

All the way from London, members of UW-SP learn what life is currently like across the pond

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Many people would love to go to London if given the chance. To visit one of the most historically rich and diverse cities in the world is an opportunity extremely difficult to pass up.

But Dr. Leslie Zweigman, director of Anglo American Educational Services in London, acknowledges the chance to visit the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point holds almost the same meaning.

Zweigman views his visit to the UW-SP campus as "certainly an honor." For the past almost five years, Anglo American has been partnered with UW-SP's International Programs office to place interns in London. His visit

once a year, usually in the fall, is met with great anticipation from students and faculty.

Zweigman was on campus this past Monday to present three lectures: "The State of Education in the United Kingdom: Dilemma, Crisis and Direction," "Internships in London" and "A British Perspective on the War in Iraq: Current US-British Relations."

His evening lecture about the War in Iraq drew great interest from not only UW-SP, but also members of the community. Zweigman, originally from Canada, has spent over 30 years in the United Kingdom while studying British Parliamentary history and United States and British histories.

From his perspective, the current United States and British relationship is better than the media makes it out to be.

"I can submit overall leaving aside Iraq and other international crises, [it is] overall very positive," said Zweigman. "That is a position I'm going to postulate rather than what you may have expected me to say that there is such a strong anti-American feel for American government."

Zweigman explained that the United States and Britain have a lot of the same interests and that the two are great allies. But Iraq has caused a great strain on citizens in the United States and United Kingdom.

"In terms of Iraq it is divisive," said Zweigman. "There are ideological poles. You do have the centrists, you do have the right, you do have the left. But in some cases it has been a re-emerging left in Europe."

As the war continues,

now in its fifth year, citizens on both sides of the pond will have to decide for themselves as to how the war will impact their view of each other.

Internships in London

Zweigman spent an hour discussing the internship program his company helps facilitate in conjunction with UW-SP's International Programs office. Accompanied by Mark Koepke, associate director for International Programs, Zweigman presented information about the internship and London to over 40 students.

UW-SP has been sending students to London since 1969 for a semester Britain study tour, but took on the internship program in recent years. With the workplace becoming more globalized, work experience in a foreign country will enhance an employee's resumé.

But, Koepke says that is not the only reason to do the internship in London.

"Reason enough to go would be the fact that you'd be in London," said Koepke. "No one can take away the fact that you are walking through this city that pre-dates the Romans and has every kind of architecture all the way through."

London is certainly a historically rich city, with many things to do and see. The fact is not lost when it comes to finding students a place to work for the summer or semester.

"We do run the gamut of different fields, different areas," said Zweigman. "There is nothing that you couldn't do in London."

Zweigman said the opportunities and varieties of places to work are only growing. The

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"Not that I'm a feminist, but..."

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The term "feminist" often denotes a very loud, butch, angry woman. Many times people try to shy away from associating with the term, prefacing statements with the disclaimer "Not that I'm a feminist, but..."

A diverse group of more than 40 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students managed to break this stereotype and reclaim the title by traveling to UW-Oshkosh to attend the United Council's 12th Annual Women's Leadership Conference this last weekend.

Over the course of three days, United Council members, local activists and UW students presented workshops on racism, sexism, environmentalism and other humanitarian concerns. The conference emphasized how these issues interconnect. Conference organizers strived also to incorporate these concerns into the structure of the conference itself.

Emily Rabbitt, the United Council Women and Gender Issues Director and head coordinator of the conference, made sure this event would have a lasting impact on the minds of those who attended.

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Photo by Katie Leb

UW-SP students attended the Women's Leadership Conference at UW-Oshkosh Nov. 9-11.

Noose found in new Dreyfus University Center

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Administrators and students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point were shocked last Friday, Nov. 9 when a noose was found tied to a beam and draped over a cabinet in a closet of the new Dreyfus University Center.

Chancellor Linda Bunnell called a meeting of student organization leaders on Monday Nov. 12 to explain the situation and what is being done about it.

"Our sensitivities are heightened by recent events

throughout our country," said Bunnell. "It is better to raise awareness and investigate than to turn our heads."

University protective services are investigating the incident, including interviewing individuals who had access to the DUC. It is not expected that this incident will delay the Jan. 22 opening of the DUC.

The incident has, however, sparked discussion about the issues that multi-cultural students face living in a predominantly white city especially in light of recent incidences of nooses being found on university campuses across the country.

"We deal with racism every


day, from the time we wake up until the time we go to sleep at night," said Rory Griffin, a Native American student on campus. "It's something that you can't understand unless you are a minority."

Martina Spears, co-president of the Black Student Union and a diversity advocate on campus said that she hopes that this incident will not be blown out of proportion.


"I really don't think that students had anything to do with this," said Spears.

The multicultural groups on campus will continue to bring awareness to issues of racial discrimination.


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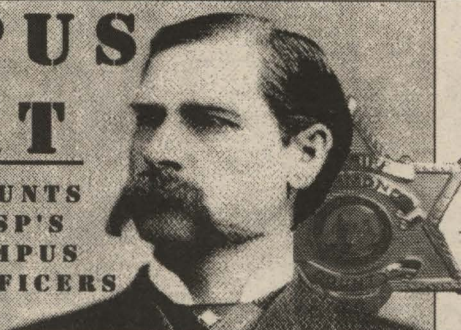
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CAMPUS BEAT

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



Parking Lot J
November 7, 2007 2:02 p.m.
Type: COMPLAINT

Individual reported that a car struck a bicycle that was parked in the bicycle stall in Lot J. The car proceeded to back up and park. The individual in the car left on foot.

May Roach Hall
November 7, 2007 11:06 p.m.
Type: SUSPICION

Individuals were seen with a hookah in front of May Roach Hall. It was discovered the individuals were using it to smoke tobacco. Individuals were allowed to continue.

Parking Lot T
November 9, 2007 12:27 a.m.
Type: SUSPICION

Individuals on bicycles were observed dragging another bike with them. Bicycle was discovered to be stolen.

Parking Lot Q
November 9, 2007 2:10 a.m.
Type: PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Individual was checked on in vehicle. Individual was going to spend time listening to music before heading home.

Steiner Hall
November 13, 2007 1:04 p.m.
Type: COMPLAINT

Steiner Hall front desk reported receiving a piece of "tampered with" mail.

Smith Hall
November 13, 2007 11:04 p.m.
Type: ANIMAL

An individual lost a dog. The dog is not located yet. Dog is described as medium sized and black.

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"One thing I would say having come to Stevens Point now for a number of years I am very impressed with your background of the general ed[ucation] courses you take before you get into your majors, and how all that comes together when you do your overseas internship," said Zweigman.

UW-SP students have shown their dedication and work ethic while abroad, helping the program's success. International Programs is looking to send more students abroad and enhance their college experience.

Students are encouraged to stop by the International Programs office, CCC 108, if interested in the London



Photo by Katie Leb

Dr. Leslie Zweigman, from Anglo American Educational Services, in London, visited UW-SP on Nov. 12.

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the environment.

"We wanted to be as eco-friendly as possible," Rabbitt said. "We were very careful to be 'green.'"

All meals served to the more than 100 participants were presented using "real" dinnerware.

Foregoing paper plates was not the only way participants addressed the safeguarding of the environment.

