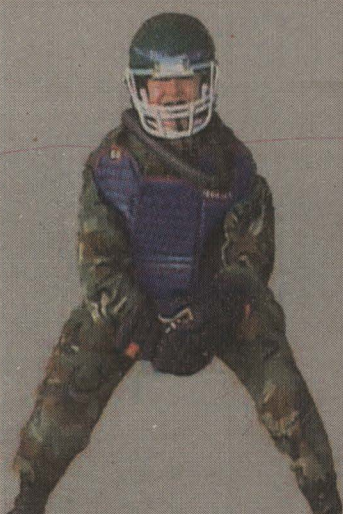




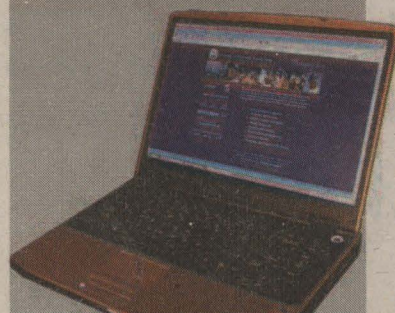
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"The problem is, we're not getting (complaint) e-mails from students, because they don't even know what's happening to them."
- Congressman Dave Obey



Students gathered in the CNR to listen to Congressman Dave Obey.

Photo by Bob Gross

Obey visits campus, urges students to take action

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Tomorrow morning, take \$6,000 from your bank account and throw it in the nearest garbage can. That's what's about to happen to every single student across the nation if Congress passes House Resolution (H.R.) 3010 in eight days.

Wisconsin Congressman Dave Obey, D-Wisconsin, visited with Environmental Education students Tuesday to express his concern with what he calls the "wretched choices that Congress has made" regarding our nation's budget.

"I've never seen a bigger disconnect between 'main street' and Congress," said the Democrat, who's served Wisconsin since 1969.

Obey, who is the senior Democrat in the Congress on the Appropriations Committee, was able to prevent H.R. 3010 from being passed earlier this month, but a renewed effort to pass the measure is being made once Congress reconvenes next week.

H.R. 3010 is designed to squeeze all the extra money it can from the areas of education, labor, health and social services. The extra funds will be put towards deficit reduction. For the first time in a decade, this bill is cutting appropriations for education. Over the past few years, tuition has risen by approximately \$3,100, yet the maximum Pell Grant amount remains unchanged at \$4,050.

The proposal for the next fiscal year originally included

raising this amount by a total of \$500 over the next five years, but the Bush Administration shot this down.

Origination fees are rising, and while some student loan limits have increased, so too have the interest rates. The average student will spend an extra \$6,000 during their college years on fees and tuition jumps.

The federal work study program isn't getting a raise this next year due to a freeze

any of these programs, and none was approved.

Josh Christensen, Director of Legislative Issues for the Student Government Association (SGA) says that they've been working with the United States Student Association to oppose these funding cuts.

"Hopefully, we can stop this," Christensen said.

Congressman Obey insists very little can be done to stop H.R. 3010 from being passed without a great deal of public support.

"The problem is, we're not getting (complaint) e-mails from students, because they don't even know what's happening to them," he said.

He was hopeful that his visit would help inform the students about their options. He asked that every student contact the White House in the immediate future regarding the need for a financial aid boost to their campus.

"If a (large enough) number of people contact the Congress, they will stop to listen," Obey said.

He was hoping to encourage students to make lawmakers stop in their tracks.

"Raise a little hell," Obey told the students.

You can contact the White House at (202) 456-1111, send comments to comments@whitehouse.gov, or e-mail Vice President Cheney at vice_president@whitehouse.gov.



Obey

Photo by Bob Gross

in finances. This means that approximately 800,000 undergraduates, graduates and professional students across the country are going to have a tough time finding part-time work on campus.

Programs such as the Perkins Loan program, the Presidential math and science scholar program and others are all taking hard hits next year as well. No additional funding was requested for

Ordinance passes, kegs will require registration

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It's official, after months of speculation and debate, Stevens Point residents will soon be required to register for every purchase of a beer barrel within the city limits.

By a vote of 7-4, the city's Common Council approved a keg ordinance at the Nov. 21 monthly meeting. The ordinance is scheduled to go into effect on Jan. 15, 2006.

Fifth district alderperson Chris Robinson said the delay of the implementation date was intended for a reason.

"It's important that other municipalities around the area pass a similar ordinance," he said.

While a 7-4 vote wasn't a narrow victory for the ordinance supporters, the legislation was met with some criticism.

"I think there was some concern that some folks on the council thought that this violated individuals rights (and) increased burden for people buying beer," Robinson said. "My response is I don't think that's a whole lot of extra work."

While liquor store managers have voiced displeasure in the two-year commitment for logging records on receipts, residents will be required to provide two forms of identification to complete the purchase of a keg of beer.

"I think there is some resistance (from the managers)," Robinson said. "From what I've heard, they don't want to necessarily do the extra paper work. I think some of them like it (though) because they think it will prevent underage (purchases)."

While he did approve of the document, Robinson's criticism of the ordinance was that the local law enforcement would abuse the civil liberties of people purchasing the kegs.

"My only concern is that this will be used as a profiling mechanism," he said. "I've been assured by enforcement it won't."

Robinson explained he

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UW-SP continues to chal- lenge student drug use

UW-SP Press Release
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND
RELATIONS

A biennial survey at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has found that much work still needs to be done to educate students about the risks of heavy alcohol use and its related consequences.

Over 350 UW-SP undergraduate students participated in the Web-based 2005 UW System Alcohol and Other Drug (AODA) survey, designed to indicate the extent of alcohol and other drug use by students and just what the university can do to improve prevention efforts.

According to the survey, 80 percent of UW-SP students drank alcohol in the 30 days prior. Such findings establish alcohol as the No. 1 drug choice by college students, said Anne Hoffmann, the UW-SP AODA coordinator.

Further, alcohol was used abusively by 60 percent of the students who drank alcohol, meaning five or more drinks by men and four or more drinks by women in less than two hours.

"We are concerned about alcohol use which is, statistically speaking, more likely to result in negative consequences," said Hoffmann. "Men who consume five or more drinks and women who consume four or more drinks in a short period of time are much more likely to experience negative consequences than students who limit their drinks to no more than one drink an hour."

Such negative consequences include missing class, performing poorly academically, financial difficulties and, most disturbingly, physical and sexual assault. "Our survey results indicated a slight increase in negative consequences reported by students

compared to last year," indicated Hoffmann.

Several campus initiatives exist to educate students and reduce risky drinking, such as summer orientation presentations, campuswide programs, educational judicial sanctions and alcohol-free options for students. Research in the field of student alcohol-control suggests that multiple strategies employed in tandem yield the most positive results.

"There is no magic bullet," said Hoffmann. "The most effective alcohol reduction projects are grounded in strategies that are implemented concurrently and that impact the college environment including limiting access to alcohol, reducing marketing of alcohol products, policy development and consistent enforcement, correcting misperceptions surrounding college drinking and offering alcohol-free options."

"Encouraging healthy behaviors by college students in Wisconsin, particularly when it comes to alcohol, will take attention at all levels," said UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell, chair of a system wide Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) committee. "This is not just a university challenge — it's a Wisconsin challenge."

After alcohol, tobacco proved to be the second drug of choice for students with 25 percent reporting use in the 30 days prior to the survey. UW-SP has an effective tobacco cessation program which uses incentives and facilitated behavior change to help students kick the habit.

Questions about any UW-SP alcohol and other drug education programs may be directed to the Student Health Promotion Office at (715) 346-4313.

From *Keg*, pg. 1

was worried that the local police department would track the sales of kegs and monitor the addresses to which the kegs were sold more closely than normal.

While he is optimistic for the future regarding the ordinance, Robinson doesn't believe this will be a cure all to underage drinking.

"People who are doing these illegal taverns will find a way to continue to do it," he said. "This tool needs to be combined with stronger enforcement. It's one of those tools in the arsenal ... while this is an issue that is probably significantly tied to students, it will impact the entire community."

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Summary of accidents in Wisconsin during hunting season

(AP) A summary of the 13 shooting accidents involving deer hunters in Wisconsin during the nine-day season that ended Sunday:

Fatal accidents:

-Dale McDowell, 66, of Danbury, was shot in the head in a state forest in Burnett County as he participated in an afternoon deer drive. The shooter was a member of McDowell's hunting party.

-Sandra L. Marion, 46, of Cadott, was killed while participating in an eight-hunter deer drive along a creek bottom in Chippewa County.

-Robert Slattery, 14, of Green Bay, was shot in the back as he was walking toward a vehicle by a 12-year-old boy following a deer drive at a relative's farm in Marinette County. The younger boy thought the safety on his 12-

gauge shotgun was on and the gun went off as the boy was changing positions to carry it.

Injury accidents:

-A 15-year-old girl shot herself in the leg in Grant County after she fell and her rifle discharged.

-A 20-year-old man shot himself in the hand while in a tree stand in Waukesha County. The man had his muzzleloader propped against the tree, turned when he heard something and bumped the gun. When the weapon fell, it discharged.

-A 46-year-old man was shot in the right leg during a deer drive in Marathon County. The 70-year-old shooter hit a buck with a shot from a .308-caliber rifle, the bullet went through the deer and traveled 751 feet before striking the victim.

-A 40-year-old man was shot in the ribs as he drove his car in Eau Claire County. The 38-year-old shooter was on a deer drive and shot at what he thought was a deer running through brush but it really was the victim's gray vehicle on a nearby road. The 12-gauge shotgun bullet hit the driver's side door and then the victim.

-A 51-year-old man was shot in the knee during a five-person deer drive in Marathon County by a 50-year-old hunter who fired once at a running buck.

-A 15-year-old boy shot himself in Marinette County

when he grabbed his .30-caliber rifle, apparently pulling back the hammer on the gun, and it fired.

-A 50-year-old man was shot as he sat on an elevated mound in dense cover in Outagamie County. The shooter, a 54-year-old man, shot at a deer.

-A 26-year-old man was shot in Rusk County by a 49-year-old hunter who shot at a running deer through a picked cornfield. The bullet traveled 360 yards before striking the victim.

-A 14-year-old boy was shot in the arm as he walked uphill

through an open snow-covered field en route to his hunting area in Sheboygan County. The shooter, an 81-year-old man, thought the boy was a deer and fired his 12-gauge shotgun from about 80 yards away.

-A 25-year-old man was shot in the foot during a deer drive in Ozaukee County. The shooter, a 24-year-old man, fired at a deer that was running within 15 yards of the victim, who was hit with a fragment of the shotgun slug.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Hmong culture celebration at UW-Stevens Point

UW-SP Press Release

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONS

The Hmong and South East Asian American Club (HaSEAAC) will present "Changes of Hmong Culture Through Time" at the fifth annual Taste of Toj Roob (The Mountains) held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Bryan Thao Worra, interim executive director of the Hmong American Institute for Learning, will be the keynote speaker. The celebration will feature a traditional Hmong dinner, performances celebrating Hmong culture and a raffle drawing. The event celebrates the journey of Hmong culture in today's society.

It will be held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center (DUC) with the doors opening at 4:30 p.m. The program begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$6 for students with a UW-SP ID, and free for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door or by calling (715) 346-3820.

Poet, writer and journalist Worra was born in Laos in January 1973 during the Laotian Secret War. He came to the United States in July 1973 as the adopted child of an American pilot working in Laos at the time. He is the most widely published Hmong/Lao American writer in the world. Worra has worked for Hmong National

Development in Washington D.C., the Hmong Nationality Archives, Asian Media Access, the Hmong American Institute for Learning, the National Youth Leadership Council on service-learning, Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly and volunteered his services with numerous other programs for groups such as the Minnesota State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, the Center for Hmong Studies, the Southeast Asian Resource Action Center and the Hmong Cultural Center. Worra currently resides in St. Paul with his family.

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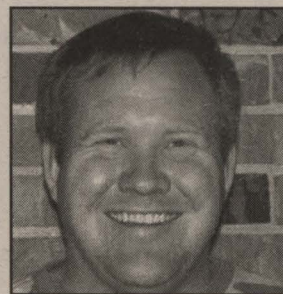
by Mae Wernicke

...what about the Gnomes?



Kendra Shefchik, So. Art Eccentricity

"I say f*ck the man!"



Adam James, Sr. Forestry & Political Science

"I never got to see any gnomes! I wish they were still up."



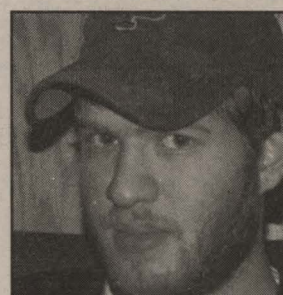
Elizabeth Rammer, Sr. Art Graphic Design

"Didn't that only last a day?"



Peter Kruger, Jr. English Ed.

"I think they are the coolest crap ever."



Jesse Peeters, Sr. Resource Management & Land Use Planning

"I thought they were cool. I saw one on top of the CNR and one on top of the UC here."



