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Community supports fight against AIDS

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students and local community residents marched through downtown Friday, December 1 to show their support for the worldwide AIDS awareness campaign.

Friday was World AIDS Day, which was marked with vigils and rallies across the globe. The theme for this year was "Stop AIDS. Keep the promise." The goal was to focus on worldwide accountability and develop new ways to help prevent the virus's spread.

Stevens Point participated in the cause by holding a community march sponsored by community businesses The Noel Group and AIG/ Travelguard to bring attention to the epidemic.

The event marked the third year for the march. It was originally held at night by candlelight, but this year was moved to the afternoon to better accommodate participants and take advantage of daytime temperatures.

The march proceeded along Main Street in spread of AIDS/HIV.

Downtown Stevens Point between the farmers market and Shopko. The crowd was composed of Noel Group employees, their families, UW-SP and SPASH students, and community residents.

tations by several keynote speakers, including College a USAID project in Kenya that of Natural Resources professor Mai Phillips and Marge Schumann, Central Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Ministry Project also getting adequate nutri-

For Phillips, it was her first year participating in this particular event, but not her first time working with AIDSrelated causes.

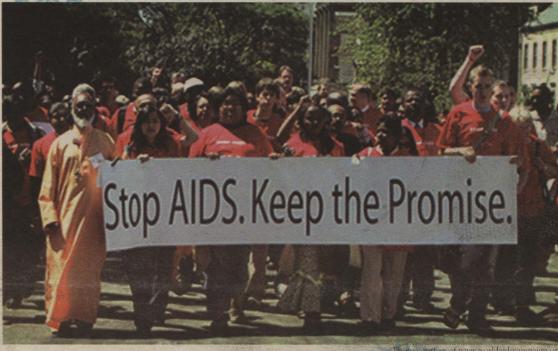
"I have also volunteered Immediately following at an HIV/AIDS orphanage in the march were short presen- Kenya in 2004," said Phillips. She has been working with is trying to ensure that those receiving the antiviral treatment for the AIDS virus are

tion. Without being properly nourished, the treatments will not work effectively.

In Kenya, as is the case in much of Africa, malnutrition is a problem that affects large numbers of the population.

"While food by prescription is effective in the short term, a more sustainable solution is to put in gardens to augment HIV/AIDS nutri-

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This year's World AIDS Day urged nations to become more accountable for preventing the

New gaming systems create chaos at retailers

Matt Thiel

Tents, footballs, generators, televisions, temperatures in the 20s, grills, blankets, parking lots, college students and young adults sounds like a States for two weeks in a tailgating scene from a Badger

were present a few weeks ago in central Wisconsin. However, there was no football game being played.

This was the scene, except for differences in weather, at Best Buys all over the United row. You might be wonderor Packer game. All of these ing what might possess a person to camp out in front of a Best Buy? If you haven't been watching the news or keeping up on current events, you're probably lost.

Almost three weeks ago, Sony released its long awaited Playstation 3 gaming console to retailers worldwide. Each retailer was to receive an amount of consoles unknown to the public set by Sony's corporate office. There were about 400,000 released in the United States on the first release date of November 17, 2006.

According to their website, Sony plans to have 6 million in circulation by the end of its fiscal year, March 31, 2007. They were released in 60GB models for \$599 and 20GB models for \$499. The pricing is a little more expensive but similar to the Xbox 360.

The Best Buy in Plover had its first campers arrive Wednesday morning, two days before the release. However, this is not the first time an event like this has occurred and it will not be the last. A few days after the Playstation 3 was released, the Nintendo Wii was released with very

similar results.

"The last time I saw something like this was for the release of the Xbox 360," said Best Buy manager Dave Clark. "The people outside are just having fun with it."

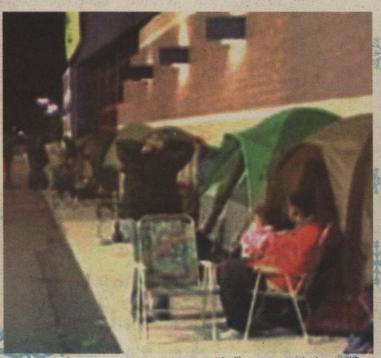
Tickets that were needed in order to purchase a PS3 console were handed to the campers outside on a first come, first serve basis. Best Buy received a total of 26 consoles. Twenty of them were the 60GB and six of them were the 20Gb. By Thursday night, there were nearly 30 people waiting outside of the store.

Small portable heaters were one source of heat for campers, while playing catch with a football, Guitar Hero, heavy clothing, and blankets were other sources used by campers to stay warm when temperatures dipped throughout the night. Best Buy employees and managers frequently interacted with the customers outside and allowed them use of their rest rooms during

operating hours. see Chaos pg. 2



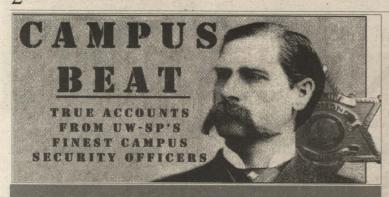
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Retailers accross the country faced scenes such as this for the launch of Sony's Playstation 3. Some people camped out over 24 hours in advance and still walked away empty handed.

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Editorial



Isadore Street November 30, 2006 9:53 p.m.

Type: Public urination

A report of an individual urinating in public outside of DeBot on Isadore St.

Thompson Hall December 1, 2006 10:10 p.m.

Type: Intoxication

A report of an intoxicated student vomiting in the hall way of Thompson Hall.

Isadore Street by Steiner Hall December 1, 2006 10:56 p.m.

Type: Disorderly Conduct

Report of a vehicle involved in a disorderly conduct with another vehicle.

Roach Hall December 2, 2006 11:15 p.m.

Type: Vandalism

Individuals shooting paintballs out of a window and hitting cars.

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"The University's Growth Agenda: A Vision for the Future" by Kevin Reilly will be held in the Founder's Room of Old Main on Tuesday, December 12 at 3 p.m.

Get ready for annual budgets!

Student representation is needed:

CPS student for the University Awards Committee, Student for Program Review Committee.

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tion," said Phillips.

According to Phillips, The Global Environmental Management (GEM) Education Center had been training more than 1,200 patients and community health workers on how to install small garden systems.

"GEM had sent six UW-SP students through the GEM Student Ambassadors' Program to Kenya to participate in this project in the past year and another two will be going the summer 2007," said Phillips

According to UNAIDS, a division of the United Nations and World Health Organization, an estimated 39.5 million people worldwide, including children, are living with HIV.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the identification of the AIDS virus. Since the early 1980s, more than 25 million people have died from AIDS-related causes.

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If one were to look across the Best Buy parking lot, you would not need to look any further for food. Big golden arches appear, almost screaming, "come to me." Not literally, but it was very convenient for the diehards outside as the area of Common's Circle continues to boom with growth. Many chose McDonald's and grilling as their main sources of food.

The majority of people interviewed outside all had the same thing to say as to why they were buying the PS3. The top three answers were, first, to sell; next, to make money; and last, to make more money. How much money could you make from a PS3, you might ask? The history on eBay shows a console that sold for

\$15,000 and some brave people are currently asking for more.

Tyler Hau, a UW-SP senior, said that making a profit that big could really help with paying for tuition. Even though his current gaming console, Super Nintendo, is outdated, he would still rather make money from the PS3 than having the best console currently made.

Nationwide, the launch of the PS3 was marred by violence and disorganization. At a Wal-Mart in West Bend, Wis., a man suffered a head injury after running into a pole while trying to grab one of 10 chairs the store manager put out for the 10 systems available.

Several people were also robbed while still waiting in line or after successfully purchasing systems at stores across the country.

Trivia contest selects theme for this year's event

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As the majority of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students are preparing for the end of the semester and looking ahead to spring, one of the university's most recognized events is also preparing for what lies ahead.

UW-SP's radio station, 90fm has announced the theme for the 2007 Trivia weekend. This year's contest will be "Trivia Returns," based on the movie "Superman Returns." The theme was decided by Trivia's longtime hosts The Oz and Eck.

According to Rebecca Pechinski, station manager for WWSP, most of the work for the event happens after the station staff returns in January.

"After we get our orders, we work hard every week until the event happens," said Pechinski. "Time flies at this time."

