displaced by Hurricane Katrina and would like to continue their schooling.

While many college students - like me - are monetarily limited, those affected by the hurricane have lost all of their belongings. Not only is their money gone, but their homes, jobs, pets, friends and loved ones were lost in the surge of the storm, all of which we take for granted.

If you have the means, give what you can to the relief effort. Help our fellow brothers and sisters in the Gulf Coast get back the lives they so terribly lost.

Early season challenges help Pointers gain experience

Hilary Bulger THE POINTER

The women's soccer team opened the season with three non-conference road games, defeating University of St. Thomas 3-1, and then dropping games to Gustavus Adolphus College and nationally ranked Loras College. Though 1-2 is not how the Pointers would have liked to have started their season, seniors Erin Walsh and Tasha Fritsch said the early season, non-conference games are their chance to play highly competitive games, review game tapes, and correct their mistakes.

The mistakes appeared to have been corrected by Sunday, as the Pointers opened conference play with a 3-0 victory over UW-Platteville. The Pointers struck right away with an unassisted goal by Liz Kidd at 4:15 of the first half and left Platteville no time to recover as Gwen Blasczyk scored under a minute later, assisted by Walsh. Katie O'Leary capitalized on a penalty kick midway through the first half to boost the Pointer lead to three.

The WIAC, in which the Pointers have an incredible all-time record of 91-2-4, will be a lot tougher this year than in years past. UW-Oshkosh, UW-Lacrosse, and UW-Stout should all be challenging games - especially Stout, who handed the Pointers their only conference loss last season. The Pointers are also looking forward to two non-conference games against very tough opponents - the University of Chicago and defending National Champions Wheaton College.

Fritsch and Walsh, as seniors on a team with a lot of new starters, say their team focuses are on firing up the younger players on the squad and leaving a lasting impression of the team's goals and work ethic. Walsh's focus as a senior is, "to stay injury free, I had a bad season last year. I want to leave this team on a good note." Fritsch is concentrating on "working hard every day and passing the tradition along ... so they want to be like us."

Up next for the Pointers is a non-conference game at Lawrence University in Appleton this Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Home Opener and Parents' Day is this Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. against nonconference opponent Carroll College.

Senior on the Spot J.J. Chaudoir – Football

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

-Ranked third on team in tackles and second in interceptions in 2004

-Reached career high in tackles with 14 in season finale last year against UW-River Falls

-Collected nine tackles seven solo - in game against Linfield in 2004

Schmitt named state's NCAA Woman of the Year

Former UW-Stevens Point student-athlete Tara Schmitt has been named the NCAA Woman of the Year for the state of Wisconsin.

The award honors outstanding female student-athletes who have excelled in academics, athletics and community leadership. Schmitt was selected among all senior female student-athletes in 2005 from NCAA schools in

Mindy Lindquist.

Schmitt, who was the Division III female recipient of the Woody Hayes National Scholar Athlete award last January, is the second UW-Stevens Point athlete to earn the state's NCAA Woman of the Year award in its 15year history. Swimmer Becca Uphoff was the Pointers' only previous honoree in 2000. In fact, Schmitt's selection tant varsity volleyball coach at Brookfield East High School this fall. She will be the junior varsity girls' basketball coach at Brookfield East this winter.

A Brookfield native and Waukesha Catholic Memorial High School graduate, Schmitt posted a 3.85 grade point average while earning nine varsity letters. She helped the women's basketball team to two final-four appearances in her four seasons and played on four NCAA tournament qualifying soccer teams. Schmitt also ran track for one year and anchored the winning 4x100meter relay squad in 2002. In addition, Schmitt has been active in community organizations and was president of the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for two years.



Hometown - Green Bay. Do you have any nicknames? - none What are your plans after graduation? - Franchise Hot Diggity Dogs.

What has helped you become such an accomplished football player? - Never being satisfied.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?

- Winning a conference championship freshman year. What's your most embarrassing moment? - Having the ball hit me in the facemask sophomore year against Oshkosh and being asked if I am playing dodgeball.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Kanye West. What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Ocean's Twelve.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? -Being fortunate enough to share all of the extreme emotions that come along with playing football with a lot of great players over my time here.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? -My mother, my friends and my girlfriend, Maritrese.

all divisions in Wisconsin.