Meredith DeCaluwe, Jr. Math Ed.

"They remind me of David the Gnome, which reminds me of my past. Back in the day...and the gnome kisses!"

It's Advent.

Time to prepare the way of the Lord.
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CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE

5 PM Saturday; 10:15 AM, 6 PM Sunday

St. Joseph Convent Chapel (1300 Maria Drive, just west of County Market)

Advent Prayer: 7 PM Monday, Newman Center Chapel

Late-Night Mass: 9 PM Wednesday, Newman Center Chapel

Holy Day Mass: 9 PM Dec. 7, 6 PM Dec. 8, Newman Center Chapel

Reconciliation: 6:30 PM Dec. 14, Convent Chapel

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Newman is the Roman Catholic Parish at UW-Stevens Point

Letters & Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Release our gnomes

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the Redcaps, would like to publicly claim responsibility for the recent appearance of the lawn gnomes on the rooftops of certain university buildings.

The Redcaps are a secret organization composed of ONLY the most intelligent, attractive, cunning and slightly deranged persons. We are interested in making campus life a little less mundane. It is our goal to return the mystique of college living to dreary little Stevens Point.

To this purpose, on Halloween, we released several lawn gnomes into the wild with the hope that they would have the opportunity to roam free for the rest of eternity. Brightening our lives and watching over our otherwise dreary campus like tiny, benevolent gods.

However, they have been recaptured and are probably currently suffering from terrible boredom in the stink of some imbecile's basement or some cramped university storage area.

It is with this in mind that the Redcaps formally demand the re-release of our captured gnomes. You need not return them to the rooftops, but they

should be placed in publicly visible areas, among the shrubbery they love so well. They should be free to come and go as they choose.

Administrators: if you wish to discuss the details of their release, you may contact us at Redcaps@mail.com.

The Redcaps hope for a cordial co-existence with the university officials. Note the gentle, non-destructive nature of our gnome release. We are not vandals or hooligans. We hope to improve UW-SP's bland campus through our "activities."

That said: Do not trifle with us. Do not think that Pat Rothfuss' offer of coffee will lure us out into the open. Do not think that we will disappear if ignored. The Redcaps are here to stay. RELEASE OUR GNOMES!!!

Students: the Redcaps are currently recruiting. If you think you have what it takes to be a Redcap, contact us at Redcaps@mail.com. Be warned: many are called, but few are chosen. There will be an interview process to ensure that you are indeed a sly, creative, intelligent and slightly deranged individual.

Sincerely,
The Redcaps

Your College Survival Guide

Pat "Sweet" Rothfuss
WITH HELP FROM: THE MISSION
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Pat~

I have to ask you for some philanthropic advice. You see, I have information which could help a lot of guys from getting screwed over. I am talking about the fact that my ex-girlfriend is a psycho-bitch who relishes the opportunity to devour unsuspecting love-sick males. Thanks to a number of kicks in the butt by good friends I came to my senses and abandoned ship. But I now see what appears to be a really nice guy dating her. My question is, should I warn him to run for his life? I know it would seem tacky coming from an ex, but should I let that trump my care for a fellow male?

As long as we are talking about "The Ex", what's a good way to let her know I've totally recovered and am no longer emotionally bankrupt over her? I'd hate to have her walking around campus thinking that she still has a part of my heart. I feel like going up to her and saying, "I'm over you, damn it!" But if I'd do that it would look like I am still bitter at her. That is not the case; rather I would like to express my newfound freedom to the world. And, much to my disgust, she is still part of the world. Am I just wasting my time here or is there a

cool way to go about this? If I end up pissing her off in the process that would be an added bonus.

Thanks in advance for the timeless, sage advice you are willing to grant me,

Adam

Yeah. Boy. I can tell how completely over this girl you are. Your whole letter just reeks of not-bitter not-obsession.

Don't believe me? Well... Here's a test for everyone at home. Do you want to piss your ex-girlfriend off? Ruin her relationship? Convince her of how totally, not-obsessed and emotionally fulfilled you are? Do you write letters to advice columns trying to convince people what a soul-sucking bitch she is? Do you buy a dog, name it after her, and make it wear that blue sweater she left at your house? Do you have arguments with the dog, followed by tearful reconciliations and passionate make-up sex? Do you occasionally, slightly kill the dog with a hammer and bury it in the neighbor's back yard?

Believe it or not, answering "yes" to even one of these questions, means that you're not completely over your previous girlfriend.

You know how you can tell when you're over her? Here's how. When one of your friends says something like: "Hey, did you know that Jenny just had a kid?" and you, confused, say, "Jenny who?" That's when you know you're over her.

Now don't get me wrong, it's natural to have trouble letting go after a bad breakup. Emotional baggage is the norm. The danger comes in not admitting that you still have baggage.

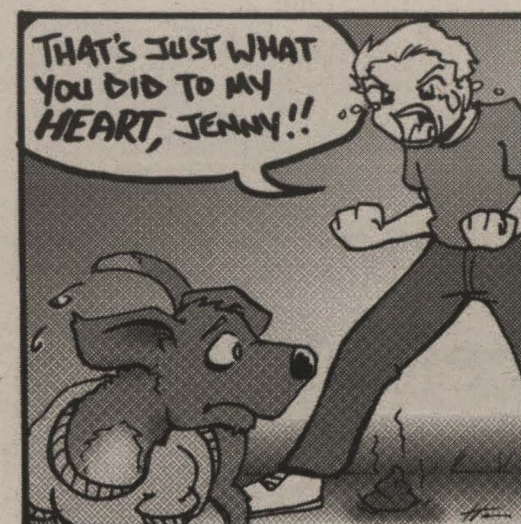
Should you do anything? No. If this other guy were a friend of yours, I'd say sure. Mention it to him. Once. Then cork your noise hole and go about minding your own business. But it sounds like you don't know this guy at all. He's just some Schmedrick you've seen walking around with her. So let it go. That's the cool way to handle the situation. Walk away.

Hmmmm.... Maybe I'm going about this the wrong way. You said you wanted sage, timeless advice, so let me try to explain this using a zen Koan:

Two Buddhist monks are walking along, and they come to a river. A woman's there, worried about crossing the river, because she's barefoot, and she's worried she'll slip on the rocks and get her chemistry notes all wet.

So the first Monk picks her up, carries her over the river, and sets her down on the other side. As they continue down the road, the second monk is really tweaked, and after about 10 minutes he says, "Dude, WTF? You're not supposed to touch women!"

The first Monk replies,



"Why do you have to make a federal case out of everything, Jerry? I was just helping her out."

"Don't give me that! Your hands were all over her!" Then the second monk starts to cry, "Admit it! You don't find me attractive anymore! Fine! Go be with your little whore!"

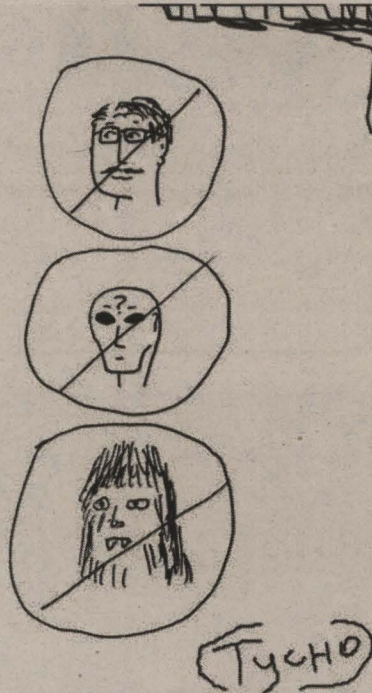
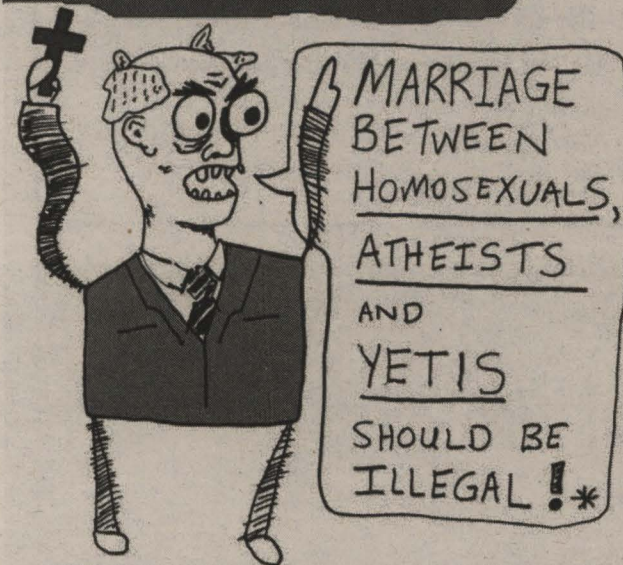
The first monk sighs and gives him a hug. "You know I love you. You're always like this when your bloodsugar is low. Here, have a strawberry."

And then a lion eats them.

What's the point? The point is that you should at least have the decency to bury the dog in your own backyard, Adam. The other way is just tacky. Trust me on this.

Good news boys and girls: The College Survival Guide Anthology is back from the printers. We'll be selling it all next week at a booth in the UC concourse. I'll be there signing copies from 10-1:30 p.m. on Tuesday. And from 11-3 p.m. on Wednesday. Everyone who's written in a letter this semester can stop by and I'll finally fork over your gift certificates to the Mission Coffee House. You too, Adam.

By this point, unless you're thick in the head, you all know that the Mission has live, local music every weekend. But music isn't the only sort of entertainment to be had there. For example, this Thursday at 7:30 poet Janine Pommy Vega will be reading her work there. Want more? Then try on their open-mic poetry, every Tuesday at 7 p.m. More alliterative angst than you can shake a stick at, or your money back.

CRAZY WISCONSIN
REPUBLICANS AGREE:

(TYCHO)

* OR... Do they just want to transform the Nov. '06 Gubernatorial election into a one-issue race; hoping that God-fearing, ill-informed voters will give the Crazy Republicans complete control over Wisconsin?

The Pointer is Hiring!

We are currently looking for layout techs and an advertising assistant. If you are a wiz with publishing programs like InDesign and Quark Xpress or you want to work in our Ad department, e-mail me at pointer@uwsu.edu. We'd love to have ya!

Liz Bolton
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Pay and play politics

If a doctor gave \$5,000 to your campaign for office in the state legislature wouldn't you tend to listen more carefully to her? Sure you claim there is no connection between donations and bills passed, but what if a bill suddenly appears which would help the doctor, wouldn't you want to help the doctor out? This is the current landscape of political action. If you pay, your interests are played.

The only time Jesus got mad was at the temple where he took a lash and chased the money changers out of the temple. We have the same situation today. While the money changers were charging too much for the bird or lamb for sacrifice, we are being charged too much by some corporations. These dollars go to make donations which tend to make the politicians listen more attentively to the donors interests. And just like Jesus, we too should be angry at the greed of money donators.

There is a bill asking 35 percent of the campaign money come from the government with a strict audit, it is not enough. Our politicians need 100 percent of the campaign money coming from the government. We must end the money donators in our temple of government. They are hurting you and your neighbor.

Dan R. Mitchell
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SGA Corner

Professor evaluations - who do you want to teach you?

Professor evals are scantron sheets distributed during class that ask you to rate your professor and class on a scale of 1-5 on several different questions. Unfortunately, most students don't know that the results of these student evaluations of professors are used to decide whether a professor should be dismissed from the university or continue teaching.

We urge you to take these evaluations seriously. They may seem like an inconvenience at the time, but they are the only input students have right now in deciding whether a professor is hired permanently.

Senator positions still available!

Pick up a senator application at the SGA information bulletin board in the UC, print one off of the Web site (<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/sga>) or stop in our office! Participating in student government is a great way to build your resume, hone your professional skills and work with other students to improve our campus!

Referendum and Elections: YOU choose this spring!

February 20-24: Referendum items

U-Pass and Late night bus - decide whether UW-SP students want to continue the current U-Pass bus system, continue and add a late-night route, or discontinue the program

Renewable Energy Referendum - decide whether UW-SP students are willing to pay for 10 percent renewable energy on campus

United Council Referendum - decide whether students want to continue to be part of United Council of Students, the state student governing body (comes up for reapproval every two years)

A Have you noticed that UWSP is turning to China?

Study Abroad in China - UWSP will offer Several Opportunities in 2006?



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Laptops available for checkout at the campus library

Rebecca Buchanan

THE POINTER
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Students can now check out laptops at the library circulation desk for up to three days at a time.

This new service started on Nov. 15 to make computer and Internet access more available to all students.

Colleen Andrews, the student computing services coordinator, orchestrated the laptop checkouts because she thought students needed another option for computer and Internet access while attending the university.

"The faculty has been able to check out laptops for a few years now, and I thought students also needed easier access to technology," said Andrews.

"The laptops all have wireless Internet and allow access to the VPN network on campus, but also can be used at home if there is a wireless connection, or can be plugged into the phone jack for Internet access," said Andrews.

