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# Six senators walk out of meeting, organizations put in bind for cash

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Six senators, including two of the three Student Government Association's (SGA) presidential candidates for the upcoming school term, walked out of last Thursday's (March 2) senate meeting.

The group, which consisted of Senators Robert Forseth, Andrea Zahn, Arturo Vigueras, Rachelle Fawcett, Dan O'Meara and David Davila, cited a breach of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law for why they weren't legally able to participate in the formal hearing.

According to the Wisconsin Statute, "It is declared to be the policy of this state that the public is entitled to the fullest and most complete information regarding the affairs of government."

Several senators complained that the SGA did not comply with the statute.

"A lot of the issues came around when everything was



The three SGA presidential candidates speak on campus last week alongside Photo by Eva Heule their running mates. Elections run from March 10-16.

posted and whether or not it was actually legal for us to hold the meeting," Forseth said. "There are some events that were really sketchy, yesterday (March 2) we see there was an agenda posted on the window of SGA, however nobody knows when that got there, nobody wants to claim putting it up, so we don't even know when that was posted."

Courtney Ryan, SGA vicepresident and chairperson of the senate meeting, disagreed with this sentiment and said the meeting was being held in accordance with the state law.

"We had a lot of debate about it, whether it coincided with open meetings law ... (the agenda) was posted on our Web site at 11:49 a.m. (March 1), it was completely in line with Wisconsin state law," Ryan said. "We've also done our research and we don't fall under Wisconsin state statute regarding the open meetings

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## **Monologues bring humor and** emotion to controversial topics

**Nick Heitman** NEWS REPORTER

"The Vagina Monologues" celebrate female sexuality in a way never done before. It brings laughter and sadness all within minutes. It is a work constructed through interviews with women from all walks of life from all over the world giving a physical presence to women's real thoughts about sexuality.

"The monologues," which

took place earlier this week, were done using a variety of women, one of which was Amy Clark.

"It was a bit challenging, the language and dialogue were a bit out of my normal comfort zone," she said. "What is really interesting is that the folks that responded to the WRC's (Women's Resource Center) call for performers were not necessarily actresses, they are simply

amazing women."

Clark said the issues that the monologues undertake might raise some eyebrows.

"What is great about the production is there is humor balanced with seriousness. It takes on some controversial issues and tells them in poetic stories," she said. "It is hard to know how the audience will

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## Finance committee cuts organization budgets, student seg fees to increase

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The Student Government Association's (SGA) Finance Committee met three times over the course of February to approve the 2006-07 budgets for 80 student organizations with some coming away frusyears, they might get a raise or things in general might get more expensive."

WISPIRG was unable to garner all of the money they requested and were approved for \$2,641.49, approximately seven percent of their request.

"They cut our campus organizer, cut all of the advocates,"

## UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS

trated with the results.

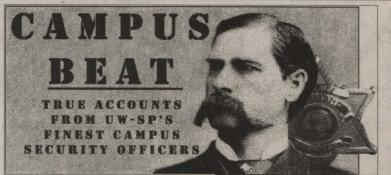
Michelle Marchand, President of UW-SP's local Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG), was one to voice her displeasure.

"We requested \$36,000 and some change for this upcoming year, this year we're working on \$34,000," she said. "The only increase that we are asking for is because when we pay staff people, every year, just like in the real world, there's inflation, there's cost of living, things go up in price and when people stay on for numerous See Finance pg. 2

she said. "They basically left us the little bit of money for publications, a little bit of money for office supplies and tacked on some extra fund raising."

According to SGA Budget Director Amy Clark, her office not only requests a budget to be submitted by the organization prior to the meeting, but also requires them to provide. answers to eight questions regarding the structure and identity of the organization.

SGA requests to know the purpose of the organiza-



### Pray/Sims Hall March 1, 2006 1:16 a.m. **Type: PUBLIC DISTURBANCE**

Christel Ryder, Pray/Sims hall director called about individuals outside of the building being extremely loud. The group was found and dispersed.

### Parking Lot J March 3, 2006 5:53 a.m. Type: MINOR TRAFFIC INCIDENT

Martina from Parking Services called to report a minor fender bender in Lot J with a government owned vehicle.

### Steiner Hall March 3, 2006 12:16 p.m. Type: SUSPICION OF DRUG USE

Reports of a strong odor of marijuana coming from the first floor area. No smell of marijuana was detected by officer upon arrival.

### University Center March 3, 2006 1:40 p.m. **Type: UNKNOWN INCIDENT**

Caller requested to talk to an officer regarding an incident that she had with an "unenrolled student."

### Neale Hall March 5, 2006 4:06 a.m. Type: **DEGRADATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY**

CA of Neale Hall claimed someone urinated on his door. He also stated he knew who had done it.

Parking Lot Q March 5, 2006 4:00 p.m. **Type: VANDALISM** 

Michael Thorton reported damage to the back window on his 2003 Ford Focus located in Parking Lot Q.



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tion, what kind of benefits its members receive, how many people are involved with the organization, and various other questions.

Clark said the budget office took a new approach to the process of dealing with upcoming budgets by breaking up the hearings into two separate weekends to allow for more treasurers to be present.

"The Finance Committee was able to take more time deliberating on all of the budgets as a whole," Clark said of the new process. "All told, the finance committee spent over 40 hours over the two weekends hearing presentations and deliberating, this is an exceptionally dedicated group of students."

WISPIRG's campus organizer was to receive the bulk of the money in the requested budget with a pay rate of \$20,006 for the year, which is only for work done during the school term.

When asked for a more detailed reason why WISPIRG had its budget cut so drastically, Marchand said that SGA did not find it fiscally responsible to spend student segregated fees on people that were non-students (campus organizer and advocates).

"The structure of our organization is that we are students that work on statewide and national and local issues," she said. "When we work with the help of a trained professional that works here on campus, when we get information from our advocates and associates that we work with, (these people) are research resources for us."

Marchand said that these people help prepare the organization for an upcoming campaign before the members of the organization then work with the campus organizer to coordinate a grassroots campaign to get students involved.

According to Clark, the segregated fee for students will be going up this year. The total expenditures for this past year was \$1,604,685, while the expenditures will increase to \$1,632,949, with this number having all of the same expenditures as last year. receive a lot of cuts, especially paid positions," he said. "I am disappointed about the cuts for all the organizations. I think that students pay segregated fees for a reason and that money should be used however the organizations want to use it."

According to the Finance Committee minutes posted on the SGA Web site, SGA was turned down on requests for positions of clerk of courts, chief justice, vice chief justice and multicultural director.

"As a student, I am okay with paying a bit more for segregated fees if it means that we have a strong student government, reporters for *The Pointer*, organizations continuing their membership on national levels and having WISPIRG on campus," Cohen said.

The final approved budget for SGA was \$50,709.

"I know that the budget committee made the cuts because they felt (that) too much money was getting spent, but I disagree with their position," he said. "I wish they would have spent more time looking at how the money would have benefited students and less at the actual amount."

WISPIRG is one of the student organizations who appealed their accepted budget last week and will be among those presenting their appeals at a meeting this Sunday, according to Clark.

"We have an intern that I'm working with that is actually doing a ton of student organization outreach where we (are) talking to faculty and getting support letters," Marchand said. "(We also) have been meeting with several student organizations that have been signing papers saying that they support WISPIRG and the work that we do here."

"I am glad that the organizations are appealing their budgets, and I hope in the future this won't happen again," Cohen said.

Clark said that the budget office will work very hard to

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Ross Cohen, the executive director of SGA, was also upset with the finance committee's decisions regarding his proposed budget for the upcoming year. "My SGA budget did

send out the results of the appeals early next week to all the organizations that presented.

"One of the concerns I heard from several organizations is that the Annual Budget process is so early in the semester," she said. "What should be noted is that the SGA budget office is not working on a timeline that we arbitrarily made up. The segregated fee rates have to be set in order to include them in the university budget which must be sent to UW-system in Madison." Thursdays during the academic year with a circulation of 4,000 copies. The paper is free to all tuition-paying students. Nonstudent subscription price is \$10 per academic year.

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law. We weren't in violation with open meetings law."

Once the meeting began, Senator Vigueras was the first to voice his displeasure to the group.

"My biggest worry was that both our members of the executive branch, including the president and the vicepresident, were not aware of the laws and when I brought up the point of order that our meeting was not in compliance with the open meeting laws, all they say is 'take it to judicial," Vigueras said. "My view is, being ignorant of the law doesn't mean you can break it and I don't think any court will stand by that."

