State faculty help inform students of conflict in Middle East

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Over one hundred people joined together at the Science Building Tuesday night to hear perspectives on the volatile and touchy subject of the longtime conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Nancy Turner, a faculty member of the history department at UW-Platteville, laid the foundation for the subsequent presentations by supplying a basic history of the regions we know call Israel and Jordan.

"It’s a relatively small area ... approximately the size of New Jersey," said Turner.

The area, which is sandwiched between Egypt to the west and Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Syria to the east, has been home to a 60-year and counting land war.

Due to numerous pogroms in the 1920’s, many Jews from all over Europe settled in Palestine among the indigenous Arabs, causing the natives to rebel.

"They (Palestinians) were confused about why their land was being considered to be the place that would become a Jewish state," said Turner.

Turner said the tension between the two groups led to violence, and the British government decided to pull up stakes and leave the country.

Due to land disputes over the next several years, a decision was finally reached by the United Nations to divide the country.

But according to Turner, the agreement didn’t work because the Palestinians couldn’t live with the settlement, which apportioned them less than half the total

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UW-SP offering Fall trip to China, open to members of community

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is offering an opportunity to travel and experience China Oct. 15 thru Nov. 4 2006.

UW-SP Continuing Education presents this short-term study tour to any adults in or around the community.

The trip is going to be led by UW-SP professor of math and computing George Kung. Kung speaks four dialects of Chinese and will be leading his sixth tour through the country.

The $3,800 cost for the three-week travel includes a three-day river cruise, round trip airfare and lodging, as well as covering most expenses for transportation, entrance and guidance fees and meals.

"Experiencing the cultural differences and the great beauty of the county are what participants gain. George (Kung) is an excellent leader," said Kim O’Flaherty of UW-SP Continuing Education.

Participants will visit the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta Warriors, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and more.

"China is undergoing such change in becoming a more modern country," she said. "But it still has its historic value and our tour group will get to observe both."

Past participants have expressed gratitude toward the trip and Kung himself.

"George did an excellent job. He is full of information, helpful, kind and full of fun and humor, making the trip both educational and fun ... The variety was amazing. Perfectly planned ... I feel we got excellent value for the cost," said Jane Schoenecker, one of last year’s participants.

Another view of the Great Wall from a distance.

Photo by Erin Tudjan

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Have you had your hookah
today? Get your fix on page six!
Debot
Feb. 25, 2006 5:24 p.m.
Type: FIRE
A fire alarm sounded in lower Debot. The fire was located in room 053, the food services and laundry room. 911 was called and all protective service units were dispatched to Debot. The fire was located in a dryer in the laundry room.

Parking Lot Q
Feb. 25, 2006 6 p.m.
Type: HIT AND RUN
An individual called to report hit and run damage to her vehicle located in parking lot Q.

Parking Lot Q
Feb. 27, 2006 1:42 p.m.
Type: VANDALISM
Report of some sort of spill in Lot Q. An individual called and said that she needed to have a vehicle towed from the lot because it was out of gas. She later learned that the gas tank had holes “drilled in it.” She was asked to have her son come in to file a vandalism report from the lot because it was out of gas. She later learned that the gas tank had been drilled into.

Manski, support a campaign of boycotting and divesting, or separating financial relations, from Israel.
Manski, a Jewish resident from Madison, spent his childhood in Israel. He’s happy with Wisconsin’s progressive history and hopes the UW System will come on board and cut financial ties with Israel because the country discriminates based on another’s race and religion.

“We need to invest in a proactive way, in a way that’s not going to harm people in other countries,” Manski said.

Manski, along with Abed, is also against the financial assistance that the U.S. sends to Israel, which, according to Abed, ranges from $3-$4 billion annually.

“We’re making exceptions for Israel,” said Manski.
Abed says that nearly 5 million Palestinians are still living in refugee camps.

“They have been denied for almost 60 years the basic human right to return to their homes,” said Abed.

No representative of the Israeli Zionist movement was present at the discussion, but Turner believes that to be a mute point.

“I think today, in 2006, an enormous number of Israelis would agree with everything the three of us have said. What we have said here corresponds more than you realize with the Israeli point of view,” said Turner.

Elkhorn’s Vigueras to participate in inaugural U.S. model House of Representatives
Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Arturo Vigueras of Elkhorn, a junior majoring in history and Spanish with a minor in Native American tribal sovereignty at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will participate in the inaugural American Youth Scholarship Foundation’s United States Model House of Representatives. The United States Model House of Representatives draws one student from each Congressional District to Capitol Hill from April 17-21 for a simulation of the U.S. House of Representatives.

“Serving as a student representative in the U.S. Model House of Representatives is a great opportunity for college students across the country to learn about policy making, relationship building and negotiation skills within the walls of Congress,” said Aurelia Figueroa, executive director of the American Youth Scholarship Foundation, and founder of the United States Model House of Representatives program.

Vigueras will take part in events such as writing and voting on bills and attending hearings in the committee rooms of the House of Representatives on Capitol Hill. Events also will be hosted by the Republican National Committee, Democratic National Committee and other prominent organizations.

Vigueras is a 2002 graduate of Elkhorn Area High School. Arturo hopes using Elkhorn business and civic organizations will help sponsor his spring trip to Washington.
Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide: Ballyhoo!

By: Pat "snorcher" Rothfuss

With help from the Mission Coffee House.

Mr. Rothfuss,

First off, super job on your Friendster and MySpace profiles, but apparently you spent all of your time on your other menneskies, online friend networks, because your Facebook profile sucks some major tail. I encourage all MySpace writers to promptly add Pat Rothfuss as a Facebook friend, then insult his crappy profile via wall posts.

But on to new business. I work for the Women's Resource Center, where I produce all of our promotional materials for upcoming events such as the Vagina Monologues. (March 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. in the Latrid Room).

Sorry, shameless plug. Anybody, after mindlessly creating flyer after flyer for event after event, I find myself in a bit of an imaginative funk. Can you provide me with some sweet new advertising stunts to spice up my promotional campaigns?

Gratefully,

Graphically Inhibited
Holly McKee-Clark

Well Holly, let's go over what promotional stuff I've seen so far...

Insidiously labial posters: Check. Smood with the word "puasy" in it: Check. Shamelessly pandering letter to Pat Rothfuss: Check. Lollipop cards that taste like chocolate, look like a vagina: Check. Good choice on that last one, by the way. I don't think it would have worked nearly as well the other way around.

It looks like you've got your bases covered. At least third base. If you really want to go way overboard, I don't need to think outside the box.

If you want to really get people interested, you're going to have to kick it old-school. You're going to have to go all ballyhoo.

