

## SGA and Chancellor bring 'green power' to campus

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If there'd been cocktails, it would have been a party.

Mile-wide smiles abounded on the faces of everyone within the walls of Old Main's Founder's Room on Tuesday. Expectations of excitement were met as Chancellor Linda Bunnell, Student Government Association (SGA) President Melissa Cichanek and Budget Director Amy Clark put their pens to the paper agreeing to bring in a portion of the university's energy from a surprisingly obvious source.

Methane energy derives directly from various man-made and natural sources, including cow manure. It has for years been considered a highly effective means of trapping heat in the atmosphere - 20 times more effective than CO<sub>2</sub>. Methane is a greenhouse gas that remains inside the earth's atmosphere for nine to 15 years.

"This (methane) comes from a renewable source," said Greg Diemer, vice chan-

cellor for business affairs. "It comes from cow manure."

Members of SGA have been in talks with the university administration and the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) for nearly a year and a half trying to hash out the fine print.

Finally, after a student vote, the project known as NatureWise was green-lighted.

"I'm so excited it's finally coming to fruition," said Cichanek, who now holds 662 signed university documents to her credit. "I know a lot of students have worked very hard on this for the past year and a half."

The agreement with WPSC



Melissa Cichanek, Amy Clark, and Linda Bunnell sign the agreement earlier this week to bring 'green power' the UW-SP.

Photo by Doug Moore

states that the university will purchase blocks of methane for 10 percent of its total energy consumption, a rough equivalent to 36 days of energy use. This "green power" will cost an extra \$25,000 for the 2006-07 school year.

"The students voted to

use some of the segregated fee funding to purchase green energy," Diemer said. "It will cost a premium to do so, because it's a little more expensive."

"Green power" has been

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## Stevens Point holds historic spring elections

**UW-SP Student wins write-in county board Position**

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The people of Portage County have spoken.

Portage County as well as the city of Stevens Point held their spring general elections Tuesday, April 5.

Atop the list of offices was the first ever County Executive position where Mark Maslowski defeated Bo Dedecker and also write-in candidate Dan Mielke.

As County Executive, Maslowski will take office April 18 where he will be in charge of making decisions of concern in Stevens Point and Portage

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## Three students named 2006 Phi Kappa Phi study abroad recipients

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The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi announced March 22 that three students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point were awarded a student abroad grant for 2006. The three recipients, Kyle Borkenhagen of Baraboo, Ashley Erickson of Deerfield and Amanda Lewin of Cudahy, will take part in the Britain travel program.

The grants are designed to recognize and assist undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad.

Thirty-eight grants valued at \$1,000 each are awarded annually.

According to Deanna Landry, executive assistant and programs coordinator at the Phi Kappa Phi headquarters at Louisiana State

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## 37 years later, trivia still going strong

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This weekend marks the 37th annual trivia contest sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Boasting the slogan as the "world's largest trivia contest," this year's competition is themed "The Odd Contest," a tribute to the film, TV series and Broadway show, "The Odd Couple."

UW-SP's campus radio station, 90FM WWSP, and Student Television (STV) will be broadcasting the continuously running 54-hour event from start to finish.

The weekend, which draws many out-of-towners to Stevens Point, kicks off on Friday at 4 p.m. with a parade featuring floats from participating teams. At 6 p.m., teams will begin answering the first of 432 questions, from theme-related to extremely random and obscure.

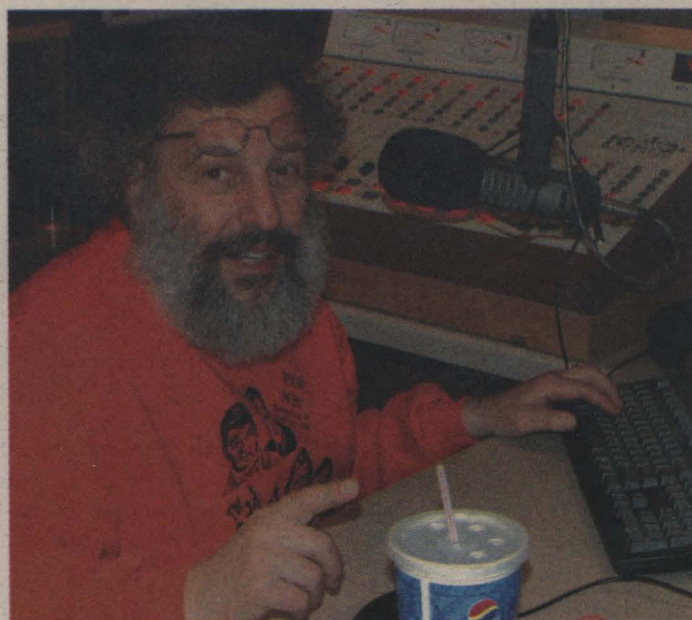
The questions are created by the elusive Jim "Oz" Oliva, who took reign over the annual event just 10 years after

it initially began, and has continuously run the event since 1979.

Starting off-air in 1969, with 16 teams writing questions for one another, Trivia has grown into a multimedia broadcast including over 12,000 individuals from all over the country. Oz and his friend John Eckendorf write and verify all of the questions.

The radio station, where much of the event is coordinated, is home base for Trivia. Community and student volunteers help out throughout the weekend and participants call their answers in to the station staff.

"A lot of work goes into the organization," said station manager John Hensler. Months of preparation go into



Jim "Oz" Oliva has helped host trivia for 27 years at UW-SP.

Photo by Mae Wernicke

planning for this one weekend.

STV also covers Trivia and broadcasts on channel 10 in Stevens Point, and public access channels in Wausau

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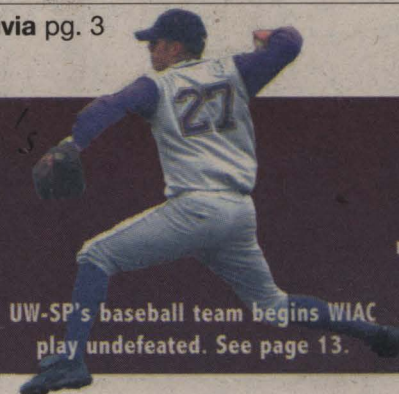
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UW-SP's baseball team begins WIAC play undefeated. See page 13.

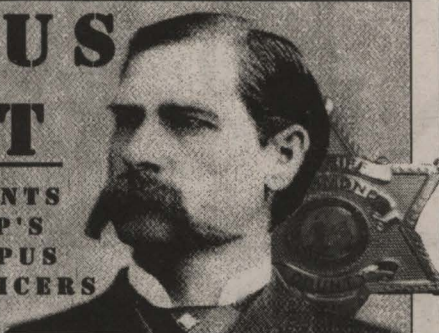
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# CAMPUS BEAT

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



Parking Lot P  
March 20, 2006 8:55 a.m.  
Type: **VANDALISM**

Light blue Chevrolet had left rear window broken out. Vehicle did not appear to have been entered or property removed from it.

Sundial  
March 23, 2006 6:46 p.m.  
Type: **DISTURBANCE**

A caller from the UC phone reported a group of individuals fighting in the Sundial. Caller also reported a knife on scene.

Maria Drive  
March 26, 2006 4:19 p.m.  
Type: **DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Report of two individuals attempting to urinate on a squad car.

Pray/Sims Hall  
March 27, 2006 7:12 p.m.  
Type: **DISTURBANCE**

Caller reported a fight in progress behind Pray/Sims near parking lot T. Individuals were slapping each other, they were confronted and dispersed.

HEC  
March 29, 2006 12:01 p.m.  
Type: **HARASSMENT**

Caller reported a mentally unstable person in the Quandt. The person has been banned from campus and has been abusive and threatening towards others in the past.

Science Building  
April 4, 2006 11:49 p.m.  
Type: **HARASSMENT**

Custodian called complaining about an intoxicated individual harassing custodians behind the science building.

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available from WPSC since 2002, and currently, 2,200 of its nearly one million customers participate in the environmentally friendly program. The energy costs an additional \$1 for each 100-kilowatt-hour block, and no additional equipment will be needed to use the energy. Voting students finally approved the idea in a recent referendum.

"We're so proud of our students," said Bunnell. "We're so proud that (they) are doing this."

The addition of this "green power" will join UW-SP to the ranks of several other Wisconsin businesses to use the clean energy. UW-SP is among three universities in Wisconsin that participate in the NatureWise program, following UW-Oshkosh and UW-Green Bay. Using methane as a source of energy reduces reliance on coal or natural gas.

WPSC advertises the NatureWise program extensively, often including information inside customers' monthly energy bills.

"We advertise the heck out of this," said Gary Oudenhoven, WPSC representative for the university.

Oudenhoven has been on the university's sustainability committee for two years, and says that many customers may ask for alternative energy sources, but aren't often willing to pay for it.

"It's really great that the university has this attitude," he said. "It's exciting to see

some of these projects finally coming together."

Chancellor Bunnell could hardly contain her excitement about the NatureWise agreement.

"Oh, I'm thrilled. It's (conservation) part of our tradition here at UW-SP," said Bunnell. "I just think WPSC is a forward-looking power company, because they're really responding to the interests of people and students here in Wisconsin."

Though the NatureWise program will become fully effective at the start of the fall semester, WPSC plans to supply the "green energy" for this year's Trivia 37: The Odd Contest. Because of this decision, this year's trivia contest is now being billed as "The Largest 'Green Powered' Trivia Contest in the World."

A banner advertising the renewable energy program will be hung in the 90FM studio during trivia weekend to help bolster NatureWise.

Bunnell acknowledges that both WPSC and university students themselves are responsible for this breakthrough in energy conservation.

"They (WPSC) are really responding to the interests of the people and students in Wisconsin," she said. "I give our students credit for being leaders."

For more information on NatureWise, or any of the other energy programs from WPSC, go to [www.wisconsinpublic-service.com](http://www.wisconsinpublic-service.com).

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University, the mission of the program is simple.

"The program is designed to help support (them) when (they) seek knowledge and experience in (their) academic field by studying abroad," Landry said.

Each applicant must reach required criteria including obtaining a minimum GPA, a number of semester hours and at least two semesters of under graduate study once they return from the trip.

"After we have received their application, we check it to make sure they made all the criteria we set forth (and then) we check to make sure they have been accepted or at least applied to the study abroad program of their choice," Landry said.

After they have proven to meet the criteria, the applications are sent off to the Phi Kappa Phi selection committee comprised people from five different regions of the country to ensure that there is no favoritism.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually more than 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters on nearly 300 select colleges and universi-

ties in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

Since its founding, more than 1 million members have been initiated.

Some of the organization's more notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, writer John Grisham and Netscape founder James Barksdale. The Society has awarded approximately

\$12 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932.

Today, more than \$700,000 is awarded annually to qualifying members and non-members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad scholarships, member and chapter awards and grants for local and national literacy initiatives. The Society's mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

For more information on Phi Kappa Phi, call 800/804-9880 or visit [www.PhiKappaPhi.org](http://www.PhiKappaPhi.org).

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and Merrill. Along with the executive staff of students at STV, 20-30 additional members are helping out.

Steven Heller, business manager of STV, said that having Trivia on TV adds another dimension to the competition.

"(Participants) can listen to it just as they would on the radio, but with STV they can also see the other people that are playing, see the people in the radio station doing the work, and see the people they're calling into," said Heller. "And it's a little bit more fun because they get to experience more parts of Trivia than they otherwise would be able to."

On both 90FM and STV, the broadcast will begin with the traditional booming opening that was written and produced the first time Trivia aired, which incorporates Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild."

All the excitement surrounding Trivia is part of the appeal, but for Oz, it goes deeper than that. He said he continues to run the contest every year because it focuses on working with students, helping them learn and grow.

"The one thing I'm really pleased to see is that (Oz) does involve the students in the decision-making process," said 90FM faculty advisor Mark Tolstedt.

Along with students, community members help organize Trivia, including the non-profit group, "Friends of 90FM." "Essentially, they are the guiding group behind the contest," said Tolstedt.

Even if students don't help run the event, many are still involved.

"Students play when they're here and they continue to play after they graduate," said Vice-chancellor for student affairs Bob Tomlinson.

Teams gather in homes and hotel rooms to participate. They're allowed to use books, magazines, the internet or even their own knowledge, to answer questions. For some it's a serious affair, but for others, a reason to celebrate.

"When I was younger, it was chips and soda. Now it's pizza and beer," said Chad Walhood, a student volunteer at 90FM who answers phones, is on the parade staff and grew up in Stevens Point.

Trivia is a tradition in the community that brings people together from all walks of life.

"This is bigger than anything we could've imagined," said Oz. "This is the important thing in (some participants') lives."

"It's epic," said Walhood.

He recalled his first Trivia experience in eighth grade, when 40 students congregated in his basement to answer questions. Since then, he has

tried to participate every year.

"You find the crazy, ridiculous and total nonsensical during Trivia," said Walhood. "That's what it's all about."

Eight questions are broadcast each hour and teams have the length of two songs to call into the station with a response. Each question is worth 2,000 total points, and teams that answer the question correctly divvy the points up equally.

Along with these questions, teams must identify music clips, as well as engage in exercises that require a search for items and clues throughout the community. In turn, these items are exchanged for points.

The top 10 teams will receive a trophy. In addition, the 37th ranked team will also receive a trophy in recognition of the 37th year of Trivia.

"When you drive around town and you see the signs up in front of all the houses, and you see all the people running around downtown...It's just

an exciting time and it's such a tremendous tradition," said Tomlinson.

At one point, Trivia's future was uncertain. Last year there were preliminary talks to potentially hand 90FM over to Wisconsin Public Radio. Tomlinson said there were concerns about whether UW-SP could continue to adequately manage Trivia's home.

"The more we worked with the students and we worked with the folks in the community, we realized we've got to find a different solution," said Tomlinson. "Trivia is a UW-SP tradition that is going to be around here long after all of us are gone. It's something that's sacred to the university."

Teams can register until 6 p.m. Friday, with a \$30 entrance fee. There is no limit to team size. All proceeds help fund 90FM. For more information call the station at 346-3755, or visit CAC room 105.

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County such as the proposed \$62 million justice center, and issues dealing with the struggling health care center.