After making it known to his fellow Senators that he was not in support of continuing on with the meeting, Vigueras said SGA President Melissa Cichantek was unwilling to cancel the proceedings.

"Her (Cichantek's) most important duty, in my view, is to make sure that all students are informed about what's going on in SGA," Vigueras said. "When she said that (disagreeing to adjourn the meeting), she was also breaking the law."

After hearing the group's negative response to his motion for adjournment, Vigueras stood up and walked out of the meeting.

"I sort of knew (how) they were going to react to it once we brought (up) that point, and I sort of had my mind made up that I was going to walk out if the outcome was opposite (of what I wanted)."

Five more senators chose to follow Vigueras' lead and leave the meeting.

Even though six senators had left the meeting, quorum had not yet been called, thus allowing the remaining senators to still legally conduct their formal business. But soon after, Vigueras re-entered the meeting to officially call quorum and then promptly left before his body could be counted as a present senator.

Regarding the use of quorum, Gifford explained that, "in a constitution it says we have to have a certain number of members in a meeting in order to conduct the meeting," he said. "Half of the voting members is what we need, so half the senators must be present. Currently, that is 13."

According to the meeting minutes posted by the SGA, 11 senators were present in the room when attendance was taken.

While the open meetings law was established to guarantee the public knowledge of its government's proceedings, Gifford said that these senate hearings on campus are usually void of students.

"Vigeuras was right off the bat saying that we shouldn't (even) let the speakers speak, because he said there were students that weren't let known about the meeting that would've come. Which, I mean, our gallery is usually empty," said Gifford.

John Birrenkott, the interim director of alumni/university relations, and Bob Tomlinson, assistant chancellor for student affairs, were slated to discuss student segregated fees and the results of the senior commencement survey, respectively.

Both Forseth and Gifford had differing viewpoints on how the members of administration viewed what took place during the meeting.

"I talked to Tomlinson before I actually left, and I explained I didn't feel right actually sitting there and knowingly, possibly, breaking the law," Forseth said. "I don't think he really minded, I think he understood where we were

coming from. Ultimately he just basically understood that it was a moral issue, pretty much, on whether or not we should break the law."

"I think it looks really bad. It's making us look really disorganized," Gifford said. "Even when John (Birrenkott) got up to speak, his first thing he says is, 'Thank you for entertaining me for a little bit tonight, I'm glad it didn't go on for too long."

"They didn't even think about the budget implications or being there for the reports from the administration," Ryan said. "It doesn't speak very highly on them to walk out of a meeting."

Last week's agenda included several timely requests from student organizations' looking for money such as the men's volleyball team and student society of arboriculture. The volleyball team needed \$1,800 for their national tournament in Salt Lake City last weekend while the arboriculture society needed \$589.35 for a speaker who presented on campus recently.

While most of the organizations were put in a bind for the money they were expecting to receive last week, Ryan said that due to the urgency of one particular request, SGA Budget Director Amy Clark personally wrote an \$1,800 check to the volleyball team for their trip due to the senate's inability to listen to the formal request.

process for students to decide who will be the next SGA president begins this week (March 10-16). The three candidates this year are Robert Forseth, Andrea Zahn and Ross Cohen.

"I think the reason why Forseth did it (walked out of the meeting) is because he's running against Ross (Cohen) in the presidential election and he wanted to make Ross look stupid," Gifford said. "Ross is the one who sends out the agenda, so he wanted the whole meeting canceled to put it on Ross."

Ryan also believes the walk-out was politically moti-

"Essentially I think it was something to make other presidential candidates look bad," she said. "I think it reflects negatively on the job either Zahn or Forseth would do if elected."

Forseth disagreed.

"Some people say we weren't being good senators because we walked out, in that we weren't representing our constituency, but in light of this statute here in our constitution, I'd have to say we were representing our constituency," Forseth said. "All it takes is one person to say, 'I wanted to be at that meeting, I wasn't aware' and then bring a lawsuit on us."

If the senate had been breaking a law by holding a meeting, which Ryan said was proved false, each mem-The presidential election ber present during the meet-

ing could've been subject to a \$25-\$300 fine, according to Vigueras.

Quite honestly, when I saw them walk out, I was thinking, 'Wow these guys are running for president," Gifford said. "They want to represent the students at the highest degree a student can, and their walking out of a meeting and then putting organizations in a bind like that because of that action. I think students should look at that when they are making their decision."

While he stands by his decision to walk out of the meeting, Forseth acknowledged the possibility that students may hold this against him during election week.

"Maybe, but when I actually walked out of the meeting, I did it for the students," Forseth said.

Gifford believes the voters should take notice of these actions

"They should look at that as representation of their leadership skills."

Each of the six senators that walked out of the meeting, along with Senator James Waisbrot (who walked out after quorum was called), were assessed one point to their record earlier this week for leaving the session. Under the current constitution, a senator can receive up to six points each semester for such acts as leaving a meeting or missing a meeting without a valid excuse before possibly being removed from their position.





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### Panel leaves college student hungry for more

had the opportunity to go to an open panel discussion that was titled "Keep Your Jesus out of My Laws!" whereby six panelists were supposed to be discussing the issue of the separation of church and state. The panelists were Dr. John Blakeman (Professor of Political Science), Pastor Graham West (from St. Paul's United Methodist Church), Pastor Tom Lindner (from the Roman Catholic Newman Center), Pat Kuhl (Students for Free Thought), Pete Kruger (Wesley Society) and Aaron Miatke (Student Impact).

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What can I say about the forum? There were a few moments when I became so angry that I wished that I could rant and rave until my face turned blue, but for the most part I was bored.

When stripped down to its bare bones, the panelists took great lengths to be so politically correct and polite that there was no real debate.

Yes, prayer in schools was discussed but the only memorable comments from the panelists were when Dr. John Blakeman spoke for a few minutes regarding the historical reasons for the separation of church and state and brief-

On the 21st of February, I ly mentioned the reasons for Stalinist prayer being kept out of public schools, and when Pastor Graham West said, "The government can keep prayer out of schools but it cannot stop me from praying."

On one rare moment during the discussion, one of the panelists, Aaron Miatke, actually touched on the topic of the separation of church and state. Aaron Miatke justified the need for an infusion of government with religion (in his case, Christianity) by quoting See Atheist pg. 15 the Bible, specifically the book of Romans 13:1, by saying:

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

When I heard this verse from the Bible and his subsequent conclusion that government and religion cannot be and should not be separated, I wanted to scream. First, if all [existing] governmental authorities have been established by God, (which I think not even the Bush Administration in all of its audacity can claim), then one must wonder, did God establish the Nazi regime that killed six million Jews?

Did God establish the

Korean regime that has used starvation as a political weapon to kill off millions of people? Did God establish the Taliban regime, which turned women either into slaves or beggars and sheltered Osama bin Laden? Lunacy!



### To the students of UW-Stevens Point

I am writing to express my concern, as a UW-SP student, regarding the conduct of certain senators that are supposed to be representing you.

This last Thursday, there were a number of issues that were on the agenda. One of these was regarding your tuition, and the potential of switching to a different tuition model. With this model, tuition will increase if you are taking over 15 credits.

Another issue was the potential decentralization of International Programs. There is discussion about

taking the study abroad office that offers assistance to students traveling overseas, and disbanding it and spreading it around the various colleges. Doing this would almost certainly decrease the value of the program while increasing the cost, and we need to take a stance saying that students don't support this.

There were also requests for funding from a number of student organizations. This perhaps was one of the more time-sensitive issues that we discussed. There were a number of student organizations that requested See Letter pg. 5

money this last Sunday from the Finance Committee. Some of those included the Men's Volleyball request to attend their national tournament, Student Society of Arboriculture, Habitat for Humanity and EENA.

Men's Volleyball was granted funding by the finance committee. But in order to receive their funding, the senate was needed to approve the request. Because a number of senators walked out, we were left with not enough people to vote on the approval. An

## Your College Survival Guide:

### Good Girls Don't Lick Doorknobs....

### **By: Pat Rothfuss**

WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION COFFEE HOUSE.

### Hey Pat!

I've been a faithful follower of your column for the few years I've been a student here, and quite honestly, you are the only reason I ever pick up a campus newspaper. Your wit and sarcasm are heard like those aggravating birds in Cinderella. Thanks!

Forward, to my ever-so increasing problem. I had the roommate from Hell earlier this year. I'm not talking about being just a little aggravatword. But now I have this eternal devil on my shoulder telling me to do something to her. For some reason, my being needs that final "ha!" before I can let things go. Since I wound up sick, I thought maybe coughing or licking her doorknob would be ideal. Flaming poo isn't really an option. I'm not sure who else to turn

to in times of revenge. Help me!

