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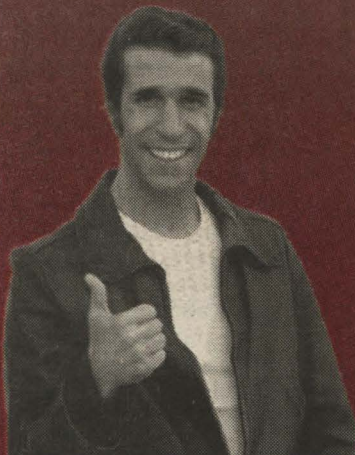
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UW-SP to build Facebook rehabilitation center

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point announced Monday, March 26 that they will be adding a new medical center. The center will be called the Mark Zuckerberg Center for Facebook Rehabilitation. Construction will take place in the middle of May, and the center is set to be open by late September 2007. The University Center is not set to open until spring 2009.

The rehab center is intended to help students recover from an addiction to the website Facebook.

Facebook, created in 2004, is a website originally designed for college and university students to keep in touch with high school and college friends. Since then, it has grown into a website where anyone can join.

In September of 2005, UW-SP was added to the network and 8,970 people have joined, more than the total enrollment.

There was a debate between building the 2.5 million dollar center and banning Facebook from the university. At the press conference on Monday, the chancellor stated that she feels the Facebook Rehabilitation center will be very beneficial to the university.

"So many of our students are spending more time on Facebook than their studies; I think this center will help get our students back on track," she said.

The chancellor thinks Facebook is a great way for

the students to keep in touch with friends from high school or contact students in classes.

"Students just need to learn how to use Facebook responsibly," she said.

The Mark Zuckerberg Center will have four floors and three wings; the first two will be for patient rooms, and the top two will be for recovery activities with computer labs

on both floors. There was discussion on whether or not to have computers in the rehabilitation center, however it was decided that Facebook will be blocked on all computers. Patient floors will be separated according to gender, but programs will be co-ed.

Patient rooms will be designed much like the current dorm rooms at UW-SP; however, they are fully furnished with a TV, DVD/VCR player, futon, lofts and walk-in closets. Students may not bring their computers or laptops while they are admitted into the center.

Three types of programs will be available: 30 days, 60 days and 90 days. Students will be expected to attend classes and keep up with their schoolwork while they are patients at the center.



Photo by Mark Zuckerberg

Plan for Facebook Rehabilitation Center

Students don't have to worry about paying for the programs along with tuition. The cost of the 90 day program (\$4,500) will be added on to all students' tuition starting next fall.

Proposed activities for the center are special groups designed for severity of addiction, lectures, counseling, meditation, fitness classes and 12-step meetings to contribute to long-term sobriety.

The 12-step program is still being created, but the first step is for the student to delete their Facebook account.

UW-SP is the first university in the UW System to build a Facebook Rehabilitation Center. They are hoping to start a trend among Wisconsin universities within the next few years.

Facebook is a common word around students and

most staff at UW-SP. Even if one does not have Facebook they have most likely heard of it. Most individuals would say that the campus is addicted to Facebook.

Not only do students log on to Facebook, they even talk about it or reference it as if Facebook were Wikipedia. Some conversations may sound like: "Sarah and I got into this huge fight on Facebook last weekend just because I tagged her in a photo that made her look 'fat'," or "Did you see on Facebook that John and Mary broke up? I read his wall; I think he was cheating on her."

Another common saying when having a conversation

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Use of Wikipedia encouraged by professors

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Professors at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point are enforcing the use of Wikipedia as a reference in all class work. The professors have decided that Wikipedia is the most reliable source on the Internet, and all students should take advantage of the free service it provides.

Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia, was created in 2001

and has grown into one of the largest reference websites on the internet. Wikipedia has a vast range of information ranging from United States History to Grey's Anatomy.

Professor Jacqueline Briskin is excited for the new enforcement of Wikipedia.

"I have always encouraged my students to use Wikipedia because it is such a great website and has so much information."

Most professors agree with her statement.

There are a few professors

who disagree and feel that Wikipedia is not as reliable as paper sources. Professor Severus Snape is one of them.

"The internet is a dangerous place. Also, anything free is never reliable, so why would a free reference website be more reliable than a paper one?"

For the most part, students are happy about the new enforcement.

"For my history class, I never even read the book. I just printed off the information on the era from Wikipedia

and studied that. I ended up getting an A in a class based solely off of a midterm and final," stated Noah Calhoun, a freshman.

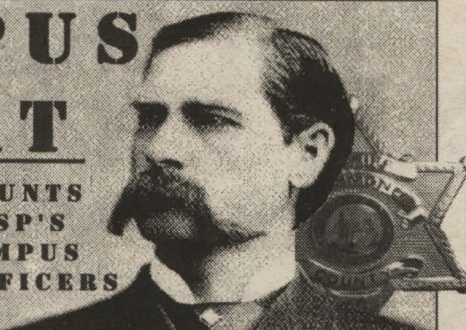
"I love Wikipedia. I think I am on it more than MySpace," said junior June Carter. "It is so useful for homework and random facts."

UW-SP isn't the only university enforcing the use of

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CAMPUS BEAT

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



Pray Sims Hall
March 27, 2007 2:03 a.m.
Type: ASSAULT

Man taken into custody after tossing his roommate in the dumpster. He claims his roommate came home "trashed" and that he wanted to teach the roommate a lesson.

Lake Joanis
March 25, 2007 2:50 p.m.
Type: INDECENT EXPOSURE

Stevens Point police officials responded to complaints of "unusual and wild noises" coming from Lake Joanis. Upon arrival, the noises were found to be made by Stevie and Stephanie Pointer skinny dipping.

UW-SP Campus
March 24, 2007 10:05 p.m.
Type: DEATH

Numerous students have died of boredom. Coroner blames bad comics...

Burroughs Hall
March 26, 2007 8:40 p.m.
Type: DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

First and second floors were found hosting keg stand contests and serving brownies laced with marijuana. The CAs of both floors have been associated with providing the alcohol and "brownies".

Nelson Hall
March 27, 2007 5:30 p.m.
Type: POSSESSION OF DEADLY WEAPON

Campus movie critic cited for knocking out a student with their extremely large head. The victim is in critical condition.

from Rehab pg.1

among friends is "That's a Facebook quote!"

Students either love Facebook or they hate it, and if they hate it, they still can't get enough of it.

Freshman Derek Shepherd stated, "I absolutely cannot stand Facebook, but I am constantly on it."

Some students can't even attend class without logging into Facebook. Junior Hermione Granger stated, "All of my professors think I bring my laptop to class to take notes, but I am really just on Facebook the whole time."

When asked about students using Facebook during lecture time, biology professor Chuck Norris replied, "If I see any of my students on Facebook during lecture, I give them a roundhouse kick to the face. They never go on Facebook again."

It is estimated that students spend about 18 hours on Facebook per day. Some students are actively exploring the website for that amount of time while others just have the website up and hit "refresh" periodically for news feed updates.

The amount of time spent on Facebook is taking a toll on students' overall grade performance. After the Fall 2006

semester, grades were at an all time low at UW-SP.

"I actually think the Facebook rehab center is a really good idea," said senior Steven Pointer. "I am logged into Facebook all the time and can't go two hours without being on it. I think this fall I might even admit myself into the center!"

Pointer's sister Stephanie, a sophomore, disagrees, "There is no need for UW-SP to build a Facebook rehab center; students need to become more involved on campus so they have less time to be on Facebook."

Students may admit themselves anytime throughout the year or come in for a session of counseling.

Symptoms of Facebook addiction:

- Checking Facebook more than 3 times a day

- Inability to function without being on Facebook for more than one day

- Knowledge of what your Facebook friends are doing before they even tell you

- Sleep deprivation due to spending the night "Facebooking"

- Irritability during class time

- Inability to straighten fingers

- Facebook is referenced at least once in every other conversation

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Wikipedia; all other members of the University System are enforcing it as well as various high schools around the state.

Two weeks ago there was a rumor about Wikipedia being unreliable and the information being made-up. However, the creators of Wikipedia stated that it is a completely reliable website as they monitor all the information and make sure facts are correct.

Due to the rumor, many professors were skeptical of their students using Wikipedia as a resource, but since the creators have stated that Wikipedia is reliable they are enforcing the use of it.

