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Osama bin Laden, the leader and architect of al-Qaeda, which carried out the most devastating attack on American soil, was killed in a firefight with United States Special Forces deep inside Pakistan on Sunday afternoon. The news was announced by President Barack Obama.

"For over two decades, bin Laden has been al Qaeda's leader and symbol," said Obama. "The death of bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation's effort to defeat al Qaeda." Obama was quick to reinforce America's commitment to rooting out terrorists, saying, "His death does not mark the end of our effort," and "We must - and we will - remain vigilant at home and abroad."

Bin Laden's death marks the defining moment of the ten-year war on terrorism, which has seen the United States engage in two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, resulting in over 6,000 dead and 42,000 wounded American service members, and costing the United States over \$1.5 trillion dollars.

Since late 2001, when bin Laden had narrowly escaped U.S. authorities in the mountainous region of Tora Bora along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, little was known of his whereabouts. U.S. officials repeatedly downplayed his significance, saying his death would be more symbolic than strategically significant and that the fact that he was on the run hampered his ability to conduct further operations against the United States.

Obama announced that last August he was briefed on a lead that ultimately led towards his decision last week "that



we had enough intelligence to take action." Obama ordered the raid on Friday morning before boarding Marine One on his way to tour the devastation of tornados in Alabama and later the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Senior administration officials later announced that a small U.S.

team of two-dozen operators under CIA control, known as Seal Team Six, were involved in the operation and arrived at bin Laden's compound aboard two helicopters and a drone provided overhead surveillance.

"After a firefight, they killed Osama bin Laden and took custody

of his body," the President said. "No Americans were harmed. They took care to avoid civilian casualties."

U.S. Special Forces were forced to abandon one of their helicopters

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TIMELINE OF LOCATING BIN LADEN:

January 2011

U.S. authorities determine that bin Laden is in housing compound in northern Pakistan. Around that time, a voice claiming to be bin Laden warns French troops to leave Afghanistan- or else two French journalists abducted by militants could be killed.

March 2011

Obama leads a series of National Security Council meetings on an operation targeting bin Laden.

April 29, 2011

After two meetings on April 19 and April 28, President Obama gives official order to send out a special force to take out bin Laden.

May 1, 2011

Bin Laden is killed in a late night CIA-led raid on his compound in Abbottabad, a military establishment town roughly seventy miles north of Islamabad.

May 1, 2011, 10:30 p.m.

Obama confirms that bin Laden has been killed and his body is in U.S. custody, but says that the U.S.'s work in Afghanistan and the Middle East is not over.

After killing bin Laden, the U.S. forces fly off the compound with his body. Within 24 hours, the body is buried at sea in accordance to Islamic law, because no country was able or willing to take his body for burial on land.

Information from CNN.com, and Foreign Policy Magazine were used to compile this timeline.

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NEWS

Osama/Found in Islamabad, Pakistan suburb

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after it had suffered mechanical difficulties. It was later destroyed to prevent any technical or classified information from being obtained by other entities.

Besides bin Laden, four other people were killed during the fire-fight, which lasted approximately 40 minutes, including bin Laden's adult son, two couriers and a woman who was reportedly used as a human shield. Officials said bin Laden resisted the assault team but stopped short of saying he engaged in the firefight with U.S. Special Forces. While the raid was taking place, no Pakistani security forces were encountered during the 40 minutes they were on the ground.

President Obama and his national security team watched in real-time from the situation room, where video was streaming live from the raid.

Elsewhere, closer to the raid, an IT professional tweeted during the entire operation, saying "Helicopter hovering above Abbottabad at 1AM (is a rare event)," "Go away helicopter - before I take out my giant swatter :-/," and "A huge window shaking bang here in Abbottabad Cantt. I hope its not the start of something nasty :-S." It was only later that he became aware that he was now known as the guy who live blogged the Osama raid.

Pakistan was only made aware of the raid after it was complete.

"We shared our intelligence on this bin Laden compound with no other country, including Pakistan," officials said. "That was for one reason and one reason alone: We believed it was essential to the security of the operation and our personnel."

Bin Laden was eventually found living in Abbottabad: an affluent, medium sized city, home to retired Pakistani military officials and a military base, not the presumed remote border area of Waziristan. Officials described the compound, which bin Laden was holed up at, as a massive compound at the end of a dirt road. It was "roughly eight times larger than the other homes in the area" and was surrounded by 12-to-18-foot-high walls, topped with barbed wire, and lacking telephone and internet connections, which tipped intelligence officials off.

Former President George W. Bush, who eight years ago to the day announced that "major combat operations" in Iraq had ended aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, released a statement, calling the raid a "momentous achievement [that] marks a victory for America, for people who seek peace around the world, and for all those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001."

Following the news that bin Laden was killed, the State Department issued a world-wide travel alert to citizens living and travelling abroad, warning them of an "enhanced potential for anti-American violence

given recent counter-terrorism activity in Pakistan." The alert encouraged those citizens to "limit their travel outside of their homes and hotels and avoid mass gatherings and demonstrations."

U.S. bases abroad were also alerted for possible retaliation in the wake of the events. Officials were quick to qualify that statement, saying they were following normal procedures.

"We don't have any specific threats at this time related to this, but we are ensuring that every possible precaution is taken in advance," officials said.

Once word broke out that bin Laden had been killed, spontaneous crowds of citizens, young and old, began to congregate outside the White House in Washington D.C. and at Ground Zero in New York City, where chants of "USA! USA!" and the Star-Spangled Banner broke out.

Reports began circulating that massive gatherings of college students, reminiscent of football victory parties, had also broken out on college campuses throughout the country, including West Point and Annapolis, where midshipmen broke out in chants of "I believe we have won."

Obama warned that the war against terror would not end simply because bin Laden had been killed. "The cause of securing our country is not complete," the president cautioned. "We will be relentless in our defense of our citizens and our friends and allies."

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Students present research

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Hundreds of students, faculty and community members gathered in the Science Building on Friday for the 12th Annual College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium. Over 150 students presented their work at the conference, either through presentations, which lasted approximately 20-25 minutes each, or through poster presentations in the hallway that lasted throughout the afternoon.

The event allowed students to showcase research they have been working on for the past year, and for some, longer.

"We began work on the project back in September and finished up most of the work by February," said student Charles Grieman. "Between the five of us, we probably put in about 125-150 hours total into the project."