"Everything is so wellorganized that during the event, the executive staff doesn't have much to do except supervise to make sure everything is going smooth, which it usually does - knock on wood," said Pechinski. "It's quite a bonding experience for all of us."

Trivia 38 will take place April 20-22, 2007. For more information about this year's event, including the official rules, visit the Trivia website at www.90fmtrivia.org.

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Sounds of Christmas

Steve Apfel POINTLIFE REPORTER

There are only 18 more days until Christmas! Santa Claus has magically been appearing at shopping malls all over the world for almost three weeks now.

Of course, where Santa goes, the jingling bells and "fa la la's" of holiday music can't be far behind. Christmas music has long been a breeding ground for a clash between traditional and eclectic music. Only the magic of Christmas could bring about a duet between Bing Crosby and David Bowie.

However, the holiday spirit causes its fair share of dementia. Every musical artist seems to feel that they must record a Christmas album. Even well-known Jewish men Barry Manilow and Neil Diamond have Christmas albums.

Clearly with this glut of Christmas music, there are bound to be a few musical misfires. This list seeks to expose five Christmas songs that should be avoided, lest ye become a Scrooge.

1. Song: "Christmas Island" Artist: The Andrews Sisters Album: A Merry Christmas with Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters

Has anyone heard this song besides me, or is it something my mind thought up when it decided it didn't like me? I vividly remember having to hear this song over and over during the Christmas seasons of my childhood, thanks to my mother's collection of Christmas records. I also remember this stinker being stuck in my head until July.

The Andrews Sisters sounded about as musical as a chipmunk stuck in a vacuum cleaner to my young ears. I love my mother dearly, but songs like this really make me question her taste in music.

2. Song: "The Chimney Song" Artist: Bob Rivers & Comedy Corp. Album: Twisted Christmas

Now this song everyone has heard. This musical story of a little girl saying there's something stuck up in the chimney all year round and then Santa not coming on Christmas is a testament to both the innocence and the stupidity of children. The main question I have about this song is, "if Santa's dead body is stuck in the chimney for a year, how does the family not smell it?"

3. Song: "Baby, It's Cold Outside" Artist: Sammy Davis Jr. & Carmen McRae Album: Ultimate Christmas Cocktails

I encountered this song last year when I heard it repeatedly while working during the Christmas season. Sammy Davis Jr. has never been regarded as the most musically talented member of the Rat Pack and for good reason. His performance on this song lends a sinister quality to the song. Davis oozes with the sleaze of an old man trying to seduce young girls for immoral purposes. It may be cold inside, but Carmen, do not go inside with Sammy!

4. Song "What Christmas Means to Me" Artist: Hanson



Album: Snowed In

Remember Hanson? They were those three brothers who sang and looked like girls and had a huge hit with 'MMMbop" back in 1997.

They were inexplicably popular and so they made a Christmas album. I could have picked any song off "Snowed In" to make this list. They were all awful. I just picked this song because I remember my sister, the Hanson fan, blaring it out of her stereo for months before and after Christmas. Non-Hanson fans everywhere hoped the band would hit puberty for Christmas and their careers would be over. No such luck.

5. Song: "Wonderful Christmastime" Artist: Paul McCartney Album: Unknown

Why Paul? Why? Why would you write such a song? McCartney's stab at the Christmas market was a huge success, though no one seems to be sure why. I think the lyrics to this song may have been made up as McCartney was

recording them. We still love Sir Paul, of course, but this song is a definite black mark against him.

For better Christmas results from a former Beatle, check out "Happy Xmas (War is Over)" by John Lennon. Then try to forget all about this song, as I'm sure McCartney has tried to.

So, there we have it. Five songs that should only be under the Christmas trees of people you don't like. I know there are many, many more Christmas songs that should be humbugged, but, for the sake of space, I kept my list short. Merry Christmas every-



Bing Crosby continues to delight listeners with his holiday

Music serves for more than entertainment



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University Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus is very diverse. Students of all ages and races roam the various buildings in pursuit of higher education.

The fashion sense of the student community is just as varied as the people themselves. In combing the halls, one might find everything from sweatpants and tennis shoes to frilly skirts and stiletto heels. However, one unifying feature seems to represent the essence of campus life: those thin little cords trailing from an individual's ears to an undisclosed peacoat or cargopant pocket.

as popular as ever, and for many, there may be a good reason. Music can be beneficial to the health of the mind and body.

The idea that music can affect one's daily life is not a new concept. The ancient Greeks and Romans, including Pythagoras and Aristotle, believed in the ability of music to influence humans in numerous ways. Traditional Chinese medicine teaches that the sounds of particular instruments have healing effects on specific organs.

One of the main benefits accredited to music today is the effect on stress levels. Breathing and heart rates tend to mimic the tempo of the song, so a slow, easy-listening relax. Endorphins are released when music is playing, so the listener's mood is also likely to improve.

up-tempo song will speed up the body's functions, including heart rate and blood pressure, so the listener will get more excited and alert. For example, athletes may listen to loud, quick-tempo selections to mentally prepare for an aggressive game.

The American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) is an organization that recognizes the healing powers of music. Registered music therapists help patients alleviate their pain, deal with the aftermath of traumatic situations and express themselves

Portable music devices are selection will help a person with music when there is no other effective way. Music therapists in hospitals use this type of treatment to calm their patients and ease their On the other hand, a fast, apprehension of a procedure or rehabilitation process. The AMTA website also cites music as a way to calm women during labor and assist the elderly in their emotional and mental functioning.

If you're like pretty much any other college student, you could probably benefit from a little stress relief. Next time you see someone walking across campus with their headphones firmly planted, they might not just be grooving to their favorite tunes. They may be taking the time out of their otherwise stressful day to relax.

Student organization: Circle K gives back to the community

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The time of year is approaching when many people think of giving back to the community. They are often thankful for all they have, and wish to give others something to be thankful for. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Circle K works in conjunction with the Plover Kiwanis to give back to the community, hosting and helping out with many events.

The main focus of Circle K group members is "to uphold

the objectives of Circle K International, to foster compassion and goodwill toward others through service and leadership, to develop my abilities and the abilities of all people, and to dedicate myself to the realization of mankind's potential," according to their website.

They stress volunteering for service projects, and cite meeting new people as one of the many benefits of becoming part of the organization. The group motto is "We Build," signifying that individuals cannot achieve as much alone as if they were part of a stron-

ger group.

Circle K and the Plover Kiwanis have supported a number of organizations throughout the area. Members work with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Humane Society, Children's Miracle Network and the Salvation Army and many other area organizations to help make a difference in the lives of others.

For more information on Circle K and how to join, contact secretary Allison Berry at aberr528@uwsp.edu or visit the campus website http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/circlek/.

Wisconsin's changing weather brings more than happy holidays

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The weather has definitely changed around the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. Brisk winds and crisp air are making the journey to classes that much more difficult for students to take. It becomes even more difficult for students to leave the comfort of their beds when they see the snow accumulating on the ground outside their room. This weather has shown that there is no better time to donate warm clothing to local charities.

Everyone has heard about the poverty rates in this country and the world. Too many people have to worry about where their next meal will come from and where they will sleep that night. Even though it may seem that making a small contribution would make no impact on such an immeasurable problem, any contribution can help local families. The one jacket that is donated or the old pair of boots that do not fit anymore may make all the difference in the world to the person on the receiving end.

Local charities are more than willing to take contributions, especially this time of year. Charities depend on the contributions of others to keep the doors open for those in need. On the local level, it becomes vital for members of the community to donate clothing whenever possible.

Wisconsin weather has proven that all seasons can be seen and felt within a very short period of time. In just over a few days wearing t-shirts can change into the layering of long-sleeved shirts and sweatshirts. So although it may seem that only winter clothing is needed, charities look to have clothing for both blizzards and heat waves.

There is nothing like knowing you were able to keep someone warm just by cleaning out your closet. People will be able to stay warm and you will know that you did something for a fellow human being.

For those wishing to donate time and items, check the website for the Stevens Point area http://www.vol-unteersolutions.org/poco/org/giftmatch/dir-all.html.



Circle K members take time to show their goofy side in between activities.



