**A.I.R.O. sponsors 35th anniversary Pow Wow**

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Bright colors and jiggling bells filled the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Berg Gym Saturday, May 3, 2008 during the American Indians Reaching for Opportunities 35th Anniversary Pow Wow. The Pow Wow is a Native American gathering that celebrates life, family and friends. "It is a time to come together, a sort of family reunion," said A.I.R.O president Rorary Griffin. "We get together to dance and honor the day and the spirit." Representatives from each of Wisconsin's 11 tribes participated in drumming, dancing and singing. Drummers sat in a circle within their separate tribes, beating on a large bass drum and chanting a tribal mantra. Dancers participating in the Pow Wow were colorful traditional tribal regalia to signify which type of dancer they are. The dancers circled around the drums in the middle of the gym, enjoying a mass intertribal dance where everyone performed their own style. Ages of the dancers ranged from 4 or 5-year-old to the elderly. "It is a tradition for parents who are dancers to teach their children. It's a continuation of traditions throughout generations," said Griffin.

The Pow Wow began with a ceremony featuring a parade of dancers led by the U.S. military veterans from each tribe. A presentation of the veterans then took place, held, giving recognition to veterans as far back as Vietnam to the current Iraq war. Following the presentation, a tribal elder came forward to pay tribute to the Creator. "He was thanking the Creator for the day, the good thoughts, the good feelings of being together as a group," said Griffin. "He goes on and on about everything in the tradition way." The Pow Wow then gave way to singing, dancing and socializing, eventually leading to a dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Vendors from throughout the state lined the gym, selling many hand-made Native American merchandise. The Pow Wow was a culmination of A.I.R.O's Native American Week that featured speakers and activities to promote the Native American pride and tribal unity.

**Contract deadline means UW-SP needs provider**

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Chartwells, the company that provides food services for the Dreyfus University Center and Elizabeth Pfiffiger Delbot Center, along with catering service on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, may no longer be part of the university come August 2009, when their contract expires. To some people this may seem like a distant future, but many students and administrators, including Student Affairs Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson, are already in the process of deciding where the students' food will come from in Fall 2009. "There's a lot of work to be done," said Tomlinson. "We have to make sure we get a good cross-representation of our campus community [and] everyone on campus has a chance to comment." To do this, a committee has been set up to find out what students want in food services. The committee will be broken into three subcommittees to focus on specific areas. All three areas, DeBo, University Centers Advisory and Policy Board and Student Government Association, are seeking students to sit on their respective subcommittees. "I think this is a great opportunity for students to get involved on campus," said Justin Glodowski, Student Government Association president and student chair of the SGA subcommittee. "This is one of those things that some see Deadline pg. 2

**Pro-Life display sparks controversy at UW-SP**

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On Thursday, May 1, the annual display by the Pointers for Life of 4,000 crosses symbolizing the number of abortions performed each day in the United States was disrupted by a group of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students. The group of students demonstrated against the display by pulling the crosses out of the ground as the Pointers for Life students replaced them in their path. Protective Services were informed and arrived on the scene to resolve the situation.

One student, Roddick King, a UW-SP student senator, became involved in Protective Services defending his right to protest the display. King made statements questioning the sponsorship of the display as well as expressing his displeasure with the subject matter.

"There will be a senate meeting tomorrow night, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in The Legacy Room in the University Center where the issue of senator King and his recent actions will most likely be further discussed," said Speaker of the Senate Jen Boyd.

"Any concerned or involved students are encouraged to come to voice their opinion and just talk further about how they feel on the issue and what they feel SCA's actions should entail," said President-elect Katie Kloeth. Editor's Note: Roddick King was hired last week as next year's Advertising Manager for The Pointer. This is no way influences our coverage of the story. For further comment on the incident, see Letters to the Editor in this week's issue.

**International study in art, architecture and design gives outside perspective**

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This summer will mark the 25th University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Art, Architecture & Design program abroad. In 1977, Shirley Randall led the first trip as part of the home economics program. This year's three week trip to Italy will also be the ninth program coded by Larry Ball and Katie Junin. Ball, a Ph.D. in ancient Roman art, is also a regular member of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens and a Mellon fellow of the American Academy in Rome. Junin has a Ph.D. in architecture and is currently affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is currently affiliated.
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the Interior Design Educators Council and the Council of Interior Design Accreditation. "This program is devised to give students an experience in the field they can't get other­wise," said Ball. "These sorts of exhibitions are meant to be experienced outside of slides in a classroom. They are meant to be seen in 360 degree space using light, motion and all the senses. A simple photo does not do the work justice."