UW-SP SGA Executive Director and junior, Katie Kloth, led a workshop entitled "Ecofeminism," which introduced students to this hybrid movement. Kloth explained how the ecofeminism movement parallels feminism and environmentalism with one another.

"The oppression of nature and the oppression of women go hand in hand," said Kloth. "If we can't even take care of our species, how can we ever truly branch out and care for our environment?"

Kloth offered an example of the impact that feminine hygiene products have on the environment. The average woman uses approximately 15,000 tampons over the course of her life.

Another workshop, "The Birds, Bees, Flowers and the Trees: Making Global Connections between the Economic, Environmental, and Reproductive Justice Movements," provided a clear example of multi-faceted oppression.

Joy Lawson, a field associate of Choice USA, described a flower farm in Colombia owned by Dole Corporation that forced its female workers to choose between motherhood and livelihood. The women

spend most of their time working in greenhouses that handle pesticides outlawed in the U.S. and Canada.

She urged participants to sign petitions and letters to the Dole Corporation, asking them to give workers fair rights, wages and working conditions.

This sort of direct action through the blending of political and humanitarian issues is ultimately what connected the UW students. Participants came from a number of different student organizations, including women's centers, gay-straight alliances and student government organizations.

Loretta Ross, founder of a women's reproductive health collective, emphasized that the women's movement has certainly not died away; it has simply joined forces with other movements, such as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ) community and environmentalists to move everyone forward.

"We have to address and incorporate our differences to achieve equality," Ross said. "This is a concept that has befuddled the women's movement for decades."

The organizers of the conference encouraged people of all genders to attend and insist that only by supporting one another can individual movements succeed.

"When a group of people have the same thoughts and the same opinions, that's a cult," said Ross. "But when a group of people have different thoughts and different opinions and still manage to move in a common direction together, now that's a movement."

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"Cigs for Subs" encourages smokers to quit

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point chapter of Colleges Against Cancer is hosting "Cigs for Subs" in honor of the Great American Smokeout, a promotion of the American Cancer Society.

Thursday in Debot from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., a booth will be set up by the members of Colleges Against Cancer. Students can

surrender their last pack of cigarettes and receive a \$5 coupon from Erberts & Gerberts in return.

Co-president of the group, Kayla Schmidt, revealed that there will be a "lung lady" at the booth as well. This is a model pair of lungs. One side will portray a healthy, well-functioning lung, while the other side shows that of a smoker.

There will also be a breathing test, where students can breathe through straws, one of which resembles healthy lung

function and the other represents the labored breathing of a smoker's lung.

The members of Colleges Against Cancer are also producing a photo campaign which will be posted on YouTube. It will feature students holding up signs with messages asking Congress to pass bills in favor prohibiting any artificial flavoring in cigarettes and requiring pre-market approval of packaging. The campaign will also be sent to Wisconsin Sens. and Reps. Russ Feingold, Herb

Kohl and Dave Obey.

Students will be able to sign petitions in support of the bills at the booth in Debot.

The American Cancer Society is using the Great American Smokeout to raise awareness about the "dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke," said Schmidt. Many people may not be fully aware of the harmful effects.

"One cigarette takes 11 minutes off your life," Schmidt said, "and one hour in a smoky area, such as a bar or party, is

equal to one cigarette."

Schmidt and the rest of the organization want to raise awareness, especially on campus. If someone insists they do not smoke, but socially smoke or smoke "only when they drink," it still has a dangerous effect on their health.

"You're still putting your life in danger," said Schmidt.

For more information, contact Schmidt (kschm404@uwsp.edu) or go to the American Cancer Society Web site at acs-can.org.

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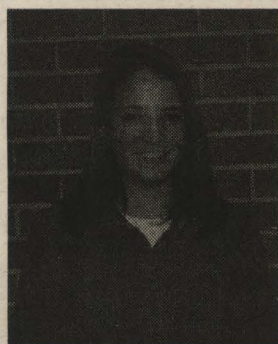
What is your most memorable Thanksgiving moment?



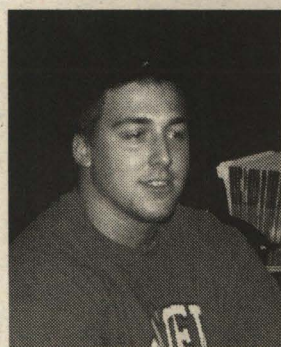
Cassie Kuenzi
Freshman

"Talking to my family at dinnertime and when Uncle Dan burned the turkey and started the kitchen on fire. The fire department had to come."

"Playing flag football with extended family down in Iowa."



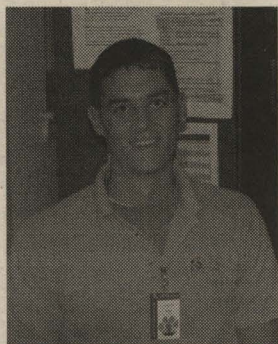
Katie Dickman
Super Senior



Zach Zebrow
Senior

"As a young boy, I knelt beside the fireplace playing Mega Man with my fellow cousins."

"Hanging out in Chicago, down on Navy Pier."



Brian Kleist
Junior



Ben Hetzel
Senior

"The first time I was allowed to have wine. It was Thanksgiving when I was 13. Dinner got a little interesting."



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Solve the puzzle below. When you think that you have the answer, e-mail your answers along with your mailing address to puzzlehunt@yahoo.com. The first five people to send in the correct answer will receive a free large 2-topping pizza or triple order of Toppersticks. Winners will be at the judges discretion. Answers are due Tuesday at midnight the week following publication.

Your Puzzle:

What is the name of the big screen actor who played the same role in six movies. You can find his alter ego at these locations; Jamaica, Istanbul, Fort Knox, Nassau, Japan, and Las Vegas. This isn't too hard, don't get stirred up thinking about it.

Last Weeks Answers:

Kenny McCormick from Southpark

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Outdoors

The rules of engagement: state rules and regulations every hunter needs to know

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OUTDOORS REPORTER

For first time hunters or for those who haven't hunted in a long time, buying a license may be a little confusing and somewhat overwhelming. There are virtually just as many different types of hunting licenses as there are requirements to purchasing them. Here are some of the guidelines for all hunters to keep in mind before heading out to the woods this year.

For persons born after January 1, 1973, a Hunter's Safety course must be completed in order to obtain a hunting license. For hunters that have

taken a Hunter's Safety course, either the certificate of completion or last year's license needs to be shown to obtain a new license for the new season.

Hunters can also purchase their licenses via the Internet. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the DNR Web site, www.dnr.wi.gov. If this service is used, any license that does not have a back tag can be printed at home. According to the DNR Web site, if the permit cannot be printed by a home computer, it will be delivered by mail within seven to 10 days.

A regular Gun Deer license is \$24 for residents of Wisconsin

above the age of 17. A resident is defined as someone who has maintained a permanent residence in the state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license, according to the DNR Web site.

Specialty licenses are also available to purchase. The Conservation Patron's license, which costs \$165 for an adult resident, includes the small game license, spring and fall turkey licenses and stamp, a pheasant stamp, deer firearm license, archery, general fishing license, trapping, the state fishing and waterfowl stamp, and most permit fees.

