## Alumna works to help raise money for students and organizations



Anstett

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A University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point alumna has officially become the director of developmentforthe UW-SP Foundation - a job that affects each student on campus.

Deborah Anstett, a 1974 graduate, now holds a permanent position with the UW-SP Foundation after serving three years as the interim director. Her job as director of develop-

ment may be little known, but it impacts students, organizations and even staff.

Anstett's primary duty and goal is to raise money for the school. This money is used for scholarships and organizations on campus, such as the chemistry and fine arts programs. Other uses include conventions, athletics, and class or organization field trips.

In total, the foundation has a couple hundred different accounts that they work with.

Anstett raises money through donations of private funds, which include alumni, UW-SP parents and other community members.

"It will be rewarding to work with alumni and volunteers to enhance our development and fundraising programs across the campus," Anstett said.

In one year the foundation can raise enough money to award \$450,000 in scholarships alone for those students who are currently attending UW-SP.

However, the importance of the foundation among students is their aid in paying an individual's education.

According to Anstett, a UW-SP college student pays only about one-third of the actual overall costs it takes to attend the school. Another third is covered by the state of Wisconsin – tax payers – and the final third comes from the private funds that Anstett and the foundation raises.

"The private support is increasingly becoming more important," Anstett said.

This is because the foundation and the students are

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#### ARTS BASH 2006



Photo by Drew Smalley

Two dancers perform last weekend at the Noel Fine Arts Center during Arts Bash 2006

#### BloodCenter asks students to offer an arm for the benefit of the community

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There's not much else happening on campus February 20 and 21, so why not kill an hour and save a life?

Thousands of people throughout Wisconsin receive blood transfusions every year. one person every three seconds.

According to the Red Cross, only 5 percent of all adult Americans currently donate blood. What makes this statistic so frustrating is that the spring for blood has no substitute; its only source is another healthy human body.

"Blood is something we need every single day," said Vicki Bohman of the BloodCenter of Wisconsin.

Bohman said that universities are ideal places to hold blood-drives, which are always open to the public.

"For a university blood drive, we see 80 to 100 people a day," she said. "So it's a community event."

Blood is given to critical patients in car accidents, mothers in childbirth, patients suffering from anemia and is used during surgery. The youngest patients may be only minutes old while others take donated blood well into their later years.

The BloodCenter, along with the Association for Community Tasks (ACT), is sponsoring the late February blood drive, which takes place in the Melvin Laird Room at the University Center from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on both days.

Bohman said that blood drives are becoming more common because of the aging baby boomers in Wisconsin and the country, which means an increase in hospital patients and the need for blood.

"Right now our baby boomers are aging," she said. "We need this blood to benefit local patients."

According to Bohman, the BloodCenter is the sole supplier of blood for Saint Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point, Saint Joeseph's Hospital in Marshfield and the new Weston Clinic, among others. She also said that all of the blood collected by the BloodCenter remains local.

The process for donating blood is quite simple. Bohman said all one needs to bring with them is photo identification, such as a driver's license or campus ID, and then proceed through a short exam, verifying the donor's weight and iron level.

"A low iron level is one of the most common reasons we defer people," said Bohman. "It doesn't mean anything is wrong with you, just that your iron happens to be low that day," she said.

The Red Cross gives recommendations for raising your iron level naturally, by eating plenty of beans, liver, raisins, or red meat, the day before you donate blood.

Bohman says another com

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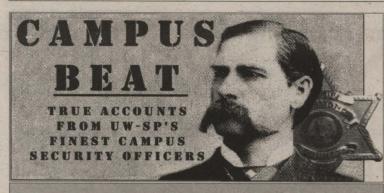




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Knutzen Hall Feb. 2, 2006 11:18 p.m. Type: VANDALISM

Resident of Knutzen Hall called with a complaint about people throwing snowballs at the resident hall windows. They did not stop after being asked to by the resident.

Pray/Sims Hall Feb. 3, 2006 2:41 p.m. Type: MISSING BIKE

CA at Pray Hall called to report that someone stuffed a bicycle in a stall in the second floor bathroom. The bike did not have any registration.

University Center Feb. 3, 2006 10:51 p.m. Type: VANDALISM

Report of a group of approximately eight individuals ripping down posters and pulling out plants by the University

Watson Hall Feb. 4, 2006 9:57 p.m. Type: VANDALISM

Watson Hall Supervising Hall Director Amanda Schnarr called to file a report of the second floor north wing stairwell window having been punched in.

Burroughs Hall Feb. 5, 2006 5:41 p.m. Type: THEFT

Theft of a Playstation 2 controller, Nintendo 64 controller and memory card.

May Roach Hall Feb. 5, 2006 10:49 p.m. **Type: VANDALISM** 

A May Roach Hall CA called to report that a resident had thrown a chair through a window and was cut badly on his arms. The individual was transported to St. Michael's.

Neale Hall Feb. 8, 2006 7:57 a.m. **Type: VANDALISM** 

Caller reported that the Neale Hall front doors were smashed in.

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now covering more of the expenses since the state's contributions have fallen from around one-half to one-third, according to Anstett, and in part explaining the rise in tuition over the past few years.

One campaign the foundation runs is the "Annual Campaign for Point." Here 20-25 students partake in a phone-a-thon asking alumni, parents and community members for donations. Anstett said they have raised \$500,000 in this campaign alone.

"We have a very loyal

alumni base," she said.

Other responsibilities for Anstett will include donor recognition and the annual giving program.

This is her second stint at UW-SP, as she was director of UW-SP's Educational Support Programs from 1985-89. Between the layoff, she managed her own financial planning practice before returning to UW-SP.

"I wanted to come back and help current students and programs," she said. "This is how I want to end my career. I'm doing what I want to do."

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mon reason a person would not be allowed to donate blood is because of travel outside of the United States.

"Anyone who has traveled to Africa, which has such a high HIV/AIDS problem, and certain areas of Mexico - any place where malaria outbreaks are common - will probably be deferred for one year," said Bohman.

While people who take certain medications or suffer from various medical conditions may also not qualify to to www.redcross.org or www. donate, most who show up bloodcenter.com.

make the cut and get to offer up an arm.

While the Red Cross recommends eating a healthy meal and being well hydrated beforehand, Bohman said that once the hour-long donation process is through, there will be plenty of goodies for donors to munch on.

"We'll have fruit, juice, cookies. Usually Pizza Hut, Rocky's and Dominoes donates pizza, the Blueberry Muffin (restaurant) donates food items, so that makes it fun," said Bohman.

For more information, go

#### UW-SP's Lueck named to the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin Board

**Press Release** UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMUNICATIONS

Diane Lueck, outreach program manager for the International Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) Program founded and located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has recently been appointed to the Natural Resources Foundation (NRF) Wisconsin Board of Directors.

Lueck has been the direcprogram since 2000. "Diane has been involved with BOW since 1993 and her talents, energy and enthusiasm through the years has made her an excellent manager and spokesperson for the program," said Christine Thomas, dean of the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP. "It was only a matter of time before other organizations, such as NRF, took notice of Diane's talents."

In 1986 the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin was founded in order to support the goals and

needs of the Department of Natural Resources. Today the NRF has nearly 2000 members with a mission to promote the knowledge, enjoyment and stewardship of Wisconsin's natural resources. Key NRF program areas are endangered species protection, habitat protection and restoration, community-based conservation and environmental education and outreach. Past NRF board members from the area or of BOW's international have included Dan Trainer. Christine Thomas and Bob Williams.

In her role as program manager for BOW's international programs, Lueck has overseen the development of BOW training and curriculum materials, expanded BOW opportunities throughout North America, coordinated BOW workshops with a variety of state and federal natural resource agencies, helped broaden BOW's outreach for people with disabilities supervised graduate students, and

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#### Letters & Opinion

#### Your College Survival Guide:

My girlfriend is better than your girlfriend.

By: Pat "Rhapsodic" Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE.

Dear Pat,

A friend gave me a copy of your College Survival Guide Collection for Christmas and I spent all break reading it. It was awesome getting to read all the columns from back before I came to School here.

After reading those old columns, I realized your newer columns are a little... angry. Compared to those earlier ones. They're still funny, but they're also kinda grim.

I was just hoping we could occasionally see the kinder, gentler Pat. The Pat that gave advice to the girl with all the scars back when I was a freshman, or wrote the Christmas column in your book. Focus on the positive.