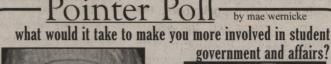
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had a lot of revenge-oriented letters coming in lately. What sort of a reputation do I have out there? Do you all think of me as this weird, Cinderella-birdlike god of retribution? Some terrible, dark-eyed, Dionysian force? I've always thought of myself as friendlier than that. Kinda like Baccus. But with coffee instead of beer. And sexier.

Anyway, let's move right into the matter at hand. Revenge

> If you live in the world and are even dimly aware of what's happening around you, soon you realize that the vast majority of humans are, to put it gently, vastly irritating fuckwits.





Matt Thorp, Jr. Graphic Design "If student government and affairs were more involved with the students...they need to be more concerned about electing people that care about the common man rather than furthering their resume after college.





Kieliszewski, Sr. Arts Mana

"If they instituted the drunk bus, I would consider becoming involved because they'd be addressing issues that are truly making an impact on the student body."



ing. No, this chick was a full-blown inconsiderate bitch. She talked behind my back, and managed to make my life a living hell for just over a semester. It was like living with a 12-year-old whose parents always took care of everything (and by everything, I mean everything imaginable; she sent

her homework home for her Mom to do!) While I was busting my ass, she was constantly complaining how hard her life was.

Anyway, I ditched the witch. I moved out without so much as a

Well DP, I showed your letter to a friend and he said: "It's funny that when she thinks of getting revenge on someone, she turns to you."

That made me think, I've

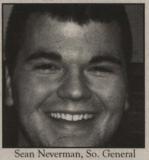
Your recent roommate troubles are a prime example of this.

While it's natural to want to throw a sack full of flaming monkey intestines through her window late at night, it's just not cool. First off, monkeys need those intestines; moreover, it's probably illegal. Secondarily, OSHA would definitely not approve. Sixthly and lastly: ick. Thirdly, it's really hard to get the things to catch fire; and, to conclude, you're a better person than that.

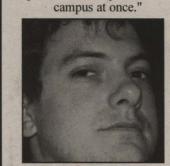
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Adam Skadsen, Jr. Limnology "Probably more free time."





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What you really need to ask yourself is this: "Why do I feel the need to get the last word in this relationship?" Is this payback for the misery she caused you? Or are you simply irritated that her life seems to be easier than yours?

This is important. Only by examining our motivations can we learn about ourselves and become worthwhile human beings.

You see, if it's payback you're after, then at least you're trying to uphold some sort of concept of justice. It's a flawed morality, but your heart is in the right place. On the other hand, if you're just upset that things are easy for her and you want to take a shit in her sherbert because of it ... well ... that means you're just being a petty bitch..

But hey, welcome to the club; we all feel that way at times. But if you want to be a high-quality person, you recognize that unpleasant impulse and try to root it out of your personality.

So while I find the thought of you out there licking doorknobs vastly amusing (and arousing in an odd, confusing sort of way) my advice is this. Don't. Let it go.

Good girls don't lick doorknobs. Plus, you don't know where her hands have been.

Every minute you spend all twisted up about this is a minute you've completely pissed away. It's gone forever out of your life. Take that time and energy and put it into something constructive, like learning to ski... Or... I don't know, petting fluffy kittens or some shit like that. Whatever turns your crank.

The truth is, the best revenge

is living well. Your ex-roommate would probably be really happy if you wasted a lot of time plotting against her. Are you going to give her that satisfaction? No. Of course you're not. Instead you're going to go and enjoy some free coffee at the Mission. And while you're there, you're going to do something productive and uplifting, like catching up with an old friend, reading a good book, or writing a sonnet about how marvelous and shapely my buttocks are.

Now, all your incoming calls can be **free**.

Or whatever.

Remember, Pat Rothfuss is your only source for coffee, advice, and random abuse. E-mail him at proth@wsunix. wsu.edu

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Or, if you're one of those lame-asses who goes home on the weekends, you can always hit the mission on Wednesday for open mic nite. Come, drink coffee, and soak up the coolness of the local music

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approval that would have taken 30 seconds. The reports that were given regarding the new tuition model were heard by only a few of your senators. International Programs was not even discussed. Why is this ,you may ask?

Because some senators disagreed with a previous vote (a vote that was failed by the majority of the senate), they decided to walk out.

It would be nice if every time I was unhappy with the way a decision was made I could pack up my things and leave, too. Unfortunately life doesn't work that way my friends; especially when you have signed on as a student leader, and carry the responsibility to not only uphold your own voice, but to also represent the 8,500 students of UW-SP.

With all these things that I have mentioned above, all these very important issues that effect your education and your pocketbook, the following senators left the senate meeting, thereby missing reports and leaving us with not enough people to vote on the legislation and budget approvals before the senate:

> **Robert Forseth** A.J. Zahn Arturo Vigueras Dan O'Meara **Rachelle Fawcett** David Davila

The actions taken by these senators were completely and utterly inappropriate. They are not only representing me, they are also supposed to be representing you. I encourage you all, as students at large, to hold them accountable and let them know that this is utterly unacceptable of a student leader. We will be meeting Thursday, March 9, at 6:20p.m. in the Legacy Room, and this is a time for public forum where all students are invited to speak before the senate. This is the time to stand up for your own student voice. I would also encourage you to think long and hard about the people that you want to represent you as student leaders; those who are making these decisions regarding your student fees, your tuition and your ability to access good education. You should particularly consider it when voting for the presidential elections. Especially since the first two senators that were listed are both candidates to be your student president for next year.

(Even the 5 calls from your girlfriend in the last 20 minutes.)

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Sometimes people just need a "lift", and Operation Bootstrap can help needy families "get on their feet again."

Operation Bootstrap came to the UW-SP campus March 6 - 8 in an effort to raise money for struggling families in collaboration with Greek Week.

Operation Bootstrap, a volunteer and non-profit organization, began over 35 years ago to help community members who needed temporary assistance. Today, the organization offers year-round service, providing food, shelter, clothing, appliances and other items helpful for famies in need Assistance with non-traditional items medication also help families make ends meet.

Jessie Radtke, coordinator of Greek Week, said, "Operation Bootstrap is part of a week long promotion of Greek Unity through various activities. Operation Bootstrap comes into the picture of Greek Week because the money and items donated for the Penny Wars and Food Drive will go to this cause."

Radtke said everyone should support this organization. "Operation Bootstrap is a great program and I think that anyone can help in some way."

The Food Drive and Penny Wars ran from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the UC Monday through Wednesday of this

such as milk, gas and prescription week, collecting nonperishable food items, toilet paper and clothes along with pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and dollars to support Operation Bootstrap.

> According to Radtke's research, Operation Bootstrap relies on donations and the labor of 400 volunteers to keep the organization up and running. The majority of fundraising is done mid-November through the end of January, but supplies and donations are still needed during the rest of the year. The Greek Council's help in raising money for Operation Bootstrap right now is a huge help and many needy families will benefit from students participation in this event.

> "As college students, we need to realize how fortunate we are to

be here (no matter how much we complain) and know that there are a lot of other people with much greater needs than we can even fathom," Radke said. "I often stress about school and not having enough money for tuition. I just could not imagine being stressed about where my next meal will come from. Whether it is volunteering an hour or two, or sending a \$5 check, everyone can make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate."

If you would like to contribute in a larger way to Operation Bootstrap, donations can be dropped off to 5000 Heffron St. Stevens Point, Wis. 54481. Checks can be mailed to 636 Janick Circle Stevens Point, Wis. 54481.



Tech. Sgt. Nathan Nickel, a senior at UW-SP, presented a lecture, "A Look Inside Iraq," on Tuesday in the UC detailing his experiences while Photo by Lue Vang serving in the military. Nickel was depoloyed from May through October 2005 as a member of the 332nd Expedition Medical Group.