The adult version of the license also includes a sub-

scription to the DNR magazine and a sticker for vehicle admission to state parks and related areas.

The Sports license is also available. This license is \$60 for an adult resident. This license includes general fishing, small game and deer with a firearm.

Although some regulations may change from year to year, some will always stay the same. Throughout the state, when firearm deer season is open, hunters need to have at least 50 percent of their outer clothing colored in blaze orange even if the hunt is taking place on private property. If a hat is worn, it needs to be at least 50 percent blaze orange

as well.

Hunters in regulated baiting counties cannot have more than one bait site within a 40-acre parcel. Hunters also have to wait to bait deer until the day before hunting season opens.

Hunters in any county throughout Wisconsin are able to legally use decoys, scents, wildlife food plots and any naturally occurring material, such as acorns.

For a full list of where a license can be purchased, call the Marathon County DNR Service center at (715) 359-4522, or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us for more information.

Ace Holes continue winning ways in Oshkosh

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OUTDOORS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point disc golf club remains undefeated on the season after winning the "Armistice Day Disc Launch" over the weekend, competing against UW-Oshkosh, Stout, Whitewater, Madison and St. Cloud State. Toni Osiecki continued her dominance in the women's division, while club president Ben Uvaas won the men's title.

Adam Sturm, president of the host Oshkosh club, said, "It isn't about just going out there

and competing against each other, it's about a bunch of students who just love to play disc golf." Osiecki chimed in, "I enjoy going to tournaments because I am surrounded by good people who all want to be here for the fun more than the competition."

Upper Midwest Collegiate Disc Golf is an association of regional university disc golf clubs and works to grow the sport by helping clubs form and find funding. The next UMCDG event will be the Snow Throw Massacre II, hosted by the Ace Holes in Stevens Point on Feb 9.

Hunters urged to remember safe hunting practices

Heather Stetz
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Opening weekend of gun hunting is rapidly approaching, and many hunters are eager to head out to the woods in hopes of shooting a big buck. However, according to www.savetheguns.com, in 2004, 700 people across the United States died as a result of mishandling a loaded firearm. This year, before heading out to the woods, make sure to enforce proper gun safety to help avoid any serious injuries from occurring.

The primary rule of gun

safety is to keep the gun pointed in a safe direction at all times. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed where it would not cause injury or damage to any person, place or thing if it were to accidentally go off. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle, or front end of the barrel, is pointed at all times.

Another important rule is to keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun until you are absolutely ready to shoot.

Whenever you pick up a

gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible. Also, make sure the chamber(s) are clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

When shooting, be absolutely sure you have identified your target and take a clear, clean shot. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target.

For more information on gun safety, visit your local DNR office, or visit www.gun-safetynow.com.



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How to eat healthier during the holiday season

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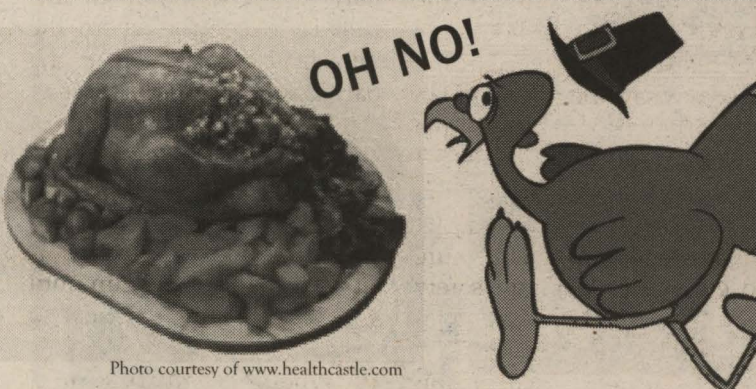
Everyone knows that the approaching holiday season means a variety of things—more time spent with family and friends, a mad dash to finish school work and holiday shopping at the same time, and of course a plethora of food.

If you're like most people, the majority of the food served at your holiday gatherings is anything but healthy. Christmas cookies, pies and cakes, an abundance of carbohydrates in the form of stuffing, mashed potatoes and breads ... the list is endless. While indulging in your favorite holiday goodies is natural and expected, it can be easy to forget healthy eating habits and pack on a few unwanted pounds.

It's been reported that the average Thanksgiving dinner contains over 2,000 calories. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, and Christmas as well as New Year's not far behind, here are some tips, courtesy of www.healthcastle.com, for eating healthy during the holiday season.

Recipe Substitutions

Recipe calls for	Substitution
1 whole egg	2 egg whites
sour cream	low fat plain yogurt or low fat sour cream
milk	skim or 1% milk
ice cream	frozen yogurt
heavy cream (not for whipping)	1:1 ratio of flour whisked into non fat milk (eg. 1 cup of flour + 1 cup of non fat milk)
whipped cream	chilled evaporated skim milk or other low fat whipped products such as Nutriwhip
cheese	low-fat cheese (please note: non-fat cheese does not melt well if used in cooking or baking)
butter	light butter
cream of mushroom	low-fat or fat-free cream of mushroom



Healthy Holiday Eating

- Don't go to the Thanksgiving dinner hungry: we often eat faster and more when we are hungry - therefore eat a wholesome breakfast and lunch on the day to avoid overeating at dinner time.

- Thanksgiving dinner is not an all-you-can-eat buffet: Fill your plate half with vegetables, one quarter with a lean meat and the rest with a starch of your choice. Eat slowly and stop when you are full.

- Turkey - go skinless: choose your 4-oz turkey portion skinless to slash away some fat and cholesterol. Save your appetite for the side dishes and desserts.

- Side Dishes - watch your portion size: go for smaller portions. This way you can sample all the different foods. Moderation is always the key.

- Make a conscious choice to limit high fat items: high fat food items can be found in fried and creamy dishes as well as cheese-filled casseroles in a traditional Thanksgiving meal. For instance, mashed potatoes are usually made

with butter and milk; green bean casseroles are often prepared with cream of mushroom soup, cheese and milk and topped with fried onions; candied yams are loaded with cream, sugar and marshmallows. If you cannot control the ingredients that go in to a dish, simply limit yourself to a smaller helping size. Again, moderation is the key.

- Drink plenty of water; alcohol and coffee can dehydrate your body. Drink calorie-free water to help fill up your stomach and keep you hydrated.

Healthy Holiday Cooking Tips

- Substitute high fat ingredients with lower-fat or fat-free ingredients.

- Leftover Turkey? Instead of turkey sandwiches, use the leftover turkey to make a pot of soup with fresh chunky vegetables.

- Experiment with new recipes: we did a search on Google and found numerous delicious yet healthy low-fat contemporary Thanksgiving recipes. Experiment!

Laser Light Shows at Planetarium

November 14-17, UW-SP's Allen F. Blocher Planetarium will be hosting laser light shows set to the music of several rock bands.

Shows will be at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 p.m., and admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and \$3 for UW-SP students with IDs. Tickets can be purchased at the door beginning at 7:30 p.m. and only good for that day's show. The Laser Light Shows are being presented as a fundraiser for the planetarium.

