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## Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton take time for Busch, Gardens that is

Satt Ire  
THE POINTER

Tuesday, April 1 marked a historic day in party politics when Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama took a break from their heated campaign in order to enjoy a day at the amusement park.

The two front runners to the Democratic bid wrapped up their meetings early and took private jets to Florida in order to purchase park hopper passes to all seven major theme parks in the state.

A spokesperson from the Clinton campaign said, "Senator Clinton wanted to make sure she got to see the animals at Busch Gardens; she believes in animal rights, safety and the

preservation of natural habitats for animals." That didn't stop her from giving the monkeys several bags of peanuts and chuckling as they threw them at Obama.



Obama felt that the move was underhanded and unne-

cessary. "While I respect Senator Clinton's idea to reach out to the underprivileged, she lacks the knowledge of what the monkey community goes through on a daily basis.

missing the issue completely. Simply giving them some peanuts will not get the job done here."

The duo then traveled to Universal Studios newest resort, "Islands of Adventure," in order to take in some thrill seeking. First on the list was the Incredible Hulk rollercoaster.

Due to poor weather conditions, the park saw less than ample crowds that day and allowed the candidates to ride the coaster twice in a row before asking they vacate their seats for other patrons. Upon exiting the ride, Obama, feeling light headed and nauseous, had to pardon himself for about 45 minutes.

"That just goes to show you his inexperience," stated

We need to get them better schools and health care. She is

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## Beware: flesh eating bacteria on campus

Ira Nic  
THE POINTER

Students in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources waters division were surprised Tuesday, March 25 to discover a flesh-eating bacteria in Schmeekle Reserve's Lake Joanis.

"We came upon it completely by mistake," said junior Brie Z. Waters.

While studying the lake's current milfoil invasion, two students, sophomores Phil Indilake and Whit Enwhild noticed a small rash developing on their ankles.

"At first, I thought nothing of it," said Enwhild, "I get rashes in strange places all the time. Once I realized Phil had it too, in the same place, and he wasn't at the party I was last night, I began to think something was really wrong."

As the day went on, the rashes began to spread to the point where both students had to be rushed to the hospital.

"The pain was so unreal! It was like getting caught between two gorillas fighting over the last banana," said Indilake.

What confused doctors and students, however, was that Enwhild and Indilake were not the only students in the water Tuesday.

"When Whit and Phil started scratching at each other and screaming, we just

figured they'd started dating," said Waters. "No one else got a rash or even knew what was going on," said Waters.

After further investigation, doctors discovered why. Indilake and Enwhild were the only students to remove more than 75 percent of their clothing.

"It's a strange bacteria,"

said Dr. A. Maze Dbutrew. "It only affects people who have 75 percent or more of their clothing off when entering the water. We're now trying to figure out why these students had so much of their clothing off."

Administrators at

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## UW-SP fails accreditation; degrees worth almost nothing

Justyn Credible  
THE POINTER

Every 10 years, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point engages in a re-accreditation process through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; this year was one of those years.

Sunday, March 30 through Tuesday, April 1 a team of experienced university administration from throughout the United States gathered at UW-SP to evaluate the campus for re-accreditation. Accreditation is what often gives certain pro-

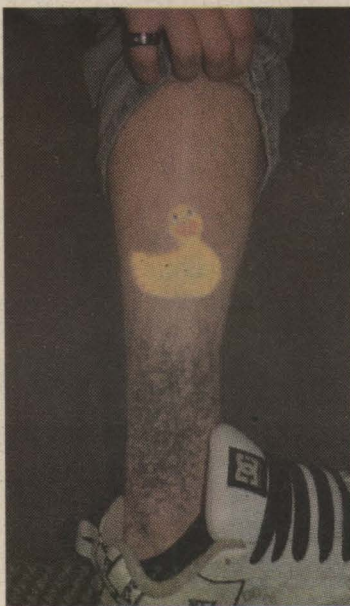
grams and universities their value especially to employers looking at a college experience's worth.

Accreditation is typically a process that allows universities to gain useful information through self-evaluation and outside evaluation. It is known as the process that "provides public assurance of educational quality and institutional integrity." This is to say if the university and its degrees are worth anything.

This year, UW-SP failed accreditation on all criteria!

"The team came to the campus early this week and

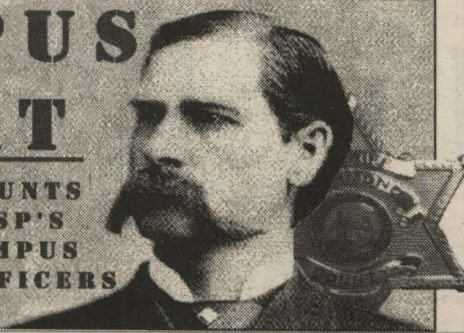
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## CAMPUS BEAT

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



Isadore Street  
March 29, 2008 2:10 a.m.  
Type: **THEFT**

Report of two stolen manhole covers on Isadore Street. Crow bar was found on the sidewalk in front of Hansen Hall.

LRC  
March 30, 2008 3:28 p.m.  
Type: **INDECENT EXPOSURE**

An individual was caught masterbating into a book on the 4th floor. The book has been removed from circulation. More books are in the process of investigation.

Debot  
March 30, 2008 8:47 p.m.  
Type: **THEFT**

A suspicious individual was stopped as he was exiting Debot. The individual was found to have a pie stuffed down his pants. Officers aren't revealing the flavor of the pie.

Schmeeckle  
March 30, 2008 11:22 p.m.  
Type: **TRESPASSING**

Four UW-SP students found camping on a homemade raft in the middle of Lake Joanis. They were discovered because "Kumbiya" was heard at the intersection of Maria Drive and Michigan Avenue.

Baldwin Hall  
April 1, 2008 8:30 a.m.  
Type: **COMPLAINT**

A CA from Hansen Hall complained of extreme quietness coming from Baldwin Hall. Baldwin CA's investigated complaint; all residents were found nice and quiet.

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Clinton. "I have been in this position before; I know the emotional and intestinal control you must use in order to stay on your toes. I was attending these sorts of things 14 years before he was born. I know my way around the theme park."

After the day at Islands of Adventure both candidates addressed the public in front of Magic Kingdom's Cinderella Castle. Robert Iger, Disney's president and CEO said it was a wonderful gesture that the candidates made. "I wish there were more days like this in politics," said Iger.

### From **Bacteria** pg. 1

Schmeeckle have decided not to close off the lake and aren't even sure if they're going to clean it up.

"It looks like the lake is doing naturally what we've been trying to do for years: get rid of those pesky skinny dippers," said a Schmeeckle administrator. "Why would we want to stop it?"

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was immediately appalled by the surroundings and the overall learning experience. They had complaints and critiques about everything from how bad the food is to how

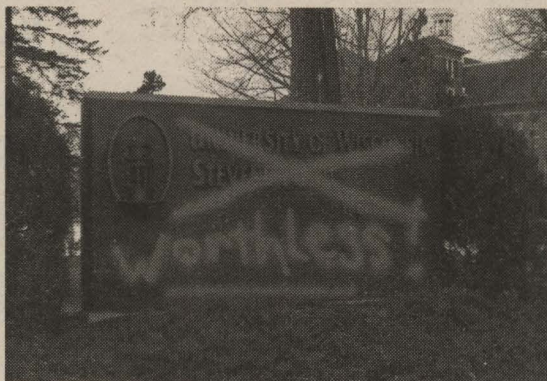
"Bringing people together toward a common goal is what our country's political system is all about. What better place represents that than the Walt Disney World Resort? Here, dreams really do come true."

Iger was proud to host the event but hopes it is the last time that something like this needs to be done. "I wish that political figures could find a more peaceful way of debating the issues at hand. Besides, does it really matter? I mean, I am voting McCain, and we all know that GE, GM, Coke, Microsoft and Disney Corp. really run this nation anyway, it's all a show," said Iger.

The flesh eating bacteria begins scaly in nature around the ankles. After 20 minutes it starts to turn skin into a dark ashen material and itches. If you have these symptoms, please, do not come in contact with anyone. Although it is not contagious, just in case, stay away from all other forms of life. Finally, go to the hospital.

SP will be basically worth less than any other accredited university. This puts UW-SP as the lowest institution in the UW System, even below the two-year colleges. Unaccredited universities tend to be overlooked a lot by counselors helping to place students in colleges as well as employers looking to get students right out of college.

"The overall recommendation to students would be to transfer. The piece



bad the buildings and classrooms are. They looked specifically for student learning, effective teaching and preparing students for the future and found what they called a "backwards campus." Their biggest problem though seemed to be the General Degree Requirements," explained a top academic administrator on campus who preferred to remain anonymous.