The city and countywide media advertisements, as well as the surplus of candidate signage, left many aware of names such as Dan Mielke, Mark Maslowski and Jennifer Zach and urged residents to get out and vote. UW-SP's Student Government Association (SGA) also got involved in promoting students to go vote.

"It's vital for students to get out the vote for every election, especially the local ones because our population is a sizable force in the city," said SGA President Melissa Cichantek.

SGA had a booth in the University Center's concourse during the day of the election. There they had available the candidates, positions and polling information for all students. SGA also sent out a campus wide e-mail to all students with voting information.

"Student engagement can easily change the outcome of elections," Cichantek said. "The people in these positions (county government) make decisions that directly impact campus relations with the surrounding community."

The Stevens Point School Board race was won by Jennifer Zach, Renae Sheibley and Lynda Laszewski-Louis. Other offices included the Stevens Point Alderpersons and the Portage County Board, which contained 29 districts - some of which were unopposed.

One of the county board seats had only write-in candidates - that of district eleven, which was won by one of UW-SP's very own Tuesday night.

Eric Folkman, a junior majoring in political science won the seat as one write-in candidate versus another write-in candidate 7-5. He still has to wait for the canvass, which is today, for the official results.

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*We should glory in the Cross.*



# Letters & Opinion

## Your College Survival Guide:

*Forced out of the closet.*

**Pat Rothfuss**

WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE.

Dear Pat,

My problem is with my ex-boyfriend. Right after we broke it off, he started sleeping with one of my friends. I, on the other hand, started dating his sister. I know, weird huh? We kept it a secret for the nine months she and I were seeing each other.

He recently found out from his sister that I was into girls. I have not told my family and he is spreading it like a social disease. I don't mind people knowing that I am into girls but I just wanted them to find out from me. I baby-sit for a lot of the church families, some of which frown on things like that.

I know he's only doing this because I will not go back out with him, or maybe he just wants someone to be as miserable as he is.

Please tell me something quick to do about this. I've had so many of the families I baby sit for come up to me and talk to me about it. They are acting like I am the first girl to ever do something like this. It is more common then they know I need something to tell the families that are coming up to me.

Need Help now!!

Girl Who Likes Girls.

GWLG? What sort of an acronym is GWLG? I can't work with that. It's got no vowels. For simplicity's sake

I'm gonna refer to you as... Jenny. Nice anonymous name.

Honestly, Jenny, this letter poses a bit of a problem for me. Normally I draw on my own rich treasure-trove of life experiences to come up with good advice for people. Unfortunately, I've never had to come out of the closet to a bunch of churchy types.

In fact, people who have even the most tangential contact with me generally assume I'm over the hill and far away from our society's norms. Apparently I radiate an aura of social deviancy. It rolls off me like heat shimmer off a sun-drenched desert highway.

In short, nobody's ever asked me about my sexuality. If they did, it probably wouldn't be anything relatively tame like, "Do you kiss boys?" it would probably be more along the lines of, "Did you climb the fence into my backyard last night and do something unnatural to my pumpkins?"

So yeah. In brief, I don't have any good experience to draw from to form a response to this letter. Still, I'm loath to ignore someone who needs advice. So here's my brief, weak, relatively uninformed, and not-particularly-funny response...

In my sight, there are two legitimate ways to deal with people asking you about this, Jenny.

Option One: You can tell them the truth -- That it's none of their business.

Sample conversation:

Ms. Jones: Jenny, is it true that you're one of those bisexuals I've heard about on this newfangled electric television?

Jenny: I don't see as that's any of your concern, ma'am. I didn't ask you inappropriately personal questions when I agreed to work for you, did I?

Option Two: You can tell them the truth - that you like girls.

Ms. Jones: Jenny, is it true that you're crazy for the poon?

Jenny: Yes. \*looking Ms. Jones in the eye\* Does it matter?

The key, in my opinion, is to make it perfectly clear that you're not ashamed of what you've done. Make it clear that if they are going to make an issue out of this, THEY are the ones that have something to be embarrassed about. You've done nothing wrong. Don't let them fool you into thinking that, and don't pretend that you're embarrassed of it. If you act that way, a lot of people will see it as weakness, or that you know what you're doing is wrong.

You have other options, of course. But if you try to lie or evade the question you could very likely get trapped in a furtive, unhappy life. If you fear their reaction enough to lie to them, it effectively gives them power over you, and that's not a good way to live.



It's possible that some people will judge and/or censure you. Well then fuck them. Fuck them right in the ear-hole. Cut those relationships off at the root, and cauterize the stump with some justifiably self-righteous white-hot rage.

That's all I've got for you. My only other advice would be to get the opinion of people who have been through similar experiences. You could always stop by one of GSA's meetings (Gay Straight Alliance.) Adian, one of the co-presidents, can hook you up with the details on their meetings aarno030@uwsp.edu.

And wait, there's more! I post his letter and a version of my response on the College Survival Guide's Myspace page ([www.myspace.com/ycsg](http://www.myspace.com/ycsg)). There, my intelligent, attractive, and well-spoken readership has provided you with their opinions on the subject. Honestly, I'm impressed

with what they had to say on the subject, go check it out.

Thanks for the letter, Jenny. While I can't give you much detailed advice on this subject, I can give you a gift certificate from our sponsor: the Mission Coffee house. Take your next girlfriend out for coffee on me.

Well folks, with Trivia right around the corner you're going to need coffee. Massive amounts of coffee. Huge oceans of delicious, dark, steamy coffee.

Where could you find such a thing? That's right, The Mission Coffee House, downtown across from Arbuckles. Not only do they have your mad coffee hook-up, awesome food, and an unnaturally attractive staff, but they have great local bands playing pretty much every weekend.

Want more info? Check out [www.myspace.com/missioncoffee-house](http://www.myspace.com/missioncoffee-house)

## Strengthen Sexual Assault laws to include alcohol

Dear Editor,

Wisconsin is currently the only state that does not include alcohol in the list of incapacitating substances in sexual assault laws. It is specifically excluded from the list of incapacitating substances. Alcohol is, however, listed as an incapacitating substance in statutes dealing with snowmobiles, boats, all-terrain vehicles and transportation. One in every 20 female college students is raped and 72 percent of those women are raped while they are too intoxicated to give their consent (Harvard University's School of Public Health). The Journal of Reproductive Medicine states that alcohol is the most widely used "date rape" drug nationally with alcohol being present in 63 percent of all victims of sexual assault. At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 80 per-

cent of acquaintance rapes include alcohol (UW-Madison Police Department).

What if this was your daughter? Your sister? Your mother, aunt or friend? What if it was you? No situation, no substance should ever take away the right you have to your body. Your body is yours and no one else's.

Support SB 526. Help strengthen sexual assault laws and help protect yourself and others. This bill is for situations when someone is too incapacitated to give informed consent. It is intended to help change cases where a victim is seen by a third party to have been unable to stand or speak before the assault, or other evidence of physical force is substantiated as part of the assault.

Amanda Lorge  
Women's Resource Center

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## Because I said so...

### Naked women in Schmeekle are public nuisance

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Oh, did you think this would be an editorial about nakedness in some fashion? If you did, you are sadly mistaken. This is an editorial on false advertisement. In other words, SMOD. If you are in any student organization, or ever read the student messages of the day, you know what I am talking about.

My most recent experience, which a few others are aware of, was Tuesday night's Feminists for Life speaker which was touted as "The Real Feminists" in MOD, regardless of the fact that, as a student pointed out, Feminists for Life have more in common with the college feminists than the college republicans or Pointers for Life (both sponsors). The label in SMOD was clearly a jab against the college feminists.

Obviously, this is not an isolated incident. My all-time favorite SMOD title was "Wal-mart is Gay," published by the Gay-Straight Alliance. Really, who else could get away with that?

And last year we also

had the "Hot steamy sex talk" which turned out to be about abstinence and pseudoscience. Don't get me wrong, I support the right of student organizations to spend my money on propagandists, but can we at least be honest when promoting it?

Now I understand that usually only one person is submitting student messages, but organizations should be aware that this kind of trickery or sensationalism does not make students respect them. Any organization who has to deceive or insult in order to attract students, is really only hurting themselves.

In a related topic, starting today we are accepting applications for the '06-07 staff. You can pick up an application at our office, or download it from the student message of the day. Just look for the headline "Free Porn."

Just kidding.

## TABOR wrong solution for education

Dear Editor,

There has been a lot of talk lately about TABOR, TPA, or whatever they're calling it this time, and what it may or may not do for Wisconsin taxpayers. Well, here is a fact of what it will do without question: permanently erode the quality of a UW education, skyrocket tuition and price countless Wisconsin residents out of a college education.

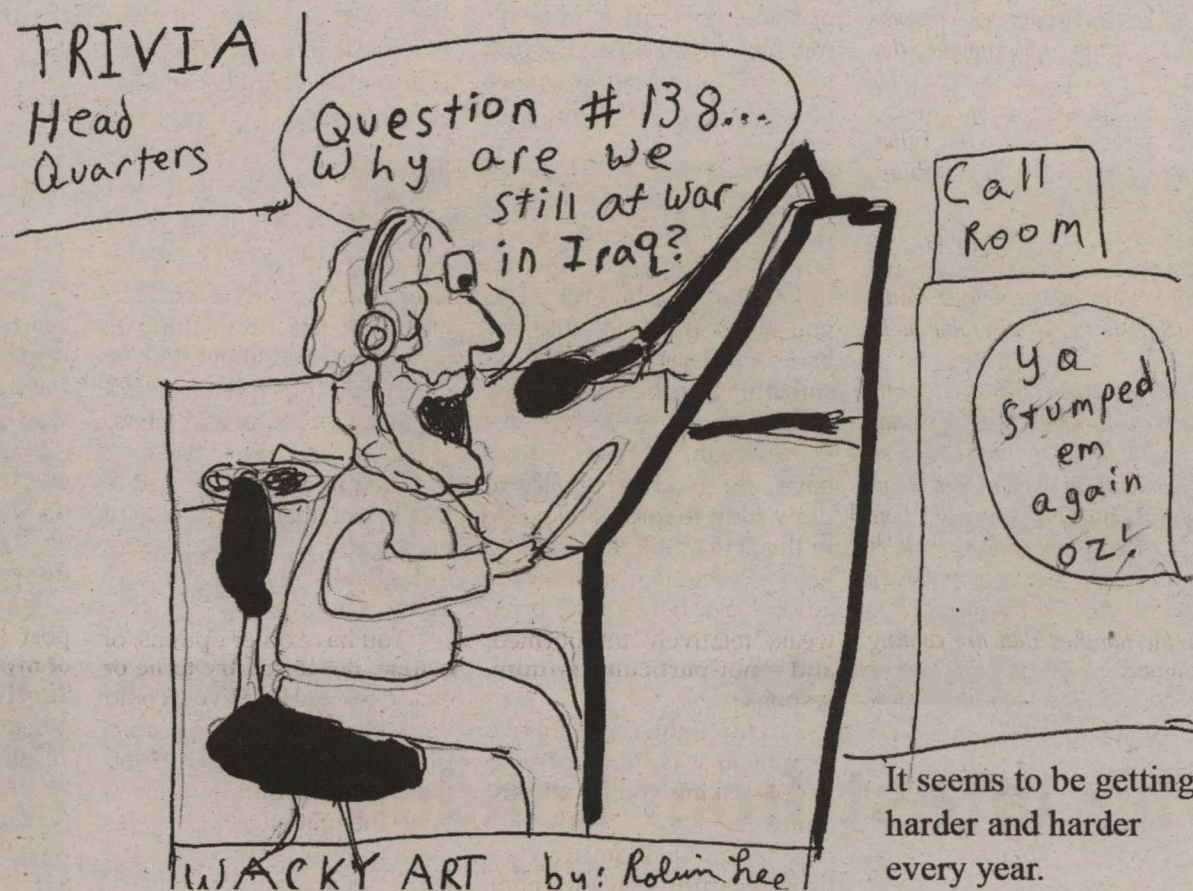
History has shown us that in fiscally difficult times, legislators and governors have no

problem gutting UW campuses' funding. Combine this with the fact that tuition and fees are exempted in this TABOR proposal and you have got a recipe for never-ending tuition increases to offset limited state funding of UW campuses.

To add insult to injury, UW campuses would be forced to limit or reduce student enrollment in an attempt to maintain a quality education with limited funding under TABOR. TABOR would likely freeze faculty and staff pay leading to an erosion in the quality of education.

There is no substitute for adequate, stable state support if Wisconsin is to maintain quality and access to a UW education. At a time when students from low and middle-class families are being squeezed out of the UW system, we need to increase, not decrease, the financial aid and state support available to future students. TABOR is the wrong solution for UW-SP and Wisconsin taxpayers.

Josh Christensen  
UW-SP Student



## Centertainment eating-contest distasteful to student

The eating contest sponsored by Centertainment Productions is distasteful. But, you may ask: what is so wrong about having a contest once a year to see who can eat the most food? Or you may say that the winner could donate the money to starving children in Africa. Or perhaps you won't even finish reading this letter because I am just a bleeding heart liberal complaining about people having fun without me. Let me take those concerns one at a time.

To answer the first question, the problem with an eating contest is that it ignores the real price of food. I'm sure you've all heard of the fact that our food travels over 1,000 miles before it ever reaches the plate, and that the

rainforest is rapidly being deforested to have pastures for cattle or to grow soybeans, or that because of genetically modified organisms we are losing biodiversity, and maybe you've heard this one too: that according to the EPA waste from cows, chickens and hogs have polluted 35,000 miles of rivers in 22 states and contaminated groundwater in 17 states.

This is not even mentioning how much water is used in agriculture, how much oil is used for transportation, how much soil erosion is caused by overgrazing, how much packaging is used (during shipping, on the shelf and in the plastic bag to carry it from the store to your house), or how much labor is involved (sometimes unfair, unsafe and underpaid labor), or how many pesticides, chemicals, and chemical fertilizer are used in producing the food that we eat every day! As you can see, the consequences of an eating contest have far reaching effects, much farther than just an hour of fun.

Well okay, say that the winner does donate money to starving children in Africa, or even more locally to the Salvation Army Hope Center right here in Portage County. Don't you think that Centertainment could put on an event to raise even more money than what the winner will win, plus avoid all of the negative effects of an eating contest?

