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 attendance and asked them to 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 (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.

Mac Nachmen of the local Red Cross says that in times of disaster, “The university is always one of the first to call and ask, ‘How can we help?’” she said.

Currently the local Red Cross is assisting 21 displaced families. Nachmen said volunteers are needed, but donations are always welcome. You can reach the local Red Cross at 344-4052.

Musical entertainment included the vocal music program, the Matt Buchman Group, and Voices of Worship Gospel Choir.

Pete Levendowski and Amber Fritz also came down to show their support for Katrina 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.

Corley 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 cgauther161@uwsp.edu.

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 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 of performing other holiday songs - entirely in sign language.

“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 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 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 Stute explained that with so many clubs, the fair was essential because, “it makes the countless groups here more manageable and accessible to the students.”

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.”

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Inside This Week
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 ceremony, said the new building 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, 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 have been 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 our time 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 Brevhaus 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 would shock the 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 alternative 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.

Please let us know about any questions, comments, or concerns you have by emailing sgaexecs@uwsp.edu.

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

Melissa Cichantek
President
Student Government Association

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide:
Everything Sucks

By Pat "Rothfuss"
With help from the Mission Coffee House

Dear Pat Rothfuss,

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 am I and WHY should I 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 kissing 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 she added, "You're leases her e-mail Rothfuss?" 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 I should ask. So I guess I'll just ask "Why should I ask you a question? Who the hell are you?"

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 not. I didn't know that 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.

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For the freshmen: “Getting to know you”

Aaron Hull

It’s a much-exhausted line, but truer words were never spoken. It’s not what you 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 association you form over the 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 academic advisor, and get to know 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 together.

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. How do I go about doing 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 self-reflection. 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 may be 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 from the point of atrophy. No, 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 dashes with yourself. If you missed the Involvement Fair last Tuesday, you may be the only one to vote for yourself. In a nutshell, the plethora of campus and community 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.

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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.

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“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.

“I feel that if we could do something kind for the victims of the hurricane, no matter how small, we should do so,” he said.

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“The hurricane relief project is just another small way of giving back,” said Scarborough. “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.
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? 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 life-saving 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 Ahner, 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 test 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 a sore throat you can't 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 it did from the floor two years ago. The Allen Center and 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 system that utilizes plants to bring environmentally positive elements to a building. The no. 1 benefit of the system is that it absorbs and retains runoff, and reduces outside noise pollution.

Aesthetically appealing environments are the no. 2 benefit of the system. It is looking right at you. It's eye-catching, I think," Windjue said.

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"This is partially a patent 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."

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

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 outlets 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. Packers fans will also remember that Super Bowl XXXI was held at the Superdome Jan. 26, 1997. In that game, the Green Bay Packers defeated the New England Patriots 35-21.

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When tragedies of this magnitude strike, 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 water. If you have the means, give what you can to the relief efforts. Help our fellow brothers and sisters in the Gulf Coast get back the lives they so terribly lost.

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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 nationally ranked opponents welcome The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's golf team to take the title, the Pointers had a duo finish in the top ten.

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, 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. Although 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 snapped 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 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.

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 D3 football.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 61-yard 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 Fisakowski for an 18-yard touchdown pass. The two-point 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.

This contest, which will be held in McMinnville, Ore., is a rematch of last season's non-conference 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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Resident's Evil
(by: Joy)

Welcome to another year on campus. For those of you who don’t know me, I am Andre Dorian... English major.

To those of you who do know me, this is a FRIENDLY REMINDER...

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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 moontlit Badlands of South Dakota, never hiked the jagged trails of the Grand 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 share a glimpse of something magnificient. People who are far 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 information 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 you experience everything nature has to offer if we are constantly boggled down by stupid squabbles and plush ameni­ties? How can we connect 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 my footsteps walk past my house. With that, I present 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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A visit to the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center

Adam Eader
THE POET

Around the world the lives of college students are defined by busy schedules and plagued with stress. UWSP 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 perfect getaway from the hustle and bustle of college life.

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 well-known conservationists John Muir 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 teading 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.

The gift shop offers toys, books, photos and paintings, native memorabilia, and cloth­ing. There is also a large win­ dow 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.

Fall colors arriving early

Drought conditions causing some trees to turn earlier than normal

Isn't the fall color season 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.

The weather during the growing season is critical in order to have an abundant quantity of leaf material 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. 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.

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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, but the short­ened day length is the pri­mary trigger for trees to begin changing color," Held says that, while the drought may affect the inten­sity and duration of the fall color season, it does not 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.

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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, 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?

"...Hitler in crotch-less panties...and 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 c-word (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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Experience

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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 all- final four team, while helping the Pointers to the national championship in basketball in 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 director of the campus intramural 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.

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