Past trips have included Greece, Italy, Spain, Paris, South France, the Netherlands, and Germany. This year's Italy trip, which departs on May 24, will have 29 student participants. It will last approximately three weeks and will cost around $4,800 a student.

Junior Kory Schmidt is extremely excited to be going on this year's trip. "After spending months in Larry Ball's classes listening to him say, 'Go, go, go, you need to go,' I decided I better," said Schmidt. "He would show us pictures of all these beautiful places and all the students that went. He called it 'Pointers in Wonderland.'"

Schmidt said there are too many things she wants to do that she couldn't narrow it down. "Everything," she said. "I want to eat the food, listen to the music and just get immersed in the culture. It will be nice to see these places outside the text book."

Trip costs vary depending on the strength of the dollar overseas, location and the number of students attending the trip. "Generally speaking, the more students participating, the cheaper the cost," said Ball.

Recently trips have been so popular that the program has had to make student trips for another trip to Greece that otherwise was going to go unplanned. "The office was getting so many requests from students that wanted to go we had to open up another trip," said Ball. "We otherwise planned to take some time off."

The program also plans to extend to non-western cultures soon. "It is just another opportunity we have to get students that unique experience of seeing these exhibits and cultures in a one-to-one ratio," said Ball.

The next trip to Greece is only about half booked at this point and anyone interested is encouraged to sign up now to ensure they get a spot. The trip is currently scheduled for May 20 through June 9, 2009 with cost estimates somewhere between $3,990-$4,490. Tentative stops on the trip include Crete, Delphi, Nauplion and Athens.

Anyone interested in the program should contact the International Programs office in room 108 of the Collins Classroom Center or call (715)346-2717.

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students are really passionate about."

Currently there are three main university food service providers within the United States: Chartwells, Sodexo and Aramark. Tomlinson explained that students are not limited to these options.

The process of signing a contract takes longer than many people may have thought because of all the steps involved...

"They [the businesses] will submit a bid in response to the specifications," said Tomlinson. "The committee will review those bids and they'll develop a series of questions. The companies will come in to do a presentation open to the campus. The campus will make a recommendation to Madison and will sign the final contract."

Each of the subcommittees will develop specifications to be discussed in committee and put in as requests to the potential businesses. One of the most poignant issues currently on campus is to what extent the food services are being sustainable. Committee member Stephen Hittner explained there is a high level of complexity surrounding sustainability.

"From day one our committee has been talking about this issue and it continues to be one of the issues we talk [about] the most," said Hittner. "Students at UW-SP tend to have a lot of progressive ideas that will push the limits and necessitate a lot of flexibility and change from the prospective contracting company to achieve goals in sustainability."

An area of sustainability being vocalized by many students involves allowing local vendors to provide foods. The current contract has specific stipulations that local farmers have to follow in order for their food to be served, including having their food inspected. At this point the food is no longer local, said Hittner. With the current economy status, many students are worried about the cost of food, whether it is local or not.

"I believe that students feel enough financial pressure as it is increased pricing in food is not necessary," said Residence Hall Association Representative Scott Ashbach.

Though students do not want the increase in food prices, it may become unavoidable. This is where the student input can really help the committee understand the needs of the students.

"It is up to us as students to take that seat and to speak up," said Wardle. "You have a seat at the table. Pull up a chair."

Those students wishing to participate and have their opinion heard regarding food services are encouraged to contact Tomlinson or SGA President-elect Katie Klopf.

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UW-SP Fencing Club hosts spring tournament

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The University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point Fencing Club hosted their second annual spring tournament on May 3. Three other fencing clubs joined UW-SP in two separate events, the sabre and the foil. The other participating clubs were from Notre Dame Academy, the Stevens Point YMCA and the UW–Marshfield/Wood County.

"There were 10 fencers in the sabre event and 24 in the foil event," said Aaron McTavish, a coach for the UW-SP club.

UW-SP students fared well in the competition, several placing in the top three in either one or both events. Nick Gengler placed first in the foil and second in the sabre; Mark Juetten placed first in the sabre; Mike Blair placed second and Christopher Robbins placed third in the foil; Mark Juetten took third in the sabre.

The sabre event featured two of the three members of the UW-SP club, while the foil provided it.

According to the UW-SP Fencing Club Web site, fencing is a modern variation of dueling. Anyone is allowed to join the UW-SP club provided they pay the membership fee. Students pay $10 per year, and non-students pay $25. Members do not have to own their own equipment, the club provides it.

DVs of the spring tournament can be purchased throughout the summer by downloading the order form from the Fencing Club Web site: http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/fencing/downloads/tournament_dvd_order_form.pdf.