This did not come out of the blue as administration had been worrying about accreditation all year long trying to establish committees to fix the imminent problems.

The General Education Policy Review Committee was established early this spring to look into rebuilding the GDRs from scratch, but it seems it was a bit too late. Textbook and mission statements have been looked at all year long to increase the feasibility of UW-SP being re-accredited.

So what does all this mean for students? Essentially all degrees earned from UW-

of paper gained at graduation probably won't be worth more than the actual paper," stated Max Gradscowski, a student highly involved with the accreditation process through Student Government Association.

Not only will our degrees be worth less than one received from a Wal-Mart, UW-SP will no longer receive any state funding in the next year, which will basically lead to the closing of the university.

Without funding, UW-SP cannot afford the professors, administration and facilities, but this may be a good thing, as the Higher Learning Commission did not approve of any of the ones they saw anyway. Students are asked to consult career services, counseling services and their advisor to discuss what steps to take next during this transitional period.

The doors to UW-SP will close May 18 and most likely will never open again.

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# Student can't stop touching iPod Touch

**Phil McCracken**  
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

Freshman Danielle Buchanan has recently acquired both a blessing and a curse in the form of an iPod Touch. The pricey accessory was a birthday gift from her parents in Colby, Wis. Delighted at first with the gift, Buchanan has developed a peculiar problem with her new hardware.

"I can't stop touching it!" cries an exasperated Buchanan. "At work, in class, at home, I can't stop touching it!"

With its myriad of functions, it's no wonder she can't stop utilizing her favorite new 32 GB gadget. By touching different parts

of the screen, she can access music, videos, photos and even computer programs like iTunes and the Web site YouTube. However, what was once a fun curiosity has become a crippling burden.

"It was all I'd asked for from my parents," said Buchanan. "My old iPod broke down last semester, and I wanted to try the new technology. I didn't know it would make me want to touch it day and night!"

Psychologist Frank Drebin said that it may be the word "touch" in the name of the item that drives Danielle to compulsion. He's noticed similar problems with the Tickle Me Elmo toy and infomercials that flash "buy now" across the screen.

"There are certain individuals who just can not resist certain words or phrases that their brain processes as a command," said Drebin. "The behavior is usually coupled with a low levels of self control and an inordinate amount of television viewing."

Danielle Buchanan continues to try living her life as normally as possible despite her compulsion.

"Maybe if I just keep touching it all the time, I'll get tired of it, and it just won't be fun anymore."

Other options considered have been switching to a less commanding ipod model or to a Sony Walkman, which she thinks would only make her want to walk more.

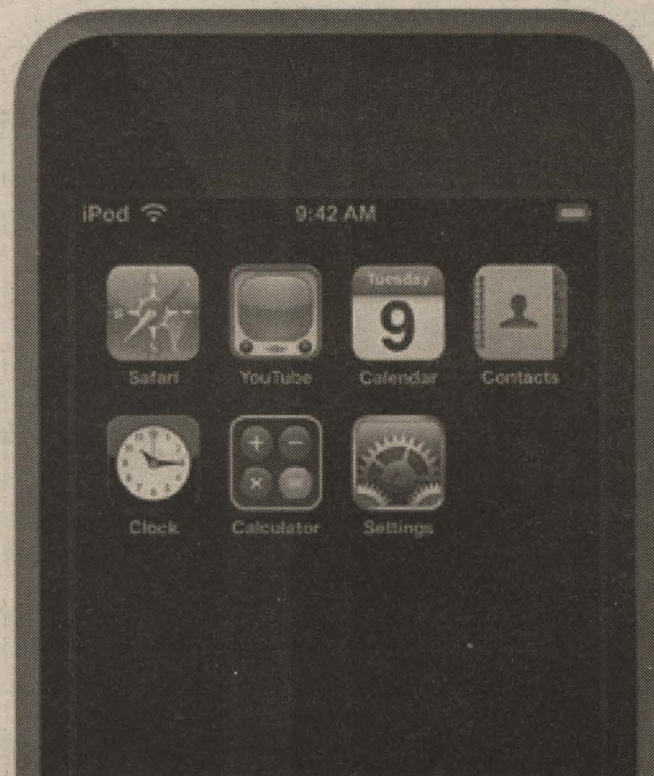


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## Horoscopes

**Madame DeVis**

LICENSED ASTROLOGIST & AMATEUR MASSEUSE

**ARIES** March 21-April 19

Something will happen to you this week. Good or bad, rest assured, it's happening.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

Don't punch anyone today. They might punch you back.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 21

Jump! Oh...Sorry...I meant duck!

**CANCER** June 22-July 22

Have you ever thought about leaving town? This week might be a good time for that.

**LEO** July 23-August 22

The stars are telling me that it's dark out. What are they telling you?

**VIRGO** August 23-September 22

Virgo the virgin huh? OooKaaay...sure...

**LIBRA** September 23-October 22

If you're really that worried about it, put some makeup on it.

**SCORPIO** October 23 - November 21

Hey! Put the lamp shade down! It's not worth it!

**SAGITTARIUS** November 22-December 21

When that super hot guy or girl asks you to go to a party...oh, a penny!

**CAPRICORN** December 22-January 19

It's okay if you get a B on the test. Relax...There's always next time.

**AQUARIUS** January 20-February 18

Damn hippies.

**PISCES** February 19-March 20

Yes, you are being followed. And yes it's because of that one time, in that one place...

## Professor's dirty little secret exposed: full moon to blame

**Colon Creepy**

PARANORMAL EXPERT

After several years of speculation over where those crazy sideburns came from, it's been confirmed: Pat Rothfus is a werewolf.

Questions about Rothfus' whereabouts during the full moon were sparked by the absence of his Pointer column several times during the fall semester. Although he was "promoting his book," many wondered how hard answering a letter once a week might be. So a small task force investigating Rothfus was implemented.

The task force, comprised of four students and one curious faculty member, kept tabs on Rothfus for a five-month period. From October until the end of February, the students followed the English professor, tracking his movements in 24-hour intervals.

"Pat has been known to challenge other professors to duels on occasion, and I worry, which is why I wanted to head up this organization,"

said Professor Rumblycore, who teaches home economics. "We had a hell of a time registering with SEIO, but that's how things go, you know? Sometimes you just have to persevere."

Beyond the fright of things found in the garbage cans outside his residency, the group was able to confirm many of the so-called "tall tales" that have spread around campus concerning Rothfus.

"It's true, what they say, about him hating lights," said Terry Potter, the third member of the Rothfus Army Werewolf Committee. "At first we thought we had the wrong folklorean symbol; I mean, that and the fact he really hates garlic told me he might actually be a vampire."

It wasn't until Lycan Foods delivered 13 tons of uncooked rabbit that the RAWC realized their suspicions.

"It was kind of nasty, actually," Potter said. "He just stood outside as they unloaded it, smiling and rubbing his hands and just—it wasn't

anything I ever want to see again, let's put it that way."

The case finally came to a head one wintry January night when Rothfus was found tearing apart garden gnomes with his bare teeth in his y-fronts. The image was made all the more unsettling by the realization that Rothfus' mutated form is not at all different than his everyday appearance. If anything, his great big, bushy beard was all the more ferocious.

When asked to comment on his secret, Rothfuss yipped at your humble reporter and returned to licking himself.

In a recent press release from the RAWC, Rothfus was declared mainly harmless. The only threat he poses is to himself, and he has been put under emo-watch category: black.

Many students are not surprised at the discovery.

"I always wanted to know what was up with that scraggly hair of his," said Jon Weezely. "I think I saw it eat a kid, once."

## Theft in South Hall leaves students asking, "Who, me?"

**Kylee Jane Malcolm**  
SOUTH HALL RESIDENT

Students in South Hall recently faced a mysterious disappearance in the resident kitchen. Many wonder: who stole the cookies from the cookie jar?

When asked about whether they stole the cookies, stu-

dents had the same response.

"Who me?" said Jason.

"Couldn't be."

Then who? He was asked.

"Aimee."

Ahh, so Aimee stole the

cookies from the cookie jar.

"Who me?" Aimee

asked. "Couldn't be."

Then who?

"Alissa. Alissa stole the

cookies from the cookie jar."

Alissa responded, "Who me? Couldn't be."

Then who?

"I dunno."

Guess who.

"Rick stole the cookies from the cookie jar," Alissa said.

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When approached about it, Rick had the same response.

"Who me? Couldn't be," he said.

When asked then who, he went on to accuse another South Hall tenant, as did all those after him, until all the residents had been accused and denied any part of the theft.

A thorough investigation

was conducted with very limited results. Finger printing proved that all South Hall tenants have recently made contact with the cookie jar, but nothing substantial has been determined.

