

Mumps reaches Stevens Point, two confirmed cases reported on campus

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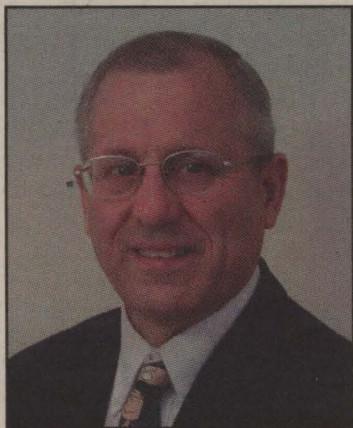
One student and one UW-SP staff member have tested positive for mumps and campus physicians want you to check your medical history to make sure you don't get it next.

While the campus has gone a week without a confirmed positive test, Bill Hettler, director of University Health Service (UHS), said these cases should serve as a reason for all students to check if they have received the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization.

"It's a good excuse for everyone to check his or her immunization status," he said. "If anyone is not sure about whether they've had the shots or not, they can get a test for \$11.50 that tells you whether or not you're protected."

Given the fact that UW-SP is a university filled with a high majority of students that attended public high schools, Hettler said the chances of an outbreak are slim.

"Every kid in Wisconsin who went to a public school was supposed to have (received MMR shots) before they went to a public school (but) the students who might have been home-schooled or went to private schools might not have had those," he said. "Because most of our students have gone through public



Hettler

schools in Wisconsin, most of them are protected, so it's like there is a herd immunity here and it's for something to get going."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that a person is 95 percent protected from mumps if they have received the proper immunizations. Once a person is found to have mumps, they are put into isolation for nine days (beginning the first day of noticeable symptoms) to give the body ample time to fight off the virus.

"(Mumps) starts out like any upper respiratory illness, but then they'll get very swollen (and) tender parotid or submandibular glands," he said. "That's when they should be tested to see if they've got it."

Hettler explained that the parotid glands are up on top of a person's jaw, anterior to the ear while the submandibular glands are located below

the jaw near the throat. A confirmed mumps case can cause what Hettler termed as "chipmunk cheeks," somewhat visually similar to those that can be received after a person has had their wisdom teeth pulled.

He also said that the virus could affect other parts of the body as well, particularly in men.

"The virus can go to the testes and you can end up being infertile because of a mumps infection. It's a virus that can attack different organ systems in the body."

Unfortunately, UHS is unable to affectively treat the virus.

"There is no treatment for mumps, so this is one of those deals where prevention is your best hope," he said. "We provide symptomatic care so you try to help the person deal with the symptoms."

While there have been confirmed cases from people located on the UW-SP campus, the UHS hasn't actually confirmed a case by one of their physicians.

"We have not yet diagnosed a case out of our health center. We had a student that was seen by his or her own doctor in (Wisconsin) Rapids," he said. "And then we've got other students that are presumed cases, but we don't have the lab work back yet. So

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Touches of spring pop up around campus, like on an old piano from the NFAC.

Group congregates to raise awareness over local homeless

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Usually, the Debot Dining Center would be filled with hungry UW-SP students in between classes.

But Wednesday night, the action was outside of the building, where a local grassroots organization was holding its first annual Box-Out Vigil, hoping to bring awareness to the country's growing homelessness problem.

"We're raising awareness of the homeless problem in Portage County and the surrounding area," said Katie Kloth from the Student Chapter of the Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG).

"There's 700,000 homeless people that sleep on the street every night in this country," said Kloth, a freshman.

The group began their long night at 9 p.m. by constructing shelters made cardboard boxes.

"We got all of our cardboard from Lowe's and Wal-mart,"

said WISPIRG Vice President Matt Guidry. "They were big contributors for this."

Guidry said that the first step in bringing awareness to the university was to hold an all-night vigil bringing the problem of homelessness directly in view of fellow students.

The first annual Box Out Vigil attracted almost two dozen students Wednesday night, arming themselves with bare necessities, and sometimes, even less.

"No one can have any food," said Kloth. "We're going the whole night without, until nine (a.m.) tomorrow."

"I just brought what I have on," said Megan Walsh, a wildlife major who is not a member of WISPIRG.

Clad only in a sweatshirt and jeans, Walsh and her cohorts planned for a night with no flashlights, no music, no computer, and hopefully, no rain.

"We're staying out here even if it does start (to rain),"

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New York Times recognizes UW-SP

Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UW-SP) has been listed in the New York Times as one of the top 109 colleges in the nation for percentage of students completing degrees within six years, a common time period for measuring graduation rates.

The listing, based on

government data, appears in the Education Life section of the Sunday, April 23 edition of the New York Times. According to the table, 58 percent of UW-SP students graduate within six years, putting UW-SP on par with the State University of New York, Stony Brook; University of Maine, Farmington; Pennsylvania State University, Berks; Mississippi State University; and Oklahoma

State University, Stillwater. It also states that 21 percent of UW-SP students graduate within four years.

In addition, the table provides other information about the public institutions listed, including undergraduate enrollment and percent of out-of-state enrollment for fall 2004, and the current cost of in-state and out-of-state tuition.

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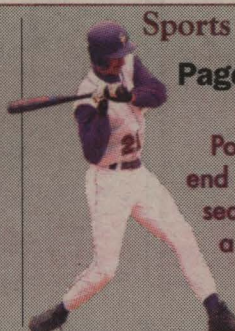


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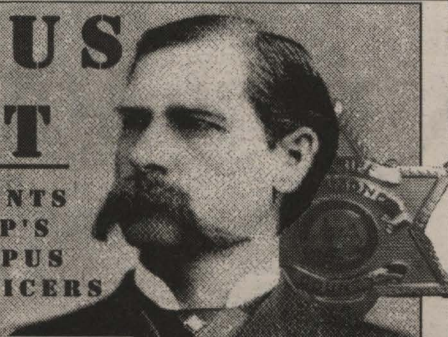


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(no not that lime).

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CAMPUS BEAT

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



Intramural Field (IM)
May 3, 2006 1:02 p.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Caller requested to have drunk individuals removed from the IM fields. The contact was made and the individuals left.

Neale Hall
May 4, 2006 1:26 a.m.
Type: VANDALISM

CA from Neale Hall called and reported of a girl's room having a softball thrown through the window of the room.

Pray/Sims Hall
May 4, 2006 5:21 a.m.
Type: BREAKING AND EXITING

The Stevens Point paramedics called to inform Protective Services that they had two students at the hospital saying that they were locked in the basement laundry room and broke their way out.

May Roach Hall
May 4, 2006 10:20 p.m.
Type: DEGRADATION TO PUBLIC PROPERTY

A caller from May Roach contacted Protective Services to report three individuals behind the dorm breaking down a tree.

University Center (UC)
May 5, 2006 1:27 a.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

An individual with an open alcohol container was spotted and stopped in front of the UC. The individual attempted to run, however, fell down and received minor cuts on gravel. The individual was brought back to his dorm. He threw up and became barely coherent, however, was responsive. A non-emergency ambulance was called. Individual was transported by ambulance to St. Michael's.

DeBot
May 5, 2006 11:01 p.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

North DeBot Hall Director reported a girl in the South DeBot circle who looked highly intoxicated. She was lying on the ground and people were trying to help her into a vehicle. Intoxicated individual was put into the care of her sister, no further action taken.

Cold Stone Creamery to open next month

Dan Bekx
NEWS REPORTER

An idea that began nearly two years ago is turning out to be a success story for local businessmen Rob Elherp and Jay Punwar. Rob, a retired fire fighter from Green Bay, asked Jay to assist him with running Cold Stone Creamery when it opens near the end of May.

"The reason we chose Stevens Point is because we know there have been many businesses that have been successful in expanding into this area and because of all the contacts and friends I had already known here from my college days," said UW-Madison graduate Jay Punwar.

Unlike some restaurant franchises, Cold Stone bought the building it will be using and letting the business owners rent directly from the franchise; so Jay and Rob met towards the end of last year, signed the deal with the Cold Stone franchise, and the project was underway.

"Construction has been going on for about six weeks now. We're hoping to have the opening day set for May 20th if all goes according as planned," said Punwar.

Though Rob and Jay are hoping to receive record sales their opening day, they're motivation to reach high sales is about more than just financial gain, they're also hoping to give back to the community. One half of all profits made on opening day will go directly to The United Way foundation, a volunteer/non-profit organization that helps teens, children, and families in their local communities.