I certainly do, and I know that Centertainment is like a box of creative juices ready to explode. We just need to nudge them in the right direction every now and then. If you feel like nudging on

this issue their e-mail is CP@uwsp.edu.

As for the last issue that I am just a bleeding heart liberal complaining about how my ethics limit my fun, I fully admit that I am a bleeding heart liberal. But I cannot concede that my ethics limit my fun, rather they just challenge me to find other ways to pass a Friday night.

So, let me help you find something else to do this Friday: there is a student saxophone recital, a free concert at Clark Place, Dancestage is going on; you could play Frisbee, go climbing for free; there are numerous movie theaters in our area, an indoor skate/roller rink in Wisconsin Rapids, lots of bowling alleys, and there are tons of bridges to throw rocks off of.

Or you could have an email writing party to thank Centertainment for all the cool events they schedule, encourage them not to have an eating contest next year, and give them some ideas of events you'd like them to sponsor.

As for what you can do now, I urge you all to boycott this year's eating contest. And voice your opinion and offer suggestions to Centertainment (CP@uwsp.edu). However, if you're already committed to going, I challenge you not to be part of a mindless crowd, but rather an informed, thoughtful individual.

Kelly Firkins  
UW-SP student

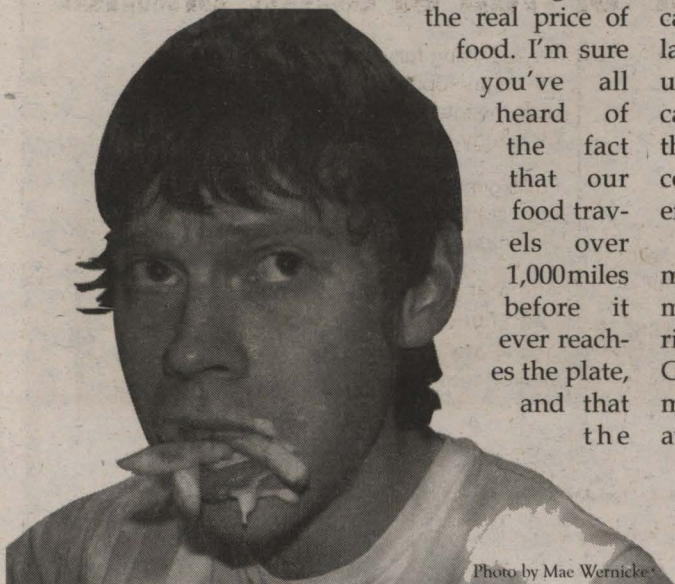


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## Follow your nose to Cheese Louise's

**Heather Curtis**  
POINTLIFE REPORTER

Upon stepping into Cheese Louise's, located across from the Hilltop Pub on hwy. 10 west in Stevens Point, enticing aromas of smoked cheese and baked goods filled my nose while warm tones of mustard walls adorned with artwork and washed-clay colored flooring invited me to make myself at home.

However, the appeal of this café goes deeper than sight and smell. As I made my way to the counter I was greeted by a case of fresh baked goods featuring items such as Pina Colada Muffin Tops, Pumpkin Walnut Cranberry Bread, Blueberry

Scones, cakes, and cannolis (just to name a few items). In addition to baked goods, a chalkboard hosted the lunch menu with items such as Italian sandwiches, paninis, salads and soups. All of these items are creations of owner Vikki Nason who holds to the philosophy that layering flavors in foods is extremely important.

"Ninety percent of people just slap things together," said Nason. Her philosophy is grounded in the belief that specific amounts of ingredients, combined in certain ways is what truly makes a dish "pop" in a person's mouth. Along with this philosophy, great importance is placed on freshness and

quality, which is the reason why the sandwiches are served on fresh baked bread, the bakery items are prepared daily and the coffee is always fresh.

The morning I visited nothing sounded better than a "bottomless cup of coffee" and a cranberry cannoli. As I filled my mug with Wisconsin's own Victor Allen's coffee my excitement over my cannoli mounted - it would be my first one. I made my way past several wooden tables over to a round corner table surrounded by wicker chairs, next to the black leather sofa. My first bite of the cannoli can only be described as dangerous because when I bit into that delicious little beast the sweet creamy filling entered my mouth. It was complemented by the bitter-sweetness of the dried cranberries it contained, and it immediately left me wanting more. The flavors definitely "popped" in my mouth; it was a true representa-



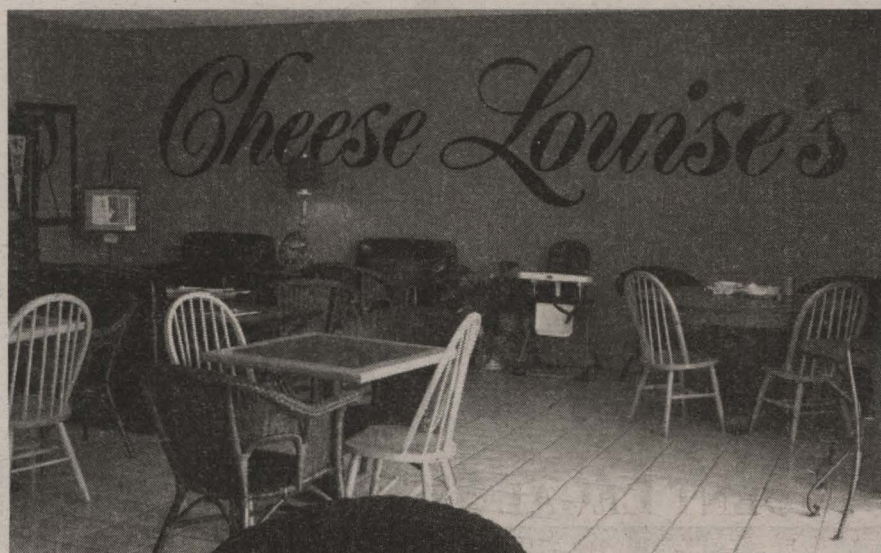
A Danish open-face sandwich.

photo by Aaron Hull

tion of the phenomena that Vikki had described to me.

If you are interested in fresh quality baked goods, entrees that will excite your

taste buds or just a relaxing place to enjoy quality coffee or espresso drinks, check out Cheese Louise's.



Cheese Louise's provides a casual, inviting ambience for its customers.

photo by Aaron Hull

## The latest from London

**Johanna Nelson**  
LONDON CORRESPONDENT

While walking down the bustling, crowded streets of London, you're bound to run into something out-of-the-ordinary. For those of us studying abroad here in London, this brush with the unusual came in the form of one Larry Barnes, a man covered from head to foot with buttons. As we stared in disbelief at his glimmering suit, jam packed with rows and rows of shiny buttons - some even forming designs, like a Big Ben-like clock tower - he told us about one of London's quirkier traditions. We were surprised to learn that there is actually an entire group of people who painstakingly sew their own button suits, and willingly don the 60-pound outfits in order to walk the streets of London and collect money for local charities.

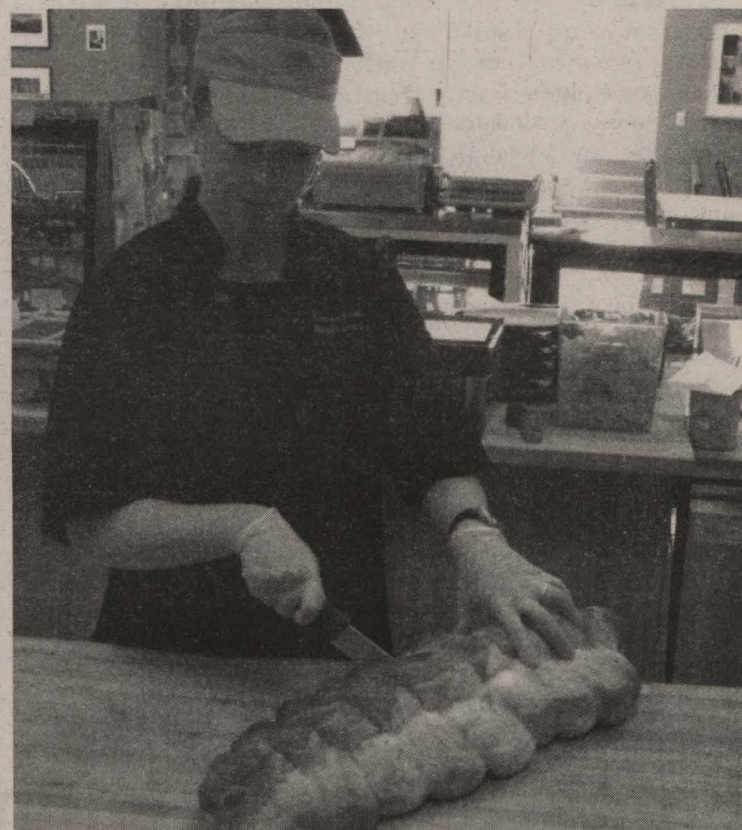
Known as the Pearly Kings and Queens, they carry on a tradition that began in the 1880s with the street vendors of the Victorian Era. In a time filled with poverty and street urchins, the more successful of the vendors - known as costermongers - decided to

help those in need. The first to begin the "Pearly" tradition was a Cockney lad by the name of Henry Croft. After amassing a huge collection of buttons, he decided to sew them on the bottom of his trousers to give them a little pizzazz. In Pearly speak, this particular fashion is known as a "flash," and is made of a single line of about seven buttons designed to make noise when hitting the pavement, thus attracting attention.

In a profession that required a little something extra in order to stand out, this sort of attire came in handy, and Croft - who not only had a lot of compassion for the poor, but experienced their way of life firsthand - used his button suit to gather money for local charities. As more and more charities began to ask him for help, Croft turned to others for help. In particular, it was the costermonger families at the head of 28 other boroughs that he called on, thus starting a tradition that was faithfully passed down from generation to generation until the present. Now, it is not uncommon for the Pearly Kings and Queens to have up to 40,000 buttons on their suits, and Barnes him-

self owns three - one he wears while he's working, one for special occasions and one on reserve for when the current one wears out.

While the job can be hard at times, Barnes made it clear that it is well worth the effort, especially since he gets the chance to share one of his hidden talents - making balloon animals - as he works. In fact, he put on a demonstration for us as he talked, adeptly twisting and turning the rubbery balloons until they became swans, monkeys, poodles and parrots. Apparently, this showmanship is particularly popular with the younger generation of Londoners, who by default, get their parents' attention. They are then more likely to open up their purses and give a little to charities that range from the usual, to the unusual - such as a foundation dedicated to aiding aged donkeys who can no longer work. While our time here is almost done, it was refreshing to get a flavor of London's quirkier side, and to know that the tradition will continue, long after we've packed our bags and headed back across the pond.



Chef Kristine Maate slices challah.

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# This week's adventure: "sloggin' through the rough"

## THIRTY MINUTES TO BURN

**Aaron Hull**  
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I had just returned home from a photo shoot Wednesday afternoon when I stumbled across someone trying to make off with my 1981 Schwinn Le Tour. My friend's bike – a spiffy new Trek – was recently stolen. For months he had kept it locked to a tree branch, and one morning he walked downstairs to discover it was gone; only the sawed-through branch remained, as if to taunt him.

So when I saw this derelict, and his blond companion, struggling with MY bike, my first instinct was to rush him. But I had a backpack on, and a \$1,000 camera slung around my neck, so I chose instead to approach with stealth, my eyes scanning the parking lot for suitable weaponry.

"You there!" I shouted when I was within striking distance. "What the hell do you think you're doing?!"

It took a second for me to recognize my friend, Jeff. He was wearing some queer-looking exercise getup not typical for his taste. I remembered that I had given him permission to use my bike if he ever needed it.

"Hey, man," he said. "Ann and I were going to go throw nine at Mead. You want to come?"

I thought for a moment. I needed to get back to the office to upload some images, and I had an assignment to work on, but the weather was just so damn beautiful – warm sunshine, clear blue sky, barely a breeze (i.e., not your typical April afternoon) – that I couldn't say no.

He and Ann ditched the bikes and hopped in the car. I

ran upstairs, slipped into something cooler and grabbed my discs. I decided to bring the camera too, just in case.

I should have changed my shoes, because the park more closely resembled a peat bog than a disc golf course.

At the hole's first launch of my sweet leather Delli Aldos caught in the mud, making a wretched sucking sound when I pulled them free. I scraped the soles, cursed the vile muck and launched my driver. I stumbled to compensate for the camera's weight and nearly slipped into a sinkhole developing at the other side. My disc veered sharply toward the river and somersaulted to the ground.

Jeff lucked out and got some good air on his drive. It curved to the right before hooking sharply to the left, clipped a tree and landed in the weeds. Ann released too close to the ground and her driver splashed into the water about 20 yards ahead.

"It hasn't rained in a few days, has it?" I called to Jeff.

"Naw. But this stuff just sits here and stagnates for weeks," he said.

I decided we were too eager – what with the deceitfully warm weather – and had jumped the gun on summer.

"It finally starts to dry out 'round about August," Ann said morosely.

I scanned the rest of the course. The other groups seemed to be having the same sorts of trouble as we.

"Splendid. Yulga it is, then, next time," I said.

The next eight holes were roughly more of the same, except around the sixth hole, when we had to wait for an intense-looking fellow in a Body Attack t-shirt, doo-rag and sunglasses.

We had spied him from the other hole, arching his back, puffing out his chest and swinging his lean arms in alternating windmill fashion. He was breathing deeply and appeared to be performing some version of Tai Chi when we approached.

We waited patiently beneath a broad pine tree for him to complete his exercises. When it became clear he was going to be a while, Jeff asked him how much longer he thought he might need.

"Oh you guys can go right ahead," he said. "I'm just calming my chakras."

Ann looked over at me, perplexed. Jeff shot us both a smirk and rolled his eyes.

"Well, hey, if you're sure, man," said Jeff. "Thanks." He moved awkwardly past the lanky fellow, who was stooped forward and contorting his



A disc golfer fishes his driver from the marshes at Mead.

photo by Aaron Hull

body into a yoga-like position.