Schmitt, who graduated in May with a degree in Physical Education and competed in basketball, soccer and track and field, is one of 51 state winners who will be honored at a dinner on Oct. 29 in Indianapolis, Ind. From the 51 winners, ten finalists are selected in late September and a national Woman of the Year will be announced at the banquet. Schmitt was one of six Division III student-athletes to win her state award and was also one of two three-sport athletes to be honored along Alaska-Anchorage's with

marks the sixth straight year a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference studentathlete has been the state's winner.

Her award continues a remarkable run of UW-SP student-athlete success. In addition to Schmitt's National Scholar-Athlete award, UW-SP has had two winners of the NCAA Top VIII Award over the past four years as well as 24 Academic All-Americans during the past six years.

Schmitt is currently teaching physical education in the Brookfield School District and is serving as an assis-

Schmitt compiled a combined 167-31-6 record during her basketball and soccer career. She was the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic

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Hole-in-one highlights start of fresh season; new coach excited

Matthew Inda

THE POINTER

The women's golf team has teed off the 2005 season in WPGA fashion. Ok, well maybe not exactly, but they have already had early season improvements, as well as one individual's record setting stroke.

Katie Kautz, sophomore, became only the second person in UWSP women's golf history to hit a hole-in-one. She did so Sep. 4 during the UW-Eau Claire Invitational at Wild Ridge Golf Course on the par 3, 163-yard 17th hole.

Following what she said was a 'bad hole' on the 16th, Kautz was just trying to focused as she was the first to tee off on the 17th. "It felt like everything in my swing was just right and it [the ball] was heading straight for the flag," Kautz said, "it landed right before the flag and just rolled in." However, Kautz's anxiety and excitement built as she was forced to wait on seeing it up close for herself "I just wanted to run up to the hole and make sure that it was real but I had to wait for the rest of the girls to tee off."

Kautz stated it was difficult to settle down on the following holes, but worth the excitement. "It is definitely cool being the second person to get a hole in one at UWSP."

The rest of the team contributed as they improved their score from one year ago at this event. The lone senior leader, Courtney Timblin, was atop the team earning 16th place of the 95 participants, a +19 performance. Susie Lewis, junior, was not far behind her teammate, finishing 20th with a +21 on the weekend. As a team, the Pointers finished 7 of 17 in Eau Claire, three spots better than their 2004 finish

At their most recent event this past weekend, the girls headed to battle in the Oshkosh Invitational at Westridge Golf Course and took fourth place of 10 schools. Though the host team took the title, the Pointers had a duo finish in the top ten. Susie Lewis finished the meet seventh shooting 83 and 85 on the two-day event. Sophomore Sarah Mosher was one stroke behind her with finishes of 87 and 84, good enough for eighth overall.

Timblin was 17th overall, with daily scores of 88 and 90. Kautz and sophomore Tina Young wrapped it up for the Pointers with weekend totals of 194 and 210, respectively.

UWSP showed some improvement, as they had placed seventh of eight teams at the same event in 2004.

New to the team again this season is their head coach. Matt Interbartolo, currently a part time assistant with the men's Pointer hockey team has agreed to take on the task of being the new women's golf coach. "I feel very optimistic about this year's team and am very excited to bring a sense of stability to this program." Interbartolo expressed. His experience includes three years of work at Tree Acres in Plover as an assistant golf professional. He attended high school in Toronto where he was a four-year hockey letter winner and earned All Northern Collegiate hockey Association Honors in 1997

and 2001.

He said it was his love for the purple and gold that was the deciding factor on taking the position

"I really want to try and establish a team that earns and receives the recognition it deserves. We are playing for championships and that is the bottom line." Interbartolo said.



Nationally ranked opponents welcome Pointers to the 2005 season

Steve Roeland

THE POINTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point football team is wasting no time this season when it comes to battling quality opponents.

In the first week of the 2005 campaign, the Pointers hosted the fourth-ranked team on the D3football.com Top 25 list and will head to Oregon on Saturday to face the No. 1 team in the country and defending national champions.