"I think it is a wonderful opportunity for students to get practice and present their work," said Professor Jennifer Collins from the Political Science Department. Collins served as faculty mentor for three students who presented at the symposium.

"In participating in this event, our students have an opportunity to not

only showcase the work they have done, but also to demonstrate how a college education develops higher levels of critical thinking, enhanced speaking and writing skills, and a better ability to present important findings to the public," read the statement by Dean Christopher Cirimo.

"Basically these were papers that were presented in upper-level writing emphasis classes, and I just gave feedback on their paper proposals. Most of the topics came out of things we were talking about during classes," Cirimo said.

Students said that their faculty advisors were very helpful in finding sources and directing them in the right direction in their research.

"Like most research, I ended up in a completely different area than where I started," said Valerie Landowski, who presented a paper on Liberation Theology in Latin America. "I thought it was really fascinating and that other people would benefit from my research. I talked to Professor Collins; she had suggested I present. I thought it would be a unique experience."

Most students said their research started as part of capstone projects during their senior year, but others, like Ian Mogenson, approached professors in hopes of learning more

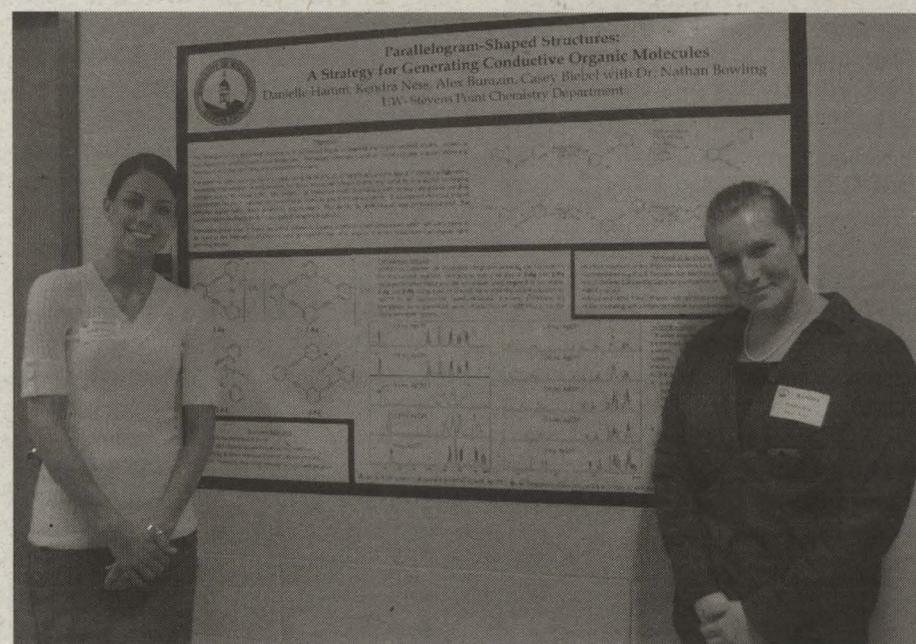


Photo by Samantha Feld
Danielle Hamm and Kendra Ness were two of the undergraduate students presenting their work at the research symposium on Friday.

about how they could be involved in research.

"I was interested in research, so I approached Dr. Wild after class and asked him how to get involved in research projects," said Mogenson.

While the symposium may have marked an end to their research for some students, others have plans to continue researching on their topic, and even have plans to present at other conferences.

"It was suggested that I enter into a conference on Latin American stud-

ies that is scheduled for October in Milwaukee," Landowski said.

"I made a lot of contacts throughout this process, which inspired me to keep going. There were some questions raised that we can continue with the research process," Mogenson said.

"We actually presented at the Association of American Geographers conference in Seattle earlier this semester," said Grieman. "We were the only undergraduates presenting at the conference, which made it very overwhelming to do."

NEWS

Hoffmeister has big plans for United Council

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United Council for UW Students is a statewide organization that has been around since 1960 fighting for student rights in the state of Wisconsin.

They recently hosted their elections and a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student, Seth Hoffmeister, will be taking over as president of the organization.

This is the third year in a row that the presidency will be in the hands of a student from UWSP. Kirk Cychosz, the current president, has been the incumbent for two terms of one year each.

Hoffmeister is excited to get to work fighting for students.

UC will be faced with a tough year, as there will be over \$250 million in budget cuts to the university system. Voter identification is coming down the line and UW-Madison is proposing an effective split from the UW System.

Hoffmeister is ready to work

together with the UC staff and the board of directors to tackle some of those issues.

"We must stand together to face the \$250 million dollar cut from the UW system, we must stand against Governor Walker and UW-Madison Chancellor Biddy Martin's plan to sever UW-Madison from the remainder of UW-System, we must continue to fight against tuition increases and ensure that a college education is something that is still accessible to the middle and lower class families of this state, and we must ensure that the quality of our education isn't sacrificed by these budget cuts," Hoffmeister explained.

Students' rights, Hoffmeister says, are part of the Wisconsin tradition dating back to the symbol of a century, Robert La Follette.

"The Wisconsin Idea, first pioneered by Fighting Bob La Follette in the early 20th century, says that our universities should not have borders, and the things we learn inside the classroom should be extended to be used and benefit those in the commu-

nity," Hoffmeister said.

United Council has risen in prominence from their active role in organizing students across the state on the Budget Repair Bill and the cuts in the biennial budget that is being debated.

Their website states that "United Council's mission is to represent all students of the University of Wisconsin System and advocate for them on issues of higher education pertaining to value, quality, and student experience."

Hoffmeister feels that United Council is the right outlet for students because they provide the resources to achieve many of the goals of students as long as students stand up and do their part.

"United Council will provide the resources, the staff, the nitty gritty details, but all of that will mean absolutely nothing without the students. I know we are at the beginning of a shift in consciousness and direction of the American and Wisconsin people, together we can do this. Together we can move forward," Hoffmeister said.

Letter to the Editor

In response to the Pointer's April 21st opinion piece "Stop Hating on Reproductive Health" by Logan Carlson:

The issue of abortion is a very heated topic in our country. We can choose to be emotional about it or argue from a stand point of religious beliefs, but I would like to address Carlson's points with some factual information that is either from Planned Parenthood's documents or other non-pro-life sources. We need to consider these as well when looking at Planned Parenthood's motives and agendas.