Andrews said that all laptops are equipped with

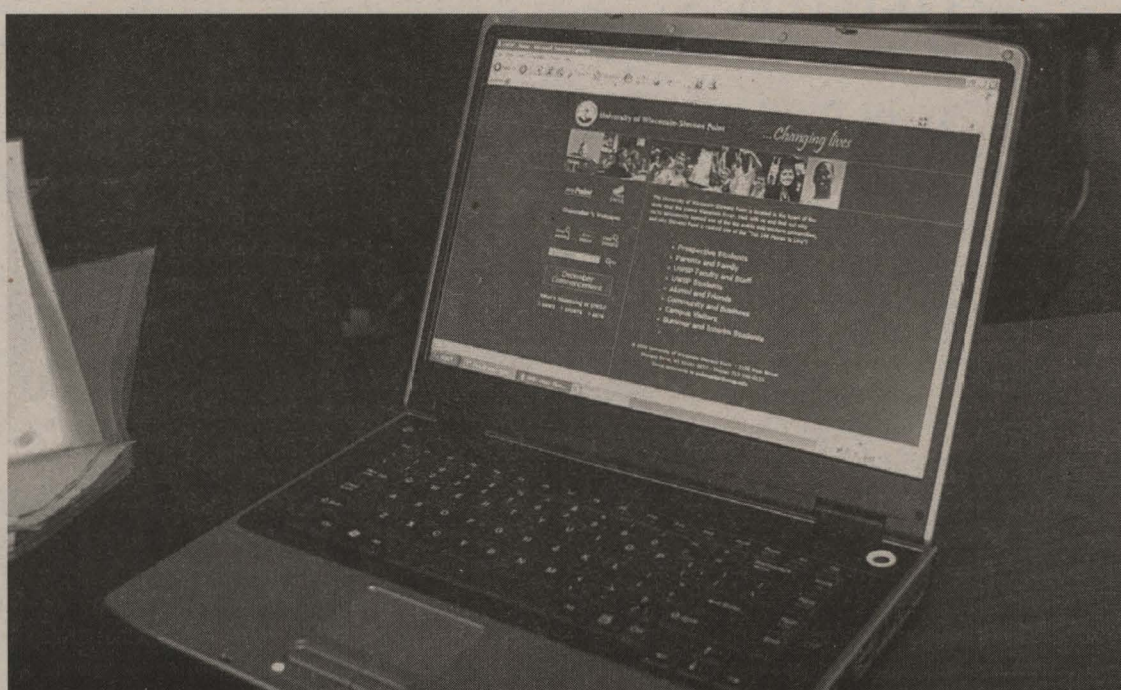


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Microsoft Office, but can connect to the remote computer labs to access all the software and programs the university offers. Students can also install any other software needed on the computer while they have it checked out.

Students can save their work on the H: drive and then

come to campus to print out whatever they need.

"There are 36 laptops right now that students can check out, but a total of 48 were purchased

from Gateway with a budget of \$80,000," said Andrews.

Andrews chose Gateway because of their great tech support, and since they are a vendor for the university, she got a

"THIS NEW SERVICE MAY CHANGE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS COMPLETELY"

good deal on the laptops.

Reserve services supervisor Lynn Vogel said, "Twelve laptops are kept on reserve for circulation purposes. There is a time delay when one student returns a laptop for another student to check out that same computer. It has to be recharged, re-imaged and auto cleaned for the next student. By having extra computers on reserve this helps with the circulation of computers."

"The computers have a 12-hour battery, but also come with a plug-in cord and a

carry case for protection," said Andrews. "They are stored in COWS (computers on wheels) which charge the battery and automatically uninstalls other software put on to the computer and wipes it clean for the next user."

Andrews said the computers have a three-year warranty, but if repairs need to be made other computers are still available for students to use.

Andrews said this program will be great for students even though there are many on-campus computer labs. This allows students to do their schoolwork in a variety of places.

For example, a business student can go give a presentation at a conference using the laptop, and athletes can do their homework on the road while traveling on the weekends. Before this service, unless students had their own

laptop, they would have difficulty completing their assignments.

Andrews always recommends laptops at freshman orientation because they are so versatile, and have a broader use than desktops. Not all families can afford to buy their child a laptop, so this is a way the university can help students have the convenience of a laptop, but not the expense of one.

Vogel said, "The laptops

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TECH TIDBIT**Is that a TV in your newspaper?**

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One day you might pick up "The Pointer" and unexpectedly find the Topper's ad animated on the back of the paper screaming at you to order some piping hot pizza.

A new invention unveiled last month at the Plastics Electronics trade fair in Frankfurt, Germany could

revolutionize the graphic nature of newspapers and magazines. German electronics manufacturer Siemens has created a paper-thin plastic material that is essentially a TV screen.

Expected to hit the market in 2007, the material, which generated a bunch of buzz at the trade fair, can broadcast anything a flat-screen TV can, but at slightly lower quality.

According to a spokesperson from Siemens, upscale magazines will probably be the first to use this new technology to display high-impact advertisements. As the cost goes down over time, usage might expand to other parts of the magazine, along with newspapers and cigarette packages. The technology could even be utilized to put simple computer games on cereal boxes.

To get an idea of what future pages of printed media might look like all you have to do is turn on your computer and surf to a Web site with flash animations. From games to short films, flash has become one of the main ways to display animated content online.

Publishers will be able to use this technology to convey much more information than they can currently get out of a simple static picture. The material is relatively cheap when compared with the cost for traditional video screens. Slightly less than 11 square feet of the material currently costs about \$51.

So, while it may be awhile before "The Pointer" can afford to ditch the black and white photos for sexy moving pictures, it might not be long before the newsstands are filled with gyrating covers vying for your attention. Whether this innovation will be valuable or just plain annoying is left up to the reader to ponder.

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For all of next week the Allen Center will be hosting a number of free events and activities to promote student wellness.

Whether you're interested in being active, just relaxing, or winning free stuff, each day from Dec. 5-11 will offer something different.

"The purpose is to encourage people to come in and de-stress," said Amanda Froom,

Group Fitness student manager at the Allen Center. "We're running some great programs [for that]."

Monday is all about being healthy. Stress relief sessions will be offered at the Student Health Promotion Office from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with free dinner from 6-7 p.m. Sign up by Dec. 2 to reserve a spot.

Get fit on Tuesday by participating in the Group Fitness Challenge in Studio A.

Like to flex your creative muscles? On Wednesday the Allen Center will offer a knit-

ting class from 6-9 p.m. Sign up for this program at Outdoor EdVentures by Dec. 2.

Relax on Thursday with holistic health yoga in Studio B from 6:30-8 p.m. or paraffin hand dips in the Cardio Center from 6-7:30 p.m.

Friday kicks off the grand finale that'll last all weekend. Outdoor EdVentures will be offering free equipment rentals to students, and the Cardio Center will be open for workouts throughout the weekend. They will also offer free group fitness classes Saturday and Sunday morning.

Or maybe you just like free food and prizes. "We'll have granola bars and different snacks," said Froom. "Prizes will be given out according to different areas in the Cardio Center."

You can register for most of the programs at the Cardio Center, though some events do not require you to sign up. For more information on the particulars call the Cardio Center front desk at 346-4711.

Xbox 360 craze at center of holiday shopping blitz

Jeff Peters
SCIENCE REPORTER

The holiday shopping season kicked off last Friday with the usual frenzy of packed

hottest gifts – the Xbox 360 – were greeted with empty shelves and signs telling customers to “please come again” when the new shipments arrived.

With the new system launching at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, many waited outside for hours in the cold on Monday hoping to be one of the first gamers to nab an Xbox 360. Most stores sold out their entire stock in hours. Even many who waited in line left empty-handed.

“My friend waited in line at both Wal-Marts, Toys ‘R Us, and a few other stores, and couldn’t get one,” said Andy Rollins, a former Janesville resident who returned to the area hoping to get together with his friends and play

eBay user “edboys” spent hours waiting in line in California to get himself an Xbox 360, only to return home and have his father insist on selling the item in an online auction. The Xbox premium system, two games, and a few accessories cost less than \$600. “Edboys” sold it on eBay for \$2,000.

“Ameuli,” an eBay user from Alabama, stood in line with several of his friends to get their systems – all three of which they sold online.

Since he endured the cold and long lines, “Ameuli” said that he feels he earned at least part of the \$700 they each made from their Xbox 360 sales.

While some people accuse the eBay sellers of ripping off the buyers by making \$1,000 or more for a day’s worth of work, most of the sellers insist it’s just good business.

After hearing rumors that the system’s launch numbers would be far short of the demand, eBay user “butlerca” decided to go ahead and buy the

new Xbox despite the fact none of the upcoming games excited him.

“Shelling out \$399 wasn’t all that bad of an idea because I knew I could get \$200-\$300 just like the PlayStation 2,” said “butlerca.” “There was no doubt in my mind that

there would be a market on eBay.”

After learning he had earned over \$1,000 in profit he wrote, “now it looks like I can get another Xbox 360” – one for himself.

Rumors spread that there wouldn’t be any more Xbox 360 systems available before Christmas, and Microsoft moved quickly to deny the claims they were intentionally holding back production to drive up the hype. Most stores are expecting one or more shipments before Christmas.

Many stores like Best Buy have posted signs near the entrance telling customers when their next shipment will arrive. The Best Buy in Janesville doesn’t expect to receive another shipment until Dec. 12, almost three weeks after the initial launch.

Around 300,000 units will go on sale Dec. 2 in Europe,

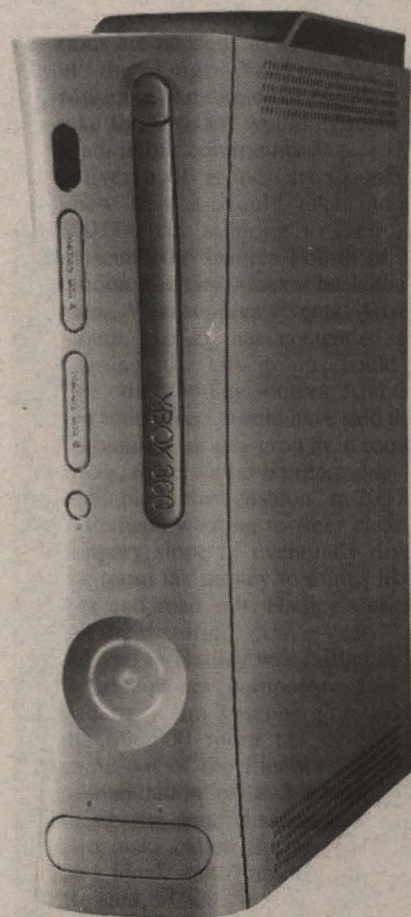
and the push to spread the console throughout the United States, Europe and Japan almost simultaneously may leave some people empty-handed come Christmas.

Microsoft is the first to come out with the next generation of video game systems, and with both Sony’s PlayStation 3 and Nintendo’s Revolution set to release in 2006, the video game fervor isn’t going to end anytime soon.

Microsoft has said that it plans to sell 10 million Xbox 360 systems by the end of 2006. With time there should be enough for everyone.

Until then, people like Rollins will just have to wait for the stores to restock their shelves. He already owns several games and a couple controllers.

“All I need is a system,” he joked.



stores, long lines and people vying elbow-to-elbow for this year’s must-have gifts; but those who held off their shopping until the flood of day after Thanksgiving sales may have been in for a surprise.

Those trying to get their hands on one of the season’s

the new system.

The shortage left many people turning to the Internet and sites like eBay to find their own Xbox 360. By Tuesday morning there were already thousands of Xbox systems for sale with an auction ending every couple minutes.

Reproductive Health Myths of the Week

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Myth #1: “You are not at risk for getting a sexually transmitted infection (STI) if you give or receive oral sex.”

Truth: Oral sex is not “safe sex.” Herpes and gonorrhea are unfortunately the most commonly transmitted STIs via oral sex. Gonorrhea is a bacterial STI that causes nasty sore throats when transmitted orally. Herpes is the second most common STI on the UW-SP campus. This STI is transmitted through oral or genital contact. The two forms of the Herpes Simplex virus are oral herpes (cold sores) and genital herpes, both are highly infectious and easily transmissible. The best way to remain STI free is to be abstinent; however, if you are going to engage in oral sex, practice “safer sex.” Make use of flavored condoms for men and dental dams for women.

Myth #2: “You need to sleep around to get an STI.”

Truth: Anyone who has sex is at risk for getting a sexually transmitted infection. It can happen the first time you have sex or after sleeping with 10 different people. Many infected with STIs show no symptoms at all. It is important that you always use male or female condoms, and have STI screenings. Even though you may think you know the person you are sleeping with, you can’t know their sexual history.

Myth #3: “If I have oral or anal sex I am still a virgin.”

Truth: The word virgin comes from the Greek and Latin words for androgyne, a person who is whole unto themselves. Merriam-Webster defines virgin as someone who has never had sexual intercourse. Ultimately, no one can make this decision for you; you will need to determine what your own values are when it comes to sexuality. It is important to note that when it comes to vaginal, anal or oral sex you are potentially at risk for contracting STIs. Please practice “safer sex” and remember, especially in December, giftwrap your member.