Science, Health & Tech.

Will Goodman: Stem cell Research at UW-SP

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Will Goodman, pro-life activist, spoke about abortion and stem cell research at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point November 30th. The campus group Pointers for Life hosted the event and about 30 people were

The name of his presentation was "The Truth about Abortion and Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research.'

Goodman has been working for human rights for the last 15 years in the United States, Canada and Mexico. He received his B.A. in philosophy from the University of Illinois-Champaigne, and he minored in religious studies and engineering. Goodman received his master's degree in theology in May 2006 from Ave Maria University.

Goodman spoke about abortion and stem cell research using the disciplines of science and philosophy. He stressed this idea several times.

"There needs to be a balance between disciplines," Goodman said and added, "I want to make it clear that I am not a scientist."

Goodman spoke about the two different types of stem cells, embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells.

He said that embryonic stem cells are used in biological research, in-vitro fertilization research, and to research regenerative medicines.

Goodman advocated adult stem cell research. He told us that there are many sources which include adult teeth, fat from liposuction, placenta, bone marrow, the liver and also cadav-

"Cadavers can be used up to 20 hours after death," Goodman said. "There seems to be new sources every day.'

Goodman told us about the successes of adult stem cell research. These stem cells are being used in about 70 different therapies now. He provided specific examples of people

who have been saved.

Patrizia Durante was cured of leukemia by using the blood from her baby's umbilical cord.

"As a last resort seven months ago, Dr. Pierre Laneuville, Director of Hematology at the McGill University Health Centre, transfused blood from the baby's umbilical cord, which was rich in stem cells, to cure Durante's leukemia," the McGill Daily newspa-

Keonne Penn developed sickle cell anemia when he was six months old, and umbilical cord blood saved his

"In 1998, Keonne received a cord blood stem-cell transplant from an unrelated donor who had contributed to a public bank in New York. The transplant saved the teenager's life," the Times-Herald Record reported.

Goodman compared differences between embryonic stem cell research and adult stem cell research. The most notable difference was Goodman's statement that the source for embryonic stem cells is aborted fetuses while there are many sources for adult stem

However, the WiCell Research Institute based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has a different take on adult stem cell research.

"Adult stem cells are limited in their ability to be reprogrammed and are difficult to culture in the laboratory because they have a tendency to stop dividing. Finally, adult stem cells are rare and difficult to find. Scientists have been unable to find adult stem cells in some tissues, such as the brain," the Institute says.

When it comes to embryonic stem cells, WiCell also explains it differently.

"Embryonic stem cells are obtained from excess embryos created as a result of in-vitro fertilization treatments. The embryos are donated with the informed, written consent of patients who are no longer receiving treat-



The Pointers for Life hosted Will Goodman last Wednesday who discussed embryonic stem cell research.

ment and who do not wish to keep the embryos," the Institute says.

Goodman also discussed the economics and politics involved in stem cell research.

"Who's getting rich?" is the question Goodman asks. "Following the money is pretty important."

He also mentioned that the geopolitical aspects of stem cell research are huge. It creates a global economy. Politicians, investors, philosophers, and scientists from all over the world can be involved.

Politics is also a huge part of stem cell research. Goodman has spoken in front of the National Bioethics Commission about embryonic stem cell research while Clinton was president. He also told us about George W. Bush's decision to allow limited stem cell funding. Stem cell research has been one of the leading issues in recent elections.

Stem cell research is also an issue in Europe.

"Spain prevents embryo importation, and Germany allows no cloning whatsoever," Goodman said.

Goodman also compared scientism to science.

"Scientism: subjective, proselytizing for a belief," is the definition from Wesley Smith, an attorney and author of books on issues like cloning, stem cells, and bioethics.

"Scientism is Darwin saying the universe is 'godless.' Science cannot tell us what is moral. Science is measuring," Goodman said.

Goodman gave the audience several examples of scientism versus sci-

"Science calls it a zygote, and scientism calls it a 'pre-embryo,' which makes it sound not quite human yet," he said. "Science calls it a blastocyst, but scientism calls it a 'cluster of cells.' Science calls it a fetus, but scientism calls it a 'non-person."

"The shift in language is geared at dehumanization and there is a motive for using those terms," Goodman added.

Goodman then moved to the philosophical aspects and discussed atheism, nihilism, reductive anthropology and moral relativism.

Goodman closed his presentation by saying what he thinks should be

"The promotion of all ethical research which protects and respects all human beings without exception, and an international treaty banning human cloning in all forms and all stages of human development," were two of his ideas.

Meningitus masks itself as common cold, don't be fooled!

Beth Barington SCIENCE REPORTER

Could flu-like symptoms really be something more than just the flu? Coughing, sneezing, or any type of flulike symptom can sometimes indicate the deadly infection called meningitis.

"Although meningitis may be hard to diagnos, it is important for people to get themselves checked out in case the diagnosis is more than just the flu," said Donna Berndt, a registered nurse at Lovelace Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Meningitis is an infection of the central nervous system, which leads to the swelling of the brain and spinal cord. When a person contracts meningitis some of the symptoms are nausea, vomiting, fever, being sluggish, or in some

cases, even death may occur.

patients "Meningitis are often extremely weak and unable to perform daily tasks at a normal level," said Berndt.

There are two types of meningitis: viral and bacterial. The bacterial form of meningitis is a dangerous and severe disease, and for those who survive, it can still leave debilitating side effects like loss of hearing or even paralysis.

The viral form of meningitis is not as serious, but still needs to be taken care of with extreme caution. Unlike the bacterial form, the viral form can be prevented.

"There is a vaccine that can be given to prevent meningitis, and I usually recommend that my patients get one if they are worried about it, but especially college students

who will be living in close quarters with one another," Berndt said.

There are a number of antibiotics that can be given after the disease has been disease is airborne, it spreads contracted, but it is extremely rapidly throughout college important that the regimen be started immediately in order for it to be completely effec-

Doctors diagnos meningitis by doing a spinal tap to test the spinal fluid. A spinal tap is done by inserting a needle into the lower back to get spinal fluid. The spinal fluid is tested and the correct type of antibiotic that the patient needs is determined by the

"I've had people pass through the hospital complaining that they have the flu, only later to find out they had meningitis," said Berndt.

College freshmen are ment. more likely to contract the virus because they have the least immunity to germs and tight living quarters. Since the campuses and dormitories.

"We have specific guidelines to follow set by the university and by health officials to ensure everyone's health since meningitis is such a serious and sometimes fatal disease," said Erin. Arthur a Community Advisor at South Hall on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point cam-

Although some college campuses require all of their students to get a meningitis vaccine before arriving to the campus on their first day of freshmen year, the UW-SP does not have this require-

"I know that meningitis vaccines are not required for students attending UW-SP, or even living in the dorms for that matter, but it is highly recommended and most do have the vaccine," Arthur said.

The university has instilled rules and regulations to follow in case any of the students contract this disease.

"If one of my residents were to come to me saying he or she has meningitis I would have to send e-mails warning the residents and probably even post signs to alert everyone in the hall that someone has meningitis," Arthur said.

If someone on campus does contract meningitis, the university and it's professionals are well prepared for combating this sometimes deadly virus.

UWSP aquaculture experts collaborate with tribes to increase walleyes in northern lakes

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For the past two summers aquaculture experts at the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (NADF) near Bayfield have been working with the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe on a walleye rearing program. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point NADF is a collaborative effort between the University of Wisconsin-Extension, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Wisconsin's aquaculture industry.

According to NADF facilities manager Greg Fischer, the program with LCO is an effort to increase walleye stocks in about half a dozen lakes in the Hayward region. Over the past two summers Fischer and LCO tribal biologists with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources collected walleye eggs for the tribe

from the Hayward area lakes. The eggs were then fertilized, incubated and hatched at the NADF and then fry (small fish) were placed into outdoor rearing ponds until they grew large enough to begin feeding off live minnows. NADF staff raises the walleye fingerlings to about 6-8 inches in length and then they are removed from the NADF ponds and

stocked Hayward area lakes by the LCO Tribe.