What's ballyhoo? Well according to the dictionary it's "a blatant or sensational promotion." But that doesn't really capture the true flavor of the word.

You see, it's actually an old carnival term from the turn of the century. A bally or ballyhoo was a show you'd put on for free to give a crowd that could not afford the main show. It was the carnival version of freoplay. You get the audience all riled up so they can't wait to see what's inside the big tent.

Real ballyhoo is hard to pull off these days. I'm not talking lollipops and posters here, I'm talking about a team of roused lesbian cheerleaders who juggle knives and breathe fire.

Wow. That would be awesome. You see, that's the point of ballyhoo, you want people to look at it and think, "Damn, if that's just the teaser, the show must be...

Here's a hint. If you think that your publicity stunt would cause someone to call the police: It's ballyhoo.

Of course, now that I'm thinking about it, I realize that if I gave you a bunch of joke suggestions and you decide to use one, my ass is going to be in serious trouble. Crap. I had some really funny ones too. One of them involved kittens.

The other thing you could try to do is drum up some bad publicity for the show. If a bunch of conservatives get their knickers in a twist about women talking openly about sex, it will do wonders for your ticket sales. As soon as anyone calls your performance obscene, you've won.

Last of all you could go for the celebrity endorsement. Since you don't have much time left, I'm probably the closest thing you're going to get. Sucks to be you, I suppose.

The first time I saw the Vagina Monologues, I went because I knew I SHOULDN'T go, not because I wanted to. Honestly, I was mostly there so I could keep my Sensitive Guy ranking up in the high 90th percentile.

I expected it to be informative, and it was. I expected it to deal with sex, and it did. I expected to be profoundly uncomfortable... but I wasn't. I didn't expect it to be funny. But it was. I laughed my ass off. Seriously. It was great. It was one of the smartest, funniest performances I've ever seen. And trust me, I know smart and funny.

Plus... y'know... women talking about their nether regions. If that doesn't get you in the door, I don't know what will....

Pat Rothfuss is your source for coffee and advice. e-mail him at prof@uwsax.wa.edu.

This Friday at the Mission "Oh! The Infamy!" is playing some fine indie rock with "Lezane Mite" and

NEWMAN CATHOLIC PARISH AT UWSP

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Dear Editor,

Students attend UWSP for several reasons; every person’s slightly different than the rest. I chose UWSP for the education I knew I could get here, the reputation this university holds, the College of Natural Resources, and for the opportunity to get involved in such a wide array of student organizations.

Of all the reasons I just listed, it’s been through my involvement in student organizations that I have learned the most from and gained so many real world skills that will help me after graduation in May. I have had the pleasure of working very closely on some projects with members of our Student Government who clearly care about the same issues I care about, protecting higher education, bringing more renewable energy to campus, and reaching out to help hurricane victims. It is members of this same organization that we, as UW-SP students, put our trust in to make wise decisions that will benefit us as students.

As a student, I am sad to say that some of those “wise” decisions are doing more harm than good. The finance committee of SGA heard presentations on and deliberated tons of student organization budgets over the weekends of February 12-13 and February 18-19. In the name of “fiscal responsibility”, the finance committee cut tens of thousands of dollars in funding to several student organizations, including but not limited to the one that I am president of. Hundreds of UW-SP students are negatively affected by these cuts. We will be suffering from these cuts because a group of students, whom we put our trust in to make decisions that benefit us as UW-SP students, took it upon themselves to eliminate valuable resources that these groups use to benefit their members and the campus as a whole. Once again, I am very concerned with the decisions made by the finance committee of SGA and hope that others with the same concerns come forward and make their voices heard.

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Treasurer, WISPIRG State Board

Because I said so

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After a quick search on the Internet, I find that the Muslim depictions are still a big topic. We’ve been asked if we were planning to publish them, and the answer is no, though I wonder how UW-SP’s administration would have reacted, since they consistently reassure us that our free speech rights are protected.

But what to think? That is the big question. The best piece I’ve seen on the topic was in “Time.” They ran a series of Open pieces, ranging from an editor at the offending paper in Denmark to Islamic scholars in the US.

I was able to walk away from reading that piece with what I had expected. Total ambiguity. And for me, that is the way it should be. There is no clear-cut right or wrong in this situation, and I believe that it is a huge sign we are working in the right direction.

For those who are unaware, a newspaper in Denmark ran illustrations of Muhammad, which, according to the Islamic culture, is forbidden for fear of idolatry. Months later the illustrations resurfaced in other countries, sparking outrage and sadly, violence.

SVCfSE~ Onolla 1

Everyone is pointing fingers. Muslims are hypocritical. Denmark is racist. Newspapers are insensitive. The United States is... well, we were pretty clean on this one, but whatever. Some people are wrong. Like those at a prominent Iranian newspaper who compare the depictions of Muhammad to cartoons about the Holocaust, and held a contest to promote it. I’m pretty sure that is not cool.

Incidentally, at the same time in Iran, they have announced that danishes will no longer be called danishes, but roses of Muhammad, a more socially acceptable form of retaliation. Finally, an Islamic version of Freedom fries.

But for most of it, who’s to fault here isn’t clear. There is not easy right or wrong, which proves for me that we are beyond the infantile days of black and white, good and evil. The majority of people today can look at an issue and just be confused.

I must admit, it isn’t comforting. You don’t sleep as well at night when you have no idea how the world is supposed to work, when there is no true consensus. But on the other hand, it is a world without assumptions or dominant thought when we come closest to an egalitarian world.

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A crowd gathers in front of the Laird Room doors, and people casually around at the displays lovingly set up by the Chinese Culture Club (CCC). A tall, thin woman in a bright red kimono glides through the crowd, attracting stares from the waiting guests. This is the stage for the fifth annual Lantern Festival.

The Chinese New Year is the biggest celebration in Chinese culture, and members of the CCC love to share this event with the university campus and community of Stevens Point.

"It’s an official Chinese celebration which occurs on the first full moon, or 15th day of the Chinese New Year. In doing so, it marks the end of the Chinese New Year celebration. During those 14 days, Chinese families reunite and visit relatives, as is the custom for our New Year celebrations. The 15th day is the time when all families, after their reunions, celebrate their hopes for another prosperous and successful year."

"Everyone grew up with lanterns," said Publicity Officer Tsai Han-Hsin (Alice). "Each kid got at least one. They used to give us paper lanterns with candles in them, but every year there would be accidents where things caught fire. Now they are usually plastic with a little light bulb inside."

The event started on Sunday with dinner at 6 p.m., at which the CCC served an eclectic group of dishes, each hailling from different parts of China and surrounding countries.

"The garlic and butter shrimp was the best," said Prakash Rai, a UW-SP student. "Along with promoting traditional and modern aspects of Chinese culture, Chinese students contributing to this event do so to share with the university campus and community who they are, where they come from and what they are all about.