"We like to work to help benefit various charities and organizations in our community, and we're asking people to come in on opening day to enjoy premium quality ice cream as well as benefit the United Way which also goes to benefit other organizations."

Reading and ice cream, are going hand in hand as Jay is also going around to the local schools and participating in giving free ice cream as rewards to students in their school's local

reading programs.

Besides good ice cream and a good cause, what does Cold Stone Creamery mean to the students of UW-Stevens Point? The business may possibly employ UW students to fill half of their staff as one half of their applications are from college students. The online application makes applying a very easy step; however the interview process isn't your average face-to-face interview.

Cold Stone is looking for outgoing people that can sing. Instead of a sit down interview, interviewees could be asked to sing, dance, or even come up with their own catchy jingles.

"It's not really an interview process; it's more of an audition. It takes about two hours. We'll split applicants into groups of 20 or so and we ask them to basically entertain us for a while, from there, we'll hire the ones that are most outgoing."

Cold Stone hopes to hire up to 40 applicants but that will depend on the demand for business and the numbers that apply. They are looking for mostly part time students who could work from ten to thirty hours per week.

John Newman, a UW-Stevens Point student is considering applying.

"I hear that Stone Cold Ice Cream is a fun place to work, and that they'll tip you just to sing a short song. Now that's easy money, I don't consider that work at all."

Cold Stone is located on the corner of Division St. and Maria Dr. next door to the construction sites of Noodles and Co. and Starbucks coffee. Cold Stone will be accepting Point cash from UW-Stevens Point students. Jay and Rob look forward to getting the business opened hopefully by May 20th.

"We're both excited to be part of Stevens Point. It is a great town with a friendly community. We're also looking forward to getting the chance to give back to the community with various fundraisers and programs," said Jay Punwar.

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Because I said so

*Parting is such
sweet sorrow*

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Working at the newspaper for three years does things to you. For me, I no longer judge the year by seasons or months. I know what time of year it is by campus events. Events like Homecoming, the end of basketball season and the International dinner tell me how much time I have left before the holidays or exams. And when the Eco-fair rolls around, I know the year is coming to a close.

At the same time, every year is a little more bittersweet. I think about what I was doing the year before, who isn't around anymore, and I think of all the thrills and disappointments the paper has had through the years I've been here.

This year has been even more poignant, because it is my last. As much as it pains me to say it, I'm leaving. After five years of Stevens Point, I am moving to greener pastures.

But, you may ask,



what about The Pointer?

I am leaving The Pointer in the capable of hands of Steve Roeland. I have no doubt that Steve's maturity and dedication to the craft of journalism will help get The Pointer to the next level in what I am calling our five-year plan to excellence. If you are wondering, next year is stage three of this plan, which was started by my predecessor, Adam Mella.

I personally sat in on all the interviews this year, and though my head was spinning by the end, I got a sense of enthusiasm which seemed so familiar. Even though our staff here is going through an almost total make-over, I have full confidence in the new hires as they learn to work cooperatively and strive to create a paper worthy of the students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Your College Survival Guide:

Kicking the Habit.

Pat Rothfuss
WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION
COFFEE BAR.

Pat,

While I'm glad to finally be graduating, I'm going to miss Point. My friends. The town. The beer....

But the worst is that I won't be able to read your column every week. I don't know how I'm going to deal with the real world without my weekly dosage of humor. How can I avoid getting withdrawal?

Ben

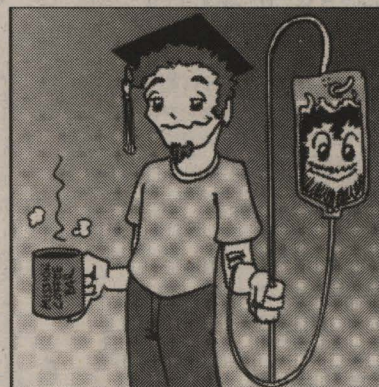
P.S. While I am leaving, I could still use a gift certificate to the Mission to help get me through finals....

Y'know, I was flattered until you started shamelessly shilling for coffee. You don't really love me. You're just using me for my body.... I mean coffee.

My first piece of advice is to not go cold turkey. I know a guy who stopped reading my column after he graduated, and you know what happened to him, Ben? All the joy and colour slowly bled out of his soul. After a couple months, he started listening to conservative talk radio. Then he got a job as an insurance adjuster. Last thing I heard he

was unable to become sexually aroused unless he was wearing a diaper and being spanked by someone dressed up like a clown. Not a rodeo clown either. We're talking a circus clown here.

Here are a few ways to get your Pat Rothfuss fix:



Subscribe to the Pointer: That's right. You can subscribe to the Pointer for the bargain price of \$10. Contact pointer@uwsp.edu if you're interested. Not since the milkman stopped making deliveries to your mom has so much joy been brought directly to the door of your home, Ben.

Buy the book. The print version of the College Survival Guide is still available at the University Bookstore. It's got the first four years of the Guide, along with footnotes, new illus-

trations and columns never printed in the Pointer. While you're dropping off your rental texts, why not pick up a copy? Why not pick up two or three?

Check Myspace (myspace.com/ycsg). I'll be updating over the summer, answering letters, and posting stuff I don't have time to mention in the Pointer. Like the fact that I'm going to be the commencement speaker for SPASH's graduation this year.

No joke. I'm serious. Totally serious. They asked me to speak and I'm going to do it. Believe me, I'm just as surprised as you.

I'd like to thank the academy, my parents and the Pointer staff for putting up with my bullshit for another year. And, of course I'd like to thank you, my loyal minions... I mean readers. Remember, keep sending in the letters and I'll keep writing.

The Mission Coffee House is back open for business just in time for finals. This Thursday the Mission is pulling off a hat trick: wine tasting, art exhibit and jazz show. Best of all it's totally free.

What's more, in addition to doing renovations, the Mission has lowered the cover charge on all their shows. That means if you stop by on Friday for the Greatfull Dead, or Saturday to catch some bluegrass with Sloppy Joe, it'll only cost you three bucks.

Even though the Mission serves beer and wine, their shows are open to all ages. It's best of both worlds, really.

We're still celebrating Easter

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection

5 PM Saturday

10:15 AM Sunday

6 PM Sunday

St. Joseph Convent Chapel

1300 Maria Drive (Just west of K mart)

Year-End Picnic

11:30 AM THIS SUNDAY

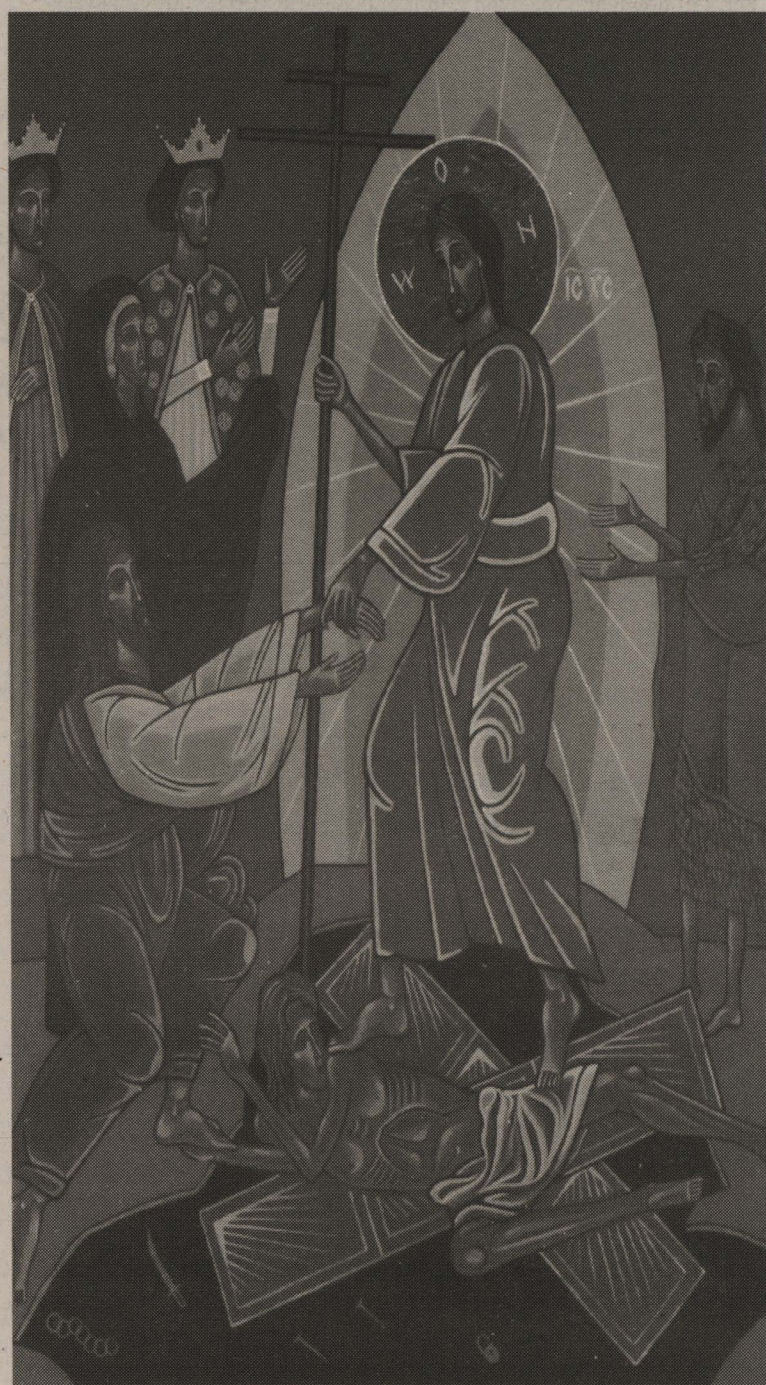
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All students are invited for lunch and this year's T-shirt