I glanced at the tee box. Someone had scrawled something near the top. I looked closer and gathered that one Nate "Gator" Henfer had shot an ace here last May 20.

"Check it out, guys," I said. "Somebody shot an ace here."

"No way, dude," said Jeff. "They're lying. With all these bushes, and that tree?" He gestured down the fairway at a couple of small, angry-looking trees that might be mistaken for large bushes. Further down, near the basket, was a much larger tree. I saw his point. How

could anyone manage to ace this hole?

Jeff launched his driver straight down the fairway. It slammed, with a satisfying "crack," into the second tree. Ann shot hers at an odd angle and it veered into the bushes lining the fairway. Jeff and Ann marched down the fairway and quickly finished up, their frustration mounting.

By now I had given up on the game and had resorted to playing with the lighting capabilities on the camera. I hung back and waited to see how well the guy behind us would

## STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES YOUR LEGAL CONUNDRUMS ANSWERED



**I've moved out of my apartment and turned in the keys 2 months ago and still haven't received my security deposit or a reason why I haven't received it. What do I do now?**

Wisconsin law requires a landlord to return a security deposit, minus any legal deductions, back to a tenant at his or her last known address within 21 days after surrender of the premises. If a landlord has failed to comply with the law, the landlord can be sued in Small Claims court for double damages and reasonable attorney's fees if the tenant has a lawyer and prevails in the claim. The Staff Attorney at the Student Legal Society can evaluate your claim, give you copies of the applicable law and regulations, and explain Small Claims court procedures, for the tiny sum of \$5.00. This is a valuable resource for students. Contact the Student Legal Society at 346-4282 to set up an appointment with our staff attorney Jan Roberts, who meets with students on Thursday evenings, or by appointment if you can't make a Thursday evening appointment.



**My landlord is always coming over just to say "hi" and comes in all the time. I'm trying to be nice but this is getting creepy; what can I do?**

A landlord cannot enter your apartment with your consent unless he or she gives you 12 hours notice, and it is for a lawful purpose, such as repairs, inspection, showing the apartment to prospective tenants, etc. The only exceptions to this rule are if a health or safety emergency exists, or if the tenant is absent and the landlord reasonably knows that entry is necessary to protect the premises from damage.

So what do you do if the landlord is just ignorant of the law, or knows the law but chooses not to follow it? That's a whole different story, which depends on the circumstances. To be fair, a tenant with such a problem should educate their landlord on the law, by providing them with a copy of the law prohibiting that practice, and requesting that the landlord comply with the law. After all, the landlord expects the tenant to comply with the law and the least terms. The tenant can reasonably expect the same of the landlord. If the tenant lets the landlord in after the landlord knocks at the door, that equals consent to enter. However, that does not give the landlord a free license to invade the tenant's privacy. If simple communication by the tenant to the landlord (verbally or in writing – better to put it in writing to keep a paper trail) doesn't result in a change in the landlord's behavior, there are several other options available, including contacting the police, filing a complaint with the State of WI Department of Consumer Protection, or suing the landlord, depending on the circumstances. Hopefully, most situations can be resolved without going that far. Feel free to make an appointment with the staff attorney at the Student Legal Society to evaluate your situation and suggest a course of action.

**Do you have a question we should answer?**

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## Campus Calendar of Outdoor Events

4/2

**Fresh Water Fishing**  
With Outdoor Adventures

4/4

**Timberdoodles, Bogsuckers, Woodcocks, Oh My**  
Celebrate the return of the Woodcock with Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center

4/5

**Nature Photography Skills Course**  
With Outdoor Adventures

4/6 – 4/7

**Soaring Adaptations**  
Learn about birds of prey through Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center

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**Nature Photography Day Trip**

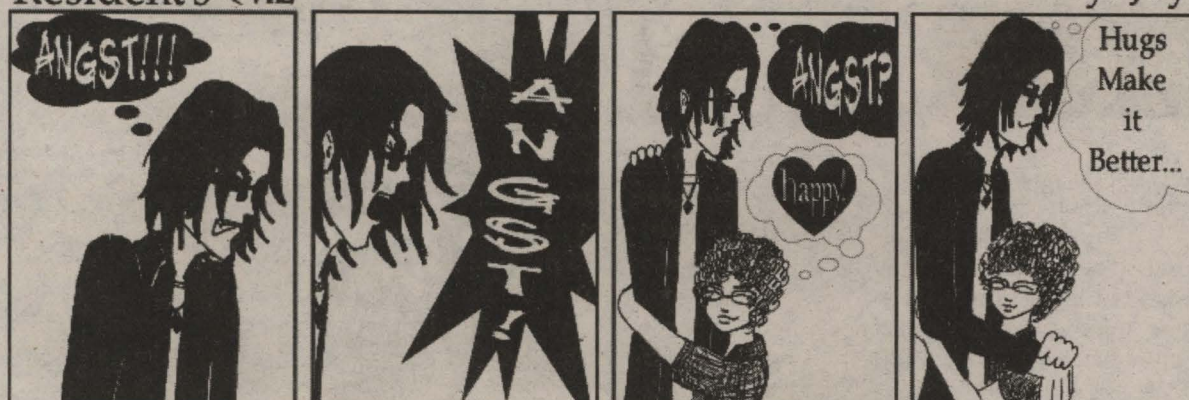
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**Being and Outdoors-Woman**  
With Central Wisconsin Environmental Station



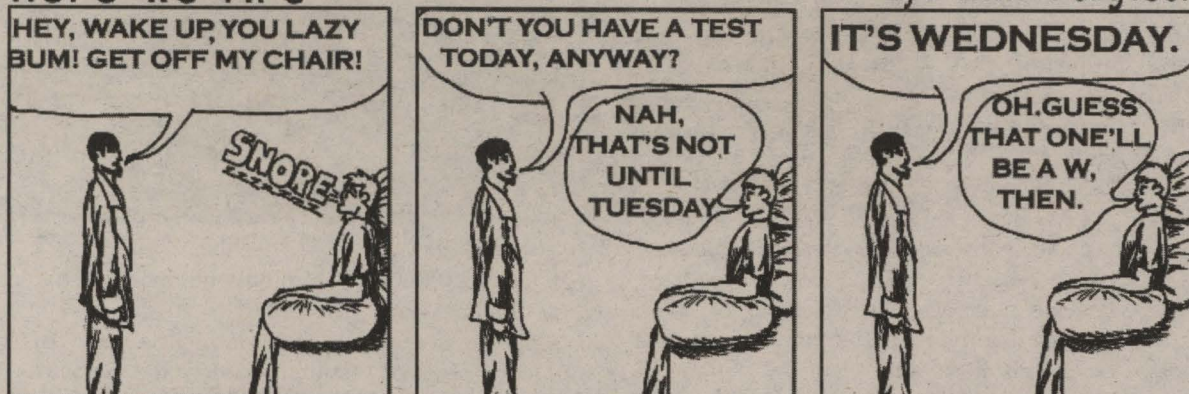
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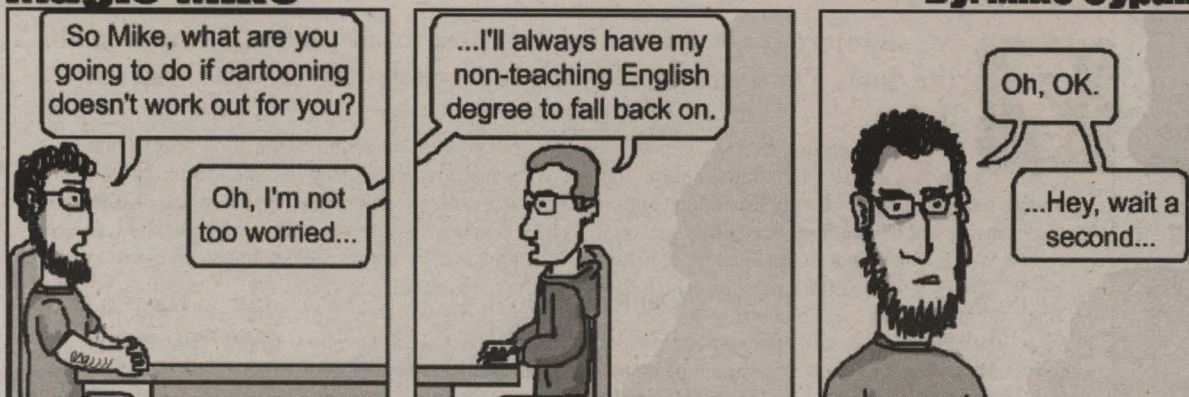
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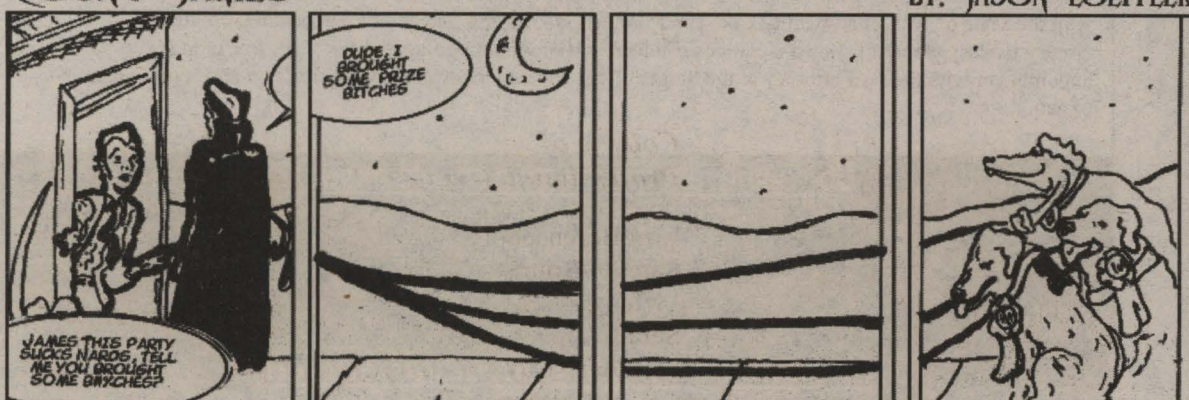
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## WORD SEARCH: TRANSPORTATION

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# Outdoors

## Outdoor Interview with next year's UW-SP SGA president Ross Cohen

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### Q: Why did you run for SGA president?

Ross: I have been very involved with SGA for the past couple years. With effective leadership, SGA can be the voice of the students and help push UW-SP in the direction the majority of students want it to go.

### Q: Why do you think the students chose you as president?

Ross: Because I said I'd push our campus in an environmentally and socially responsible direction and because the students could tell that I was a hard working and dedicated individual.

### Q: What are some of your fondest outdoor memories?

Ross: Working with the Youth Conservation Corps in Yellowstone National Park for an entire summer, backpacking and canoeing along the boarder of Tennessee and Kentucky, and week-long canoe trips in the Boundary Waters.

### Q: Do you have any environmental heroes and why?

Ross: The Lorax, he speaks for the trees for the trees have no tongues. A selfless act indeed.

### Q: What are some positive steps UW-SP has taken to be more environmentally friendly?

Ross: Students created the university sustainability reserve to pay for environmental and sustainable initiatives. We are currently using the reserve to put solar hot water heaters on top of the HEC to heat our swimming pool and Pray-Sims. The reserve will also go towards purchasing energy efficient light bulbs for the Noel Fine Arts Center Courtyard. Implementing energy efficient light bulbs will save UW-SP \$1,700 dollars annually on their energy bill. Students are also in

the process of building a student-run organic garden on campus.

### Q: What specific campus sustainability plans will you work on as SGA president?

Ross: Continue putting solar hot water heaters on more buildings, make sure the university purchases and offers environmentally friendly products, work with the faculty and administration to ensure a common front along with funding to continue implementing these practices and continue to take part in conversations dealing with UW-SP's master plan. Pretty much, I want to do everything in my power to decrease UW-SP's ecological footprint. I hope to help make UW-SP nationally recognized as the top sustainable campus.

### Q: What is UW-SP's master plan?

Ross: It is the tentative campus plan for the next 25 to 30 years. I am pushing for a greener campus. All students can help with the master plan by attending the master plan information sessions and by sending in concerns to the planners. The campus master plan website is <http://www.uwsp.edu/admin/busaffairs/facplan/edp.htm>

### Q: It sounds like the students are extremely proactive in making UW-SP more sustainable. What do you hope to do during your term to get the administration more involved?

Ross: I've established a good relationship with the administration and have stressed the importance of environmentally conscious policies. I only hope that during my term I can work more with the administration and students to improve environmental policies on campus.

### Q: Did you ever picture yourself as SGA president when you were younger?

Ross: No, I thought student government was stupid (looking back I was the stupid one).



New SGA President Ross Cohen Photo provided by Cohen

### Q: If going sustainable is such a good practice, how come UW-SP isn't going that direction quicker?

Ross: (Laughter) that is my question exactly. I think there is a lack of communication, knowledge and understanding among our administration about the vital importance of sustainable practices. It will be up to the students to redirect UW-SP and the community on a sustainable path. Being sustainable will create a better economy, society and environment. UW-SP won't become the national leading sustainable campus over night. However, once everyone is on the same page and committed to moving the campus in a sustainable direction, the process will become quicker and easier.

### Q: Do you have any closing thoughts?

Ross: I'm really excited to work together with students next year to accomplish these goals as well as others, and I'm confident that we will have a productive and successful year.



### The UWSP Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi congratulates this year's faculty and student initiates!

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Art and Design

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## Costs freeze arctic travel adventure

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel

Their dream of becoming the first explorers ever to cross the Arctic Ocean in summer has been canceled again this year, One World Expedition leader Lonnie Dupre and teammate Eric Larsen, formerly of Cedarburg, said Sunday.

They will attempt instead to go just halfway - to the North Pole - and back.

An unexpected \$50,000 increase in the cost of travel within Russia, from Moscow to the planned start at Cape Arctichesky in Siberia, "essentially eliminated" the team's ability to make the crossing this year, Dupre said. The expedition's Russian logistics coordinator informed them of the 50% price boost just last week. They had expected to depart April 30.

A similar price increase would apply to the cost of a helicopter rescue, if necessary.