"For all of us who come from far away countries, that is often more than enough," said Ng. In addition, an event like the Lantern Festival has the benefit of bringing all the Chinese students together.

China is a large country, and students hailing from that area possess a variety of different backgrounds. The Lantern Festival helps create a sense of comradery between Chinese students and allows them to form strong friendships that they take home with them.

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
YOUR LEGAL CONUNDRUMS

Last weekend I was pulled over for crossing the centerline. Do I have a right to refuse to take a roadside breathalyzer?

If you are driving a motor vehicle and are stopped by an officer and asked to take a PBT (preliminary breath test) usually offered by an officer at the roadside, you can refuse, but be prepared to pay the consequences. You will be asked to perform field sobriety tests if the officer notes any common signs of intoxication, such as odor of alcohol on the breath, glassy eyes, slowed speech. If you refuse the intoxilyzer at the police station, after having been read the "Informing the Accused" information, your driving privileges will be suspended, and the court, if you are convicted of OWI, will sentence you based on the assumption that you were extremely intoxicated, and had something to hide. It’s always a good bet to cooperate with law enforcement and to be civil and polite when stopped.

Can I be fined for riding my bike while intoxicated?

Student Legal Services is not aware of any local ordinances or state laws prohibiting riding a bicycle while under the influence. However, if a police officer notices deleterious bicycling habits that put other cyclists or persons in danger, the officer is justified in making a stop and taking the person home. If any other ordinances were violated by the cyclist, he or she might get ticketed depending upon the situation. If you’re under 21 and bicycling while under the influence, I wouldn’t be surprised to see an underage drinking ticket.

From the Wire: the latest from London

Johanna Nelson
Pointlife Reporter

If there’s one thing UW-SP students have realized after living in London for the past five weeks, it’s that the Brits really love their markets. Try going anywhere on a Saturday or Sunday, and you’re bound to run into at least three or four of them along the way. Whether in search of antiques, food, art, clothing or music, there is certain to be a market somewhere in London offering great bargains on just about anything (which is especially helpful for poor college students trying to get by in one of the world’s most expensive cities).

So far, Camden Town and Portobello Road markets have been favorite weekend hangouts, although the two couldn’t be farther apart in terms of style, merchandise and overall ambiance.

For starters, Camden Town Market, located in northern London, is a favorite gathering place for London’s punk population. With multicolored mohawks, multiple piercings, elaborate tattoos, leather jackets and boots with four-inch platforms, the market itself looks like it could be a crowd at a punk rock concert. As a result, it’s a great place to people watch, and some of the more ostentatious punks actually offer to pose for pictures. Unfortunatly, the fee they charge is usually too pricey for most people to take them seriously.

In terms of merchandise, the market mainly specializes in alternative clothing, and is often the place where emerging fashion designers try out new clothing lines. Of course, it’s always possible to find typical tourist items, like the Beatles t-shirts and Union Jack paraphernalia many of us have purchased. Other great finds include cult films, music, collectibles, ethnic art, rugs and magic mushrooms (a famous Camden novelty), which are available at a decent price, especially when haggling is involved.

In fact, haggling - or bargaining - is one of the features that makes the market experience so unique. If done properly, shopkeepers can often be talked down quite a bit from the original price, as some of our group members have found out. For example, one novice haggler managed to get a £20 pound discount (roughly 40 American dollars) on a wrap-around patch skirt, which was well worth the effort.

On the other hand, Portobello Road Market, one of the most famous markets in the world, offers a more upscale spin on the market experience, largely due to its location in the ultra-fashionable Notting Hill (it was even featured in the film with the same name). As one of the top 10 places visited in London, the streets overflow with people on a Saturday or Sunday, and it’s fun to imagine the market as it was in the 1960s, when people would often walk around in Sergeant Pepper costumes. Now it’s home to the world famous antiques trade, and offers anything from vases to jewelry to old fashioned pipes.

The market also has a variety of fruit, vegetable and bread stalls, as well as an extensive section of vintage clothing, boots, shoes and hats. For many of us, this was a chance to find alternatives to the North Face coats and tennis shoes that apparently make it glaringly obvious that we’re from the United States. While the Camden and Portobello markets are dramatically different, they also share a London tradition that dates back to medieval times, and it is this blend of history and modernity that makes the marketplace such a unique and worthwhile experience.
This week's adventure: "Hit this hookah"

Heather Curtis
REPORTER

I quit smoking six months ago. What better way to celebrate this small milestone than by smoking a hookah? At least there were my thoughts as I entered the Stogy Stop on 1016 N 5th St, which was my friend Aaron on Tuesday. I mentioned to owner Sean Goodwin that I had heard rumors of a hookah rental. Indeed, it was true. Tilting his head toward his lanky companion, he said, "He loves to smoke the hookah." His friend nodded enthusiastically.

Originating in the Middle East and Asia, hookahs are water pipes which operate by water filtration and indirect heat. They have gained a dedicated following in certain circles over the years, especially in Europe but also the United States.

"Larger cities in Europe have hookah bars, and college students who've spent time in France and Germany, and I've come back and bring their habit with them," Goodwin said.

Goodwin had one available for the two, the sole hookah in the shop.

"We're going to be getting a couple more, probably a six-hoser next month," he said.

The most commonly-used hookah tobacco are produced using a 1/2 mixture of shredded tobacco leaf mixed with a sweetener such as honey, molasses or semi-dried fruit which serve to moisten and hold together the tobacco. The two began listing off the plethora of flavors available: apricot, cherry, cola, mint, apple, lemon, grape, pineapple... the list went on. There were something like 25 possibilities. We settled on an obscure-sounding option that was the favorite of the tall fellow, who said his friends call him "the Coal Nazi."

Goodwin finished preparing the hookah and headed for the adjoining room, where we were greeted by some jazz. Goodwin brought the hookah to our table, walking slowly to assure he wouldn't trip with the expensive contraption. He placed it gently on the table in front of us like a shrine.

"It's not quite ready yet," he said. This was followed by a crash course in hookah conduct, including the proper coal stacking procedure with instructions on how to arrange the coal with the tongs so as to get the tobacco to burn. With no further instructions, he left us.

I sat staring at the odd-looking device. The sap­phire base was marked with a "Made in Egypt" sticker (no doubt for authenticity's sake). My eyes traveled upwards over the trophy-shaped section atop the base and onto the tiny altar where the coal sat smoldering. The top piece of coal was finally glowing red, which meant that the coal could be rodusted with some handwork, using the tongs, and smoking could begin. We raised the mouthpieces to our lips, alternately drawing in a breath. The whole time I was expecting a slight bite in the back of my throat or ache in my lungs - the type of feeling I expected a cigarette to provide after all of these months of clean lungs - but it didn't happen; it went down smooth. As we exhaled, we discovered what the nondescript name of our choice tobacco must have meant or at least translated to: Sweet Tarts. Never before have I smoked something so sweet or odd. In a way, I felt as if I were just inhaling candy.