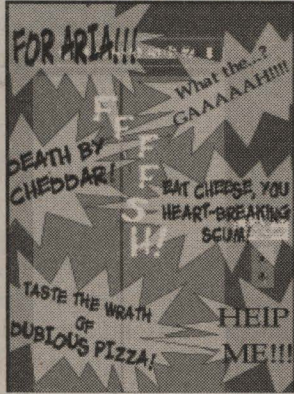
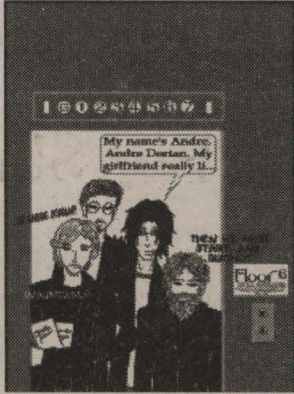
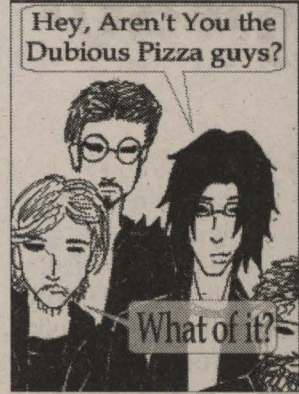
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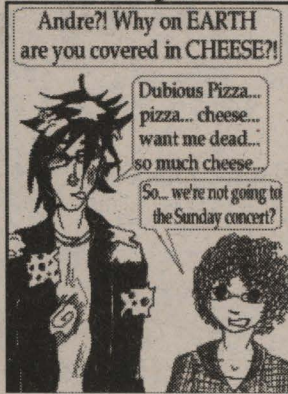
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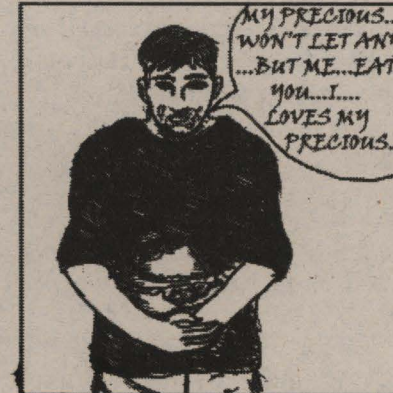
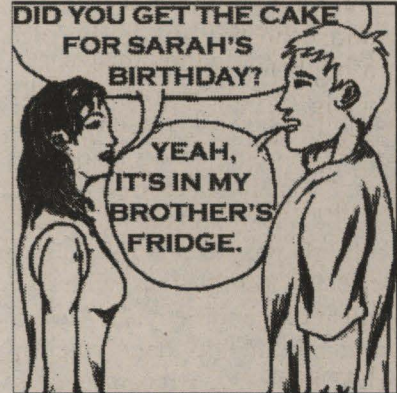
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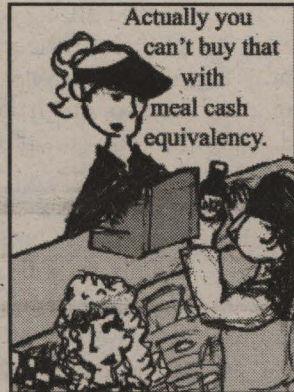


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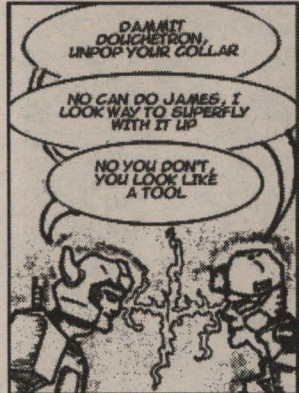
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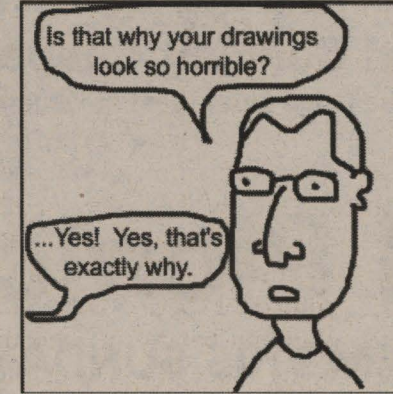
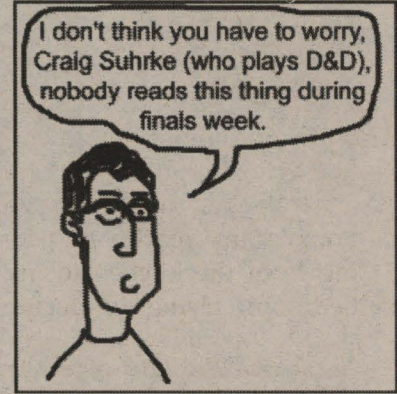
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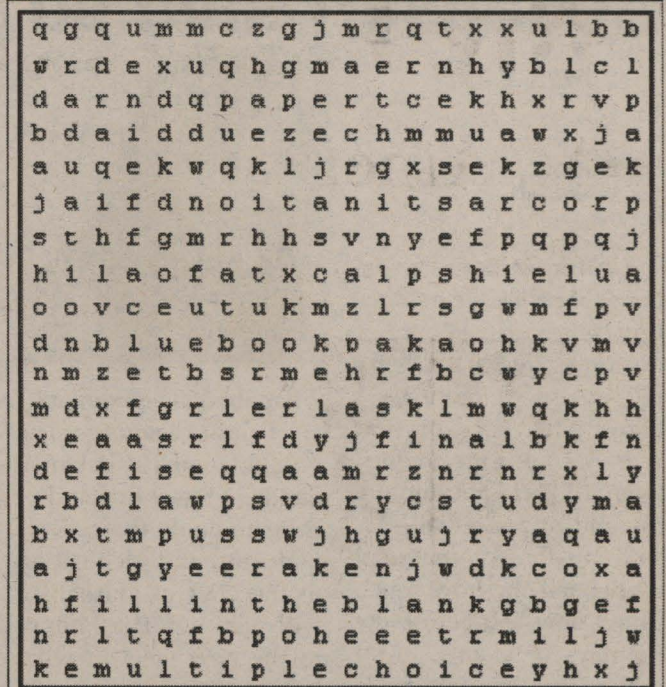


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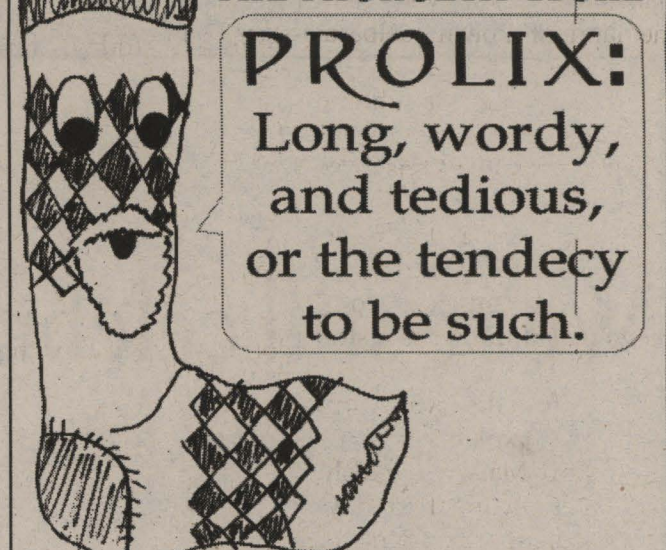
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- exam
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- study
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- graduation
- cram
- studygroup
- assessment
- paper
- caffeine
- allnighter
- bluebook

SOCKRATES PRESENTS THE THURSDAY WORD



Venus di PSYCHO BY: Jen Miller



THE END:

Thanks to all of our artists and readers for a great year! We're already accepting submissions for next year, so write to Joy at jratc567@uwsp.edu for the complete guidelines.