If you have any information pertaining to this crime, please contact the cookie officials at South Hall, room 213.

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April Fools,  
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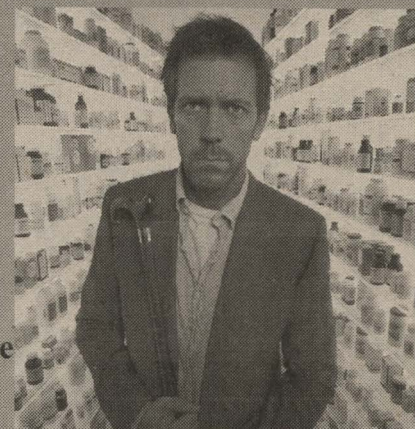
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## Pointer Poll

What is your favorite food?



**Dr. Gregory House**  
"Vicodin."



**Sgt. Nicholas Angel & PC Danny Buttermen**  
"Ice cream from the shop, with a pint from the pub."



**Kelly Kapoor**  
"Oh my God, anything with pink and sprinkles and unicorns or kittens."



**Sean Connery**  
"A cupcake, with your mother on top"



# Outdoors

## DNR pushes back start of fishing season

### Cites "really, really, really crappy weather" as reason for delay

By Bun Dixon  
WITHHOLD THE LETTUCE

With the record amounts of snow the state of Wisconsin has received this winter, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has reluctantly decided to push back the opening weekend of the fishing season from the first weekend in May to the first weekend in June.

"Undoubtedly, we wanted to continue as scheduled," said DNR representative Smokey Woods. "But with all of the ice left on the lakes, and the general level of super crappy weather we've had this winter, the state lakes just won't be ready as early as they normally would be."

Area bait shops will be hit the hardest, who will have to wait another month to see the spring rush that they normally experience around opening.

"Yeah, it pretty much sucks," said an area bait-shop owner who wished to remain anonymous. "I don't know how I'll make ends meet for the month of May. Minnows and worms are my livelihood."

The state, in most areas, received record-setting amounts of snow. Bitter cold that has subsisted into March has kept much of that snow as a thick blanket on the ice-coated lakes. On some area lakes, as much as a foot of ice still exists.

To combat the disappointment of delaying the start of hook-and-line fishing season, the DNR has extended the ice fishing season, giving anglers an extended "ice-out" fishing period that typically produces great fish for ice-anglers.

Students across the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus have reacted with varying opinions.

"I don't mind, as long as we get some more ice-fish-

ing in," said UW-SP student Harry Knutbuster. "Besides, that'll give me a chance to go out to Lake DuBay and find my girlfriend from the last fishing excursion. She either ran off or fell through - either way I think she's gone forever."

"I think the DNR should cancel the whole fishing season," commented UW-SP student and self-professed hippie, Ariella Fairievibes. "Fishing is wrong, mean and it hurts the fish. Chalk this up as a victory for the hippies! Oh, and the fish."

The DNR is hoping that the state's weather systems are only running about a month behind and that ice on the lakes should be thawed by early June. Until then, anglers are urged to sit tight and think spring.

"That little bastard of a groundhog was right this year," said DNR representative Woods. "Six more weeks of winter indeed."



The DNR projects that area lakes will finally be thawed by late May, enabling an early June opening to the fishing season.

## Tame Schmeeckle deer to enroll at UWSP

### Wildlife majors urged to accept, not hunt new student

By Lilly Wilde  
QUEEN OF SCHMEECKLE

In a highly unorthodox move, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Chancellor Linda Bunnell has approved the application for enrollment of Buck Young, a white-tailed deer residing in Schmeeckle.

Young, who will major in wildlife in the College of Natural Resources, jumped through many hoops and hurdles forced upon him by the admissions office.

"In an age full of calls for equal rights and animal protection, I was astounded that the UW-SP admissions office would give me a hard time," said Young in a recent interview. "I mean, I can talk for Christ's sake. What more proof do I need that I'm educated and worthy of being accepted to go to classes here?"

Young learned English by pretending to be a graz-



Buck Young, the smartest deer from Schmeeckle, will be seen on campus and in the classroom this fall.

ing and unsuspecting "tame" deer in Schmeeckle.

"Anyone who's been to Schmeeckle has probably seen a deer that won't run away no matter how close you come," explained Young. "Well, we weren't really eating, or remaining motionless

because we were scared. The truth is, we were listening to your conversations and learning the language."

Young explained that over the years, a small group of educated tame deer have amassed quite a collection of used textbooks from stu-

dents leaving them behind in the woods.

"We've got as many books hidden in the Berard Oaks area of Schmeeckle as text rental has in the Dreyfus University Center," said Young. "English, math, history, soils; you name it, we've

got them all."

Young, who will begin his collegiate career this fall, is enrolled in the typical freshman General Degree Requirement classes like comm 101, English 150, math 111, natural resources 150 and biology 130.

"I'm really looking forward to my class load," said Young.

"We at UW-SP welcome diversity and the challenge of accommodating anyone and everyone at this University," said Chancellor Bunnell in a press conference earlier this week. "The enrollment of Buck Young paves the way for future educated deer to further their education at our institution."

Young, who will continue to reside in Schmeeckle instead of the residence halls, will also be granted excused absences surrounding Thanksgiving, when the Wisconsin deer hunting season will be open.



# Security measures taken at Schmeeckle to deter pot smoking Cameras, barbed wire fence to be added

By Theodore Nugent  
I GOT YOUR TICKETS

Campus security at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is becoming frustrated with a growing problem in Schmeeckle Reserve: dopes smoking dope.

"We're getting more complaints from wildlife revelers that there are kids everywhere smoking weed, at every turn," explained head of campus security, Christopher Narcopopolous. "We have projected that more people use Schmeeckle Reserve as a venue to smoke marijuana than people use it for recreation and exercise."

Narcopopolous, who

claims that many of the Schmeeckle dopers come from the residence halls and use the reserve as an escape from nosey community advisers, said that the university, in conjunction with campus security, has passed a motion to arm the wooded area with security cameras and surround the perimeter with fencing topped with barbed wire. A small amount of fencing with barbed wire already exists as a border between UW-SP's Lot P and Schmeeckle, but is proving itself insufficient.

"Uh, we just go around that fence," said UW-SP student and pot smoker who wished to be identified only as "Marley." "We figured out to go around it after a few attempts of jumping it."

The plan to fence in



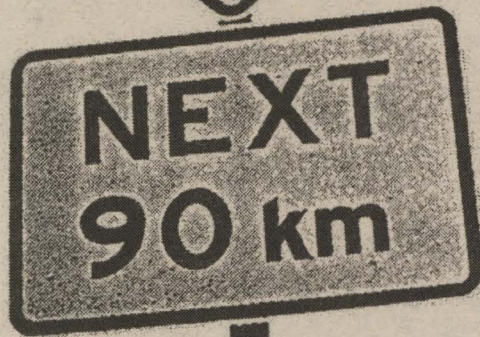
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Schmeeckle will begin after the May commencement ceremony, to be completed by mid-July. The gates will be locked to the public and UW-SP students from dusk to dawn, although animals will still have access in and out of the grounds through the use of "doggie door holes" sized to accommodate three different sized animals: bears and deer; raccoons and other mid-sized animals; and squirrels and rabbits.

In addition to fencing, campus security will add security cameras in what they call "dope smoking hot-spots" in Schmeeckle, including all the benches around Lake Joanis and "the treehouse." The cameras, 23 in total, will be motion-activated and state-of-the-art, costing the university just over \$5,000 per camera. But, they're all in the name of good use, says Narcopopolous. "What is the point in having Schmeeckle

Reserve if it's always full of scary dope smokers?" questioned Narcopopolous. "People are scared. The animals are scared. At least we think they are."

In a last-ditch effort to complement the barbed-wire fencing and cameras, Narcopopolous said that campus security also is trying to pass a motion with the Chancellor and Student Government Association to keep mad, rabid Rottweilers in various sections of Schmeeckle, as well to thwart trespassers. "We're going back and forth on the rabid dogs," said Narcopopolous. "We're not sure that we want to actually injure anyone...just prevent them from having fun."

Narcopopolous and campus security are also discussing what repercussions will await trespassers.

"Our number one idea right now is just to ask trespassers and pot-smokers politely to leave Schmeeckle," said Narcopopolous. "Everyone knows that we really don't have any sense of real authority."