Although this may sound fabulous, I could only take so much. After the two of us had played dancing caterpillars for about half an hour, I turned to Aaron and said, "I can't do it anymore. I mean, I liked it at first but now it's just kind of like smoking a bathroom air freshener." Luckily the tobacco was nearly gone by this point, so we called it quits and turned in our hoses.

Although I didn't love it as much as the Coal Nazi, at least I can say I've smoked a hookah. And even though it shall remain a novelty for me rather than a form of leisure, I can check it off my list of things to do before I die.

Mae Wernick and Aaron Hall contributed to this article.

"Thirty Minutes to Burn" is a weekly feature spotlighting odd,, offbeat or interesting activities that can be done in or around town in roughly half an hour. Original ideas and submissions are welcome and encouraged! Send them to shull1920@uwsp.edu or jnzt9198@uwsp.edu.

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Student finds more slang than scenery in South Pacific

Sara Roe
REPORTER

It is the last week in February and New Zealand students are adjusting to the start of their fall semester. The Wisconsin students are now about one month into their semester abroad in the South Pacific. We are currently located in Christchurch, New Zealand. It is a difficult concept for many of us to believe that the upcoming months (March, April, etc.) will lead to cooler weather and shorter days. The adaptation to summer temperature in January is one of many adjustments with which Wisconsin students are coping and, for the most part, with which they are coping quite well. Driving and biking on the left side of the road requires some level of concentration. I have lost count of how many times that I have walked to the passenger side of an automobile to find a steering wheel.

Perhaps the biggest surprise to many of us was New Zealand's landscape. Most of us expected to be amongst iconic green mountains and fenceless boundaries. The west coast of the South Island has a mountain range that extends a good portion of the island, which creates a rain shadow for west. Another reason the Canterbury plain lacks vegetation is because the first European settlers burned much of New Zealand in the mid 1800s for agricultural production and fenced off large portions for livestock.

The official languages in New Zealand are English and Maori. New Zealanders are commonly referred to as Kiwis, which is the name of a fruit and native bird of the islands. Most Kiwis speak with an altered version of the British accent that at times can be difficult to understand. On a few occasions I feel that I am being spoken to in a language other than English because the pronunciation and slang varies from what I am accustomed to. However, I am getting used to some of the words and phrases spoken. Cookies are "biscuits," garbage is "rubbish," hikograms is "tramp ing" and "tea" can mean dinner or just a cup of tea. A few commonly spoken phrases are equally as interesting. If you "tiki tour," you are sightseeing. If you are "knackered," you are tired. "Dags" is eccentric people and if you need to move faster, you need to "rattle your dags." The traditional breakfast consists of a bowl of Weet-Bix, which is the equivalent of our Shredded Wheat. Fish and chip shops are more popular than an American McDonalds. Sports interests differ as well. Cricket and rugby are popular sports in New Zealand and very similar to American baseball and football; however, many Kiwis will comment that our football is somewhat of a humorous spectacle with men dressed in "excessive body-armour."

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Wernick and Aaron Hall contributed to this article.
Resident's Evil

By: Joy

I transferred here last year! How was I supposed to know where you were going to college? You stopped talking to me because your boyfriend was jealous!

Well, this is a mess worthy of a Soap Opera!

NEWLAND

By: Lo Shim

Do you ever get tired of looking like my height?

Hey, I'm just making small talk, but fine, I'll get focusing on your shortcomings - I guess you don't like to be reminded.

For your information, I have being short!

There are lots of advantages!

Always winning limbs?

I'll bet you I can get a free buffet!

Yeah right! No one's gonna believe your twelve!

By: Roger Yang

Here We Are

SAFE YET?

2 MINUTES:

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING? WE HAVE CLASS!

AAGGHH!!

TOLD HIM.

WHY DO THEY LET THE ARCHERY CLASS PRACTICE IN THE PARKING LOT ANYWAY?

By: E.H. Fergison

Venus di PSYCHO

Meanwhlle...

Do you need me for anything else Dr. Li?

No, you can leave for now, Dr. Li.

Ok, I'll see if Sid will show me where my room is then.

He will, then you can settle in.

By Mike Cypuli

Magic Mike

That car is waiting for me and I can't get around this puddle.

I almost wish everything was still frozen.

By: R. Tidball

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Where have Wisconsin's winter wonderlands gone to?

Brandi Pettit

Most people may have heard the old phrase, "Don't like the weather in Wisconsin? Wait a few minutes--it'll change!"

Though more than half of Wisconsin's winters have plunged below minus 40 degrees F or lower, Wisconsinites have experienced a rather mild winter this season, with above average temperatures and below normal snowfall. Annual snowfall has varied throughout the state from 30 inches a year in southern Wisconsin, to over 100 inches in northern parts of the state.

But winter just isn't any fun without snowstorms. On Feb. 16 after weeks of above average temperatures, residents of Central Wisconsin encased an entire foot of snow and wind gusts reaching 50 mph, followed by an intense cold snap with temperatures as low as 25 degrees F below. The weather became so bad in Madison that the university canceled afternoon classes for the first time in over a decade. But Wisconsin has been overdue for such a storm, and it could have been much worse.

Wisconsin has a history of sudden extreme winter weather. In 1924, over 20 inches fell in the Milwaukee area, crippling street cars and train services, while knocking out communications with the outside world. That day also brought drifts of 8-10 feet.

A more drastic storm, the Blizzard of 1947, hit Wisconsin in late January with 15-foot drifts, and depending on the location, 18-27 inches of snow. Whole towns were brought to a stand still with zero visibility and 35 mph winds. Hundreds of people throughout the area were stranded in hotel lobbies, department stores and railroad depots for the duration of the three-day storm. The Blizzard of 1947 is still the longest Wisconsin storm on record.

Neillsville holds the record for snowfall over a 24-hour period. In 1904, the small Wisconsin town was covered with a record 26 inches of snow.

Wisconsin's most popular snowstorm took place on Nov. 11, 1940. Known as the Armistice Day Blizzard, it caught people in half a dozen states off guard with 60 degrees F temperatures on the morning of the 11th and temperatures below zero less than 24 hours later. The storm was so popular not only because of its sudden appearance, but for having such strong winds, ranging from 45-60 mph for an entire 24-hour period. The wrath of the Armistice Day Blizzard laid snow drifts of up to 20 foot tall. Businesses were closed, trains were completely snowbound and several duck hunters along the Mississippi River were caught in the Blizzard and killed. The storm killed a total of 130, 13 of whom were in Wisconsin, not to mention the thousands of game birds and livestock who also didn't survive the storm.