Good luck on Your Finals!

-Joy Ratchman, Comics Editor

Why I'm Eating Hamburgers Today:

An American's Account of a Hungarian Pig Slaughter

Ingrid Nordstrom
POINTLIFE CONTRIBUTOR

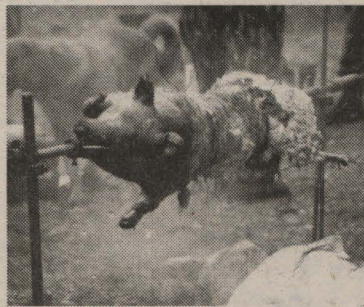


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When I walk into Gyuri's dorm at 6:15 on Saturday morning, I expect to see a group of men with sharpened knives in one hand and a shot of Palinka in the other, toasting to their sloshed manhood bolstered by three days of drinking. And an hour later, when the pig is to arrive, I expect to see the same men chasing the squealing pig around the courtyard with knives in their fists, Palinka rising like a tidal wave in their stomachs.

As a vegetarian of six years, who has moved from the land of Polish kielbasa first semester to the land of Hungarian pig slaughters this semester, I sense a psychogastrointestinal crisis at hand.

I'm greeted at the door by Gyuri and three of his friends who are busy connecting an amplifier to a stereo.

"It's for the wake up call," Gyuri explains.

I follow Maja, a Swedish girl I met on my first day in Szeged, up the stairs to Gyuri's room where we wait for the pig to arrive. Gyuri walks in holding two shots of Palinka and says, "girls, welcome Hungarian culture into your mouths."

On cue, swing music begins blasting through the entire five story dormitory. Two girls dressed in pajamas and slippers slam their doors shut and scream at Gyuri, who responds with a laugh and walks away, Maja and me close behind.

We go into the courtyard just as a trailer pulls into the drive. Three women spread sheets of plastic over the cement and pull a hose from the dormitory to the drain in the ground. Two mustached men, who could have been the models for Nintendo's Mario and Luigi, lift a crate off the trailer, giving us our first look at the squealing,

pink beast that will soon be supper for over 100 hungry students.

"Those are real peasants," Gyuri says, pointing at the two men. They are wearing green overalls and flannel shirts, smiling at the small crowd gathering around the pig. While the men move the crate around on the ground, Gyuri explains the history of pig slaughters, which have always been an important part of Hungarian culture.

In the past, owning a pig was a sign of wealth and prosperity. When it came time to slaughter the pig, it was done as a celebration, not just for the owners but for their family and their neighbors. During Communism, pig slaughters were made illegal by the government because each pig was "The People's Pig"—there was no private ownership. Though some people continued to slaughter pigs, they were often jailed if they were caught. With the fall of Communism, the pig slaughter tradition returned. Today, farming families aren't the only ones who ceremonially slaughter pigs. Farmers advertise their pigs for sale in the newspaper (the pigs sell for around 40,000 Forint—200 U.S. dollars) and individuals or organizations, such as Gyuri's dormitory, will buy the pig. The farmer decides how to slaughter it: electric shock, knife or gun.

"Only female pigs are slaughtered," Gyuri continues, "because male pigs are more expensive. The sperm affects the taste, so first the pig has to be castrated to keep it from producing any more sperm. After a year the male pig will finally be ready for slaughter."

The slaughter itself is quick—I don't even realize it's happening at first. With the pig still standing in its crate, one of the farmers shoots it in the throat before sliding it out of the crate and onto the plastic where four men kneel on its side until it dies. The pig crumples to the ground and, after fifteen seconds of intense convulsing and bleeding, the pig falls still and silent. No guilt inducing squeals, just death—quickly and humanely.

The two farmers, satisfied with their work, offer the crowd a hearty "jo etvagyat" ("bon appetit" in Hungarian)

and with a smile and a wave, drive away. The blood, which was collected in buckets, is carried away by two men dressed in long, green coats. The man in charge of the preparation is a fourth year medical student who had been raised on a farm.

"He's seen a lot of pig slaughters," Gyuri says. The medical student sprays the pig and the cement with water while women sweep the blood into the drain. Then, using a blowtorch, he begins to burn the pig while a woman scrapes the singed hair and skin off with a metal shovel. The entire process, including the scraping away of three layers of skin and the gutting, has to be completed in 45 minutes or the pig will begin to decompose.

Gyuri, Maja and I leave the scraping and the burning and retreat to the second floor hallway to cut onions and potatoes. In the kitchen, the men in long, green coats are crowded around a stove, stirring something with a two-foot wooden spoon. I ignore them and tearfully slice my onions in the hallway. I hear two big bangs and a loud shout. When I look into the kitchen the same two men are frantically mopping up blood on the floor. This inspires laughter and, of course, more shots of Palinka.

We wander back to the courtyard where the now blackened pig is being flipped to its other, still unburned, side. A woman carries a tray holding bread with a dark brown spread.

"What is this?" I ask, more than a little hesitant to take one.

"Breakfast," Gyuri smiles evilly. It's blood. The two green-coated men I had seen in the kitchen were stirring blood in that big pot until it curdled into a chunky, spreadable paste. With Gyuri standing behind me encouraging me with, "Hungarian culture, Ingrid. Taste it," I take two small bites of the blood n' bread and, if I didn't know that I was eating the blood just recently spewed from the pig's neck, I might have been delighted with both the taste and the texture.

For an hour Maja and I move between watching the pig being torched and standing in the sun. The medical

student, with 12 easy cuts, removes each of the pig's legs with the skill of a surgeon and carries them to the table. The head proves to be more difficult as the spinal cord is difficult to cut through. It takes four blows with an axe to cut through the bone. Then, two women carry it in a bucket to another man waiting with a cigarette between his teeth and a knife in his hand. He slowly removes each of the pig's eyes, centimeter by centimeter, while a crowd of us leans closer to get a better view. He picks up an eye and dangles it between his teeth, much to the delight of everyone holding a camera or a bottle of Palinka.

I move to the other end of the table, pick up my own Tesco knife, and help Maja and Gyuri cut the leg meat into small chunks for the stew they are preparing for dinner. Behind us, the pig is finally being gutted—the intestines spilling everywhere. To my right, the head still sits in the yellow bucket, and to my left are the cut-up legs, and in my hands a knife and a piece of meat. I shudder slightly, put down my knife, and leave the courtyard looking for a potato to cut up.

When I walk into the lobby, one of Gyuri's friends points at the ceiling and says, "It's a camera." I glance at the ceiling and see the two pig eyes dangling above my head. "She's watching you," he says laughing. I flee to Gyuri's room, grab my jacket, and run out the front door, stopping only to tell two Germans that, yes, I'll be back.

I lied. I didn't intend to return to the pig slaughter. I had had enough.

I spend the next two hours at my apartment, pacing from the kitchen to my bedroom, trying to decide

what to do next. My curiosity finally gets the best of me: I return to the pig slaughter. By this time, the pig is no longer a pig; it's a stew that everyone is enjoying. I, too, taste the stew, no longer thinking about the legs, eyes and head that made the pig a pig before it was no longer a pig. Because they include every edible bit of the pig in the stew, it's possible that I'm biting into a stomach or a piece of liver. I don't ask, nobody volunteers and that's a blessing.

"What do you think of Hungarian culture?" Gyuri asks.