# New perspectives: abroad in Limerick, Ireland

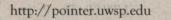
**Jennifer Wilcher** FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT ronment here becomes much does a U-turn so the driver Dromroe and Cappavilla vil- tures and one or two one-hour easier. One of the first differences I noticed on the drive into campus from Shannon Airport was the apparent lack of stop signs or stop lights and what is called a "roundabout." I saw lots of "yield" signs, but could see none of those familiar octagon-shaped stop signs. It wasn't until I took a trip into Limerick City and the nearby town of Killaloe (pronounced kill-a-loo) that I saw any stop signs or stop lights and even then there didn't seem to be a lot. Roundabouts allow cars to turn around on a street without doing a U-turn. On a roundabout, the road itself

does not have to. The second big difference I noticed was the on-campus housing arrangements. Oncampus housing here at the University of Limerick is set up much more like apartments than dorms. Accommodations are broken up into five villages: Killmurry, Plassey, Thomond, Dromroe and the newest village, Cappavilla. Each village is spilt up into houses that have two, four, six or eight bedroomed apartments and each student has their own bedroom. Villages Killmurry and Plassey have two bathrooms and showers per house while students in Thomond, lages enjoy bedrooms with a tutorials per class. In general,

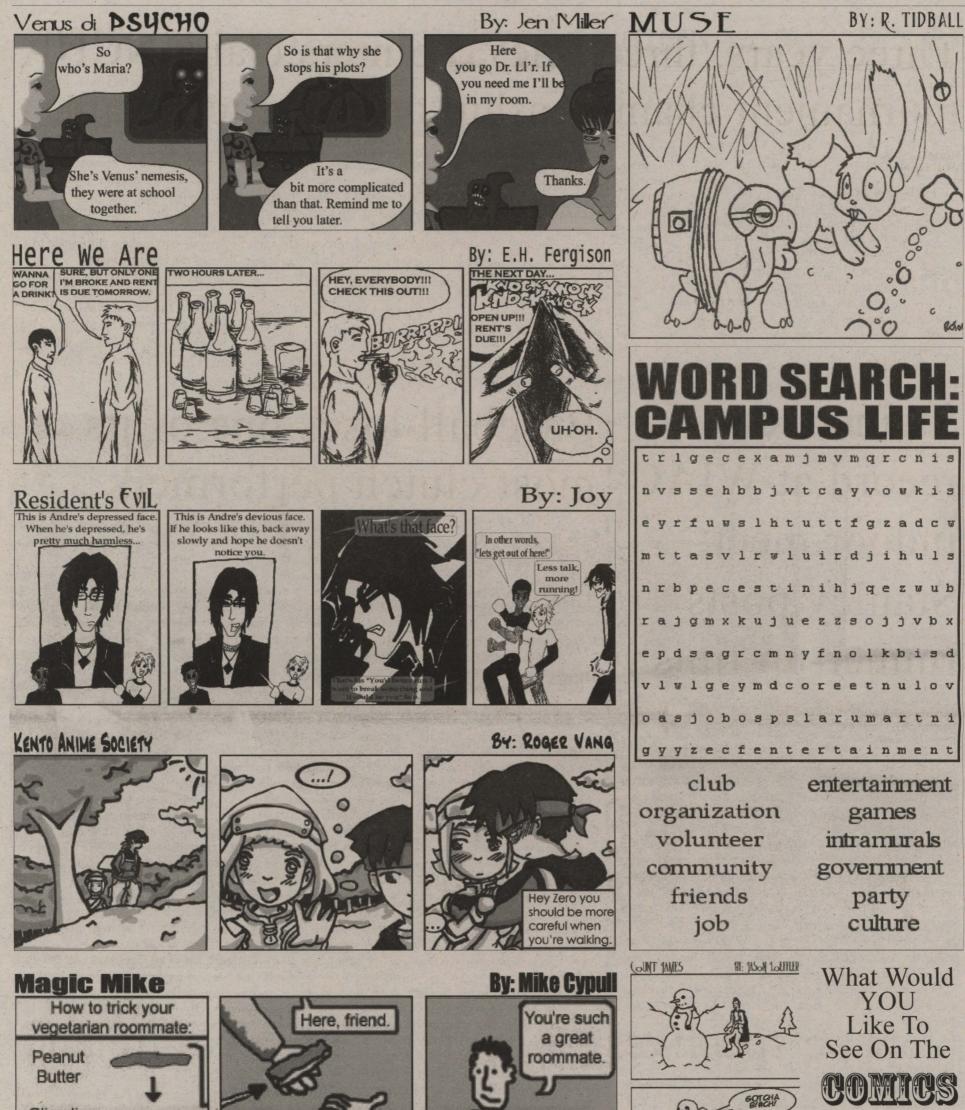
you listen to the professor or lecturer talk and take notes in the lecture. You aren't supposed to ask questions or discuss anything during lecture. That is what tutorials are generally for unless the professor asks if there are any questions during the lecture itself. They don't do midterms and don't assign a lot of "homework." Most classes are graded by a paper due sometime near the end of the semester and a final exam. In spite of the differences in culture, my fellow study abroad students and I are thoroughly enjoying our semester in Ireland so far.

It's the first week in March and some Irish students are just ending their first week of spring semester classes while my fellow study abroad students and I are ending our third week of classes here at the University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland. There are many things that take time to adjust to, and it certainly helps if you don't get sick within your first week of arrival. One can get a nasty cold or flu and it can make you homesick quite easily. However, once that and the jet lag goes away, adaptation to the new envibathroom and shower included. All villages have a laundrette, or place to do laundry. Some villages (Dromroe and Killmurry) have their own village shops that are similar to the C-Store on campus. All villages have a shared kitchen and living room that are fully equipped with dishes in each apartment.

Another big difference between living and going to school in Point and in Ireland is how classes are run. Classes are spilt into lectures and what the Irish call tutorials. One class usually has one two-hour lecture or two one-hour lec-



## Comics





## Sports

# Three years, three titles; Pointers claim NCHA tournament championship on home ice again

#### **Robert Lucas** SPORTS REPORTER

### Dynasty anyone?

The UW-SP women's hockey team won both games this past weekend to claim their third straight NCHA tournament title. The Pointers beat Lake Forest Friday night and then defeated UW-Superior for the third time this year to claim the crown.

On Friday, the Pointers needed all 60 minutes to hold off the Foresters. Point scored two goals late in the first period. The first was unassisted by Michelle Sosnowski, her third of the year. The second was a power play goal by Tracey Truckey, off of assists from Chris Hanson and Jaime Lewandowski. It was Truckey's 11th goal of the year.

Steiner sets record at WIAC indoor meet; Stanley posts runner-up finish

### Melissa Dyszelski

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The UW-Stevens Point men's and women's track and field teams finished fourth and sixth, respectively, at last weekend's WIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Kyle Steiner set a WIAC indoor championship record in the heptathlon, earning 5,101 points, beating the previous record by 186 points. His accomplishment earned him the Men's Field Athlete of the Meet title, as well as Stevens Point's first champion in the 26-year history of the event. Steiner also had an NCAA provisional qualifying height in the high jump, placing third with a jump of 6 feet, 9.75 inches.

a time of 3:21.81.

On the women's side, Teresa Stanley led the women's team with a runner-up finish in the 5000-meter run last Friday with a time of 17:29.56. Following her was Jenna Mitchler, finishing second in the 3000-meter run with a time of 10:07.74. Katie Simo placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.46.

UW-O won the meet with 179.50 total points. UW-SP placed sixth with 60.5 points. Individual honors were awarded as follows:

Men's Track Athlete of the Meet: Nate Boehkle, UW-Oshkosh

Men's Field Athlete of the Meet: Kyle Steiner, UW-**Stevens Point** 

Though they only scored two goals, the Pointers dominated the first two periods. UW-SP held the Foresters to 10 shots on goal in the first two periods, while peppering Lake Forest goalie Sally Bevis with 37 shots. The tempo changed in the third period, however.

Lake Forest owned an 11-3 shot advantage in the third period and cut the lead in half with an early goal by Katie Snowden. The goal broke a string of 11 straight scoreless periods. The Foresters had a late flurry but couldn't sneak one past Point goalie Amy Statz, setting up a showdown in the finals between UW-SP and UW-S.

Point needed a goal from an unlikely source to defeat the Yellowjackets to take the title. Hanson

scored her first goal of the year to break a 2-2 tie in the third period.

Point jumped to an early lead in the first when Madison Darud knocked in a rebound off a shot from Jenna Daggit. Superior knotted the game back up in the second with a goal from Erin Kegley, her 23rd of the season. Point jumped back ahead with a goal by Sosnowski. The Yellowjackets answered, tying the game before Hanson scored her first goal. Darud added her second goal of the game, leading to the final 4-2 score.

The Pointers carry their 14-game unbeaten streak into Saturday's playoff game, where they will face UW-S. The winner will advance to the Frozen Four on March 17-18.

# Baseball loses one of its most clutch performers

#### **Steve Roeland** THE POINTER SROEL 908@UWSP.EDU

To say that Kirby Puckett came up big in Game 6 of the 1991 World Series would be an understatement.

Puckett's death earlier this week harkens back to the historic series that made him a larger-than-life figure.