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Arts & Review

“Carmina Burana” takes Michelson Hall by storm

Sara Suchy

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

Take 127 singers, 79 instrumentalists (violins to string basses, trumpets to tubas) three soloists and one conductor and what do you get...a night of music put on by UW-SP's own music department that will not soon be forgotten. Under the direction of Professor Lucinda Thayer, UW-SP's Choral Union, Concert Choir and Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. Patrick Miles, performed the famous Carl Orff (1895-1982) composition “Carmina Burana.” Carmina is an exceptionally flashy composition which calls for booming vocals and intricate orchestral work.

“Carmina Burana” was composed in 1937 and is one of the most famous compositions which came out of Nazi Germany. It is an assemblage of over a thousand texts found in a manuscript at the Bavarian Abbey of Benediktbeuren. It is believed that these texts were written by monks between 1220-50. They are all poetic musings

on the life, love, eating, drinking and the ever-changing fortune of defrocked priests and goliards of the Middle Ages. It is sung in Latin and Middle High German.

It is not so much the music that is difficult, it is that there is so much text. It's hard to get it all out, but UW-SP combined choirs got the job done. The basses especially put on a wonderful show with a wonderful rich sound in the lower tessitura.

The sopranos did their job holding and sustaining with incredible power impossibly long and larynx-killing notes with apparent ease. The effect of the choir over all was very good and appropriate for this particular piece.

The orchestra was certainly something to behold. They produced an astounding and powerful sound that at times overpowered the choir, especially in the opening and closing movements “O Fortuna.” The percussion in particular produced a very powerful and effective sound which added to the over all quality of the performance.

Soloists in the production were soprano UW-SP voice professor Susan Bender, baritone UW-SP voice professor Dr. Gary Moss, and tenor Brandon Brack.

Brack did an exceptional job on the aria, “Olim lacus colueram,” very rarely done on account of its difficulty.

His performance was so theatrical and entertaining that the audience couldn't help but laugh as he described his predicament of being a swan about to be roasted for dinner.

Moss had quite a challenge ahead of him with the most solo move-

ments in the piece, and not easy ones at that. But his vocal color was very effective and appropriate in each movement.

And Bender gave us such rich tones in “In trutina” and brought the audience to the edge of their seats as she soared into an impossibly high

tessitura in “Dulcissime.”

This was a performance which will go down as one of UW-SP's greater accomplishments.

With the exception of a few sound balance issues, it was a stunning performance of a very entertaining and fun composition.



“Carmina Burana” performers fill Michelson's stage

Photo by: Dan Schmidt

A musical becomes a movie:

Sara Suchy

ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

While there is nothing that comes close to the riveting experience of seeing a Broadway musical live, the new Hollywood movie “Rent,” directed by Chris Columbus (the director who brought you the first two Harry Potter movies), comes as close as any movie can get. The musical “Rent,” by the late Jonathon Larson, is the defining musical of the Generation Xers as “Hair” was to the hippies of the 1960s and 70s. Based on Puccini's opera “La Boheme,” it tells the story of a year in the life of eight friends through intense musical numbers and passionate ballads which pull at the heart strings of every audience member in a way regular dialogue cannot. A word of caution, though: this movie must be viewed with an open mind, as “Rent” brings to the surface issues and subjects which were then and are now very taboo and thus ignored and even shunned by the vast majority of society. At least four of the characters are infected with AIDS, there are heroin addicts, a drag queen, a gay couple and a lesbian couple all living together in the slums of New York City. But through the joy and anguish of these eight lives that the

world seemed to forget, there is a message of unconditional love and acceptance.

There is always a certain element of magic lost in translation between the stage and the screen, but there were several numbers in the movie which were very moving. The opening number, “Rent,” comes to mind, in which an entire tent city decides on a whim to burn their eviction notices in protest while singing a rhapsody to the impoverished and impossible lives they lead as the landlord comes riding down the street in his Range Rover. The relationship between the character of Tom Collins and Angel, played by Jesse L. Martin and Wilson Jermaine Heredia respectively, is especially poignant and relevant considering the current attack on gay rights in our country.

One of the remarkable things about this movie is six out of the original eight main characters from the original Broadway production in 1996 are back; therefore it stays very true to the original story. Rosario Dawson is the heroin addict exotic dancer, Mimi Marquez. Her delivery was compelling and moving throughout the movie especially her intense portrayal of Mimi's downward relapse to heroin late in the movie.

Newcomer Tracie Thoms

brought incredible life to the character of Joanne Jefferson, the uptight practical lawyer dating the impulsive diva Maureen Johnson, played by Idina Menzel (who won a Tony for her role in the musical “Wicked” last year). Other characters include the haunted songwriter Roger, recently diagnosed with AIDS, played by Adam Pascal; the entrepreneur who sold out to corporate America, Benny, played by Taye Diggs; and of course the unofficial narrator of the show desperately trying to finish his documentary about the homeless of New York, Mark Cohen, played by Anthony Rapp. Rapp gives an especially stirring performance in the film.

Fans of the original show will be disappointed that quite a few numbers didn't make it to the big screen, including “You Okay Honey?,” “Happy New Year,” “Contact,” “We're Okay” and perhaps most disappointing, “Halloween.”

Rent is not so much a movie as it is an experience. It is impossible to sum it all up in one review. One must just sit back and take it all in. But the message is a simple one of love and acceptance. For those open-minded enough to give this musical a chance, it is truly an amazing and powerful story told by incredibly gifted performers.

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Books of clay and wood with hidden meanings

Wisconsin artists in the Carlsten Gallery

Amanda Telischak
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

"As far as I'm concerned, if an artist calls it a book, it's a book." Caren Heft, Carlsten Art Gallery Director spoke of the numerous books rendered by Wisconsin book artists that were displayed in the Carlsten Art Gallery.

The display, which ran Oct. 23-Nov. 23, featured books created with materials ranging from carved wood and leather to plastic and airbrushed paper. Artists whose works were displayed in the exhibit came from all areas of Wisconsin and included Stevens Point natives, as well as UW-SP Professors. Heft said, "The exhibition is a memorial to the late William Bunce," former Kohler Art Library Director at UW-Madison. Bunce's main goal was "to build a premier university art library in which no topic is, in some degree, un-researchable and where inspiration as well as information was a daily fare."

He designed an indexing system that enables researchers to focus on media specific information, such as paper varieties and type styles. When Bunce died in 2002, five of his closest companions, including Heft, thought an appropriate memorial to him would be a book archive at UW-SP.

Some of the books from Bunce's original collection were donated by his

long-time partner, Gordon Morey and began the Carlsten Art Gallery's book collection. Touring the gallery, Heft spoke about each of the exhibits. All amazingly different and unique to their artist, the exhibition displays how differently books are interpreted. "Some of the books are picture books and some have text," said Heft. "There are also printed books the way Gutenberg did [them]." Heft also spoke of wood engraving books which are "very difficult to make, because they are made from the ends of pieces of wood."

Some certainly unconventional books were displayed in the gallery. One thought-provoking book displayed along two walls was an untitled work by African-American artist Paul Kennedy. The artwork displayed 67 nearly identical pieces of paper lined up and reading, "Children Murdered in Chicago-land in 1994."

The distinguishing characteristics between each piece are words varying between "beaten," "asphyxiated," "shot," and several others. Each piece of paper symbolizes a child who was murdered in Chicago in a given year. The differing words at the bottom recognize the way in which each child was killed. Heft says that the statement Kennedy makes is that if the murders were of anyone else, for example, important white men, a large amount of recognition would have been made.

However, in the case of these children, they were ignored.

"Many of the children came from poor, single, teen-mother families. The problem is that our society does not support single teen mothers and they have nowhere to go for support. I can't condone it." The powerful display gave this societal problem attention.

Another thought-provoking display, made of clay by Susan Morrison, claimed its own section in the gallery. The book, entitled "An American Tragedy," which looked more like a hill made of beige clay to the uninformed eye drew the attention of viewers. Heft said, "The display is a memorial to Xavier College which was buried under water when New Orleans flooded, due to Hurricane Katrina. All was lost. All the things we take for granted were gone." Heft directed attention high above on the walls surrounding the book.

On each of the three walls, a line is painted, representing the water level high above the college. The simple lines hold perhaps the greatest statement of the artwork, tying it all together.

One of the most simplistic books in the gallery was "Hopeful," by Anne-Bridget Gary. The caveman-esque book is made of four clay slabs attached together through handmade holes at the top of the slabs. Distorted photographs were placed on each of

the slabs. The work sat alone atop a pillar in an open area of the gallery. Its small yet prominent presence proves that simplicity can mean power.

Graphic Design Professor Diana Black created a book entitled, "Surface Guide," which hung on one wall. Heft said that the piece is about skin tones and shows their gradation.

Artist Dennis Bayuzick created several books, all using bold purples, blues, magentas and greens. "Mismatch," a board game book with geometric shapes lets you tell the story. Heft said, "[It's] more than a book, it's like having a game for which you don't know the rules."

A piece by Emily Wollangk was a book in the shape of a paper doll lying on its back. The doll's upper and lower halves were connected by an accordion-like piece of paper. Heft said that the artist wanted to portray the magic trick of sawing a woman in half and the "historic text about the trick is actually written on the red piece of paper!"

This book shows how intricate and unnoticeable some of the most important details about all of the books were. If you ventured into the art gallery to look at the books, I hope you took your time with each one.

The answer to the story behind each book lay within all of them. You just had to look for it.

"Saw 2" fails where its predecessor succeeded

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"Saw" was perfect—psychologically gory, with great acting and a simple story. And, of course, plot twists galore. But a sequel? It's kind of like making "The Exorcist II"—nearly impossible to equal the original, since lightning rarely strikes twice in horror.

Detective Matthews (Donnie Walberg) and his boss, Kerry (world's worst

actress nominee Dina Meyers) investigate the murder of an unfortunate fellow, who's been snapped inside of a death mask. They realize this must be the work of Jigsaw.

For those of you who missed out on "Saw," Jigsaw is a terminal cancer patient. He teaches lessons to those who aren't appreciative of life by putting them in desperate situations. They redeem themselves only by reaching the limits of human nature in rather gory fashions.

With surprisingly little effort, the police find Jigsaw sitting in his warehouse. Surrounding him on monitors are images of prisoners he's locked away in a secret location. Nerve gas is being pumped into the house, and while the doors unlock in three hours to free them, the gas will kill them in two if they can't find the antidote.

Among the prisoners are Matthews' son, Daniel, and Amanda (Shawnee Smith), the sole escapee of Jigsaw in the first film.

Instead of working together, the group turns on each other. One fellow's head is smashed in with a studded mace, another burned to death in an oven, and Amanda is thrown into a large pit filled with syringes: score one for the cringe factor.

Instead of going for a winning psychological angle this time, the story tries—unsuccessfully—to sell Matthews' concern for his son as legitimate desperation, but then succumbs to violence as Matthews beats the information out of Jigsaw, who uncharacteristically cedes. For a man who looks strikingly like the love child of Jack Nicholson and Christopher Walken, compromise just isn't believable.

Matthews breaks into the house, but finds nearly all have succumbed to the gas. The house had been filled with every kind of booby trap, and one wonders how this sickly old man could have possibly pulled this whole thing off by himself. For that explanation, you'd better start drinking.

Now.

Through a series of hallways and trapdoors, he finds himself in a large soiled bathroom—the same room, in fact, that "Saw" took place in. Out of nowhere, a masked figure knocks him cold, and when he comes to, he becomes one of the Jigsaw's victims. However, instead of the old man's voice on the tape recorder, this time things are different—Jigsaw

has an apprentice: it is Amanda who tells him of his fate.

Sure, Shawnee Smith was hideous in "The Blob," but c'mon—a serial killer? She lacks the inhumanity. Her presence within the group was a ruse, and Matthews' son is also safe and sound—Matthews was the target the entire time. It's a hard sell.

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Outdoors

Patience pays off

Andy Niemeyer
OUTDOOR REPORTER

On Sunday, Nov. 20, this buck was shot in Southwestern Wisconsin in the HRZ (herd reduction zone, CWD management).

I woke my brother up and asked him if he was going out, but he declined and chose to sleep in so I went and sat in his stand. Around 6:30 a.m., just at light, a guy on the next property over, shot and I watched a deer bound away and fall.

Thinking my hunt was over for the day, I was surprised when 10 minutes later this buck walked out from behind me only 30 yards away. As I clicked the safety off my .270 Ruger, he shot his head up and looked around carefully. I thought it was only a matter before he bolted.

He took two more steps and I shot.

He jumped three times, crashed into a tree and slid down the hill about ten yards. At first I wasn't sure of his size and from my stand I could only make out the g-2's, which didn't look real since they were split. I thought it was just a little tree.

Once I got out of my stand and made my way down to my deer I couldn't believe what I had shot. The split on the g-2 was real, and he had a matching set. Along with that he had mass like I'd never seen. A main frame 10 with split g-2's and mass like an elk - five-inch circumferences between points three and four. He scored right around 170 and will look great on my wall. Ironically, this was only the third buck two-and-a-half years old or better that I have seen this season (including bow season). Patience and persistence does pay off.