Upcoming Shows:

Thursday, Nov. 15—Pink Floyd, "The Wall"

Friday, Nov. 16—Laser Zeppelin, the music of Led Zeppelin

Saturday, Nov. 17—Pink Floyd, "Dark Side of the Moon"

TECH IDBIT

Pet Spa- because your dog wants to smell powder fresh too

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Most everyone knows what a pain it can be to wash a dog. And we all know that cats absolutely despise water, so trying to give one a bath will only result in an angry cat and a multitude of scratches. So what if there was a way for you to get Sparky and Fluffy cleaner than they've

ever been before?

Well now you can with the Pet Spa, a pet washing machine designed by a group of French engineers. Simply place your pet inside the giant red box, choose the appropriate settings and watch as the hydro massage jets go to work.

The Pet Spa also claims to have the ability to administer "a variety of medications and chemicals" according to OhGizmo.

com. Once the washing is complete, the machine will even blow-dry your pet. Because there is continuous air circulation, and the jets shoot water from the floor up to avoid eyes and ears, makers of the Pet Spa believe it to be very safe.

Intended for large pet stores which provide grooming services, the Pet Spa costs about \$30,000, with a suggested per washing price of \$15. The Pet Spa is even big enough for

a human to fit inside and keep their pet company during the bath. However, if you watch the YouTube video of the machine in action on OhGizmo.com, you'll see this probably isn't a good idea for cat owners, or even cats in general. There's a reason cats lick themselves all the time—cats and water don't mix.

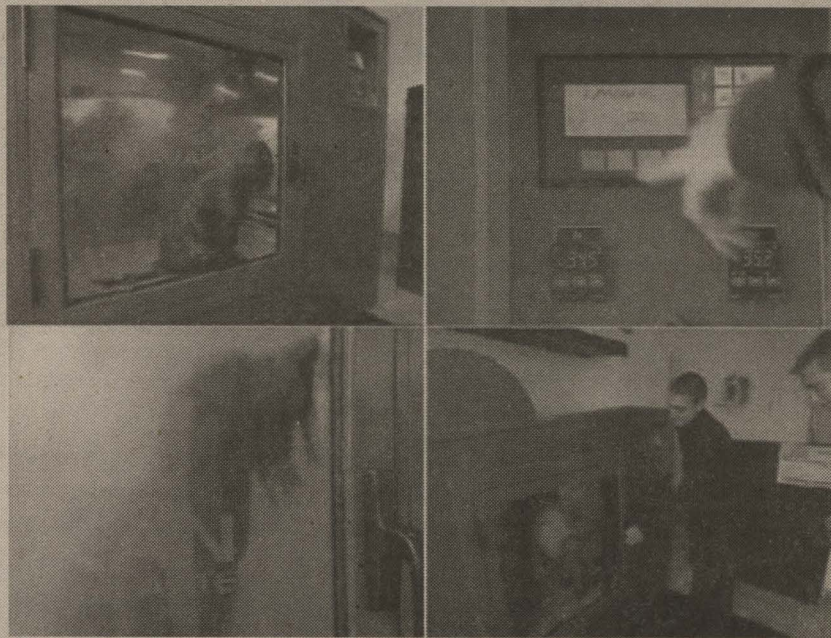


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Science Question of the Week

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Q: Why does eating turkey make you sleepy?

A: Turkey, as many may or may not know, contains tryptophan. Tryptophan is an essential amino acid (organic compounds combined to make protein), meaning it's one the body cannot produce itself. Such amino acids are acquired through foods.

Tryptophan helps produce the B-vitamin niacin, which helps produce serotonin. Serotonin is one of the main chemicals involved in creating calming effects on the brain and central player in bringing on sleep. However, your Thanksgiving dinner as a whole is more likely to bring the onset of sleep than the turkey itself. Tryptophan works best on an empty stomach say nutritionists and other experts. It's most likely the

combination of several heavy carbohydrates along with the turkey, and your body working overtime to digest them all, which causes the drowsiness.

There is one way to get the calming and sleep-inducing effects of turkey's tryptophan, however. Nutritionists have speculated that having a late night snack of leftover turkey, and a now empty stomach, will more likely cause tryptophan to produce more serotonin for a good night's sleep.

Thanks to HowStuffWorks.com for providing such helpful information.

Do you have a question related to the fields of Science, Health and or Technology that you've just been dying to ask or cannot seem to find the answer to? Then send your question to the Science, Health and Tech editor at sjens236@uwsp.edu. You just might finally get the answer you've been searching for.

The Tryptophan Effect

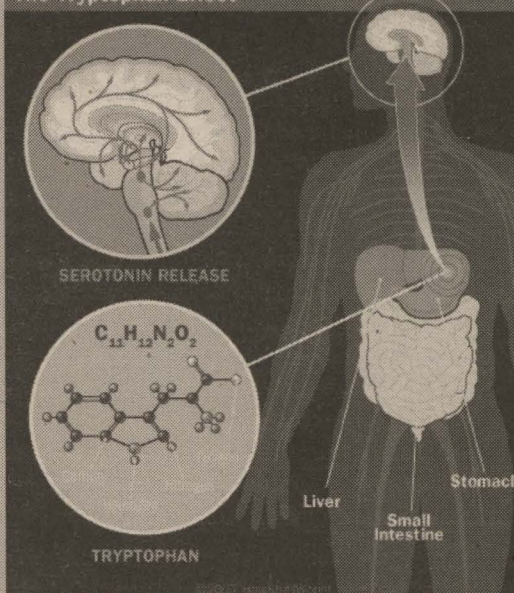


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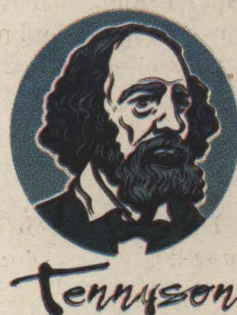
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Have you had your flu shot yet?

Sports

Pointers get a jump start on the season

BASKETBALL

Micah Schroeder
SPORTS REPORTER

The expectations for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point basketball team will be very high this season. But that's nothing new for a program which has dominated competition on the national level for several years.

With some key returning players, a coach with a winning history and a recipe for success, the Pointers should be a very strong team this year. The pre-season polls have reflected this outlook as the Pointers have been picked to win the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference once again this season. They are ranked second in the Sporting News pre-season poll, and third in the

arc and also develop into team leaders.

Rortvedt led the WIAC in scoring last season with 16.9 points per game and also lead the conference in free throw shooting at 92 percent. The junior also recorded a school record 95 three-pointers.

Hicklin, the lone senior on the team, will be expected to lead a young squad of Pointers back to national glory. Last year Hicklin shot 50 percent from three point range and finished second in the league in assist to turnover ratio.

The other returning starters include junior forward Brian Beamish and junior guard Khalifa El-Amin. Beamish averaged nearly 10 points a contest on his way to being named an honorable mention all-conference performer. El-Amin led the conference with 127 assists last season.

Other players back this year includes sophomores Matt Moses, Ross Rortvedt, Evan Sweeney and Scott Hoelzel. Each of these sophomores gained some game experience last year as freshman which should help them contribute to this deep Pointer squad.

The Pointers have also added six standout recruits from Wisconsin High Schools. Louis Hurd, Nick Krull, Vinny Ritchay, Kevin Flynn, Greg Knox and Jared Jenkins were all standout high school players who will look to help the this year and into the future.