Kaitlin

Pat,

My girlfriend keeps talking about you. All the time. She's all like, "Pat Rothfuss is the funniest guy! OMG! I can't believe the things he says!" Honestly, I'm pretty sick of it.

It's gotten worse since you put up that Myspace page. She read more of your stuff and found some pictures of you and thinks you're "the cutest." So now I'm officially pissed. I'm her boyfriend, I'M supposed to be CUTEST!

So I was thinking I only have two ways to solve this problem.

You could go out on a date with my girlfriend. It would be like a Valentine's day present to her. AND I'm guessing after she meets you she'll realize you're not all that.

We could trade girlfriends. Mine is obsessed with you, and I'm guessing that yours is probably pretty sick of you.

About Sad My Inappropriately Excited Girlfriend

Well SAMIEL, flattered as I am by your proposal, I find myself skeptical. Lately, people have been writing in fake problems just to get the free coffee at the Mission. So I suspect that this letter is pure bullshit. Well, maybe not \*pure\* bullshit, but at least three-nines fine.

First off, there are no photos of me up at myspace. com/ycsg only illustrations. Secondly, nobody says: "OMG!" And lastly, I have a hard time believing anyone would offer their girlfriend a date with someone else as a V-day present.

I expect it's much more likely that this is a blatant attempt to get close to my girlfriend.

While my cynical nature inclines me toward the first possibility, I'm going to take Kaitlyn's politely-phrased suggestion and focus on the positive in this column. I'm going to assume that you're smitten with my ladyfriend, and, with V-Day coming up, you decided to make your

No offense to your girlfriend SAM, she's obviously a woman of impeccable taste. But she can't hold a candle to my girlfriend.

My girlfriend's name is Sarah, and she is, to put it plainly, the best of all possible girlfriends.

Some of you might remember the V-day column from a couple years back when I bitched about how girls get to cash in on Valentine's day, while guys got screwed in the deal? Well, last Valentine's day, Sarah bought me flowers and candy, took me out to dinner, and gave me a backrub. How's that for cool?

But that's only the tip of the iceberg. She's hella smart, a great writer, and better at math than me. She does community service, keeps up on current events, and makes awesome banana bread. Her hair smells really, really, good.

Sarah is also hot. Beyond hot. I'm not even kidding here. You know when you see a geeky guy walking around an absolute bombshell and you think, "The hell? How did he end up with her? She's like a thousand times hotter

than him?!?!" Well Sarah and I are like that, with the main difference that I'm pretty damn sexy.

It's like a story problem, if Sarah is a thousand times sexier than Pat. And Pat is fifty times sexier than you... Do the math: (Damn sexy x 1000 + boobs =Sarah.)

She's so sexy that Homeland Security is worried about her falling into the hands of the terrorists. Fema has passed a special set of

laws requiring her to always wear at least three layers of clothing whenever she's in public. If she wears only one layer, she causes car wrecks. If she wears a tank top, men without protective eyewear have grand mal seizures and passing women become suddenly bi-curious. When she gets naked, the sexiness she throws off is like the radiation from a nuclear bomb. If we hadn't lined the walls of her bedroom and bathroom with three inches of lead, no man in Stevens Points could wear tight fitting pants, and every woman in Portage County

would be gay. I'm running low on space here, so I can't go into details about the sex. So let me just say this: Damn.

Perhaps most importantly, Sarah is sweet. I have a tendency, as Kaitlyn pointed out, to get a little grim. I tend to waver back and forth between a raging inferno of furious anger, and a bitter cynicism. But being around Sarah is like a drink of cool water. When

she's nearby, you realize that the world is a pretty nice place after all. Her influence is all that keeps me from turning into a cussed, crotchety old

Love ya sweetie, happy Valentine's Day.

For info about the Mission, its shows, and the people you might expect to find there, check out: myspace.com/missioncoffeehouse. Remember, you have to add the Mission as a friend if you want to see their calendar of events and get the lowdown on the Live shows that happen every Friday and Saturday.









#### SGA Update:

Mark your calendar for the weekend of March 10-12:

The "Building Unity Conference" will take place right here on our very own vibrant campus at no fee for students. All you have to do is sign up before Feb. 17.

There will be workshops on diversity. Two exciting and reputable speakers will be presenting. "Faces of America" and Bobby Gonzalez will add some spice to UW-SP.

#### Presidential and Vice President elections

Applications are due on Feb. 24 for President and Vice President of SGA. Applications are online and also in the SGA office, which is located in room 026 in the UC.

Senate meetings are on Thursdays at 6:20 p.m. in the Legacy room and are open to all students.

#### Because I said so

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF POINTER@UWSP.EDU

People do dumb stuff. Or so says our Comics Editor, Joy Ratchman. And I agree. I must admit, I've done some pretty dumb things. Arguably, most of them revolve around wine. I won't go into details.

However, nothing I have done could ever compare to the story I heard a couple of weeks ago. It happened one night, in Neale hall and involved four 18-year-old girls. One was not drinking, one was kind of drinking, one was really drunk, and one was passed out.

You know, as I am editing this, I have decided to leave the details out. My grandparents will read this. I can give the ending away, all four girls throw up, and half the time on each other. And the passed-out girl soiled a futon.

I can see how people can

end up regurgitating on each other, I mean, dorm rooms are small. You get four people with upset stomachs together in a dorm room, and someone is bound to hit someone

The part I can't understand, is that they planned on drinking the next night.

Again, I too have had my bad experiences. But usually, they make me slow down for a while.

Alcohol is a touchy issue. Not so touchy as torture or abortion, but for college students it can still present a problem. I face this every time I go to my doctor.

"Have you been engaging in binge-drinking?" my doctor

"Depends on what do you mean when you say 'binge'"



"Honey, if you have to ask "[Awkward silence ensues]

I'm not going to lie. I drink. Sometimes a lot. But never have I thought to myself, "Gee, I want to get so plowed I can't walk home!"

So if I can relate one thing in this tiny column I have this week, (thanks to Wacky Robin's comic), it is to be safe. I am a firm believer that we should all watch out for each other, but if you don't care about your own body, there's no way anyone else can trust you with theirs.

#### Pointer Poll by Eva Heule

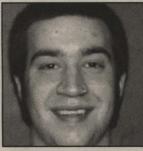
#### what is your favorite mode of transportation?



Keith Green, Sr. Communication "Biking because I can ride drunk, legally."



Mark Halverson, Jr. Forestry "When I was little it was riding the sheep at my grandma's house."



"The bus because it's free!"



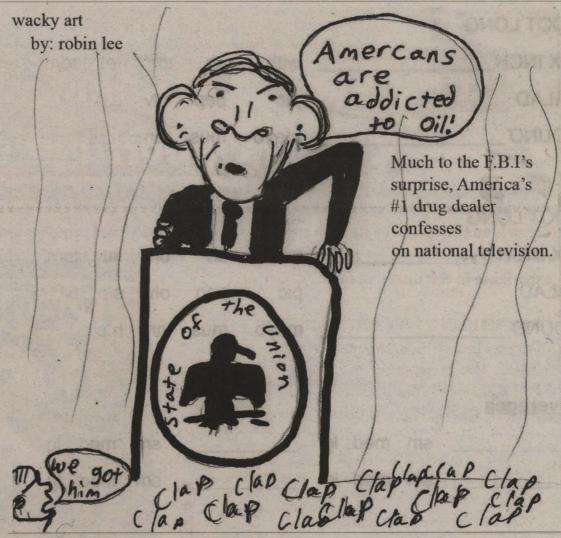
"Land Rover, particularly in off-road situations."



"Horses because when you're drunk they are warm and know the way home. Too bad there's nowhere to tie them up downtown."



Nicole McKenna, Fr. Undecided "Walking; it keeps me in shape!"