Just a few weeks before Christmas in 1987, another blizzard brought in 16 inches of snow to the southern half of the state and wind gusts up to 73 mph were recorded, and 15 foot waves knocked ships about in the harbor of Lake Michigan.

Every year another story or two can be added to the book of blizzards, including the storm in 1996 that closed down parts of Interstate 90/94 and wowed residents with its accompanied thunder.

But if you're the type who enjoys the heavy snowfall, move up to Hurley. The 1996-97 winter brought in 278 inches of snow.

All is silent as the humble embers glow brightly circled by the surrounding rocks. The air is a bit warmer than the previous nights, and all of our clothes soak up the reassuring smell of smoke in sacrifice for dryness. The shelter has a sort of spookiness to it, but too tired to even think much about it, our eyelids tell the four of us to ignore the overwhelming sixth sense.

Within a minute or so, the two women of the group, Amanda and Anna, are breathing deeply with an occasional twitch and a snore. Just enough to keep my cousin, Louis, and me awake for an extra minute or two. After whispering a few jokes about that black bear is no more than three miles away from Amanda's unmoving, oblivious feet. To assure myself of the fact, I keep a sharp eye on the embers of the dead fire and wait for them to disappear, letting me know that something has crossed my vision. In no time, the embers disappear and my heart rate doubles. I am now regretting that idea since I feel I'm going to die before the bear gets to me. If that isn't enough, the bear bag lines are now being swatted at. Fortunately, the lines are out of sight, which also means that we are out of sight of the bear. Clandestinely, we silently creep out of our bags and tiptoe to the back of the shelter grabbing everything we can get our hands on. It's one of those moments you wish you had one of those luridious "What If Scenarios" books in your back pocket. Fortunately, I had read that chapter right before we started the journey.

After three or four minutes of confidence building, deep breaths, grasping hands and hard objects, and realizing our last meal may very well have been Pad Thai out of a pack (which I highly recommend), Anna, Louis, Amanda and I realize that silence has overcome the situation. The black bear is gone. Or just playing our paranoia, as if it hadn't already. Wait. Three or four more minutes of ponderous whispers. After gathering our own and each other's thought, we count to three, turn on the flashlight, make noise and throw our random objects to the outside of the shelter. Nothing. Has this been our paranoid minds throughout this entire ordeal? Following our careful peaking around each corner of the three-sided hut, we come to the common conclusion that there is now way we have talked ourselves into a perception of a false bear.

As much as all of us want to believe that we defeated that black bear last summer, we hikers have that back-of-the-mind--linger- ing--in our own hearts to the point of breathlessness no convincing is needed to let me know that grace was taken upon my friends and me. If you're looking to take some sort of lesson out of this story, remember that nature is to be fully respected, follow that sixth sense and never pass up the posh of Pad Thai. I would have been satisfied to call that my last meal.

Michael Gutschenritter
Wolves in Wisconsin

Amanda Pohlod
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Wisconsin wolves have been a source of controversy since they were granted protection and reestablished in the state around 1975. Some people love them while some hate them, but overall, wolves are important to the health of an ecosystem. As any keystone predator, they provide an important source of control for deer and rabbit populations in Wisconsin. But they’ve also run into problems due to their own rising population. Although there has never been a reported wolf-human attack, wolves have always clashed with humans.

As the state was settled in the 1800 and 1900’s, the huge population of wolves (estimated to be from 3,000 to 5,000 animals) began to deplete the deer, elk and bison populations. They preyed on easy-to-catch livestock, and therefore became a main target for farmers. Sport deer hunting was a huge economic boost for Wisconsin, and a bounty was put on the carcasses of wolves. Because of studies done in the recent past, we know that wolves help improve deer populations by preying on weak, sick or old individuals in the population. By 1960, wolves were considered extirpated from Wisconsin.

But the wolves staged a comeback. In 1974, they were given federal protection. Shortly thereafter, they began roaming back into northern Wisconsin from Minnesota and Michigan, and establish packs. Their progress was tracked carefully, and by 1995, there were nearly 500 wolves in over 50 packs. Today, because of wolves’ elusive nature, they are rarely seen in the wild, but with an increasing population, their human encounters continue to climb.

Two timberwolves relax in their natural habitat

Wisconsin eagles have helped with the national recovery of the majestic species

Press Release

WISCONSIN DNR

MADISON - With federal wildlife officials announcing earlier this month that they are reviving an effort to remove the bald eagle from both the state endangered and threatened species lists, state residents can take some satisfaction in knowing Wisconsin eagles have played a significant role in helping the species recover nationwide.

Since 1975, Wisconsin has sent 215 baby eagles, called eaglets, to 10 other states to help boost the national eagle population. Wisconsin eagles have been released near the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. and in a Hudson River valley park in New York City.

"Eagle chicks are only taken from Wisconsin nests that produced two or more eaglets. At least one healthy eaglet is always left in a nest for the parents to raise," said Pat Manthey, an avian ecologist with the Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Endangered Resources.

Wisconsin has one of the largest eagle populations in the continental United States, with more than 1,000 pairs nesting in the state in 2005. In addition to Washington D.C. and New York, Wisconsin eagles have been sent to Tennessee, North Carolina, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Arkansas, Kentucky and Ohio, according to Randy Jurewicz, an endangered resources biologist who has coordinated the eagle relocation efforts.

In their new home, the eaglets are generally raised in small treehouse-like dwellings called hack boxes where they are isolated from human contact and are fed through openings so they do not associate food with people. They are fed until they are old enough to fledge, or fly, from the nest.

Manthey says survival of the transplanted eagles appears to be generally the same as it is for eaglets left in nests.

Wisconsin and federal officials worked with the Earth Conservation Corps of Washington D.C. on efforts to re-establish nesting bald eagles near the nation’s capital. The organization re-introduced 16 Wisconsin eagles over a four-year period to the Anacostia Islands Nature Preserve on the Anacostia River, and a pair has now established a nesting site in the preserve.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Feb. 13 that it would revive efforts to remove the bald eagle from the federal list of endangered and threatened species. The number of breeding pairs nationwide is currently estimated at 7,066, with the birds thriving in 49 states (bald eagles are not indigenous to Hawaii).