Andy Niemeyer with his 10-point Buck

Photo by Andy Niemeyer

Pointers survive the northwoods

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Why, you might ask, would six people actually WANT to go camping over Thanksgiving break, amongst the cold, snowy, windy conditions Mother Nature spits out at this time of year and miss family, friends, turkey and a chance to get a crack at da tirdy pointer? There must be a damn good reason...

For the second year, I led a band of brave Pointers on an adventure to the Superior Hiking Trail, located in the northeast portion of Minnesota. This year, I was assisted by Lucas Scharmer, trip leader and one with the Minnesota wilderness. Our plan was to backpack 46 miles in 3 1/2 days time. That is where our adventure begins...

After rounding up four adrenaline-junkie participants: Jack Gadamus, Kevin Hite, Margie Rychlock and Katie Ross, we embarked on a trip that would prove to be one we would never forget.

Wednesday, Nov. 23: Blizzard conditions force us off the roads near Hurley, Wis., approximately half way to our Minnesota destination. We camped at Lake Superior County Park, on the shores of Gitchee Gumee, in the midst of 40 to 50 mph winds that increased to 60+ mph as the night progressed. All six people in a team-building effort were required to set up each of our four-season tents, which bowed heavily in the strong winds. Extra tie-down support, as well as a body inside, was necessary to keep the tents from blowing away. We hiked in shifts to a break wall near the harbor to watch the waves come crashing in, causing over 15 foot tall spray that instantly froze into ice crystals, piercing our exposed faces. One of the adventurers was blown to the ground in a strong gust! The noise of the tents was almost deafening, although some of us were miraculously able to sleep soundly, amidst the extreme conditions.

Thursday, Nov. 24: With ice covering everything inside our tents from the build up of condensation overnight, we opened our tent doors to daytime conditions of the night before. Two hunters driving by to witness the rage of the winds and lake stopped to ask what the hell we were doing camping. They took pictures of us and invited us to have Thanksgiving dinner with them at their hunting shack just up the road - I think they felt sorry for us, even though we were lovin' the weather! While taking the tents down, which once again took all six people, we noticed bent

tent poles and ripped portions of the rainflies, all due to the hurricane-force winds. We had dinner at the "Three Paws" cabin, followed by story time with our generous hosts while digesting the meal. With dwindling temperatures and daylight, we then headed north to Minnesota and called it a day at Tettegouche State Park. After a taco dinner and a night hike to warm up before bed, we climbed in our bags for the cold night.

Friday, Nov. 25: So cold, a tent stake snapped in half while pulling it out of the ground! We ventured up the trail to Caribou Falls, a 60-foot waterfall on the Caribou River, and into the park, where we cut a set of lynx tracks and gazed over Lake Superior from beautiful vistas. The itch to head farther north was upon us, driving us to Crosby-Manitou State Park. After hiking a mile in the dark, we found a sheltered campsite amongst the hemlocks, spruce and firs and prepared for the coldest night of the trip. Another night hike to warm up was in order.

Saturday, Nov. 26: An inch of fluffy white stuff blanketed the woods and our gear overnight. We decided to stay another night at the campsite and hike out to the cars for a day hike around the waterfalls of Temperance River

see **Northwoods**, pg. 19

Being impatient results in a successful hunt

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On a cruddy late autumn morning, Rolf Ulvin sat in his deer stand near Lawler, Minn. for close to four hours without seeing a single deer. Discouraged, but not ready to give up, Ulvin retreated to warmer climates for an hour before moving to a different stand close to a swamp. Almost immediately upon reaching the second stand, Ulvin began to hear the noises he had waited for all day, yet he could not see anything through the thick cover.

After about three hours, just before sunset, a buck came out about 15 yards from the cover. Ulvin fired right away, from 85 yards. The buck kicked his hind legs, jumped and ran. He got about 10 yards, paused and Ulvin fired again. Both shots hit home, and the buck fell after the second shot.

The 4-point buck was about 150 pounds. Ulvin was excited to get a buck, but thinks that if he would have waited another four or five minutes, more deer would have come out of the swamp.

"I think if I would've waited four or five minutes I would have gotten a really nice deer, but at that point I was pretty impatient," Ulvin said.

Though Ulvin is from Minnesota, he has yet to shoot a buck in his home state. The first buck Ulvin shot was in Texas, when he was eighteen. Ulvin likes hunting in Texas because feed plots are legal, but prefers Minnesota to Wisconsin.

"The deer are better in Minnesota - the bodies are nicer and the coats are more pure. But I am really biased. I love Minnesota. And we had three weekends and they only had two!"

OUTDOOR EDVENTURES' TIP OF THE WEEK

Josh Spice
OUTDOOR EDVENTURES MANAGER & TRIP LEADER

Winter camping raises the problem of condensation in your tent and sleeping bag. It is a time when no corners can be cut and no chances taken. To avoid icicles above your face and wet clothing and gear, open all the vents at night to allow condensation to escape the tent body and collect on the rain fly. Just make sure to keep snow from building up around the outside of the tent, where the fly meets the tent body to allow for proper ventilation. This will assist in keeping everything inside the tent from being damp or covered in ice. However, it will also equalize the temperature inside and outside the tent, whereas closing all vents could result in a 20 degree higher temperature in the tent. To stay dry is to stay warm and to stay warm is to stay happy. I recommend staying dry over warmer temperatures inside the tent, which in winter will cause cold, wet conditions to follow. Wet gear will only result in a loss of R-value (insulatory value), leading to frostbite, hypothermia, unenjoyable experiences, etc., not to mention a heavier sleeping bag and clothes. Stop by Outdoor EdVentures to learn more about this trick, along with many other tips and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences.

Popp's Cave

Derek Miess
OUTDOOR EDVENTURES REPORTER

Outdoor EdVentures and Rentals was out and about again, only this time we went underground. I led a group of nine students on a venture to the rural hills of Richland Center to explore Popp's Cave a few weeks ago. The day began with an early start, meeting in the Allen Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Think that was crazy? Well, you better believe it! You have to be a little crazy to get up at eight in the morning and crawl into a dark, damp, dirty cave for fun.

The group got all their gear ready to go, including helmets, clothes, snacks and flashlights, and loaded the van. We took state Hwy 80 to

is quite unique as the landscape was carved by ancient rivers wearing down the lime and sandstone, which created large sandbars of stone. The highway travels down an old river channel and offers a spectacular view of some of Wisconsin's ancient history.

The group pulled up to the foothill of Popp's and prepared to hike up the hill to the mouth of the cave. When we got there, we were not alone. A group of spelunkers, otherwise known as cave explorers, from UW-La Crosse were there as well. I guess we weren't the only crazy ones in the UW-system.

The mouth of Popp's cave was created from the dissolving of limestone as carbon dioxide and water combined in the pore spaces of the ground to form a weak acid. The evidence of acid dissolving limestone was present inside the small caverns as we noticed the small stalactites and stalagmites forming on the ceiling and the floor. These formations

are the result of the dissolved calcium of limestone depositing itself as the water moves through the cave.

As we moved deeper into the cave we noticed that the light from outside of it gradually disappeared, forcing us to rely completely on

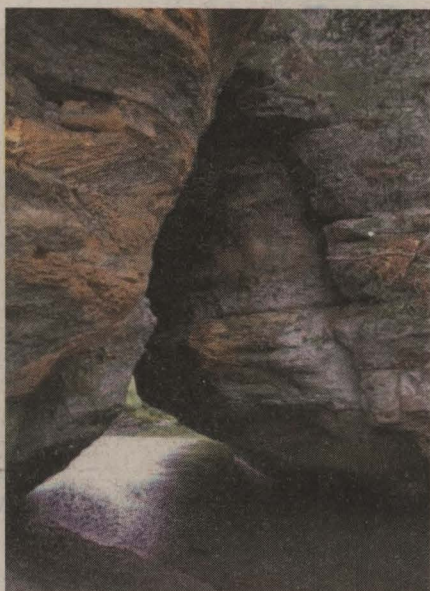


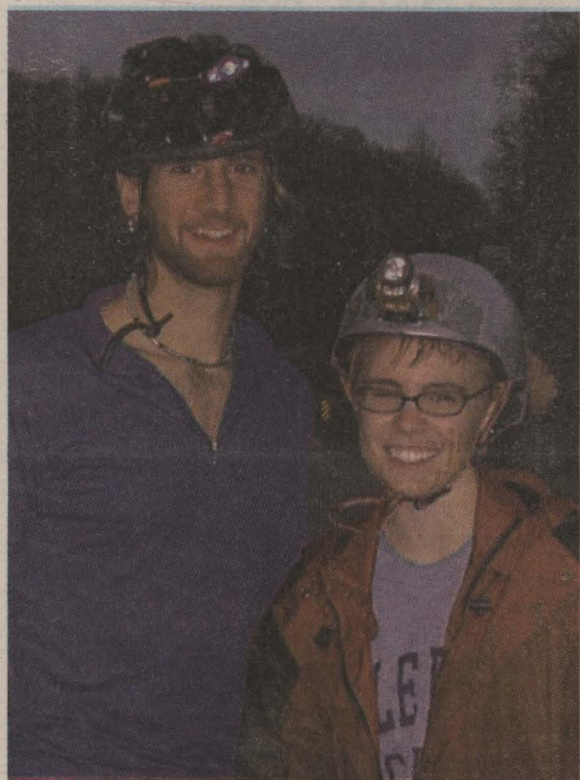
Photo by: Derek Miess

our flashlights and headlamps to guide us. One cool space to move through is the birth canal, a short, small hole that connects one large room to another. Passage through the canal seems tight but everyone slid through without any trouble. By this time, walking was not feasible and crawling was the preferred method of locomotion. Thankfully, we taped rags to our knees for a little cushion while scrambling along the hard rocks. In one of the rooms we sat for many minutes with our lights off. We listened in silence for 60 seconds and only heard water dripping from the ceiling. It was very peaceful and relaxing. The group was actually very calm and comfortable in the cave.

One of the highlights of the cave was the brown bats that we saw clinging to the ceiling. We did not shine our lights directly on them, as that was harmful to their body rhythms, being nocturnal and close to hibernation. Some of the bats were active still with the mild temperatures outside and flew from room to room.

Another highlight was the light show we put on. The spelunkers experienced a phenomenon called triboluminescence, in which we chewed on wintergreen Lifesavers with our mouths open. Although it sounds rude to chew with

see **Popps**, pg. 19



Covered in Mud

Photo by: Derek Miess

Richland Center. Along the way, we stopped at Pier Park in Rockbridge to stretch and check out the unique rock formations. Pier Park contains a natural rock bridge that the west branch of the Pine River eroded out of a long stretch of sandstone. The area itself

Campus Calendar of Outdoor Events

12/3 – 30th Annual Frostbite Road Race & Winter Walk

(Stevens Point YMCA)

11 a.m. – Fun Run

Noon – 5 & 10 mile walk/run

Contact: Jackie Meyers 342-2980 Ext: 334

2005 Winter Open House and Candlelight Hike

(Schmeekle Visitor Center)

6-9 p.m.

Walk ½ mile through winter woodland on a candle lit trail and enjoy a campfire afterwards. There will be raffle prizes from the gift shop worth up to \$100, free snacks and hot drinks.

Contact: Schmeekle Visitor Center 346-4992

12/4 – Allen Blocher Planetarium

(UW-SP Planetarium)

2 p.m. – *Winter Wonders*

3 p.m. – *Season of Light*

Contact: 346-2208

Willow Basketry

(Schmeekle Visitor Center)

1-4:30 p.m.

Discover history and artisan skills of willow basket weaving. Learn about willow species, the how-tos of basket weaving and put these skills to work.

Contact: Schmeekle Visitor Center 346-4992

12/6 – The Gregarions Gliding Glaucomys

(Schmeekle Visitor Center)

6:30 p.m.

Learn about the life, history and habits of flying squirrels, nocturnal northern and southern flying squirrels.

12/7 – Intro to Knitting

(Outdoor EdVentures)

Learn the basics of knitting and the tools of the trade. Learn to cast on/purl and knit. After completing this you will be able to knit scarves and hats – great for holiday presents!

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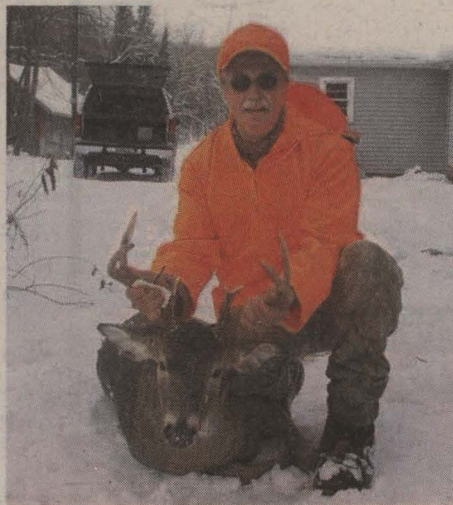
If you would like to include an event of your own, please e-mail Outdoor Editor, Stephanie Davy, no later than Tuesday night of the issued week, at: sdavy999@uwsp.edu.