In the opening game of the season, held on Sept. 3, Hardin-Simmons University

(Texas) traveled to Goerke Field to tangle with UW-SP in a non-conference contest. The Cowboys moved quickly against the Pointer defense and accumulated 227 yards in the first quarter. Hardin-Simmons scored on their third play from scrimmage, a 61yard scamper by Cowboy running back Quinton Jones. The Pointers were forced to punt on their first possession, but the Hardin-Simmons return man couldn't handle the kick. UW-SP recovered the live ball, but was kept out of the end zone on the possession that followed. A 28-yard field goal

by Dan Heldmann cut the Cowboy lead to 7-3.

After falling behind 21-6, the Pointers scored their only touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Brett Borchart found Cory Flisakowski for an 18-yard touchdown pass. The twopoint conversion failed and the Pointers would not score again.

The Cowboys finished the game with 534 yards of total offense – the fifth highest total allowed by a Pointer defense in one game – and came away with a 38-12 victory over UW-SP. Hardin-Simmons quarterback Jordan Neil completed 20 of his 28 pass attempts for 283 yards and threw for one score while running for another.

The Pointers had their bye week last weekend in preparation for a contest with Linfield (Ore.). Linfield is ranked No. 1 in the country and hasn't lost a game since 2003. The Wildcats defeated Mary Hardin-Baylor 28-21 in last year's Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, the game which crowns the Division III national champion.

The contest, which will be held in McMinnville, Ore., is a rematch of last season's nonconference bout held here in Stevens Point. Linfield defeated UW-SP 46-35. At the time, the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the nation and the Pointers were ranked seventh.

UW-SP currently sits outside the Top 25, but did receive 11 votes in the latest poll. The next home game for the Pointers will take place Sept. 24 against Waldorf College (Iowa) in the annual Spud Bowl game.



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Outdoors

Looking for real experience? squabbles and plush ameni-ties? How can we connect with the natural world when Tips on traveling

Scott Butterfield OUTDOORS REPORTER

I quit my job mid-July. Then I spent \$800 over 26 days traveling through seven states and the southern part of Canada. Until then, I had never seen Northwestern United States. I had never set my eyes on the moonlit Badlands of South Dakota, never hiked the

Tetons, never played on the sand dunes of the Oregon Coast, never hopped around the San Juan Islands, never witnessed the big sky sunsets of Montana, never walked through the cosmopolitan streets of Vancouver.

Thousands every year plan pilgrimages similar to mine to experience just a tiny fraction of the natural world, to snare a glimpse of something magnificent. People who are far

A visit to the Schmeeckle **Reserve Visitor** Center

Adam Eader THE POINTER

Around the world the lives of college students are defined by busy schedules and plagued with stress. UW-SP is no different. However, Wellness classes and the natural environment around us are two of our university's strongest attributes. Environmentally speaking, Stevens Point has something very rare to offer its students - the Schmeeckle Nature Reserve. It is the perMuir and Aldo Leopold, public programs, an interpretive technology lab and a gift shop.

The Land of Wealth Museum displays the history of conservation in Wisconsin. When you walk into the museum you are confronted by a life size exhibit of a deciduous forest. In the model is a stuffed Timber Wolf treading on Bracken Ferns and Pink Lady Slippers. Down the hallway are exhibits of 19th century Wisconsin lumberjacks, an early 20th century Ford truck, a sign explaining the amounts paid to bounty hunters for the killing of different mammals and many other artifacts and displays explaining the history of conservation in Wisconsin.

jagged trails of the Grand more articulate than I, have for centuries written about nature and its relationship to humanity, about the awe it inspires, the wonder it produces, the change it creates.

> What matters most is the way we choose to travel through nature. It is not the destination that is important, but the journey. I saw massive groups of tourists trudging on and off buses, cameras slung around their necks, visiting "hot spots" of tourism for a few minutes before being herded back onto buses like cattle entering an air-conditioned slaughterhouse. I saw retired couples watching infotainment programs about tourist attractions instead of actually going to see them. I saw whole families get into heated arguments over insignificant matters, like the amount of sunscreen on their child's nose, or the way the road map was folded. I saw children stare with blank, depressing faces at fantastic landscapes because they are used to seeing so much more on TV.