The slightly rotund, always smiling center fielder and his Minnesota Twins faced elimination from the Atlanta Braves in that year's Fall Classic. After suffering a 14-5 defeat in Game 5, not many people believed the Twins could win the series.

Kirby Puckett did.

He utilized his leadership skills to inspire the Twins' clubhouse prior to Game 6. He boldly declared that he could lead the team to victory. And all the players in that clubhouse followed Puckett like he was the Pied Piper.

In the third inning of Game 6, Puckett denied former Brave Ron Gant of a towering fly ball destined for extra bases. Later, with the game in the 11th, Puckett slammed one of the most historic home runs in World Series history. His walkoff homer forced a Game 7, which was decided by a lone run. The Twins were named World Champions in a 1-0 extra inning thriller.

It is Puckett's exuberance that will be missed most of all after the Hall of Famer passed away on Monday at the age of 45. His pleasant demeanor encapsulates the dream many young people have of playing professional sports. Most of his peers - and even some players who never shared the field with him - were deeply saddened by the news of his passing.

On the field, Puckett swung the bat with grace and elegance. His sweet swing helped him to a lifetime .318 average. Without a doubt, Puckett was on his way to collecting 3,000 hits in his career. But a ball that struck him in the eye in his last at-bat of the 1995 season caused him to cut his playing days short. Puckett finished with 2,304 hits in a 12vear career.

Following his retirement after the 1995 season, Puckett kept a close relationship with the Twins organization. He attended the Twins' 1996 spring training as an assistant coach.

However, Puckett's off-thefield life turned sour in his last vears

After his first-ballot entry into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001, Puckett and his wife struggled through a nasty divorce. Puckett was accused of violent behavior and being involved with a mistress. He was then accused of sexual assault in 2003 by a woman who claimed to have been groped by Puckett in a Minneapolis-St. Paul restaurant. He was cleared of the charges, but Puckett stayed largely out of the public eye following the trial.

He suffered a massive stroke on Sunday morning which required emergency surgery. He was given his final rites and died Monday afternoon.

Despite all the difficulties later in life, Puckett will most definitely be remembered for his glowing presence on the baseball diamond. As his Hall of Fame plaque states, Puckett's "[e]ver-present smile and infectious exuberance" will be his lasting impression.

All baseball fans will miss one of the game's all-time greats.

UW-La Crosse once again dominated the meet, winning its fifth straight conference championship with 191 points, while UW-SP finished fifth with 78.5 points. UW-Oshkosh came in second with 179.5 points, 13 behind UW-L.

The Pointers had runner-up finishes from Nick VerDuin in the 400meter dash, with a time of 49.58 seconds and Adam . Year: Deb Vercauteren, UW-Baumann in the 55-meter hurdles, with a time of 7.70 seconds. Baumann also anchored the third place 1600-meter relay team with

Men's Coach of the Year: Mark Guthrie, UW-La Crosse

Men's Max Sparger Scholar Athlete: Nate Olson, UW-La Crosse

Women's Track Athlete of the Meet: Julia Rudd, **UW-La** Crosse

Women's Field Athlete of the Meet: Robyn Jarocki, UW-Oshkosh

Women's Coach of the Oshkosh

Women's Max Sparger Scholar Athlete: Megan Kielar, UW-Whitewater



Puckett will forever be remembered for the trademark smile always present on his face.

### Senior on the Spot **Elizabeth Herder – Swimming and Diving**

### **Career Highlights:**

- Four-time All-American Honorable Mention performer.
- Holds the school record in 100-meter backstroke.
- Named UW-SP's Most Valuable freshman athlete in an individual sport.

### Major

Early Childhood Education with Special **Education and Psychology Minors** Hometown - Stevens Point, Wis. Do you have any nicknames? - Liz. What are your plans after graduation? - I hope to have my own kindergarten classroom. What has helped you become such an accomplished swimmer?

God has blessed me with the ability to swim. My coaches have pointed out things I need to work on, my family and friends have offered support, and team members or friends have helped when the coaches are not available.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?

I love the feeling of accomplishment when I finish a season, I feel like all of the hard work paid off.

What's your most embarrassing moment?

I don't really have an embarrassing swimming moment, however during one of our big competitions, I disqualified by swimming too far underwater. Many teammates still remind me (in a joking manner) before I swim to make sure I come up on time.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Barlow Girls. What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - CSI.

What will you remember most about UW-SP

I hope to remember all of the people who have made my college experience enjoyable, including teammates, staff members (I am a staff member in one of the residential halls on campus), friends and even professors.

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

## Women's swimming hopes for more Minneapolis success

#### **Press Release** UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Having already achieved plenty of success at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center, the UW-Stevens Point women's swimming and diving team looks for more this weekend when it returns to Minneapolis for the NCAA Division III championships March 9-11.

The Pointers captured their first WIAC championship since 2001 last month in Minneapolis and are looking for their first top 10 nationals finish since that same year.

All five of UW-SP's relays earned high seeds for

the meet with the 200-yard freestyle relay is ranked 14th. medley relay of Liz Herder, Jennie Roskopf, Beth Bard and Kelsey Crunstedt ranked second in the country with a time of 1:46.85, which is just two-tenths of a second behind top-seeded Kenyon (Ohio.). The 200-yard freestyle relay of Jerica Crook, Bard, Crunstedt and Caitlin Hake is seeded fourth with a time of 1:36.43. Both times were established at the conference meet and set meet records.

In addition, the 400yard medley relay of Herder, Roskopf, Meghan Walsh and Hake is seeded seventh. The 400-yard freestyle relay is seeded 10th and the 800-yard

Individually, Hake is seeded seventh in the 50yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle events. Roskopf is ranked 10th in both the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke, while Herder is seeded 11th in the 200-yard backstroke.

The women's team has never had a relay or individual win a national title and had its best nationals finish in 2001 when it finished eighth overall.

The meet runs Thursday through Saturday with prelims each morning and finals in the evening.

# Pointer wrestling trio earns All-American honors

#### **Press Release** UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

After a tough start to the NCAA Division III wrestling championships, UW-Stevens Point finished strong as all three competitors earned All-American honors and ended their seasons with victories on the final day of competition in Ewing, N.J. last Saturday.

The Pointers ended with 29.5 team points and finished 11th overall. It marked the fifth straight year UW-SP has placed in the top 12 of the team standings

Mike Hayes lost his opening match at heavyweight on Friday, but battled back to win five straight matches and place third overall. Hayes, the fourth seed, beat three of the other top seeds on Saturday and earned his second straight All-American honor after placing fifth a year ago. He defeated third-seeded Mike Blair of Trinity (Conn.) 7-5, fifth-seed-

ed Tommy Snyder of Lycoming (Pa.) 12-10 in overtime and sixth-seeded Patrick Bennett of Brockport State (N.Y.) 7-5 in the third place match to end his season at 28-4 overall.

Al Stacilauskas lost his second contest at 174 pounds and came back to earn seventh place for the second straight year and finish with a 13-5 record. He lost a consolation match to Robbie Gotreau of Augsburg 7-3, but then rallied to pin Ryan Hagerty of Loras in 2:27 in the seventh place match for his second victory over Hagerty at the meet.

Joel Burdick also came back from a first-round defeat at 141 pounds. He lost a consolation match to Mike Gaeta of Springfield (Mass.) for the third straight year, dropping an 8-5 decision. However, he bounced back in the seventh place match for a 3-2 win over fifth-seeded Danny Song of U.S. Merchant Marine (N.Y.) to end the season with a 31-10 record.

# Krull named to All-WIAC men's basketball squad

### **Press Release**

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Junior forward Jon Krull led UW-Stevens Point's selections to the all-WIAC men's basketball squad as a first-team selection.

Senior forward Brian Bauer and freshman guard Pete Rortvedt were honorable mention performers for the Pointers, who placed third in the league while posting a 17-10 overall record and 11-5 conference mark.

WIAC honor as his great-uncle Jack Krull was a first-team pick for the Pointers in 1957-58.

An Auburndale native, Bauer ranked 10th in the league in scoring at 13 points per game. He did his best work in conference games, averaging 14.3 points in 14 league games. Bauer ranked second on the team with 4.3 rebounds per game and scored 29 points in a key double overtime win over UW-Stout.

A Minocqua native and Lakeland High School graduate, Rortvedt was the only fresh-

## Fox Sports Net to televise WIAC basketball and wrestling Finals

### **Press Release**

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Fox Sports Net will televise tape-delayed broadcasts of the recently completed Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's and women's basketball tournament finals and wrestling championships.