The decision to abandon the planned crossing this year really was made for them when Russian authorities told the pair about the same time last week that no helicopter rescues would be attempted after May 1 of this year, Larsen said. That decision surprised the explorers because it was a Russian helicopter that lifted them to safety off thin, broken ice on the Arctic Ocean last June.

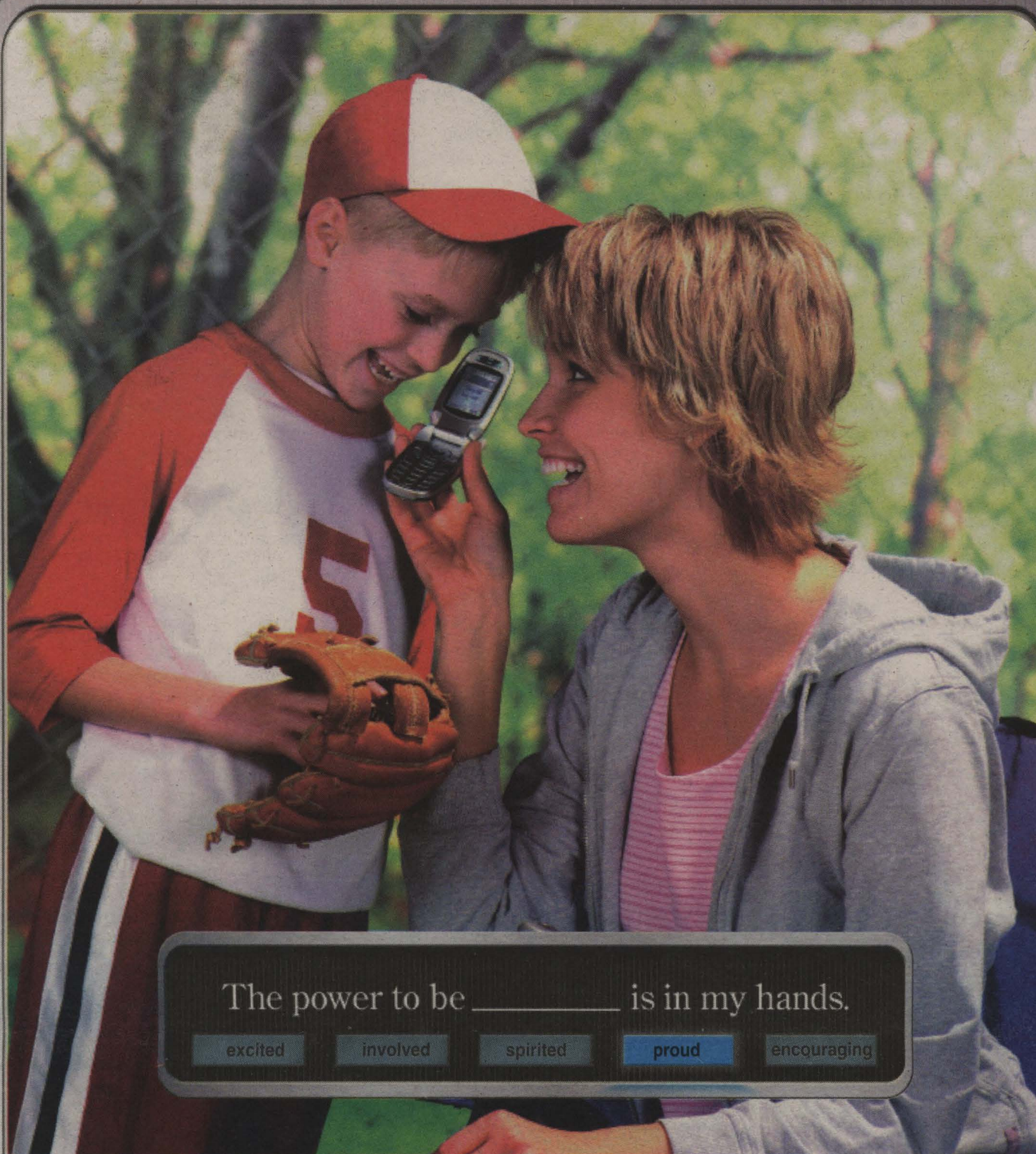
"We were devastated when we got the news," Larsen said. "We still don't know why the decision was made."

"For 3 1/2 years we've been planning a crossing of the Arctic Ocean," he said. They are now negotiating aircraft rescue, if needed, from Canada or Iceland.

Prior to the budget troubles, the pair had set aside more than \$100,000 for travel from Moscow to the Arctic coast. They had agreed to hold an additional \$100,000 in reserve for an emergency rescue.

Beginning May 1, Dupre and Larsen will attempt a summer crossing from Ward Hunt Island in northern Canada to the North Pole, a feat that no expedition has attempted even though it is half the distance of a full crossing, Dupre said. They will return to Cape Morris Jessup, Greenland, rather than attempting a full crossing to Russia.

Dupre and Larsen will attempt the crossing using only cross-country skis, snowshoes and canoes. Each canoe will be equipped with special runners to help them pull it across ice. They will paddle the canoes in open water.



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# Trumpeter swans expanding range in state

## DNR NEWS RELEASE

MADISON - Successful efforts to re-establish trumpeter swans in Wisconsin have resulted in a flock that this summer is expected to number more than 500 swans, with these majestic but still endangered birds now expanding their range into the central and even southern parts of the state.

"We had 92 nesting pairs last year and we expect that number to increase this summer as more birds reach sexual maturity," says Sumner Matteson, an avian ecologist with the Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Endangered Resources. "Most of the established pairs nest in the northwestern part of the state, but as suitable nesting habitat in that region is occupied, we're seeing an increase in nesting in the central part of the state and last summer we even had a pair successfully nest as far south as Jefferson County."

Trumpeter swans (*Cygnus buccinator*) -- named for their resonant, trumpet-like call -- are the largest waterfowl species in North America. They were found in Wisconsin until the 1880s, when market hunting and feather collecting nearly drove the species extinct. The state initiated its recovery program in 1987. Beginning in 1989, Wisconsin biologists flew to Alaska for nine consecutive years to collect surplus trumpeter swan eggs that

were then hatched in incubators at the Milwaukee County Zoo. After they hatched, the young swans were either placed in a captive-rearing program or decoy-rearing program until they were released to the wild.

Trumpeter swans can nest for the first time as early as age 3, but most don't nest until they are 4 to 6 years old, Matteson says. Swans mate for life and may live for 20 to 30 years. As with other waterfowl species, swan pairs generally return to their former nesting territory if the pair was previously successful at raising young on that territory.

A pair typically arrives on the breeding grounds soon after ice melt in early spring. Nesting territories range from 6 to 150 acres in size. Large, shallow wetlands with a diverse mix of emergent vegetation and open water offer ideal habitat. The swans are highly territorial and will defend their nesting territories from incursion by other swans.

"As the preferred habitat in one region becomes occupied, younger swans that are just establishing nesting territories are forced to look for suitable sites farther from the region where they were reared. In the past few years we've seen new nesting areas established in the northeastern and the central parts of the state. And birds released in Iowa have taken up nest sites

in southwestern Wisconsin -- sort of giving new meaning to the old tourism phrase 'Escape to Wisconsin.'"

An ongoing threat to native trumpeter swans expanding their range in the state is the expansion of a separate population of non-native swans called mute swans (*Cygnus olor*). The mute swan is a Eurasian bird first introduced by immigrants, but their population is increasing from escaped or accidentally released captive birds.

"Mute swans are an undesirable exotic species that are more aggressive than native trumpeter swans and can

out-compete them for nesting habitat," says Pat Manthey, a DNR avian ecologist at La Crosse. "Mute swans can also be very destructive to wetlands and to other waterfowl species because they uproot large quantities of aquatic vegetation."

The number of mute swans in Wisconsin is also estimated at about 500, with most located

in the southeastern part of the state, but their population is also now expanding into the central and northern part of the state, Manthey says. In order to reduce the population of the exotic swans, biologists will continue a program this summer to remove mute swans from all wetlands where they are found in the see **Swans** pg. 19



Swan numbers expected to increase this summer

Photo provided by Mac Wernicke

## OUTDOOR EDVENTURES' TIP OF THE WEEK

Josh Spice

MANAGER/TRIP LEADER AND OUTDOOR EDVENTURES AND RENTALS

When finding a route for a camping trip, whether it be backpacking, canoeing, kayaking or any other overnight venture, plan for variability in your itinerary. Make sure there are places to camp should you decide to do a shorter or longer day and that a change in your itinerary doesn't constrict the following days' activities and campsites. To learn more about this tip, along with many other tricks and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences, stop in Outdoor EdVentures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center.

## UW-SP's Climbing Competition involves students and community

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On Friday, March 31, UW-SP hosted its annual rock climbing competition at the indoor climbing wall, located in the Health Enhancement Center. While chalk dust swarmed the air, climbers stretched and meditated before competing.

Both students and community members, whose ages ranged from 11 - 61, joined together for the competition to make it a success.

The competition tested climbers' skills in both top roping and bouldering. Top rope ratings ranged from 5.3 - 5.12 while bouldering route ratings ranged from V0 - V2.

The divisions were beginner, intermediate and advanced. All three divisions were given around two hours to climb as many routes as possible.

Climbing wall manager Shea Rollins said, "The competition went fantastic, we had about 35 climbers last year and 50 this year, a significant increase!"

If a climber completed a route on his or her first attempt (otherwise known as flashing the route) that climber would receive the full amount of points offered for the climb. If the

climber completed the route on his or her second try, that climber would receive the second amount of points offered for the climb. Climbers were given the chance to climb a route as many times as possible, if the climber eventually finished a route, that climber received the third amount of points offered for the climb. If a climber never finished the route, that climber was awarded no points.

While climbers charged up and down the wall for their two hour period, spectators sat on bleachers watching and cheering on the competitors. "Climbing in front of big groups of people isn't really my favorite thing to do, but I felt the competitors and spectators were extremely spirited," said community climber Andy Armstrong after the competition.

After each division was finished climbing, competition staff counted up the number of points each climber received. The top three climbers from the men's and women's division advanced to the finals.

The Men's finalists were first place John Dobbe (Community), second place Aaron Kaetterhenry (Community) and Marty Tikusis (UW-L). The women's finalists were first place Jessica Anderson (UW-L), Sarah Wandersee

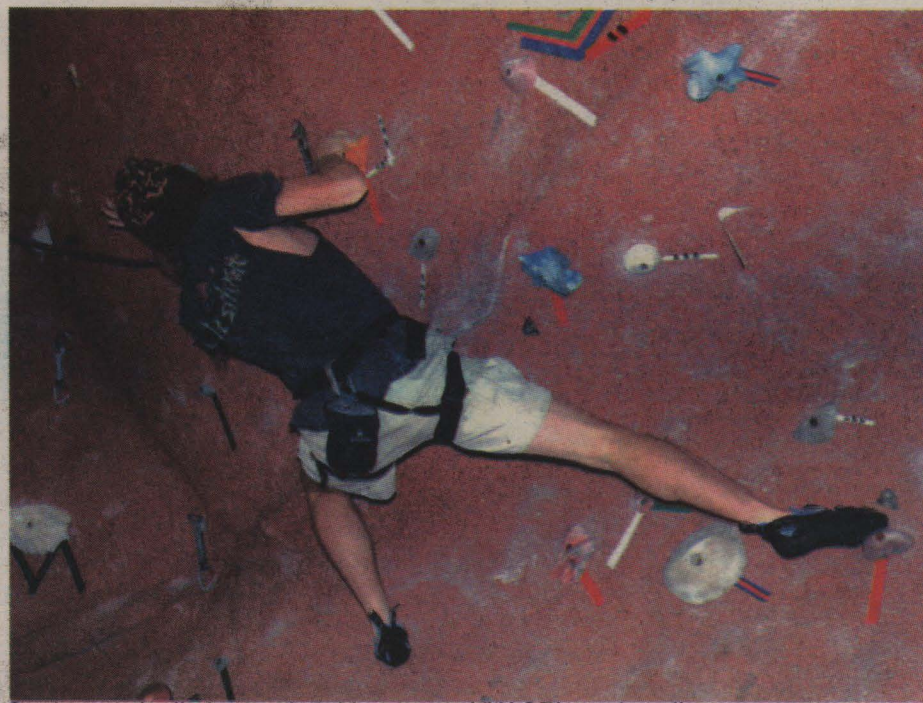
(UW-EC) and Anna Nummelin (UW-EC).

Climbing prizes were awarded to top place finishers in each category, as well as climbers whose names were drawn at random.

"All the prizes were donated from climbing companies. Eleven companies sent us boxes full of prizes that we could give away, ranging from a backpack to books, CD's, DVD's, chalk

bags, t-shirts, rope bags, chalk, stickers, headlamps and magazines," said Rollins.

The climbing competition is a good event for both competitive climbers and those interested in trying something new. Assistant wall supervisor Adam Remus said, "The competition has been run pretty much the same way the last four years. It gets smoother every year."



Student rock climber makes his way up UW-SP's rock wall

Photo by Eva Heule

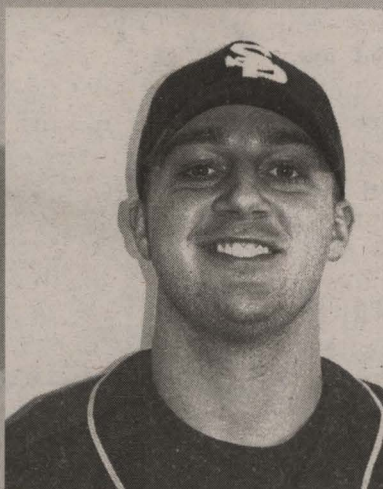


## Senior on the Spot

### Jake Frombach – Baseball

#### Career Highlights:

- Named to the ABCA all-Midwest Region second-team and first-team all-WIAC squad in 2005.
- Hit home run on first pitch of the game, going four-for-five and driving in two runs in NCAA regional victory over UW-Whitewater last season.
- Batted 9-for-22 in NCAA regional to land spot on last year's all-tournament team.



**Major - Business**

**Hometown -** Stratford, Wis.

**Do you have any nicknames?** - "The Snake."

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Work in some type of sports setting.