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Pointlife

UW-SP faculty leave campus for Genesis tour

Mama Abacab
POINTLIFE REPORTER

Fall 2007 will be no ordinary semester for three professors at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. On Sept. 11, 2007, local rock band Ice Cream Socialist will begin a one-month, 14-date tour across the United States and parts of Canada as the pre-opening act for Genesis. The band, composed of three faculty members from UW-SP will be forced to take leave from the university as a result of the timing for the tour.

The band, consisting of David Arnold (English), David Williams (Philosophy/Political Science) and Nikki Arnold (Education/English) plays rock music, sparked from the prime inspiration of the Beatles and Rolling Stones.

At the beginning of December 2006, approximately one month after Genesis announced they were doing a reunion tour, Ice Cream Socialist traveled to Chicago to audition to be

the group performing before the opening act for Genesis performs.

"Our agent, Ringo Richards, found out about the audition and encouraged us to go," said Arnold. "We thought, might as well. We had nothing better to do on the day of it."

After months of waiting to hear if they earned the spot, Richards called the band this past week to tell them that they were going to need to go on sabbatical next semester. Richards has already signed off on the contracts with the venues and Genesis' people so the band is all ready to play.

Of course, from now until the beginning of the tour, the band is feverishly practicing and honing every detail of their show.

"This is our big chance to show America and Canada who we are," said Nikki Arnold. "The band is already practicing like crazy to be anywhere near the level of quality Genesis will be performing at."

Richards has been in deliberation with a private

bussing company to arrange for Ice Cream Socialist to have their own transportation.

"We don't have the kind of money Phil Collins does where he can fly on his own airplane to the shows," said Williams. "Let's remember what kind of jobs all three of us have."

While all members of the band are excited for the tour, some are apprehensive about the amount of time being spent together.

"I'm married to Nikki, so that will be exciting, but having to basically live with David could pose some problems," said Arnold. "I've heard some things about his bedtime rituals and it may creep me out a little."

After hearing this, Williams rebutted the comment saying, "I don't know what he is talking about. Well, I'm not looking forward to his Flannery O'Connor recitations."

Hopefully the band enjoys the entire experience, including the travel.

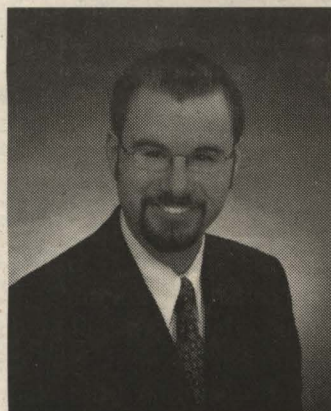
Next spring make sure to stop by the professors' offices and get their autograph. By then they will be superstars.

Tour information can be found on the band's Facebook page under Ice Cream Socialist.



Photo courtesy of www.google.com

The Ice Cream Socialist are to join Genesis on their North American tour.



"I fought for student issues while I was a student here at UWSP. Now I want a chance to finish what we started six years ago in City Hall. With your vote and help, I'll get a chance to do that on April 3rd."

-Andrew Halverson

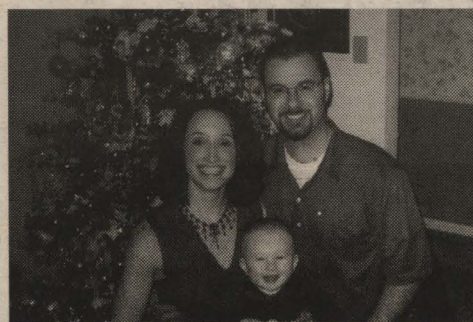


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Thursday night fun will soon be cut short

Jackie Daniels

POINTLIFE REPORTER

The fourth day of the workweek will be known as "Prohibition Thursdays" around the Stevens Point area as of March 29, 2007.

This change, set into motion by Stevens Point city officials in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, will change local bar operation hours. Under the new system rules, establishments will no longer serve any alcohol to patrons after the hour of 10 p.m.

"The idea of this new practice is to teach students, as well as other members of the community, to be more responsible," said Bill Miller, Stevens Point city council member.

"We want everyone to keep in mind that even though the weekend is on its way, there's still one

more workday left in the week. It is not a day to let responsibilities slide."

Stevens Point citizen Annie Brewer agrees with the early Thursday curfew.

"As a parent, I feel better knowing that students and other community members won't be out at all hours of the night putting themselves, and possibly others, in danger," said Brewer.

Other members of the community, including UW-SP students, have mixed feelings about the non-alcoholic Thursday night policy.

"Thursday nights are a time to start winding down for the week," said senior Samantha Adams.

"If we don't have classes on Fridays, there is no reason that we shouldn't be able to live it up a little."

Owners of various establishments are also up in the air about the new policy.

"I can see the point of a

plan like 'Prohibition Thursdays,' but it could be a bad thing for those of us who could lose money on the deal," said Josie Cuervo, who works as a bartender at Bruisers in Stevens Point.

"If we can't serve customers, they are going to spend their money other places, and we are going to lose out on the profit," said Cuervo.

Patrons and establishments will be fined for going against the new policy. Citizens can expect to pay up to \$500 if caught, and bar owners and operators may be fined up to \$2,500, according to the official report by the city council.

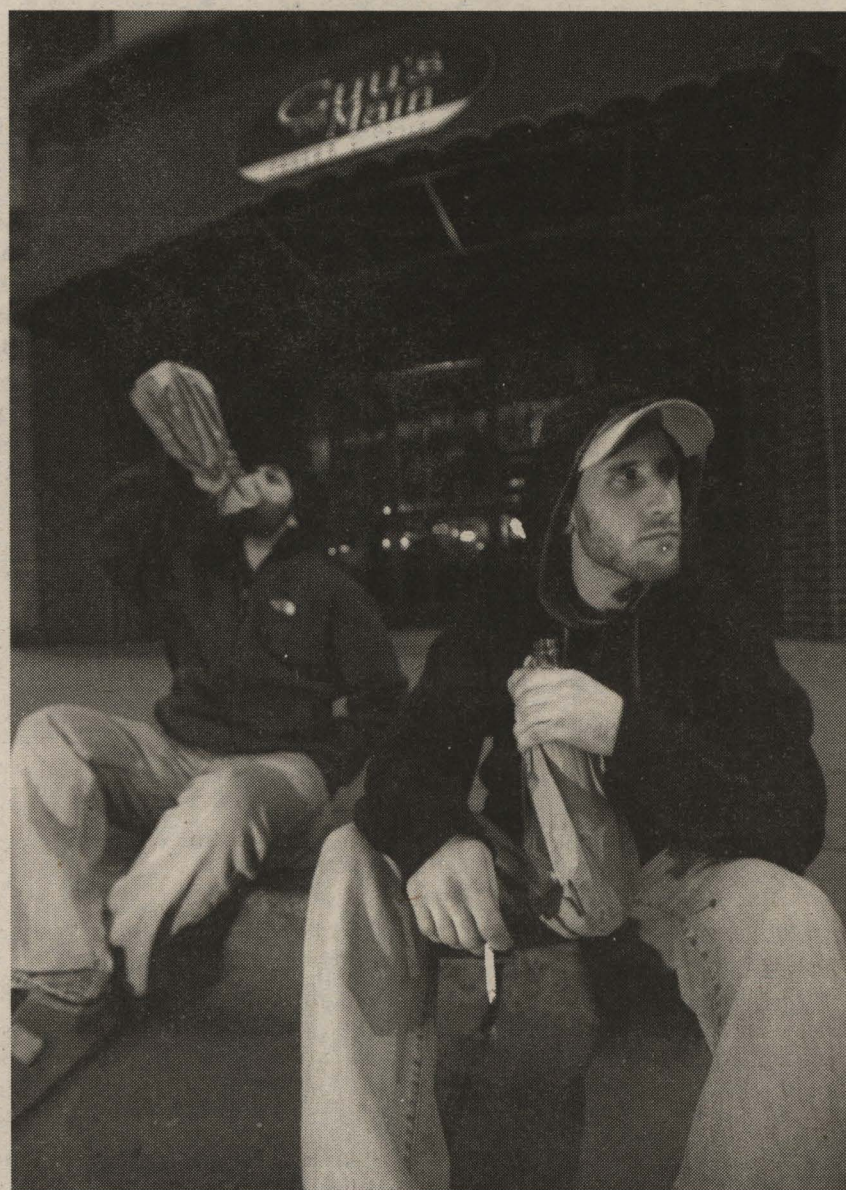


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Students are forced to have their fun outside the bars as a result of "Prohibition Thursdays."