Stay tuned next week for a full moon



## "Penis Monologues" returns to combat domestic violence

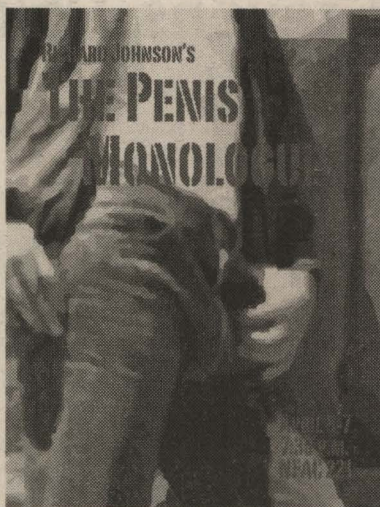
**Craig Melancthon**  
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Due to an overwhelmingly successful performance last year, the Society for the Professional, Educated, Rational Male will once again stage "The Penis Monologues" to raise awareness about domestic abuse. SPERM, formerly the Campus Men's Club, seeks to promote unity and understanding among men, as well as raise awareness of men's health issues and promote men's interests.

"There's a cultural double standard," said club president Michael Radford. "If a man hits a woman, he's a monster. If a woman smacks a man

across the face, it's cute, it's funny and he 'deserved it.' Count the number of slaps guys get in sitcoms, dramas and romantic comedies. You'll see what I mean."

"The Penis Monologues" is playwright Richard Johnson's answer to Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." Like "The Vagina Monologues," "The Penis Monologues" cover a variety of physical and mental aspects of maleness—everything from early embarrassments to erectile dysfunction to the first moments of fatherhood. "Line Drive to the Privates," a narrative about a young boy's particularly memorable baseball experience, is one of the more popular monologues. Others include "What Dad Taught Me," "First



Girlfriend," "I Liked Boys Instead" and "Where is it?" about transgendered men's experiences.

"We like to brag about some things, but there's a lot we don't talk about," said performer Jake Persechetti. "The

Penis Monologues' lets us laugh at ourselves and look past the stereotypes. And, let's face it, some of these roles take a lot of balls to perform."

SPERM got the idea to stage the performance from the Women's Resource Center, whose "Vagina Monologues" production also raises money to combat domestic abuse. While some students last year were concerned that "The Penis Monologues" would be a mockery of the WRC's performance, Radford stresses that it's a different aspect of the same cause.

"Don't get me wrong, SPERM completely agrees with the 'Vagina Monologues' message," said Radford. "Domestic abuse, against men or women, is a terrible thing.

We want to tell the other side of the story, because stories about battered wives and girlfriends get a lot more press than abused husbands and boyfriends. Jealousy, controlling behavior, constant put-downs and physical abuse aren't exclusive to either gender. Abuse of men is a real issue, and not many people are aware of it."

The premiere of "The Penis Monologues" will be Friday, April 5, at 8:00 p.m. in room 221 of the Noel Fine Arts Center. The show will run from March 5 through April 7. Tickets cost \$5 with student ID and \$10 for the general public. All proceeds will go to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

## Graffiti art in NFAC creates colorful, farcical controversy

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Custodial Staff arrived at the Noel Fine Arts Center on April 1 to discover a composition, featuring the word "despair" in calligraphic lines of black spray paint, on the northern staircase in the courtyard.

Efforts have been made to locate the responsible "artist," but as of yet the College of Fine Arts and Communication has not reached a decision about the consequences of the action. COFAC authorities cannot decide whether to expel the offender or offer him or her a show in the Gallery.

Protective Services have not yet discovered any leads, but the culprit is believed to be an overly stressed and frustrated graphic design major.

"Artistic merits aside, this sentiment is detrimental to morale in the NFAC and is not the kind of message we want to send to potential students or the community," said Dean Jett Dorin. "We've already had some trouble with vandalism this year, and we need to make it clear that such actions are not acceptable."

The debate over what to do about the graffiti is divided almost evenly along program lines. The majority of art and graphic design professors advocate for its continued presence in the Courtyard.

"This work exhibits a very



expressive use of dark hues and a mature sense of design,"

said Kari Swift, professor and gallery advisor. "It represents a

very skillful use of stencil and spray paint techniques."

Professors in the dance and music programs have expressed the concern that leaving the graffiti in place will open the door for further acts of vandalism. Student opinions are equally divided.

"You see this subject matter in the Carlsten Art Gallery all the time," said junior Skye Rackham. "I don't see the difference." Rackham is president of the Student Art and Sculpture Coalition, commonly known as SASC.

Jill Louis, pianist and voice student, disagrees.

"While the sentiment is popular at certain times of year in this department," said Louis, "It's making things worse around here. Most students in this building are going crazy with stress, but painting such a cliché word across the courtyard staircase is a really immature way to handle it."



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# Miley Cyrus announces decision to attend college at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

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Miley Cyrus, better known as "Hannah Montana" of pre-teen pop culture fame, has announced her decision to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point when she graduates from high school in three years. Cyrus plans to pursue a degree in communication, where she plans to study shameless self-promotion. Cyrus won't graduate from high school

for another three years, but Stevens Point authorities are already planning for her first day of college.

The Protective Services staff plans to hire additional security to protect Cyrus on campus. The Stevens Point Police Department is planning to host riot-control seminars in preparation for the expected deluge of pre-teen fangirls, both local and out-of-state.

"Ohmygod it's gonna be so cool I can't wait to meet her!"

said Katie Smith, a fifth grader at Madison Elementary.

The cost of out-of-state tuition won't be a problem for Cyrus. Even though she's the figurehead for a multibillion-dollar franchise, her father plans to pay for her education, just like he paid for her record deal.

"Hopefully, three years from now, she'll have burned out, and the massive over-exposure will have died down," said

Smith's mother, Jane Smith. "Pop stars don't last long. The kids will have turned to some other fad performer by then. Katie was obsessed with 'High School Musical' a week ago, and she's 'totally over it' now."

When asked their opinions about the starlet's impending arrival, numerous UW-SP students replied, "Who cares?" The other half responded, "Miley who?"



Miley Cyrus, pictured with her Mom and sister, shows off her UW-SP apparel.

## Student changes major from bio-chem to sitcom reruns

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When junior Colin Hay began his studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, he could not have been more enthused to embark on his education in the world of biochemistry. His lifelong interest in the cellular makeup and inner workings of living creatures seemed to be coming to fruition.

"As long as I could remember, I'd wondered about how living things worked," said Hay. "I wanted to break things down to their most basic level and study them from the ground up."

As he enrolled in the courses for his degree, visions

of graduate school and a doctorate even entered his mind.

The magic soon wore off for Hay. As he entered his third year at UW-SP, he had become increasingly dissatisfied with his chosen field.

"I thought I'd be dissecting things and doing experiments pretty much constantly by now," said Hay, "but it was just reading after reading, text after text. I was bored."

However, as the flames of his passion for biochemistry flickered, Colin found himself drawn to a new interest: television sitcoms. While he had always enjoyed the occasional viewing, he found more and more of his time was being consumed viewing shenanigans of fictional people followed by canned laughter. He began staying up all night,

skipping class and not leaving his room to watch.

"I mean who doesn't watch the occasional encore production of 'Friends,'" he said. "It's no big deal."

It was a big deal to those around him, including his parents, friends and roommates.

"I used to watch 'Scrubs' with him on Thursday nights," said roommate Ben Shepperd. "But when he started talking about majoring in TV shows, I was done. It's just creepy."

On March 28, Colin Hay did more than just talk about majoring in television shows; he officially changed his major from bio-chemistry to sitcom studies.

"It just seemed like the logical thing to do," Hay said.

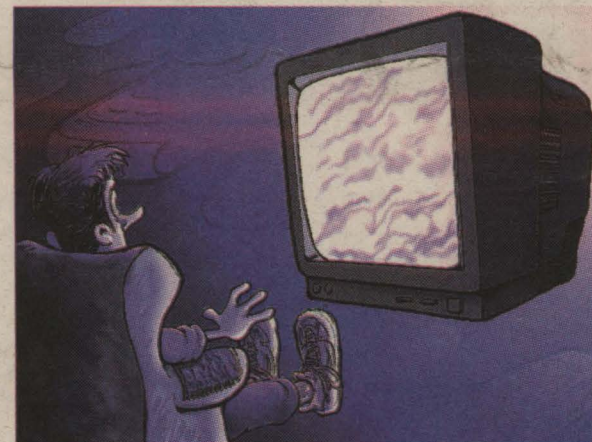
Hay has designed his own curriculum with differ-

ent shows in different disciplines. For example, "Scrubs" and "Northern Exposure" will complete his natural sciences credits, while "Arrested Development" and "Night Court" qualify as humanities.

"My parents and advisor tried to convince me to enter a broadcasting track in com-

munication, or pursue a writing degree," said Hay, "but they just don't seem to understand. I don't want to create TV shows. I just want to watch them all the time."