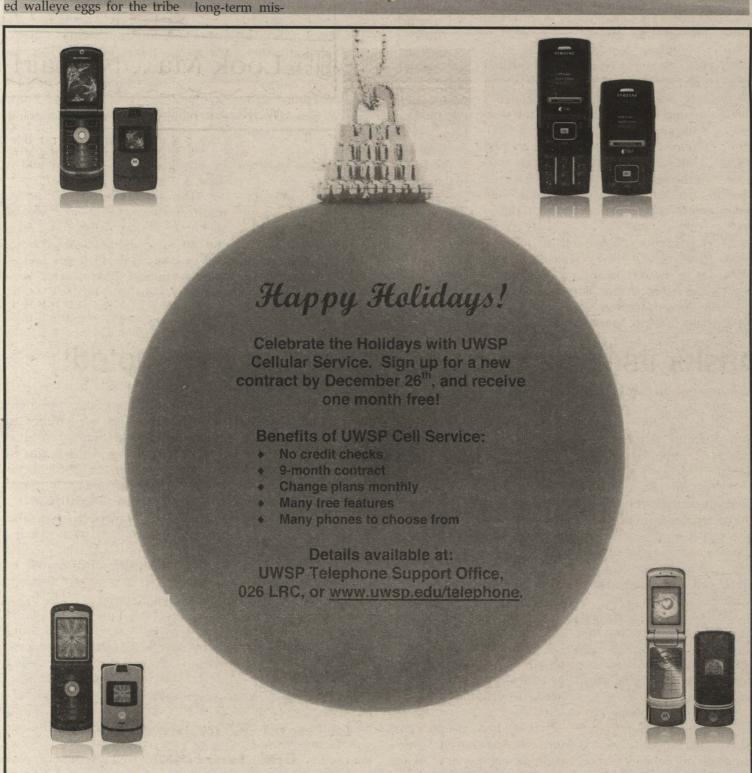
"Our facility lends itself to regional fishing and aquaculture interests, whether it is individuals, business interests, the state, or the tribes. This ongoing project with the LCO Tribe is representative of our

presence and economic success in Wisconsin and throughout the Great Lakes ecosystem."

Fischer believes this walleye stocking program with research that benefits NADF LCO will continue this coming year. These past two sum- throughout the region." mers over 20,000 large walleye fingerlings and over 400,000 fry and

sion to increase aquaculture's small fingerlings were raised by the NADF on behalf of LCO. "This is a conservation effort that benefits the tribe as well as offering base-line as well as other fish farms

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What's happening at the Allen Center for Sealth and Wellness Programs...

Chelsey Ross

This year the Allen Center is committed to helping families in need by refilling the local food pantry. Operation Bootstrap funds the Portage County Food Pantry and requires donations to sustain its valuable services to the community. We are asking all students, faculty, and staff to please donate non-perishable items to the Cardio Center front desk from Monday, November 27 to Friday, December 22. As an incentive, the Cardio Center will allow all faculty, staff, and students one FREE workout at the Cardio Center each time an item is donated and a valid university ID is presented. Let's all do something great this holiday season and help those less fortunate.

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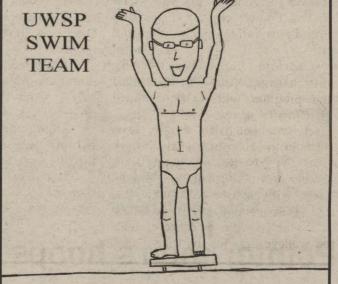








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Pointer wrestling dominates 30th ranked Oshkosh

Wrestling

Stephen Kaiser THE POINTER SKAIS309@UWSP.EDU

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point wrestling team continued its strong start to the season on Wednesday, November 29 with a 25-12 victory over the UW-Oshkosh Titans. Coming into the match, UW-O was ranked 30th in the nation in the NCAA Division III polls. Pointer head coach Johnny Johnson was pleased with his team's performance, but sees room for improvement.

"The encouraging part is that we won most of the close matches," Johnson said. "The discouraging part is that some of those matches shouldn't have been close."

The Pointers found themselves behind early after opening the dual with a forfeit at the 141-pound weight class. Junior Kyle Mueller is still battling a shoulder injury, but should be back for the dual against UW-Platteville.

At the 149-pound weight class, freshman Mo Malone struck back with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over UW-O's Paul Gretzinger. Malone echoed his coach's sentiments.

"I don't feel like I won that match

because I didn't run my offense," Malone said. "I won, but not with any style or showing what I can do."

With the dual tied 6-6 after Chris Brown won 2-0 at 157 pounds, junior Josh Ison helped the Pointers take the lead with a 4-2 victory over UW-O's Kevin Luedtke. The match was tied 2-2 going into overtime, and Ison finished him off with a takedown to get the win.

Eric Bath won a 5-2 decision at 174 pounds, and Tyler Wozniak won a major decision over UW-O's Eli Felts with a score of 12-0 at the 184-pound weight class. The Pointer's big boys struggled Wednesday night with losses of 7-1 and 7-3 at 197 pounds and heavyweight respectively.

However, Jake Calhoun turned the tide with a quick pin over UW-O's Chris Stratton just 2:06 into the match.

"I wanted to go out there and dominate my opponent," Calhoun said. "And that's exactly what I did."

Calhoun had to sit out the entire two-plus weeks of early season wrestling because of a broken ankle.

"It felt exhilarating when I got that pin," Calhoun said. "Not only for my team and for the points to

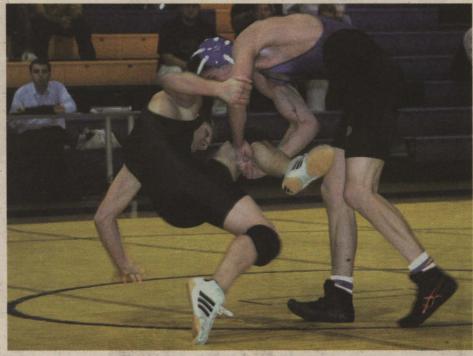


Photo by Stephen Kaiser

Freshman Mo Malone started the Pointers off early in the dual with a 2-1 victory over UW-O's Paul Gretzinger.

help win the meet, but because it was my first match back off a devastating injury."

With the dual all but won with a score of 22-12, Jered Kern finished up with a 4-2 victory at 133 pounds against Oshkosh's Derek Koenig.

"Jered stayed in the match and gave himself a chance to win,"

Johnson said. "When the opportunity was there he took advantage."

The Pointer wrestling team extended its season record to 6-0, but have a tough Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent ahead in UW-La Crosse on Wednesday, December 13 at La Crosse.

Pointer men's hoops stay unbeaten

Men's Basketball

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point team men's basketball stayed unbeaten this week with two tough conference victories, both of which were on the road. The Pointers continued their hot shooting in both games, beating UW-Oshkosh 89-76 on Wednesday, November 29 and UW-River Falls 81-73 on Saturday, December 2. The wins put the Pointers up two notches to the number seven ranking in the national

Wednesday's game in Oshkosh was Point's third road win in three tries, all of which have come against ranked opponents. Point continued bringing the heat from long range, draining 13 three-pointers (56.5 percent) against the Titans. Sophomore Pete Rortvedt started the hot shooting, hitting his first three three-point attempts to open the game.

Point led for much of the game, hitting key threepointers down the stretch and converting 20 of 22 free throws for the game. Their scoring was well-balanced, with five players scoring in double figures. Rortvedt led the Pointers with 21 points, while Steve Hicklin added 19 and Jon Krull had 17 points.

On Saturday the Pointers went to River Falls and controlled another game with hot shooting. They led for most of the game, extending their lead to double figures in the second half. They led by as many as 17 points before River Falls made a late run in the final minutes that came up short. Rortvedt led the Pointers again in scoring, tallying 20 points. Fellow sophomore Khalifa El-Amin scored a career high 15, connecting on four three-pointers. The Pointers have now won four road games this year, catapulting them to their 5-0 start. They now lead the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in scoring by putting up an impressive 84.6 points per game.

Thanks to his good shooting, Rortvedt was named WIAC player of the week. For the week, he averaged 20.5 points per game, shooting 8-16 from the three-point range while leading the Pointers to a pair of conference road wins. Rortvedt is averaging 15.4 points per game this season and leads the WIAC with 15 three-pointers made.