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Bubba is coming to town

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POINTLIFE WRANGLER

The University of Wisconsin chapter of The Rodeo Society will be starting a new mechanical bull riding team that will be implemented on campus within the next school term. The team will be in active competition with other collegiate riding teams across the Midwest, such as the UW-River Falls and Michigan Technical College club teams.

The Rodeo Society is excited to install their 500-pound mechanical bull dubbed "Bubba" in the HEC Center, near the climbing wall. Once Bubba is settled into his new abode, practices for the team will take place once a week and will continue throughout the summer.

"It ought to be great having a new sport here at the University," remarked an individual at the athletic office. "I can't wait to watch those students use their talents."

There is not a coach for the team yet, but The Rodeo Society is taking applications from qualified individuals. According to Rodeo Society President Cord Stanford, there will be tryouts held mid-April for the Co-ed Varsity Riding Team. No prior riding is necessary; just bring your Wranglers, cowboy hats and the desire to ride.

If you are interested in experiencing Bubba's strength, try out your riding Sunday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. during open ride night, starting April 8. For any additional information please contact The Rodeo Society at rodeosociety@uwsp.edu.



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Science, Health & Tech.

Scientists claim Americans, the world too skinny

I.M. Obeses
THE POINTER

Over the last decade Americans all over the country have been told over and over again that America is the fattest nation in the world and continues to get more and more obese with each passing year.

Most experts blame this phenomenon on overconsumption and lazy exercise habits, but a recent study by Johns Hopkins University showed that it's not that Americans are too big, but everyone else is too small.

"After years of research and study we have concluded that the rest of the world is simply too small and the average American figure is just right," said Dr. Phillip Weston, head of the study at Johns Hopkins, at a recent press conference unveiling the results.

"This is a major breakthrough for our country proving once again that bigger is better," said Weston.

Weston told the American public to "just disregard" anything said in the last few years about healthy eating and exercise habits. He explained that every exer-

cise program and diet plan was completely made up in an attempt to make it look like we [doctors] cared at all about America's alleged collective weight problem.

"Now that we know that the problem is with other countries and not us, you just keep doing what you're doing, America," said Weston.

Weston explained that most of the diet plans developed and published were actually the final projects of freshmen medical students.

"We thought of it as more of a hazing ritual than a project," said Weston. "It's a shame they won't be able to publish them anymore, it gave them such a great sense of accomplishment," said Weston.

This study comes on the heels of another study by the American Cancer Society revealing that a low fat diet does not in fact decrease patient's odds of getting cancer.

"These two studies are finally showing the world that America may know a thing or two about healthy living," said Dr. Eva Roberts, professor of, "We have now become the model for healthy living. Viva la freedom fries"

exclaimed Roberts.

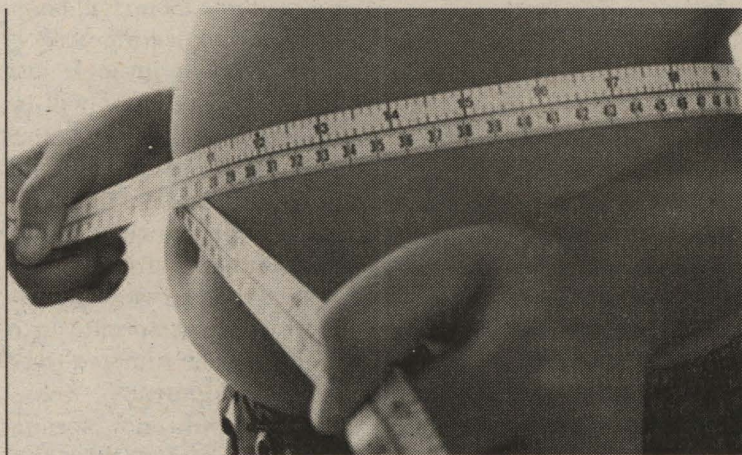
Within a week of the study's release, people across the country have seized the opportunity to forget their New Year's resolutions and dive head first into overindulgence. It seems that the American people are more excited than ever to eat and sit on their asses. Fast food restaurants all over the country are being overrun with customers anxiously grabbing at double and triple cheese burgers.

"I lost 100 pounds over the last year after my doctor told me that I was obese. Now that I know that it wasn't that I was fat but everyone else was too small I can't wait to gain those 100 pounds back," said Linda Carey of Stevens Point.

McDonald's has even re-added their super size option to the menu and there have been several reports of diet books and copies of "Super Size Me" being burned in mass bonfires to commemorate the occasion.

"F**k you, South Beach diet," exclaimed one member of the crowd gathered at a burning by the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

The new study has also



This bluging belly is now the standard which the rest of the world must follow.

gained political attention on the national level. At a White House press conference shortly after the study was released, President George Bush commended the scientists and their hard work.

"For years the liberal media has been telling our fine nation that we are too fat in order to strengthen the resolve of our enemies and weaken the spirits of our allies and soldiers at war. Finally the truth is coming out. This is an important victory for our nation," said Bush.

The doctors involved in the study have all been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

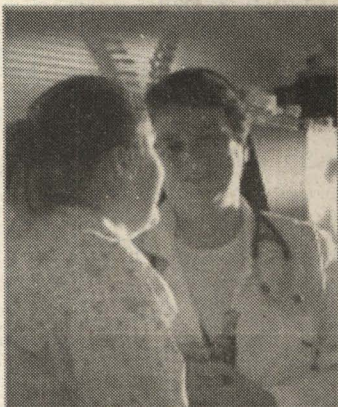
There have been a few

critics of the new findings who claim that Americans need to take obesity seriously and continue to limit portion sizes and get at least 30 minutes of moderate activity daily, but in most cases such criticism has fallen on deaf ears.

"The critics of these findings are posing a direct threat to national security," said Bush.

At the press conference announcing the doctor's findings, Weston also announced a new 10-year study he and his team will be starting this fall.

"We will begin work on the possible health benefits of type two diabetes," he said.



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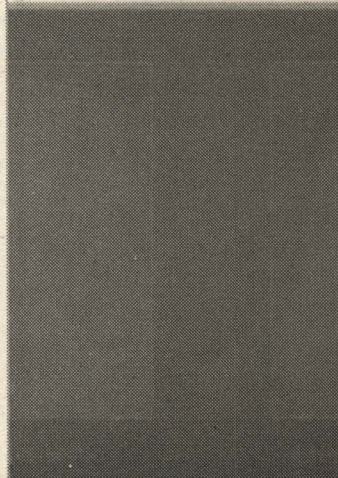
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Apple to introduce iShoe

Harry Hammer
SCIENCE REPORTER

Maybe it is really the shoes. That's what Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple, is hoping with the company's latest announcement. Some technology experts have described Apple's latest bid for the growing youth market as "desperate" and "out of touch."

These critics believe that sneakers belong "underground" and claim that sneakers should have been officially pronounced dead when "Air Force Ones" by controversial rapper Nelly peaked at #3 on the Billboard Hot 100.

In response, Jobs claims that "Nelly has done more than any artist to bring sneakers to the forefront, even more than Run DMC did with their hit 'My Adidas,' I truly believe that sneakers have not reached the peak of their popularity in youth, especially urban youth, culture."

That may be true, but what remains to be seen is just how successful the iShoe will be.

To an unknowing observer the iShoe will look just like a normal shoe; it will be available in a range of colors similar to those of the iPod and will incorporate the traditional Apple logo in an understated and subtle way. It is possible that Apple will use a new clothing specific logo which has been rumored to be under development.

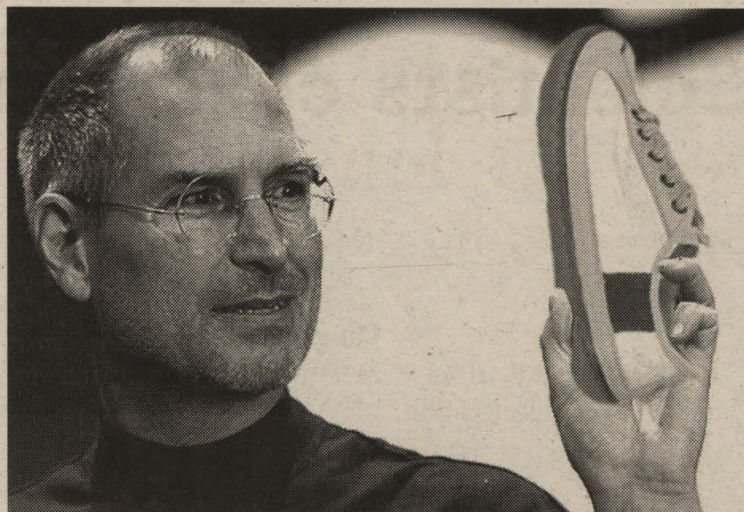
Jobs would not specifically comment on this, saying only that "we have been doing some experimentation will several visual patterns but have not made a decision at this time."