UW-Stevens Point will be prominently featured on all three broadcasts as the Pointers' women's basketball team lost to UW-Stout in the title game, while the wrestling team had finalists in five of the 10 weight classes and finished second at the conference meet. In addition, former UW-SP men's basketball coach Jack Bennett is the color analyst on the men's basketball title game broadcast between UW-S and UW-Whitewater.

The women's basketball game can be seen on Saturday, March 11 at 1 p.m. and the men's game will be shown on Sunday, March 12 at 5 p.m. The wrestling championships will air on Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m.

Fox Sports Net is seen statewide in over three million homes and on Charter Cable channel 38 in Stevens Point.

A Marshall native, Krull ranked third in the conference in scoring at 16.7 points per game. He was also sixth in the league in assists with 3.26 per game and fifth in steals with 1.41 per game. Krull also led the Pointers with 5.1 rebounds per game.

Krull was the best in the conference at getting to the free-throw line, making more charity shots than any other league player attempted. He ranked seventh in the league at 82.4 percent, making 168 of 204 attempts.

Krull is the second member of his family to earn an all-

man among the top 30 scorers in the WIAC, ranking 13th with 12.3 points per game. He also had 71 three-pointers, marking the third-highest single-season total in school history.

Rortvedt made a school and WIAC tournament singlegame record nine three-pointers while scoring 30 points in a quarterfinal win over UW-Platteville.

**UW-Whitewater's** Jeremy Manchester was the league's Player of the Year and Warhawks' coach Pat Miller earned Coach of the Year honors.

# A running life is a very good life

### Adam Eader POINTER REPORTER AEADE085@UWSP.EDU

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This last Saturday, I participated in the annual Point Bock Run with some of my ultimate frisbee teammates, friends and fellow runners. As those of you who stepped outside on Saturday probably noticed, it was the perfect day for a run in March. Regardless of the weather, no snow or rainstorm could have disrupted the friendly aura that hovered among the event. With the combined efforts of over 800 runners and spectators, the race turned out to be very successful.

The Point Bock Run, sponsored in large part by the Point Brewery, is a five-mile race that takes place on the first Saturday of March. It has annually occurred off and on since 1981, and once again many runners made their presence known. I'm not sure whether I was more entertained by the multiple male racers sporting dresses and wigs or passing by a runner chasing after a point beer can attached to the hook on his fishing pole. Nor am I sure whether I was more inspired by the wheelchair racers or the top place finishers.

The course began at the Point Brewery, heading west along River View Avenue, turning north on West River Drive (following along the Wisconsin River), and then turning around to retrace the course back to the Point Brewery.

the warm afternoon. At first the mob mile in six minutes and 38 seconds.

The starting gun was fired at noon up along the course motivated and and sent the mass of runners off into helped me find my pace. I ran my first



Runners begin the five-mile course at this year's Point Bock Run

of runners felt like a swarm. After the courses' first block, runners began speeding up and slowing down, resembling more of a single file line. The clapping and cheering spectators lined

My friend and teammate Joe and I met up after the first mile and ran together. We both ran at a similar pace and supported each other. Our goal was to run each mile under seven minutes.

> It is important to set goals when running, otherwise the chance to run short of your potential becomes easier.

We ran the race's longest stretch, across the River View Avenue bridge, being passed by honking and waving drivers. The Wisconsin River flowed underneath our feet, with its view encouraging us to push ourselves harder.

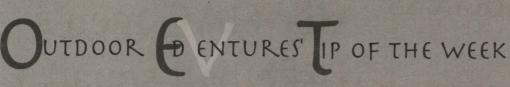
marker came when we turned onto my favorite section of the run, West River Drive. This forested portion of the run followed the refreshing looking Wisconsin River. If I wasn't running a race, I might have jumped in. Not only was it a beautiful section, but down the road was the two-and-a-half-mile turn around point. With a turnaround point, runners get the chance to see other racers passing by. It was an incredible sight to see the top racers come cruising past, the leader chasing nobody and everyone else chasing him.

On our turn around trip, I kept hearing passing runners yell out to a middle-aged racer in front of me. They called him Pre. I thought to myself "who is this guy, how does everyone know him" and "he is running at a great pace." If someone is so respected by so many runners, I figure he must know what he's doing. I caught up and followed him for awhile just to examine his running style. His fluidity modeled a canoe rolling over a glass lake. While running behind him I gained my second wind and took off, meanwhile keeping every mile under seven minutes

The return run for me was all about keeping my pace a little faster than before. The race course maneuvered its way back through the city streets and finally turned its last corner, revealing finished racers and screaming spectators crowding along the course's edge. The finish line sign was visible a few blocks away, so I pushed it past all the cheering fans and finished the race strong. Once I caught my breath, I joined the spectators to cheer on the other runners to a great finish.

Once the race was finished, the crowd enthusiastically gathered around the Point Bock beer and food to talk about their race experiences. The Point Bock Run was my first running race, and it made a strong impression on me. Stevens Point is lucky to have an event that promotes unity and healthy living among its citizens the way the Point Bock Run does. The Point Bock Run helped me rediscover the important things in life: family, health and brats with onions on em.

Our second mile



### **Josh Spice**

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# **Interview with Outdoor EdVentures Student Manager Josh Spice**

#### Amanda Pohlod Pointer Reporter

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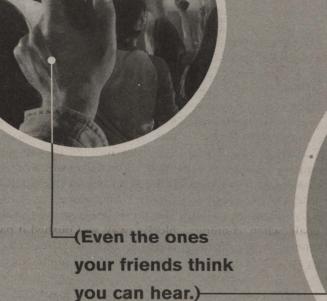
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Josh Spice Manager/Trip Leader of Outdoor EdVentures is eager to help students discover the outdoors

doors. He loves to teach both inexperienced and experienced students new outdoor skills, especially by taking them out for a little field experience.

"The greatest benefit of working and being involved with OE is seeing the students I've taught pass on those skills and passions for the outdoors," said Spice. Spice enjoys seeing people's lives change through the outdoor experiences they receive. Outdoor EdVentures does not only teach students skills, but it has also taught Spice some new skills. Through Outdoor EdVentures, Spice has learned how to snowshoe, rock climb and repel. "Each of these activities will benefit me in my job after school," he said

So you see? Outdoor Ed Ventures isn't just about fun, but it's also about learning outdoor skills, life skills and personal skills. Are you a beginner and want to try something fairly easy and non-commital? "Try canoe camping. It's a great experience, with a low learning curve," said Spice.

To learn more about Outdoor EdVentures and all it has to offer, visit www.uwspoe.com, or trek down to their central location in the lower level of the Allen Center. Besides equipment rentals and outdoor trips and skills opportunities, they also offer outdoor items for purchase. You may even receive a credit by attending a trip.

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Also, a Spring Break special: Rent any equipment from Thursday, March 16 to Monday, March 27 for a three-day price.

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### 12 • March 9, 2006 UW-SP The Pointer Science, Health & Tech. You can do what? A quick guide to student computing

#### **Joe Pisciotto** THE POINTER JPISC779@UWSP.EDU

Buried in the depths of the student portal of the myPoint Web site lies an enormous treasure trove of computing resources that even some super seniors may shake their heads at. For those who are still early in their student careers, there's hope.

### What's new?

Information Technology (IT), the department responsible for all things computing on campus, has helped introduce a number of, new features and programs for students to utilize.

The first one, which we reported on last semester, lets students checkout laptop computers for a three-day period from the Learning Resources Center (LRC) main circulation desk

As a recently added bonus,

students can checkout a laptop on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and keep it until the LRC closes on Monday. The best part? No need to throw down any cash: student fees already cover the cost of rental

"We hope to expand it," said Colleen Andrews, student technology services coordinator for IT. "There's been many times when all of the laptops are checked out."

Most recently added to the IT toolbox, and something that has drawn attention from other universities around the country, is remote access to computer lab computers, called Remote Computer Lab. Students and faculty can gain access to any of the high tech software on standard PC lab computers, in addition to H: drives, from the comfort of their own home or dorm.

"You log in just like you would log into a lab computer," said Andrews. Once

(that are normally enjoyable),

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Sometimes depression can

on studies and other work.

logged in, the computer will open up a window that exactly replicates the desktop of a dedicated computer housed in a campus computer lab. Printing directly to lab printers can't be done remotely, however.

Also new, in response to foreign student interest, live chat is currently allowed in CCC 305 computer lab (the foreign language lab) from 4-8 p.m. Students can bring headsets and talk with someone through the Internet using a program called NetMeeting.

For those interested in listening to music legally, the library has recently subscribed to a music database called Naxos so that professors have the ability to have their students listen to particular songs.