UW-SP students take time to experience the City of Sunshine

Courtney Ryan
Pointlife Reporter

Hungary, the kidney shaped country of Europe, full of sunshine, Vitamin C and paprika, is where we have been calling home for the last semester. Amongst the Hungarians, or as they call themselves, the Magyars, we have been studying the Hungarian language, visiting preschools, learning European history and geography, and crossing our fingers hoping that the river Tisza does not flood this spring.

Szeged, the small city in the South of Hungary, has been a victim of the raging waters of the Tisza River more than once, with the flood of 1879 wiping out most of the town (only 265 of the 5723 houses remained afterwards). Since then, thankfully, the city has been rebuilt and is now where 12 of us UW-SP students currently study and call home.

Szeged is also known as the City of Sunshine. Because of these rays, it is an ideal place for growing paprika, the famous pepper from which Vitamin C is extracted. Paprika is used to spice virtually everything, from soups to pasta dishes, including the ever famous Hungarian goulash (comprised of pork, sauerkraut and sour cream). Another of the Hungarian specialty dishes is fish soup, complete with large chunks of the scary creatures. It is a true Hungarian delight, one that I encourage you to try on your next trip here!

Our semester started out with an action packed trip in Hungary’s largest city, the beautiful Budapest.

What once was two cities, Obuda and Pest, they were combined to form the capital of Hungary in 1873. The city boasts many wonderful attractions and historical collections. It is an exquisite example of art nouveau architecture, with many buildings boasting the intricately decorated floral motifs of that time.

Among the other treasures that Budapest houses is the antiquated Hungarian crown, identifiable by the mummified hand of St. Stephen, the first king of Hungary. After Stephen was canonized, his hand was brought to Budapest and placed in St. Stephen’s basilica. For a few 100 forints (about 75 cents) you can drop your coins into a slot and the jewel-encrusted crown is yours to view.

Another Hungarian specialty called Palinka, a fruit distillation, is the equivalent of America’s ‘white lightening’/AKA-moonshine.” In other words, good stuff.

While we have been living amongst the Hungarians and learning about their culture and history, we were also invited to share the American culture with our Magyar hosts at the very recently celebrated American Night. American dance music was played at the local Szeged university pub, and American pub games were also taught. Tasty American delicacies were prepared for the event, including peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chocolate chip cookies and rice crispy treats. While we were not able to offer rich wines or fish soup, the treats were graciously accepted and gobbled up quickly. The night was deemed a success!

With only one month remaining in the semester, we are trying all the food and palinka we can, and seeing as much of Hungary as possible. One thing is certain, we can all say that we are glad that we didn’t wait to get to Hungary.
The male prairie chickens cluck, chatter and boom to attract a female chicken. The male stretches its body straight out with its head down, tail feathers flared and standing straight up and wings slightly spread out and puffs out its orange "cheeks" and eyelids. All the while he stomps the ground with his feet and moves in a small circle back and forth.

If two males come close to each other on their respective leks they sometimes peck at each other or jump straight up three feet in the air trying to intimidate each other. If a female prairie chicken comes too close to a lek, the male will attempt to copulate with her. Hauge records these observations on data forms. As the mating activities subside, the prairie chickens begin their "booming" soon after the sun rose, he signaled for the students to gather population data on the Prairie Chicken Project or become a co-leader contact the present leader Jeremiah Heise through The Wildlife Society.

Hauge's job is to set up cage-like traps that funnel the chickens into them. They hope to capture more hens than males and radio collar them. Hauge will be gathering data on nesting habits and the success rates of eggs hatched from those that are laid. Comparisons will be made between the local birds and that of the Minnesota translocated birds.

Hauge will gather this information by driving around and tracking birds with radio telemetry equipped trucks. When he gets close he then takes a hand held antenna and receiver and walks in on the birds to see if they have been attacked by skunks, raccoons or have survived.

When the eggs hatch he begins night trapping using nets. Chicks that are five to six weeks will be radio collared, probably in August. In this way their dispersal patterns and survival rates can be checked.

If you want to know more about the Prairie Chicken Project or become a co-leader contact the present leader Jeremiah Heise through The Wildlife Society.

### The true hot-dogs

On your first shot is a right-to-left draw, avoiding the two or three smaller trees lining the right side of the fairway. If you really get hold of a great disc off the tee, the best you can hope for is a straight, yet long, shot at the basket from the top of the hump, about halfway through the hole. However, hitting the hump in one stroke requires a heave of a toss, and this is one area that leads to accumulating strokes simply because of its layout.

If you do end up in the woods off the tee, it's best to chalk up your losses and get back out to the fairway while getting as much distance as you can try. To play through the woods on a lucky toss could end up disastrous, ranking up countless extra strokes and possibly sending your disc backwards with a loud "THUNK!"

