



Milwaukee's harbor acts as a center of summer activity. Water sports of all kinds are popular on Lake Michigan.

his most memorable lines can't be reprinted here. While you're reading, tune in to WMSE-FM (91.7), Milwaukee's alternative radio station.

Eats: SoHo-esque Walker's Point is a hub of the trendy and cheap. From midtown, get on Water Street and go south till it turns into First Street. One block over is Shakers (422 S. Second St., 414-272-4222), where the gumbo will make you drool. The UWM hangouts on North Avenue, a short walk from campus, are a good bet for delicious, filling meals. Try the fajitas at La Casita (2014 N. Farwell Ave., 414-277-1177), the gyros at Kosta's (2239 N. Prospect Ave., 414-271-1110), or the spring rolls next door at the Bangkok Orchid (2239 N. Prospect Ave., 414-223-3333). Top your meal off with a Milwaukee staple that's available nearly every-

Students Elizabeth Schoone and Robert Di Piazza dance at Milwaukee's Oktoberfest.



where: frozen custard.

Entertainment: Milwaukee got its due as a hot rock 'n' roll town last summer in *Rolling Stone* (July 13, 1989). No wonder. In addition to Summerfest, Milwaukee can brag about local heroes the BoDeans (who still do a gig here and there), the Violent Femmes, and Talking Heads guitarist/keyboardist Jerry Harrison, who splits his time between Milwaukee and the Big Apple.

The club scene is thriving. Head to Timers (First St. and National Ave., no phone) for classic rock—check out the stacks of albums behind the bar—and tabletop dancing. Some of Chicago's best jazz bands play at Virginia's (\$2 to \$4 cover, 501 S. Sixth St., 414-272-3443), but try to catch fusion group Venture, too. Saxophonist Peter Nuemer is a must hear.

Sports: They're as serious about baseball in Milwaukee as they are about bowling, and that's pretty serious. Catch the Brewers at County Stadium (201 S. 46th St., 414-933-1818) while you still can; a new stadium is in the works for 1993. If the Brew Crew is out of town, watch them at Luke's Sports Spectacular (1225 N. Water St., 414-223-3210). They even have TVs in the bathrooms.

Bradford Beach is *the* place for catching rays and playing killer volleyball. Good luck if you go up against barrel-chested Dick Bacon. Retired, Bacon spends every day at the beach, spiking with gusto and coaxing his tan toward the color of burnt caramel. He was All-American Honorable Mention in two national volleyball tournaments.

Although the water doesn't often get above 60 degrees, it's great for sailboarding. Rentals are available at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (no phone number) for \$10 an hour, plus \$5 for a wet suit. For \$55 you get six hours of lessons.

Extras: The free brewery tours (Miller, 4251 W. State St., 414-931-2337; Pabst, 915 W. Juneau Ave., 414-223-3709) are okay, but for \$1 you can get a tour of the Sprecher Brewing Company, a quirky micro-brewery that uses secondhand dairy equipment. Located in Walker's Point (730 W. Oregon St., 414-272-2337), it's not easy to find, but it's worth the effort. Try the root beer, too. Chocoholics will feel right at home as well. Ambrosia Chocolate Company has a retail store right at the factory (528 W. Highland Ave., 414-271-5774). Go ahead and sin.

If you'd like to see more wild things after you catch the Great Circus Parade, visit the highly acclaimed Milwaukee County Zoo (10001 Bluemound Rd., 414-771-3040). Admission is \$4.50, parking is \$3.

So, the next time you think of Milwaukee as merely the land of 1,000 bars, think of CHEESE and all the summer festivals. Cari Noga does. "I was used to staying on campus during the school year," she says, "and I can't believe all that I've missed. Recreation in the city is everything you could ever want." She smiles and adds, "Now Milwaukee is my city." ●

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