#### Medical miracle stuns world

may have just turned science fiction into reality. Isabelle Diniore, age 38, became the first person to pioneer a partial face-transplant. Isabelle, from France, received her transplant under careful supervision of distinguished maxillofacial surgeon, Dr. Bernard Devauchelle. Though this procedure is still undeveloped, it provides outlook on how complex and miraculous of work our current world doctors are capable of. It opens doors for many surgeons, and for many people who may be involved in car accidents, fires, or, like Isabelle, have a most unexpected and unfortunate run-in with their family dog. At a press conference, Isabelle revealed much to reporters. She explained that she fell unconscious from the sleeping pills, and her labrador tore off much of her lower face, including parts of her nose, exposing some of her teeth and lower jaw bone. She was rushed to the emer-

An amazing scientific accomplishment gency room, but left with having to wear a surgical mask over her wounds. Later, doctors proposed the facial transplant procedure to her, and Isabelle's confidence continued to rise, with the prospect of showing emotion through her face, and going out in public without drawing unnecessary attention not far away. Isabelle commented that it was a long ordeal but "in the end, I never really suffered." Facial donors are difficult to find, and Isabelle was fortunate to receive her anatomical gift from a reported suicide victim not far from where she lived. She made a comment during the press conference that she "took drugs to forget." I think that Isabelle Diniore, and the rest of the world, may never forget this forwarding medical procedure.

> Luke Seavecki **UW-SP** Student

#### Dine, then dash to the Summer Camp and Recreation Fair!

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I have some questions for you. Please answer them to the best of your knowledge.

1. Are you a campus leader, and always busy, barely finding enough time to grab a bite to eat?

2. Are you searching for new ways to improve your leadership position?

spending time outdoors and working at a summer camp this year?

questions number one, two, or both, then I have a solution: Attend next week's for the Basement Brewhaus

Dine 'n Dash!

Rob Manzke, Leadership and Employment Development Coordinator at SIEO said, "Dine 'n Dash was designed to be a quick leadership development program for busy students. Not only can leaders gain insights on how to better lead their groups, but the group will benefit also." -

How so you may ask?

"During the semester, 3. Are you interested in organizations will receive 10 points for each member they send (up to three members) to a Dine 'n Dash event. At the If you answered 'yes' to end of the semester, the organization with the most points will win a \$50 gift certificate

(alcohol excluded)."

The next Dine 'n Dash scheduled for next Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in 125 DUC. The theme for next week is "How to Delegate and Still Get Things Done."

And if you answered 'yes' to question number three, then "Gear Up for an Expedition" and attend the Summer Camp and Recreation Fair, held next Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Laird

The Summer Camp and Recreation Fair is a chance for Wisconsin camps and recreational businesses to find employees to hire for their

camps over the summer. The employers will bring job applications and may display items further describing their businesses.

It's an excellent chance to find something to do over the summer, while it adds to your resume' and may even allow you to gain experience for your major.

To find out when the remainder of the Dine 'n Dash's or other events are, feel free to go to http:// www.uwsp.edu/centers/sieo or stop by the Student Involvement and Employment Office, located across from the Brewhaus, in the basement of the DUC.

#### Catchpenny to play at UW-Stevens Point

**University Relations and** Communications

Catchpenny will perform at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Friday, Feb.

The event will be held in the Encore of the Dreyfus University Center at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Centertainment Productions, the concert is \$4 for the general public and free of charge for students with a UW-SP ID.

Since their beginnings in 2004, Catchpenny has been catching the eyes and ears of crowds across the country. Using high energy shows and their devotion to music, they have played well over 70 shows all over America including Chicago, Los Angeles and Minneapolis.

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#### Pointers take the Plunge

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Saturday morning. Towel. Check. Blankets. Check. 10:00 a.m. Extra shoes and clothes. Check. Pledges. Check. Team. Check.

Last Saturday, Feb. 4 was the first time I've ever found out what it's like to be insanely cold. Well, numb is more like it.

As a program for my hall, I decided to gather a team to plunge at the Polar Plunge. The seven of us raised a good chunk of money to benefit the Special Olympics and even made Steiner Hall T-shirts for the occasion.

Wow, was that an experience!

The high for the day was 10 degrees shy of freezing, accompanied by a chilly wind. But, of course, that was nothing compared to the below zero temperature of the Wisconsin River.

When we arrived, we took a look around and enjoyed the music, heated tent and scenery around Rusty's bar. Nearing the river, we saw men with chainsaws and ice picks outlining the hole to be cut. As time progressed, so did our curiosity. As the hole kept growing, I have to admit, I started freaking out, and I'm pretty sure most of my team did as well. Workers began building a fire on the ice, a good distance away from the hole, and placed a platform at the edge. A worker told me and a couple of teammates that the hole was 8 ft. deep, but gradually became shallower. The first thing that came to my mind was "crap, is there a strong current underneath?"

Soon enough, there we were: standing in our customized T-shirts and shorts, waiting in a cluster preparing to plunge. It was cold. Really, really, cold.

"UW-SP Steiner Hall, who raised..." I didn't even hear the announcer at that point. All I remember after he announced our hall was standing there, frozen on the platform, unsure how cold the water really was, waiting to take the chance of a lifetime.

"Ok, ready!? Here we go!"

First split second- cold, but nothing I wasn't already used to. Second split second- holy shit. After that, my entire body went numb, and before I knew it, my whole team, myself included, frantically attempted to swim and run to the edge where we would be pulled out by two strong men, and sprint to get our towels. And, it wasn't eight feet deep.

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"Run up the stairs, run up the stairs. I can't feel my feet, I can't feel my feet. Oh my God I need to get warm. Need to get warm."

The team darted for the changing areas, in desperate need for heat. The hot tub was full. Damn.

Not only was the hot tub full, but the changing area was packed with post-plungers, attempting to change as fast as their bodies allowed them to.

After changing into warm, dry clothes, I felt great, with the exception of some pretty cold toes. I was pumped that we all had just done something we never thought we would've ever done. It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be!

I noticed other UW-SP students there as well, especially fraternities, which I was very pleased with. I encourage more UW-SP students to get involved with this event next year. It really isn't that bad. In my opinion, it's kind of a crazy thing to

do, but so are tons of other things college kids do, so why not take part in this?



### From the Wire: the latest news from our London correspondent

Johanna Nelson
LONDON CORRESPONDEN

As the home of the Beatles, Shakespeare and (arguably) the punk movement, our group of 35 students and interns spending the semester in London have only just begun to get a taste of this diverse city.

In fact, one of the best places to explore thus far has been Hyde Park, where droves of Londoners and tourists alike go to walk, ride horses, play (European) football and speak their minds.

The park itself is one of the largest London has to offer, and dates back to the time of King Henry VIII. After acquiring the expanse of land from the monks of Westminster Abbey in 1536, the king used it as a hunting ground, where he was known to chase after herds of wild deer and the occasional boar.

After 1637, it became a public park, and was even the destination of a mass exôdus in 1665, when Londoners fled the city to seek refuge from the Great Plague. Now it is home to a number of interesting sites, such as the famed Marble Arch, a massive white structure originally built for Buckingham Palace, but relocated after it proved too narrow for the state coach.

The Serpentine, an artificial lake that separates the park from Kensington Gardens, as well as Rotten Row - a bridle path used for horseback riding, bicycling, rollerblading and jogging - are also worth exploring, as is one of its newer additions, a sculpture commemorating the many animals that lost their lives in the world wars. If there's one thing we've learned about Londoners thus far, it's that they really love their animals, especially whales.

However, the most intriguing part of Hyde Park for many was Speaker's Corner. Located in the northeast corner of the park, this slice of land becomes a forum for public debate every Sunday morning.

The tradition itself began in 1872, in response to massive riots and protests against police interference in a political meeting. After the meeting was broken up, the people demanded a place in which they could speak freely, and Speaker's Corner was created to do just this.

Over the years, many influential people have attended meetings, including Karl Marx, Fredrick Engels and Vladimir Lenin. While our group didn't see any high pro-

file political figures, we did see many interesting, slightly crazy people more than willing to share their opinions.

Each speaker stood on their own platform, shouting passionately and hoping to draw a large crowd. One scraggly man with emphatic hand gestures raved about the dangers of women and feminism - especially how women have taken over London and are in the process of ruining it. He ranted about stopping these "evil women," and restoring men to their proper place of power. (One important thing to remember when visiting Speaker's Corner is that a lot of what is said is done for shock value, and shouldn't be taken seriously.)

Another man with a decidedly anti-American take on the world drew a much larger crowd. As he warned of the evil American empire, many in the crowd responded in proper Speaker's Corner tradition by shouting out counter arguments. He of course retaliated, and a heated-but-entertaining debate broke out between the speaker and the crowd. After listening for quite awhile, we finally left, reassured by the knowledge that democracy and freedom of speech still live on.



Venus di Psycho



The Thursday Word:

Characteristic of, expressing, or causing mourning: doleful or sorrowful.