First, government funding Planned Parenthood means that we are giving our tax dollars to a private business. Planned Parenthood reported over a billion dollars in revenues, \$183.3 million from abortions alone, in their 2007-2008 annual report. Conservatives generally agree that government spending should be limited across the board. So, from the pure fact that Planned Parenthood is a private business, conservatives are against tax payer money funding it. Also, in response to Carlson's argument, I want to point out that there is a vital difference between the government giving money to Planned Parenthood and a state employee choosing to spend money there. When the government does this it takes the choice away from the people.

Some other facts about Planned Parenthood that should be noted: The Medical Science Monitor 2004 edition stated that 64% of women reported that they felt pressured to have an abortion. That doesn't leave much room for choice. Planned Parenthood provides 25% of our nation's abortions and in ten years they doubled the amount of abortions, so yes it is a valid concern to pro-lifers that our tax money would be going to them in any fashion (Planned Parenthood's 2007-2008 Report.) One last thought, Planned Parenthood was founded by a eugenicist who worked closely with the Nazis to eliminate "inferior humans." This is evident in any of Sanger's writings. The agenda of Planned Parenthood does not seem to have changed as there is still a disproportionate amount of abortions performed upon African Americans and other minority races. Should we really be supporting such a business?

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UWSP ranked among top green colleges

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been ranked among the greenest colleges in the United States, according to the Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges.

This marks the second year in a row that the university has been ranked as such. UWSP joins UW-Milwaukee, Eau Claire, and Oshkosh.

According to a press release sent out by the UWSP Communications office, the ranking comes from the new Operations and Waste Management facility that is being built on the

northern side of campus.

The report also noted that UWSP is the only school that puts a focus on sustainability in student government with the position of Environmental and Sustainability Issues Director. The position is currently held by Aaron Reynolds. He has led on various issues across campus on eco-sustainability.

"(The) University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is looking to the future when it comes to sustainability -- make that the near future," the guide says in UWSP's individual profile.

The report also outlines the university's history of being on a green curve with recycling and composting.

"UW-Stevens Point also goes way back when it comes to recycling and composting—to 1989, to be specific—and each residence hall is equipped with recycling chutes," the report says.

Criteria include things such as percentage of money spent on local food sources and how much of the college's energy use is renewable.

The review compiles a list of 311 universities out of 703 schools and ranks the top schools by a percentage based on certain criteria. The percentages have to be above 80% in order to be included in the review.

Green Facts:

% food budget spent on local/organic food 10

Available transportation alternatives:

Free buss pass, universal access transit pass, restricting parking, bike share/rent, market-based pricing (hourly parking costs)

School has formal sustainability committee Yes

With participation from faculty, students, facilities, dining services, student life, residence life

Environmental studies degree available Yes

Environmental literacy requirement Yes

Public greenhouse gas inventory plan Yes

% of school energy from renewable resources 23

School employs a sustainability officer No

School provides guidance on green jobs Yes

% school cleaning products that are green-certified 90

% school grounds maintained organically 35

SPORTS

Sooooo.....No NFL this year?



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Following a decision by U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson to finally end the NFL lockout, the first action the NFL owners took was to go cry to the appeals court. The owners received a stay on Nelson's order and reinstated the lockout just hours after, barring the players from work yet again.

The league filed an 18-page brief with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, attempting to persuade them that the lockout should be in place permanently while their appeal is decided. A ruling from the court is expected soon.

According to a report from Sports Illustrated, the NFL owners utilized the argument: many players skip team organized workouts during the summer, so if the lockout possibly extended into June or July or it would not be that big of a deal.

Commissioner Roger Goodell was greeted by a tidal wave of boos each time he took the podium at the NFL Draft last week. The only good cheer he received during the night was when a newly drafted player would come on stage and hug their new boss. Unfortunately those young men got better benefits while in college than they do now as rookies in the National Football League.

During the brief window that players got from the time the lockout was lifted to when it was reinstated, established players and newly drafted rookies had a chance to report to

work. First overall pick Cam Newton was able to report to Carolina facilities and collect his playbook. However players drafted in the later rounds were barred entry.

The player's main argument for ending the lockout was that it would cause "irreparable harm." This is a valid point due to the fact that the average length of a player's career is around three years, so any time spent barred from your work place is time a player cannot get back. However, in their quest to prove that they are the victims and they are being bullied by a group of overpaid divas, the owners have played the same card. The League stated that if Judge Nelson's ruling was upheld it "would irreparably harm the NFL by undercutting its labor law rights and irreversibly scramble the eggs of player-club transactions."

Now, I am not a professional in legal jargon, but I have watched Tom Cruise in "A Few Good Men" so I think I am qualified to say that eggs have no place in legal documents. I think I can also safely say that said eggs will not be scrambled if players are allowed to go lift weights and run in the facilities that were built to house such activities. Even if the owners' eggs are scrambled, I'm sure the billions of dollars that they make off the players that they control is more than enough to buy a hen of their own.

This NFL off season has been a constant back and forth between the Rebel Alliance and the Empire. The only decisions that have been made were by the courts, and even that one

step forward was negated by a step back to square one.

This may be an extreme decision, but is it time for a governing body to be formed that oversees both the NFL owners and the players? It is quite clear that the two sides get along like tornadoes and trailer parks. Neither side can get on the same page or decide what is best for the league.

If there was a permanent mediating board in place that would have the power to negotiate proposals from both sides and hash out agreements on a regular basis, then ordeals like this could be avoided in the future.

Not only does this travesty hurt the players and the league; it also hurts the fan base. The NFL is like your favorite beer; it's going to kick your ass sometimes, but you're always willing to spend another night with it.

Will we readily take football back if this mess gets sorted out? Yes we will.

Will we still be upset because an agreement took so long to be reached? Most likely, yes.

But someone needs to answer for this and I believe most everyone is throwing their rope at the owners. If they think a season long lockout would do them "irreparable harm," then I hope it really does. If anything this group of rich old men want a season

long lockout because in their crazy yacht cruising, country club minds they think that the players will come crawling back to them and beg for a deal. The sad thing is, they probably will. The owners are set for the rest of their money mongering lives, but the players need to play in order to get paid.

On the bright side, there is one positive in this cornucopia of bad. A year long absence would result in an entire year without football related injuries, namely concussions. That would mean an entire laundry list of players that the NFL can just write off once they retire and never worry about again.

Wait, what? Oh they've already been doing that?
My bad.



SPORTS

Pointer Baseball Cruising

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The Pointers hammered out a season high 21 runs Tuesday in their resounding victory over St. Norbert University. The boys put on an offensive clinic in the first inning and continued to pile on runs over the next eight.