Senior on the Spot Adam Setten - Hockey

Major - Athletic Training with a Strength and Conditioning minor. Hometown - New Hope, Minn. Do you have any nicknames? - Larry, Larbizzo, Setts, Snutts, Settstown.

What are your plans after graduation?
- Grad. school and eventually work for a professional hockey team or college as a head athletic trainer.

What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? - My brother Lance, great coaches growing up, my work ethic, my dad, and teammates that challenged me.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? – Winning the mini-game series against Superior at Superior.

What's your most embarrassing moment? - I am not going to lie, I don't get embarrassed easily. But if you see a guy in a costume, and its not Halloween, it's probably me.

What CD is in your stereo right now? - Don't have one, I just have a really expensive radio known as a computer/FB machine.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? - I don't know, but it is probably rated R.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? – Hanging out in the locker room before and after practices and games. All the good times I have had on and off the ice, wearing costumes, bowling, pulling pranks on my friends, chillin' at the club, and all the friends I have made over the past four years (which is precisely 223 according to the FB machine).

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My brothers and my dad. If it wasn't for their guidance, I wouldn't be who I am today. Mom, I still love you too.

Pointer men's hockey break ice, get first league win against Yellowjackets

Men's Hockey

Rochelle Nechuta SPORTS REPORTER

University The Wisconsin-Stevens Point men ended a five-game losing streak in a victory against the College of St. Scholastica on Friday, December 1.

UW-SP found themselves trailing by two goals after the second period. But two unanswered goals by the Pointers late in the third period sent the game into a five-minute overtime. A five-minute checking from behind penalty called on CSS gave UW-SP the opportunity they needed to seal the game. Sean Fish scored the game-winning goal, giving the Pointers their first league win of the season. Pointer goalie Marcus



Matt Stendahl with an opportunity for a goal against UW-S goalie Chad Beiswanger, who denied this and 23 other attempts.

entirety and accumulated 32 saves while UW-SP had 25 shots on net.

"We really put ourselves in a tough situation by not playing the game we're capable of for two periods, and having to really pour it on the last period with overtime," head coach Joe Baldarotta said. "That takes a toll physically, mentally too."

Though the first standoff was successful, the Pointers came away scoreless on Saturday, December 2, in the weekend's second game against the UW-Superior Yellowjackets.

Although UW-SP had 24 shots on Superior's goalie, none of the attempts were successful. The final score ended 5-0 in favor of the Yellowjackets.

"It's tough to come back on a good team like Superior," Baldarotta said.

Currently the Pointers hold a 4-5-1 overall record



Photo by Drew Smalley

Pointers' goaltender Marcus Paulson saved 32 of 37 shots attempts against the seventh-ranked Yellowjackets.

and a league record of one victory, four losses, and one tie. On Saturday, December 9, the Pointers will host UW-Eau Claire in what looks to be a great match-up.

"It's a big game for us. It is parents' weekend and Eau Claire is up and coming," Baldarotta said. "We're still in a situation where our guys are banged up, and we're looking to make a couple wins here."

UW-EC has a 5-5-1 record and is tied in league standings with UW-SP with a 1-4-1 record. Last season, the two teams faced each other in three games and the Pointers won two of those while taking a tie in the third.

Pointer women split first two WIAC games

Women's **Basketball**

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The University Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's basketball team displayed suffocating defense against UW-Oshkosh as they took their conference opener with a score of 57-41.

The Pointers got off to a great start defensively, allowing just three field

goals in the first half, holding the Titans to just 12 points. Point struggled offensively, but was able to go into halftime with a 15-point lead.

The defensive struggle continued into the second half with UW-SP holding onto a 20-point lead going into the fourth period. UW-O started a rally, but it wasn't enough. Laura Neuenfeldt ended the night with 13 points for the Pointers.

Saturday the Pointers traveled to to extend their winning streak to seven

games. Unfortunately, their offensive struggles continued and the Pointers were defeated 67-60. Point shot just 39.7 percent from the field including a dismal 23.1 percent from long range. To make matters worse, they were only able to connect on seven of 14 free throws.

Much of the credit is owed to the River Falls defensive effort, which allowed their opponents to make just 28.2 percent of their field goals throughout the season. Point trailed the entire game until Haley Houghton

scored on a three-point play with just under ten minutes to play for Point's first lead. The two teams then went back and forth until UW-RF pulled ahead by five, and never looked back. Laura Neuenfeldt again led the Pointers with 15 points.

This week the Pointer women will face UW-Whitewater, UW-La Crosse, and Lawrence University, with the La Crosse game being the week's only home game. Game time is Saturday, December 9 at 5 p.m. in the Berg Gymnasium.



Photo by Drew Smalley

UW-River Falls trying The Pointer women were able to hold back the UW-Oshkosh Titans long enough to get the win.

UW-SP swimmers to take on Oshkosh

Swimming

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University The Wisconsin-Stevens swim team traveled to Wheaton, Illinois to compete in the annual Wheaton Invitation Swim meet. This year the men placed sixth out of nine teams and the women placed third out of eight teams.

Several swimmers received "B cuts," which offers them a chance to be invited to the division three national meet in March.

Al Boelk, the UW-SP head swim coach said that this year they had one of the weakest showings of any other year.

"It was a combination of sickness and not getting enough rest. They needed more rest than what I gave them," said Boelk.

That being said, several swimmers had a breakthrough meet and there were several personal best times.

The women's 200 freestyle relay of Kelsey Crunstedt, Trish Nye, Beth Bard, and Caitlin Hake earned a "B

cut" with a time of 1:36.66, which also broke a meet and pool record.

Ben Gensler won two of his events, 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke, earning "B cuts" in both. Chase Gross won the 50-yard freestyle title, and second in the 100-yard butterfly and third in the 100-yard freestyle, earning "B cuts" in all three

The next opportunity the team has to make national cuts will be at the conference meet in February.

The Pointers now turn to hosting the Oshkosh duel meet this Friday.

Boelk expects the team to easily beat Oshkosh.

"This meet is so badly mismatched. We swim them because they are so close," Boelk said. "It's one of the. cheapest meets to run."

Boelk intends to work the line up so that the swimmers are swimming events they don't usually swim.

"It gives the kids who are swimming the same thing all the time a break and gives them a chance to try new events they may be good at," said Boelk.

UW-SP Adventure Racing Club finds success at chilly Michigan race

Christine Becker OUTDOORS REPORTER

The University Wisconsin - Stevens Point Adventure Racing Club had a blast this past weekend at the 2006 December Chill in Milford, Mich. Although we had only slept an hour before waking up for the race on Saturday, we were more than ily that hosted our stay at their home.

Sleep deprived? It didn't seem to matter - it was a minor setback that never hindered our motivation.

The races started Saturday morning at 8:45 a.m. Each race involved both one and twoperson teams.

The goal of the race was to reach various checkpoints throughout the course either by biking, canoeing, running, trekking or orienteering under a time limit. The first team to

finish with the most points participants reached Milford from each checkpoint won.

Race day weather was better than expected. Besides stating the obvious, we all understood the conditions we were up against for a December race (hence the name, "December Chill"). Fortunately, it was a cool, sunny day and the snow flurries stayed away.

The race consisted of grateful for a wonderful fam- a two-mile run to the first checkpoint. From there, the race contestants grabbed their canoes and headed four miles down the river. This year, the river was void of rapids. In previous years, some participants ended up getting a little more wet and cold than they expected to be.

Fingers froze from the brisk air and icy water as racers dropped off their canoes to pick up their bikes for a sixmile mountain biking course through the quaint, charming city of Milford. When the

State Recreational Park, it became tougher to survive the slippery, muddy terrain and the menacing rocks along the

Next was the orienteering section of the course. Knowing how to use a compass and having a good sense of direction comes in handy when you are given only a map marked with each check-

Some teams exceled at this part of the race, using their keen intuition or perfected orienteering skills. Others seemed to wander helplessly, but as a club we knew this wouldn't be fun if it wasn't challenging.

Brute strength, endurance and a clear head are important. to use in a race like this.

As each team found their way, risky individuals plunged right into swamps and ran through heavily

wooded areas.