Gun-hunting in review

Due to the lack of response to the gun-hunting photo contest, here is a review of my friends and family's success:



James Davy shot a Mangled 5-point buck near Iola, WI



Peter Davy shot a 6-Point buck near Iola, WI



"Gundy" shot a 10-point buck near Medford, WI

Sports

After having streak broken, Pointers begin anew

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The UW-SP Men's basketball season has tipped-off and the Pointers are looking to make a fresh start and new identity following their back-to-back national championship seasons.

After three games, the men are 3-1. Solid wins against

something on the road to help the younger guys learn how to win was what mattered. "The guys who built this streak are gone, now we have to build a new one," Semling said.

The Pointers this season have seven players on the team that were not involved in either of the previous seasons successes. Semling wanted this road game at Lakeland to give

three for eight beyond the arc and Kevin Gruszczynski pulled in a team high seven rebounds. The Pointers were out-shot 56 to 36 percent for the game. They did however out rebound Lakeland 36-24.

The 99-89 win versus Ripon College Friday was what Pointer basketball hopes to see more of this season. Krull again led the team with a solid game shooting eight for 12 with seven free throws for 26 points. He brought in a game high eight rebounds as well as sinking three long balls.

This has been what the team and fans had hoped to see of Krull. Coming into the season he was looked upon as having to convert to leader from a role player. According to Semling, he has done a fine job thus far. "Krull has been excellent in stepping up to be our primary scorer," he said. "He is very complete." Semling said he would also like to see Krull become a great assist person in time, in order to run the offense through him.

The Pointers took Ripon out of their game very quickly and Semling said he was pleased at how ready UW-SP was to play. At the half the Pointers had a dominating 46-25 lead.



Steve Hicklin sizes up the defense in a win over UW-Oshkosh.

Cardinal Stritch and Ripon were only to be succeeded by a loss to Lakeland College. This game marks the Pointers' first non-conference loss since 1999 - a 45 game winning streak.

However, Head Coach Bob Semling says that the streak snap was not that disappointing to him as some may think. He said that trying to build

the newcomers the experience of what it's like to be targeted as defending champions.

The Pointers fell 58-63 to Lakeland last Saturday. "We looked out of rhythm...looked sluggish," said Semling. Jon Krull led the Pointers and the game with 20 points and was perfect from the line hitting seven free throws. Brian Bauer had 15 points, going



Photo by Bob Gross

Firefighters respond to a fire in the HEC, which caused yesterday's game against UW-Oshkosh to be delayed by 36 minutes.

"We shot well and had great rhythm. We took good jump shots," Semling said of the Ripon game. However, he did say that they didn't defend as well as they should have so he challenged the team at half-time to be better.

Numerous combinations of players throughout the

game were played in order to evaluate talent, a possible factor in the second half when Ripon outscored Stevens Point 64-53.

The Pointers opened WIAC Wednesday, defeating UW-Oshkosh 74-61.

The Pointers will play at home against the 1-4 UW-River

Conference play begins for women's hockey team

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The Pointers opened their conference season the weekend before Thanksgiving with a pair of games against rival UW-Superior. Point came out of the weekend with a win and a tie, improving to 4-1-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

Point started out slow on Friday night, allowing Superior to score twice in the first period, less than a half a minute apart. The Pointers picked it up during the second period, outshooting the Yellowjackets and dominating play but were unable to put the puck in the net.

Finally, shortly into the third period, freshman Nicole Grossman put up her fourth goal of the season to get the Pointers on the board. Trailing 2-1 in the final minutes, Coach Brian Idalski pulled goalie Amy Statz to give the Pointers a man advantage. The move pulled off as Katie Lankey tied up the game with only six seconds remaining.

Point carried that momentum into Saturday night, scoring twice in the first period. Jessie Suter opened the scoring for the Pointers, assisted by Jackie Drews and Lankey. Lankey scored the second goal of the first frame, assisted by Drews.

Superior pulled it within one in the second period, but Point responded with a goal from Drews, assisted by Jenna Daggitt and Kim Lunneborg. Superior again closed the gap in the third period, but

Lankey scored her second of the game, from Nicole Greenaway, to secure the win for the Pointers.

Statz played in nets both nights, with 21 saves on Friday and 16 saves on Saturday for the Pointers.

Lankey, after scoring three goals and assisting on a fourth in the series, was named NCHA women's Player of the Week. The sophomore is one of the team's assistant captains and currently the leading scorer with four goals and two assists. Lankey was an important offensive factor for the Pointers last year with 18 points as a freshman.

"Being an assistant captain does kind of change how I approach the game. I am still thinking that no matter what we have to win and I have to give it all I can every time I hit the ice, but I also know my teammates are looking at me closer and I know what I do will reflect what they do," Lankey said.

This weekend the Pointers face UW-River Falls (2-0-0), currently tied with Lake Forest (2-0-0) for the conference lead. Point (1-0-1) is in third. The games are 7:05 p.m. Friday and 2:05 p.m. Saturday, both at River Falls.

Lankey said, "Our team's biggest focus [this week] is to go into River Falls and show them who we are. Everyone in our conference is looking down upon us because we have such a young team, but we can play with anyone...all we have to do is come ready to play and outwork them and we will come out on top."

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Senior on the Spot

Brian Bauer – Men's Basketball

Career Highlights:

- Member of two National Championship teams at UW-SP.
- Honorable mention all-state as a senior in high school.
- Member of WIAA champion in Division III as a junior in high school.

Major - Elementary Education

Hometown - Auburndale, Wis.

Do you have any nicknames?

- Buckmaster.

What are your plans after graduation?

- Try to find a job around Stevens Point and finally hunt as much as possible.

What has helped you become such an accomplished basketball player? - Having great coaches in high school and college along with being surrounded by great players and teammates.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? Winning back-to-back National Championships.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - Superior post game... enough said.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Da Yoopers.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - Primos Hunting "Season 10."

What will you remember most about UW-SP? - The friendships that I have made along with the memories of winning two National Championships that no one can ever take away from you.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - Parents, immediate family, coach Tim Anderson.



Pointer women win sixth straight season opener

Melissa Dyzelski
SPORTS REPORTER

The Pointer women's basketball team began the season in stride this past weekend as they hosted the Pointer Tip-Off Classic in Berg Gymnasium the 18th and 19th.

In the first non-conference win of the season, UW-SP defeated Augustana (Ill.) 72-51, to win their sixth straight season opener. Every player put numbers on the board for Stevens Point, but two finished with double digits; Cassandra Schultz with 21 and Haley Houghton with 13.

The Pointers concluded the tournament with a win vs. St. Scholastica 67-50. Nearly every player scored, but once again, two finished with double digits. Schultz earned 17, and Nathalie Lechault ended with 11. Laura Neuenfeldt had nine, scoring most of her points in the first half, while Jesirae Heuer, also with nine, scored all of hers in the second half.

Last Tuesday, UW-SP once again sealed a win at home, crushing Wisconsin Lutheran College 98-62.

The team had an outstand-

ing game, finishing with four players in the double digits—Lechault with a career high 18, Schultz with 17; Heuer with 15 and Neuenfeldt with 12.

UW-SP then traveled to Illinois, where they faced North Central on the 26th and Illinois Wesleyan on the 27th.

The women defeated North Central 83-75 Saturday as they led throughout most of the game. Schultz banked 20 total points, Neuenfeldt had 16; Freshman Janell Van Gompel had a great 14 point run, and Becky Pepper finished with 13 total points.

The Pointers fell to 4-1 as they lost to Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill., 80-63.

Schultz and freshman Ashley Windt contributed 11 total points. Van Gompel wasn't far behind with nine, although 10 different players scored.

The Pointers faced their first conference opponent, UW-Oshkosh in Oshkosh yesterday, falling to the Titans 69-62.

Their first home game will be this Saturday, Dec. 3 vs. UW-River Falls at 3 p.m.

Pointers break Green Knights' streak, fail to capitalize on offense in weekend contests

Press Release

Russel Law picked a perfect time for his first career goal, scoring with 23 seconds left to give UW-Stevens Point a thrilling 2-1 men's hockey win over St. Norbert last Friday at Willett Arena, snapping the Green Knights' 29-game unbeaten streak against conference opponents.

The Pointers trailed 1-0 after one period, but got a second period goal from Rolf Ulvin before Law's winning score in the final seconds. It was UW-SP's first win over the Green Knights since 2001, snapping a nine-game winless streak in the series. St. Norbert, ranked third in the NCAA Division III, was 25-0-4 in its last 29 games against Northern Collegiate Hockey Association foes since a 6-4 loss at UW-River Falls on Feb. 6, 2004.

The win was UW-Stevens Point's second this season against a team ranked third in the country, having beaten St. Thomas earlier in the year.

In fact, the Pointers have four wins over teams ranked in the top five of the country in their last 25 games, having also beaten third-ranked UW-Superior and fifth-ranked UW-River Falls last season.

UW-SP improved to 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the NCHA after its first-ever 0-2 start in league play. St. Norbert is now 7-2-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the league.

St. Norbert scored the game's first goal at the 6:54 mark of the first period when Kurtis Peterson took a perfect pass from Jeff Hazelwood and ripped a shot over Pointers' goalie Marcus Paulson.

The Green Knights had the momentum after the goal and, just 1:14 later, had a big hit that knocked out a piece of glass on the boards and caused a lengthy delay. UW-SP stepped up its play after that point and controlled most of the second period, holding a 12-9 advantage in shots and getting the goal from Ulvin, who was assisted by Sean Fish.

St. Norbert was in control for much of the third period, but Paulson and the Pointers' defensemen remained impenetrable the entire frame. In the final minute, Fish fired a shot on goal and the rebound bounced directly to Law, who fired the puck past Kyle Jones for his first goal.

Paulson stopped 34 shots as the Green Knights held a 35-30 advantage in shots. Jones had 28 saves for St. Norbert.

In the second game for the Pointers last weekend, UW-SP fired 50 shots on goal, but couldn't solve Lake Forest goaltender Brandon Hocuch nor the Foresters' offense in an 8-3 loss on Saturday at Willett Arena.

The Pointers peppered the net for 22 shots in the first period alone, but trailed 4-0 as the Foresters' line of Peter Morrison, Chris Wilson and Mike Kneeland accounted for all four goals. Morrison scored two of the goals and Kneeland was involved in all four with a goal and three

assists in the period.

Kneeland added another goal in the second period and an assist in the third to finish with two goals and four assists for the game. The defeat for the Pointers came just one night after UW-SP held the nation's highest-scoring team, St. Norbert, to just one goal in a 2-1 victory.

Lake Forest led 5-0 in the second period before the Pointers got on the board with three minutes left when Russel Law connected on a five-on-three power play goal. However, the Foresters responded quickly with two more goals in the period, coming 45 seconds apart to push the lead to 7-1.

Nick Zebro and Nate Sorenson each scored goals in the third period for the Pointers, but Hocuch stood tall all night with 47 saves. UW-SP used a different goalie each period with Ryan Miech turning in the best performance with 16 saves on 17 shots in the third period.

Mitchler and Stanley earn All-American finishes

Press Release

Jenna Mitchler and Teresa Stanley both finished among the top 35 to earn All-American honors and lead the UW-Stevens Point women's cross country team to a 10th place finish at Saturday's NCAA Division III championships in Delaware, Ohio.

Mitchler recovered from a fall 200 meters into the race to still post a 13th place finish in 22:37. After finishing 23rd a year ago, the senior joined Leah Juno and Becky Lebak as the Pointers' only two-time All-Americans in school history.

Stanley was just 12 seconds back of her teammate to earn 22nd place. Hannah Dieringer was 108th in 24:06 and Ashleigh Potuznik was 123rd in 24:18. Kayla Anderson was the Pointers' fifth runner with a time of 25:03 and 188th overall.

The Pointers totaled a team score of 307 points. Geneseo State (N.Y.) won the team title with 88 points with UW-La Crosse finishing third, UW-Oshkosh placing 19th and UW-Eau Claire taking 23rd.

Holiday guide to the 15 greatest sports movies of all time: Volume 1

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Three weeks. The countdown to Christmas has begun.

So to ease (or possibly add to) the anxiety until Dec. 25, I offer the loyal readers of *The Pointer* a brand new, shiny present for all to unwrap in the subsequent weeks.

In this and the following two issues, my list of the 15 best motion pictures made with an overriding sports theme will be revealed. The films considered for this list are not ranked according to the merits of their film production. Instead, the flicks' positions in the compilation are based on entertainment value and relevance to the world of sports.

The purpose of this list is twofold. First, the list can be used to influence some last-minute shoppers who do not know what to get for the sports fans on their list. Secondly, the catalog of movies could be used as a checklist for rentals at your local Family Video

over winter break.

Some films are excellent displays of sports on the big screen, but fall just short of making the list. Here are the honorable mention award recipients: "Varsity Blues," "The Longest Yard (1974)," "Eight Men Out," "Fever Pitch," "A League of Their Own," "The Mighty Ducks," "The Waterboy" and "The Sandlot."