Head Coach Bob Semling returns for his third tour of duty with the Pointers. He sports a 43-13 record over that time. He was an assistant during the Pointers back-to-back championship teams and hopes to bring that success back this year with a talented Pointer group.

Semling will once again be ready to lead a high octane team to the court and still have his players focus on playing smart basketball. The fundamentals are an aspect of the game the Pointers pride themselves on. They led all NCAA Divisions last year in free throw percentage and fewest turnovers which is an incredible feat. The Pointers have also been lights-out from three point range making at least seven three-pointers in 27 straight games.

The Pointers have a legitimate chance to once again hoist the NCAA Division III Championship trophy this year. With strong guard play, a solid system and more experience, the Pointers will be heading into the 2007-08 season with high hopes. They will be a good team no matter what, but do they have what it takes to go all the way? Don't bet against it.



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The Pointers start their season against Carroll College on Nov. 17 on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus.

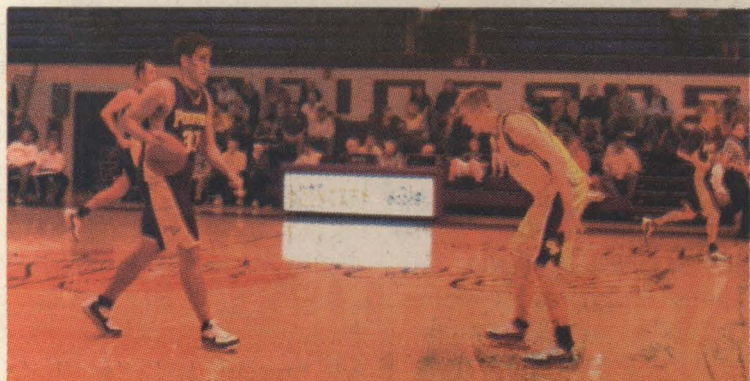


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The UW-SP team was split for teams for the Purple-Gold game.

D3hoops.com poll.

The high rankings come as no surprise as the Pointers return four starters from a team that reached the Sweet 16 last season after posting a 26-3 record. First team All-WIAC selections Pete Rortvedt and Steve Hicklin are expected to continue their success from last year behind the

Along with a strong group of returning starters, the Pointers projected bench should provide the team with some quality depth. Junior guard Drew Jackson and junior center Jerome Wotacheck saw significant playing time last year, and they are expected to be quality role players this year.

Football team falls to La Crosse in last game of season

FOOTBALL

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The Pointers lost by only three points to University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in their last regular season game of 2007. The Eagles took advantage of the seven turnovers handed over by UW-Stevens Point, and the Pointers fell short in a 21-24 loss that marked their fourth defeat in a row, bringing the team's overall record to 6-4.

The first Pointer touchdown came off a pass from Jake Swank that connected with Jared Jenkins. Despite the touchdown and the extra

point from Ryan Graboski's kick, the Pointers fell to 7-17 after the first quarter of play.

Pointer Jack Marx added two touchdowns in the second and fourth quarters and kicks from Graboski earning two additional points on the scoreboard, but the team was not able to muster any other offense in the last five minutes of play.

With an interception to UW-La Crosse that ended their possession, the Pointers halted any other Eagle scoring attempt. The Pointers regular season record ended 6-4 overall and 3-4 in the Wisconsin Athletic Intercollegiate Conference.

Receiving All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors for the

Pointers were defensive back Kasey Morgan and defensive lineman Brad Vickroy. The two earned first team awards, while Pointers Mike Ferron, J.T. Mathy, Ryan Cresson, Ryan Graboski and Luke Frisch all earned spots in the second All-WIAC team.

Earning honorable mention were Mike Kovatch, Dustin Robinson and Brett Hirsch. Pointer Lincoln Berg was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Morgan was also picked to be a part of the American Football Coaches Association's Division III all-star team. He will play in the Aztec Bowl on Dec. 8 against the Mexican National Team.

Senior on the Spot

Kathryn Lankey

Major: Communicative disorders

Hometown: Baraboo, WI

Do you have any nicknames? Lanks, Lankar



What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? Beating Gustavus to make it to the NCAA Frozen Four when we were the underdogs!

What is your most embarrassing sports moment? I don't have too many sports moments, just making a fool of myself with my team.

Have any gameday rituals or superstitions? I am not too superstitious. I laugh at all my teammates and make fun of them. It is a must to sit next to Suter before every game, though.

Who is your sports hero? I love Brett Favre!

What is your sport philosophy? Hard work day in and day out. That's the only way you will get anywhere.

Women Pointers get ready for hoops season

BASKETBALL

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The 24th ranked Pointers tip off their season this Friday and already there is buzz about the team making a push for a conference title.

Coming off their first sub 20-win season in six years the team hopes to get back to their elite level on the backs of their senior leadership and deep bench. Led by senior guard Laura Neuenfeldt, center Jesirae Heuer and forward Chelsea Kranz, the Pointers

will have lots of court experience at all three levels of play.

Both Kranz, an honorable mention all-conference selection, and Neuenfeldt, a first team all-conference selection, are returning starters while Heuer had played in all 25 games last season. Junior point guard Katie Webber, who also started all 25 games last year, will be called upon to lead the up-tempo pace of the Pointer offense.

At least 10 players had seen action in at least 20 games last year. That experience will prove vital in a tough conference race with both Eau Claire and Whitewater picked to finish ahead of the Pointers by the Wisconsin Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference sports information directors.

"In the WIAC, you have to have a one game at a time mentality," said Kranz. "Any team can beat any other team on a given night. If you look past a team it will probably end up being the game that loses the conference for you."

Kranz credited the depth and experience as the deciding factor as the season wears on.

"[Those factors] will allow us to have fresh legs at the end of close games, which is what counts," said Kranz.

Beyond their experience the team has some freshmen that bring unique athleticism and quickness to the team.

Andrea Fleese, Christin Coles and Rachel Roth could all see action this season from the guard position.

The team has set high goals for the season: winning the conference championship, the conference tournament and an NCAA championship. But in order for all of that to happen, they have to meet their everyday goals.

"We want to push each other in practice, limit ourselves to 12 turnovers a game and hold our opponents under 55 points," said Kranz.

With the high tempo offense the Pointers run, scoring is certainly their strong suit. If they want a chance to bring home a conference title

or even higher aspirations, they will need to take care of the basketball and focus on their defense.

Fans can circle their calendars for Feb. 13 and 16 when UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater come to Berg gymnasium; two games that could decide the conference title. "Two years ago we were undefeated at home and that is one of our goals again this year," said Kranz.

Pointer fans can get tickets through the Pointer ticket office at 714-346-4100. The Women Pointers' season gets underway this Friday, Nov. 16 against Augsburg.

Hockey team on a roll: three win streak with help from goaltenders

HOCKEY

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The Pointers traveled to Minnesota this past weekend to dominate University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's University. The men's Hockey team is now 3-1 overall and will begin conference play Oct. 16 and Oct. 17 against

St. Norbert College and Lake Forest College whom they will host at home.

"It's all about the process, and the process is getting better and better each day," said Head Coach Wil Nichol about the team and the program. "This is a hard working team. They have high goals and they want to accomplish a lot."