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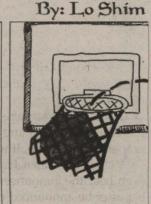
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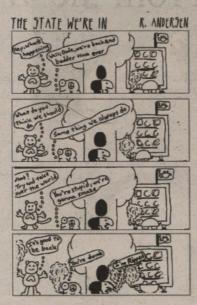








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#### Pointers turn things around with win over Eagles

**Robert Lucas** SPORTS REPORTER

In the first game of a three game stretch that could define the Pointers' season, the UW-SP men's basketball team came up with their best performance to date by defeating UW-L 83-77. UW-La Crosse played tough but didn't have what it took down the stretch as they could only whittle the lead down to five before Point pulled away. UW-SP's win was vital in keeping pace with UW-Whitewater and to remain a half game back from front running UW-Stout in the WIAC.

After perhaps hitting the low point of the season with losses at UW-Oshkosh and Edgewood, the Pointers have won two straight and are beginning to

"We really played as a team," said assistant coach and former player Kyle Grusczynski. "We were very unselfish and had a three-to-one assist to turnover ratio, which is almost unheard of."

The Pointers finished with 22 assists compared to just eight turnovers. The Eagles, on the other hand, committed 14 turnovers against 13 assists. Every starter for the Pointers scored in double digits.

WIAC Player of the Year hopeful Jon Krull led all scorers with 27 points while chipping in eight assists and five boards. However, it was Matt Bouche's career game that allowed the Pointers to pull away in the second half. Bouche scored in double digits for the first time in his career as he finished with 13 UW-Stout on Saturday in Menomonee,

points on six of seven shooting.

With the score knotted at 37 early in the second half, Bouche scored nine straight points by knock-

ing down a variety of shots including mid-range jumpers and his first career three-pointer. The team collectively hit 10 shots in a row, building a nine-point lead that the Eagles would not be able to overcome.

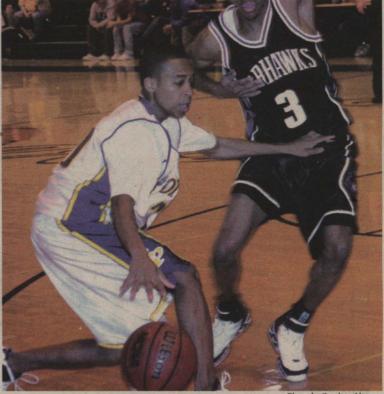
Krull, who scored 17 of his points in the second half, really felt like the offense meshed well. "It feels like our offensive flow is back to where it should be," he said. "Other guys really stepped up too," added Krull.

UW-L and UW-SP each shot over 50 percent as a team but the free-throw line proved to be the biggest difference. Point won the battle at the charity strip, hitting 17 of 20 compared to eight of 12 shooting for the Eagles. Point leads all of college basketball in free throw shooting, proving they know how to win the close games.

Chris Fehrenbach led the Eagles with 20 points and Joe Werner added a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

plays division-leading UW-SP

possibly battling for the league lead and home court throughout the WIAC playoffs.



Khalifa El-Amin plays the point in a 79-64 loss to UW-Whitewater late yesterday.

#### Eagles use dramatics to win battle of unbeatens

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A more dramatic script couldn't have been written for the final bout of Tuesday's WIAC dual wrestling match between UW-Stevens Point and UW-La Crosse.

With each team's best wrestler on the mat and the decisive final match in overtime, it was UW-L heavyweight Ryan Allen who recorded a takedown of Mike Hayes to give the Eagles a 21-16 victory in a matchup of previously undefeated conference opponents.

It marked the Eagles' 17th straight WIAC dual win as the nation's fifth-ranked team improved to 41-1 in their last 42 conference duals with the only loss coming two years ago in Stevens Point. UW-Stevens Point is ranked 17th in the country and fell to 9-7 overall for the season and 4-1 match winning streaks enter-



The Pointer wrestling team tasted defeat for the first time in conference play on Tuesday with a loss to UW-La Crosse.

nationally, and Hayes, ranked wrestler managed escapes fourth nationally, each had 13-

Allen, ranked second ing their showdown. Each

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#### Women's hockey keeps rolling with six straight triumphs

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UW-Stevens Point's women's hockey team jumped on Augsburg with a dominating first period and maintained that momentum the rest of the game for a 3-1 women's hockey victory last Friday in Minneapolis.

The Pointers outshot the Auggies 18-3 in the opening 20 minutes, but only held a 1-0 lead. After Augsburg tied the game early in the second period, UW-SP scored two more goals in the period to pick up the victory.

The win was UW-Stevens Point's fifth straight as it improved to 11-4-3 overall. Augsburg slipped to 6-11-2.

Nicole Grossman scored the Pointers' first goal with an assist from Lauren Kellin. Kim Lunneborg broke the 1- See Hockey pg. 15

1 tie with a goal assisted by Michelle Sosnowski at the 8:52 mark of the second period and Madison Darud finished the scoring with an unassisted goal in the final two minutes of the period.

UW-SP outshot the Auggies 10-3 in the final period and 35-13 for the game. Amy Statz made 12 saves to earn the victory in goal.

UW-SP won its sixth straight game after it finally got the needed goal to put away St. Catherine and eventually pulled away with a 4-0 victory on Saturday at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis.

The Pointers dominated the entire game, holding a 52-5 advantage in shots, but couldn't get a goal until Nicole Grossman scored shorthanded with an assist from Lauren

#### Rough-and-tumble weekend leaves Pointers in sixth place

**Robert Lucas** SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-SP men's hockey team had a chance to climb the standings this weekend with games on Friday and Saturday against division foes. However, the Pointers were swept as the offense could only muster two goals all weekend.

On Friday, the Pointers traveled to Lake Forest to face the Foresters. After a scoreless first period, Lake

Forest decided to get the ball rolling late in the second. Brian Lee and Cory Wilson each scored in the period for the Foresters. This turned out to be all Lake Forest would need.

Lake Forest added to their lead with another goal in the third period by Tyler Canal. The Pointers were finally able to fire a shot past the Foresters' goaltender as Sean Fish scored with assists from Anthony Noreen and Rolf

Though UW-SP out-shot the

Foresters, Lake Forest goalie Brandon Kohuch impressively turned away 43 of Point's 44 shots.

The Pointers turned their attention to St. Norbert on Saturday as they tried to knock off the NCHA league leader. The Green Knights out-shot the Pointers 33-17 in their eventual 6-1 rout of UW-SP.

St. Norbert's Andy Cote was a one man wrecking crew, scoring four goals. Cote scored his first goal later in the first period.

Point's Brett Beckfield answered in the second with his fifth goal of the season. It was all Green Knights after

Three more goals by Cote coupled with goals by Connor Hughes and Steven Sleep was more than the Pointers could handle as St. Norbert walked away with a 6-1 victory.

St. Norbert increased their lead in the conference whereas Point dropped to sixth with the loss.

#### Senior on the Spot

Kim Lunneborg - Women's Hockey

Career Highlights:

-Appeared in all 30 games and scored points in 19 different games while ranking second on team in scoring in 2003-04.

-Had first career hat trick in 5-2 win at UW-Eau Claire in 2002-03.

-Had an assist in her first collegiate game against St. Thomas in 2001-02.

Major - Psychology
Hometown - Richfield, Minn.
Do you have any nicknames? - Kimmy
Gibbler, Gibbs, Gibby, Grandma.

What are your plans after graduation? - Travel to New Zealand with the coolest peo-

ple (C and Hunter) in an attempt to delay the real world.

What has helped you become such an accomplished hockey player? - Having
4 older brothers to push me along the way, having great teammates and
coaches and never giving up no matter how tough it has been.

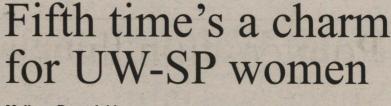
What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? - Beating Superior and Gustavus in double overtime to make it to the Frozen Four and getting to the national championship game in 2004.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Almost sacrificing team ice cream by nearly pooping my pants for \$50 on a road trip.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - 10 years-The Autumn Effect What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - The X-Files seasons

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - All of the friends that I've made over the years and all of the fun hockey memories.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My family, friends and hockey.



Melissa Dyszelski The Pointer MDYSZ026@UWSP.EDU

The Pointer women's basketball team is standing proudly in first place in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings after yet another pair of wins last week.

Last Wednesday, UW-SP took the lead from UW-Eau Claire, just as the Blugolds attempted to make a comeback, defeating them 68-54.