“The recovery of the bald eagle, our national symbol, is also a great national success story," said agency director H. Dale Hall in a statement. When the first Europeans arrived in North America, an estimated 100,000 pairs of bald eagles populated the area that is now the lower 48 states. Bald eagles bred throughout Wisconsin until the 1800s, when their population began to decline as the state was settled. By 1963 the number of eagles nationwide had dropped to 417 pairs, and the number of bald eagles breeding in Wisconsin reached an all time low of just 82 pairs in 1970.

The decline in eagle numbers was the result of widespread use of the eggshell-thinning insecticide DDT and other organochlorine pesticides in the U.S. But eagle populations were slow to recover.

In 1986, a DNR Bald Eagle Recovery Plan was approved by the state Natural Resources Board, with the objective of increasing the self-sustaining population of bald eagles in Wisconsin to 360 breeding pairs by the year 2000. The recovery goal was exceeded in 1991, when 414 active pairs were located. The eagle’s state status was upgraded to “threatened” in 1989, and in 1997 they were removed from the state’s endangered and threatened list.

Even though bald eagles will now be removed from both state and federal endangered and threatened species lists, they will continue to be protected under the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, both of which prohibit killing, selling or otherwise harming eagles, their nests or eggs to assure they remain a majestic addition to the national landscape for generations to come.

Campus Calendar

Outdoor Events

3/3 - 3/5 Wolf Ecology Workshop With Treehaven
3/3 Primitive Fire Making With Outdoor EdVentures
3/10 – 3/12 Fly Tying and Trout Stream Entomology With Treehaven
Pointers fall to UW-Stout in WIAC semifinals

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March 20 and will be held in Tokyo, Puerto Rico and several locations in the United States.

In an interesting transition period, the WBC comes less than one week before the XX Winter Olympic Games concluded in Torino, Italy. Most analysts have concluded that the Olympics were a disappointment in terms of living up to the tremendous hype surrounding the American team and in overall television ratings for NBC.

This leaves the WBC in a tough position. Regardless of the fact that it is nearing baseball season here in the U.S., support for any national-based competition seems to have declined, as evident in the ratings for the Winter Olympics. To make matters worse, the International Olympic Committee has decided that baseball is not an Olympic sport and will not be included in the 2008 Beijing Games. So, the Olympics are losing popularity and the 'unpopular' Olympics feel that baseball is not worthy of Olympic status. Looks like quite a predicament for the WBC.

Timing may also hinder the WBC's chance at gaining a large following. Baseball is an afterthought for many as March approaches. The main focus of the month is college basketball and all its madness. I mean, who's going to watch the WBC on March 12 when, at the same time, the pairings for the NCAA men's basketball tournament are announced? Many people I know will "feel sick" and skip classes for NCAA tournament games. How many will skip class to see the U.S. play South Africa or Mexico in the WBC?

The players themselves are part of the issue as well. From Barry Bonds to Manny Ramirez to Nomar Garciaparra, some prominent stars are holding out from the WBC. Injuries play a large part in participation (or lack thereof) in the WBC for certain athletes, but having players like Baltimore Orioles third baseman Melvin Mora refuse to play because he doesn't want to switch to the outfield for the Venezuelan team shows the lack of WBC interest that might resonate around MLB clubhouses.

The steroid issue also negatively impacts the atmosphere surrounding baseball. So much has been said about that topic that I will not proceed to beat that dead horse by rambling on about it.

I am truly pumped for baseball season to start. But I am looking forward to the Cubs opening day on April 3 in Cincinnati. I am only mildly excited to watch some of my favorite players in the WBC playing for the U.S., while the rest of the team is made up of mostly New York Yankees.

I will, without a doubt, watch a good majority of the WBC on ESPN and ESP2. When the Olympics took baseball out of the mix, I felt an international competition would be a fabulous idea. I hope that the WBC will become a yearly tradition that kicks off the baseball season in the U.S.

However, it's hard to see how the WBC will succeed in the environment it is placed in. NCAA March Madness, lack of national pride in a country's athletes and by the athletes themselves and MLB commissioner Bud Selig and the hopes that the WBC will find its place in the sporting world. Now after reading this complete article, a reader may have one more question left to ask.

Will there be another WBC?
Pointers claim regular season NCHA title, maintain winning streak in process

Robert Lucas
SPORTS REPORTER

A team's best offense is a good defense. That would hold true for the Pointer women's hockey team last weekend when they swept Finlandia and won the NCHA title. The women Pointers extended their winning streak to 12 by beating Finlandia 5-0 on Friday and 1-0 on Saturday. And all this without their top goalie.

"Our defense has been awesome," said Pointers' forward Kim Lunneborg, one of two seniors playing in her final home regular season game. "They've been shutting people down and doing everything right."

Their stifling defense has allowed only 28 goals in 25 games this year, easily leading the nation with a 1.2 per game average. The key to the Pointers' defense isn't stopping shots; UW-SP is hardly allowing any shots at all.

On Friday, Finlandia managed 12 shots on goal, with only four in the first two periods. Point got on the board early with a goal by Lunneborg 47 seconds into the game. Madison Durad scored a power-play goal later on an assist from Jackie LaClair, in only her third start this season, but shut out the opposing team for the third time.

"She showed up this weekend," Pointers' senior Tracy Trucky said of LaClair. "This is Julie's day. She works so hard and she deserved this opportunity."

UW-SP only needed a tie to claim the NCHA title and it looked as though it would end that way until the third period when freshman and leading scorer Nicole Grossmann scored her 16th goal of the season. Grossmann lobbed a loose puck in the corner and was able to sneak it past Finlandia's goalkeeper to give Point the only goal they needed.

The Pointers have now won back-to-back NCHA titles three times in just over their six years of varsity existence.

"I don't think a lot of people expected us to have the kind of season we've had," Pointers' coach Brian Idalski said. "For this young group to grow up as quickly as they have says a lot for them as well as the seniors and juniors who have helped pull them along all season."

The Pointers will host Lake Forest on Friday in the NCHA playoffs where they will attempt to defend their back-to-back NCHA playoff titles.

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So close, you still feel so far away. The Pointer women's basketball team met with the UW-Oshkosh Titans for the fourth time in five years in Oshkosh last Wednesday evening in the semifinals of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

The two teams were meeting in the tournament for the fifth straight year and the sixth time in seven years. The 2000 quarterfinals marked the last time UW-SP played a road game, and lost in the tournament. Stevens Point was off to a sluggish start, after making just six points in the first 10 minutes of the game, but took a 26-24 lead at the half. In the second half, the Pointers maintained the lead throughout most of the half, but the Titans easily caught up. However, Oshkosh couldn't quite get around the Pointers, and UW-SP won the game 68-58.

Freshman Janell Van Gompel made her first career start to replace the injured forward, Chelsea Kranz, and came out with 11 points and four rebounds.