"It's delicious," I reply. And it is a delicious culture. After four decades of Communism and two world wars, as well as having its borders cut and pasted by foreign leaders so many times that some Hungarians don't know whether they are Hungarian, Romanian or Slovakian, the Hungarian culture and its traditions have survived so that today "student representatives" from all over the world can moan over a pig stew cooked on a Saturday afternoon in Szeged. Despite the benefits, pig slaughters offer to international cultural relations, for now, I'm sticking to the hamburgers on my plate hiding in a bun, although I do find myself glancing upward every once in a while to see if there are two cow eyes there watching me take a bite. But give me a week or so and I'll be ready to stuff sausages. Until then, I remain, truly yours, smiling and splattered with blood.

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Outdoors

2006 Wisconsin gun deer hunting season is set

New structure replaces October antlerless hunt with a December antlerless hunt

DNR News Release

Wisconsin deer hunting seasons will look dramatically different this fall under a trial season structure that, among other changes, eliminates an antlerless-only October gun deer hunt and replaces it with a statewide four-day antlerless-only gun hunt in the second week of December.

Under the new season structure approved by the state Natural Resources Board April 26, hunters will also receive one free antlerless tag for use in herd control (formerly called Zone T) and Earn-a-Buck Deer Management Units (DMUs) with the purchase of their deer hunting licenses and can purchase unlimited additional herd control antlerless tags for \$2 each.

Other provisions of the 2006 deer season framework effective this fall:

- The Hunter's Choice permit program will be eliminated and antlerless tags in DMUs with a regular deer season structure will be sold over the counter until they are sold out.

- Earn-a-Buck regulations (EAB) will be in place in 21 DMUs and hunters who registered an antlerless deer in these units in 2005 will be pre-qualified for a buck this fall for EAB units.

- Archers will receive an additional archery antlerless deer carcass tag valid statewide.

- There will be an opportunity for young hunters to participate in a youth hunt October 7 and 8.

Also, hunters should note that hunting seasons for the chronic wasting disease (CWD) management zones have not been set for 2006 and are still under consideration.

Additional information on deer hunting can be found on the Department of Natural Resources Web site. The 2006 Deer Hunting Regulations pamphlet is expected to be available in early August. "There has been a lot of changing information in the news regarding the 2006 deer season," said Keith Warnke, DNR big game specialist. "After working for more than a year with stakeholder groups from all across the state we finally have a new herd control tool to try out. We believe that this season structure will be popu-

lar with hunters - it's what they told us they wanted."

Two major changes in herd control efforts will be implemented on a trial basis. They are: A statewide antlerless gun deer hunt Dec. 7-10 in non-CWD units and a moratorium on gun deer seasons in October in non-CWD units (except for the youth hunt). For units north of U.S. Highway 8, the December gun deer hunt will be on a one-year trial basis with legislative approval required to extend beyond this year.

The moratorium on October gun deer hunting will be implemented on a two-year trial basis with an option to reinstate October gun deer hunting after one year if deer harvests in Herd Control units drops below a 1.4 to one antlerless to buck ratio. Earn-a-Buck (EAB) rules will be in effect in 21 deer management units for 2006.

The October herd control hunt, referred to in past years as Zone T, was effective at reducing deer populations, Warnke said, but unpopular with hunters who felt that it interfered with the very best time for archery deer hunting and caused behavioral changes in deer that made hunting more difficult.

"Key to success of this herd control tool is that hunters must harvest adequate numbers of antlerless deer to keep populations under control," said Warnke.

The new youth gun deer hunt Oct. 7-8 will allow young hunters ages 12 to 15 an opportunity to experience deer hunting in a closely mentored situation. Participating youth must be accompanied by an adult and must purchase a gun deer hunting license and successfully complete a hunter safety class to participate. All hunters statewide, except waterfowl hunters will be required to wear blaze orange clothing if hunting on the weekend of the two-day October youth gun deer hunt.

"Hunters will see changes in deer carcass tags this year. Tags will clearly identify what type of deer that tag is valid for and where that tag may be used," explained Warnke. "Anything that makes regulations simpler for hunters is a positive."

OUTDOOR EDVENTURES' TIP OF THE WEEK

Josh Spice

MANAGER/TRIP LEADER AND OUTDOOR EDVENTURES AND RENTALS

Looking for a cheap stuff sack that can multi-task? Try using a mosquito headnet with a drawstring around the opening. Its super-light mesh weighs next to nothing, fits in a pocket, and can double as a washbag for cleaning clothes. If the bugs get bad, pull it out and use it on your head. Just be careful - mosquito netting is not the most durable fabric to come out of the 20th century. To learn more about this tip, along with many other tricks and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences, stop in Outdoor EdVentures, located in the lower level of the Allen Center.



Eau Claire Dells is a must see

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Outdoor EdVentures trip leader Cindy Kowalchuk led the last O.E. trip of the year last weekend to the Dells of the Eau Claire Park.

The Dells of the Eau Claire Park is located in Marathon County, one hour northeast of Stevens Point off of County Road Y. The country drive from Stevens Point to the Dells of the Eau Claire Park is extremely scenic and worth the trip alone.

The Dells of the Eau Claire Park season runs from May 1 - October 31. The park offers outdoor enthusiasts and tourists many options for enjoying the outdoors. Visitors can camp in one of the park's 27 campsites, hang out on the beach or swim, have a picnic, fish, hike on one of the

park's scenic nature trails or just check out the rock formations.

Outdoor EdVentures offers quality outdoor experiences to UW-SP students at a very reasonable rate. Kowalchuk said the goal of this trip was, "to relax and take a deep breath before exams. My goal was definitely met," she said.

The Eau Claire River winds its way through Precambrian rhyolite schist gorges. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Web site, "Rhyolite schist, a very hard rock, was formed through metamorphosis and later tilted here to a nearly vertical position allowing the rock to split readily along the cleavage planes."

The Dells of the Eau Claire Park is one of Wisconsin's many State Natural Areas, and one

of the most scenic. "Everyone should be exposed to the Eau Claire Dells. It is a beautiful park," said Kowalchuk.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources said, "[The Dells of the Eau Claire Park is] wooded with a northern mesic forest of hemlock, sugar maple, yellow birch and mountain maple."

Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail also meanders through the park. The Ice Age Trail follows the historic Wisconsin glacier's furthest descent. This offers yet another treat for sightseers.

You should be sure to get signed up for Outdoor EdVentures' next trip to the Eau Claire Dells, where a knowledgeable trip leader will help you identify flora and fauna of the area as well as teach you many camping techniques.



The Eau Claire Dells displays some excellent geographic landscapes

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Sports

Pointers swat Yellowjackets, end regular season on five-game winning streak

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With four overpowering wins over the UW-Superior Yellowjackets last weekend, the UW-SP baseball team extended their winning streak to five games. The streak dates back to May 2, when the Pointers defeated Marian College 14-1. During the streak, UW-SP has outscored their competition 68-4.

The scoring barrage started on Friday, as the Pointers swept the first doubleheader of the weekend by scores of 13-0 and 20-2. On Saturday, UW-SP finished off the Yellowjackets, piling up runs with wins of 11-1 and 10-0. Each game in the series ended in the seventh inning with the 10-run rule in effect.

In game one, tough pitching and productive hitting led to a 13-0 Pointer victory. Pitcher Jordan Zimmermann threw a two-hit shutout in the opener. The one-through-four spots collected nine of the Pointers' 13 hits in game one and accounted for seven RBIs.

Leadoff hitter Jake Frombach was a perfect 3-for-3 in the opener, while Nat Richter, Chuck Brehm and Ryan Byrnes had two hits each. Richter and Brehm also homered in the contest.

Zimmermann struck out nine, while picking up his fourth victory of the season.

The second game of the series saw UW-S use six pitchers, none of which could stop the Pointers from scoring 20 runs on 20 hits. The longest a Yellowjacket hurler lasted was two full innings, as UW-SP won 20-2.

Brehm led the charge for UW-SP, going 5-for-5 with three RBIs. It was the first five-hit game in Brehm's career. Designated hitter Doug Coe did his part as well, homering twice and driving in four. Richter also drove in four runs in the game.

Brehm kept firing away on Saturday, as he went 2-for-5 with a home run and four RBI. Brehm's homer in an 11-1 game one win was his 32nd, ranking him second on UW-SP's all-time career home run list. Brehm also ended the game with a two-run double in the seventh.