The Pointers grasped a seven point lead at the half, but the Blugolds came back to cut UW-SP's lead to only four.

Laura Neuenfeldt had a big game, draining 17 points, while Nathalie Lechault was right behind with 16 total points and an impressive ten rebounds.

The Pointers shot 51.9 percent, while the Blugolds trailed with only 29.3 percent.

On Saturday, UW-SP had yet another big game, defeating UW-La Crosse 71-56 to claim the top seed in WIAC standings.

The Eagles began strong, as they took the lead in the

first half 23-18, but the Pointers closed in to take a 32-26 half-time lead. UW-L battled back to tie the game 46-46 midway through the second half, but UW-SP showed no mercy, forcing turnovers and dominating after the tie.

Neuenfeldt once again led the Pointers in scoring with 18 points and four total rebounds. Lechault and Cassandra Schultz grabbed 12 points apiece and a combined 12 rebounds. Haley Houghton sank seven points; Becky Pepper followed with six.

The Eagles shot 34.4 percent for the evening, while the Pointers forced 18 turnovers.

UW-SP leads the WIAC in both field goal percentage offense and defense, and is the top rebounding team in the league. They are now 16-5 overall and 9-3 WIAC.

The Pointer women will face UW-Stout Saturday in Menomonee at 3 p.m.

#### The great indoors: The wonderful world of Arena Football

Steve Roeland

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I will be the first to admit that Super Bowl XL wasn't exactly the "extra large" game it was hyped to be. The referees were too flag-happy, the halftime show was not to my taste and even the commercials lacked punch. While the wavers of "Terrible Towels" in Pittsburgh can gloat over the Steelers' 21-10 beat-down of the Seattle Seahawks, another breed of football fan has just become settled into the infancy of a nice, long season that could erase any lingering hunger for the sport that remains.

The Arena Football League is one of the lesser known professional sport leagues in the country. Despite this fact, the AFL is in its 20th season and has a collection of 18 teams from all across the nation. The sport's popularity has grown so much in the last few years that NBC picked up the rights to broadcast AFL games on Saturdays. Even EA Sports has released a videogame based on the AFL which was shipped to stores on Tuesday.

Many fans have a familiarity with the name 'arena football," but few could actually explain the intricacies that make the game different from the NFL.

Most evident is the fact that all games are played inside a domed facility. In the arena, the actual playing field spans

50 yards long, 85 feet wide and has eight-yard-deep end-zones. The field is surrounded by padded boards that are in play; if a player runs into the wall without being touched, the player is not down. The goal posts are narrower than the outdoor game and are surrounded by netting, which the ball can be played off of on kicks and passes. And there is no punting allowed.

Strict defensive limitations allow for the game to be ridiculously high-scoring. Linebackers are, for the most part, confined to an imaginary box that covers the area from the left offensive tackle to the right offensive tackle and penetrates five yards into the defensive backfield. This makes scores such as 69-61, 56-53 and 51-47 a common occurrence.

Quite a separation from the NFL

The players on the field also differ, as AFL uses the eight-on-eight, "ironman" style of football. This means that all players play both offense and defense, except for the kicker, quarterback, offensive specialist (the kick returner on defense) and two defensive specialists.

The AFL does bear some similarities to the NFL and notoriety from musicians, especially when it comes to the individuals who play and owners who manage the teams. Players like Tony

Bishop, Woody Danzler and Joe Hamilton have NFL experience and now compete indoors. Former Denver Bronco and arch-nemesis of the Green Bay Packers, John Elway, is CEO of the Colorado Crush. Music stars Jon Bon Jovi and Tim McGraw are also owners of teams in the AFL. Bon Jovi, along with business personality Craig A. Spencer, owns the Philadelphia Soul and McGraw is a minority owner of the Nashville

After the Milwaukee Mustangs folded in 2001, the closest AFL team to our neck of the woods became the Chicago Rush. However, Green Bay houses a team that belongs to af2, the AFL's version of the Minor Leagues. The Green Bay Blizzard plays their home games at the Resch Center and face opponents like the Birmingham Steeldogs and the Oklahoma Yard

"I enjoy the atmosphere and the fans are more involved," said Gina Patovisti, a UW-SP junior and attendee of Green Bay Blizzard games

The fans are indeed part of the action in both the AFL and af2, as balls that enter the spectator

Graziani, Stoney Case, Michael seating are free for the taking. Bishop, Woody Danzler A recent estimate done on the number of game balls lost to experience and now compete indoors. Former Denver Bronco and arch-nemesis of receive at games.

"I enjoy the promotions, especially when they throw cheese curds into the stands," Patovisti said.

The AFL is just about to start its third week of the season tomorrow. Due to Winter Olympic coverage, the AFL will not be seen on NBC for two weeks. The next AFL telecasts take place at noon on Feb. 26 as fans will see the Colorado Crush take on the Philadelphia Soul or the San Jose SaberCats tangle with the Chicago Rush.

The AFL doesn't have the loyal following that the NFL has, but with a fan-friendly atmosphere and face-paced football, it may just be more fun indoors.



A diagram of what an Arena Football field looks like.

#### Izaak Walton League Annual Ice Fisheree is a

Success Again

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The largest social event of the year doesn't involve neckties and corsages, but rather wool underwear and thermal socks.

The Bill Cook Chapter of the Izaak Walton League held its 42nd Annual Ice Fisheree on Saturday, hosting hundreds of people from all over Wisconsin on McDill Pond.

"We had about ten members there," said Brian Schmidt, president of the Student Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

"A couple of other friends came along too, so all in all, we had about 16 students there," Schmidt said.

The Student Chapter is a branch of the Izaak Walton League, participating in nearly all of the League's conservation work. The student chapter also enjoys the many activities that come with membership, such as clubhouse and grounds privileges, trap and bow shooting and of course, fishing outings.

"A great time was had, even though we didn't catch too many fish, but then again, we were within walking distance of the burger tent," said

Schmidt said that the student chapter endured nearly all four hours of the mid-20 degree weather, but between dashing to the burger and beverage tent, they had plenty to keep them busy.

"We caught a couple of northern, and a small perch, nothing big enough to win with though," said Schmidt.

The fisheree has so much to offer its participants, and this year was no exception. Beside the fishing competition,

the heated tent was home to 1,000 hamburgers and hordes of hot and cold beverages, along with plenty of polka and Willie Nelson tunes carrying across the ice. The event planners were well pleased.

"We've had a lot of activity with the fish, which is what it's all about. We're pretty happy," said Jim LaMar, president of the Bill Cook Chapter.

Not everyone came out for the fishing though.

Wisconsin State Representative Louis Molepske milled through the crowd to show his support for the Izaak Walton League

"I'm an actual Izaak Walton League member, I joined about two years ago," said Molepske.

Molepske, a former SPASH student and graduate of UW- Madison, feels that the conservation group does great things for the community.

"Events like this expose ice fishing, and other outdoor activities to people who may not otherwise have the opportunity," said Molepske.

Many fisheree-goers came to this year's event with safety on their minds. With this year's unseasonably warm weather, the ice was not as thick as previous years.

Izaak Walton League erred on the side of caution, enlisting the presence of the Portage County EMS team, and the Portage County Sheriff's Department.

"We're out here doing safety patrols, just making



Several UW students mill around tip-ups chit-chatting, waiting for a fish to bite

Photo by Brandi Pettit

sure everyone's being safe, looking for violations of snowmobile and ATV laws," said Sgt. Kontos from the Portage County Sheriff's Department.

While Kontos had other stops to make through the day, including the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, he knew that he didn't have much to worry

about from the Izaak Walton crowd.

"Things are going pretty well; it's nice and quiet. No one's doing anything foolish, said Kontos.

One fisheree attendee and Izaak Walton member, Matt Carpenter, ventured into the open channel of water between the two sheets of ice. The 28-year-old paddled his boat back and forth for over an hour, hoping to catch something in the open water.

"I didn't catch any fish, but I'm tired. That was a lot of hard work," said Carpenter.

Schmidt hopes that the future brings more students to League events, many of which are open to the public

"This is good for students because it gets them involved in the community. It gives people from different organizations the chance to meet different people," said Schmidt.

For more information on the Izaak Walton League, go to www.iwla.org.