The Green Knights mustered a couple promising innings, but were unable to suppress the Pointer attack as they fell 7-21.

Point had the hot bats from the start as seven men scored in the bottom half of the frame. Sophomore utility man Dan Douglas began the inning with a base hit, followed by a stolen base. Douglas scored three batters later to put the first Point run on the board when Sophomore first baseman Sean Gerber grounded into a fielder's choice. Gerber recorded eight RBIs to lead the charge for Point.

Nick Schadrie got rocked in his start against the Pointers, allowing seven runs in the first inning. Schadrie got the hook when he was unable to record the third out of the inning.

The Green Knights put up a fight in the fourth inning when they closed the gap to an 8-5 Pointer lead. However, that glimmer of hope dissipated quickly when Point racked up six runs in the bottom of the fifth, highlighted by a grand slam by Gerber.

The Pointers collected seven more runs, including a five run seventh inning to put the Green Knights to rest.

Gerber went 2-for-6 on the day with eight RBIs, a fifth inning grand slam, and a double. Douglas added three runs of his own, going 4-5 with two RBIs. Outfielder Cody Koback continued his steak at the plate, going 3-4 with three RBIs and four runs. The top five hitters in the order for point combined to hit 11-22 with 14 RBIs, scoring 13-of-21 runs.



Photo by Mark Kinslow

It was Point's combination of aggression and patience at the plate that made the difference. Point batters walked a collective 14 times as well as drawing eight hit by pitch. Once on base, the Pointers continued the aggression as they swiped seven bags on the day, Douglas taking three.

Freshman Max Frederick started on the bump for the Pointers, allowing four runs off seven hits through three innings. Frederick struck out two and walked three. Sophomore

Jacob Herbst tossed two innings of scoreless relief, striking out the side in the sixth. Freshman Nash Bell recorded the save for the Pointers.

Point hosts UW-Stout this weekend for a pair of doubleheaders. First pitch is scheduled for Friday at 1 p.m.

Point remains one game ahead of UW-Whitewater in the WIAC standings. With just this weekend standing between the Pointers and another conference championship. This series against the Blue Devils is vital going into the WIAC Tournament.

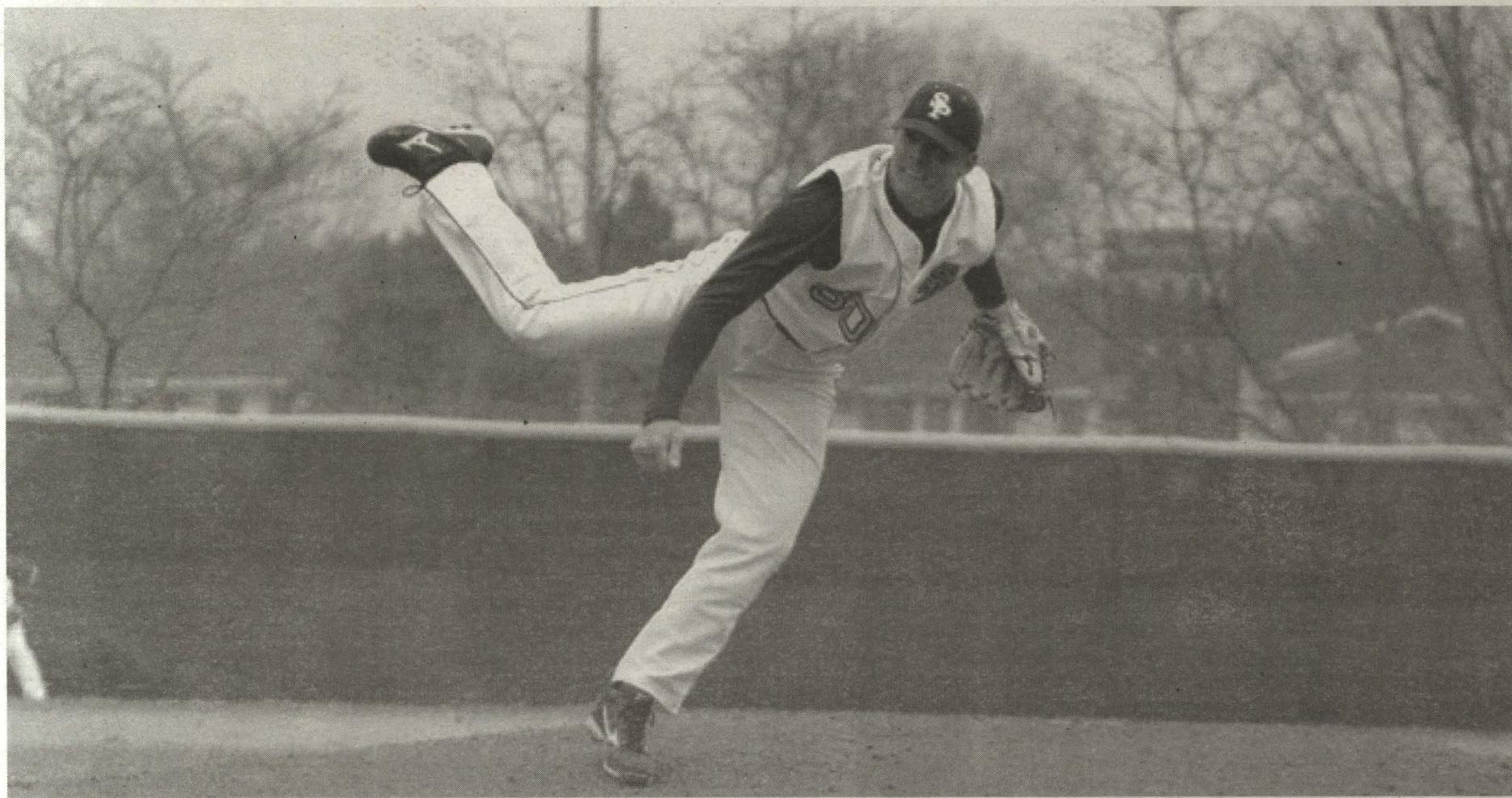


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SPORTS

Get out and play Frisbee Golf

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Looking outside on a spring day like today, with the sun shining and the temperature not only above freezing but above 50 degrees, all I want to do is walk outside and soak up some of the sunshine's sweet rays. I don't want to take a nap, not just yet, and I don't want to go for a run. There is one sport that finds that happy medium, Frisbee golf.