This week, films 15 through 11 are the focus of the list. Let the games begin.

15. "Rudy" - 1993 - Rated PG

A true story of an underdog in many aspects of life, "Rudy" is the tale of Daniel E. 'Rudy' Ruettiger. Always told that he was too small to play college football and not smart enough to even get into school, he defied all odds.

If getting accepted into Notre Dame wasn't difficult enough, he used hard work and determination to make his way onto the football team. An inspirational film that is used by high school football

coaches everywhere.

14. "Rounders" - 1998 - Rated R

Before the boom of televised poker, "Rounders" brought the game of Texas Hold 'em to the mainstream. Some may argue that poker isn't a sport, but since ESPN prominently broadcasts the World Series of Poker, it falls into the category.

Quality acting from talent such as Matt Damon, Edward Norton, John Malkovich and Martin Landau aids this film about two old friends who need to win big and win fast to avoid losing their heads to money-hungry loan sharks.

"Rounders" stays true to the game of poker and the card-playing sequences lead to edge-of-your-seat tension.

13. "White Men Can't Jump" - 1992 - Rated R

Comedy almost always ensues when a white athlete attempts to play basketball. In this case, the hilarity works even when the white athlete (Woody Harrelson) is good at the sport. Harrison and

Wesley Snipes hook up to out-hustle the street ballers in Los Angeles.

Along with a great performance by Rosie Perez as a Jeopardy!-obsessed girlfriend of Harrelson's character, "White Men Can't Jump" is a solid, comedic venture into the trash-talking world of streetball.

12. "Happy Gilmore" - 1996 - Rated PG-13

One scene vaults this film to the 12th spot on the list: Bob Barker engaging in fisticuffs with lead man Adam Sandler. An all-around solid effort from the Saturday Night Live alum, "Happy Gilmore" is a yarn about an unsuccessful hockey player who must join the PGA Tour in order to save his grandmother's house from rival golfer, Shooter McGavin.

Hilarious performances from Carl Weathers (Apollo Creed from the "Rocky" series) as Happy's mentor, Chubbs, and Ben Stiller in an uncredited role as a domineering orderly at a nursing home round out the main cast of the

second funniest golf film of all time.

11. "The Program" - 1993 - Rated R

An entry into the world of college football, "The Program" addresses the issues that many teams face in Division I gridiron contests. The coaches of the Eastern State University Timberwolves have to deal with issues and distractions including steroid use, academic misconduct, injury, alcoholism and under-achieving athletes. James Caan stars as the team's head coach who has to deal with all the problems facing the program and is very convincing as someone who is on the coaching hot seat. Halle Berry also shows up in this film as a tutor who is caught in a love triangle with two of the running backs on the team.

In the small crop of movies that take a serious look at college football, "The Program" (written and directed by David S. Ward, creator of the "Major League" film series) stands above the rest.

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Music education leader to answer questions

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Award-winning music education leader Emily Holt Crocker is scheduled to visit the UW-SP campus Wednesday, Dec. 7, when she will be participating in a question and answer session regarding issues in music education.

Crocker is recognized nationally as a leading expert in children's choirs. She is the founder and artistic director of the Milwaukee Children's Choir, which has received acclaim for its performances with a wide range of state, national and international musical organizations, including the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the American Choral Directors Association and the Canterbury International Children's Choir Festival.

The event is sponsored



The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

by UW-SP's Collegiate Music Educators Convention (CMEC), also known as the Collegiate Music Educator's Association.

"This organization is pretty sweet for those studying to become music educators," said

Shawn Connelly, an advocate for CMENC. "College students as well as music educators in the workforce are members, making for some awesome networking opportunities."

"This semester we have been trying to do a lot more for not just future music educators but the student body, the community, and future teachers in general," said Connelly.

"That's why we are bringing a nationally known children's choir director to speak at Stevens Point."

As a guest conductor, Crocker led the Midwinter Children's Choral Festival in Carnegie Hall in 1999 and 2001 and has conducted

"[CMENC makes] for some awesome networking opportunities."

the Milwaukee Symphony Pops Orchestra in performances with the Milwaukee Children's Choir. In 2002 she was awarded the Excellence in Youth Music award from the Civic Music Association of Milwaukee.

Crocker joined the music publishing industry in 1989, after a 15-year teaching career, and is now Vice President of Choral Publications for Hal Leonard Corporation.

Crocker's own compositions have been performed world-wide and have earned ASCAP awards for concert music since 1986. She is also the author of a choral textbook series for grades six through 12.

The event will be held in the Noel Fine Arts Center, choir room 221, and is free and open to students and the public. For more

information contact Shawn Connelly at 715-346-2239 or scon474@uwsp.edu.

Opening weekend goes awry

Young bucks get more than they bargain for in the U.P.

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I first met Sunshine Trzebekowski in the early morning hours of Nov. 20. I had just returned to my car following a trudge around Ironwood, Mich., in search of my old high school buddy, Jeff. He had invited me up to his brother's cabin for opening weekend of gun season, ostensibly to hunt whitetails. But, as with most endeavors with Jeff, our plans were quickly derailed. After insulting a few of the regulars at a local bar and hurling his beer at the guitarist, Jeff was thrown out and took to charging up and down the sleepy neighborhood streets, ringing doorbells and exclaiming, "People need to know! They need to understand!" I hadn't seen him for at least an hour, and figured he had long since made it back to the parking lot and passed out in - or on - the car. Instead, I discovered a hastily-scrawled message on a cocktail napkin, crumpled beneath the windshield wiper, violently insisting I meet him at The Joint.

The Joint, located four miles past the Ironwood town line, is not your typical country bar. On any given weeknight, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., The Joint mutates from its usual daylight and evening banality into a nocturnal labyrinth of swindlers, hucksters, and other degenerates, the best conversationalist being a syphilitic paraplegic

who enjoys successively challenging - and defeating - every patron at pool. A ramshackle husk of a building, three stories tall and constructed mostly of warped and rotting timber, it was originally fashioned in 1933 from the remnants of a decrepit mine shaft and used as a schoolhouse for Ojibwe children and residency for their teachers. It was abandoned during World War II and used in the late '50s by the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration as a retreat for senile nuns, and in the '70s and early '80s as a strip club, before the current owner purchased it in 1988.

The Joint is no longer a strip club. No one is willing to confirm why. One of the bartenders, Bill Koski, attributes it to the clamoring of influential members of Immanuel Baptist Church, just down the road. Others speculate it had more to do with Donna "Sunshine" Trzebekowski, who, in 1985, at the age of 27, severely mutilated a patron's penis during the last lap dance ever performed here.

No one seems to know precisely what motivated Trzebekowski. Nor are they sure of her whereabouts. According to Bill, soon after "the incident" in '85, Michael Trzebekowski, the assailant's husband (also, incidentally, the assailed patron), sold his trailer and moved to Milwaukee in bandages and shame. Sunshine had fled town and evaded the local authorities before they finally gave up,

primarily for lack of interest. The last anyone had heard, she was living back on her native Ojibwe reservation, but that was just speculation. For the patrons of The Joint, Sunshine remains a specter that haunts their collective memory.

So The Joint is no place to take a date, let alone find one. Yet that's exactly what Jeff was in the midst of doing when I finally sidled through the doorway at 1:30 a.m., taut as a jackrabbit ready to spring. He had apparently stumbled, in a drunken haze, through the door a half hour before, with an open bottle of Jose Quervo tucked under one arm and - as best he could manage - a middle-aged Indian woman under the other. Impatient and without keys, Jeff had abandoned the car and walked half a mile into the country when the woman nearly plowed into him as she sped down the gravel road leading out of town. He hitched a ride and, for the remaining three and a half miles, she slowly and reluctantly succumbed to his invitation to The Joint. Now, beer in hand, he sat perched on a stool, hurling his best lines at her in a shameless attempt to lure her into the nearest lake.

Jeff has an interesting history with women. His first sexual experience, he claims, was with his babysitter, Jolie, when he was eight. When he was 11, the mayor's 15-year-old daughter taught him "the basics." And throughout high school he spent

an unprecedented amount of time after hours with his 42-year-old Spanish teacher, Señora Morales, learning "all the Spanish you need to know." So it was hardly surprising when he gathered up the tips he'd been teasing the bartender with, stuffed them back into his billfold, and, as I approached, leaned over and whispered, "I'm out, man."

"Where're you headed?" I asked.

"Her place, of course," he said with a smirk. "I'll give you a call tomorrow if I need a lift."

"You'll call a cab if you do, you rake," I said. He shifted uneasily on his stool, narrowed his eyes, and gazed at me over the bridge of his considerable nose. I couldn't tell if he was taken aback or just trying to focus. Then his face darkened and he tipped forward.

"Fine. Cab it is, then, if you're going be a dick about it. Anyway, I'm buying another round, you want one?"

I shook my head and stood up. He wrenched his stool away from mine and I walked to the restroom. I could still hear him through the vented wooden door: "Hey, Bill, can I get another round? I want to toast my new girl!"

As I returned from the bathroom, I could see Jeff still hadn't been served. I considered pulling him away from the bar and trying to convince him to call it a night, but fig-

see Young, pg. 16

Overheard...

by Hilary Bulger

Kids Say the Darndest Things...

Overheard at the movie theater during "Chicken Little"...

Chicken Little: Ohhh snap!

Little kid: Oh snap! Daddy he said "Oh snap!"

Five minutes later...

Little kid: Oh snap!

Overheard in a classroom...

Girl: I'm an alcoholic for cake!

Overheard in a classroom...

Boy 1: What does AD mean?

Teacher's Aide: What kind of AD?

Boy 1: You know like BC and AD?

Boy 2: Yeah, like how BC means "Before Comedy!"

Overheard off-campus...

Adult: How was your Thanksgiving?

Girl: Good.

Adult: What did you do?

Girl: I ate a lot of turkey. But don't worry, it wasn't the real kind of turkey that lives in the woods, it was just the kind at the grocery store.

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ROTC cadets gather at Fort McCoy for fall field training

MAJ Gary Thompson

From rappelling to land navigation, the confidence course to rides in Blackhawk helicopters, ROTC cadets were put to the test at Fort McCoy early this month. It was part of the annual Fall Field Training Exercise and combined students from UW-Stevens Point, Stout, Oshkosh and Green Bay

as well as Ripon and College.

On the weekend of Nov. 4 - 6, students from universities across the state, including UW - Oshkosh, UW - Green Bay, St. Norbert's, Ripon, UW - Stout, and UW - SP attended a fall leadership lab at Fort McCoy. This was the first time each of the university's Army ROTC programs have planned and held a joint training exer-

cise. Students currently enrolled in the Military Science 100 and 200 level classes started their weekend on the Field Leadership Reaction Course, an event that tests a group's ability to solve problems and overcome obstacles. They then suited up in football helmets, catcher's vests and hockey gloves for Pugil Stick training, a modern version of the ancient marshal art of the "quarter-staff."

The adventure training continued with a trip off the 40-foot rappel tower and a tour of Fort McCoy from the seat of a Blackhawk helicopter.

All of that—before noon! Then it was off to the woods, armed with a compass and a map, with the mission of finding pre-set markers on the ground.

One student in MSL 101, Andrew Parker, commented, "My favorite part of this weekend was land navigation. I

was able to go out without an upper-classman for the first time and find my points on my own."

Students also got a glimpse of army life. They slept in the barracks, learned to properly make a bed military fashion, practiced military customs and courtesies, and pulled watch duties throughout the night. Students also ate rations both in the field (MRE's) and at the dining facility on post. One person, Emily Urban, currently enrolled in MSL 201, said, "The Dining Facility had really good food, and I even had the opportunity to eat with army officers." Students found army life to be more challenging than they thought, but still fun.

The weekend allowed students from different schools to interact with each other. The schools were mixed together for the entire weekend, not segregated by school. Students were placed under the leadership of students from various schools and were not necessarily grouped with people they knew. Many students from UWSP were put into leadership positions, demonstrating their outstanding ability to lead.

This weekend achieved both of its goals - to train, and to have fun. Many lessons about teamwork and leadership were learned by everyone. All the ROTC participants are excited to continue and extend this successful training event next year.



from Young, pg. 15

ured it would be useless, so I made my way to the exit.

"Hey! Where're you going?!"

I turned, but it took me a moment to realize Jeff wasn't yelling at me. Bill had ducked into the kitchen behind the bar and Jeff was getting impatient.

"Mas tequila!" he shouted.

Bill returned quickly with fresh glasses, poured two shots and irritably collected \$5. Jeff scooped up the two shots and presented one to the Indian woman. After fumbling momentarily with his own, he raised it high, slapped the counter, and exclaimed, "To Sunshine!"

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Colorado hike invigorates and inspires

Heather M. Schmidt
POINTLIFE REPORTER

A feeling of empowerment, of being on top of the world, looking down at where you started your journey - it's more than just a hike up a mountain. Each step represents defeat. It's finding out how hard you can push yourself. The end is sweet bliss. Looking down at the city below and feeling completely detached. Instead, you have to embrace nature and find a sense of belonging. Knowing the moment will forever live in memory.