**What has helped you become such an accomplished baseball player?**

Hard work, dedication and playing as many games as possible growing up.

**What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?**

Winning conference tournament last year and advancing to the NCAA regionals.

**What's your most embarrassing moment?**

Fouling a baseball off my testicles last summer without a cup on and then having surgery. However, everything is perfectly fine now, ladies.

**What CD is in your stereo right now?** - A burned CD of everything.

**What DVD is currently in your DVD player?** - "Rounders."

**What will you remember most about UW-SP?**

Friends, baseball, creeping around and all the good times.

**What are the three biggest influences in your life?**

My mom, dad and all my friends.

## Relays help men's team to third at North Central

**Press Release**  
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COMMUNICATIONS

UW-Stevens Point captured both men's relay events and had three other individual champions in placing third of five teams at Saturday's North Central First Chance Meet in Naperville, Ill.

The Pointer women's team had one individual champion and placed last in the first outdoor meet of the year.

The men's 400-meter relay won in 42.28 seconds, while the 1600-meter relay team was victorious in 3:18.29. Mitch Ellis added an NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the high jump at six feet, 8.25 inches, edging teammate Kyle Steiner, who finished second in six feet, 5.5 inches.

Other winners for the men were Adam Baumann in the 110-meter hurdles at 15.29 seconds and Peter Prusinski in the discus at 151 feet, one inch.

Bryan Buechel was second in the 400-meter dash in 49.36 seconds, Brandon Warner was second in the long jump at 21 feet, 2.5 inches, Kyle Scofield was runner-up in the shot put at 49 feet, 7.25 inches and Jon Fenrick was second in the javelin at 154 feet, two inches.

Teresa Stanley turned in the lone win for the women's team with a provisional mark in the 3000-meter steeplechase in 11:12.00. Jenna Mitcher added a provisional time in a second place finish in the 1500-meter run in 4:35.64.

Laura Simonis was second in the 200-meter dash in 26.33 seconds and Amy Frey was second in the triple jump at 35 feet, four inches. The 400-meter relay team also placed second in 50.85 seconds.

The Pointers were scheduled to host their only outdoor meet of the year next weekend, but will instead compete at the UW-Oshkosh Invitational on Saturday.

## MLB 2006 preview: Can the White Sox repeat, despite all the parity?

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Opening Day 2006 has come and gone, but the season is far from over. The 2006 Major League Baseball season may be the most parity-ridden year that baseball will have seen in quite some time.

The once-dominant teams in both American and National Leagues are in danger of giving their consistent success away to mid-market squads, who are building powerhouses of their own.

The most noticeable shift in power may be in the AL East. With the annual bat-

tle for supremacy set between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox escalating in the past few years, the Toronto Blue Jays have been quietly building a contender ready to take on the powers in their division. The Blue Jays added pitching with the signings of A.J. Burnett and B.J. Ryan, while adding power at the plate with the additions of Lyle Overbay and Troy Glaus. If the new additions can mesh well with the core group and stay healthy, the Jays could ruffle some feathers in the AL East.

Most attention in the AL will rest on the defending World Champion Chicago White Sox. Adding tremendous power to their lineup with Jim Thome, the White Sox look to be in position to repeat again in 2006. However, the Cleveland Indians have been steadily improving and the Minnesota Twins are always a threat in the heavily contested AL Central.

The AL West is another tight division, featuring the likes of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, the Oakland A's,

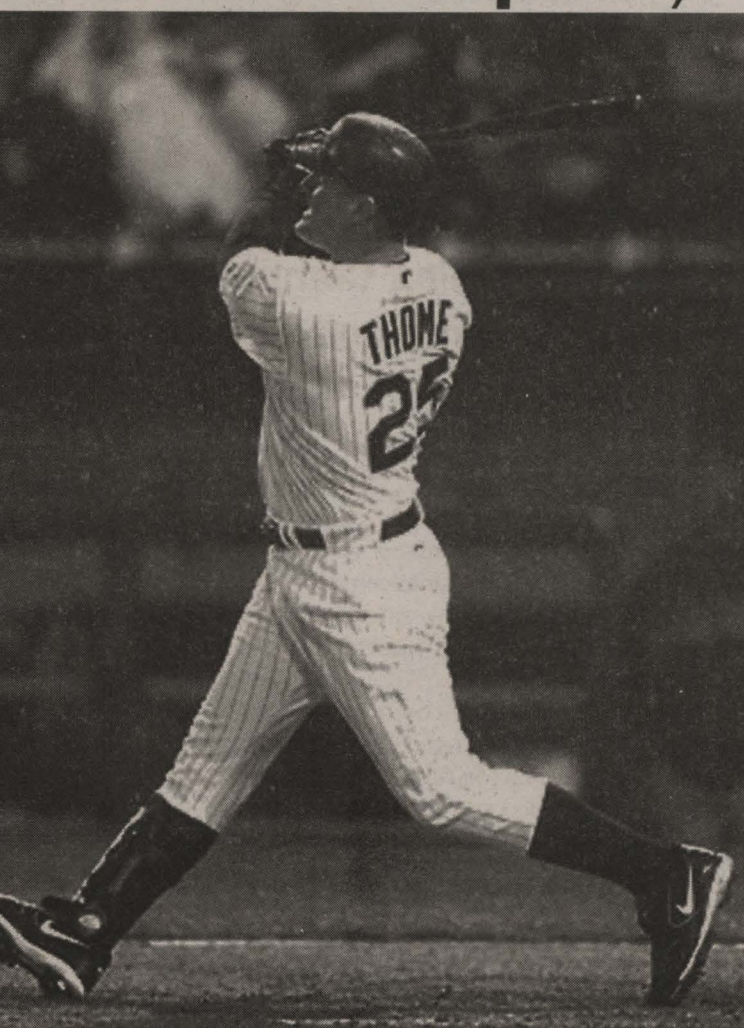


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Jim Thome adds power to a potent and consistent White Sox lineup.

the Texas Rangers and the Seattle Mariners. Every team in this division has the talent to make it into post-season play.

Switching to the teams who allow their pitchers to hit, the strength of the National League lies mostly in the Central Division. The St.

Louis Cardinals look like the team to beat again in the entire NL, as their 3-4-5 hitters read like an all-star team. Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen will slug their way deep into October, backed by Jeff Suppan, Chris Carpenter and Mark Mulder on the hill.

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# Pointers roll Pioneers in weather-shortened weekend series

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The baseball teams from UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville came into last weekend expecting to square off four times over the course of two days. Mother Nature decided to interrupt the doubleheader on Sunday, as rain forced the Pointers and Pioneers to get in only three games. UW-SP wasn't hindered by the revised schedule, as they won all three contests and started the WIAC season undefeated.

Pitching was the story for the Pointers on Saturday, as sophomore hurler Jordan Zimmermann set the tone in game one with a record-tying performance. Zimmermann struck out 14 Pioneers, tying a 45-year-old record set by Bill Kuse against UW-Milwaukee in 1961. Zimmermann allowed only one earned run and four hits in the 7-2 win for UW-SP.

The Pointer offense was carried by Adam Evanoff and Chuck Brehm, both of whom homered in the contest. Jake Fombach also did a number on offense, going 3-for-5 at the plate.

Another quality pitching performance led the Pointers in game two on Saturday, as UW-SP shut out UW-P 10-0. Senior pitcher Josh Perkins tied his career-high in strikeouts with nine in the contest, allowing only one runner past second base. The middle of the Pointer lineup contributed all 10 runs in the game, as hitters three through

seven in the batting order each had at least one run batted in.

"Both Jordan (Zimmermann) and Josh (Perkins) had great outings that were also timely in the sense that their performances allowed our offense to slowly get more comfortable with the adjustments we have asked them to make," said UW-SP Head Coach Pat



Pioneer hitters look on, preparing to face UW-SP's pitching in Sunday's game, played two hours earlier than scheduled.

Bloom. "We will need that kind of consistency from them and from the other starters throughout the rest of the year if we hope to compete for a conference title."

The Pointers ended the game in

the bottom of the seventh, as catcher Doug Coe blasted a two-run home run to enact the 10-run rule.

"I think we had a productive weekend, not only from the standpoint of getting three big wins, but our hitters also showed improvement in their approach and we were able to sustain leads and play well in the late innings,"

said Bloom. "Those are all things we want to continue to build on this Wednesday and into the weekend."

Daylight savings time and an imminent rain storm gave both teams very little time to prepare for the games that were to be played on Sunday. With a not-so-promising forecast prior to the game, the start

time for the Sunday series was moved up to 10 a.m.

An earlier start time meant little to the UW-SP players, as the Pointers overpowered the Pioneers 15-5. Sophomore Brian Stoneberg made his

first career start on Sunday and didn't disappoint. Stoneberg, in the lineup as the designated hitter, went 2-for-5 with four RBIs and a home run in his debut.

"Despite the inconvenience of daylight savings and the poor weather, I think we made a good decision to start the game two hours earlier than scheduled," said Bloom. "We were fortunate to have the infield tarp at our disposal this weekend - it really saved us."

The earlier start time was a good move, as the first game on Sunday lasted three hours and 10 minutes. There were 21 hits, 10 errors and 12 walks in the game, leading to the epic-like duration in Sunday's first game. It would prove, however, to be the only game on Sunday, as the rains began to fall, cancelling the second scheduled contest.

Bloom felt that the solid start to the season for the Pointers will give them an edge when it matters the most.

"There is a lot of balance in the league this year, and I think that six teams can legitimately contend for the top four spots in the conference," Bloom said.

The Pointers extended their winning ways into the middle of the week, defeating UW-Stout 15-5 and 7-2 on Wednesday.

UW-SP moved to 9-5 overall with the wins over the Blue Devils and are 5-0 in the WIAC.

## Perkins to be featured on Fox Sports Net's "NCAA On Campus"

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COMMUNICATIONS

UW-Stevens Point baseball pitcher Josh Perkins will be featured on this month's edition of "NCAA On Campus," which airs on Fox Sports Net nationwide. The show will air locally on FSN North on Tuesday, April 11 at 2 p.m.

Perkins, a 26-year-old senior from Two Rivers, missed the past two seasons while serving in the U.S. military in Iraq. He was a first-

team all-conference pitcher for the Pointers in 2003 and was granted an extra year of eligibility for this season. Perkins (formerly Blaha) was married last summer and his wife, Christine, a UW-SP graduate, also served in Iraq and will be featured on the show.

Game footage was filmed in Perkins' debut this season against Augustana (Ill.) at Port Charlotte, Fla. Additional footage was taken on campus in Stevens Point and during last week's game against

UW-Platteville when Perkins pitched a seven-inning shut-out.

The show began in 2003 and highlights all NCAA-sponsored sports. The Fox Sports Net crew travels to college and university campuses throughout the United States for show interviews and feature stories. The show airs at various times on FSN across the country. A complete listing of times is available at NCAAAsports.com.

## Nationally-ranked Pointers sweep Lakeland, get swept by UW-Platteville

**Robert Lucas**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The 17th-ranked UW-SP women's softball team experienced the best-case scenario and the worst-case scenario in each of their doubleheaders this past week. On Saturday, the Pointers traveled to Sheboygan and swept Lakeland, winning 3-1 and 11-1. On Tuesday, UW-Platteville strolled into town and stunned the Pointers, winning both by scores of 3-1 and 4-0.

Ashley Tobalsky pitched seven very strong innings in game one for the Pointers, giving up just one run on five hits. However, the game belonged to leadoff hitter Mandy Jellish. The junior centerfielder was four-for-four and hit her first career home run, a two-run inside the park homer that put the Pointers up for good in the game.

In game two, the Pointers offense exploded. Third baseman Laura Zierler was four-for-four, along with two RBI's. Jellish continued her hot hitting by going three-for-four and snagged her second steal of the season. Both second baseman Jenny Feidt and left fielder Rebekah Bauer collected two hits apiece.

On Tuesday, the Pointers offense lay dormant as the

Pioneers pitching shut down UW-SP in both games. Point failed to get the timely hits, leaving 16 runners on base in the two games combined.

In game one, Point was held to a season-low three hits. The lone highlight came from catcher Kristen Konieczny hitting her first home run of the season. Platteville's Katie Larson pitched brilliantly, striking out six over seven innings. Tobalsky took the loss for the Pointers, giving up eight hits over seven innings, walking four and striking out three.

Game two felt like déjà vu for the Pointers. They collected six doubles in the game, but weren't able to squeeze any runs across. Laura Van Abel and Konieczny each had two hits in the loss. Platteville's two, three and four hitters each had two hits and all four RBIs of the game for the Pioneers. Allison Dorn was the pitcher of record for the Pointers, giving up four runs in three innings before giving way to Hope Krause, who pitched four strong innings in relief, only giving up three hits.

The Pointers are home again Sunday in a doubleheader against the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

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## Science, Health &amp; Tech.

## Facebook may pose unforeseen dangers for students and career seekers

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SCIENCE REPORTER

It would be safe to assume that just about every college student on this campus has some general knowledge of the Internet networking site Facebook. If not, seriously, where have you been?

New studies have found that 85 percent of college students in the United States have an account on Facebook or a similar site such as MySpace or Friendster. That's 3.85 million members in the United States, 60 percent of whom log in daily.

With such a huge population of college students – as of Sept. 1, high school students

as well – using these sites to chronicle their lives, there have been a slew of articles discussing its purpose and how it is used and misused. While most Facebook profiles are inherently benign, there have been incidents of harm coming to students with public accounts.

A March 9 article in USA Today by Janet Kronblum told the story of Michael Guinn, a student at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., who was kicked out of the school for posting pictures of himself on his Facebook account along with other virtual documentation which suggested that he was homosexual. According to the article, "Guinn's activities were in

violation of campus conduct codes stating that behavior must 'affirm and honor the scripture.'"

Another incident was documented in the same article in which two swimmers at Louisiana State were kicked off the team for criticizing their coaches on their Facebook accounts. Dozens of such incidents of varying severity have happened all over the country.

But Facebook is not all bad. Kelly Ballard, a sophomore at UW-SP said, "Facebook helps me keep in touch with friends from high-school I may not have kept in contact with otherwise." It is an easy way to start, maintain and build relationships with others, completely online.