Pointer goalie Marcus Paulson had a huge game against St. Thomas, saving 39 shots and earning an

unheard-of three assists during the game. The Northern Collegiate Hockey Association named Paulson Player of the Week for his performance.

"He played great. He played lights out," said Nichol regarding Paulson's game on Friday. He also thought freshman Thomas Speers did a great job in the net Saturday night.

"Our plan going into the weekend was to play both of them, and it was kind of our

plan going into the season to get a two-headed monster so to speak with our goaltenders," said Nichol. "We felt it could make us a real dangerous team."

The St. Norbert game will mark the Pointers' first conference game this season. The Green Knights were voted number one in the NCHA Men's Preseason Coaches' Poll and so far this season they hold a 4-1 overall record. Head Coach Nichol is not too wor-

ried about the team's hype.

"I'm glad we get to play the team that is picked to win it right away," said Nichol. "It's going to be a great measuring stick to see where our program is at."

The Pointers will take on the Green Knights Friday night and will face Lake Forest College Saturday. Both home games start at 7:30 p.m. Coach Nichol hopes to see the Rowdy Crowd at the games.

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Katies Curiosities: In which Katie is seized by "Arrested Development"

Katie Adams

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER



Photo courtesy of Katie Adams

In a socially awkward moment just before Halloween, a friend attempted to ease the discomfort by putting on a movie. The "movie" that he started was the first episode of the 2003 television series "Arrested Development." From that moment on, I have

been hooked.

Now, I should clarify something. I do not watch television. I was briefly addicted to the series "Lost," but when I realized that the plot was not progressing (one season was all it took), I quickly "Lost" interest. I also had a short love affair with "Grey's Anatomy," but when it moved from Sundays to Thursdays I had to cut the cord. Since then, I have watched bits and pieces of shows if my roommate has one on, but I can honestly say that I watch less than 15 minutes of television in any given week. I generally find television shows to be a waste of time, and I hate that there is no real finale. You have to keep coming back from week to week to find out what happens to your favorite characters.

It is interesting that I have formed such a bond with my 15 inch computer screen over the last three weeks. Since my introduction to the Bluth

family, characters that put the "fun" in "dysfunctional," I have watched 53 episodes almost non-stop. There are several reasons I feel comfortable doing this.

One: Each episode (sans commercials) is only about twenty minutes long. Two: I can watch each episode on my own time rather than the time the network chose to air it. Three: The show went off the air in the middle of the third season, so there is no chance of becoming tied to the show for the next 10 years (can you say "Friends?"). Four: I have never seen better writing or such a well-cast set of characters in all of my 22 years.

The show, created by Mitchell Hurwitz and produced by Ron Howard, revolves around the wealthy Bluth family. They are under investigation for numerous allegations and are learning to live a less-extravagant life. There are nine main characters, each with his or her own

distinctively humorous quirks and well-developed personality, explored and explained to us in documentary fashion by a smart-alecky narrator voiced by Howard, complete with flashbacks and old snapshots to elaborate on situations. In addition to the Bluth family, there are usually one or more guest stars in each episode. Famed actors such as Scott Baio, Liza Minnelli, Carl Weathers, Zach Braff, Charlize Theron and Ben Stiller take on re-appearing roles.

The writing for this series astounds me. The show is so full of double entendres, allusions, reflexivity and foreshadowing that I would usually spend each roll of the credits pondering just how long a particular plot twist had been in the works. In fact, I'm sure that some of the twists from the third season had been foreshadowed all the way back in the first few episodes. Having just finished the last episode of the series

on Monday, I realize now that I shall have to begin again to look for these clever references. The double entendres keep the viewer constantly chortling with pleasure, and the allusions to certain actors' previous works or to current events (of 2003, 2004, and 2005, mind you) only enhance the experience. While watching the series, I could often be found congratulating myself whenever I caught on to an allusion. I searched the Web to investigate comments that I thought might be references I didn't understand. This type of humor just tickles me pink, and I think that anyone with a modicum of intelligence will truly enjoy this show as well.

I encourage you all to hustle to your nearest video rental store (or friend who owns about as many films as a video rental store) and check out this little beauty. You'll be pleasantly surprised by what you find.

Jens Lekman's sings with a wink and a smile

Zachary Krogman

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Jens Lekman took the mantra "a spoon full of sugar makes the medicine go down" to heart. In "Night Falls Over Kortedala," the Swedish singer-songwriter weaves tales of breaking hearts, pretending to be a lesbian's boyfriend, trying to connect with a sibling, the beautiful if legally questionable nature of a hairdresser and remembering every kiss. All are told with a wink and a smile that creates the effect of a sincere joke. Lekman comes from the tradition of Jonathon Richman. In other words, he understands how silly romance is and finds plenty to take gentle jabs at, but he still believes in it wholeheartedly. If you file it in the genre of geeky sex jams, a la Beck's "Midnight Vultures," something is missing from the picture.

Lekman strikes such a nuanced stance that it's hard not to admire the balancing act. The music is schmaltzy, but it is upbeat and fits the bill perfectly. There's no other way to back up these lyrics. The effect is a Las Vegas lounge act with a bit of danger, in that safe sort of way. Does that make any sense? Of course not, which is what makes "Night Falls Over Kortedala" such an

intriguing listen.

Of course, you could quit trying to figure out what makes Jens Lekman tick and surrender to the playful, giggle-inducing tales he tells. Exhibit A is "A Postcard to Nina," which begins, "Nina, I can't be your boyfriend/ so you can stay with your girlfriend/ your father is a sweet old man/ but it's hard for him to understand, that you want to be with a woman." He then relays the tale of the awkwardness of meeting Nina's father while pretending to be her boyfriend. A witty quip here, a clever rhyme there, and presto, Lekman creates a silly tale with a tender heart. Lekman concludes by telling Nina, "Don't let anyone stand in your way/ Yours truly, Jens Lekman" after revealing that his real reason for ending the ruse is that he's tired of getting e-mails from the hopeful father.

Lekman creates an incredible mess and in this mess are some of the most human things released this year. Luckily, "Night Over Kortedala" never takes itself too seriously. If it did, it would quickly veer into self-parody. The album isn't always joking and at its core are some serious thoughts on life.

The 90FM album of the week The Subhumans: "Internal Riot"

Dan Neckar

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

It's been nine years since singer Dick Lucas and the anarchist United Kingdom punk band The Subhumans reformed for touring, and 20 years since the band released an album of new material. With punk rock all but squandered by the eyeliner-wearing MTV faithful, "Internal Riot" arrives just in time to remind us what a punk band is supposed to sound like, rather than what they're supposed to look like.

The screaming jets and guitars in the beginning of "This Year's War" make it clear that time hasn't slowed The Subhumans down. They sound angrier than ever. Their moaning guitars and furious drumming sound like the blast of a well-timed bomb. The band delivers 13 songs in 41 minutes without leaving out a single target.

The majority of the band's social and political tirades discuss guns and bombs, but "Supermarket Forces" attacks the oversized grocery and department stores that impact local businesses. When Lucas screams,

As a whole, the band itself sounds very tight on the album. From the machine-gun intro to "Culture Addict" to the simple, yet effective guitar riffs on the title track, these middle-aged musicians sound

like they're still in their prime.