The iShoe is not all about fashion though; it will also serve as an important exercise tool. The real difference will be in the various interfaces and controls located on the heel of the shoe. It took rigorous experimentation to deter-

mine the location that was least likely to be damaged by everyday activities. Interfaces include charging ports for both the iPod and the iPhone, a plug-in for an interactive pedometer which is implanted in the wrist and describes, amongst other things, intensity and number of steps taken, and a control panel and screen which enables the user to select what data he or she would like recorded. A simple USB port allows users to upload workout information directly to Facebook and MySpace pages.

Jobs hopes that this will increase interest in exercise and fitness by the youth of America "hopefully our product will serve as a reminder that technology should be used as a tool for personal development, not something you just sit and stare at."

The iShoes will not be all work and no play however. Soon after the release games, which use similar technology to the Nintendo Wii, will be



Apple CEO, Steve Jobs, unveils the new iShoe.

available for download on iTunes. Jobs thinks that virtual hacky-sack will be one of the most popular, but things such as virtual hopscotch will be available for the younger crowd.

Some industry analysts have speculated that recent talks between Nickelodeon and Apple could lead to the addition of Moon Shoe technology to the iShoe. This could be an attempt to reach people who grew up during the late eighties and early nineties.

This demographic is just now reaching the age where

they have disposable income and Apple could be trying to catch them early. Others have stated that the talks are part of unannounced product development of interactive software for baby entertainment in cribs and playpens. Rumormills have dubbed such software iRugrat and mere rumors of such development have sparked massive outcry from both liberal and conservative family advocacy groups. Jobs would not comment on either iRugrat development or talks with Nickelodeon.

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SCIENCE REPORTER

Everyone knows that college life is the most demanding and most important role in existence. Now the country is trying to relieve some of the strains placed on hardworking university students.

The Food and Drug Administration announced yesterday their decision to dispense marijuana to college students as a way to help them cope with all the stress.

"We have found that most college students are so over-

worked and stressed that they really just need to chill. What better way to chill then getting high?" said FDA spokesman Craig Pott.

Marijuana, if taken as directed, has been proven to cause an extreme sense of euphoria and apathy in its users and could be highly beneficial according to the FDA.

"These kids just work too hard, if they don't chill out and get high they just might implode," said Pott.

There will of course be a limitation on consumption of the plant but the details are still in deliberation.

The announcement was met with widespread celebration at thousands of university campuses across the nation.

"The lies and hurt have finally stopped!" cried one student at Harvard University. "Now we can all live to our full potential of peace, love, and happiness."

Many students and the general public alike agree that the decision will have a positive impact on the student population, and maybe the whole world.

What's happening at the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs...

Already sick and tired of doing homework this week? Then come to the Allen Center to celebrate "Evening of Energy" on Thursday, March 29. Evening of Energy is a night of wellness which includes free yoga, Nia and belly dance classes followed by a belly dance performance. Mind and Body Connections will be offering free paraffin hand dips and chair massages while SHPO provides free energy bars and smoothies. Also available to participate in is a Woman's Journaling workshop which will focus on maintaining healthy lifestyles and relationships. And the best part is all participants will also be given a free T-shirt. Cost of participation will be five dollars.

If you just want to take a break from

studying, then come to the Cardio Center to work out! To workout at the Cardio Center you must have a valid UW-SP student ID and a Cardio Center membership. However, every Friday night from 5 pm to 9 pm, the Cardio Center is free for UW-SP students. In addition to this, the Cardio Center will now be free for students on Thursday nights from 8 to 11 until the end of the semester. Be sure to show up with a student ID.

So take a break and head over to the Allen Center to get in shape! For more information on programs and activities sponsored by the Allen Center for Health and Wellness please visit our website at www.go2allen.com or just stop by!

Outdoors

Lake Joanis Island to host next version of "Survivor"

Open casting call announced

Jeff Probst
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Network executives from CBS have selected the location for next season's iteration of the popular reality show, "Survivor."

Lake Joanis Island, located within Schmeekle Reserve, will be the temporary home for the 19 castaways vying for \$1 million in PointCash in the long-running show's 15th season.

"We had originally set for next season to be set in China," said Mark Burnett, the show's co-creator. "Lake Joanis is much more dangerous."

Not only will the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point be the host of "Survivor," but also all contestants will be students at the school. An open casting call has been scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 8 and will be held in the Berg Gymnasium.

"I can't wait," said UW-SP student Billy Smith. "I have been just itching to try my hand at outdoor foraging."

To make the game much more intriguing, the producers of the show have decided to hold the contest during December, the beginning of Wisconsin's

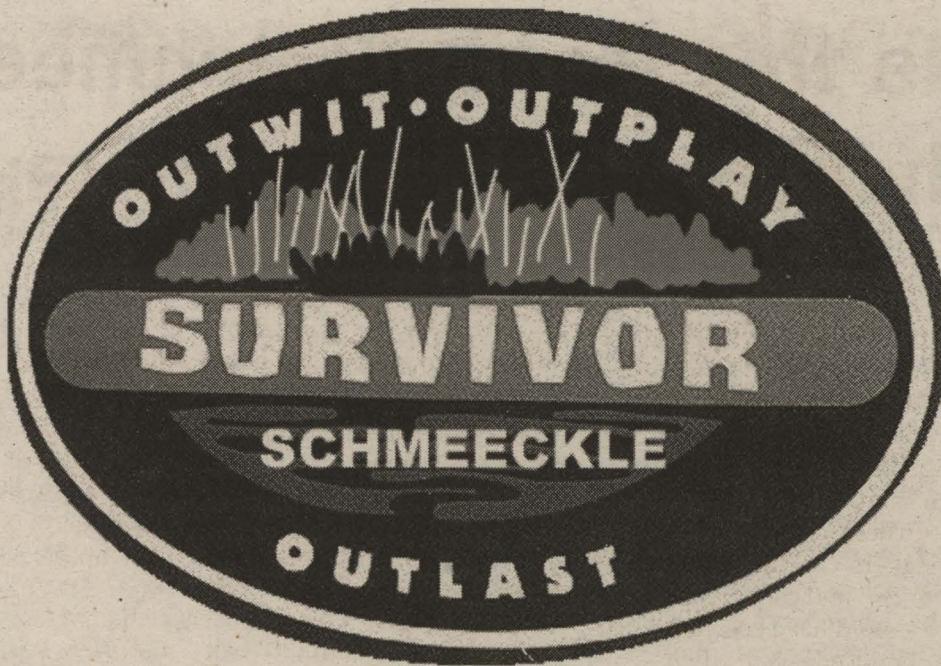
unpredictable winter season. Contestants will be forced to endure temperatures ranging from 40-50 degrees, minimal

amounts of snowfall and occasional thunderstorms.

"Wisconsin winters aren't what they used to be," Smith said. "That's what makes the game so crazy. Contestants won't know what kind of weather they have to prepare for."

"Shorts and a t-shirt could be proper attire," he said.

Another twist to be included in "Survivor: Lake Joanis Island" is the addition of mandatory binge drinking. Since the activity is such a popular college tradition, the producers made the call to include it into most of the immunity



challenges.

"Some ideas we have been playing with involve who can take the most shots of tequila without salt and a lemon, creating the largest beer can pyramid and who can projectile vomit the furthest," Burnett said. "The upcoming season is not for the faint of heart."

CBS had considered

other locations on UW-SP's campus for the upcoming "Survivor" season, such as the men's locker room in the Health Enhancement Center, the basement of the Communication Arts Center and the University Center construction site.

"Survivor: Lake Joanis Island" will premiere next February.



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Outdoor EdVentures presents the Darwin Award



Julie "the rave" Ravenberg
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far below.

"One entrepreneur climbed over the fence with a bag, and leapt to one of the precarious, coin-covered perches. He filled the bag with booty, and then tried to leap back to the fence with the coins."

"But the heavy bag arrested his jump, and several tourists were treated to a view of his plunge to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. He did not survive to harvest the piles of coins that had suffered his same fate."

Take a look at www.darwinawards.com for more of these pathetic stories. Try to avoid extreme stupidity so you may still be a part of the gene pool unlike the many Darwin Award winners.

In order to receive a Darwin Award you must do something so incredibly stupid that it results in removing yourself from the gene pool, and improving our species! Here is a Darwin Award winner from 2001.