As the semester progresses Hay said he may consider taking on a minor, perhaps in beer and tortilla chips.



## Art student's perfect man is a dirtball

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As part of an art project at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, students were required for their midterm to make human or animal sculptures out of biodegradable materials or objects from nature. A student named Ema Lonely walked in on a big surprise last Thursday after she had left her completed masterpiece sitting on her dorm room desk to dry in the sun.

Created from mysterious soil and clay collected from the Debot football field, Lonely sculpted a life size piece she titled, "The Perfect Man."

"They're hard to find, so why not create your own," Lonely said. Lonely noticed as her months of challenging work began to dry that

the limbs became oddly stiff, unlike normal soil and clay, which normally crumbles under pressure.

"The natural material seemed to intertwine itself into an indestructible body figure. I was actually very pleased with the coming along of my project. Well, until last Thursday, when I came back from class," said Lonely.

When Lonely arrived back at her room after class at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, she found her sculpture peering out the window in a standing position. She had originally built her man sitting in a depressed position. At first, Lonely was shocked. As she gasped, her masterpiece turned around, and he showed off his own stiffened masterpiece. Lonely giggled at the embarrassing moment and offered the sculpture a pair of her sweatpants.

Since the incident, Lonely and her perfect man have fallen in love.

"He's truly 'The Perfect Man.' He doesn't talk, pays attention to me whenever I need it, goes into statue mode when I'm tired of him, holds me tenderly every night and is always ready to... well, you know," Lonely said, following the statement with a big grin.

Natural Resources scientists from Harvard University have been investigating the mysterious soil and clay used to make the man. So far the only theory is that the energy of the passion and determination Lonely built the sculpture with had transferred from her heart and imagination into her masterpiece. The moral of the story is: even if you think your partner is made of dirt sometimes, through true love, you can make love work.



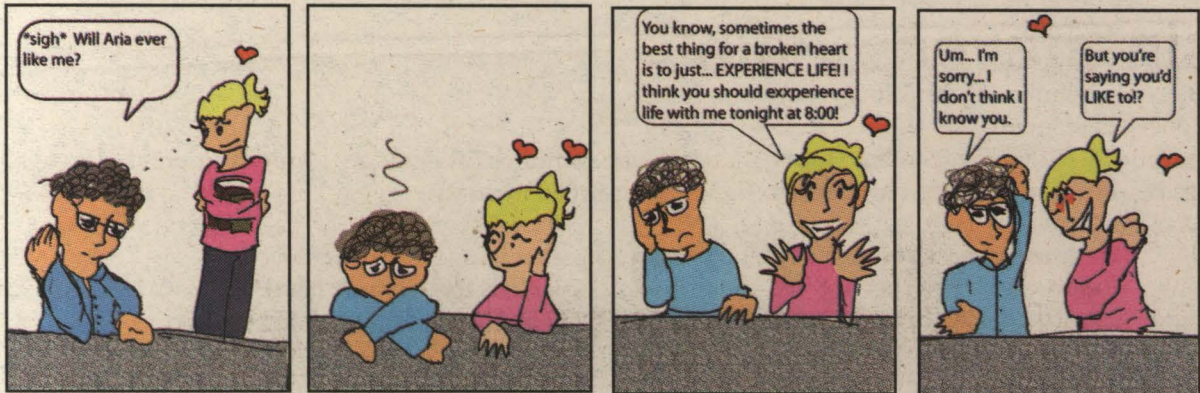

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My apologies.  
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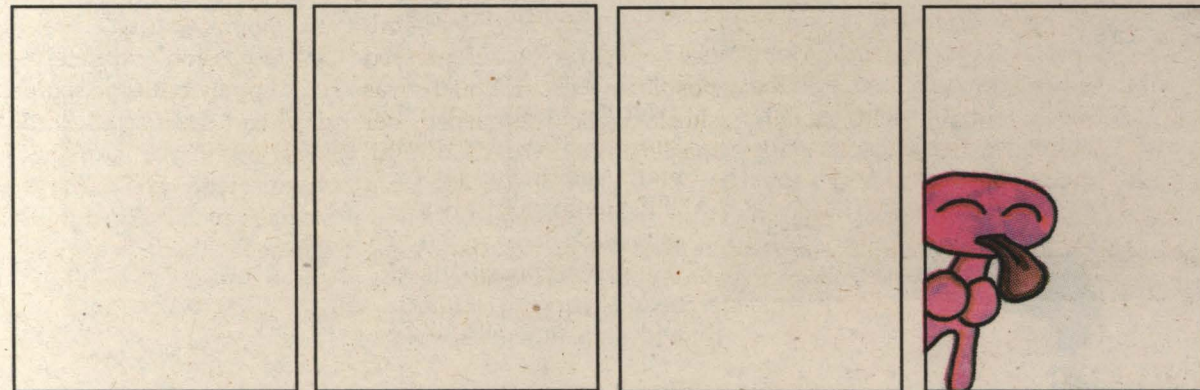
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## DeBot: the newest fad laxative diet

Poopy McGee  
THE POINTER

Many new diets have been sweeping the nation in the past decade. One not so popular has found itself a nice little niche right here in Stevens Point!

The DeBot Dining Center on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus has proven itself to be just that.

Students claim DeBot's "food" to be the main cause of clogged residence hall toilets and unclaimed undergarments, clean but still soiled, that have been left for the dust mites and lint monsters in the laundry rooms.

Kristy Craig, a senior that still eats at DeBot said, "The DeBot diet is the best diet I've ever tried. It makes you feel like you can eat a lot, but then you don't feel guilty afterwards. You usually can hit the bathroom on your way back to the res halls and then feel fine about pigging out."

Many argue laxative diets are the new eating disorder. But for it to be technically a diet, or even an eating disorder, pills to induce the bowel purging have to be utilized.

When a laxative is taken, a loss of one to two pounds is only temporary. But, when one takes a diuretic, a temporary loss of one to three pounds is the result. Diuretics get rid of excess body water.

Naturally pooping only results in a zero to two pound temporary loss, unless it's a big one, which can result in a loss up to two and a half pounds. Weight can even be lost through a big number one for a loss of one and a half pounds. For the best results get a colonoscopy for a temporary loss of two to three pounds. The excess flagellation afterwards is a definite plus.

These relief inducing products take up to 12 hours to work. DeBot is proven to work within a half and hour. Many cleansing diets have also recommended a coffee enema. These are used to evacuate the bowels and detoxify the body. Who wants to do that when you can eat the recycled green beans served three days earlier in a casserole and number two before you even get back to your room?!

"It is amazing how clever and creative the cooks and chefs are back there at DeBot. They definitely know how to use their resources and obvi-

ously care we don't gain the freshman 15," said sophomore Excrematty Ment.

Numerous students don't have a choice when it comes to where or what to eat while on campus. But the students also didn't expect to relieve everything they eat either. Freshman, Adam Poopalopolus, said, "I actually like the experience of dropping the Cosby kids off at the pool. When I get up off the toilet and look down to see a nice foot long floater, all curled up, I think to myself, 'Yup, I made that! Thank you DeBot!'"

To get the full effect of DeBot's relieving tendencies, it is highly advised to eat the lettuce. Many are affected by the chemicals added to the greens to keep them just that color. "It makes a salad diet just that much better, you feel good about eating healthy, and then you just get rid of it anyway!" said junior Feefee Sees.

A book is in the process about the DeBot diet. It is a group project by the employees of DeBot. Auditions for the two photos needed, listed in the side bar, will be held sometime next semester. The book will be available for purchase in the University Book Store.

### You could even start YOUR OWN fad diet if the DeBot doesn't work for you!

How to Create Your Own Fad Diet: (taken from <http://www.faddiet.com/maky-ourownfa.html>)

*Note: This is especially effective if you have a doctorate degree in something obscure like geniology. That way you can call it the "Dr. Scardsmayo Diet". Follow this up with a book and you'll be rich.*

Here are the basic ingredients you will need to create your own fad diet:

- A book that lists the nutritional values of every food under the sun.
- A good idea about what foods the grocery store carries.
- A bag of chips (you'll need a snack while you work).
- No nutritional knowledge whatsoever.
- A picture of someone who was slim 5 years ago, but is now larger.
- The larger person has to own an outfit that is at least 10 years old.

## Polar bear attacks on rise in Wisconsin

Paddington Bear  
THE POINTER

Over the last year or so, there has been an increase in the number of bear attacks in Wisconsin. Oddly enough, they're not by your average, run of the mill brown bear, but rather polar bears.

Attacks by polar bears are up 100 percent this year in Wisconsin. Every city from Superior to Janesville has experienced this phenomenon. Sightings of these white giants have become as common as those of deer.