Frisbee golf really is the ultimate sport, not to be confused with Ultimate Frisbee. It combines skill and precision in throwing with a leisurely stroll through the woods that is paralleled by few in sports.

It is something that can be mastered and played competitively, or simply picked up by someone with a disk and nothing better to do during the day.

Frisbee golf, also referred to as disk golf or frolf, is a sport that is played by millions around the nation. Often thought of as a sport played by high school and college students, it is gaining popularity among middle-aged people who used to spend their time and money on the golf course. Parents are also finding it to be a great way to spend the day with their kids.

With the economy what it is, many people are turning to Frisbee golf from regular golf, as it is very similar, but much cheaper. Though

a few courses require user fees, most are free, and those with fees are much cheaper compared to that of golf course registration fees.

The cost to build a golf course is often in the millions of dollars, requiring much upkeep and is highly intensive on the environment requiring pesticides and excessive amounts of water. Frisbee golf courses average around \$8,000 to make and require far less upkeep.

The game can be played with one disk or many disks. Personally, I stick to using an Innova Starfire for everything, but many people who get into the game will have bags full of disks.

Disks are similar to clubs in golf, with different drivers, mid-ranges, putters and other specialty disks available for the throw the disk golfer is trying to find. Disks cost anywhere from \$10 to \$20 on average. Many avid disk golfers will tell you that they prefer Innova disks to those made by Disk Craft.

Stevens Point and the surrounding area offer many Frisbee golf courses of varying difficulty levels. On the other side of downtown, Mead Park has an 8-hole course made for a leisurely afternoon toss.

A few miles north of town there is Yulga Park, which has an 18-hole course that has three different tee-off platforms at each hole for different skill levels. It is nestled in the red pine row forests made during the New Deal, and is a beautiful walk on pretty much any

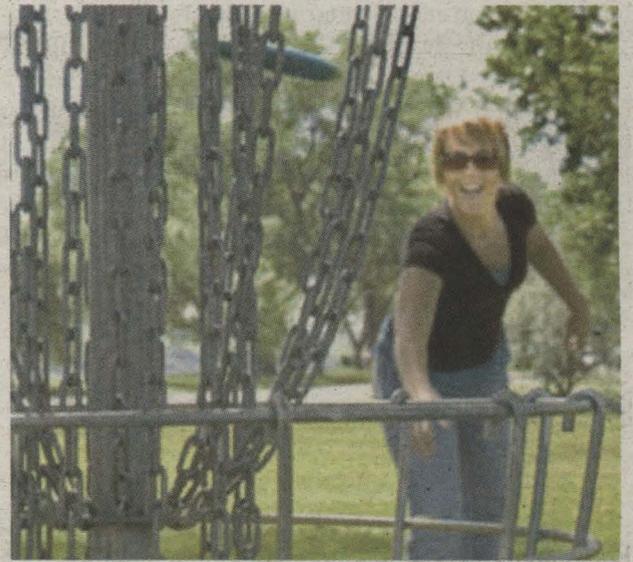
day. Yulga is also on the Green Circle Trail.

Standing Rocks, a few miles from town, is also nestled in the woods. It is a little more challenging of a course, with amateur, semi-professional and professional tournaments taking place there frequently.

If you're going home for the summer and aren't sure about what courses are near you, then check out the course directory at the Professional Disk Golf Association's website.

Don't have a disk and want to get started playing the game? Most sporting goods stores have a selection of disks for players of all skill-levels and commitments.

UW-Stevens Point also has a disk golf club, the Ace Holes. Check them out if you want to learn more or play more frolf in Stevens Point.



"Frisbee Golf, also referred to as disk golf or frolf, is a sport that is played by millions around the nation."

- Hoffmeister



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POINTLIFE

Ira Glass brings "This American Life" to UWSP

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Reporting the news. There's nothing more important in the job of a journalist than reporting what's happening as it's actually happening. So often, though, many of us find ourselves either frightened or bored by the news. This is what NPR host Ira Glass tries to combat in his

completely serious or propagandistic viewpoint, but instead told the comical story of a woman on deck who stocked vending machines for 12 hours a day.

Not just informing, entertaining

Consciously trying to fill even serious stories with moments of humor is something that Glass says "This American Life" tries to do,

office where a co-worker's young girl would often come in. At one point, he believes he spots her and begins walking like a crab towards her, only to find out that the person was an intern who happened to be a midget.

The story as a whole, Glass noted, was not very interesting. What keeps someone listening to a story like this, he said, is that "it feels like something's about to happen."

the fears of some who feel they are too inadequate.

"It's normal to be bad before you're good," Glass said. "Your taste is good enough that you can tell that the stuff you're making is not so good. There's this gap, and what you do is you just do a huge volume of work."

As far as ideas for the show are considered, Glass said that the "This American Life" staff draws from a wide variety of sources before arriving at the stories they talk about.

A theme is determined first, and all stories are then analyzed to see if they fit the framework of the theme. The staff also laboriously searches the Internet, talks to friends and sends out e-mails to thousands of people.



Ira Glass speaking to a packed Laird Room.

Photo by Samantha Feld

journalism.

Glass, the host of the NPR program "This American Life," a radio show that tells peoples' stories from a unique perspective, was at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point last Saturday to speak.

He spoke of the need to include the serious with the funny in telling the news, and criticized mainstream news outlets for their often grim and stolid portrayal of events.

"Especially if you're doing reporting, so much of what you're documenting is so dark and sad and hard to face that to eliminate everything that makes life worth living at the same time just paints a very inhumane and inaccurate picture [of the world]," Glass said.

An example he provided was a story that "This American Life" did about an aircraft carrier that was running missions in Afghanistan just months after the September 11 attacks. The crew of the carrier was comprised mainly of 19-year-old males who were actually quite safe from attack.

Since the men were not really in harm's way, Glass said they decided not to approach the story from a

and it's what defines their narrative structure. He believes that the show attempts to show all parts of the world, not just those aspects that are grimmest.

"The job of journalism is to tell us what is. That's what journalism is when it's ambitious," Glass said. "It's going to be the part of the media that tries to accurately describe what the world is around them."

He stressed that it's important for journalists to be human in their reporting, whether through injecting commentary, emotion or humor in their journalism. He lamented those reporters that report the facts and nothing else.

"It's almost like they're paranoid, like they're not going to think they're smart or that they're serious people, and so they have to play sort of faux-serious characters," Glass said.