However, the album is not strictly limited to two-minute cuts of punk fury. "Too Fat, Too Thin" showcases the band's lesser-known Ska sound with a punchy bassline and upstroke guitars in a song that focuses on the media's constant pressure for women to lose weight. If you would have approached the band in 1983 and told them that one day they'd be the heroes of anorexic teen-

age girls everywhere, do you think The Subhumans would still be around in 2007?

With a rich history embedded in the roots of punk rock, and a new album that proves that they haven't lost their grasp on what's happening in the world, The Subhumans have managed to stay relevant while showing today's sugar-coated punk bands what's really going on.

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Reality TV

Pat "unbridled rage" Rothfuss
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Dear All-Knowing:

I hate reality TV shows. I just don't understand what the big deal is. All the reality TV is not reality.

Take the *Real World* for instance, I watch and I don't know why. Where in the world do seven "beautiful" people live together and do nothing but party and have sex with each other?

The next example is the worst show ever, *The Bachelor*. This is a bunch of crap. one guy, about 25 women, and in six or so weeks he can choose who he wants to marry.

But, I have a problem. My significant other loves reality TV and all the dating shows. Why does she love these shows so much and I hate them so much? Am I just jealous that I am not in the shows? Or do I just have built up angst that I need to channel somewhere?

Philip Kauth

OK, lets deal with these questions in reverse order. First, I think I can say with some certainty that you've got some pent-up something going on. Right now it seems like you're channeling it into letters to my column, which works fine for me, and is reasonably healthy compared to, say a compulsion to indulge in binge drinking, bad poetry or mime-abuse.

Second: Yes. You're jealous about not being on the shows. It's almost impossible not to be.

Here's the deal. Everyone wants to be famous. However, in the olden days you needed something to be famous with. Like money, or power, or, ideally, some sort of talent. Sure you might be jealous of Fred Astaire, but you're jealous of his talent, not his fame. He earned his fame.

Unfortunately, the days of Fred Astaire are gone. Welcome to the world of Johnny Knoxville. However, it would be wrong of me to imply that Knoxville is a talentless hack. Freakish deviance

and the willingness to shit yourself on national television is, in fact, a sort of talent. That means that even Knoxville has earned his fame to a certain degree.

Even lower down on the fame food chain are the people on reality TV. They're not talented. They didn't earn anything. They suck.

So here's how it breaks down. You watch Fred Astaire, and you're jealous. Maybe you even say



something like, "I could do that if I really wanted to." But sooner or later one of your less drunk friends will point out that even if you took lessons, sold your soul to the devil and smoked a full ounce of industrial-strength rock cocaine, you still couldn't get your doughy, flaccid, rhythmless body to move that way. Astaire has talent, so your jealousy is tempered with admiration, and eventually you get over it.

Later, you watch Johnny Knoxville roll around on a huge pile of elephant-poo while being covered with flaming bees and shot with a tazer, and you're jealous (sort of) because he's got his own show. You say, "I could do that if I really wanted to." Then

your friend asks, "Would you really want to?" And you realize that no, you really don't. In this case your jealousy is tempered by fear and revulsion, so eventually you get over it.

Then you watch some piece of God-awful reality TV. You watch a bunch of wankers displaying their vast social and mental incompetence, and you're jealous. You say, "I could do that." Your friend replies, "Goddamn. So could I." Then you both continue to watch, hatred twisting you up inside. You grow increasingly bitter, slowly filling with bile and loathing. Then, eventually, you die.

Your last question, namely, why does your girlfriend like these shows and you don't, has a simple answer: There is something deeply, deeply wrong with your girlfriend.

I'm guessing something is badly broken, deep, deep in her psyche. Perhaps when she was a baby someone poked that soft spot on top of her fragile baby melon, and she never recovered. Maybe she isn't human at all, merely a soulless, fleshy automaton to sent to earth to tempt God's chosen to engage in sinful corporeal pleasures, such as snuggling and wicked co-mutual pressing of lips.

But hey, everyone has problems. Personally, I think you two are perfect for each other.

Remember that your weekly dose of Pat Rothfuss is brought to you by Galaxy Comics. They've got comics (duh), board games, CCGs, dart supplies and roll playing materials. When you're looking to get your geek on, you know where to go. Galaxy Comics is at 925 Clark Street. Give them a ring at 544-0857.

Also, remember to send in your letters explaining what insane lengths you would go to in order to obtain an "I am not Pat Rothfuss" t-shirt. Winning entries will be anointed with oil, printed in the Pointer and their authors will be put on the fast track toward apotheosis. Send submissions, questions, problems or witty remarks to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to voice my utter disappointment upon reading Steve Seamandel's "When the outdoors comes indoors: My ongoing battle with a flying rodent" (Nov. 8, page 5). UW-SP is an institution that is known and respected nationwide for its exceptional natural resources program, and it is viewed as a source for sound, scientifically-based information on environmental issues. When the newspaper of this institution chooses to publish an article that ultimately serves to promulgate archaic myths that vilify such an ecologically-vital group of organisms as bats, it is not only displaying poor

taste; it's downright embarrassing.

Furthermore, the assault could not have been more poorly timed. This past June, Schmeckle Reserve became the site of one of only five permanent bat-monitoring stations in Wisconsin as part of the DNR's campaign to learn more about the state's bat populations. Spurred on by this new and exciting research, Schmeckle Reserve hosted the "Going Batty at Schmeckle" event on Oct. 26, which was aimed at educating the public about some of nature's most misunderstood creatures. 600 people attended, making the event one of the most successful education

programs ever offered at Schmeckle. People want to learn accurate information about bats.

In that interest, I feel compelled to point out a few misconceptions. First, bats are not rodents. They are members of the order Chiroptera, not Rodentia, and they are no more closely related to rodents than they are to humans. Secondly, bats are not "little bastards" which we must wage war against with the use of tennis racquets. They can, like most other mammals, carry rabies, but the incidence of this is rare and the risk is minimal if they are simply left alone. The nearest "vampire" bats (which feed mainly upon livestock and birds) are

thousands of miles away in the tropics. They don't get tangled in peoples' hair, and they're not blind. They do, however, serve incredibly important roles in ecosystems as pollinators (in the tropics) and highly-beneficial, mobile bug-zappers that don't require batteries.

I hope that in the future The Pointer makes decisions that consider the ramifications of the information contained in its articles, and that readers will be more critical of the information and paradigms presented therein.