For more information on the Student Chapter, contact Brian Schmidt at bschm323@

## Campus Calendar Outdoor Events

February 10-12

BOW Winter Workshop at Treehaven

February 10-12

Outdoor EdVentures Sylvania Wilderness Winter Camping Trip

February 15

Outdoor EdVentures Snowshoe Night Hike

Feburary 25-26

Outdoor EdVentures Overnight Survival Camping Trip Contact Outdoor EdVentures at 346-3848, outedven@uwsp. edu or www.uwsp.edu/centers/outedven

#### TDOOR DENTURES' IP OF THE WEEK

Josh Spice MANAGER/TRIP LEADER AND OUTDOOR EDVENTURES AND RENTALS

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#### Local Student **Authors Corner**

Changes

As spring erupts Guiding rains of warm desire The lonely sun takes a stand Against the wintry bliss. A well-known snow slowly melts away Abandoning what had been created. Memories of chilling nights Reluctantly leave our thoughts As new-found fantasies Arise before us. The cool heat of changing seasons Is amongst nature's every move

-Kaitey Davis

#### UW-SP art students showcase their sculpting skills

By Brandi Pettit THE POINTER BPETT318@UWSP.EDU

Wisconsin Dells is famous throughout the country for its water parks and novelty hotels, but who knew things were alive and kicking in January?

Senior Jewel Noll and Junior Jacob Brault spent their winter break preparing to build a massive snow sculpture for a competition in the Wisconsin Dells Flake Festival, held January 21 - 22.

"This is my third year going and Jake's (Brault) first," said Noll.

Noll, her father Tom Noll and Brault comprised the sculpting team of Psycho Snow Sculptors.

"We usually sculpt something that's off the beaten path, something a little out of the ordinary," said Noll.

Noll and her teammate's sculpture for this year's festival was titled "Till the Fat

Lady Swings." It won second place for the festival, and first place Media Choice.

Noll said the team arrived before the festival began, and spent 12 hours a day, a total of 72 hours, making the sculp-

"The hot tub was our best friend," laughed Noll, a printmaking major.

While the sculpture contest was the climax of the Flake Festival, other events included turkey bowling, horse-drawn wagon rides, tricycle races and fireworks on Saturday evening.

"It's such a great family event, it's really cool," said

Brault, a sculpture major, is studying abroad this semester, and could not be reached

For more information on the Flake Festival and other Wisconsin Dells events, go to www.wisdells.com/events



Tom Noll, Jacob Brault and Jewel Noll pose in front of their sculpture, "Till the Fat Lady Swings."

Photo by Beverly Noll

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#### Our World By: Aliece Guarino

In the not so distant past, before the dramatic human population expansions of the past 150 years, huge areas of forests and wild lands covered most of the earth's surface. These diverse lands, not recognizing country-specific or political boundaries, supported the many ecosystems containing all of the life above the ocean's surfaces on the entire planet. Scientists say, the worldwide effort to pro-

tect some of the world's scarcest creatures from extinction is very flawed. Hundreds of species that are endangered are located in areas which offer them no protection at all. Scientists believe at this rate, many more species will vanish in a few decades.

As flawed as our attempts are so far, scientists say that there is still a chance to save most of the creatures at risk. Scientists have also found that many of the existing protected areas are so small that they are virtually useless for conservation, putting at least 943 more species at risk. If they do not expand the protected areas, everyone should expect a major wave of extinctions within the next few decades.

By getting our priorities in order and acting quickly and strategically, we still have a chance to save the vast majority of these species. I believe that if people would only care more about the creatures of this world rather than just themselves, we wouldn't have to worry about animals being or becoming extinct.

The main reason that the animals are dying off isn't because of poaching or hunting, it's because of habitat loss. With more and more forest and wetlands being destroyed every day, where do you propose the animals

should live? They definitely can't live in houses like us. I doubt humans would be very happy if animals destroyed our houses and towns to plant more trees and make wetlands for themselves to live in.

already taken over most of the world and modernized it. Why not leave the rest of the forest, wetlands, other natural non-modern lands alone? I understand that sometimes trees need to be cut down for lumber and paper, but why not leave the forests that are suppose to be national alone? It's not necessary to construct roads to transport lumber through national forests. Instead, why not rely on tree farms to provide lumber for us and seriously consider

the effects of a bigger highway in certain areas. We definitely don't need to drill for oil and destroy the habitat of polar bears, caribou and other animals that live in the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The rapid exploitation of resources and species over the past 200 years has been nothing short of astounding and dramatic.

In Brazil, they created six new natural reserves with a combined area bigger than Belgium to safeguard the jungle region's rich biodiversity. There are some 14,672 square miles of lush tropical rainforest, which will be parks or protected areas where resources can only be taken through sustainable development. The Amazons possess nearly 10 percent of the world's forests.

The Amazon secretary for sustainable development and the environment Virgilio Viana said, "To let them burn up is not an intelligent thing to Why can't humans do. In the long term, we'll be oil. This is a strategic vision with relation to one of our country's resources."

We are a much richer counrainforests, islands and try than Brazil, so how can they afford to take care of their environment while we can't? If we want to have as much diversity in animals in a couple decades as we do now, we must act right away. We have to stop thinking it's acceptable to lumber in national forests, and that it's okay to destroy wetlands for bigger highways. The animals are part of this world, and so are the trees and forests they live in. The animals need the trees to live in,

and we need the trees for oxygen. Without trees we would not exist, because trees are the lungs of the world, and without them we will suffocate. Everyone who lives on this planet must do their part to protect the animal species and forest that are just as much a part of our world as us. You must care about our world before there is no more world to care about.

Even the smallest attempt on your part to do something worthwhile to protect our animal populations or forest areas will make a big impact. Once more people start to care for the environment, everyone will start catching onto the trend and hopefully sooner, than later, we will start to see vast differences in the way people view our environments. Aiding in the extinction of hundreds of animal species isn't acceptable today, and it won't be acceptable tomorrow either. We all have to work together as one conleave the rest of the world better positioned then Saudi cerned world to make a differfor animals? We have Arabia is when it comes to ence. The world doesn't need us; we need the world.

> This we know. The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood, which unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the Sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to

> > -Chief Seattle



#### Science, Health & Tech.

#### A view on Wikipedia: Information wants to be liquid

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I know how it is. You think, hey, I'm in college, I've got no parents or teachers that I used to see every day yelling at me to do my homework. You think, hey, I've got aloof professors that are too cool to care about my silly little paper. You think, hey, I can go party tonight, lose all sense of right and wrong and a few neuronal connections and still write that paper that's due in

I know how it is. You plug in your headphones, buzz online, type in that magic name that makes all your academic worries sail away: www.wikipedia.com. In the time it takes for a fly to mate you'll have a couple pages.

Brrrriiiinnngggggg! Hear that? That's the telephone calling you back to reality. Let's

take a look at this difficult the Honolulu International to locate, rarely observed, and wholly unbelievable concept called "reality." In this strange and unsettling place, papers are not that easily written. Professors, unlike high school teachers, are actually concerned about the quality of your work, and Wikipedia, despite the hype, does not have the key to the door of unlimited knowledge.

Wikipedia is run on something called wiki software that was initially developed by Ward Cunningham. Cunningham went to Hawaii in the 1980s, and in this fantastical paradise the first Hawaiian word Cunningham learned was "wiki," which was printed on the side of transit buses in the airport. It means "fast, quick or to hasten." Cunningham decided to name his new software after the line of buses he saw in

Airport.

This new technology that Cunningham developed allows users the chance to add and edit content in the form of collaborative writing. Wikis are usually open to the general public and there isn't any determined system set up for critical review of the informa-

Much of the content of the wiki can be navigated in a non-linear fashion through the use of hyperlinks (these are like citations in those fancy literature essays, only you can access them instantaneously) out of which flows new waters of knowledge for you to imbibe and get drunk on. In short, wiki software makes information gathering easier.

The biggest wiki in the world is Wikipedia, which bills itself as the online encyclopedia that anyone can edit. It is the brainchild of Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger. Endowed with the quadruple threat of free distribution, constant editing, diverse coverage and multilingual dimensions, Wikipedia is extremely popu-

Today people have an unprecedented level of access to information that was previously out of reach. Indeed, professors often use Wikipedia to incite discussions, rather than riots, acclimating students to the specific topic. It is also a good tool to start your research on any paper. Many students find it hard to concentrate after a night of drinking and debauchery, so Wikipedia, like a submissive geek in the hold of a choke collar, obediently gets you all the information you

want - and quick. I can see what Cunningham was thinking now.