Once you reach the hump with the downed tree, or the halfway point of the hole, it's time to eye up the basket, which has lately been placed on the right side of the fairway. (It's alternately muzzled into the left side of the fairway from time to time.) For many, this is a long set-up shot and another point on the hole when a three or four turns into a five or six. Skilled players with good distance on their shots will be able to shoot for within 5 or 10 feet of the basket from the hump. Beginners will be lucky to get within striking distance after three more shots from the hump. Another challenge awaits players at the basket level: a final group of trees. Obstacles lay at every nook, turn and cranny on the 18th.

The true hot-dogs will ideally shoot for the hump in one shot, and lay up to the basket on their second, enabling them a shot at the elusive three.

However, one tree, or just not enough "oomph" on a disc will leave you shooting for four or five. A straight and conservative disc on 18 can save a round and sometimes enable you to gain strokes on your opponent simply by playing the hole a little safer and smarter.
Science, Health & Tech

Vitaminwater: truly better than “normal” water?

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Over the past year or so, waters labeled as having more vitamins have been increasing in popularity. However, as they increase in popularity, so does the amount of skepticism on their health benefits.

Companies like Coca-Cola, who produces Vitaminwater; market these drinks as being healthier alternatives to soft drinks. They claim the drinks are packed with the various vitamins most adults are lacking in their daily food intake.

However, many nutritional experts say the majority of Americans are not vitamin deficient. A 1999 survey conducted by the United States government showed that the average adult male and female actually consumes more than the Recommended Dietary Allowance of vitamins. According to one Web site RDA is “the average daily dietary intake level that is sufficient to meet the nutrient requirements of nearly all healthy individuals.”

In particular, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, B6 and B12 are especially overindulged, as well as vitamins C, E9 and A. The survey found that the only vitamin which adults really lack is vitamin E.

Vitamin E contains important antioxidant properties, which keep cells from breaking down. The breakdown of cells is said to possibly be linked to many human diseases. Most adults only receive half of the RDA of vitamin E, and only about one third of the Vitaminwater drinks contain it. Even if you were to choose a Vitaminwater that did contain vitamin E, there is a likelihood your body won’t absorb it. This is because some vitamins are water-soluble; they can easily enter the bloodstream via water, while others are fat-soluble. The second category only enters the bloodstream after being dissolved in dietary fat. Vitamins A, D, E and K are all fat-soluble. Unless you’re going to be drinking your vitaminwater with a meal, there is a slim chance your body will absorb the vitamins it contains.

Part of the healthier image Vitaminwater promotes is based on its claim to be better than sugary soft drinks. However, just one bottle of Vitaminwater contains 32.5 grams of crystalline fructose, which is the equivalent of 16 teaspoons of sugar. Fructose is a sugar found in most fruits; the crystalline fructose in the “healthier” beverages doesn’t come from fruit though. It’s actually made from corn starch.

The way that Vitaminwater is marketed and positioned it’s made to look more healthful than other sugary beverages, but it’s not—it’s still just a soft drink,” said Margo C. Wootan, Director of Nutrition Policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. “It has this aura of healthfulness that is not deserved. Adding vitamins and minerals to junk food doesn’t make it healthy.” Some research has even indicated that over sweetened sugary drinks can become quite addictive.

Other problems nutritional experts see with these types of enhanced waters include unnecessary added calories and additives as well as caffeine. Added to the extras contained in these beverages is the lifespan of the ingredients. Some experts note that the shelf life of various vitamins is not long enough to be placed into products like vitamin water. Vitamin C is one such nutrient which begins deteriorating rapidly once exposed to air. Unless you’re able to drink an entire bottle of Vitaminwater as soon as you open it, your body won’t receive the nutritional benefits.

Experts also say that vitamin intake is better received from your daily diet. It is also economically better to take multivitamin/multimineral supplements instead of purchasing the more expensive enhanced beverages.

“Given the cost of vitamin waters, I would imagine that their main benefits are to manufacturers’ profit sheets,” said Andrew Weil, M.D.

Some forms of Vitaminwater also contain potassium. This can be a problem for those with heart or kidney problems. Ingesting too much potassium can interfere with the functions of these organs.

Katherine Zeratsky, a dietician at the Mayo Clinic, suggests people stick with the usual sources of vitamins. Vegetables and fruits, as well as whole foods, tend to be the best places to get the vitamins your body needs. Plain old water is also important. However, if you’re looking for a way to spice up your water, Zeratsky suggests trying sparkling water, adding a squirt of lemon or even cranberry juice to your water.

Bateman to the rescue!