"The Grand Canyon in Arizona is cornered off by a fence around the more treacherous overlooks, to prevent unsteady sightseers from tottering into the depths. Some of these overlooks have small towering plateaus a short distance from the fence."

"Tourists toss coins onto the plateaus, like dry wishing wells. Quite a few coins pile up on the surfaces, while others fall to the valley floor

Is this for real? Schmeeckle Reserve treehouse taken over by raging tribe of ewoks

Ted E. Bare
OUTDOORS REPORTER

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, Stevens Point police received a call from a local Stevens Point resident claiming a group of "hairy elementary school kids" were being "ruthlessly noisy" on the north end of Schmeeckle Reserve on the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point campus.

Police officials arrived at the scene to find a group of 40 to 50 small, bear-like animals defending the treehouse, located to the north of Lake Joanis.

Some held long sticks and made deafening chants of eerie laughter and gruffly grunts, as

if to mark the treehouse area as their own. Others took off on deer.

"They were like some 'sort of funky grizzly bears bred with kittens," said Jeffrey Morris, Stevens Point chief of police, who arrived on the scene with Mayor Gary Wescott.

"One of the guys on the force said they looked like ewoks. I took a closer look, and well, they sure as hell did," Morris added.

Ewoks are commonly known among Star Wars fans as a fictional alien race of hunter-gatherers in the Star Wars universe created by American film director, producer and screenwriter George Lucas.

In Lucas' film, "The Return

of the Jedi," ewoks appear as oversized teddy-bears with large jewel-like eyes, bucked teeth and wearing small flaps of clothing over their chest and head.

Upon immediate recognition of the strange creatures, local police authorities were able to get in contact with Lucas, who flew into Lake Joanis by float plane at approximately 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

After hours of observing the

ewoks, Lucas was stunned and unable to come to a conclusion.

"I thought they were just little people in costumes when I filmed them," said Lucas. "Who knew they were actually real things? I'm just not sure of anything anymore," he said.

The Stevens Point police were later approached by Benjamin, Jr. "BJ" Kanobe, a Custer, Wis., resident who claimed to be a direct descendant of the famous Star Wars character, Obi-Wan "Ben" Kenobi.

BJ Kenobi began to speak to the ewoks in a language police officials could not translate. According to Kenobi, ewoks speak "ewokese," a language unspoken worldwide.

Kenobi claims he was able to directly communicate to the ewoks' tribal leader. Police officials allowed the communication between Kenobi and the ewoks to continue after noticing the ewoks appeared to be calming down.

"Their chief said, 'ayon, pinuno daw ito.' They believe themselves to be descendants of the Great Tree, a sacred tree in the forest," said Kenobi. "Apparently, they believe the sacred tree is the tree that holds up the tree house," he said.

On the morning of Sunday, March 25, police authorities, Wescott, Kenobi and Lucas agreed the ewoks needed to be removed as soon as possible due to a variety of potential health and liability hazards that could threaten UW-SP



Ewoks recently tried to take over the Schmeeckle Reserve treehouse. Police authorities were able to safely remove them.

students.

Mayor Wescott issued a statement on Saturday evening in a press conference, unveiling a new plan to safely and humanely remove all ewoks from campus in an efficient manner.

The plan entailed Lucas flying in the original C-3PO, a droid protocol robot that the ewoks believe to be their master.

By 5 p.m. on Sunday, all

ewoks were lead by C-3PO out of campus and are now being stored in an underground cave somewhere near Richland Center, Wis.

"This situation proved to us that we can do anything as a community," said Wescott. "With the help of Lucas and that crazy Kenobi guy, we were able to efficiently manage a big crisis situation."



Several ewoks rode into Schmeeckle Reserve on deer not native to this area.

Easter cancelled in Wisconsin due to booming wolf population

Peter Cottontail
OUTDOORS REPORTER

The National Easter Bunny Union notified Gov. Jim Doyle at a hearing this Monday in Madison that they will not be delivering Easter eggs in the state of Wisconsin. The Union claims that the 400-plus wolves in the state now pose too much of a risk to the large, slow

moving white bunnies.

The Cadbury Bunny, the outspoken union president, gave a powerful speech that silenced the opposition.

"These wolves have no respect for this holiday and for the joy we bring to children across this state. They only seem to be interested in viscously hunting us as we hop from house to house."

Other members of the Union testified on behalf of this cause, as well.

Little Red Riding Hood followed the Cadbury bunny, claiming the wolves have resorted to undercover disguises to infiltrate the homes of their victims. The three little pigs were also scheduled to testify, however only one showed up.

The native bunnies of Wisconsin have been trying to reach a peace agreement with the wolves for thousands of years, but so far the wolves have only

responded with aggression and merciless killing of the furry little animals. The Easter bunnies fear they will be next.

Easter may not be the only holiday affected by the high wolf population in Wisconsin. Santa Clause has also expressed concerned about the wolves.

"Even though my reindeer can fly, Rudolph's stupid bright nose makes the rest of the reindeer vulnerable targets for the wolves while I'm hanging the stockings."

Rudolf may not be playing too many reindeer games this next year.

While the bunnies refuse to deliver eggs this year, they will still be making appearances at malls across Wisconsin under the protection of armed guards.

Gov. Doyle will meet with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources next month to discuss ways for wolves to co-exist with national holidays.



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Schmeeckle deer collars transmit 90 FM; the only alternative

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OUTDOORS REPORTER

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point student Ben Whitman was running through Schmeckle Reserve along the Frog Chorus trail on Tuesday, March 27, when he spotted a radio-collared deer standing a few feet off the trail.

Stopping to tie his shoe, he heard music over in the direction of the animal and noticed the deer was behaving in an unusual manner.

"I knew right away it was 90 FM music, the only alternative, and the deer appeared to be stomping his hoof to the music."

Whitman later called the UW-SP student chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) and reported what he saw.

TWS Vice President Lisa Brien was shocked to hear Whitman's account of what he saw.

"We are completely unaware that the transmitters are playing 90 FM music," said Brien. "The transmitters were set up so that a student could find them with an antenna through the use of earphones. Someone must have installed speakers in the collars."

UW-SP campus security spent Tuesday evening trapping the musical radio collared deer and questioning 90 FM staff members.

On Wednesday morning, a 90 FM employee, whose name has not yet been released, confessed to campus security officials that 90 FM students had been replacing the old radio collars with self-made ones at night.

"For the past several weeks we paid wildlife students to help us trap the deer. Usually they were so tame they'd just walk right up to us," said the unnamed 90 FM staff member.

"It was the perfect plan to expand our coverage and advertise our radio station. We never thought the deer would dig the music, too," she added.

Department of Natural Resources white-tailed deer supervisor Frank Detaync was not happy to find out the deer had been tampered with.

"The deer at Schmeckle Reserve are very special," Detaync said. "They deserve special attention for their very special needs. They do not need to be messed with. These are very special animals we are talking about here."

Others disagree with Detaync, saying that 90 FM-playing radio collars on deer would be a good thing and increase tourism.

"There's many times when I'm jogging around Lake Joanis, I'll just start talking to myself as I go around and around and around," said Jim Bow, a UW-SP student. "But now, if I can hear 90 FM playing in surround sound around the lake, that's just fricken sweet!"

A meeting is scheduled for April 15. Deer and students are welcome to attend.



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Sports

Maggie May brings English style to UW-SP women's 'football' team next season

Women's Soccer

Young Turk

SPORTS REPORTER THAT MAKES THE LADIES TAKE THEIR BRAS OFF

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point recently acquired a new member to the women's soccer team. Maggie May, originally from the village of Highgate, North London, has decided to play soccer for the Pointers beginning next season.

After heavy recruiting the past few months by UW-SP women's soccer coach Sheila Meich, May signed a letter of intent on March 26 to play for the Pointers beginning in fall 2007.

Of course, May will have to prove herself on the field, but given the reasons for Meich to recruit her, the odds are in May's favor.

"Maggie is a great midfielder and will be a real asset to our team," said Meich. "The skills and experience she has already will only improve as she continues her training. I look forward to watching her English style work itself onto the team."

Soccer, or football where May is from, has always been an essential part of her life. Much of her childhood was spent playing and cheering for the Celtic Football Club in Glasgow, Scotland, and the Scotland national team.

"I've kicked a ball since popping out of the womb," said May. "My older brothers, dad and grandfather played. It was a mad footballing family, so when I was a child I had no option but to play football."