Narrative structure

What Glass pointed out as the distinguishing characteristic of a show like "This American Life" is in the way it constructs and tells stories.

He recalled one story on the show about a man who worked in an



Ira Glass talks to fans after his presentation.

Photo by Samantha Feld

"It's like a train leaving the station. We can tell it's going somewhere," Glass said. "You can create suspense with the most mundane moments if you just put them in motion."

Words of advice

Glass ended his talk with words of encouragement for students studying creative work of all kinds. As was the case with him, he said, "It's normal for your parents to oppose what you're doing. So don't take it out personally on them." He also assuaged

The entire process for determining stories can take three to four months.

As far as individual ideas are created, Glass noted one important thing that binds all great ideas together.

"Where do ideas come from? Ideas come from other ideas," Glass said. "Just surround yourself with stuff that you find interesting and notice which parts get you most excited and notice where you have questions and where you want to know more and that's going to lead you where you need to go."

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Religions unite for educational event

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Three different religious representatives convened on Tuesday night to discuss their religions and open discussion up for all at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"Dialogue in Abrahamic Religions"

"For the audience it was an opportunity to listen and learn, and take it as an opportunity to find out something they don't know," Strege said.

Strege said that even people who aren't that religious were also involved in the event.

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~ Ron Strege, Director for Multicultural Affairs

featured a Rabbi, retired Methodist Priest, and an American professor of Islam.

Ron Strege, Director for Multicultural Affairs, was the moderator for the event, and was happy to see an event like this on campus.

"The goal of the event I think, in my mind, was to have the people talk about some commonalities between the different religions and talk about their differences," Strege said.

The event started off with a welcome speech from Strege and Chancellor Bernie Patterson, as well as a few other introductory announcements, followed by 15-minute speeches by the speakers. After that, the event was opened up to a question-and-answer forum.

gious at all would find it very fascinating to hear the differences tales," Strege said.

Multicultural Affairs put on the event in partnership with the Niagara Foundation, which promotes global fellowship and diversity. This is something Strege believes should be included on college campuses.

"This is the type of stuff that I think college is all about," Strege said. "It's for you to get a handle on things that are out of your comfort zone."

The event was not meant to be a debate, but a discussion about different religions. For more information about the Niagara foundation, go to <http://www.niagarafoundation.org/>.

Pow-Wow to be main event of Awareness Week

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This week, American Indians Reaching for Opportunities is hosting a Native American Awareness Week all leading up to the annual Pow-Wow on Saturday.

"A lot of people have a distorted image of Native Americans, especially at UW-Stevens Point where seeing a Native American is not very common," said John DeNasha, vice-president of AIRO and a junior social work major.

Native American Awareness Week on campus was created in the hopes of informing the community of Native American culture.

"I want people to learn that there are so many variations of Native Americans, and that we all didn't live in teepees and eat buffalo," DeNasha said.

Events that focus on Native American culture have been held all week. Tuesday night Leslie Teller hosted a Menomonee Storytelling; on Wednesday night two elders came to talk about Traditional and Contemporary Ojibwe Life; and there is a Bittersweet Winds Display on Thursday in the Laird Room from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Natives are often overlooked-most of the time we are talked about as if we are extinct. This is to show

that we are still here, that our culture is still alive, and that we have awesome celebrations," said Sandra Gokee a junior broadfield social science major and president of AIRO. She is also

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vice-president of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

All of the events lead up to the 38th Annual AIRO Traditional Pow-Wow on Saturday. The Pow-Wow will consist of a traditional Pow-Wow as well as intertribal songs where everyone that attends is welcome to get up and dance.

"Students can expect a lot of drumming, singing, and dancing," Gokee said.

There will also be a variety of vendors, raffles, a silent auction, and a feast at the Pow-Wow. In years past, more than 600 people have attended the celebration.

The Pow-Wow is on Saturday from 1-10 p.m. at the HEC Burg Gymnasium. The feast will be at 5 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

Rural and urban students meet for Lit Circle

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High School students from Adams Friendship High School and Vincent High School in Milwaukee visited the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus on Friday to participate in the finale of the Literature Circle Diversity Collaboration Project.

The Lit Circles Project was launched for English 381: Reading for an English Teacher,

a class to instruct English education majors on how to teach reading to high school students.

The project, which was founded by Professor Barbara Dixon and has been running for the past five years with the two high schools, is funded by grants from the Institute on Race and Ethnicity and The Letters and Science Enhancement Fund of UWSP.

"We are so very thankful for the money that's given to us, without it this program wouldn't be," Dixon said.

Lit Circle has two sets of goals. The first is aimed at Eng. 381 students to gain hands-on experience teaching reading

to high school kids, giving them their first chance to teach a full unit and create rubrics and course materials.

"I've had students who graduated and went on to teach afterwards say to me that it is the most important thing they experienced in college," Dixon said.

The second is aimed at participat-

cally segregated, they are also by default racially isolated.

Adams Friendship is a predominantly white school, whereas Vincent High School is mostly African-American, but the Lit Circle Project gives the opportunity for students to integrate with each other using literature as a foundation.

in America.

UWSP Eng. 381 students worked diligently over the semester setting up D2L projects and assignments for the high school students to work on in their classes at home. On Friday the students were bussed from their districts to visit campus and participate face-to-face with their college teachers in interactive

group projects set up by UWSP students.

At the end of the day, the students all came back together for an all-inclusive

debate panel, which covered some of the serious topics they had discussed about the literature they read over the semester and how it applied to their lives.

The academic unit concluded for the high school students by writing evaluations of the program and the student teachers' performance.

Unanimously positive across the board, a reoccurring trend was how much they enjoyed their meal at the DUC, which is something students here may take for granted.

"Also, the urban and rural divide is probably just as powerful as the ethnic divide," Dixon said.

The collaboration project among the three different schools gives students who may not have had much experience with literature to choose among five books to read and work on semester-long projects on D2L from their high school.

This year the books were "The Color Purple," "A Lesson Before Dying," "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," "The Bluest Eyes," and "Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet." All of these books address the issue of racism

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~ Professor Barbara Dixon

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Best Roommate Ever Contest Winners!

Thank you for all of your wonderful submissions to our contest. Here are the winners and the runners-up!

to be extra quiet when she comes home, since I go to bed early and get up early. Angelina is a very easy per-

Runners-up

These submissions were close seconds.