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If you see a bright yellow, bat-shaped light in the sky within the next few days, it could be because your neighbor has just received his/herself a bat signal. That’s right; now anyone can purchase his/her own authentic copy of the bat signal to lure the dark knight to his or her most recent dilemma.

At about one foot in height, this mini “alarm” can project the Batman logo up to 16 feet. It also comes equipped with a cooling fan as well as the ability to swirl from side to side. Those who are lucky enough to purchase the bat signal will also receive a Certificate of Authenticity and one replacement light bulb.

Though not as big and grand as the bat signal seen in the movies and the television show, this replica will still put a dent in your pocketbook. At $309, you better be sure you really need assistance from the winged crusader and on more than one occasion.
Crispy noodles could improve production of carbon emissions

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Dr. Peter Budd, a materials chemist at the University of Manchester, has possibly incorporated food into the fight against carbon emissions.

The structure developed by Budd is similar to that of crispy noodles. Budd hopes to employ this information into hydrogen cars as well as the removal of carbon dioxide emitted by fossil fuel stations and hydrogen production plants.

Budd has been awarded £150,000 of new funding to explore the possibility of employing this new technology. His research will focus on capturing as well recovering carbon dioxide. Budd and fellow researchers will also be investigating the ability of PIMs, a polymer of intrinsic microporosity, "to store large amounts of hydrogen" according to an article on the website Science Daily.

Budd said "The PIMs act a bit like a sponge when hydrogen is around. It's made up of long molecules that can trap hydrogen between them, providing a way of supplying hydrogen on demand."
**Track and field finish 2008 season strong**

Ashley Schlosser  
The Pointer

Last weekend at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships in Eau Claire, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men’s track and field team finished strong in second place with 137.5 points. The women’s track and field team placed fifth out of nine teams at WIAC. Not only did the athletes from UW-SP shine, but UW-SP's Coach Rick Witt was also named the WIAC Men's Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Kyle Steiner won the decathlon championship for the second consecutive year and also finished third in the decathlon championship in the high jump with a clearance of 1.94 meters.

"Winning this year was important to ending my conference career with a win," said Steiner.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point softball team was eliminated in the third round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament on May 4, 2008. The Pointers started the tournament with a close loss against UW-River Falls. Stevens Point was the first to put a run on the board in the third inning when Korryn Brooks hit an RBI single, but River Falls tied it up in the fourth with a solo home run. Both teams remained scoreless until the seventh inning when River Falls scored four runs making the score 5-1. The Pointers were unable to score in the bottom of the frame and received their first loss of the tournament. The Pointers came back strong in the second game against UW-Superior headed by Brooks and Elyse Nelson. The Pointers were unable to score in the bottom of the frame and received another loss. Van Abel was hit by a pitch in the third inning and scored a run. The Pointers fell to 3-4-3 with four RBIs.

The Pointer softball team was eliminated in the third round of the WIAC conference. The Pointers ended their season with an overall record of 24-11 and set a team record for home runs with 31. Other honors include Van Abel being named to the All-WIAC Intercollegiate Athletic Conference First team for the third season in a row. Brooks, McCloughan, Danielle Ashbeck, Kayla Kastenmeier, and Niki Schommer were given honors for their time and effort. "This award is really a reflection on the athletes and my assistant coaches. This award should really be called WIAC Coaching Staff of the Year," said Witt.
Identify Yourself:
Images from the BFA senior show

Angela Kau: "Sense of Self"

Hannah Grischke: "The Mask"

Debi Riechert-Grosbier: "Life"

Joe Bush: "Wraith"

Sara Adamak: "The Little Mermaid"
Kay Zuelsdorff: "Generations"

Matthew Richard Karl Piepenbrok: "It's No Lie"

Allison Kunes: "My Eggs"

Amanda Carriveau: "Boy, I really needed this."

Joe Bush: "Nest Builders"
Senior art, design and interior architecture students showcase their work

Joy Ratchman
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

The Best of-TV with Dan Richter: summer spotlight

Dan Richter
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

This summer, the best way to survive the best of the dog days doesn’t involve your DVD player. Instead, get a subscription to cable television’s Showtime channel.

Weeds

The latest season of the network’s perennial hit “Weeds” premieres on June 16. Now in its fourth season, “Weeds” follows the life of suburban widowed housewife Nancy Botwin (played by Tony Award and Emmy Award winner Mary Louise Parker). Botwin grows and sells marijuana in her lily-white neighborhood of Agrestic, California in order to keep her affluent lifestyle and provide for her two children. In the fourth season, Nancy and her family move to the city of Ren Mars on the Mexican border in the aftermath of a drug deal gone wrong during the third season.