Hiking the Flats of Colorado was one of the most invigorating feats I've ever accomplished. Each short, thin breath my lungs stole from the atmosphere was like a needle plunging into my body. The air was harsh and the trail was unforgiving. "Watch your step" acquired a new meaning that afternoon, looking around and knowing one wrong step could be the last.



The view from the top, overlooking the Colorado Flats.

The view from each new level was amazing, to say the least. It's enough to take what little breath I had. I remembered thinking that it can't

take too long to climb, considering it didn't look high from the ground. Two hours later I realized just how wrong I was. But the view and emotion I

encountered was worth the struggle. I can't wait to do it again. It's definitely an experience worth having under your belt.

Several Wisconsin woodlot owners graduates of UW-SP Master's program

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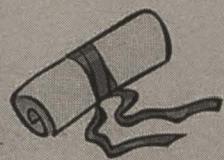
Fifteen woodlot owners, mostly from Southeast Wisconsin, recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's (UW-SP) Master Woodland Steward Program.

According to John DuPlissis, forestry outreach specialist at UW-SP's College of Natural Resources, the Master Woodland Steward Program combined classroom instruction and outdoor experiences to teach participants the basics of forest ecology and silviculture, forest management techniques, wildlife habitat management, recreation and aesthetics management, business decision making and planning, and technical and financial assistance for woodland owners. The program offered intensive training for woodland owners, who have a management plan for their land, and are interested in taking the next step to improve their knowledge and skills and become better stewards of their land.

These Master Woodland Stewards took part in field tours of private woodlands plus classroom sessions to study woodland management practices and options. Participants explored issues affecting forest stewardship including forest ecology, wildlife and recreation, financial and tax considerations, timber harvesting, participating in cost-share programs, forest pests, and legal issues of woodland ownership. The University of Wisconsin-Extension and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource forestry and wildlife specialists taught the course.

As a part of their participation in this program each graduate was required to develop an action plan to provide at least 30 hours of volunteer service to their community and to help other woodland owners understand and apply good stewardship practices to their forestlands. As a part of this commitment the class hosted a field day at the Seno Woodland Education Center near Lake Geneva in October with a walking tour and presentations ranging from managing for wildlife to forest measurements.

For more information about the Master Woodland Steward Program, contact John DuPlissis at (715) 346-4128 or by e-mail at john.duplissis@uwsp.edu, or visit their Web site at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/fop/MWS.htm.



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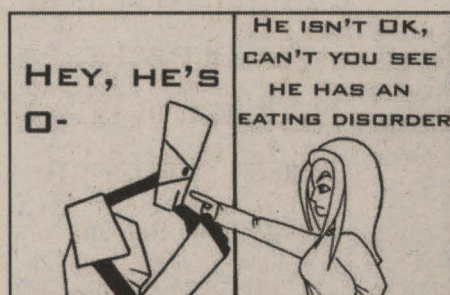


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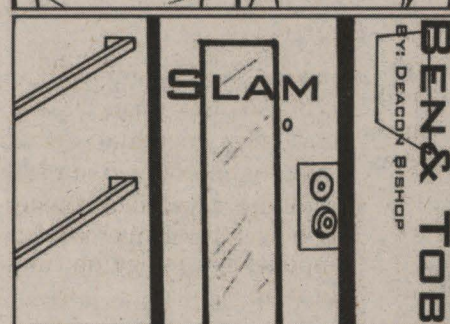
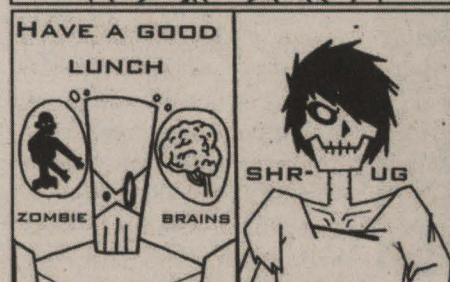
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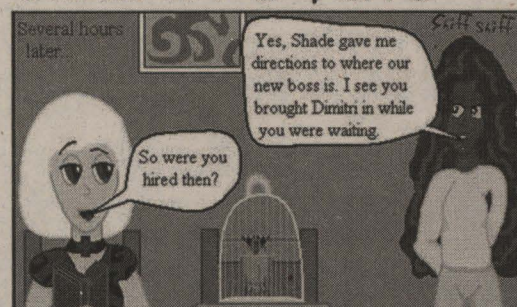
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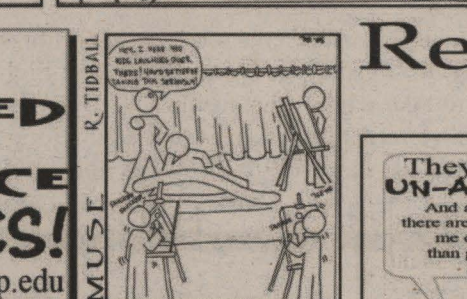
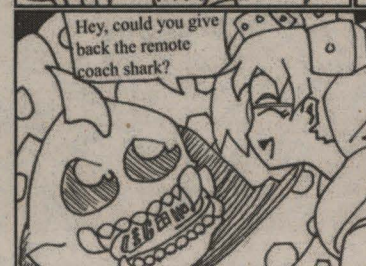
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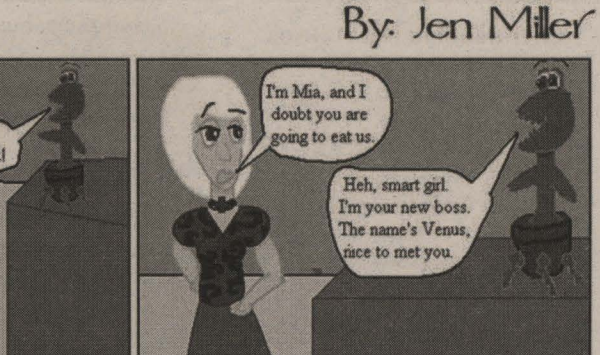


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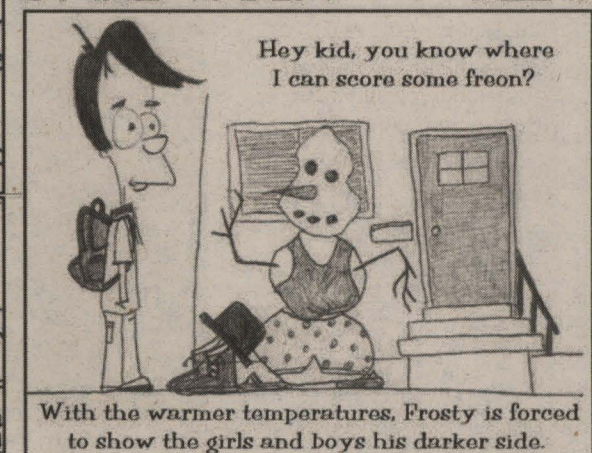
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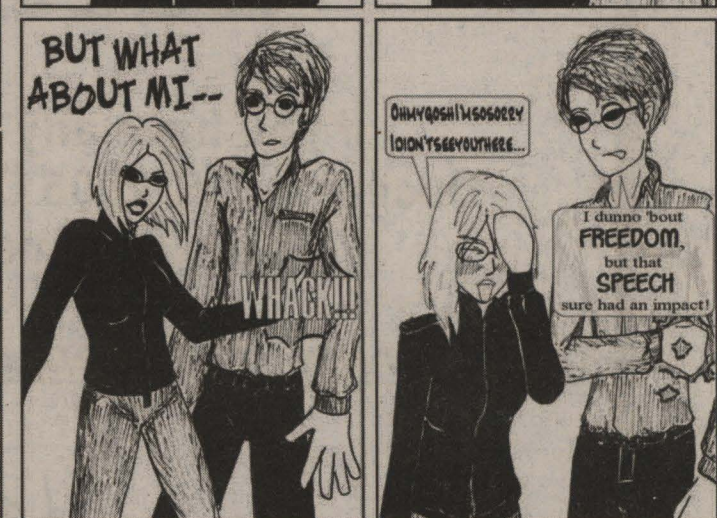
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from **Northwoods**, page 10

State Park and the ice-covered
shoreline of Lake Superior.
Upon return, stories of the
night were told around the
campfire as we enjoyed our
dinner and last night on the
trail.

Sunday, Nov. 27: The
snow melted overnight into
just the right type for snow-
balls, which went flying all
around. After packing up the
gear, we hiked out and drove
back to Point in, once again,
nasty weather conditions.
Still, we made it home safe
and sound.

Although we were unable
to stick to our original back-
packing plan, everyone had a
"magical" time and one that
we would not soon forget.
Watch for more upcoming trips
from Outdoor EdVentures and
next fall's chance for another
northwoods Thanksgiving
adventure!

from **Popps**, page 11

What happened was the
electrons in the candy rear-
ranged as our teeth mashed
down on the candy, creating
static electricity. The sparks we
saw were the energy released
as the bonds were broken and
rearranged. Pretty cool.

The last part of the cave
was the mud room. After slid-
ing through two very narrow
holes into a space about half
the size of a UW-SP residence
hall room, we were in the mud
room, which held mud (no
where else in the cave had
mud). Once we were good and
covered with mud we crawled
out of Popp's cave with smil-
ing, filthy faces.

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from **Laptops**, page 6

have been tested at a confer-
ence in River Falls and at the
local ice cream shop Emmy
J's for wireless Internet access,
and at both places the comput-
ers worked perfectly."

"The checkout system at
the library tracks all the lap-
tops and parts checked out,"
Vogel said. "The integration
of the laptops into the library
bar-coding system went very
smoothly. The circulation staff
has been a big help with this
process."

Vogel said the laptops will
be available to students year-
round including Christmas
and summer breaks.

Andrews said, "As long as
there are no major problems
with the laptops and no theft,
I think the program will con-
tinue to grow and hopefully
we will be able to increase the
number of laptops we have for
students to use in the future."

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\$1,500 replacement fee charged
to your account if it is not
returned.

"So far the student response
has been overwhelmingly
popular," said Andrews. "The
Tuesday before Thanksgiving,
all the laptops were checked
out. If the demand continues
this new service may change
computer technology on cam-
pus completely."

from **Saw**, page 9

This movie was shelved
several times before its release
because of its violence and
gore. However, if you made
it through "Cabin Fever" in
one piece, you should be okay.
I was so confused I had to
watch this movie twice. There
are still a lot of unanswered
questions at the end of this
movie, and so "Saw III" begins
production next year. This was
the worst attempt I've ever

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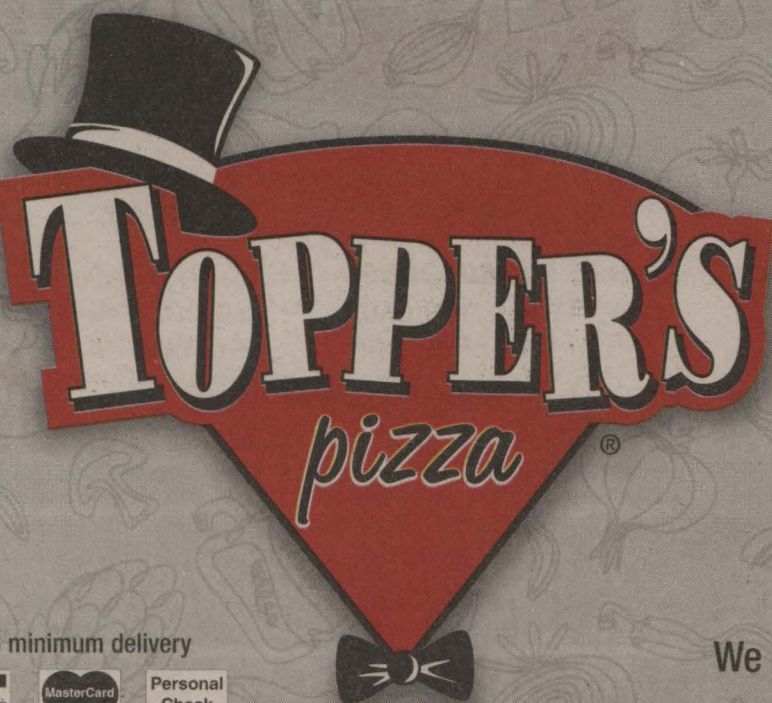
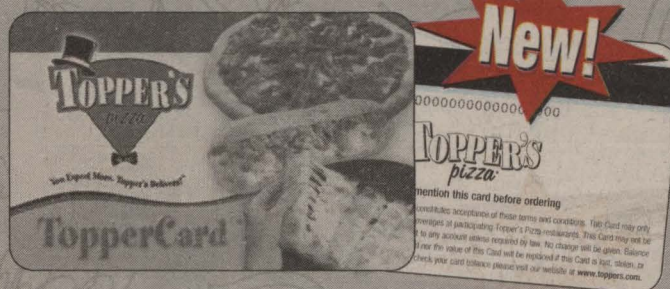
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