After battling the woods during the last part of the race, contestants were a 12-mile bike ride back to town before the cut-off time of 5 p.m. An awards ceremony followed, warm soup and food was served.

The UW-SP teams made great times and all had respectfinishes.



Two UW-SP Adventure Racing Club members make a proud finish after a big race in chilly weather.

from Marten. "Team Funsters," came in first place for UW-SP, followed by Josh Teeters and Beth Teeters, from "Team Teeter Totters." Other club members that confronted with raced were Michelle Johnson, Natalie Zalewski, Lucus Scharmer, Al Stacilauskas, Kevin Hite, Christine Becker, Kelly FitzGerald and Alicia DeGroot.

> After the race, we arrived back at the house, which was filled with the scent of homemade lasagna and garlic bread. We were fed well for all our hard work.

Even better, the next morning the family made us a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, Canadian style bacon

and sausage. See, there are rewards for doing something as crazy as this!

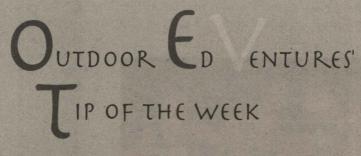
Overall, it was a quite the adventure. The entire weekend was a lot of fun, including the drive through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and learning the "Yooper" culture. The drive was scenic with snow frosted pines and glistening picturesque lakes and other great things about the good ol' north woods.

That's what makes the UW-SP Adventure Racing Club so great - we are always in search of an adventure. We also pride ourselves on the accomplishment of an enormous feat that not everyone has the guts to do.



UW-SP Adventure Racing Club students stand ready at an all-day racing event in Milford, Mich., on Saturday, December 2.

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This tip as well as many other questions can be answered at Outdoor EdVentures in the lower level of the Allen Center.



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Fishing on early ice can be impressive, but remember safety

Tyler Ring OUTDOORS REPORTER

Two thoughts cross one's mind when thinking about the first ice of the year.

The first is of the great fishing that can be had at this time of year. The second, and probably most importantly, is the unsafe ice conditions that are likely to be present.

Fishing during the early ice period can be absolutely amazing at times, especially walleye fishing.

Some of the best walleye fishing occurs on the Wisconsin River system, including Lake Wausau, Lake DuBay, the Petenwell Flowage and some of the smaller backwaters near Stevens Point.

Walleyes can be anywhere at this time of year, but if there's one thing you can count on it is they will always be near baitfish. The best time to fish them is the last hour or so before dusk, near the shallows.

One of the best spots to find walleye is along the channel edge, specifically inside or outside turns. Panfish (namely crappies and bluegills) and northern pike round out the list of species that really turn on at this time of year.

When heading out on the ice to chase these spe- can be used cies, safety is the name of to tie two or

the game. Check with the locals before going out to find out about the ice conditions. Oftentimes, the information you receive can save you a wasted trip. You can also check the internet at websites like www.lake-link.com.

Never venture out in this early season alone. Always have at least one person with you, and let someone know where you are going and what time you expect to be home.

Carry an ice chisel with, and check the ice with it

A general rule of thumb is that if it takes three or more another day.

stabs with the chisel to breakthrough the should you be able to walk on it. However, this is not a rule that I would bet my life

Some items to consider taking you include life jackets, rope, and nails or picks. rope The

more people together, in the hopes that if one person falls through, the others can pull him or her out.

The ice picks should be kept in your pocket and should be used to pull yourself back on the ice if you fall

Some people wear life jackets, which could prove to be a life-saving tactic in a bad

If you are going to venture out on to the ice in this early season, good luck catching the big one, but above all, be safe and live to fish



Tyler Ring holds a large- Photo courtesy of Tyler Ring mouth bass caught on early ice.



It's now the saddest time of the year for gun hunters. As of today, we have to wait another 345 days until we can once again hit the woods in pursuit of whitetail bucks. But instead of lying around and being depressed that deer season is over, its time to start preparing for next year.

The first thing on your list should be to clean your rifle or shotgun before you lock it up in the gun case until next year. Here are a few guidelines to keep your gun clean and in proper working

1. Make sure the gun is unloaded and remove any clip or

2. Disassemble the shotgun or rifle as far as you are comfortable with to make cleaning easier and to get rid as much residue in the firearm as possible. Inspect all parts of the firearm for wear

3. Use a No. 10 solvent or No. 10 copper solvent on a patch and run it through the barrel with a cleaning rod. If possible, push the patch out the bore of the rifle instead of towards the action to keep residue from building up in the action. Also, a one-piece rod works better than a three-piece rod, since it helps keep the rod from coming in contact with the rifling.

4. Next, use a bronze brush of the correct size to run through the bore. Again, work from the action towards the bore, pushing the brush in one direction.

5. Repeat step three again, and if possible, leave the gun sit for a couple hours with the solvent in the barrel.

6. Run dry patches through the barrel until they come out completely clean and dry.

7. Clean the action, trigger assembly, bolts and frame with solvent on a brush and/or patch. Let it dry.

8. Lubricate the firearm, including the bore, to prevent rust and reduce wear on moving parts. Do not over lubricate since this will cause the action to become gummy and collect dust and

debris.

9. After reassembling the firearm (hopefully with no parts left with a silicone cloth. over), wipe down all exposed parts with a silicone cloth.

10. Store your firearm in a cool, dry locked gun case. This also applies for ammunition. Make sure you always store your ammunition separately from your firearms and out of reach of children.







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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide Ladies, Liars, and Losers

By Pat Rothfuss

Dear Pat,

I think my friend's boyfriend is lying to her. Not just about little things, but big things. She's a nice person. Really nice. But she doesn't have a lot of dating experience, and really likes him. How can I get my friend to wise up and realize that this guy may not be telling her the truth?

Girls Are Gullible

Well GAG, let me begin my answer as I often do: with a story.

Recently I was talking to my friend Kate while hanging out with her extended family over Thanksgiving. After turkey we had a little conversation that went something like this:

Me: Who's that guy over there?

Kate: My cousin's boyfriend. I don't like him very much.

Me: How come? He seems nice enough. Kate: I think he's dangerous. He's in trouble with the Japanese Mafia.

Me: What?

Kate: Apparently he worked with the Japanese Mafia, but things went wrong. Now he's hiding from them, trying to keep a low profile.

Me: First, they aren't called the Japanese Mafia. They're the Yakuza. Second, that guy's never worked for them. He's white, and he's wearing a T-shirt so I can see that he doesn't have any dragon tattoos. Plus he still has all his fingers. Kate: How do you know about this shit?

Me: How can you NOT know about this shit?

After a brief, heated discussion about our respective levels of education, Kate proceeded to tell me the story. Apparently this guy was studying to be a lawyer, but he got in trouble with the Yakuza so he had to drop out of college to lay low for a while. There were more details, but that was the gist of it.

After hearing the story, I thought the following, in roughly this order.

1. How the hell did this white boy from central Wisconsin get involved with the Yakuza?

2. The Yakuza fuck people up for a living. How did this gimpwit get away from them?

3. If you have by some odd chance managed to get involved with the Yakuza while living in Bumfuck, Wisconsin, and you've also somehow managed to hide from them through the ingenious ploy of dropping out of school, why would you tell your girlfriend, by extension telling her whole family and all their friends?

4. Are women really this fucking gullible?

What stunned me was the fact that everyone in the family was taking this guy's story at face value. They were thinking, "This guy might not be good for our little girl," rather than, "If this guy was more full of bullshit, it would start to die his hair brown."

This is why I've chosen to answer your letter, GAG. I have other, sexier letters. Letters about lesbians, houseparties, STDs, and the GRE (those are four different letters, mind you. If all of those things were in one letter, I would have to answer it, no matter what).

I'm answering your letter so that I can give all the trusting young ladies out there a heads-up as to what deceptive pricks men can be. But don't take my word for it. Here's stories from your loving sistren to show you the truth of the matter...

My freshman year in college I met one of those music-loving indie band fanatics. One night he tells me he has a rare blood disease. Which really isn't a disease at all but an immunity from all toxins. So he can never get sick...never get a virus, or anything. I assume he was leading up to some sort of, "I don't need a condom because I'm immune to all disease, baby!"