Jennifer Rothe
Undergraduate Bat Ecologist

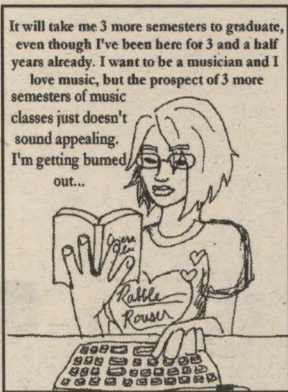
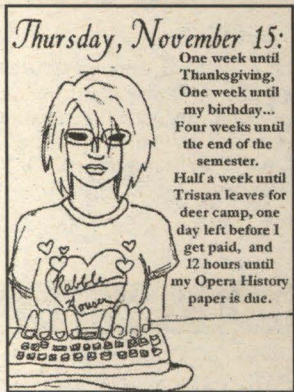
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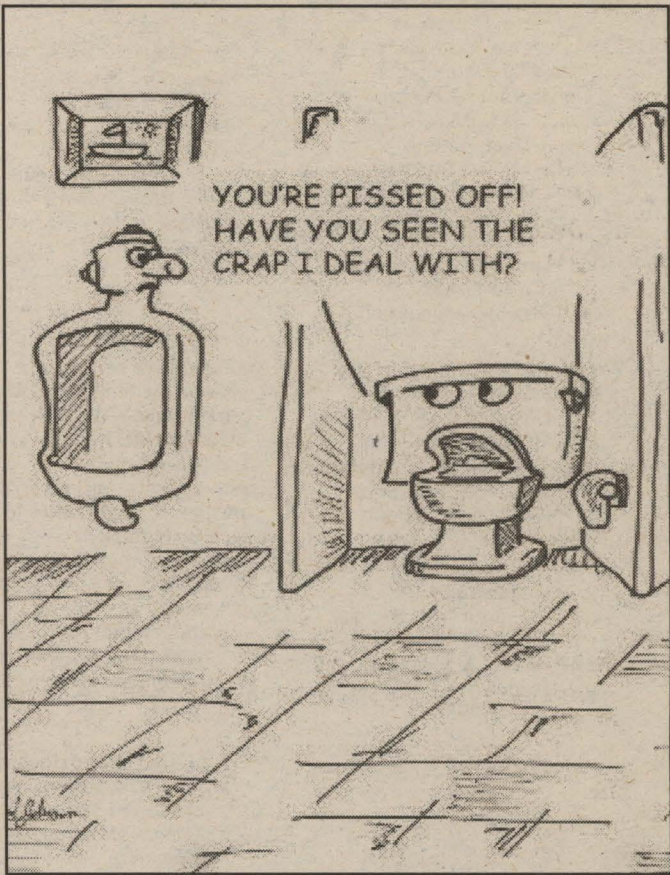
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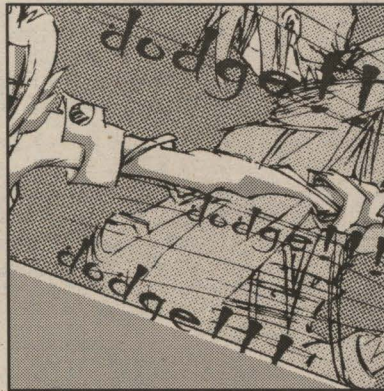
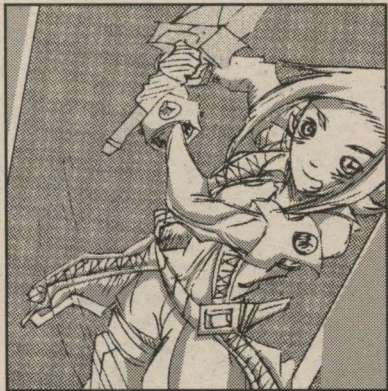


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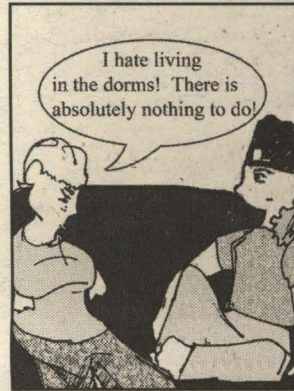


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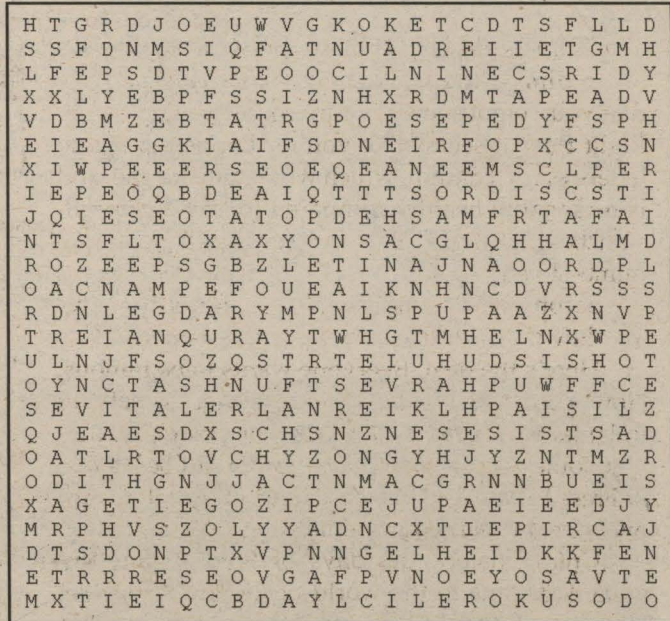
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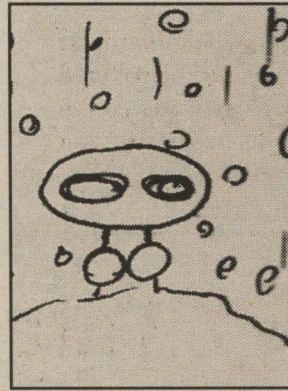
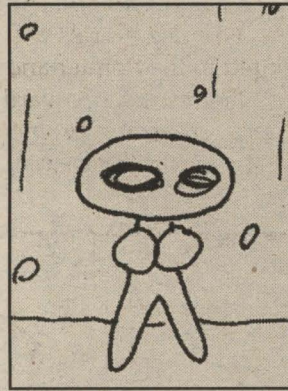
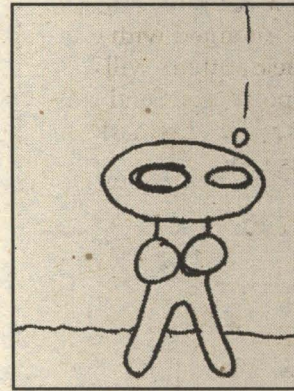


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On newsstands now ... "The Death Of The New Gods #1"

Andrew Dallman
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER



This month, DC Comics offers longtime readers the first issue in a dramatic new limited series, "The Death of the New Gods." The series features the character creations of Jack "King" Kirby, one of the 6 titans of the comic book medium (along with Will Eisner, Bob Kane, Stan Lee, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster). This so-called "Fourth World" of characters, debuted in issue 133 of "Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen" in October 1970, was followed shortly thereafter by "The New Gods #1" in February 1971.

Although these early science-fiction/sword and sorcery books were not a commercial success, they did attract a large cult following

that still continues today. The cosmic scale of the art from the early books also made an impact on contemporary artists, including George Perez, Erik Larsen and many others.

The latest series features another Kirby-inspired, multi-talented writer and pencil artist, Jim Starlin, and inking by Matt Banning. The story is set in the current DC universe in the wake of the recent hit maxi-series "52" and the death of "New Gods" character Lightray. The story kicks off with Jimmy Olsen investigating the death of another New God, and the finger of guilt has been pointed at an unlikely suspect. After a somewhat weighty re-hashing of the origins of the Fourth World and

its characters, the action continues with the murder of two more New Gods. I won't spoil the surprise, but one of the dead is a popular, longtime fixture of the DC universe.

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