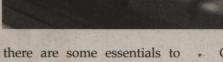
The database covers the gamut from Jazz to Folk and World music, with the majority of songs being Classical. Students can stream music from any UW-SP network computer. According to Andrews, this program might be a precursor to' future musical database endeavors that give students legal access to many more song or video options. The university is looking into possibilities.

As the University Center (UC) gets prepared for construction, computers and kiosks are being moved to the LRC. Room 108 in the LRC will house the kiosks and will be the new food room after the UC closes down. And LRC room 110, the 24-hour lab, continues to get more computers added in preparation for the closing of the UC computer lab.

"The reference room computer section has expanded also," said Andrews. "It has a much smaller subset (of software) just for doing reference work.

### What's old?

An exhaustive list would take up too much space, but



know about. Students can download Symantec AntiVirus software to their own computers for free. In fact, in order to gain access to the university network it is essential that students protect their computers from malicious attacks.

Also, the university has a contract with Microsoft that gives students the opportunity to buy PC and Mac software at a discount. Windows XP is currently available for \$81, along with a number of other programs including Office, Acrobat and Quark.

What good is software without a working computer? Computers and hardware are available at special discounted rates to UW-SP students from Gateway.

For students with laptops, wireless Internet access continues to increase on campus. As long as the computer has a wireless network card students can do anything they would normally do from their home computer (as long as it's legal) while lounging around in many buildings on campus.

"We are working on putting wireless in the basements of the residence halls," said Andrews. "We can't put it in the rooms quite yet because technologies (such as cordless phones and microwaves) interfere with wireless." Also, now that construction is finished, the old section of the Fine Arts building should have wireless by the fall.

Photo by Eva Heul

 Once the computer is up and running with all this fancy stuff it's easy to forget that students have a vast array of library resources available online. A few clicks of the mouse can open up a storehouse of journal, magazine and newspaper articles that the UW-SP library subscribes to.

Finally, there's the Help Desk for all those people who are having a problem making the sometimes frustrating computer stuff work correctly. Students can access the Help Desk online if they're having trouble, or talk to a real person over the phone or in person.

### What's on the horizon?

"We are looking at outfitting some rooms in the CAC building to be 'new media centers," said Andrews. "We are working on getting funding from the university. It would be a place where you can edit video and audio, and make animations."

E-portfolios are also being made available to a wider student population, said Andrews. These Web-based portfolios allow students to create a database of all their schoolwork to be used in the academic setting as well as . for personal and professional use.

For more information about computer options or to get help now stop by the Help Desk at LRC 023, call 346-HELP or visit IT online at http://www.uwsp.edu/it.

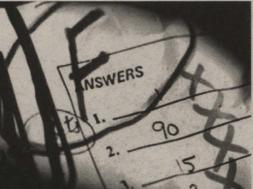
Diagnosing depres-sion starts with knowing the signs depression include increased **Drew Prochniak UW-SP** COUNSELING CENTER irritability, a decreased interest or pleasure in most activities

Everyone feels a little sad or blue some of the time. Students may become upset over the loss of a job, a relation-

ship ending or a bad test score. These feelings usually become less intense as time goes on. But when they continue for a longer time, or make even small things difficult to accomplish, one may be

"depressed." Understanding depression and its signs will assist you in finding proper even hurting oneself. People help.

Many UW-SP students



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lead to thoughts of helplessness and hopelessness, and who are depressed may blame themselves for having these



struggle with depression. Depression may result when problems multiply and it becomes difficult to work them out. Problems such as poor grades, difficult classes, relationship conflicts or lack of money can all take a toll. Some students have difficulty accepting the idea that they have problems and fear asking for help.

Studentswhoaredepressed experience feelings of sadness, which lasts for two weeks or more and interferes with daily activities like studying, working, eating and sleeping.

feelings.

When someone is depressed, life may seem to lose its significance. Spending time with friends might help, but sometimes the depression can linger around. If it does, consider giving the Counseling Center a chance and make an appointment to see a professional.

For more information on depression visit the Self Help Library in the Counseling Center on the third floor of Delzell Hall, or make an appointment by calling 346-3553. Professional counselors Primary symptoms of are here to help!

## What's Happening at 1 Allen Center **Chelsey Ross**

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## **UW-SP professor and students help** feed the world Organic gardens provide sustenance for impoverished communities

#### Sara Suchy SCIENCE REPORTER

We have all heard the saying "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." A program being run by the GEM division of the College of Natural Resources in conjunction with Marquette University College of Nursing is doing just that.

Students and faculty are helping HIV/AIDS patients in Africa combat the malnutrition which plagues most of their country by teaching them how to plant and sustain small organic gardens within their communities through a USAID funded project called "Dietetics and Small Garden Systems to Support Antiretroviral Treatment for Families Impacted by HIV/AIDS in Kenya."

Dr. Mai Phillips, a senior scientist within the forestry division of the CNR, recently returned from a trip to Kenya where she was teaching these small, impoverished communities the basic techniques for maintaining small organic gardens, which can provide the nutrition these people need for treatments of HIV to be effective.

"The cocktail of drugs the patients are on (antiretroviral treatments) is not effective if [the patients] are malnourished," said Phillips. "We teach them how to plant their own small gardens which can provide them with the nutrients they need so they can start [and continue] their treatment."

The number of people infected with and mulch for AIDS in Africa is substantial. According the garden and to the World Health Organization, in 2005 3.1 million people in sub-Saharan" nize common dis-Africa were diagnosed with AIDS and an estimated 2.4 million died from the disease or complications related to it.

What most people don't know is for the communithat people infected with HIV can usually live normal, healthy lives if the proper medication, such as antiretro- garden is differviral treatments, is administered. It is ent for every famvery expensive, but it can be done.

"We help [AIDS patients] help themselves," said Phillips. The gardens they learn to plant are tailormade for individual families based on their nutritional needs. The gardens are completely organic and use pure compost and mulch, so a lot of water is unnecessary. Natural crop rotation is also used, and the gardens are small enough for the families to maintain quite easily.

These communities have full-time volunteer healthcare workers that live in the community and are trained by Phillips and her team.

"It is important to establish trust within the community so they feel comfortable coming to us for help," said Phillips. "They have a tendency not to trust authority."

In addition to being trained to help community members set up and maintain several varieties of gardens, these clinical workers also teach members how to make organic compost the needs of

help them recogeases and pests. Volunteers are there as a resource ty members.

Since every ily it is common that the clinical

workers network gardens within the community. If one family is in need of corn for example, they find the families whose gardens have corn.

A similar program is being run with Native American communities in the Bad River and Rat Cliff areas in northern Wisconsin.

"The issue in this case is diabetes," said Phillips. The same system is implemented here as in Kenva, but the gardens are designed to cater to the nutritional needs of those with diabetes. "We try to work within their cultural traditions of gardening," said Phillips. "They tell us what they want as far as heirloom varieties."

The Medford area also has a small

garden program up and running that caters to



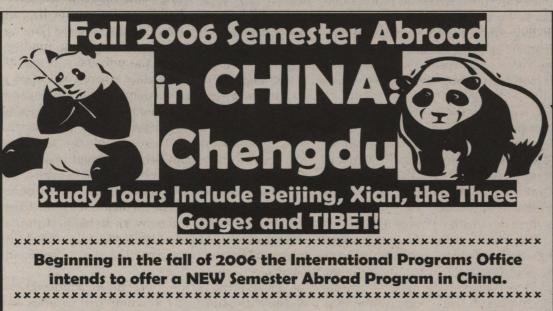
A group of people gardening in Nairobi senior citizens.

"These gardens are so easy to plant and maintain, anyone can do it. I am trying one on my two-acre urban plot now," said Phillips. "You don't need 40 acres."

Phillips currently has two graduate students working with her on these projects. Rhea Trotman is working with the Native American communities and Doris Onesmus is working in Kenya.

"We have been keeping track of the programs' effectiveness and this system really is working," said Phillips. "It is a very gratifying project."

For more information on this program and others like it visit the GEM website at http://www.uwsp.edu/ cnr/GEM/index.htm.



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### 14 Arts & Review Middleworld and Deafen make beautiful noise

### Jacob Eggener THE POINTER JEGGE541@UWSP.EDU

If you weren't at the Encore last Thursday, then you missed out. Of what? A great rock show featuring two great bands, Middleworld and Deafen.

Middleworld, hailing from Madison, is definitely more than just a group of guys playing music. They have been together for the past 9 years, and sound ridiculously good live. Their sound, which has elements of Tool and Incubus, features winding melodic guitar lines and complex percussion, with singer Carson's vocals over the whole mix.