Brrriiiiiinngggg! know what that means... reality's calling, and it's not happy. Although Wikipedia allows for one to get access to knowledge in nanoseconds, all of that information your bossy brain gets may not be true. See, Wikipedia's open philosophy of knowledge sometimes leads to vandalism, inaccuracy, inconsistency, uneven quality and unsubstantiated opinions.

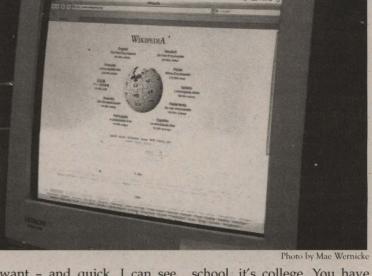
Wikipedia is an encyclopedia, and as such it is not to be used as an academic research tool. Instead it should be a jumping-off point, a starting line in your marathon to write that paper. Repeat: encyclopedias of any kind should only be referential. It is not legitimate research.

Professors often get upset because students will use Wikipedia to write whole papers, or lift lines directly from its pages to their own pages. That isn't learning, it's copying, and this isn't high school, it's college. You have to be smarter here, or at least act that way.

There are some wiki's, like the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the now debunked Nupedia, which are written by experts in the field whose additions are subject to peer review. Changes to entries may occur, but they take a little more time because the information is combed over more thoroughly.

Like everything else in this world Wikipedia is comprised of both good and evil. You just have to be aware of the mixture in the cocktail and drink gingerly. If you know more about where something comes from and how something operates you can use it to better serve your interests, academic and otherwise. So, let the manipulation begin!

Special thanks to Professors Sarah Pogell, James Sage and Christian Jennings for their ebullient and lively conversations which helped me get a framework for this article.



## A singing

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Still have any of those old Vanilla Ice or MC Hammer cassette tapes buried in a closet at the parents' house? (Don't pretend you don't know what I'm talking about, you of the slightly older crowd.) Well, now might be the time to dig them up and give them another listen... as clothing.

Yep, you read that right. Sound and visual artist Alyce Santoro has been crafting functional "Sonic Fabric" out of recycled cassettes for almost five years. And now Santoro's Web site and a few stores are selling it to the public (or for those of you who are luddites and proficient with a loom you can apparently make the

Santoro first got the idea to weave those black strands of tape together with cotton to produce a Tibetan Buddhist prayer flag that was literally imbued with the prayers of her favorite sounds and music. It was intended to be symbolic. Little did she know that she had created a novel fashion that could actually be played just by running a liberated tape head over the material.

In 2004, Jon Fishman, drummer from Phish, heard about Santoro's design and asked her to create a muumuu (his usual stage outfit) made of sonic fabric. He wore it on

stage at a show in Las Vegas and commenced to play his muumuu with special gloves studded with tape heads harvested from old tape players.

Santoro makes the fabric and recordings in layers, so when it is played it produces a sound like scratching a record. She is currently working on making fabric that plays individual sounds.

Want to buy some? Hopefully you worked hard over winter break. Santoro is selling a few different prerecorded items including the prayer flags for \$150 and an over-the-shoulder monk bag for \$125, both of which come in a variety of colors. Phishheads out there can buy a replica of Fishman's muumuu in flag form for a mere \$35-\$50, depending on the size

Or, you might be able to personally convince Santoro to create a custom batch of sonic fabric with your favorite music on it. But she doesn't list a price for such a service, which is never a good sign for the budget-conscious.

According to Santoro's Web site, the end result is extremely flexible and can be washed by hand. And it's hip: the monk bag comes with a built-in iPod pocket.

But why would you need an iPod if you can relive your youth by stroking your own

#### What's Sappening at the Cardio Center...

Chelsey Ross CARDIO CENTER

Throughout the month of February the Cardio Center will be holding its "28 Days of Wellness." Free food, prizes and specials will be available every day. This week, pick up a free snack, find out how to control your cholesterol or go snowshoeing with Outdoor EdVentures. Pick up a calendar at the Cardio Center front desk for a listing of all the month's activities.

Did you know that Group Fitness classes are free to all UW-SP students? Participate in Dynamic Definition, Cardio Kickboxing, Hip Hop and much more. Also, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Allen Center will host a "Group Fitness Challenge" for all students. It runs from 4-8 p.m. and prizes will be given away! Space is limited, so sign up now!

#### Campus drive to recycle ink-jet cartridges benefits many

Rebecca Buchanan

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Students and faculty can now recycle used ink-jet cartridges on campus. The new program sponsored by the Division of Business and Economics encourages students to help out the environment by simply dropping off ink cartridges that would otherwise be thrown away.

Dr. Elizabeth Martin, professor of business at UW-SP, said she came up with the idea to recycle ink-jet cartridges after reading an article in the Wall Street Journal about other schools across the country implementing the program. Martin said that the program is designed as a fundraiser for the Division of Business and Economics, but also offers the convenience of an easy and simple way to help out the environment.

After doing some research Martin decided to use the company National Cartridge World. Headquartered in

San Francisco, National Cartridge World has 800 stores in seven countries including one in Wisconsin Rapids. This company provides the drop-off boxes for the cartridges and picks up the boxes once a month, or more often if they fill up sooner. National Cartridge World pays cled cartridges.

"In order to make the program a success a large number of cartridges must be collected," Martin

According to Martin the program has so far received positive feedback from faculty and students. They seem pleased that they can help out the division and the environment by participating in this simple gesture of dropping cartridges off.



the school for the recy- Botk ink and laser cartridges can be recycled on campus.

"The program is a win-win situation because people help the environment and they get into the habit of recycling," said Martin.

"Right now this program is a pilot program. It will continue for the spring semester and then depending on the response rate hopefully the program will expand throughout the campus," Martin said.

The drop-off bins can currently be

found only in the Collins Classroom Center, but if the program expands the number of drop off bins will also increase throughout campus.

"Students and faculty are encouraged to participate in this recycling program and can find the drop off bins on the first (NW corner) and fourth floor (copy room) of the CCC," said Martin.

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#### Reproductive Health Myths of the Week

Carey Moore UW-SP HEALTH SERVICES PEER EDUCATOR

Myth #1: "You can get sexually transmitted infections (STI's) from oral sex, but you will be safer if you brush your teeth right after."

Truth: It is not uncommon for people to contract STI's such as gonorrhea and herpes from giving or receiving oral sex. It is a reproductive health myth to imply that brushing your teeth may have protective benefits from anything other than gingivitis. In fact, brushing your teeth can cause microscopic tears in your mouth that make bacteria transmission

Myth #2: "Condoms will protect you from all STI's."

Truth: Condoms do protect you from STI's transmitted via body fluid including HIV, gonorrhea and Chlamydia. However they may not protect you from STI's such as herpes and HPV (genital warts) transmitted through skin contact, should the condom not cover the infected area.

#### "Munich" a somber, powerful turn for Spielberg

**Blair Nelson** ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Steven Spielberg has changed his choice of movies he directs over time. Gone are the days of "E.T." and "Hook," some of his family-friendly films. He ventured into murkier stories, especially with "Schindler's List," "Minority Report" and last year's "War of the Worlds," a film with weightier themes. He directs his darkest movie yet in "Munich."

The movie is historical in that it begins on the cusp of the 1972 Munich Olympic tragedy, orchestrated by the Palestinian organization known as "Black September." The reenactment is sped up to about five minutes - mixed perfectly with stock footage - concluding with a botched rescue attempt by West German police resulting in Black September killing all nine Israeli athletes (two were killed in the hostage situation beginning in the athletes' quarters).

This sets the stage for the grisly plot of the film, based on the reallife events of Israel's revenge on the Palestinian terrorists.

From there on out, this is in-your-

face, remorseless, cold-blooded filmmaking.

Headed by Avner (Eric Bana) and four other members (including the new James Bond Daniel Craig and "Amelie's" Mathieu Kassovitz, as Robert) the Mossad death squad team, spearheaded by Prime Minister Golda Meir, is secretly commissioned to kill the 11 Palestinians responsible for the

The secret squad hunts down the targets and eliminates them, often repugnantly, always methodically. Avner believes what he is doing is

But more importantly, he's haunted by the Munich events in his head, finally exploding with the massacre at the airport on a helicopter. He hears echoes in his mind, as he looks out the window of a jet, of the beginning hostage assault-ending with an Israeli athlete's blood splattering on the wall. It fades right into the pink sky.