How can we truly experience everything nature has to offer if we are constantly bogged down by stupid

with the natural world when the technology we use causes us to see the world without really seeing the world? We acquire a false experience of the world which we call, in our confusion, reality.

To get back to the essence of nature we must rediscover the art of travel.

My methods are not sound, far from proven, and in fact, quite dangerous. I've never heard death knocking at my door, but I've heard his footsteps walk past my house. With that, I present to you some guidelines that have worked for me as I fly around this weird world, and if you've heard them before, good; it means I'm not crazy.

STOP TAKING PICTURES - What? How can I remember the things I saw? And what if I don't remember exactly where I've been? Forget all that. When you take too many pictures you ruin the actual experience. You cannot experience the picture the second after you take it. You must wait. But you can experience in the moment of looking at the sunset, now, at the greens and oranges and purples,

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something you will never capture on film. Try just watching a sunset. Absorb every detail: the wind, waves, clouds, heat, cold, light, dark; just experience it then, in its own sweet and ephemeral moment, and realize that you will never see this particular sunset again. For the photograph, however good it may seem, is a pathetic imitation of reality. The power of actual experiences fades and we will never recreate it. Accept that. I promise, if you make a full effort to capture the moment completely the image that will sear in your mind will last longer than any photograph.

LEAVE ME ALONE, DAMMIT - If at all possible I recommend traveling alone. However, that may not be a possibility for some. No matter who you are traveling with, you must try, at all opportune moments, to seek solitude. In our daily lives it is almost impossible to find some time to be by yourself, to think of nothing, to clear your brain and let it wander to the hidden corners of your mind. Now, more than ever, for a human to maintain sanity on this insane earth, we need time alone. To think -

Fall colors arriving early Drought conditions causing some trees to turn earlier than normal

DNR

PRESS RELEASE

MADISON - Wisconsin's fall color show has begun in the Northwoods. State forestry officials report that color change is less than 10 percent in some places while as many as 25 percent of the trees - especially the birch, basswood and red maple have begun to turn color in other spots across Northern Wisconsin.

Peak fall color varies slightly from year to year depending on the weather conditions, but the shortened day length is the primary trigger for trees to begin changing color, according to Kirsten Held, Forestry Outreach Specialist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. "The near-drought conditions may impact the intensity and duration of the 2005 fall color season," Held says. "Due to the dryness, some leaves are scorched on the edges. Others start to turn color but dry out and turn brown instead."

ple are noticing is from trees that have experienced stress of some type, according to Held. She noted that stress could be caused by many different factors, including too little moisture.

Held says that, while the drought may affect the intensity and duration of the fall color season, it doesn't impact the overall timing. Generally the peak fall color season in far northern Wisconsin is during the last week of September and first week of October. However, significant color should begin appearing in isolated, lower lying areas by early to mid-September. Peak color generally occurs in central Wisconsin during mid-October and in southern Wisconsin during the later half of October.

The weather during the growing season is critical in order to have an abundant quantity of leaf mass available on the trees to provide the potential for an excellent fall color display.

"The intensity of the fall color season is really dependent on the weather that Wisconsin receives during September and October. To have the most brilliant and vibrant fall colors display, a series of fall days filled with bright sunshine and cool, but frost free, evenings are required. These weather conditions cause lots of sugars to be produced by the trees and trapped in the leaves, which ultimately leads to the intense red, orange and purple coloration in the leaves of certain species," explains Held.

fect getaway from the hustle and bustle of college life. In Schmeeckle students can enjoy nature's beauty, exercise, fish and many other activities.

For all that Schmeeckle has to offer, who would have thought that one of the most interesting aspects of the reserve is a man-made building. The Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center is an indoor facility that offers students a wealth of opportunities.

The Visitor Center has a Land of Wealth Museum, Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame, which features wellknown conservationists John

The gift shop offers toys, books, photos and paintings, native memorabilia, and clothing. There is also a large window called the Bird Watcher's Window where visitors can identify a variety of birds.

The Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F a week and is free of charge. It is located at 2419 North Point Drive. If

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Arts & Review

Movie Review: The Aristocrats

A dirty comedy made for a laugh

Hilary Bulger THE POINTER

So a guy walks into a talent agency and says to the agent, "Have I got a movie for you!" The agent says, "Oh yeah, what's it like?"

Well, what kind of movie could be about a joke, simply a joke, that starts with "So a guy walks into a talent agency?"

What kind of movie could possibly feature 100 entertainers, including Jason Alexander, Andy Dick, Whoopi Goldberg, Gilbert Gottfried, George Carlin, Robin Williams, Drew Carey, Bob Saget, Chris Rock, Penn and Teller, "The Onion" Editorial staff, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, Jon Stewart, Sarah Silverman, and Paul Reiser, among others, all filmed with consumer video cameras in their homes, on television sets, in coffee houses, and in hotel hallways?

What kind of movie could possibly include urine, vomit, fecal matter, bestiality, incest, Hitler in crotch-less panties, America's Dad Danny Tanner being obscene, a ventriloquist who loves the taboo c-word, Grandma getting busy, and

> "...Hitler in crotch-less panties...and midgets?"

midgets?

And the agent says, "Wow, sounds like a hell of a movie. What do you call it?" (And now, with a flourish and perhaps a snap of the fingers), The Aristocrats!

The Aristocrats is made for the sort of person who enjoys being shocked, disgusted, and subjected to the dreaded cword (and don't forget about Granny), but who additionally loves laughing so hard that one is simultaneously crying, urinating, and falling out of one's seat. The Aristocrats is the sort of movie that that particular sort of person must absolutely not miss.

So if, and only if, you are that particular sort of person, The Aristocrats is playing at a small selection of theaters that showcase independent films. In Wisconsin, these include the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee, the Westgate Mall in Madison, and the Wildwood Rock Theatre in Janesville.

But, if you are not that kind of person, as filmmakers Paul Provenza and Penn Jillette (of Penn and Teller) warn, "We're not just using dirty words; we're using dirty images, and dirty ideas. And even worse, we're doing it just for fun. Just for a laugh. The movie's not for everyone."



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about what is important, what is not important, what matters and what does not. We don't need to contemplate the mysteries of the universe, but we do need to question our own lives. We are not here to worship what is known and believed, but to question it. Alone with ourselves we can ask the questions we are too afraid to ask anywhere else: Who am I? What am I doing? Where the hell am I going?

GET LOST - Exactly. Get lost. Go off the beaten path. Schmitt from page 9

Conference Player of the Year and Scholar Athlete Award winner in 2004 in soccer while earning her fourth All-Conference selection. Schmitt was also named to the allfinal four team, while helping the Pointers to the national

Lose yourself in the woods (but be sure to have a compass and some water). Do not plan your travels so meticulously. When that happens the element of surprise is gone, and we need be surprised, at ourselves and at what we are capable of. Be spontaneous! Life is not ordered or coherent; it does not follow an outline or itinerary. It is wild and unpredictable. Instead of rebelling against this most basic fact of human life we need to embrace it. Love it for good or bad. Too much planning and foreknowledge

championship in basketball in tor of the campus intramural 2002

In her role with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Schmitt helped organize events with regard to the WIAC Food Drive, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Salvation Army bell ringing. She was also a student direc-

will turn one sour when the expectation doesn't measure up to the anticipation. Avoid this. Travel blind.

GO TO THE LOCAL DIVE - We are afraid to die, afraid of what we do not know, afraid of other people. Get over it. The most important part of traveling is meeting people who are similar to you. It doesn't matter where people live; we are essentially the same. We have been conditioned to fear people we do not know, fear people we have never seen or talked to. We fear them because we do not understand

program.

UW-Oshkosh's Kay Mikolajczak was last year's Wisconsin winner, while Kelly Albin, a lacrosse player from the University of California-Davis was the national winner.

them; we trip through life struggling to find connections with people, but encounter the same fear which makes us stumble all over again. Meet people! Introduce yourself! Find the common humanity in everyone. Go to a local bar and drink with the patrons inside and through the salty smoke and stale pretzels, bad beer and cheap liquor, realize with pleasure that we are all in it together.



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