Thanks to global warming causing the polar ice caps to melt, the polar bear's natural habitat is dwindling. They have had a difficult time finding a place which suits their arctic lifestyle. As the polar bears have traveled the North American continent in search of a home, scientists think they may have finally found a suitable location.

Wisconsin has always been known for its cold winters with large amounts of snow. But over the last year, winter has been getting longer and longer. We're pushing almost half of a year covered in snow. While the people who inhabit

the state haven't always been thrilled about this, the polar bears find it to be just like home. And with only three months, if that, of warm weather, Wisconsin couldn't be any better suited for the polar bears.

Even the food in Wisconsin is to the bears' liking. There are plenty of deer, fish and other small creatures running around for them to feast on. Plus, as the increase of attacks on humans has shown, we don't seem to be making too bad a meal either.

Experts warn that while the bears may look cute and cuddly, they are usually anything but. Polar bears often feel threatened by humans, and when threatened, they will do what is necessary for survival. This includes taking out a human or two.

While there are still some Wisconsinites who are skeptical about the presence of the polar bear in the badger state, statistics are showing they're no urban leg-



end. At least 35 people have been injured by polar bear attacks within the last two months alone.

One survivor of a bear attack, Running Scared, said she was simply unprepared to handle such a situation.

"It's not like when you see a deer. Deer run away, allowing you to do whatever you please in their habitat," Scared said. "But the bear...it just stood there. And shooting it just made it angrier."

Those who are hip to the presence of the bears have a variety of theories as to why the bears have chosen Wisconsin, of all places. They also have their theories on why they're attacking people.

One Wisconsin resident says it has nothing to do with fear, but rather "revenge." "They're pissed off that we've destroyed their home and now they're retaliating," said Ricky Bobby. "I'm getting out of here as fast as I can."

Researchers have been working closely with state officials to find

a way for humans and bears to live peacefully together. However, no solutions have been formed as of yet.

"Most of us think it's time to just give the state up to them," said one politician. "We've all had enough of the long winters and weather that changes every five minutes. Let the polar bears have it."

Whether the rest of the state feels the same way is yet to be seen. But one thing seems to be certain—the polar bears are here and, they're here to stay.

To help protect yourself and your family, check out the trusty "Bear Attack Tips" on Wikipedia. Since anyone can add information, you know you're getting the best, most up-to-date knowledge.



# TECH IDBIT

Theo Retical  
THE POINTER

On Tuesday April 1, 2008, Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Inc., announced a new iPod line up for late 2008. The line up will feature the iPod "Gama," and "Omega."

"We plan on a world wide market share of 98 percent with the release of the new iPod series this fall," said Jobs at a press conference earlier this week. "The 'Gama' and 'Omega' will change the way that people live, they will alter civilization at its core, reorganize governments and shake our very idea of existence."

The "Gama" is being touted as the first device to break the laws of physics. "No longer will you have to clumsily attach your iPod to your arm or carry it in a pocket," said Jobs. Thanks to Apple Inc.'s newest technology, the "Gama" uses bio-magnetism to float effortlessly next to the user.

"Ear bud cords getting to be a problem?"

asked Jobs, "they will no longer! Both the 'Gama' and 'Omega' will be programmed with the latest in Bluetooth technology, allowing for wireless listening of your favorite music."

"I know what you are thinking: all this technology, this thing must be HUGE," joked Timothy Cook, Apple's chief operating officer. But that is certainly not the case. The "Gama" clocks in at just under one thousandth of a pound and measures only one cubic centimeter in size.

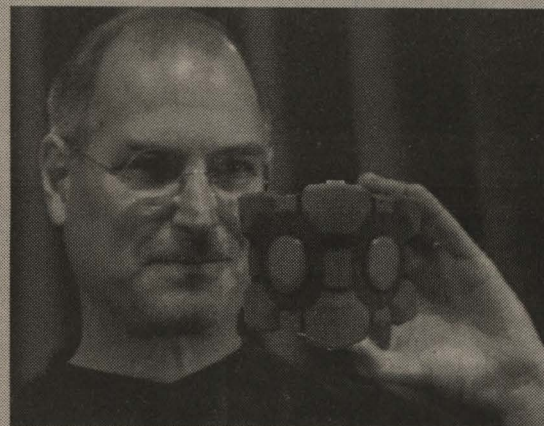
Don't let its nearly microscopic scope fool you, though. This modern marvel holds every song ever made in history, has the ability to connect to the Internet, performs every function of a personal daily assistant, makes phone calls and with software add-ons it can watch your kids, walk the dog and make dinner. Consumers will find the Gama come September for the low price of \$5,699.99.

"The 'Gama' will be all the rage with the kids; there is no doubt about that," said Jobs. "Where we expect to gain the most ground is with the 'Omega,' of which the target audience is world leaders, politicians and hopefully a few celebri-

ties along the way."

The "Omega" is the future. Self contained in a three inch by three inch cube, the "Omega" is the most powerful piece of equipment ever designed by man, period. "Omega's" software allows it to not only synchronize with all electrical circuitry, but biological beings as well. "It can tell you the future, the past, rearrange governments, create and destroy memories, make you fall in love, or force you to overthrow society," said Jobs. "It is our hope that by 2015 the entire world will be run by one singular 'Omega' iPod."

Marketed as "God in a box," the "Omega" will be hitting shelves across the continental United States sometime in early November, just in time for the holiday rush. Jobs urges people to preorder the "Omega" as only 11 will be shipped world wide. When asked if he was limiting supply to keep demand up Jobs chuckled, "I only do what the 'Omega' tells me to do. Soon, we will all do the same and humanity will have run its course. It is inevitable."



## Pills, not exercise, the real way to lose weight

Thin Lizzy  
THE POINTER

For years, doctors have been dismissing diet pills, lecturing they're dangerous. The real way to stay healthy, doctors have claimed, is through diet and exercise. Now, all of those lies have been blown out of the water.

New research from Bob Hoskins Medical Center states diet pills are much more effective, and less dangerous, than most doctors give them credit for. Lead researcher Ben Bamboozled and his team studied a variety of diet pills on the market and found them to be no more harmful than taking a vitamin.

The research team studied pills both approved and unapproved by the FDA. After a couple months of double blind studies, the team was convinced that no health complications would arise.

"All of our patients saw dramatic weight loss results," said Bamboozled. "And as of yet, not a single one has complained."

One of the biggest concerns most physicians have with diet pills is their claim to make people magically lose weight within days. Past

research has stated that losing too much weight too quickly is dangerous to the body. Physicians are especially concerned about the pills' effect on the heart. They say diet pills increase heart rate and can even cause the user to suffer fatal problems such as heart attacks.

"And many of these problems are delayed," argues N.O. Itall, a doctor in the United States. "Problems may not arise until months, even years later."

Bamboozled refutes this type of skepticism by admitting that yes, heart rate does increase but "how else do you expect to lose all that weight in such a short amount of time?"

He later states in the research paper that no complications have been found in any of the study's participants. It has been found that the size of their hearts have increased a little, "but a bigger heart equals better health and more room for love of your fellow man," Bamboozled explained.

And as for exercise benefiting the body, the research done by Bamboozled's team found absolutely no reason why a person should ever exercise, at least for weight loss.

"There is no conclusive evidence that diet and

exercise will help you maintain a healthy weight," said Bamboozled. "Those doctors are in the back pockets of the health and exercise industry. Of course they're going to push diet and exercise when half of their patients come in based on weight problems."

Bamboozled went on to say, "You would think the doctors would be more excited to push the pills. They're always pushing other pharmaceuticals on people, so what's so different about diet pills?"

This new research comes as happy news to the many dieters out there. So many of them are frustrated with the diet plans out there. Plans which practically starve the participant and make them fit excruciating exercise into their already busy lives. Now that they can pop a magic pill to solve all their problems, life will become much easier.

"Finally, a pill that will actually solve my problems!" exclaimed one happy user.

Though many doctors are still skeptic, thanks to the American public's enthusiasm for accepting anything that claims providing a quick fix, this may be one trend that will be around for quite some time.

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# Pointers shock university with news of pregnancy

By Michael Hunt  
EMBEDDED SPORTS SLEUTH

After weeks of rumors and speculation, an anonymous source within the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Athletic Department finally admitted that Stevie and Stephanie Pointer are expecting an unplanned litter of pups sometime in July.

After the couple was seen at an appearance at the last Pointer women's basketball game, there had been talk around campus about the small baby bump that Stephanie had attempted to hide during her routine with a flowing summer dress.

The discovery of the out-of-wedlock litter was a shock to some on campus, but many of the students accepted the news with a sense of understanding.