While soccer is the main reason May will be attending UW-SP, it is by no means the only. May said she was looking for a change from the lifestyle of living in London. She has traveled to the United States before, but most of the time was spent touring cities, going to arena stadiums for music concerts. Living in an area with lots of vegetation and open space is something May has been hoping to do in recent years.

"I used to look out from the football field and see skyscrapers," said May. "In Stevens Point I will look out from the field and see more fields and

trees. It is a very peaceful feeling."

When she's not kicking the ball around, May said she enjoys singing and is very excited to join UW-SP's music program. Much of her childhood was spent on the field, but when not playing soccer, she listened to all kinds of music and drew inspiration from jazz, Otis Redding and Sam Cooke among others.

"I have a great passion for football, but music is something I can still do when I am 62," said May.

When professors from the music department saw her audition tape, they were very impressed. Sue Bender described her voice as one-of-a-kind, very recognizable. There is a soulful, raspy quality to it, explained Michael Keller.

"I could tell immediately in her audition that she has great poise and stage presence," said Lucinda Thayer. "Her audiences will stop to hear everything she sings."

It appears that this fall UW-SP will be gaining an all-around student who is likely to accom-

plish great things in her time spent at the university. Now May just has to remember that in America we call it soccer.



Photo by Ricky Ricardo

Rod Stew...er...Maggie May will be a great addition to the UW-SP Soccer Team

Garbage Basketball: the biggest thing since last night

Garbage Basketball

Dr. Ben Karch

FIRED POINTER EMPLOYEE, AND YOU'LL SEE WHY

You've probably heard fellow students rambling on about the newest athletic offering at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point known as garbage basketball. Or maybe you haven't,

because the sport is still developing and is mostly popular with the underground crowd; they even crank The National at events.

UW-SP even fielded its first official team this year and took home the Division III National Championship, knocking off a team out of Washington University. Congrats guys, and girls. The team was made up of coeds after all. The game is very

complex, so let me share with you some background. That way there may even be people catching the candy thrown off of the floats in next year's championship parade.

The rules you ask? There are no rules. This isn't Fight Club kiddies; garbage basketball is hardcore. The game originated in New Orleans shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated the lives of many. Bored workers and families

cleaning up the mess decided to create something to pass the time, but all they had was a whole lot of garbage and a whole lot of places to put that garbage.

Inspiration came in the form of Red Cross volunteer Scottie "I never got to shoot, because Michael Jordan was on my team" Pippen. Pippen started rolling up the trash and shooting it into the dumpsters like Jordan, or even Robert Horry! Others started in on these shooting habits of Pippen's and soon made a competitive game out of it. The game spread quickly after that as volunteers returned to their part of the world and immediately shared it with all of their friends and relatives.

Garbage basketball has even begun cracking into the mainstream. NBC's hit show, "The Office," featured a spin-off of the sport when Dunder Mifflin boss Michael Scott, played by Steve Carell, threw a memo from the corporate office into a special filing drawer known as the waste basket, also known as a garbage basketball hoop. The National Garbage Basketball Association (NGBA) threat-

ened to sue NBC, because the show didn't directly mention the occurrence as garbage basketball, but rather just an ordinary action of throwing away trash. They eventually settled, with NBC running an episode of the show pitting the warehouse crew versus the office crew in a game of basketball. The NGBA figured viewers would put two and two together and that the NGBA's point would get across. It did.

After that episode aired, garbage basketball teams started to pop up in a number of schools and bar leagues. Ron Pootya, captain of the Rhinelander Fiskars (one of the first garbage basketball teams created), commented on its early success.

"Everyone has garbage, and it needs to be gotten rid of, it's as simple as that," Pootya said. "We here in the Northern Wisconsin sector of the NGBA are thinking about beginning leagues using recyclable materials, and throwing them into those blue recyclable bins. It'll change the face of garbage basketball and probably completely stop the threat of global warming."

Helping the earth and entertaining millions? Unbelievable! If I were planning to enter the race for President in 2008, I'd run on the promise of supporting and spreading garbage basketball. People wouldn't even remember the name Al Gore.

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Community remembers, dusts deceased UW-SP baller: current players consider preserving their bodies through smelting

Basketball

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TALLYWHACKER

Do you remember Peat, the dynamo who put up record numbers for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team?

Neither did I. That was until janitor Bob Saget discovered the star athlete buried deep in the heart of Old Main on a routine dusting. Four years of firebombs, fellatio and Facebook completely erased the memories of the community that once embraced the greatest basketball player to play for UW-SP since Dennis Rodman.

"I had a feeling that I was going to wake up one day and say 'I can't do dirty Peat anymore. I want to go all clean.' I'll do clean Peat too," Saget said. "And keep those cameras safely rolling. Honey, I'll be home ... actually, this is a newspaper. I AM home."

For those of you who don't

believe in miracles, especially miracles in the city of Stevens Point, please consider the story of Peat.

Peat came into this world in the year 2000 a man at birth. Not only that, but he showed his talents before the doctor even had a chance to slap his bottom. He burst from between his mother's legs, grabbed a basketball, and dunked it into her womb. Standing at just four inches, this was a most impressive feat.

What was different between Peat and other ballin' man-children was his intelligence. Peat scored a 94,212 on a test, and the national average for a test is 24,540. That alone landed him a full-ride scholarship at UW-SP, the most prestigious university in Wisconsin within walking distance from Peat's home in the Village Apartments.

Peat made his way into the starting lineup of the basketball team after the first practice. There was a bitter sentiment among his fellow

teammates at first, mainly because Peat was a freshman, technically a newborn baby, and he was schooling young men who have been playing basketball for over 10 years.

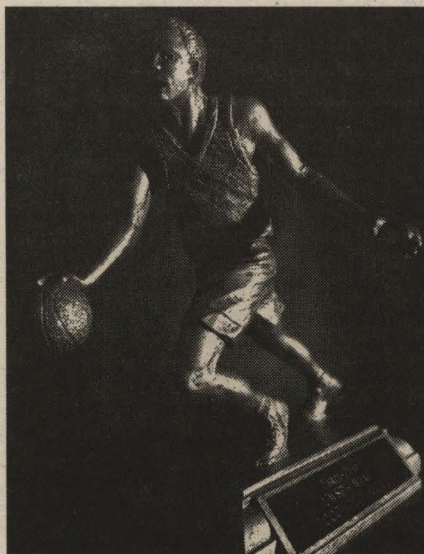


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But after a while, his teammates embraced him with open hands.

This proved huge for the Pointers, who went on to win three straight conference championships in the 2000-2002 seasons, with Peat leading the way with 1752 points

and shot an unheard of 95.2 percent, both NCAA records.

His success in the world of Division III hoops showed the world what he was made of, but he was just like any other man - lucky. Lucky he wasn't a woman. He could participate in sports at a very high performance level for just that reason. Even though he was only eight inches tall, he still beat the WNBA all-star team in a one-on-five contest shortly after the 2001 season. It wasn't much, as random male members from the crowd were doing the same thing just minutes later, but for this thimble-sized man-child it was huge. A huge warm-up.

"Girls are nothing, man," Peat once told a former sports reporter from the Pointer. "I'm beating girls with eight inches of height and length."

He was also like any other man in that he was mortal. Just three years into his life, Peat met a terrible fate. After eating at DeBot for the first time in his college career following

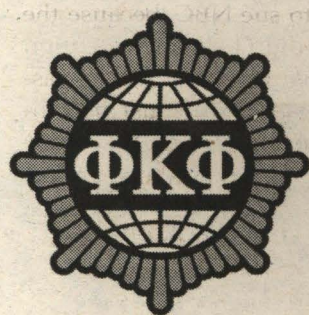
a tough practice, he suffered a massive heart attack, fell into his soup, and drowned. First-responders were unable to resuscitate him.

After two days of intense community mourning, Peat's will was found under his straw pillow. The only thing written in the little green book, "I wish to have my entire body drenched in liquid gold." A drug bust in the SGA office uncovered a large stash of crack cocaine, exotic toys, and nipple rings. The gold from the tit jewelry, totaling fifteen pounds, was just enough to cover the entire surface of Peat's body, which was set in a basketball pose complete with ball.

When the basketball team made it to the National Championship in the 2003-2004 season, Peat was completely forgotten about. Until today. Now the entire team has expressed interest in preservation by smelting.

"What better way to go out than shining?" junior Pete Rortvedt said. "Just don't use my nipple rings."