The popularity of Facebook speaks for itself. It's something that students enjoy and benefit from in some way. But students should be aware of the information they put out into cyberspace.

Many students feel a false sense of security when using Facebook because it requires a valid .edu e-mail address to create a profile. Students feel that it is their private Web page that can only be accessed by the people they designate.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to hack into [Facebook]," said Lorry Walters of UW-SP Career Services, "and there are peo-

ple out there with less than noble intentions."

Walters discussed some of the dangers of having an incriminating Facebook account while job hunting.

"Many companies use recruiters who are younger and may have active Facebook accounts themselves," she said.

It would not be hard for these future employers to go online and see that picture of you taking a body shot off a girl at a bar.

Walters also knows of a junior high computer technology teacher who was able to get a Facebook account because he had taken classes with the university and had a valid campus e-mail.

"He was able to see the profiles of all his students," said Walters.

"[Through Facebook] employers are getting access to information about their applicants that they are not supposed to have," said Walters. Information such as race, sex-

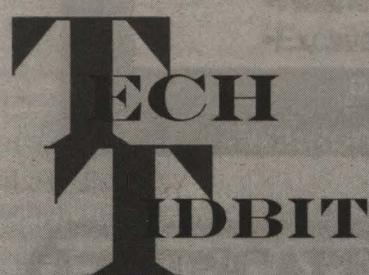
ual orientation and political views are being put out there, which could put potential applicants at a disadvantage.

The most important thing for college students to do when they create these accounts is to use good judgment.

Walters's advice to students is "don't put anything on your account that you wouldn't want your parents to see."

Some pictures or comments that are meant to be funny may be misconstrued by the wrong audience. "Women should be especially careful," said Walters.

Facebook really is a cultural phenomenon. More and more students are spilling their life-stories on sites like Facebook. What these sites will ultimately amount to remains to be seen. In the mean time, it might be helpful to remember that people are watching and they may not be the people you think.



*Congratulations,  
it's a robot!*

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Think "The Jetsons," "Robocop" and "Terminator" are fiction? Think again, because we're not far off. The South Korean government has a plan in place to develop a fleet of robots that will perform numerous functions in society, from housekeeping to apprehending criminals, all controlled from – what must be unnerving to some South Korean citizens – central government supercomputers.

Starting this October, brave South Koreans can begin welcoming new members into their families in the form of robonannies and maidbots.

According to The Korea Times, three types of household robots, which look like futuristic mini vacuum cleaners with painted-on smiles, will be available for general purchase. One type will be built for healthcare-related activities, another can clean rooms and the third can perform a variety of tasks including reading to the kids and monitoring the home.

The mobile robot will also have a connection to the Internet that enables it, among other things, to order pizza or download tunes.

South Korea's Ministry of Information and Communication estimates that the bots will cost a relatively affordable \$1,000-\$2,000.

Why so cheap? The actual robot contains the basic hardware needed for movement, while most of the sensory and intelligence processes (the really expensive stuff) for the little beasts will be located on a government network.

What's more is that these robots can be controlled by both remote control and artificial intelligence (AI). Meaning that the robots will be able to act on their own volition or be manipulated by whoever has access to the software (hint: the government).

This technology, if successful in the field, will eventually allow the South Korean government to create robots capable of crime prevention and warfare. The plan is to have a viable force up and running early in the next decade.

South Korea's Center for Intelligent Robots, a state-sponsored group that is running the project, hopes to create a type of robot that can do security rounds and chase down suspected criminals.

They also plan to create a military robot in the shape of an eight-legged or eight-wheeled dog or horse that can literally engage in battle, which is sure to frighten any foe.

No word on whether the robocanine will try to hump the enemy's leg.

## What's Happening at the Allen Center...

Chelsey Ross  
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Spring weather is here and it's time to enjoy it! Check out all the items available to rent from Outdoor EdVentures. Kayaks, canoes, bikes and camping equipment are available for one-, three- or seven-day rentals. You can even rent the fire pit outside of the Allen Center and invite a group of friends for a real campfire. Take advantage of the low prices and quality equipment available to all students. For more information, stop by Outdoor EdVentures, 002 Lower Allen Center, or visit their Web site at [www.uwspoe.com](http://www.uwspoe.com).

Get outside and take part in the co-ed Spring Volleyball Tournament sponsored by the Student Health and Promotion Office. The event will take place on Saturday, April 29 at the Allen Center volleyball courts. The first eight teams to sign up by April 21 at noon will receive free t-shirts. You can pick up a roster form and get more information in the Student Health Promotion Office, 004 Lower Allen Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.



# CNR Research Symposium to highlight a variety of student projects

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The College of Natural Resources (CNR) opens its doors for the entire city on Friday.

The CNR is holding its seventh annual Research Symposium at the end of this week, and it's taking over the first floor of the building.

"This was the vision of then dean (Victor) Phillips, and it's really to provide an opportunity for undergrads to get involved in research," said Steven Menzel of the CNR Public Relations Department.

Students have worked on 32 presentations in several areas of study to be included this year. Twelve of the presentations are oral, and are going to be held in rooms 120 and 170 of the CNR.

Some of the topics included in this year's symposium cover scientific information regarding feline identification, blanding turtle habits and various other topics that evolve around plants and animal life alike.

The symposium is planned by a steering committee, made up of both students and faculty. The whole purpose behind the event is to allow students to display the posters they've been working on for months, and also, to be recognized for their accomplishments and knowledge.

Symposium involvement promises a \$500 research grant for one of the lucky 32 presentations. The grant will be awarded on Friday.

In years past, the symposium has attracted several hundred interested visitors. Menzel thinks the spectators are ensured a good show.

"Artists can show off their work in the gallery," said Menzel. "Scientists show off their work in a symposium like this."

The symposium is a student-run event, and rightly so, given that its objective is to create a presentation platform, allowing for fellow students with knowledge to showcase

their work.

"It's to encourage and reward students for becoming involved outside the classroom," said Menzel. "It brings students together for one event to celebrate their work."

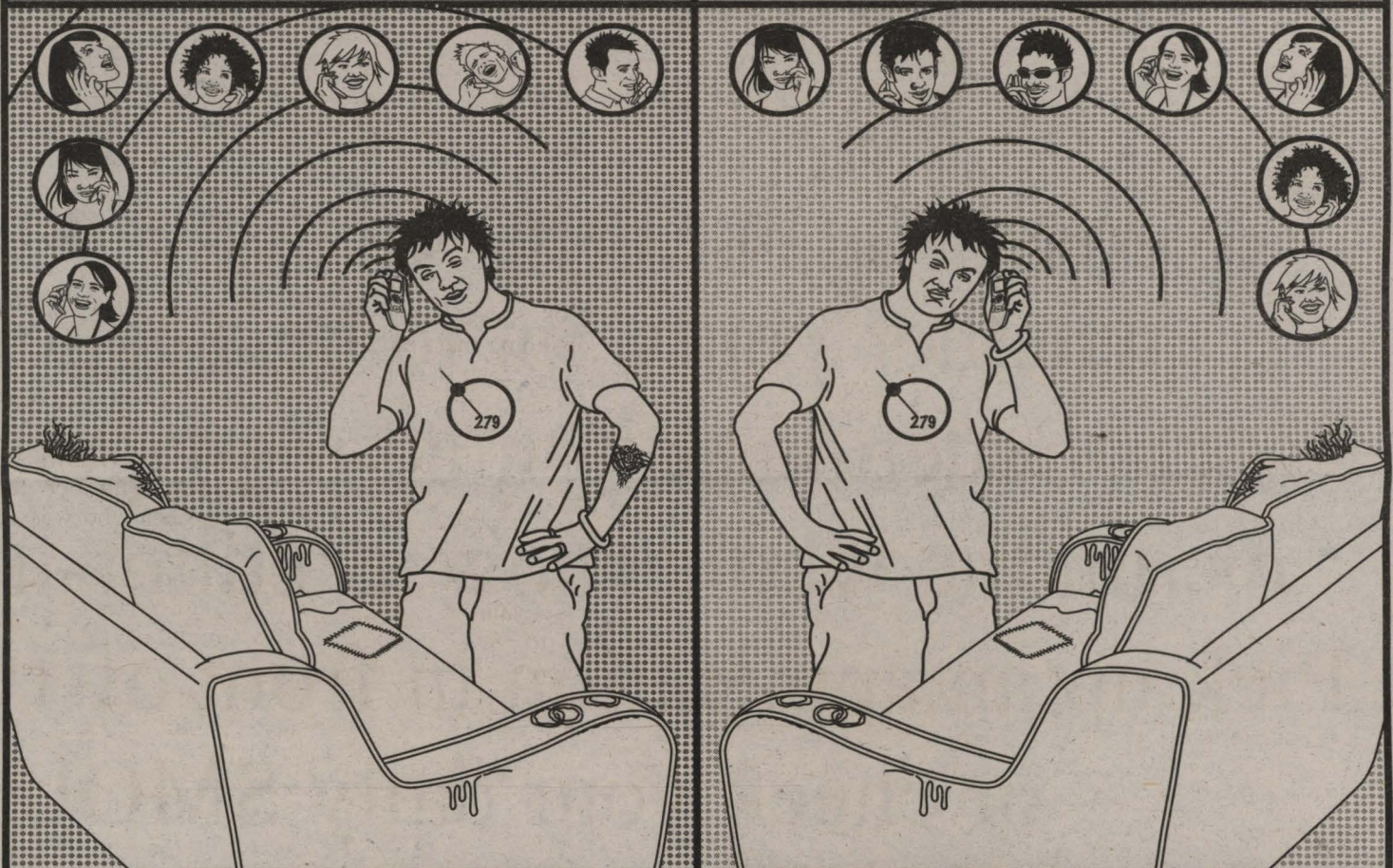
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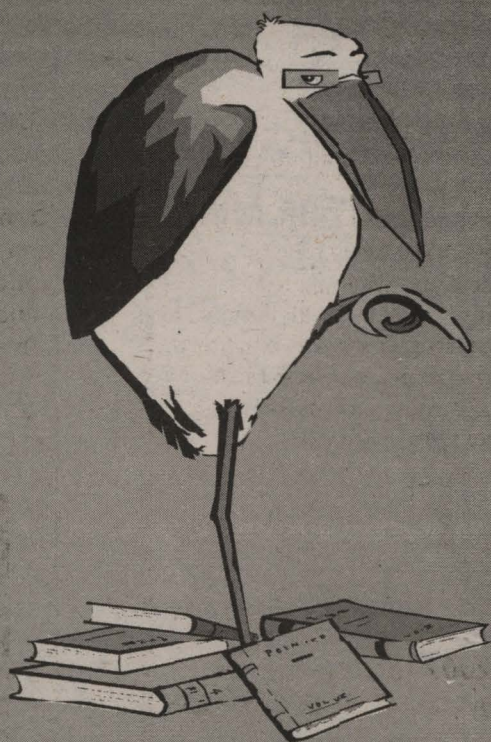
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## Arts &amp; Review

**"Rosenrot" continues Rammstein's industrial reign**

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Rammstein, in the minds of most only notable for their 1999 hit "Du Hast" (You Have), are still alive and kicking. "Rosenrot" (Rosered), their latest, marks the German industrial band's fifth studio release. They also have a live CD, "Live Aus Berlin," with a matching DVD, and another DVD ("Lichtspielhaus") which compiles all their music videos through their third album, "Mutter," and also includes interviews and clips from six different concerts.

Rammstein are a six-piece band, with Till Lindemann on vocals, Richard Kruspe-Bernstein and Paul Landers on guitar, Christoph "Doom" Schneider on drums, Oliver Riedel on bass, and Christian "Flake" Lorenz on keyboards. They describe their own music as "dance-metal."

"Rosenrot" was released fairly close to their last CD, "Reise, Reise," and some of the songs on "Rosenrot" were recorded for "Reise, Reise." Some reviewers complain about this being a bunch of cast-offs from the "Reise, Reise" sessions, the only real filler track here seems to be the final song, "Ein Lied," which simply means "A Song."

The standout tracks on

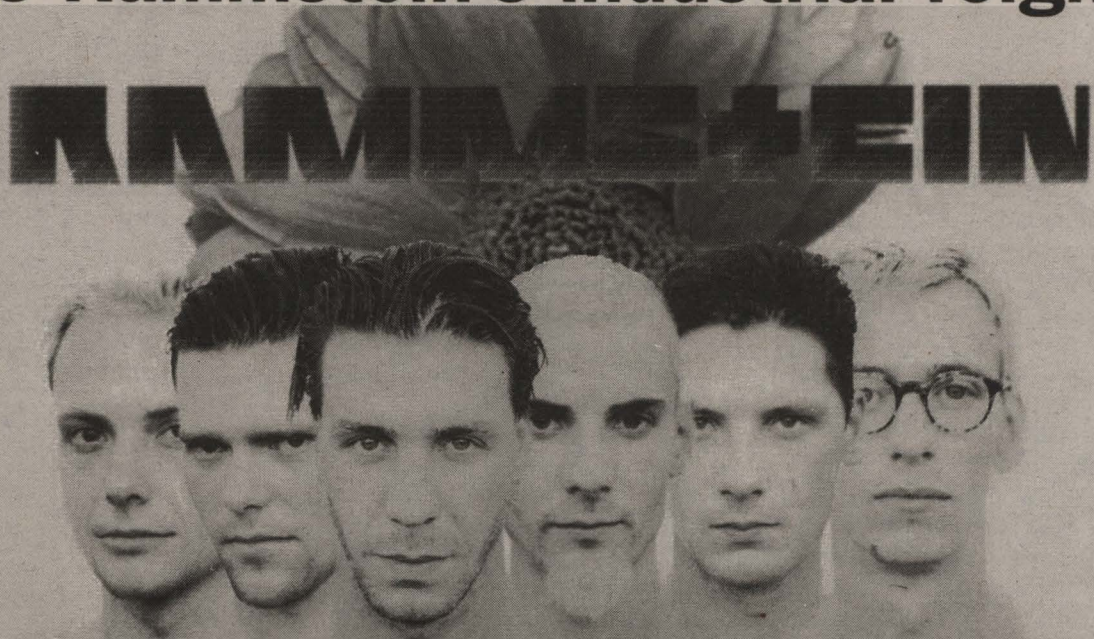
the album are "Mann Gegen Mann" (Man Against Man), "Rosenrot" (Rosered) and the very un-Rammstein Spanish track "Te Quiero Puta!" (I Love You, Whore!).