Rounding out the cast is Nancy’s best friend Celia, who is a member of the city board and is trying to put an end to drug use and crime in Agrestic. Andy, Nancy’s free-loading brother-in-law, who is dating a woman whose brother also sells drugs and is threaten ing the Botwins, Heylia and Conrad, Nancy’s supplier who grew a new strain of marijuana to market.

“Weeds” is one of the best written and acted programs on television today. Sometimes surprisingly always comedic, “Weeds” takes a jab at not only the suburban lifestyle and what lies underneath, but also the American dream, and how desperate people become to achieve it. This program alone is reason enough to start subscribing to Showtime.

Big Brother 10

If you’re a fan of reality TV, chances are you’ve heard of or seen the show “Big Brother,” which places a group of strangers into a giant house for three months. The catch: The contestants, called houseguests, are cut off entirely from the daily news, their friends and family and the rest of the outside world. After weeks of voting each other out, one person wins a $500,000 grand prize.

What sets Big Brother apart from other reality shows and makes it so great are the outrageous twists that are introduced each year. During one season, all the contestants (unknowingly) were put in the house with one of their ex-boyfriends or ex-girlfriends, which was a recipe for drama in itself. In another, the producers had found a half brother and sister who had no idea the other existed and placed them into the house, letting them figure out their relationship (and an international TV) that they shared the same father. In the same season, two identical twins switched places in the house daily and played as one single person, until the other contestants caught on and realized that one person was actually two people. There has not yet not been any other reality show to match the caliber of twists used in the “Big Brother” house.

Another thing that makes the series interesting is the fact that it is filmed live. In other words, in addition to the three episodes that air weekly on CBS, the happenings of the house are broadcast over the Internet on live camera feeds 24/7, allowing “Big Brother” junkies to watch the houseguests as often as they like. A special unscripted block of programming, known as “Big Brother: After Dark,” airs nightly on Showtime Too (another Showtime network). People can find “Big Brother” virtually anywhere they want.

“Big Brother 10” premieres July 13 on CBS, and “Big Brother: After Dark” premieres the same night on Showtime Too.

Copper Fountain Festival returns

Joy Ratchman
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Each year, Centertainment Productions hosts the Copper Fountain Festival, a good-bye party featuring music, food and fun. The end-of-the-school-year bash is named after the iris fountain next to the university center.

This year’s Copper Fountain Festival will take place in Lot Z (next to the Dreyfus University Center). It features live music, food and beer for those of age. This years lineup includes New Wave Bosa Nova at 5:00 p.m., followed by bowdy songwriter Pat McCurdy, and We The Living, formerly known as The Profits.

For more information, contact Centertainment Productions.
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Letter to the Editor:

On May 1, 2008, I removed the crosses from The Pointers for Life display. I felt that this display was disrespectful and intolerant displayed to them. As some of you may or may not know, the Pointers for Life held a Cemetery of the Innocents cross demonstration on the West lawn of the Health Enhancement Center protesting the 4,000 deaths caused by abortion every day in the USA.

The display had been vandalized the night before with crosses being slashed and broken. Several members from the Pointers for Life were repairing the display around 11:00 a.m. when a group of displeased students confronted them. The students appeared to be led by student senator Roderick King. The students began to yell and debate the abortion issue with The Pointers for Life members and asked who authorized the protest. The students were informed by The Pointers for Life that the space was reserved with University Conference & Reservations and that Protective Services should be notified with any concerns.

Senator King and three other students began to walk up and down the rows and take crosses from the ground and toss them away. Protective Services were notified immediately and the students were told to stop and wait for Protective Services to arrive. King and the other students continued to take out hundreds of crosses, even though they were being told to stop by a Protective Services officer. To see video of this, visit this link on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5EzLYMZYUM

The Protective Services officer stopped the other students from continuing to vandalize the display and most of them left when the officer showed up. The other students had broken one cross while taking them out of the ground.

Senator King, however, did not stop. He said, “The freedom of speech does not cover these signs and symbols.” It took the threat from the Protective Services officer of having to pay for the vandalism that finally got Senator King to stop.

At this time, The Pointers for Life were setting up the crosses that had been torn out of the ground and the reporters began to interview senator King. Senator King had no knowledge of the policies of the university and began to tell The Pointers for Life that the display must show the sponsor’s name (even though this was incorrect). Senator King also stated that the demonstration was a physical barrier and that the space could not be preserved (also incorrect).

Protective Services got the confirmation from Pointers for Life to issue him a citation (which was not given to him at that time for fear that he would become more hostile).

Sincerely,
Roderick King

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Bosnian band, A severe reaction, to play at The Afterdark

From the war torn shores of Bosnia and Herzegovina comes A Severe Reaction, a band devoted to making their fans move. ASR is the embodiment of what every kid wants to say about his life and loves. They combine a mixture of dance, electronic, punk, and acoustic music to form an array of sound.