"I can understand that some more traditional individuals would look down upon this event and condone the actions of the couple, but I couldn't agree with that," said university physician Terrier Jones in

an interview at Delzell Hall late Tuesday evening. "After all, the dawgs are like so many teens and university students who maybe make the wrong decision or make a mistake and then need to face up to the consequences. Having a pup will be a life lesson for the two."

Not everyone walking the hallways of UW-SP agree with that sentiment. Some hold Stevie and Stephanie accountable for their actions, and the bad reputation they may have brought to the university with their irresponsible actions.

"As mascots for the UW-SP campus, both Stevie and Stephanie have certain responsibilities and duties that they must fulfill. There are values they must uphold," said the UW-SP Public Relations Department in a conference call early Wednesday morning. "At this point, the university is unsure of the actions it will take against the two, but it is not pleased with the negative behavior within its ranks."

Friends of the two dawgs

say they have seen some changes in the couple's behavior. One close friend even commented that the two have not taken their normal Thirsty Thursday night trips down to Pete's Sportsbar for karaoke, or even shown up at Partners for dollar bottles on Wednesday nights.

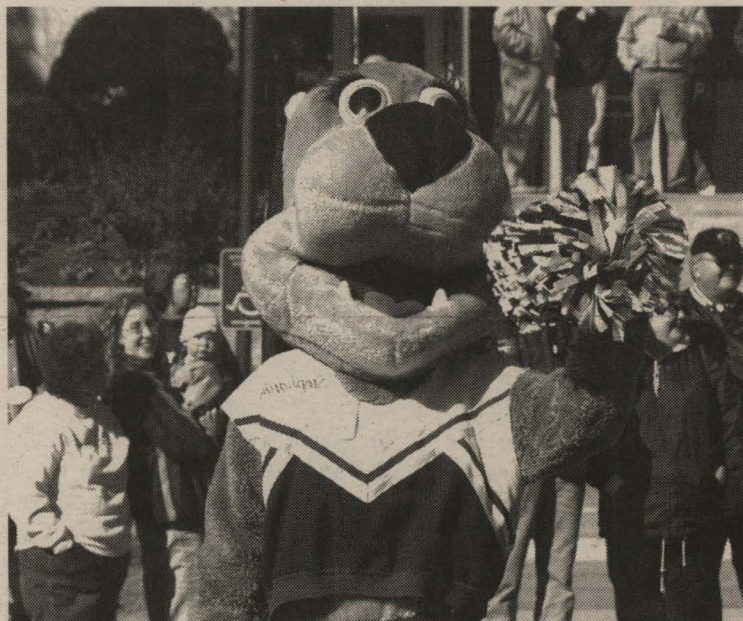
"It's so weird that they have pulled away from the social scene here at UW-SP. We miss them a lot and wish they would come back to us," said biology senior Jerry Dane.

The dawgs themselves were unavailable for comment when The Pointer attempted to reach them at their Village Apartment this past week, but the public relations department promised to issue a news release regarding the university's decision about the pregnancy.

"I think it's kind of cool," said one student eating a slice of pizza in the Dreyfus University Center. "I wonder if they'll keep the puppies so we could pet them at the football games next year."



The Pointer mascots stroll through Schmekle Reserve.



An overjoyed Stephanie Pointer regales, as woman with child looks on.

## Packers pack it up and move it out: heartbreak for all Cheeseheads

By Don "Majik" Majkowski  
RETIRED PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE

In a statement that left the state stunned last Saturday, the Green Bay Packers announced that the franchise will move from the dairy state to Mississippi.

Team members said they are excited for the move down south.

"Part of the decision was a result of quarterback Brett Favre leaving the team. We thought if we can't keep him, join him, and this was one of the most attractive options

available to us," remarked Packer Head Coach Mike McCarthy. "We have talked it out with the team, and they are just as excited as we are."

What grew to be one of the most revered teams in the National Football League's history has

decided to leave their loyal followers behind in the pursuit of warmer climates and a squeaky clean start.

"The new team name will be the Catfish, and in place of the large orange cheese blocks on everyone's head, we'll have catfish," said an anonymous source within the Packers' camp. "Sure we'll miss the freezing temperatures, the cheese and the cows, but it is finally time to move on to greener pastures."

The specific city of origin that the team will adopt is still under discussion at this point in time, but one executive was quoted saying any city in the state will be acceptable for the program's center.

"Anywhere would work as long as the team shows up," he said. "We're thinking about Kiln as a real possibility right now though. The team would be called the Kiln Catfish! Now that's just sounds good."

The many minions of the Packers are upset by this news and some have planned Facebook sites in protest that will pop up within the next week or so, quite like those that

emerged when Favre decided to leave the green and gold earlier this year.

"I can not believe this," said a shell-shocked University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student named Johnny Jones with glistening tears filling his bloodshot eyes. "I haven't slept, I can't eat and I don't know if I can go on now that I know my only reason for living has gone to the land of the crawfish."

Some Wisconsin residents have even gone so far as to pack up their lives here in the dairy state so they can stay faithfully close to the Pack in their cross-country hike.

"I have decided to retire and follow them," said diehard fan Joseph Packerhausen. "I'm 35 and I plan to go down to unknown parts of America to live the dream near Brett Favre. Favre forever!"

The ownership of the Packers will currently be maintained by Green Bay residents and stockholders, while merchandise with the team's new logo should be available in the next few months.



Photo courtesy of Packers.com

Movers begin the process of relocating the entire contents of Lambeau Field, the Packer Hall of Fame, and their corporate offices.



# Dinosaur to be hatched at UW-SP

By John Hammond  
JURASSIC PARK OWNER/OPERATOR

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point experimental genetics department may soon be making world history with its plan to hatch a Velociraptor and raising it in the Trainer Natural Resources Vivarium. This has never been successfully done before, but the students within the department are truly ambitious and sure it can be done.

The Velociraptor was a dinosaur that lived about 70 to 83 million years ago during the Cretaceous Period. If you have seen Jurassic Park, these are the dinosaurs with the stiffened tail, enlarged claw on each hindfoot, a long and low skull, and an upturned snout. Although in the movie, these creatures were shown much larger than they would have been and without feathers.

The UW-SP students have extracted a full, undamaged DNA strand from a Velociraptor femur bone that was donated to UW-SP Museum of Natural History several years ago. The bone

originally was excavated from inner Mongolia in central Asia, where several other Velociraptor bones have been found.

It is extremely difficult and rare to extract an undamaged DNA strand from any fossil. Students will insert this precious piece of DNA into a stem cell retrieved from an iguana within the department. With heat lamps, extremely sanitary conditions and 24 hour observation, a Velociraptor egg will develop within six weeks. An estimated birthday celebration will be held, but details will be given later. Keep a look out for it on message of the day. Viewing of the developing egg is prohibited until further notice.

If all goes well, the experimental creature will live and be on display during the day within the TNR Vivarium for years to come. Future plans also include the Raptor being trained as a guard dinosaur to patrol the TNR and CNR buildings during after hours. Students are advised to not taunt, feed or make eye contact with the creature when leaving the building after late classes.



A raptor, much like the one pictured above, will take up residence soon at the Trainer Natural Resource building.

# Lions interested in cow men

By Punter Johnson  
SPORTS REPORTER

Wednesday's reports of scientists successfully combining cells from a human embryo with those of a cow embryo was met with varying degrees of interest, from wonder to horror. Scientists claim that the purpose of such an experiment is to allow the study of stem cells without the use of human embryos. However, Detroit Lions president and CEO, Matt Millen, has another idea.

"Cow men," says Millen. "I can see it now, an offensive line made up of half-man half-cow hybrids. Have you ever tried to push over a cow? It's

damn near impossible!"

Millen has gone on to say that he has tried to get in contact with the scientists responsible for the study despite their declaration that their research could not be used to create "monsters."

"Yes, I know they said that it is biologically impossible," said Millen, "But I think that may just be a PR smoke-screen. If you could create a new, more powerful creature, would you tell the press? I don't think so!"

He went on to say that such creatures would not be "monsters" if they were put to use for the good of mankind.

"What could be better for men than to shore up our

offensive line and reduce the number of hits our quarterback takes? Football fans and fans of mutants alike will be thrilled by this single act!"

When told that such joining of species are not called mutants but "chimeras," Millen incorrectly stated that the Green Bay Packers had one in the mid-1990s playing tight end, confusing the term with Mark Chmura.

Clearly, Millen is getting desperate to improve the team he took over in 2001. The Lions have yet to post a winning season under Millen and gave up the most sacks of any team during the 2007 season.



A model of the man-cow that could be hitting the turf next season.