Laura Neuenfeldt tacked in the points, as she finished the evening with 19, while Haley Houghton ended with 14 points and six rebounds. Nathalie Lechault had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

In Menomonie on Saturday, UW-SP ended its season with a 204 record by losing to UW-Stout 84-70 in the tournament finals. The Blue Devils were a tough contender as the Pointers have won once in their last 18 trips to Menomonie. They entered the week as the top field goal shooting team in the country, but couldn't quite shoot enough to sneak past the Blue Devils. UW-Stout was held under 40 percent for just the fourth time all season, shooting 37.1 percent for the game. Cassandra Schultz scored 15 second half points, scoring 20 total game-high points in her final game for UW-SP. Lesaie Heuer made it to the double digits, scoring 12 points, while Lechault and Houghton each scored 11 points. Both teams were outstanding at the free throw line, as UW-SP shot a season best 20 for 22, and UW-Stout was 25 for 28.

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- Major

Career Highlights:
- Member of back-to-back National Championship teams at UW-SP.
- First-team All-Conference performer as a senior while playing on two conference championship teams in high school.
- Along with Jon Krull, shared team high rebounds with five in 79-76 win at UW-Eau Claire on Feb. 1.

Major - Psychology
Hometown - Saak Prairie, Wis.
Do you have any nicknames? Bouch, Bobby, Bouch-Bouche and Chas (thanks to Coach Ando!)

What are your plans after graduation? That's a good question.

What has helped you become such an accomplished basketball player? The support and encouragement from my many coaches to become my best and keep pursuing my basketball career throughout the years.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? Hands down, it has to be winning two national champion titles.

What's your most embarrassing moment? Haha! Vegas Trip...

What CD is in your stereo right now? The best of C.C.R.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? Wedding Crashers or Grumpy Old Men.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? Just the whole atmosphere, all the friends that I have made... and how much I love Debby food after moving off of campus.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? Family first and foremost, friends and Mr. John Budd!

What is in your current room? C.C.R.

What will you pursue after graduation? Hands down, it has to be winning two national champion titles. Stevens Point has been my birthplace since my birth in 1982.

What is your most accomplished basketball player? Julie's day. She works so hard and she deserved this opportunity.
Vaginas everywhere

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Hey, nice melons. C’mon, you plain ‘ol prude, check out my shaved peach. I don’t need no man-go, but I have a great muffberry! You know you want to.

Now, that first paragraph may have sounded pretty dirty. Okay, yes, it is dirty, but for a good reason. Next week, the Women’s Resource Center and UW-SP students will be presenting Eve Ensler’s award winning play, “The Vagina Monologues,” in coordination with other fundraising, to end violence against women and girls.

“The Vagina Pops and Pussy Pucker Pots (vegan lip gloss) are currently on sale in the Women’s Resource Center,” said Abby Horstman, volunteer coordinator of the Women’s Resource Center. “People can stop down to purchase them, or buy them at a booth in the course this week and during the nights of the [Vagina Monologues] performances. “Pussy Pucker Pots come in twelve tantalizing flavors: Shaved Peach, Clitoris Citrus, Nipple Ripple, Plain Mango, Areola Apricot, Chocolate Creme, Latte, Tata Tangerine, Vanilla Vulva, Areola Apricot, Chocolate Nipple Ripple, Plain ‘O’ Prude, Strawberry Snatch, Shaved Peach, Clitoris Citrus, Muffberry and Don’t Need No Mango. The Vagina Pops flavors are Caramel Crème Latte and Milk Chocolate.

“The proceeds from this year’s benefit production will go to CAP Services – Sexual Assault Victim Services (SAVS) and Family Crisis Center – as well as for ‘comfort women’,” said Horstman. “Any profit that is made from the sale of Vagina Pops and Pussy Pucker Pots will also go to the beneficiaries.”

The “comfort women” are Japanese women who were forced into prostitution before and during World War II to serve male Japanese soldiers. Charities and organizations related to the “comfort women” cause strive to raise money for the campaign in order to bring attention to the enslavement of these women and seek an official apology from the Japanese government.

The other two groups that will benefit from the sales and performances are local programs. SAVS specializes in providing legal services to victims of sexual assault. The Family Crisis Center provides intervention, emergency housing, transportation and other personal services for victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

“The Vagina Monologues” is a benefit production which raises money and awareness for local organizations to work to stop violence against women and girls,” said Horstman.

In 1998 Ensler started something called V-Day, which according to her was “an outgrowth of The Vagina Monologues... a catalyst, a movement, a performance that simply demands that the violence must end.”

Today, people across the world take part in V-Day by performing “The Vagina Monologues” and participating in other charitable events related to the cause of bringing awareness to and ending violence against women.

Over the past seven years the V-Day movement has raised more than $25 million for charity.

According to the V-Day Web site, over the past seven years the V-Day movement has raised more than $25 million for charity.

“This year’s production of ‘The Vagina Monologues’ will take place on March 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Laird Room,” said Melina Strohman, coordinator and director of V-Day 2006. “Tickets can be purchased in advance or the night of the show at the University Box Office, located in the University Center. Tickets are $5 with UW-SP student ID, and $10 without. It will be a great show.”

If you’d like more information about V-Day 2006 visit www.vday.org. Other questions or comments can be brought to the Women’s Resource Center, located in room 30C in the basement of the UC.

What’s Happening at the Allen Center...

Chelsea Ross
CARDO CENTER

Health and Wellness week is upon us! From March 6-10 take hold of your mental, emotional and physical wellness. Get active by attending a free group fitness class, or rent skis, snowshoes or ice skates from Outdoor EdVentures. Mind and Body Connections offers massages, paraffin hand dips and foot soaks to help control your stress! Also, this Thursday, March 1, it’s only $40 for students to join the Cardio Center until the end of the semester!

To celebrate Health and Wellness week, the Student Health Promotion Office will be staffing informational booths in the University Center from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and Debout Dining Center from 4:30-6 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. At the booths, health advocates will be offering free stress relief sessions and give you free stuff. Study and even sign up to win a free spring break package. Sign up at the booths, or stop in to the Student Health Promotion Office starting Monday, March 6 until noon on Friday, March 10.

Science, Health & Tech.

Jul Nevers (left) and Jenn Boyd, both performers in ‘The Vagina Monologues,” enjoying some Vagina Pops.

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Tech Power!

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Dog shit you know, those little brown piles of waste that dot the landscape like smelly improvised explosive devices hidden beneath leaves on the path from your apartment to your car. If you’re lucky (so to speak), you realize right away and do the old shoe-scrap; but if not, you are shortly left wondering why your car smells like crap all of a sudden. Undoubtedly, once you understand the enormity of the situation, you curse the poop and the owner.