Three friends, men, Bastian and Lucious Silajdzic, know what it’s like to fill stadiums and large clubs, but are excited to play a smaller venue in the town of Stevens Point.

ASR began their international tour April 2 and arrived in the states May 3rd, planning to infiltrate major cities from coast to coast. So why did they decide to fit Stevens Point into their tour schedule? When Dian Petar, ASR’s manager was interviewed he simply stated, “It’s actually quite a funny story. Bastian and Lucious were looking for a venue to play between Milwaukee and Minneapolis, so they laid out a map threw a dart at it, and Stevens Point was the victor.

Promotion for the show has already begun on campus. Little black eggs and posters have been discretely placed in every nook and cranny and a large black box has been spotted around town. ASR’s concert is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15 at The Afterdark. Additional information about band is online at www.asrereaction.com.

Check out The Pointer ONLINE!
http://pointeronline.uwsp.edu
Your College Survival Guide: 

THE END

By Patrick Rothfuss
With help from The Afterdark Coffee House.

Back when I was going to college, my roommate Andy got a job at the Pointer. He told me they were looking for content, and I thought that it might be fun to write a satirical horoscope, like the one they had in the Onion.

That was back in 1993. 15 years ago. I've been writing for the Pointer off and on ever since.

I called the horoscope "Phor Phun and Prophet." And it was my first experience writing for an audience. It was my first time working with an editor and the first time I ever got feedback on things that I wrote.

And I did get feedback. Three weeks into writing the horoscope, one of my favorite professors, Arthur Herman, read my column in front of the class because he thought it was funny. That same week, Affirmative Action called my house and asked me to come talk to them because of a joke I'd made about Take Back the Night. Numerous letters were written into the Pointer in protest. My first scandal.

I wrote the horoscope for a couple years, and it was my first sweet taste of celebrity. I was known as "The Horoscope Guy" on campus. People actually sent me fan mail. It was fun, writing things and knowing that people would actually read them.

Eventually I had a falling out with the Pointer staff, but three years later new people were working there, so I went back and asked them if they'd like to print a humorous advice column. A college survival guide, if you will. That was back in 1999, and I've been writing the guide ever since.

Nine years of the survival guide. It's strange how things have changed. In 1994 the editor-in-chief told me I couldn't use the word "dick" in my horoscope, because it was offensive. Nowadays, I can say fuck if I want to. I used to lay out my own column on one of the Pointer's two computers. Then I would print it out, run it through the washer, trim the article with an exacto blade, then carefully paste it onto the layout table. These days the layout room is gone, lighted story, and I learned what people find funny, I learned what people find offensive, and how to meet a deadline (mostly). I learned that I'd rather get in trouble for giving my honest opinion than be quiet and safe. I learned that I like to make people laugh.

Over the years, at my best count, I've written 175 of these columns. What most people don't realize is that I spend 4-5 hours on each one. Some simple math reveals to me that I've spent about 800 hours writing this column. That's 20 hours of full time work. Half a year.

Now that I have a number attached to it, part of me cringes. I think, "You could have done something productive with all that time!"

But then I remember what I think was probably my funniest column: the one I wrote about the guinea pigs. I remember when someone sent in the letter pretending to be clown-sex advocate, "Binky the Clown." I remember my favorite question: "Who would you rather have for president: a snake with a stapler, a crow with a spatula, or a dolphin with a crazy straw?"

I remember the column I wrote to the girl who had scars all over her body and was nervous about undressing for her boyfriend. One of the few serious columns that I've written. That one took me 10 hours to write, I really sweated over it, but it's probably the one I'm most proud of.

I thought about using this final column to rant and rail against some of the absurd bullshit happening at the university. I could talk about how this place is going to spiral down the shitter if we don't start paying competitive wages to our teachers. I thought about writing about how spending money on computers, furniture and remodeling is nusia-level dumb when there are faculty positions vacant and students can't get the classes they need.

I even thought about turning this final column into a call to action. I thought about bitching out the particularly thick among the administrators, the irritatingly complacent among the faculty, and the disturbingly blank-eyed and apathetic students. I thought about explaining that grumbling and kvetching does nothing to promote change. Sometimes you need to protest, strike, throw a brick. Sometimes you need to light some shit on fire to make a change in the system.

But then my column would be one long, frothy string of curses. That would be boring too, in a way. And it's not the note I'd like to go out on.

Instead I will simply say this: I've had a lot of fun here. Thank you for reading. I hope I made you laugh. If not, I hope I really, really pissed you off.

Hugs and kisses everyone, Be good to each other.

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Hugs and kisses everyone, Be good to each other.