Another interesting track on the album is the ballad-like "Stirb Nicht Vor Mir (Don't Die Before I Do)." The song features Sharleen Spiteri on the chorus vocals, sung in English.

Rammstein plan to release the original version of the song at a future date with the original German chorus recorded by the singer Bobo, a regular contributor to Rammstein's CDs.

"Stirb Nicht Vor Mir" may turn off some Rammstein fans, as well as the Spanish track "Te Quiero Puta!" mentioned above. In addition to being sung completely in Spanish, there are also Latin-style trumpets throughout the song, which creates a strange mix with the crunchy palm-muted chords of the guitars.

Rammstein's lyrics, which often contain made-up words and other wordplay, are often mistranslated. And, because of translation issues, some lyrics just can't be translated to have the same effect. This was, and is, the trouble with "Du Hast," which, in the context of the song (which plays off of traditional German wedding



Rammstein

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vows) means "You Have." This confusion might be caused by an English version of the song the band recorded where they translated the lyrics themselves and called it "You Hate."

On "Rosenrot," the song "Mann Gegen Mann" contains a lot of wordplay. The song was written by Lindemann (according to an interview) after he went to a bar with some gay friends and observed how easy it was for them to pick up dates versus the way it works for heterosexual couples. An example of this wordplay occurs at the end of the song, when the phrase "mann gegen mann" is changed to

"mann gaygen mann," which changes the meaning from "man against man" to "man gay for man."

The version of the CD I listened to was the special edition Digipak, which includes a live DVD with three songs from the "Reise, Reise" tour, Rammstein's most recent. The highlight of the DVD is a performance of "Mein Teil" (a song based on the canni-

bal-killer Armin Meiwes) in Japan, which features Flake Lorenz in a large pot being roasted by Lindemann with a flamethrower.

Overall, "Rosenrot" is probably not Rammstein's best, but it is an example of how the band constantly tries to expand its sound while staying true to its industrial roots.

## **"Newgrass" coming to Sentry Theater just in time for spring**

The UW-SP Performing Arts Series presents Sam Bush on Thursday, April 6 at the Sentry Theater at 7:30 p.m.

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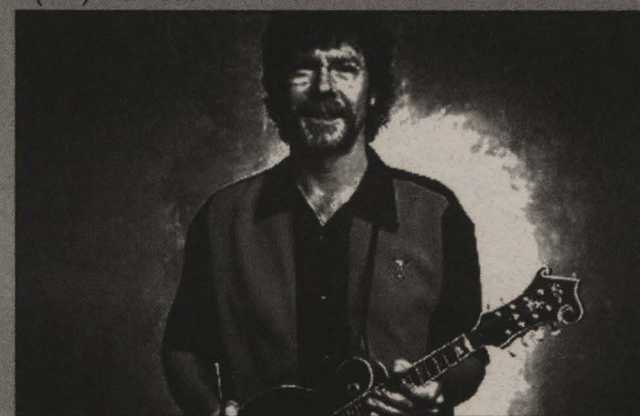
The founder of New Grass Revival, Bush has worked and toured with artists such as Emmylou Harris' Nash Ramblers, Lyle Lovett, Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt, Trisha Yearwood, Pam Tillis and many more.

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# A violent vendetta

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ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

In a harsh dystopian future, totalitarianism rules Britain after a virus has wiped out most of the world. Art and other media are outlawed in this new order; the people are held at bay by a fascist chancellor (John Hurt) who brandishes fear upon them to establish order and security. Torture and interrogation are the norm.

Four hundred years earlier, Guy Fawkes attempted to blow up the house of Parliament in Britain. In the movie's present, a new vigilante known as "V" pursues to finish what Fawkes initiated.

"Remember, remember, the fifth of November," V says in a nursery sing-song, in honor of Fawkes' failed rebellion. With his outfit of black and Fawkes mask, V resembles the Phantom of the Opera. But the Phantom does not have throwing knives or employ terrorist tactics. Both, however, are still mysterious.

"V for Vendetta" derives from the ominous graphic novel by author Alan Moore, whose prior graphic novel was turned into the movie "From Hell." Both have diabolical elements. "V for Vendetta" was written by the Wachowski brothers, who brought us the "Matrix" movies, and it is no coincidence that V is played by Hugo Weaving, the "Matrix" villain.

Is V a terrorist or a revolu-

tionary for the people? That is the main question the film will pose to audiences. Yet watching a terrorist man whose face is unmoving when he talks, and who speaks with such grand prose and intelligence, is not something to easily turn away from. V, as most of society, wants a change that will better the country.

The ideas of dystopian societies and dark-seeded futures have been visited brilliantly before in the films "Brazil," "1984" and "12 Monkeys" (which also dealt with an insidious virus); and the novels "Fahrenheit 451" and "A Brave New World." Most embodied a government that ruled with fear and extreme power. "V for Vendetta" is no different in that sense.

The main difference between these other works and "V" is that V is more of a comic book superhero. However, V, a masked crusader whose favorite film is "The Count of Monte Cristo" retains a partial human side in the midst of his anarchy.

V discovers an ally for his grand mission—a "helper" if you will—in the character of Evey (Natalie Portman). She has a checkered past and wants answers, a renewal of her faith and a figure to dismantle the dictatorial regime. Her man is V.

The similarities in the relationships between V and Evey

and Christine and the Phantom of the Opera are inescapable, right down to V's mask and body language—his only means of communication. The dichotomy of Evey's relationship to V is such that she wonders if she should serve him and allow her own beliefs to be sacrificed for his ideals, or follow her own ideology.

Portman goes through the motions without putting any feeling into the character and comes out surprisingly flat, her British accent unconvincing. When Evey is given a woman's emotional anecdote on toilet paper about the acts of unconditional love, only then do her raw feelings shine out, as they try to when she's with V.

Stephen Rea plays Finch, the detective hunting for V, and who is searching for the truth about the St. Mary's Virus. This lends a second tier of action to the movie, with a mystery motif in uncovering the origin of V and the true nature of the government authority.

Part of the film's ending nearly compromises its integrity, goes too far into "Matrix"

territory to establish more bang for the audience's buck—and is completely irresponsible by the filmmakers.

Still, there are many far-reaching concepts interwoven into the film, especially V's passion and what he means to the people.

The film's themes will get people talking. Artists, as V

says, use lies to tell the truth. Do governments as well? Is the film intended as a morality play on the current state of the world?

The more serious question to posit: is terrorist violence the path to a "peaceful" society?



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## "Simple Life 3:" brainless, but fun

Daniel Richter  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

When "The Simple Life" first hit the FOX network back in 2003, I doubt many thought the series would last long enough to produce a third season, but "The Simple Life 3: Interns" has recently hit store shelves.

The fish-out-of-water series stars model and Hilton Hotel heiress Paris Hilton, who is probably more well known for her popular sex tape "One Night in Paris" than she is for anything else, and her best friend at the time, Nicole Richie, adopted daughter of crooner Lionel Richie.

In the first season of the show, the juxtaposed stars lived in the small town of Altus, Ark. with the Leding family, working odd jobs around the town, ranging from rookie taxidermists to slaving away at a fast food joint.

Season two found the girls on a cross-country trip through America's south, embarrassing and disrespecting everyone in their path, per our enjoyment, performing such tasks as working at a beauty parlor doing disastrous makeovers and even herding cattle, at which point they drew on the bulls with lipstick and covered them in glitter

to make them "prettier."

This third installment follows the same format of the second, with a few minor differences—the heiresses take on America's northeast instead of the south, they travel by Greyhound bus versus season two's pink pickup truck, and work slightly less "dirty jobs" and more jobs where they can screw around easier.

The comedy starts when Paris and Nicole start testing their bosses' patience by doing whatever they please, such as taking naps or leading real employees into temptation with their foolish exploits, or by saying shocking and sometimes inappropriate things in front of their host families and

strangers in exchange for their shocked reactions (i.e. Nicole's response of "How big is his cock?" when a fellow bus passenger shows her a photo of her son).

"The Simple Life 3" offers

infinite opportunities for the wealthy duo to wreak havoc on America's northeast. While moonlighting as wedding planners, Paris and Nicole drop the wedding cake in the middle of the aisle just before the ceremony takes place, and let their three dogs run wild. While trying their hand as babysitters at a daycare, the girls get a passerby to stop, fill their car with children, and send them off to get pizza instead of to school. But if you think they stop with the living, you're wrong.

When working at a funeral home they "accidentally" spill an urn of ashes, and proceed to vacuum them up to hide the mess. No one is safe in the path of these blonde beauties.

One can only wonder how much of the

show is staged and how much is actually real. Knowing how Paris and Nicole behave, I doubt a manager of a daycare would stand by while children are shuttled off with complete strangers, or that a funeral director would put the responsibility of dealing with corpses in their perfectly manicured hands (we find out later that the spilled "ashes" was actually kitty litter).

The DVD set features, well, nothing more than the 16 episodes on two discs. Whereas past seasons featured deleted scenes or bonus episodes, any form of special features are strikingly absent from this set. Not even the title menu is flashy. Another drawback is that each of the episodes is censored, so you miss many of the "funny" jokes and comments made by the girls. You would expect more from glamorous socialites, wouldn't you?

My advice? Buy "The Simple Life 3: Interns" if you're in the mood for foolish and slightly amusing viewing that doesn't require you to use one single brain cell. After all, at less than \$15, it's cheap enough. And if that doesn't satisfy you, just rent "One Night in Paris." It's not like you weren't going to anyway.

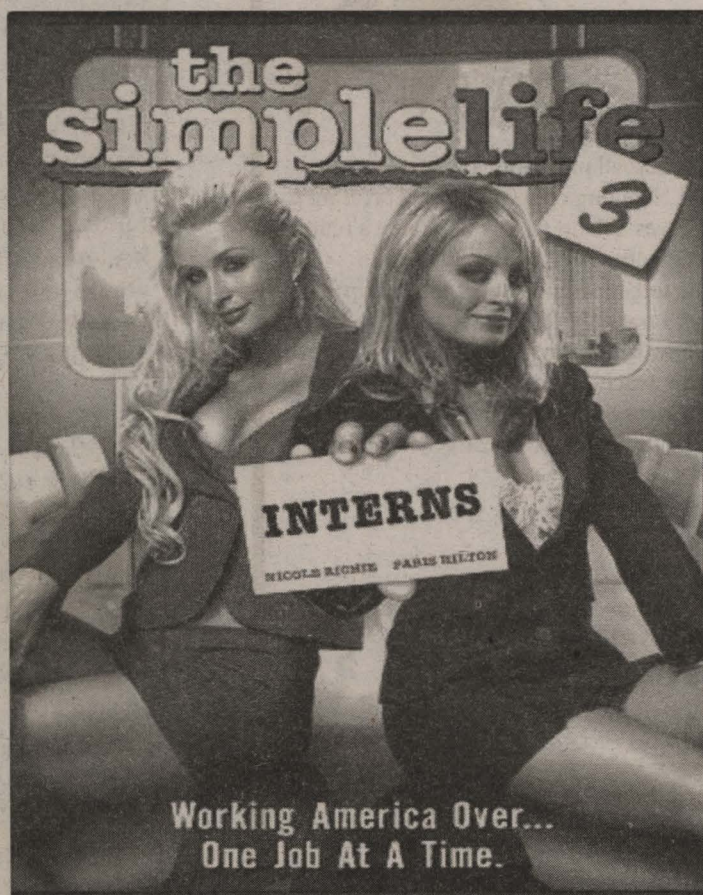


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from **MLB** pg. 12

The NL East went through an off-season of change, as the New York Mets and general manager Omar Minaya built a squad worthy of playoff discussion. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the Florida Marlins - World Champions in 2003 - went through another fire sale that will potentially take them out of any consideration for post-season play.

The NL West is another division up for grabs. Teams' success in the NL West lies heavily on the health of the players in the division. The San Francisco Giants are one of the oldest teams in terms of player age, leading to potential injury issues. That being

said, if Barry Bonds can stay healthy, it is hard not to put them in playoff contention.

While parity is the name of the game this year in the majors, familiar faces will more than likely end up playing into the colder months and into the World Series.

I predict that the Yankees will win the AL East, the White Sox take the Central and the Angels will win the West. The Wild Card will go to the Boston Red Sox.

In the NL, the Mets will disrupt the Atlanta Braves and their many consecutive years of winning the East, the Cardinals will dominate the Central and the Giants win in the West. Despite a promising Milwaukee Brewers club

that improved greatly over the off-season and in the past few years, the Braves will squeak by and grab the NL Wild Card out of the Brew Crew's hands.

When all is said and done in October, the Chicago White Sox will duel it out with the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, with the Cardinals restoring National League dominance with a World Championship victory in six games.

No matter who walks away with the hardware at the end of the 2006 season, it's a good bet that whatever team that you cheer for will be in the hunt come October. At this point in the year, everyone is a contender.

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survey of mute swans to better define their population and to gauge the success of the removal program.

DNR biologists along with volunteers will also be conducting comprehensive aerial and ground surveys of breeding trumpeter swans this year to monitor nesting success. A University of Wisconsin researcher will also be working on a project to survey wetlands that trumpeter swans select for nesting sites to analyze the aquatic features that make the sites most desirable to swans for nesting.

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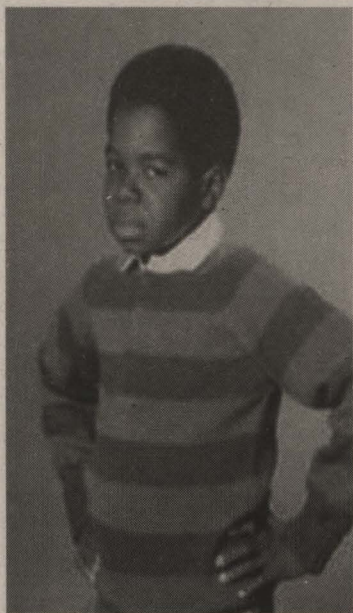
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