The Pointers' speed took over in the last game of the series, as UW-SP was a perfect 10-for-10 in stolen base attempts in the 10-0 win.

Brehm failed to get a hit in the series finale, but he walked and stole a base, becoming UW-SP's single-season stolen base leader with 32.

"Chuck is an integral part

of our team, both from a performance standpoint but also with the type of leadership he exudes and the way in which he approaches the game," said Pointers head coach Pat Bloom. "We will need [our] veteran ballplayers to continue playing at a high level... if we hope to contend for a championship."

Ryan Hopkins pitched a four-hit shutout, striking out eight in his third win of the year.

The Pointers finished the regular season 25-14 overall and 14-9 in the WIAC.

In the opening round of the WIAC tournament - starting tomorrow in Wisconsin Rapids - the fourth-seeded Pointers face long-time nemesis UW-Whitewater. UW-SP and UW-W split their season series 2-2.

The Warhawks won their fourth consecutive WIAC regular season title this year, going 28-12 overall and 17-7 in the WIAC. UW-Oshkosh finished in second place, while UW-La Crosse finished third.

"We have great respect for the other three teams," said Bloom. "We have as good a chance as anybody [to win], but we will need to play with confidence, toughness and togetherness throughout each game."



Photo by Eva Heule

Adam Evanoff rounds first base and heads to second during the Pointers' four-game sweep over UW-Superior.

Softball season ends in WIAC conference tourney

Robert Lucas
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-SP women's softball season was capped off with a loss last Saturday to UW-Superior, knocking the Pointers out of the conference tournament and ending their season. On Friday, the Pointers lost to Oshkosh in the first round and defeated Whitewater in the loser's bracket.

On Friday, Oshkosh's Ronessa Stampfli pitched a complete game one-hitter, while striking out the first eight Pointers of the game and 10 overall in the Titans 9-0 drubbing of the Pointers. UW-SP's lone hit belonged to shortstop Laura Van Abel. Ashley Tobalsky allowed five runs in three-and-two-thirds innings. Allison Dorn relieved Tobalsky and gave up a game-ending grand slam to Oshkosh second baseman Lyndsey Allen.

Tobalsky rebounded against Whitewater, pitching seven strong innings, allowing only six hits and two earned while striking out four in a 3-2 win for the Pointers. All of the offense was provided by Rebekah Bauer, who was two for two with two doubles and

all three of UW-SP's RBIs in the game. Van Abel had two hits as well and Mandy Jellish scored two runs in the win.

The Pointers needed to win five games on Saturday to win the title, but they had trouble getting out of their first game and ended up losing to UW-Superior 8-2 on Saturday morning.

The Yellowjackets buried the Pointers early, putting up five runs in the first. Point tried to fight back, closing the gap to 5-2 on a two-run home run by Bauer in the third. Superior scored two more in the fifth and added another in the sixth to close out the game. Jellish and Van Abel each had two hits.

Hope Krause pitched well in relief of starter Michelle Holberg, allowing one earned run over six-and-one-third innings.

The Pointers finished the season with an overall record of 24-16-1. Jellish led the team with a .442 average with Van Abel close behind at .427. Bauer was the leader in RBIs with 35.

In terms of pitching statistics, Tobalsky lead the team with twelve wins while Krause won the ERA title with a mark of 1.59.

Senior on the Spot

Chuck Brehm - Baseball

Career Highlights:

- Started 48 of team's 49 games and named first-team all-WIAC selection last season.
- Named ABCA all-Midwest Region first team in 2005.
- First UW-Stevens Point baseball player to earn Academic All-American award, landing third-team honors last season.

Major - Physical Education

Hometown - Spencer, Wis.

Do you have any nicknames? - Car Bomb and Diesel.

What are your plans after graduation?

Find a job teaching physical education and play for the Chaps until I'm 70 with Grube and Frombach.

What has helped you become such an accomplished baseball player?

Support from my family, the weight room, rotational hitting, my teammates, the tutelage of Coach Bloom and never being satisfied.

What are your favorite Pointer sports memories?

Robbing a home run against Whitewater, being Named National Hitter of the Week and celebrating a conference tournament title at Rapids.

What's your most embarrassing moment?

Sprinting from the port-a-potty to center field against Platteville my freshman year to start the fifth inning.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - "Spirit of the Wild" by Ted Nugent.

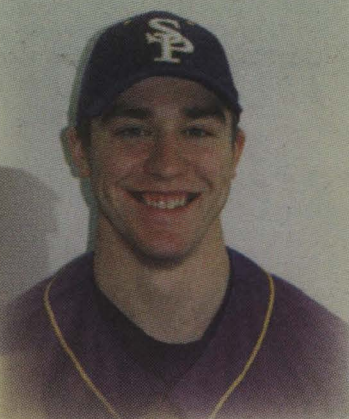
What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - "Joe Dirt."

What will you remember most about UW-SP?

Countless hours spent studying, working and practicing, and not regretting a minute of it.

What are the three biggest influences in your life?

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Science, Health & Tech.

Science student wins prestigious national scholarship

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Erin Hanlin, a double major in chemistry and biology, has been awarded the federally-funded Goldwater Scholarship in recognition of her excellence in research and classroom work.

Hanlin is the eighth student in UW-SP history to receive the scholarship, which is given to undergraduate students who show promise in pursuing a career in science, mathematics and engineering. She was one of 323 winners selected out of nearly 1,100 applicants nationwide.

The scholarship will provide Hanlin with \$7,500 per year until her planned graduation in December of 2007.

Hanlin, a native of Marshfield, has managed to keep a 3.96 overall GPA while simultaneously immersing herself in extra-curricular activities, a job and noteworthy research. And this wasn't her first attempt at getting this award, which requires nomination by the student's university before application.

"I applied last year for it too and didn't get it, so it was a big thing. It's basically like two years of work now," she said. "I learned a lot from my first time applying."

Hanlin has been involved

in several different research projects during her time at UW-SP. This year she worked on a new project that grew out of in-class research involving the synthesis of organo-metallic compounds that have the potential to be used in cancer drugs.

She used her classroom experience along with existing knowledge of how platinum compounds work in chemotherapy to formulate her experiment.

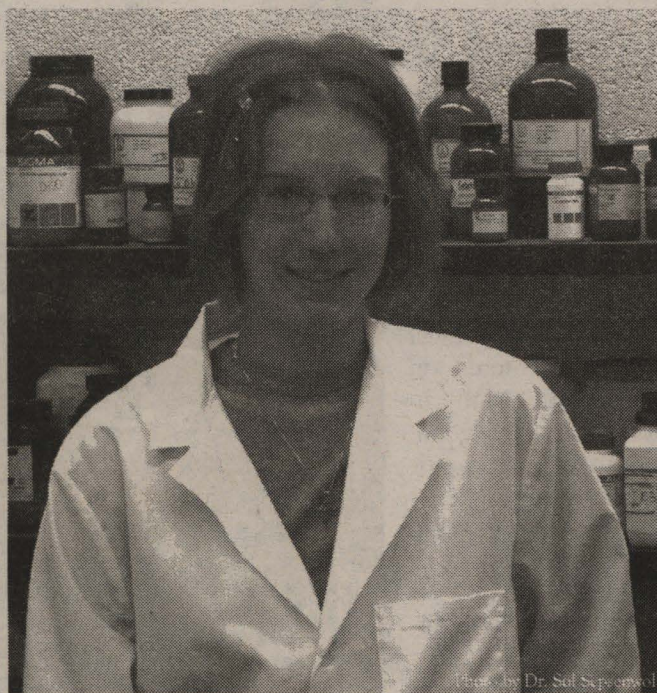
"I was using palladium and I was synthesizing different palladium compounds. Platinum has already been used a lot in anti-cancer drugs," said Hanlin. "So, I was trying to synthesize different compounds that had similar structures (to the platinum compounds)."

Hanlin explained that her research is just the first step of many. The fact that she could easily synthesize the palladium is encouraging. And if

everything plays out correctly, the results from the experiment could one day provide patients with an alternative to the current platinum-based treatments.

"I'm just doing the initial research where you're just synthesizing it. And it has to be tested," she said. "It's such a long process before it's something that becomes a drug."

The palladium compounds that Hanlin produced look similar to the existing platinum compounds, which, according to Hanlin, is a positive result.



Goldwater Scholarship winner Erin Hanlin.

"That's why I was interested in these particular compounds, because they could have real-life applications," she said.