Have a great summer! 
Enjoy yourselves and party safe.
A Woman’s Intuition: It’s the final countdown!!

Sara Suchy
THE POINTER
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After working at a newspaper for a while, you start to think of your life as a sea of never-ending deadlines. In academia they like the phrase “due date.” Not to discredit the phrase, but “deadline,” the word used in the world of newspapers, is much scarier. It has the word “dead” in it, for goodness sake! It carries with it the subtle implication that if you don’t get this done, you’re going to die and that’s it. If you don’t meet the deadline, you will die a slow horrible death of shame and dishonor. Okay, maybe it’s not that bad. But it’s awfully close.

It dawned on me last night as I was writing down all the deadlines I have to meet before I can graduate, that after May 18 I don’t have any deadlines. It’s a strange realization to have after living the last four years of my life in a constant blur of activity and deadlines. The idea of not being busy for a while simply baffles me.

I’m sure that my feelings are nothing new. Everyone feels a little discombobulated after graduation with the sudden influx of free time before that first job. And if it isn’t free time, it’s adjusting to a life outside of academia. If you’re going to grad school... well, I guess you’re a special breed. Most of us need a break from the deadlines and due dates at least in the academic sense.

I’m looking at my battered and worn planner that I so reluctantly bought at the beginning of the year with a sense of dread. I remembered wondering to myself if I had it in me to finish one more year. I can see May 18; it’s right there. There’s a hell of a lot to do between now and then, and I feel that I’ve been living under a rock for the last couple weeks, but nevertheless, it’s right there staring at me.

And you know what, I’m so freaking excited I can’t stand it! After spending my entire life in school, I can’t wait to have a degree in my hand and the world before me. So that’s it; I’m out of here! The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been a pretty spectacular place. Good people, good town, good bars and good times. I am leaving this publication in the very capable hands of Ms. Katie Leb. She has been our fantastic news editor this year and was the co-editor of the Pointlife section the year before that. She is an outstanding journalist and an outstanding person. Be nice to her, or I’ll come back and yell at you.

You all—those of you that will be here, that is—also have the brand spankin’ new Pointer Online to look forward to. We just launched it a few weeks ago, and let me tell you, the sky is the limit for how amazing we can make this site. And on that note, if you are tech savvy or interested in Web design, we’ll be looking for a Web weaver to guide our lovely site into greatness. In the mean time, check it out at http://pointeronline.uwsp.edu. It’s pretty darn cool.

Well, I’ve just about overstayed my welcome and I’m running out of things to say and space in which to say them. Thank you all for a wonderful year of covering student news and events; we would feel pretty stupid if we didn’t have you out there to write about. For those returning, hang in there and for those graduating, congratulations and good luck. Remember to always be kind and true.

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Pointer Poll
What are you looking forward to most about finals week?

Careena Price
Freshman, public administration and policy analysis and art
Favorite color: White
"Most of all I am glad for finals week because I cannot wait for next semester. The classes I picked sound like a lot of fun."

Ellie Jackson
Junior, philosophy
Favorite color: Green
The End.

Sultan Abwaili
Freshman, computer information systems
Favorite color: Black
"I am looking forward to getting them all out of the way."

Erika F Wardle
Sophomore, forestry
Favorite color: Burnt Sienna
"Counting down the hours 'til I can do nothing but read, play outside, ride my bike and get dirty."

Arik Wallace
Freshman, wildlife management
Favorite color: Red
"I am looking forward to being done with my first year and not having to study for a while."
Resident’s Evil

Joy Ratchman

FIRE@WILL

Paul Johnson

So, this is it, then!

Actually, after this we go on to grad school...

I become a professor you design for a record label.

We get married, have kids...

KIDS?!

Umm...

Actually, we’ve got another year of joking around left at Point.

Whew!

Neverland

Lo Shim

I hate the end of the semester. I have so much work to do that it’s impossible to get ANYTHING done! I’m just focusing on surviving!

Where I Come From

Bryan Novak

I become a professor, you design for a record label.

We get married, have kids ...

I can get so caught up in studying, projects, and essays that I have to schedule when to breathe.

Little Cynics

Joy Ratchman

Playing During Finals Week in Stevens Point

Speed Racer (Megascreen)
(12:00) (3:20) 6:40 9:20

Speed Racer
(1:00) (3:40) 7:20

Iron Man
(1:00) 4:00 7:00 9:30

Iron Man
(3:00) 4:30 7:00

Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay
(1:30) (3:30) 5:10 7:10 9:10

(Saturday and Sunday Only)

Finals are here. Good luck.

Thanks for another great year of laughs.
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Contact University Relations and Communications at 346-3548.

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