Middleworld definitely stole the show. Their energetic stage presence didn't match the size of the crowd of maybe 30 or so, but that made the show that much better. Their twin guitar ambience and driving rhythms provided a great base for singer Carson, whose voice kept things melodic, giving each note and word its due.

I had the opportunity recently to listen to Middleworld's full-length CD, "Defiance vs. Circumstance." According to their Web site, the band spent two years recording this album, and it shows. The recording is mixed well, and the songs have an ambient



Middleworld

Photo taken from "Defiance vs. Circumstance

energy that really pulls the album together. I was impressed after hearing the album how good the band sounded live, since their songs are so complex.

Unfortunately, Middleworld will be breaking up at the end of April 2006, according to their MySpace Web site. They certainly gave no signs that this was affecting their performance at all, however, and played just like a band that is ready to forge on.

Opening band Deafen, fronted by Jordan Kaiser, owner of the Mission Coffee House, were energetic but a little scream-heavy. Combining elements of bands like Glassjaw and Deftones, Deafen came across as a highenergy screamo band. Kaiser even sounded remarkably like Daryl Palumbo (singer from Glassjaw).

A large number of highschoolers attended the show, and showed a lot of enthusiasm for Deafen. The highschoolers were sporting some interesting hairdos, including an inordinate number of mohawks. During a couple of songs, the high schoolers briefly formed a moshpit.

If you are interested in seeing either of these bands live, Deafen's next local show will be March 30, and Middleworld will be back in Stevens Point on March 31 for a show.

Both concerts will be at the Mission Coffee House.

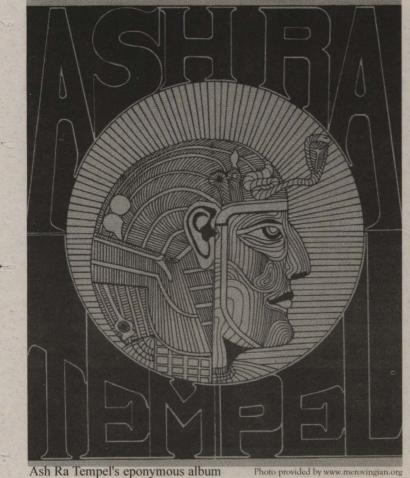
# "ASH RA TEMPEL:" A relic with staying power

### **Aaron Schulz**

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Ash Ra Tempel, a band from Egypt, right? One would think so after hearing the name, or seeing their album cover with a painting of an Egyptian Pharaoh. But this former power trio is not from Egypt. Nor are they from any place else in the Eastern world - in fact they are from Berlin, Germany. Over thirty years ago, Ash Ra Tempel put out a record that managed to combine heavy rock and progressive rock in their own crazed way with electronics.

Ash Ra Tempel's original lineup consisted of Manual Gottching (Guitar, Electronics), Klaus Schulze (Drums, Electronics) and Hartmut Enke (Bass). Gottching was a classical guitarist who started



playing guitar at a very young age. Enke was an old school friend of Gottching's who shared the same interests. Both men loved blues, jazz and rock. Klaus Schulze already had one album under his belt playing drums on Tangerine Dream's very first album "Electric Meditation." Having left after touring with Dream Schulze became fast friends with Gottching and agreed to play drums, thus Ash Ra Tempel was born

Before they went into the studio, they played some live shows in Berlin. Playing their own brand of crazed heavy rock, with jams often lasting half an hour both sets with no song-breaks. Ash Ra Tempel's first album simply titled "Ash Ra Tempel" was recorded, as Gottching said in an interview, "with a

very live feel in mind." "We recorded it in just three days with no overdubs."

The album itself only contains two songs. Two side-long instrumental epics that showcased the bands heavy side. Side one contains the over 19 minute long "Amboss," while side two reflects their softer, ambient side with the 25 plus minute "Traummaschine." "Amboss" (anvil in English) starts out very quietly with Schulze's cymbals vibrating, giving a sense of foreboding. Gottching's couple of minutes but the listener gets the sense something more is coming. And that something comes when the guitars and drums get louder, and there is a moment when everything goes out of control with all three musicians going in different directions. Schulze drums like a demon, Enke keeps time (although you don't hear much with everything else going on) and Gottching makes his guitar sound like a whooshing roller coaster. Things settle down around the six minute mark, when a nice jam starts up and

dominates the rest of the song (Gottching's soloing is excellent here). Schulze settles into a groove and runs with it, with Enke being the perfect foil for both of them. Towards the end there are some very trippedout guitar effects from Gottching by himself (reminding me very much of one of his idols, the late Jimi Hendrix). When the song ends, there is no fade out; it just stops. "Truammaschine" (Dream Machine) is a slower more meditative song. It takes about seven minutes before anything of real significance happens. This song also builds up but it does not have the heaviness of "Amboss." Eastern influences are prevalent on this track with Schulze's hand drumming. This track ends by fading out slowly and gently.

I have met people that don't care for this album because it is an album of extremes. "Amboss" in particular is not easy to listen to. One friend in particular when I played it to him didn't like it because of its intensity. Others I have played it to love it just for its energy.

This album is now considered a classic, and is a precursor to today's post-rock era. Bands like Mogwai, Godspeed You Black Emperor, Explosions in The Sky and Porcupine Tree all have Ash Ra Tempel to thank in some way or another for just going out their and playing what they wanted.

This album is highly recommended for those

guitar comes in after this with a very who love psychedelic space rock with some grit. It is low menacing sound that casts an eerie pricy (almost \$17 on CD Universe as an example) but spell. This eeriness continues for the next if you really want to hear a relic, these legends won't disappoint you.



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If indeed all of those governments were the handywork of the Almighty, perhaps he isn't so merciful and loving after all.

Aaron Miatke used that single verse in the book of Romans to claim that government and religion cannot be separated. But if that is the case, then what about this bothersome verse also from the Bible, the book of Luke 20: 25:

"And he (Jesus) said unto them, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's."

Now I'm no religious scholar, but if you'll allow me, here's my humble take on it. I personally think that this was Jesus' way of telling his followers that Caesar and God were different entities, that they had the responsibility and the duty to serve Caesar

and God separately.

Am I interpreting this verse to serve my political agenda? Perhaps I am. So what does this prove to me personally? It proves that people who claim to speak for God pick and choose whichever verse from the Bible that suits their political agendas when they see it fit.

this happen."

Katrina and Rita:

selves.

Orleans was hit by hurricanes

America. He sent us hurricane

after hurricane after hurricane,

and it's destroyed and put stress

on this country. Surely he doesn't

approve of us being in Iraq under

false pretenses. But surely he

is upset at black America also.

We're not taking care of our-

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Ray Nagin running around

this country claiming that

they speak for God, I won-

der just how much longer will

Americans have to endure

such vitriolic nonsense before

they finally admit that perhaps

religion and politics shouldn't

mix after all?

With people like Jerry

Surely God is mad at

It's funny how when God's action seems to have been meaningless and brutal no one seems to be able to understand God but when it suits their political or social agendas; at least some people seem to understand God perfectly. For example, after the September 11 attacks, Jerry Falwell said:

I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way - all of them who have tried to secularize

### America - I point the finger in sfrom Monologues pg. 1 their face and say, "You helped

react to hearing something so Or who could forget New personal, but everyone has Orleans' Mayor Ray Nagin's been extremely receptive." famous words after New

Constructed by Eve Ensler, this work has been translated into over 24 different languages and has been performed all over the world and it has now graced the UW-SP campus once again.

A student audience member, David Willis said, "as a first-time viewer I must say that I was very surprised. I had an idea of what it was going to be like, but it really showed me something new."

"The Vagina Monologues" have also spawned a grassroots movement known as V-Day to stop violence against women.

So far V-Day has raised over \$3 million to help stop such things as genital mutilation in Kenya and set up rape crisis centers in Bosnia. It has also spread to some 300 colleges across the country which have preformed "The Vagina Monologues" on the customary V-Day, February 14.

"Many of the individuals sitting in the audience have gone to other productions of "The Vagina Monologues" and every time you go there are different women playing the parts," Clark said. "Every production will be different because every individual brings in a different background to the piece. It is definitely something that a lot of people are able to relate to."

The proceeds from the UW-SP performances will go to the Stevens Point Family Crisis Center and Sexual Assault Victims Services.

"The best part," Clark said, "is that the proceeds from this production are going to some extremely worthwhile causes, such as the Comfort Women Project and CAP Services, Inc., which assists individuals who are victims of sexual assault and violence."

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