Hanlin, who has been deeply interested in science since high school, plans to continue her studies in medical school and possibly also pursue a Master of Public Health. But she still has three semesters to decide where she will go and what she will do.

The Goldwater Scholarship carries the status as one of the nation's premier undergraduate awards in science.

Recipients are well represented among those awarded prestigious graduate fellowships, including Rhodes Scholarships and Marshall Awards.

The future holds many possibilities for Hanlin. For now, she's going to continue to work hard at school and everything else she's involved in. She credits the research she has done here with helping to make her post-secondary education the experience it has been.

"Anybody who's interested in getting involved with research, it's a great thing. Not just in science, but in anything. There's research going on in every department," Hanlin said. "It's so fantastic because it's independent and it really makes you more responsible for your own education."

Lyme disease season is here

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SCIENCE REPORTER

Lyme disease season is upon central Wisconsin and according to last year's statistics a good percentage of reported cases occurred in Wisconsin.

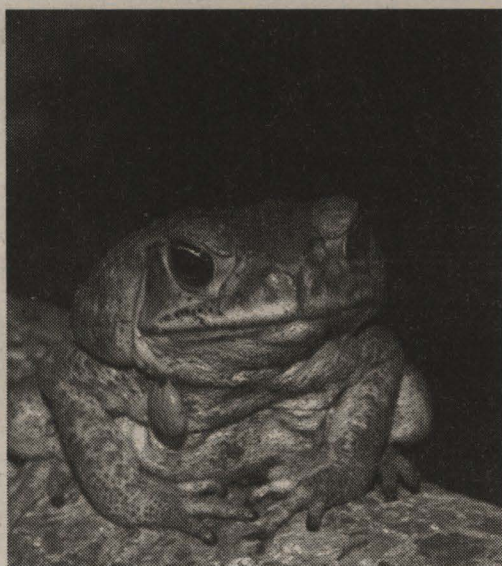
Unless you are a hermit and plan to spend these beautiful days of spring and summer inside, Lyme disease is something to be aware of and not to be taken lightly.

The disease itself is caused by a bacteria that is transmitted by a bite from deer ticks and blacklegged ticks. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, only 20 percent of the people who get Lyme disease even remember the tick bite, which presents the problem of recognition of the disease in the first place.

There are several symptoms that can be very specific to Lyme disease, which can aid in the diagnosis.

One of the most common symptoms, affecting 70 to 80 percent of people infected, is a large circular rash called

erythema migrans. The rash shows up at the bite site about three days after the exposure and can last up to 30 days. This rash will most likely



A tick sucking on a cane frog. Photo by Mae Wernicke

expand as the days go by. It is not usually painful to people but may feel warm.

Other common symptoms of Lyme disease include fatigue, chills, fever, headache, muscle and joint pain and swollen lymph nodes.

If left untreated, Lyme disease will spread to other parts of the body and may cause several isolated symptoms such as loss of muscle tone

in the face, severe headaches, neck stiffness and joint pain.

Eventually, the disease can cause bouts of arthritis with swelling occurring especially in the knees. Five percent of patients experience chronic neurological pains such as shooting pains, numbness or tingling in the hands and feet, as well as problems with short-term memory.

If detected early, Lyme disease is very treatable with a few weeks of antibiotics such as doxycycline, amoxicillin or cefuroxime axetil. As it is with almost any disease, the earlier it is caught and diagnosed the faster the patient will recover.

The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to avoid areas where ticks thrive. These include wooded areas with tall grass and lots of "leaf litter."

The ticks that transmit Lyme disease are most active in the months of May, June and July, so extra precautions should be taken during these months.

Insect repellent is an effective way to keep ticks, as well

see Lyme pg. 11



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Sleep is important, even during the weeks leading up to finals. What if there was an alarm clock that could not only help you fall asleep but also gently wake you up at the optimal time for your body?

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The aXbo is designed to wake people up gently when they are sleeping the lightest. The desired result is a non-groggy awakening where you feel refreshed with no need to hit the snooze button.

A wireless terry cloth band embedded with a small sensor is worn around the wrist at night. The sensor transmits movement information to the alarm clock and, optionally, a computer, in order to keep track of sleep patterns.

Each clock is equipped to handle two sensors, so a couple can each have individualized settings programmed in.

There are six different sounds available to wake up with, ranging from smooth jazz melodies to chirping birds. The volume of the wake-up call can be set on a scale of one to nine, depending on the preferences of each partner.

However, you can't wake up nice if you don't fall asleep first. The aXbo comes equipped with three "chillout" settings featuring a rolling river, crickets chirping or the sounds of a forest night.

The easily readable clock senses when you fall asleep and goes into a type of sleep mode itself: it'll shut off the display and chillout mode. If you wake up during the night just push the button embedded in your wristband to light up the display for 10 seconds. This button also turns off the alarm in the morning.

What if the power goes out? No worries. The clock is equipped with auto-rechargeable batteries that will operate for seven days straight without electricity, which also makes it nice for traveling.

Future versions of the clock will help people power nap and also wake them up when dream recollection is optimal.

The aXbo is made in Vienna, Austria and has been so popular in Europe that the company is out of stock until August. They are currently accepting preorders for the next shipment, if you have \$250 to throw down.

Tool's back, but are they on their way out?

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For a band that has only released one EP and four LPs in the last 15 years, Tool's work has been, on the whole, more than satisfying. However, it seems on "10,000 Days" that they have simply reached a plateau.

"10,000 Days," apparently a reference to the amount of time (about 27 years) that singer Maynard James Keenan's mother Marie lived past her stroke, could be almost called "Lateralus 2" judging by the sound. Once again, this CD finds guitarist Adam Jones and bassist Justin Chancellor exchanging riffs and melodies over the polyrhythms of drummer Danny Carrey complimented by Keenan's sometimes breathy/sometimes growling delivery.

All of the real songs on this album (just like their other releases, this CD contains several "filler" tracks) are polished and solid, but they sound like they were pulled from other albums.

"The Pot," which would sound at home on "Aenima," contains some of the worst lyrics Keenan has ever written. "You must have been high," Keenan sings, and then, "Who are you to point your finger?" This has all been said before, and brings nothing new to the table. The music can save this track some face, though.

This is not to say there aren't great musical moments on this album. "Vicarious," "Jambi," "Rosetta Stoned," "Right in Two" and the title track are standout songs.

The first couple minutes "Rosetta Stoned" features Keenan stuttering lyrics with a kind of throaty whisper and is one of the finest musical moments on the album. "Right in Two" is similarly good, building to a chord-crunching finale.

Overall, though, the most exciting part of "10,000 Days" is probably the packaging. For the artwork on the album, the band has included stereoscopic lenses to view the accompanying photos. These photos include the clearest pictures of the band they have so far included inside an album, and are incredibly cool. The other visuals, a combination of creepy close-up photos of a laboratory-like setting, and a few layered CG graphics, are similarly stunning.

After some lackluster releases from Keenan's other band, A Perfect Circle, and a couple paltry DVD singles (for "Schism" and "Parabola"), and this new album, it might be that the era when Keenan

and co. could do no wrong might be at a close.

However, after Keenan had hinted that "Lateralus" would mark the last Tool CD, it was a welcome surprise to get a new album in 2006. At least we can be content with the fact that no matter how lackluster the album is, it is still new Tool, something the world can always use more of.



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"M:I-3" aids the death of the modern action movie

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ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

With the dismal failure (despite opening strong at the box office) of the last "Mission: Impossible" movie, this third film sets out to reinvigorate the franchise by offering the audience a chance to be introduced to the personal life of the "Impossible" movie series' main character, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise).

In the film's opening segment, a gun is pointed at a woman's head, while Hunt watches helplessly. The vile man performing these nefarious deeds is played by none other than Philip Seymour Hoffman ("Capote"), in his first villainous role, as an arms dealer named Davian. Hunt, meanwhile, has 10 seconds to disclose where the "Rabbit's Foot" is. After the tenth second, he does not, and the woman is shot. Then the film backtracks.

Fans of the hit-and-now-dead TV show "Alias" know this trick all too well from a certain significant episode. "Alias" series creator J.J. Abrams is, coincidentally, the director of "M:I-3." Non-"Alias" fans in the audience will be baffled until around the last 25 minutes of the movie.