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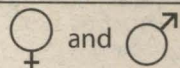
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# Your College Survival Guide:

## Phraseology

By: Pat "Brett Hiorns" Rothfuss

WITH HELP FROM: CHEESE LOUISE

I've never done anything special for the Pointless, but this year, my fabulous illustrator and I have decided to switch places. He's going to answer the letter, and I'm going to draw the picture. And now, on to our show...

Hey, Pat.

I always thought that either you made up all your letters, or only really lame people write to you for advice (and abuse). Well, I guess I'm lame, cause here I am. My girlfriend and I live together, and to perpetuate the harmony, we split everything (chores, bills, etc.).

But a few of the bills come right out of my checking account (none come out of hers), so she never remembers to pay me for them. Also, when I cover something for her, she doesn't seem to remember I blew X-amount of money, though she's really good about reminding me to pay her back when she spends money on "us."

I know it's my fault for not telling her, because she keeps telling me to just remind her when bills are due, or to keep track of what I've spent on her. She does, so how come I have such a problem asking her for money? What can I do to not feel like such a heel?

Signed,  
Got Bills, Need Balls

I really don't think your situation is as horrible as you think, GBNB. And thanks, by the way, for giving me a name that's completely unacronymable. You could have come up with a more clever turn of phrase for me to play with. Some phrases beg to be turned.

The same thing is true with your girlfriend-money issue. It all lies in the proper phrasing. It's all about playing with words.

First, you'll want to read a little. Not just here, though I do live on the ego strokes. The only thing that could flatter me more is a steamroller (See? Not a turn of phrase, but merely a pun. To illustrate a point. Not because I'm reaching for filler this week. Oh, God, I'm so sorry). Read. I'm serious. Newspapers, magazines, cereal boxes, maybe the odd book. Maybe the even book. Now. Go.

The point is, before you can have fun with words, you need some words to have fun with. You can't make a cool spaceship out of LEGOs if you only have a few of the 8-knob bricks, some corners and one wheel.

You need the whole box. Boxes of words are called "books" - am I making sense?

Now me, I'm always digging through boxes of LEGOs looking for strange pieces I've never seen before. Clear pieces. Moving pieces. Pieces with sharp corners that have been recalled by the government. Pieces made of good intentions, wicked rage, or sweet, sweet methadone. I can build some awesome stuff out of those. Wait - I mean

it like a Massachusetts senator. When your buddy crashes and burns, compliment him with a sincere sounding, "Hey, Buddy, that wasn't half good," or "Don't worry, you'll get it never." Pull the verbal rug out from under him. First make sure his name is Buddy. Otherwise, substitute appropriately.

Another one of my friends is always complaining about her breasts, or lack thereof. All of us tell her she's pretty, but she's obsessed with her lack of dowry. One good thing came out of her plight, though: to describe her condition, she uses the word "chestitute." I call it a good thing because I plan on ripping off that word for my own use.

Good phraseology is the key when talking to your girlfriend about these money issues. Take, for example, these two brief monologues and try to decide which one will have the desired result.

"Jenny, I know you're a stingy, chestitute bitch, but I need your half of the phone bill so I can waste it on video games and porn."

"Hey honey, do you have money for the phone bill from last month? I already paid it, but I'm a little strapped right now, what with your birthday right around the corner...."

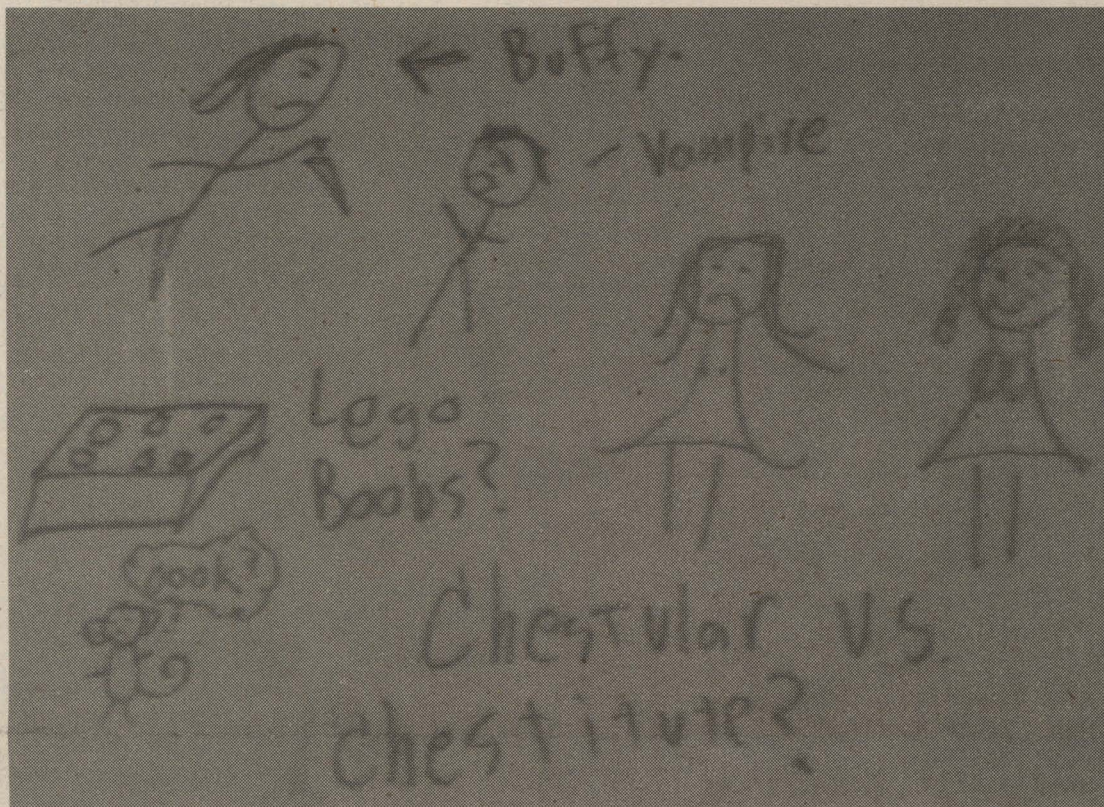
The moral of the story, GBNB, is that if your girl tells you to remind her about bills, remind her. And, if you're smart about your phraseology, you can avoid getting your ass beat down.

If you hate confrontation, write the direct-pay bills on the calendar so she can plan for them. Make sure she knows what she owes you for. She might not remember the money, but she'll remember the event, the surprise or the errand. Odds are pretty good that if she has enough wherewithal to remind you what you owe her, then she expects the same from you. Don't disappoint her.

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I suck, lets never speak of this again.

words. I'm always digging through books for new words.

If books crawlerize your skin, watch TV. Not that "reality" crap, I mean something with writing. The shining example of a master of TV wordcraft is Joss Whedon. The man obviously loves his words and revels in using them in a creative way. I bet you could give him a single, flat, 2-knob LEGO, and he'll make a full-scale, working Ferrari out of it somehow. Seriously, Google around for quotes from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer", "Angel", or "Firefly" and you'll come up with lists of tongue-tripping dialogue to delight and amaze you. Phrases like, "Don't you have an elsewhere to be?" and "I didn't jump. I took a tiny step and there conclusions were."

You can do this in every day conversation. Just think a little ahead of what you're saying and zag a few times when your audience expects a zig. I once explained to a very nice girl that I was "young for my age" a phrase based on the endless variations that play your outstanding feature against the age constant: mature/well-spoken/tall/rabid/furry for your age. All I did was use the one descriptor that made no sense. See? Not so clever now that I've explained it.

Moving on. In this age of sarcasm you kids have whipped up, there are many possibilities for a good rip. Start a standard phrase with standard inflections, then flip



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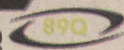
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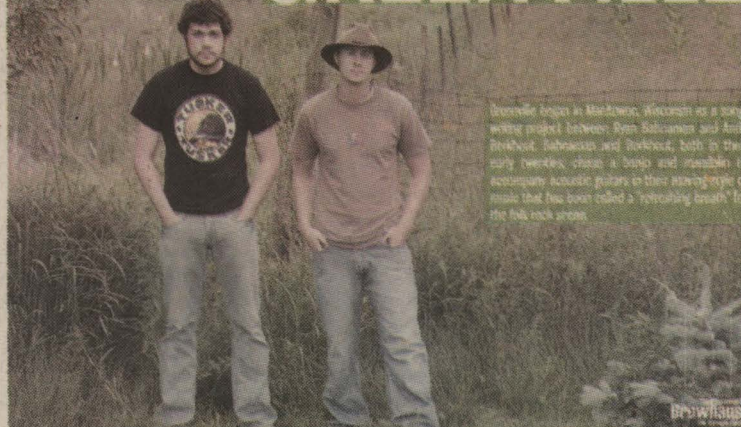
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