Roommate: Angelina Wilson
Submitted By: Alex Crockett

Angelina Wilson is the best roommate ever! I have never met a sweeter girl than Angelina. Angelina is selfless and full of life; she is always smiling and happy. She takes out the garbage and cleans up the room without complaining.

I have a very busy schedule, and Angelina understands that I hardly have any time to clean. She keeps her stuff organized and put away, the room is never messy. She shares her food and movies with me. She puts up with me when I am crabby and stressed out.

Angelina can make me laugh and cheer me up when I am sad. She dances around the room with me and we sing all of the time together. I really enjoy her continuous laughter. She usually has dance rehearsal until really late at night, and she tries

I have never had a better roommate in my life. I truly believe that she is the best roommate ever and that she tops all other roommates.

~ Alex Crockett

son to get along with. She is a wonderful friend who is able to keep secrets. I would not trade her for the world!

I have never had a better roommate in my life. I truly believe that she is the best roommate ever and that she tops all other roommates.

Runners-up



UWSP roommates Angelina Wilson and Alex Crockett

Photo courtesy of Alex Crockett

Runners-up



Photo courtesy of Joey Weyenberg

UWSP roommates Joey Weyenberg and Jake Stern

Roommate: Jake Stern
Submitted By: Joey Weyenberg

I would like to nominate Jake Stern for roommate of the year! He has been the most considerate roommate ever. He doesn't mess with any of my things even if I say it is okay. He falls asleep like a rock. Once I was on Skype with my lady at the time, and he had the T.V. on and a book on his chest yet he still fell asleep. He is so laid back and respectful and I haven't had a single problem with him all year.

He is just an all around great guy and easy to live with. He once took my laundry out of the drier and folded it for me when I overestimated my time between classes. Best roommate award should go to him, just sayin'.

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Sudoku 9x9 - Puzzle 4 of 5 - Medium

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 - 27- NOW
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 - 29- STRIKE HARD
 - 30- GNU COUSIN
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 - 34- PERFORM BETTER THAN
 - 37- TAILOR
 - 41- CORNMEAL MUSH
 - 43- GIVES BIRTH TO
 - 44- FERMENTED GRAPE JUICE
 - 46- MONETARY UNIT OF TURKEY
 - 47- GROWL
 - 48- BACK OF THE NECK
 - 49- ASHTABULA'S LAKE
 - 50- DULL
 - 51- WATERFALL
 - 52- OTHELLO VILLAIN
 - 53- RUSE
 - 56- BARCELONA BEAR
 - 57- CONVERT INTO LEATHER

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Brainteaser! answers: 1. Camping overnight. 2. Jack in the box

Answers from the April 28th issue.

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OPINION

After ten years, Osama Bin Laden dead

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Late Sunday night while I was reading Supreme Court opinions on affirmative action cases for my civil liberties class, my phone started vibrating with an alert from the Huffington Post saying that the President was about to make a dramatic late night announcement. I thought to myself, "This was highly unusual, as announcements late on a Sunday night just don't happen."

I jumped on Twitter to see what was being speculated for the reason for such an announcement and almost immediately it was rumored that we had killed Osama bin Laden. Why else would the President make such an announcement late at night? Surely if we had killed Gadhafi, some puke at the Department of Defense would have been tasked with releasing that information. It became clear that we had killed bin Laden as television networks everywhere were saying it, without really saying it. "A grave CIA operation overseas" was the term used. When it was finally confirmed that we had gotten bin Laden's ass in a body bag, my mind began racing through various emotions.

This one man has shaped my entire adult life. Quite literally if 9/11 had never happened, I probably would never have joined the military, I never would have spent two tours in Iraq, I would probably not be at UWSP right now as I would have had four years of my life back. One could say that bin Laden has had more influence on my life than even my mother.

I still remember the exact location and who informed me that two planes had hit the World Trade Center. I was 16, a junior in high school, walking in from the football field where our gym class had just gotten done playing flag football. Bert Soyka, a freshman, saw us strolling past the doors when he informed us of the event. I remem-

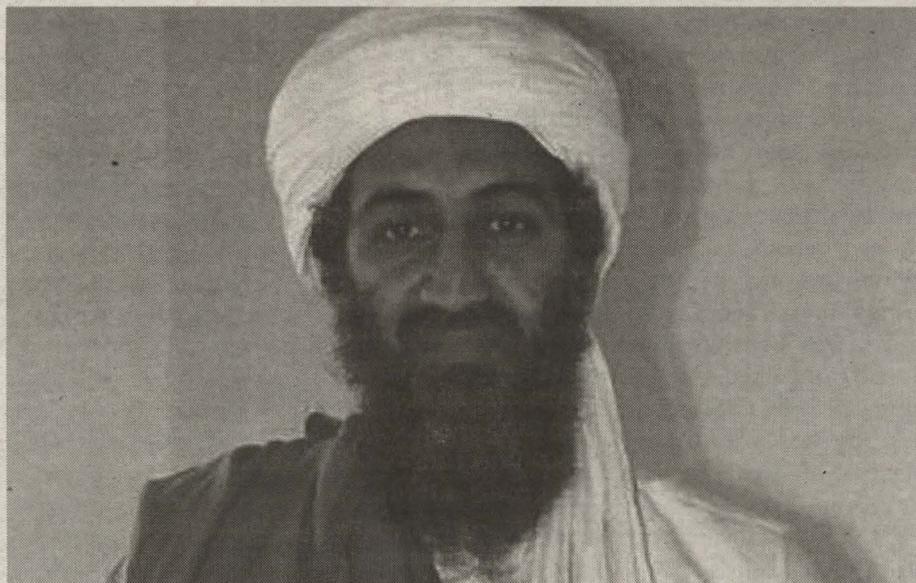
ber later that night, people had lined up for blocks waiting for gas, as if we flew oil from the Middle East over in planes.

I don't want to sound like I joined the military because of 9/11, but it almost certainly played a role. I've met so many people because of bin Laden, both friendly faces and those who would have killed me given the first opportunity to do so.

There was Flavio Cottrell, who I deployed with twice. He was a Mexican who was adopted early in his childhood by a family here in America. He signed up for the army despite not having achieved US citizenship yet. Our first tour together we developed quite the friendship during our many nights at the same guard post. He would later be administered the oath of citizenship by Vice President Joe Biden during one of his visits to Baghdad. Seeing the picture of him shaking Biden's hand overwhelmed me with happiness for him; achieving the same rights that we all enjoy, and fighting for a country he desperately wanted to be a part of.