The thing is, I'm a pre-med student and haven't ever heard one damn thing about this sort of "disease," but I didn't tell him any different. Why ruin a poor guy's ambitions if he really thinks he's got me believing his bullshit? Needless to say we don't talk anymore.



The best liar I ever dated claimed all sorts of wacky things. For example:

1) He used to be a cocaine addict (yeah, 16 years old, no job, lower middle class family...sure)

2) He was a black belt in karate (how was I able to kick his ass so easily?)

3) He could hear people's thoughts (I'm calling you a "full of shit asshole" in my head...can you hear me?)

I never believed him. He was nice to look at, an entertaining little monkey, and decent in bed. I just kept him around as my nice little amusing pet. Not all women are naive dolts. Some of us are just bitches that enjoy keeping liars around for our own entertainment.

Last year I met a semi-good looking guy. He told me he came from a very abusive family. That he used to see his dad beating on his mom when he was younger and his dad had also abused him. He talked about how he was emotionally fucked up and how he always felt better when he had someone with him. He also said that he never had a girl be attracted to him. Anyway, since I like to make out with boys, one night I made out with him.

Later I discovered not only did he have a gf that he was "soooo in love with," but his family was never abusive to him. They were actually very nice. Now I don't feel bad that he made up a lie to get someone to make out with, seeing as I kinda used him too. I do feel bad for his gf who doesn't believe that he constantly tries to cheat on her.

Just last week I met a guy at the bar that was telling me about how he's had five different surgeries on his stomach, and proceeded to show me all sorts of scars, because he was gored when he was running with the bulls in Pamplona. Further more, he fell victim to this horrible accident because he was rescuing his twin brother from getting trampled. I didn't believe a word of it, but I figured I was never going to see him again, so I really didn't care....

Cut to the next morning when I wake up next to him in my bed and he tells me that he's actually had all of those surgeries because he had cancer, but he hates it when people feel sorry for him about it. I'm still not sure if that's a lie, too...

I had a bf once who thoroughly convinced my idiot highschooler brain that he was a fucking werewolf and that I was growing fangs. As it turns out, it was just the first bits of my wisdom teeth and they were pushing all the others around and making them hurt like a bitch.

A few years back, I was at a bar with my friends one night and this guy started chatting me up. He wasn't my usual type, but he was really cute.

The band was super loud, so I couldn't catch much of what he was saying, but I understood he was a drummer for some punk band. He told me his band was called "bouncing souls" but since I don't listen to that genre, I assumed it was some local band and wasn't too impressed.

The next day he brought me a signed CD and I listened to the music and it was pretty good-good enough that I was suddenly very suspicious. So while he was in the bathroom, I looked up the band's site on the internet. Needless to say, he wasn't in it. He came out of the bathroom and I showed him out the front door.

My boyfriend went to school with a huge liar. He told his girlfriend that he had all this money. He made up elaborate spreadsheets, copied webpages and altered the information to suit his story. Then he racked up thousands of dollars in debt on HER credit card, promising he'd pay her back. He never did.

I don't think young women are inherently gullible, GAG. I just think they tend to be trusting. Plus, love makes everyone stupid at some point in their lives.

Additionally, it seems like in most of the above stories, the boys were some degree of cute. So I'm willing to believe that these young ladies were willing participants in their own deception to a certain degree.

Why do guys lie? Well that's a whole other column there. Simply put, I think most guys are profoundly, pointedly insecure. Many of them with good reason.

To simplify the problem, I've developed a simple equation to help you ladies determine when a guy is lying. (Your age – 30) + (Your IQ/Your Insecurity) – His Charm x His Hotness = no, he's not really an astronaut, and on top of that, he probably has herpes.

E-mail your problems to Pat Rothfuss at proth@ wsunix.wsu.edu. Do it. Do it now.

An inspirational talk with Kathy Mattea

Nathaniel Blumberg GUEST COLUMNIST

The lights were beginning

to dim as the stage crew prepared for country singer/songwriter Kathy Mattea's performance on November 16 at Sentry Theater. As I went to take my seat, murmurs could be heard throughout the auditorium about how Kathy Mattea affected them personally whether it was in concert, or in person. Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Performing Artists Series, the concert was something I had been looking forward to as I'm a big fan. Kathy Mattea's way of combining her Celtic style of music along with country delivers a rich musical experience.

Why do I admire her? Having won two Grammy awards, and signing her first major record label deal at the age of 24, she has accomplished above and beyond. She's extremely talented. But that's not my only reason for admiring her. In one of her concerts, I noticed her and the band members move together and form a single line which gave more of an intimate setting. She then asked if there were any requests from the audience, and laughed as a member of the audience cracked a joke.

It's no surprise that her amazing ability to entertain an audience led Kathy Mattea to her entrance into the music business at a young

Afterward I noticed how open people were with Miss Mattea. I saw how she took time with each person. Stories were being shared, and memories were being made. Echoes of laugher between the fans and Miss Mattea could be heard throughout the lobby.

As I waited for my opportunity to speak with her, my hands started shaking, and my legs became numb with nervousness.

"Sure, I'd love to," she said. I was impressed! Her face lit up with joy. We each got a chair and began a conversation that would change my life.

N.B. - How long have you been singing?

Kathy: I started playing the piano at age 6. Started singing at age 10. Sang solos in high school choirs. My friend and I took a trip down to audition for the all state choir, and I ended up making it, and she didn't. But we're still friends!

N.B. - How did you decide to pursue your music professionally?

Kathy: I graduated high school at 16. I then started college and was in my sophomore year. I was 18. I moved to Nashville when I was 19. I said to myself, I won't know if I never try. I had to.

N.B. - You made it!

Kathy: I was lucky.

N.B. - How old were you when you wrote your first song?



Nathaniel Blumberg and Kathy Mattea.

Kathy: I co-wrote a song when I was 18, and I was 19 when I wrote my first solo song, "Leaving West Virginia." We actually ended up recording it on the third album, "Walk the way the wind blows."

N.B. - What skills do you feel are important for your type of work? Being in the moment?

Kathy: That's exactly what it is! Stay in the moment. It's not just about playing the music but being instead of doing.

N.B. - What coaching advice could you give to aspiring performers?

Kathy: There are two things:

1. There's no substitute for hard work and practice. You have to love what you do.

2. If you're serious, move to a major music center. Surround yourself with people better than you.

Shortly after the interview, I left feeling like I learned a lot, especially about myself. After having a dream of being signed to a record label at age 9, and having phenomenal support from friends, family and industry executives, I've realized now is the time to step up to the

It's too easy to see a certain celebrity on TV or hear them on the radio and not truly understand. I'm going to do everything I can to succeed with my career path in life: to have a recording contract.

It's my hope that more UW-SP students would become more aware of their full potential in life and also learn from Kathy Mattea's story just like I did. It's truly amazing what you can learn. Learning will change your life.

E-mail Nathaniel Blumberg: nateblumberg@yahoo.com. To hear Kathy Mattea's Music, tour dates, and fan club information, visit her website: www.mattea.com

Point of View: Bargain-priced gift ideas for those on your "nice" list

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Ah, the holiday shopping season. No other time of the year creates such chaos, confusion and craziness as the month leading up to December 25. The day after Thanksgiving, termed "Black Friday," kicks off the festivities as populations migrate to malls in the same fashion that Moses led his people out of Egypt.

Of course, what is the purpose of heading out to Toaster Oven, Griddle &

local shopping centers if you have no idea what to pick up for people on your list? Well, here at The Pointer, we always have the readers' best interests in mind. To aid in your shopping adventures, I compiled

a list of popular gift items that can be bought on a tight budget. After all, what would college be like if we all had a disposable income?

SanDisk 512MB M230 Digital Audio Player with FM Tuner - \$44.99 - Circuit City

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If you have any great gift ideas of you own, feel free to e-mail them to pointer@uwsp. edu. Your suggestion may be published in next week's issue of the newspaper. Happy holi-

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Arts & Review

Professor Michael Demchik shares newly published book

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On Monday, December 4 Michael C. Demchik, Univeristy of Wisconsin-Stevens Point associate professor of forestry, presented readings from his recently published book, "The Soul of a Place." The UW-SP's Cornerstone Press sponsored the event. The book chronicles Demchik's thoughts on his birthplace in West Virginia, as well as his relocation to the Midwest.