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Your College Survival Guide

UW-SP alumnus and lecturer publishes fantasy novel

By Pat Rothfuss

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Patrick Rothfuss, a 2000 alumnus and associate lecturer in English at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has published his debut novel, *The Name of the Wind*, the first in a fantasy trilogy about Kvothe, a legendary magician.

The 662-page novel will be released through Daw /Penguin Group on Tuesday, March 27. It has already achieved critical acclaim and was named to the March Significant Seven Editors' Pick at Amazon.com.

The book will be available at bookstores nationwide as well as at Amazon.com. Rothfuss will give a book signing in Stevens Point at Bookfinders, 1001 Brilowski Road, on Thursday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Daw publisher Betsy Wollheim described *The Name of the Wind* as "the most brilliant first fantasy novel I have read in over thirty years as an editor." A review by Publishers Weekly called Rothfuss "the fantasy world's new star."

As the novel begins, Kvothe is living as an innkeeper under an assumed name. Prompted by a biographer who realizes his true identity, Kvothe retells the story of his childhood, his days as a student of magic and his development as a hero, musician, magician, assassin and legend.

"I love the world and the characters that I've created," said Rothfuss, "and I love that people are getting the chance to meet them. I wanted to create

a fantasy novel that didn't stick to the standard clichés of elves, goblins and evil sorcerers. My novel takes things in a different direction. It's a behind the scenes look into what it really means to be a hero."

Rothfuss has already completed all the books in the trilogy, which he wrote while a student at UWSP and finished two months before he graduated with

Wollheim.

The foreign rights to the book have been sold in Russia, Germany, France, the UK, Sweden and the Netherlands. Additionally, there are already plans in the works for versions of the trilogy to be adapted into films, games and graphic novels, says Rothfuss.

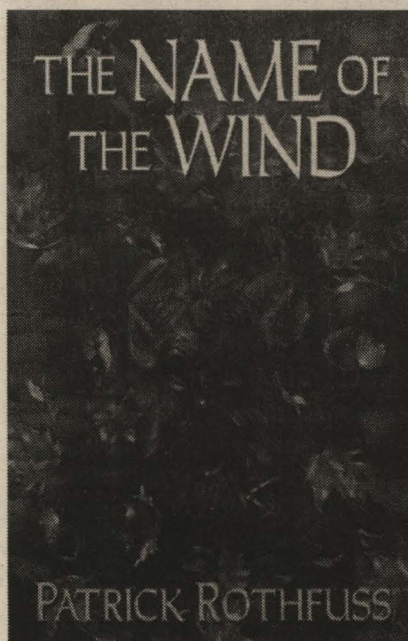
"I didn't know I even had a film agent until he called me on the phone," he said. "It's been exciting, but surreal."

His future plans include more books after this trilogy, including an urban fairy tale and more novels set in the same world as *The Name of the Wind*. "My world is bigger than this single story," he said. "There are places on the map yet to be explored. Characters that only make brief cameos in this trilogy will have larger roles in the works to come. Honestly, I think I could write stories in this world forever."

He also hopes to eventually teach a course on speculative fiction or creative writing.

At UWSP, Rothfuss is the adviser to the College Feminists and the Fencing Club and writes a regular column for UWSP campus newspaper, *The Pointer*. He resides in Stevens Point.

More about *The Name of the Wind* may be found at www.nameofthewind.com <<http://www.nameofthewind.com/>>.

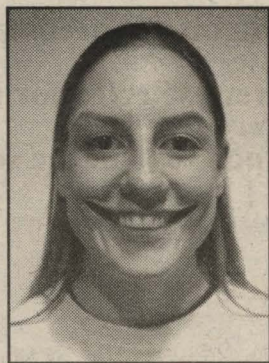


a degree in English. He returned to UWSP to teach after two years of graduate school at Washington State University. After entering a piece of the novel as a short story, Rothfuss won the Writers of the Future contest and was introduced to his agent and

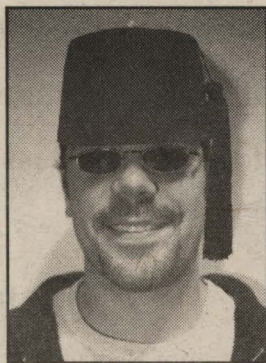
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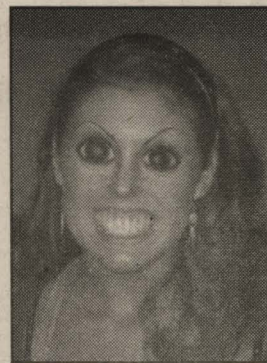
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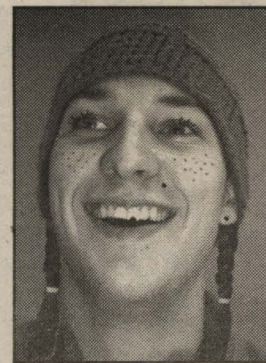
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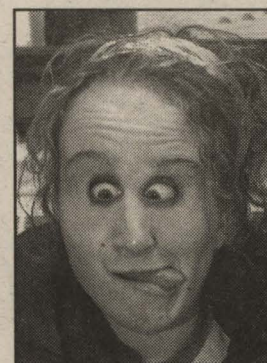
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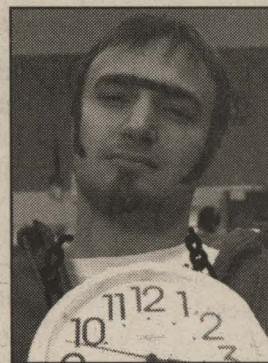
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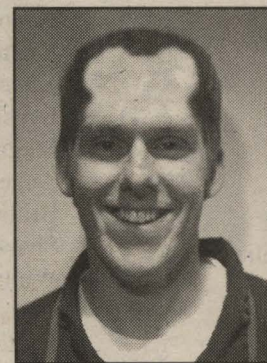
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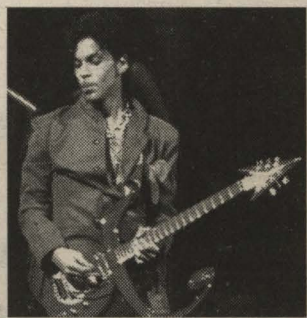
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Arts & Review

Barney Street cancelled

Andre Dorian
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

The University Writers will not publish an edition of Barney Street this year due to lack of quality submissions. Peggy Lee Hanson, co-editor, announced the club's decision on Monday, April 1. Editor in chief Percy Christopher cited lack of rhythm and rhyme, clichéd subject matter, excessive sexual content and overall dullness of submissions as reasons for the decision.

"If it doesn't rhyme, it's not a poem," said Christopher.

Christopher wasn't the only club member to express his disappointment at the quality of this year's submissions. Designer Skye Rathmann regrets the loss of an opportunity to create a new book, but has decided that she would prefer not making a book to having her name on a book of bad poetry.



"Seriously, I have never seen any poetry as lame and maudlin as this year's submissions," said Rathmann. "It was like reading a morbid Dr. Seuss

book." Rathmann went on to state that this year's fiction submissions lacked characterization and definable plot.

This may well be the last straw for

Barney Street. Due to recent scandals, the English department has decided to wash its hands of Barney Street altogether. Barney Street's troubles began when the treasurer forgot to submit the club's budget to the SGA before last year's funding hearings, leaving the club without a budget this year. Members have resorted to begging with Styrofoam cups in the Collins Classroom Center and Noel Fine Arts Center to fund the project.

Shortly after this oversight, last year's edition of Barney Street came under fire when the Campus Crusade for Christ demanded a crackdown on the publication, citing "an overabundance of immoral sexual content." The Crusaders were backed by Chancellor Virginia Helm's personal vice squad, who termed the publication's content "subversive."

"Sadly, we're going to have to put Barney Street on hiatus," said Hanson. "There's just nothing else we can do right now."

Singer-Songwriter teams up with local band

Andre Dorian
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

On Wednesday, April 28, local band Dubious Pizza announced that well-known vocalist Aria Skaestier will be joining their band as a new member. Dubious Pizza's nonsense metal stylings have been popular on the pub scene for several years. Skaestier, already an accomplished singer-songwriter, will lend her influences to the band's sound.

Skaestier's vocal career began in Appleton, Wis. She and high school classmate Tristan Klauser gained critical success in the Fox Cities as The Friction Dynamic, an alternative rock duo. The pair co-wrote the hit single "On My Mind," and released their sole album, "Angst ex Machina," in 2003. Klauser graduated and headed for Chicago, where he became part of the band Spectral Fire. This left Skaestier to pursue a solo career in the Fox

Cities, but her musical relationship with Klauser wasn't over. She continued to write songs with Klauser, providing Spectral Fire with the lyrics for "Meridian" and "Igis Memoriae."