Then there were the not so friendly, like Abu Ghazi, an Iraqi-born Egyptian on death row, who traveled back to Iraq after the US invasion in 2003. We developed a mutual understanding during my nine months in Iraq, and we were not friends in even the most ambiguous sense of the word. During one of our many conversations together, I asked him why we couldn't be friends. He said, "We can only be friends if you take off that uniform." I couldn't help but feel sympathy for him and the situation he was in, being on death row and facing certain death. I remember thinking it was strange to feel sympathy for a person who quite literally killed Americans, and thinking to myself, "Should I feel sympathy for someone like Abu Ghazi?"

He had a younger brother who was also in US custody, who just happened to be passing through the



prison we were both at, on his way to another US-controlled prison. I pulled some strings to allow Abu Ghazzi an hour-long visitation with him, the first time in years that they had seen each other. The look on both their faces when they saw each other for the first time will forever be etched into my memory. Everyone knew that it was most likely their last time together, as Abu Ghazzi would most likely be dead less than a year later.

I developed many more relationships with detainees just like Abu Ghazzi over that deployment. I had to, it was my job to gain their trust and gain as much intelligence about the workings of the prison as I could. There was also Abdul-Rafi, a propaganda minister of a small Sunni terrorist network in Iraq, who was less than a week older than me. He spoke fluent English and greeted me with a wide smile whenever I came to visit the compound he was in. Halfway through my tour he would be transferred over to the Iraqis. I was there when he boarded the bus for Abu Ghraib; he looked at me with tears streaming down his face, as if to say, "Save me Carlson."

When one of the Sunni prison compounds was overwhelmed in factional turmoil, Abu Hakim offered me his services in quelling the mayhem. See, Abu Hakim was the leader of a large Shia death squad that had specialized in killing hundreds of Sunni extremists before being captured, just the type of people who were living no more than twenty feet away from him. "Hey Carlson, why don't you let me take ten of my men over there and we'll solve everything for you," he said to me. "Just leave the back gate open and have all the guards leave for ten minutes. When you come back, everything will be OK over there." I laughed off the suggestion as a joke, but knew full well that he was deathly serious.

Am I happy bin Laden is finally dead and brought to justice? I don't know, perhaps. I'm still processing all the emotions from the past couple of days. I am convinced the world is a safe place without him and that justice was finally done for those victims of 9/11. I am not sure if anything changes in the war on terror because of his death; however, I do know that all of our lives will forever indelibly be changed because of him. I know mine has.

Note: Names and nicknames of detainees were changed.

The Power of Social Media

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On Sunday night I was ironically watching "Celebrity Apprentice" when the news cut in with breaking news from the White House. It took about half an hour for the news to announce that the President was going to make an important announcement regarding Osama bin Laden's death.

Naturally, the first thing I did when I heard this news was go on Twitter and Facebook. However, I was too late. The Twitter and Facebook

universe had already exploded with tweets and statuses. I had literally gone on the social media sites seconds after the news found out and it seemed as if the Internet knew before CNN did.

The internet has not only made news more easily accessible to the masses, but it allows people to find out breaking news within seconds, and sometimes even before the news stations report it.

Is social media taking over the news? I find it fascinating that the world can be informed of break-

ing news stories within seconds, whereas before the Internet it would have taken considerably longer for news to circulate.

What does this mean for the future of news and journalism? Clearly, social media will not be the end of news or journalism, for there is only so much that you can gain from social networking sites, and you can't get the full story without broadcast and print journalism. But, social media has proven to be a strong instrument for spreading news stories to everyone in a timely fashion.



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Runners-up/Winners,

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Roommate: Kimberley Schneider
Submitted By: Lindsey Beaman

I feel I have the best roommate ever and her name is Kimberley Schneider. We met over orientation when my mom signed me up to stay in the dorms over night.

Obviously, I was really mad at my mom for doing so because I thought it was going to be awkward but then I met Kim, soon to be roommate and best friend! I feel she should get this award because she is considerate about when she has to wake up early in the morning not to be too loud, brings home food from her house and shares it with me, makes sure the door is unlocked, my fan is on, and my chair is by the dresser to climb up into my bed after a long night, and most of all I can trust her with my secrets and feelings.

I would consider Kim to be one of my best friends. We are getting a house together next year and I hope everything pans out the way I think it will. I couldn't ask for better roommate and best friend!

At right: UWSP roommates Kimberley Schneider and Lindsey Beaman.

Photo courtesy of Lindsey Beaman



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~ Lindsey Beaman

Winners



Photo courtesy of Anastasia Skrobish

UWSP roommates Layne Qualy and Anastasia Skrobish.

Both of these roommates nominated each other, so they share in winning the Best Roommate Ever Award.

Roommate: Layne Qualy
Submitted By: Anastasia Skrobish

I have the BEST roommate ever! Not only are we great friends, but we have the highest level of compatibility with our living situation. Things are simply never an issue!

Our arguing is debating about controversial topics. We constantly trade facts, promoting our educational growth. On top of that, we take turns doing each other's dish-

es, vacuuming, and taking out the trash all in the small dorm room we share. We do these tasks fairly, but not scheduled, counted or bragged about.

We share common interests such as exercising, nutrition, coffee flavors, creative projects, actions movies and definitely music! I feel the most intellectually and socially stimulated that I could with a friend! It is a freeing, comfortable feeling I get when I walk in the room, not filled with stress or anxiety.

I honestly feel that my academic career has blossomed even more

because of my great situation at home!

Roommate: Anastasia Skrobish
Submitted By: Layne Qualy

I have the best roommate. I have the best roommate in Stevens Point, in Wisconsin, and in the World.

This is why:

She deals with me in the morning with no complaints. Mornings aren't a happy time for me.

She overall is a clean person and we share our duties evenly without concern.

She sympathizes with me when I complain and complain and complain some more about my homework and my boring classes and needing to work out at the gym.

She deals with my naps that are similar to mini-comas in the middle of the day.

She tolerates my crappy refrigerator that freezes everything at the lowest setting.

She listens to me complain about the male population and even calls my ex-boyfriend a dumbass to

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his face. But she also listened to each side of the story when he decided to dump me.

She helped me handle some emotionally/physically painful medical issues.

But best of all, she has grown to be one of my closest friends and I'm glad to be moving in an apartment with her next year and doing it all again.