It's a disturbing transition, no

What Avner is unaware of, though, is that he's possibly being doublecrossed by those he's supposedly working for. His French informant, and the man's father, are dubious men; his go-between, Ephraim, (Geoffrey Rush) above all else wants to see the Palestinians hunted down and killed. He cares nothing for Avner.

The question is just who is Avner working for?

Steven Spielberg shows both the Palestinian and Israeli side in "Munich." He is not biased to one or the other, although at times it may seem he's more sympathetic to Israel's cause. There is even a tense face-off between the PLO and Avner's Mossad group that ends in a stalemate. Later, Avner and the PLO leader have a poignant parley about what they think of each others' cause.

Spielberg wisely uses Avner as a symbol to a greater theme: the old adage that violence begets violence. The perpetual hatred of both sides, that has been going on for years and years, continues to spill more and more blood each day.

Each side is just as guilty as the other and also just as responsible for new attacks and murders. By punishing the Palestinian terrorists in this film, the Israelis are becoming and employing terrorists and terrorist activities. It's a vicious, ignorant cycle that clearly demonstrates revenge is baggage, and unjustifiable. This is the film's greatest message.

If "Munich" has two problems it could be its explicit violence and a few instances of gratuitous sadism. When a filmmaker must show a woman being shot with two bullets and blood gushing all over her naked body, it's a bit hard to digest. Still, this could be intentional, to illustrate the pointlessness of all the non-stop fighting. But the audience may wonder why she slowly disrobes before she dies.

Spielberg's courageous "Munich" is the story of revenge and the price it pays. For the first time in his career he's cut nearly all his trademark sentimentality and given a rather somber

He's being attacked by both Israelis and Palestinians for making this film. But he shows through "Munich" that what both of them are doing to each other is wrong and without justice.

The bigger realization, on the other hand, is Robert's profound words: "All this blood comes back to us."

It always will.

#### "The Fog:" a ghostly, brainless thriller

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Everyone knows that puzzles only fit together a certain way, but as John Carpenter ages, he just seems to smash the pieces together any way he can, even if it doesn't make a picture.

The original "Fog" contained wellestablished, age appropriate and likable characters. The remake is full of twentysomethings recovering from Nirvanaridden-teenage-angst with perfect hair.

Nick Castle's (Tom Welling) longtime girlfriend, Liz (Maggie Grace) recently returned

to Antonio Island, and she begins experiencing terribly confusing visions, giving the audience an overdose of mysticism. Upon her return to town, John Carpenter shows just how uncomfortable he is filming sex scenes: not only is the shower scene completely out of place; it's not very good.

Stevie Wayne (played by a frail-looking Selma Blair)

broadcasting bad pop songs from a lighthouse on the coast. Blair looks like she's about nineteen years old in this flick, and there's no way I'm buying that she's a mother to 12-yearold Andy.

Days before a ceremony honoring a statue of the town's founding fathers, a mysteri-

is the town's radio deejay, about to pick up when dear Liz encounters genuinely creepy footprints on her ceiling, then follows the printsas if someone were walking above her-to the door. But then comes a knock at the door, which she answers in her underwear, then proceeds out in the dark foggy night to investigate.

As if isn't this how two dozen camp counselors were killed Jason Voorhees.

As the fogrollsinto the town, the power goes out, and people start getting killed some funky fashions, including Andy's babysitter.

While doing the dishes, an arm reaches up through the plumbing and grabs her.

The next scene we see is the poor woman lying on the floor, somehow fried to a

Nick and Liz crash while speeding through the fog, and while unconscious, her fumbling visions suddenly make sense. The movie unwillingly takes us to the 1870s--these four brave founding fathers promise an exiled group of lepers a piece of their island. But the men break the deal, rob the lepers and burn their ship, killing all aboard.

Nick and Liz meet up with Stevie, Andy and the town's drunken priest at the town hall just as the entire island begins crawling with ghostlepers, looking for revenge on the founding fathers' descendants, who happen to be all of these main characters.

The original movie had a much simpler, ergo cooler, motive: five dead sailors rose from the sea hollering, "give me back my loot and I'll go

This movie is 103 minutes long, with the last three minutes saved for the climax and resolution. The ending is so brainless it's funny, so I won't blow it for you.

But I think you'd have a much better evening reading some Milton.

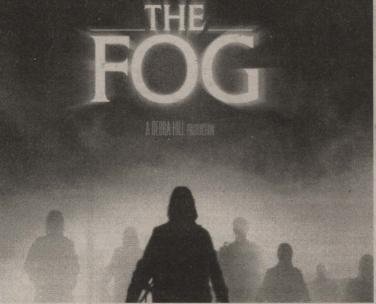


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ous green fog hovers around the edge of the town, causing all kinds of trouble.

The problem is that we never really see a figure - the fog itself does all the damage. It's the fog that throws people through windows and wraps people up in fishing nets and drowns them. And the fog picks up a knife and drives it into a man's head.

I thought things were



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#### from Wrestling pg. 8

early in the second and third periods, but neither was able to record a takedown. Allen had the better of chances to score in regulation, but quick defensive moves by Hayes prevented a takedown. However, 25 seconds into overtime, Allen gained control of Hayes' leg and was able to drag him down at the edge of the mat.

Allen, the two-time defending NCAA Division III champion with a 153-14 career record, improved to 33-5 this season. He is now 9-0 all-time against Hayes, who fell to 18-2 this year with his other loss coming 4-3 to Allen at the UW-Parkside Open.

UW-SP picked up a momentum surge in the first match at 125 pounds when Jake Calhoun rallied from a 4-1 first period deficit and recorded a third period pin to put the Pointers ahead 6-0. UW-L bounced back at 133 pounds when Kevin Barber, recorded a first period pin to tie the match.

The Pointers regained the lead when Joel Burdick post-

ed a 13-1 win at 141 pounds for a 10-6 advantage. UW-L won the next three matches, but only by decisions as Jake Larsen at 149 pounds, Ross Needham at 157 pounds and Scott Dorn at 165 pounds all had three-point wins.

Al Stacilauskas brought the Pointers back to within 15-13 with a 6-3 win at 174 pounds. However, UW-L's Jason Lulloff, ranked second nationally at 184 pounds, rallied from a first period takedown by UW-SP's Craig Bollig to post a 5-2 victory.

Mitch Szwet set up the heavyweight showdown with a win at 197 pounds to bring the Pointers to within 18-16 entering the final match. Szwet trailed most of the match, but recorded a third period takedown against Jim Swanson and rode him for over a minute to end the match and gain the riding time point for a 4-3 victory.

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Kellin just 1:05 into the third period. UW-SP won for the sixth straight game and improved to 12-4-3, while St. Catherine fell to 1-16 overall.

UW-SP had 33 shots over the first two periods, but Wildcats' goalie Morgan Kane stopped them all and finished the day with 48 saves. Julie LaClair made her first start of the season in goal for the Pointers and made four saves before giving way to Statz, who made one save in the final period.

The Pointers outshot the Wildcats 19-1 in the third period and took a 2-0 advantage on a goal by Katy Lankey assisted by Jessie Suter at the 6:03 mark.

Grossman added another goal with assists from Lunneborg and Trish Piskula and then assisted a goal by Lunneborg. Michelle Sosnowski also assisted the goal.

UW-SP has held all of its six opponents to one goal or less during its current winning streak, outscoring foes 23-4.

#### from Resources pg. 2

ence as a BOW instructor was in 1991 when she taught a course on mushroom identification and has taught at BOW workshops every year since.

Beginning in 1993 Lueck has had many BOW-related articles and publications published and concurrently given presentations throughout the United States and Canada. She has been directly or indirectly responsible for grants in excess of \$1 million for the program.

In 2002 she received the CNR's Outreach Award and in 1994-95 she was named the outstanding CNR graduate assistant. In 1999 she was recognized for her outstanding service to the Wisconsin BOW program. A year earlier she was recognized by British Columbia's Wildlife Federation for her work with their provincial BOW program. She attended the Safari Club International's American Wilderness Leadership School in 1994. The Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) honored her in 1990 for ten years of service.

She also is a member of the Wisconsin's Hunter Education Instructors Association, the International Hunter Education Association, and the Bill Cook Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, Whitetails Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, and the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education.

A native of Coloma, she received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in natural resources from UWSP, and her Ph.D. in adult education from UW-Madison. She resides in Friendship with her husband, Gary.



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