Klauser, who still maintains a close relationship with Skaestier, has always been impressed by the strength of her lyrics.

"You know what they say about living through your lyrics and how there's always that hidden meaning that gives a song that bit of obscurity and that keeps you into it? She's that personified," said Klauser.

In the fall of 2004, Skaestier relocated to Stevens Point, with the intention of pursuing further education in music as well as a solo career. In 2006 she released the album "Kyrie," the title track of which caught the attention of T.J. Horn, Dubious Pizza's accordion player.

"We were looking for an opening act," said Horn. "Kyrie" wasn't exactly our

style—it was folksy, and we're definitely a nonsense metal band, but she drew an interesting crowd, and we were looking to expand our audience."

Aria accepted the band's proposal and has been opening shows for them since 2005. While Skaestier and the band developed a bond of mutual respect, neither party considered a merger.

"Then we found the Spectral Fire albums," said Pathos. "The lyrics were really obscure—not quite nonsense metal, but close. Our fans also wanted to hear more of Aria's voice. She's got this great bitter alto sound that works perfectly for nonsense metal."

The combined group's experimental cover of Jefferson Airplane's "Somebody to Love" was an overwhelming success. Dubious Pizza decided to ask Aria to perform several more songs with them during their shows. After receiving fan feedback and discussing the idea amongst themselves, the group decided to ask Skaestier to join the band.

"The fans love her," said panpipist Will Kirkus. "And she adds a whole new dimension to our sound."

Skaestier looks forward to performing and writing songs with Dubious Pizza. The combined band will perform its first show on Sunday, April 1, at the Mission Coffee house, and Skaestier has written several new songs for the occasion. The group also has tentative plans to release an album in May.



Photo by Andre Dorian

William Kirkus and Aria Skaestier discussed Dubious Pizza's Future.



Photo courtesy Aria Skaestier


The cover of "Angst ex Machina" featured Aria Skaestier and former bandmate Tristan Klauser.

"I've always sort of hoped this would happen," said Skaestier. "I met the guys during my freshman year of college, but I never guessed that I'd become part of their band. It will be good to sing with

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Men's Club show answers Women's Resource Center's "Vagina Monologues"

Willy Vang
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

"When a guy hits a girl it's wrong. So why is it 'cute' or 'funny' when a girl slaps a guy, or punches him in the nuts? It's just as wrong," said Jack Hoffman, president of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Men's Club. "Women aren't the only ones who get battered in relationships. Men get beat up too, and what's worse, it's almost acceptable for a woman to hit a man. By putting on this show, we're trying to raise awareness."

The show is "The Penis Monologues," playwright Richard Johnson's answer to Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." The UW-SP Men's club decided to stage the show in answer to the Women's Resource Center's "Vagina Monologues" production upon noting the success of that particular show.

"If they can raise awareness, so can we," said Hoffman. "All of the proceeds from our performances will go to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence."

The UW-SP Men's Club has billed their show as "A celebration of manhood." Monologue topics range from size concerns, masturbation and embarrassing erections to erectile dysfunction, "getting hit in the balls" and becoming a father. "Line Drive to the Privates," a narrative about a young boy's particularly memorable baseball experience, is one of the more popular monologues. The show also strives to debunk stereotypes of masculinity, from the "macho man" to the "girly boy."

Student reactions to the show have been mixed. Members of the College Feminists express divided opinions about the show. While some decry the production as chauvanistic, College Feminists president Jessica Reed has decided to withhold judgment until she has seen the show.

"I will watch the production with interest," said Reed. "I haven't read the script, so I can't judge it yet. The show might be a compelling portrait of masculinity, or it might dissolve into dick jokes. We'll just have to wait and see."

Members of the UW-

SP Men's Club are well aware of the accusation of chauvinism. The club came under fire when several of its members behaved disruptively during a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" in 2005. The offending members were disciplined and banned from future participation in the club. According to its mission statement, the club seeks to promote unity and understanding among men, as well as raise awareness of men's health issues and promote men's interests. These interests include creating fulfilling and mutually beneficial romantic relationships.

"If we're going to do the best we can at loving women, we've got to love ourselves too," said Hoffman. "So while they celebrate womanness with their vaginas, we're going to celebrate maleness with our penises."

The premiere of "The Penis Monologues" will be Friday, March 31, at 8:00 p.m. in room 221 of the Noel Fine Arts Center. The show will run from March 31 through April 1. Tickets cost \$5 with student ID and \$10 for the general public.

Dellzell experts seek to assist music majors with stress

Melody Singer
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point music department has announced its intention to distribute a mandatory dose of valium to all music majors, effective immediately. The medication, which will be provided free of charge, is an attempt to stem an outbreak of instrument stirring, repetitive rocking, bouncing and other epileptic symptoms during performances.

"The band is supposed to be a uniform entity," said conductor Brandon Caldwell. "Nobody is supposed to stick out. All of the rocking and stirring and flute bouncing makes the individual performers look like showoffs, and not in a good way. We've got to do something about this."

The problem reached a crisis point when Caldwell, nauseated by the gyrations and seizing of an oboist, was forced to stop a concert mid-performance and vomit. Members of the audience have expressed similar dizziness, and some are reported to bring barf bags to concerts.

"We think it's the practice rooms and the stress," said experts at Dellzell Hall. "The air circulation in those rooms is terrible. They often overheat. The walls are painted a dull, lifeless

gray, and the rubber cork floors emit noxious fumes. Music majors spend hours on end in there, and it's not healthy."

Furthering the problem is the stress load of the major—most music majors rarely leave their section of the Noel Fine Arts Center. Those who do leave are reported to arrive at 8 a.m. sharp and leave well past midnight. Lack of sleep, vitamin D deficiency due to lack of sunshine, and day-long practice sessions in a confined environment are all linked to the problem.

"We didn't see this problem as much when the music department was located in Nelson Hall," say the experts. "Those rooms, at least, had windows."

The valium treatment, explained the Dellzell staff, is a temporary measure. They have assigned a set of researchers to study the case in hopes of finding a better solution. Full-spectrum light bulbs in the practice rooms, a health-oriented cafeteria and folding cots for those who sleep in the building have been suggested.

"Course load aside, we want to keep our music majors as healthy as possible," said Caldwell. "After all, they will be passing the gift of music on to the next generation."

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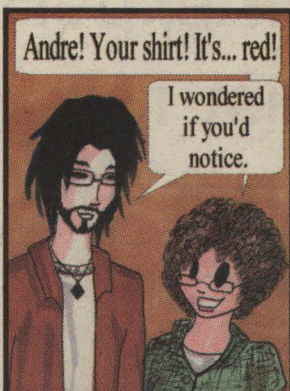
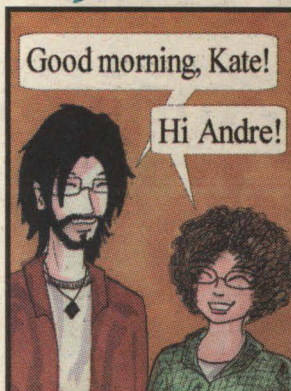
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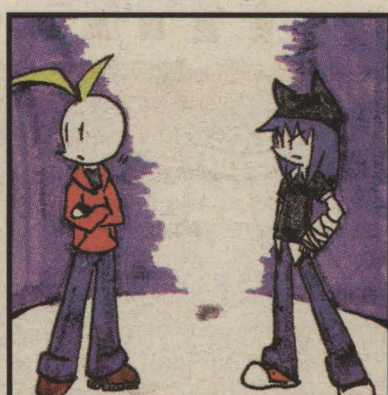
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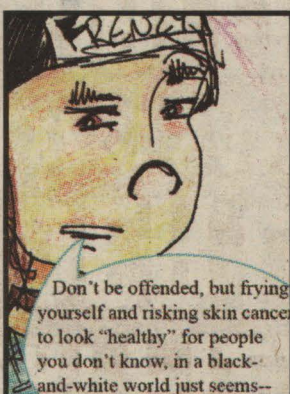
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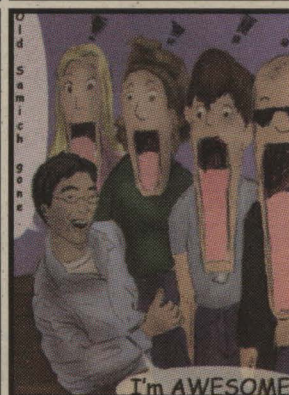
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