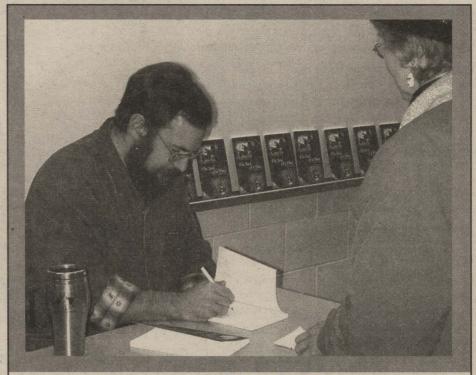
Demchik presented two of his poems "Old Foundations and Abandoned Farms," and "Beans and Cornbread," in addition to a reading from the introduction of his book. He also read a section about his initial reactions to lutefisk and lefse. Demchik encountered these traditional Midwestern foods for the first time when he relocated from West Virginia to Minnesota.

Demchik did not originally intend his book for publication. Rather, he wrote it as a memoir for his children. When he heard



Demchik wrote "The Soul of a Place" for his family.

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Demchik signs a copy of "The Soul of a Place."

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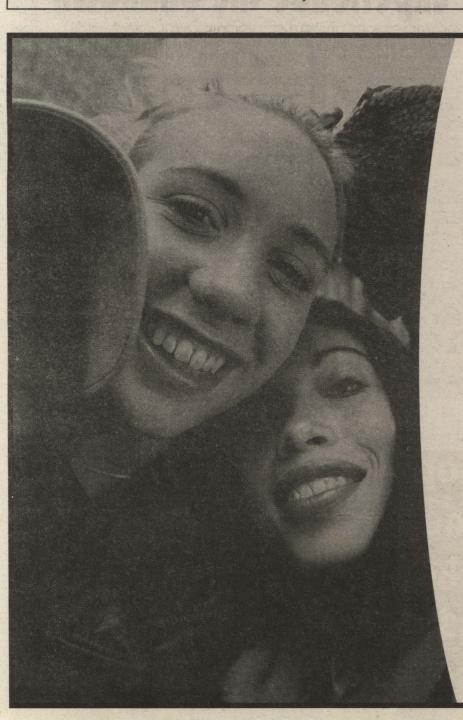
about Cornerstone Press, he decided to submit his manuscript to the class to see if they would publish it. Cornerstone Press selected Demchik's manuscript from the many that were submitted to the class.

Cornerstone Press, also known as English 349: Editing and Publishing, is a class offered by the English department for students interested in publishing, editing, and design. Each year, the class forms a publishing company and publishes at least one book. Past publications include

Pointer columnist Pat Rothfuss's "Your College Survival Guide." This year, Cornerstone Press published Demchik's "The Soul of a Place" and alumna Lisa Greyhill's "Miss Adventures."

Demchik and Greyhill's books were printed thanks to a generous donation by Worzalla Publishing. Both Demchik and the class were pleased with the results.

For more information about Cornerstone Press, contact Professor Dan Dieterich in the Tutoring-and-Learning Center.





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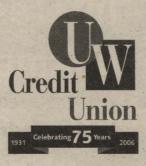
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Name: Amanda Carroll Ellis Major: BFA Musical Theatre Hometown: Oostburg, Wis.

What led you to major in the-

I can't remember a time before college when I thought I wouldn't major in theatre. It was one of the few places I didn't feel judged for the person I was.

In the limelight: Amanda Ellis

Who do you consider to be your teacher) I would be extra happy. greatest theatrical role model?

answer. All of the actors I admire are the ones that don't let the work take over their lives. Acting is an art and a job, but not a life. Allison Janney, Gary Oldman, and Kristin our impulses moment to moment. I Chenoweth come to mind.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?

Audition, audition, audition. Part of the job description is not knowing when you'll next be employed. I worked at the Bristol Renaissance Faire last summer as part of the fight cast, and so I may try to work there again. I've fallen in love with stage combat, so if I can get a job in that area (fighter, fight choreographer, fight

What has been your most memo-That's a difficult question to rable moment as a UW-SP theatre

> My first day of training in the Meisner method. We did an exercise to help us to understand and follow realized then that the people in these classes with me would see parts of me that no one else had ever seen and vice versa. It was the beginning of me realizing how much work acting was going to be.

Who or what inspires you the most in your acting?

A good writer inspires me the most. When I believe the material is art, I give all I have eagerly. Just to name a few: Shakespeare, Aaron

Sorken, Tennessee Williams.

What is your favorite part of being a UW-SP theatre major?

The passion of both the faculty and students is unquestionable. It's energizing just to be around it.

As an actress, what is the best role you've ever played?

The best role is always the one coming up, so Juliet next semester would have to be it. Getting a chance at her was a childhood dream of

What's in your CD player? Ani DiFranco - "Little Plastic

Do you have a favorite quote?

"Love never keeps a man from pursuing his destiny." - "The Alchemist," Paulo Coelho

"Afterimages 2006" showcases student choreography

Press Release

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

An innovative concert of dance created by student choreographers, "Afterimages 2006," will be staged at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point from Thursday, December 7 through Saturday December 9.

"Afterimages" is a multidisciplinary collaboration of student graphic designers, administrators, stage managers, lighting and costume designers as well as dancers and choreographers.

"It's exciting to see the students go through the process," says instructor Jeannie Hill of the Theatre and Dance Department. Hill has advised the participants of "Afterimages" for

"We encourage them to have faculty and peer mentors, so they've all been able to support each other during the creative process."

The stories told within this arts spectacular are diverse in meaning and interpretation. Jessica Jacobs choreographed "A Fight From Within" to tell the story of her friend whose journey and battle with seasonal depression ended in her suicide. With this dance, she says she hopes to spread the message that "we all must realize that bad things may happen but life can still go on and be okay."

Backed by a live men's chorus, "D'ou 'a Ici" by Tara Kremer is set to "Prayer of the Children" by Kurt Bestor. This dance, according to its creator, reflects the need to move forward and be free, to let go of past hurt and fear.

Amanda Ellis and John Keating co-created "Influence," a piece set to George Harrison's "While My Guitar

Gently Weeps." The music will be played live on guitar by Ellis' father, Walter Ellis.

Adam Sonnenberg choreographed "Odyssey" to show a struggle between two forces. He and Allison Kenison also co-created and will dance in "Falling," a duet about the inner struggle between two different aspects of one's personality. "Falling" is set to "Rain One" from Cirque du Soleil.

In "Lover's Lounge," choreographer Lindy Endres will sing "Sway" to complete the club locale for her Latin-style dance that depicts a "boy meets girl" scenario.

"Seeking" is a solo work by choreographer Jayme Seeman, about life's challenges and choices.

"This work is about my journey to become who I am today," she says. The score is "Hide and Seek" by Imogen Heap and John Strassburg, with Seeman singing

In "Akin," Naomi Clement explores the relationship of two sisters. The score is an original composition called "Rivers of Russia" which is written and performed by the Havalina Rail Co.

"Let Go" was created by Samantha Ewert as a representation of her overcoming obstacles and finding happiness within her-

"It Takes Seis to Tango" by Martin Ortiz uses energetic and passionate movement to portray a night in a city in Argentina to the score "Santa Maria" by Del Buen

"Cogs," a jazz piece choreographed by Lindsay Fisher and Clark Ausloos, is set to "Army of Me" by Beats Beyond and Bjork.

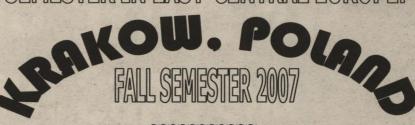
The piece contrasts the monotony of work and industry with the yearning to be mentally and physically liber-

"Looking Back-Moving Forward" by Kimberly Pieronek closes "Afterimages" with a bold statement about harsh moments in history. References to World War II and September 11 influence her choreographic tribute and remembrance.

"Afterimages" performances will

begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Jenkins Theatre of the Noel Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens, \$7 for youth and \$4.50 for UW-SP students with an ID. Tickets may be purchased at the University Box Office, located inside the University Store at 200 Division Street, Stevens Point. Tickets also may be ordered by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

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