But what if we could put this unaccounted-for crap to good use? Bullroar, you say! But no, San Francisco already has a solution at hand. The Associated Press is reporting that the city will be the first municipality in the country to put in place a program to recycle pet feces.

The little pet treasures will be collected in biodegradable bags and thrown into a digester where it can brew for weeks as bacteria break the crap down into a gas called methane. In turn, the methane can be used to operate any devices that run on conventional natural gas or to generate electricity. Sounds farfetched? Methane digesters have been around for a couple of decades, most notably found on farms where animals produce a large quantity of feces on a daily basis. Wisconsinites should have little problem imagining the sheer foul power of a local dairy farm. The technology has found a decent home in Europe and, to a much lesser extent, in rural America. An industrial methane digester has a price tag of about $1 million, making the cost prohibitive for many communities. But San Francisco decided to put this technology to use because about four percent of its residential waste comes from animal feces. The city of San Francisco, which already recycles about 60 percent of its waste, will hire local waste collectors to gather the pet crap from around city parks. While the common view is that landfills and current power generation methods are sufficient for our needs, the people of San Francisco aren’t content with seeing things in the short term.

Besides generating power, using a methane digester removes the solid waste from the ground, which in turn helps reduce waste runoff and stops the powerful greenhouse gas from escaping into the atmosphere. In addition, the leftover solids from methane digestion make for a rich fertilizer.

Perhaps one day we will all be singing the praises of dog crap. If anything, its potential value could make it worth picking up.
Rising Wisconsin folk star scores big with diverse debut album

Aaron Schulz
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

"All at once it surrounds you/All at once it's in your face."

These are the first words sung by Milwaukee based folk artist Hayward Williams on his 12 song debut "Uphill/Downhill." Released in 2005, this is a very strong release by a talented Wisconsin folk artist.

Hayward Williams is no stranger to college radio. And he shouldn't be; his music is a breath of fresh air that seeps over most of the commercial music that hits the airwaves today. Songs like "All at Once," "Simply Put" and "Wear Me Out" could all find slots on commercial radio. Sadly, they don't have commercial radio's appeal, so that leaves college radio to play his music.

Everything about this CD is good. Every track is solid and seems to go by quickly since the music is so enjoyable (The album itself is a little over 50 minutes). Songs of quiet introspection like "All at Once," or "Problems with Hemingway" go well with the faster numbers "Wear Me Out" and "Simply Put," making this album an entertaining experience.

While there are traces of Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Greg Brown and Jay Farrar (of Uncle Tupelo and Son Volt fame) in his music, Williams does a good job mixing it up and making it his own. Williams' strongest asset is his remarkable singing voice. Very deep and melancholy, when first heard he easily sounds like a man much older then he is. But when in concert he is young and quiet and just comes onstage and plays his guitar and harmonica, similar to what Bob Dylan did back in his folk days.

"Uphill/Downhill" is not just an album that features Williams on guitar and harmonica. Although there is plenty of that, there is still room on this recording to explore different sounds. Strong piano work is featured on the tracks "Plaster of Paris" and "Swift Love" and a very nice short violin solo appears on "Cleverly Disturbed," an amusing story about an old landlord who does not care for his younger tenant's musical tastes. So what does he do? He puts on some

Slovakian Terror

Horror movies are little more than lessons for people with no common sense. The lesson from this movie becomes quite clear within minutes: if your friend ever goes missing in Slovakia, don't go looking for him. Simply run away and board a plane.

Highly lauded by respected critics, the movie begins in very ridiculous "Eurotrip" fashion. Three future leaders of America are on spring break making their way through Europe with the goal of smoking the finest grass and laying the finest brick in all of Europe.

"Hostel" begins with three college friends, Josh (Derek Richardson), Paxton (Jay Hernandez) and Oli (Eythor

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Gudjonsson), making their way through Amsterdam and Iceland. They happen across a friendly stranger who offers them a place to stay for the night. The stranger hears about their libido-propping aspirations, and directs them to Slovakia, where he claims the finest and wildest girls from all over Europe inhabit a small-town hostel, just waiting for American men.

Since Europeans view sexuality differently than Americans, the hostel offers only coed rooms, and the guys each find a girl for themselves—at least a bit too conveniently. The boys are ignored by Josh, Paxton and Oli, and even the viewer might be distracted.

At this point in the movie, you can tell something’s off. Everyone’s a suspect. For what, exactly, we don’t know yet, but it’s like the whole country of Slovakia is out to take over the world.

Suddenly, guests from the hostel begin to go missing. Men and women of all ethnic backgrounds suddenly disappear, including Oli. The two remaining friends, thinking Oli just up and left for home, decide to drown their sorrows in the bar with their sly women, who spike their drinks, causing Paxton and Josh to become sick and pass out.

While Paxton wakes up in a locked closet the next morning, Josh wakes bound to a chair in a dim room, where a masked figure begins to show the camera all sorts of instruments of torture, including scalpels, electric drills and other goodies. Decorum prohibits detailing what happens to this poor guy, but the screams are convincing as hell.

Paxton corners the conviving women from the hostel, demanding they take him to his friends. They happily agree, bringing him to a run down building with loads of limos and rich people milling around, bragging about the “art show” inside.

It’s not your typical horror flick, there are no dead bodies popping up everywhere, no suggestions of a witch or serial killer legend and no boogeyman hiding in the closet. The movie offers not so much as the slightest suggestion as to the nature of the beast until the very end.

Even veterans of the horror genre will have a tough time figuring out how this one ends. While there’s more T&A than “Girls Gone Wild,” there’s no unnecessary gore clouding the story. It’s a greuling good time, for those who can get through the choruses of four-letter serenades and body fluid jokes.

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Frank Sinatra.

"12" is a five minute plus instrumental that contains guitar effects that build up with a driving drum beat, later including harmonica and a little lead electric guitar to bring the album to a close. This last track is the most experimental but it does not go overboard with effects; it is quite soothing.

It is really hard to pick a favorite off of this album so I will list a few. Standout tracks are the opener “All at Once,” the quiet and sad “Problems with Hemingway,” which is about a girl that helps a man back to health only to break up with him afterwards. “Wear Me Out” just for some very nice wordplay and the fun and appealing “Cleverly Disturbed” about an old man that lost the experience of being young. “Uphill/Downhill” is an album I would highly recommend to anyone that enjoys folk or folk rock music. Fans of Dylan, Springsteen, Nick Drake, or Wilco/Son Volt should give this disc a serious listen. His album is sold on his Web site (www.haywardwilliams.com) or CD Baby (www.cdbaby.com/cd/haywardwilliams), so if you have time feel free to check out the free samples and listen to a bright new talent from Milwaukee. Just sit back, relax and let his voice take you away.
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