"M:I-3" features a near-spectacular sequence soon after its opening hook, complete with computer-controlled high-caliber weapons, a rescue operation of one of Hunt's team members, and a wild helicopter chase through soaring windmills.

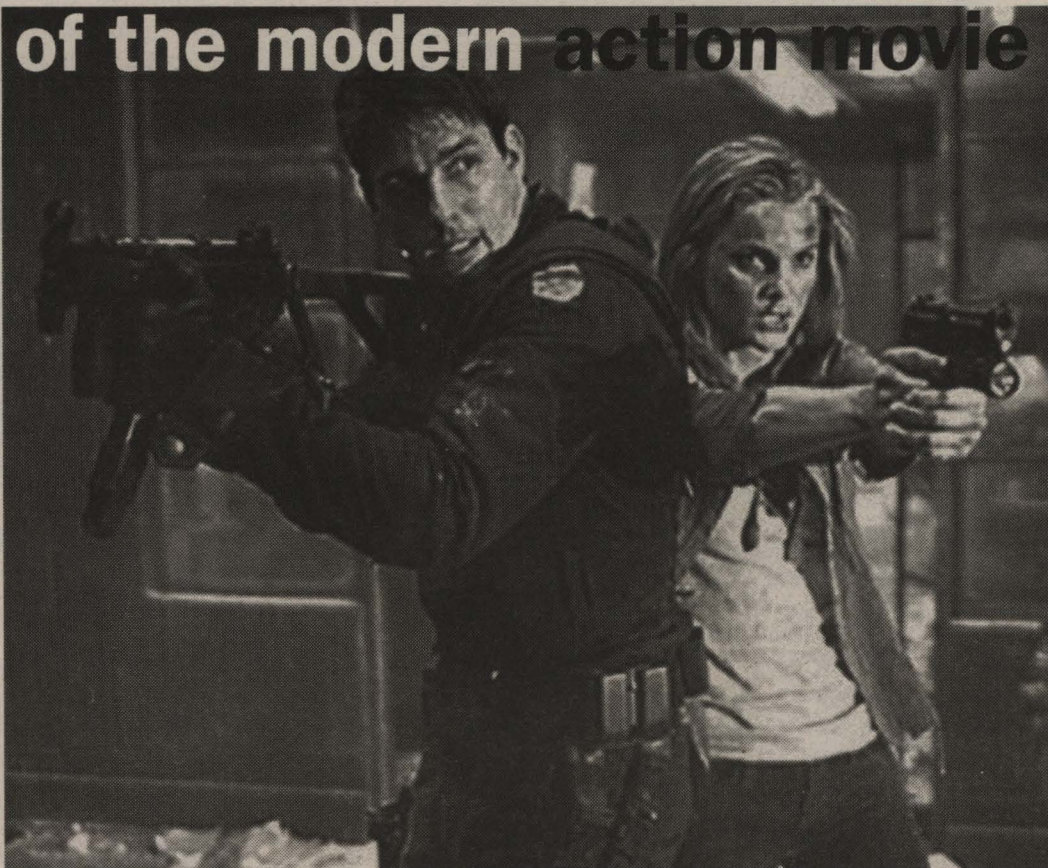
The story of "M:I-3" then seg-

ues into a cross between a string of "Alias" episodes, and a practically identical sequence to the subplot in James Cameron's "True Lies." In fact, a bridge in "M:I-3" is taken out by missiles in similar fashion as the one in "True Lies." Only this time the perpetrator is a drone, as opposed to the Marine Harriers in "True Lies."

The point is we've seen this before. It isn't questionable that both of the sequences in these movies are exciting to watch—they are—but "M:I-3" borrows too much from films that have come before it, which in turn sacrifices its integrity and heightens its predictability. The "face maker" module is even borrowed from "M:I." But it has worn out its welcome.

In films as these, the audience will see highly unlikely stunts, and un-believable frivolities. Similar to the drawn out action stunts in "Matrix Reloaded," "M:I-3" action scenes become a matter of "what can we do to top that last scene." In time they are unexpectedly boring because there are simply too many. However, when "M:I-3" spaces its stunts out, they work effectively. Thankfully, overall the stunts are not as ridiculous as those in "M:I-2."

The main portion of the plotline



Tom Cruise and Keri Russell in M:I-3

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is the love between Hunt and his girlfriend "Jules" (Michelle Monaghan), a relationship that is filled with corny sappiness. Coincidentally, Jules resembles Katie Holmes (Cruise's real wife). When she learns a certain secret of beau Hunt, the result and her reaction are outright preposterous.

Other sections of the script are tight, crafty and come across as smart. You may be asking yourself, then, why are the subplots and subtexts so bad?

If "M:I-3" has one saving grace it's villain, Davian. Hoffman plays him as a sadistic, always alert guy.

Even when placed in a life-threatening situation by Hunt, Davian doesn't break a sweat, and swears suffering on Hunt's girlfriend. But even Hoffman seems somewhat bored in a film that clearly isn't made for his style.

In the end, the early stunts on work well. Most of Cruise's acting isn't that bad, and his team provides good support, if not enough. But the subplots are ludicrous, including the spy-play deceptions going on within Hunt's own agency. "M:I-3" is another action movie has-been, in a breed that is dying a slow death.

from **Mumps** pg. 1

far the ones we've sent in, we don't have any positive results yet. So you can't even say we have an outbreak."

The staff at UHS constantly monitor the national scene for all kinds of disease-related outbreaks. According to Hettler, a student from Iowa first brought mumps to the United States while traveling abroad to the United Kingdom. Once the student returned with the virus, it spread through the state.

"We've been watching this as it started in Iowa and there were a huge number of cases in Iowa," he said. "Then some of the cases came into Wisconsin to Platteville and then there were other little hot spots around the state."

Hettler isn't surprised that the disease made its way to Wisconsin.

"Most of the schools (that reported

positive tests) are within a half-day's drive within our state, so you expect there's going to be athletic events, there's going to be parties, there's going to be a lot of traffic."

Given that many students live in residence halls located on campus, some would think that these buildings would be a hot bed for the virus to travel, but Hettler said that is untrue.

"The dorm system is not the issue. The greatest sharing of respiratory droplets occurs in classrooms and social settings outside of classrooms," he said. "Residence halls are pretty much boxing people in little cubicles. There is some traffic between rooms, but the biggest risk to you is sitting in a crowded classroom with people coughing. So this myth that it's the residence halls that do it, it's a myth."

While the end of the semester is bare-

ly over a week away, Hettler said if an outbreak were to ever happen, it would actually be best that it happen before the end of the school year.

"Let's say you came down with a positive confirmed mumps case. We have the ability to e-mail to all of your classmates and let them know that (they) were exposed," he said. "Whereas, once you're out away from the campus in your regular life, it's a lot of legwork for somebody to get in touch with everyone you were in touch with."

Now that it has been a week since UHS has seen a positive test for mumps, the staff anticipates an uneventful end to the school year.

"We're hopeful that we've been spared a major outbreak."

For more information about mumps, visit the UHS Web site at <http://wellness.uwsp.edu/News/mumps.htm>.

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as other annoying bugs, off your skin. Be sure to use repellent with 20-30 percent DEET. The product label will tell you how much DEET is in the repellent.

Finally, be sure to wear long pants and sleeves when going into a tick-infested area. And check your body and clothing for ticks daily during the spring and summer months.

If you should happen to find a tick on your skin pull it off with a tweezers, being careful not to crush the tick's body. If the tick has been on you for less than 24 hours, the chances of infection are small. But do monitor your health for the next week.

If you think you have been infected with Lyme disease seek out medical attention.



from **WISPIRG** pg. 1

Kloth said, adding that the group brought plastic garbage bags for cover just in case.

According to the 2004 census, nearly 10 percent of Portage County's 68,000 residents live below the poverty line. While many homeless live in larger metropolitan areas like Milwaukee and Racine, WISPIRG wants to show fellow students that Stevens Point is not immune to the problem.

"I think a lot of people don't think there's a problem," said Walsh. "You could go to San Francisco and you see homeless everywhere, but here, you don't see people in the streets."

Those participating in the Box-Out planned to display facts about homelessness in the country on the outside of their box shelters.

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 23 percent of the 3.5 million homeless in

the country are military veterans, and 40 percent are children.

"We work on the public's side to counter lobbyists and corporate industry," said Guidry. "With regards to this event, maybe this is a sign of things to come, a catalyst for more events like this in the future."

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