Networking key to landing job

Some graduates struggling to find employment during current recession
By Casey Krautkramer

UW-Stevens Point’s 583 December graduates will have to work a little harder to find a job during the current recession; however, there are jobs available, according to one career services counselor.

"The job market is definitely off from last year; we have taken a step back, but it’s a step back toward a normal market," said Mike Pegel, associate director of UWSP career services and a counselor for natural resource and science majors. "We’ve had seven to eight years in a row of outstanding years."

Pagel said the current recession doesn’t even compare to past recessions. The good news for students graduating with degrees in education and forestry.

"The leading edge of baby boomers are starting to retire, and it’s putting a twist on this recession," Pagel said. "I’ve heard that a lot of teachers will be retiring in the next few years. I heard the median age of people working in the forest service is 51, so it will be looking to hire 20 to 25 foresters a year for the next three years."

Pagel believes that December graduates will have to become more aggressive in their job hunt than past graduates have had to be the last couple of years.

"The ice is thin now; you can’t step in cracks like you could before and get away with it," he said. "Networking is more important than ever. The majority of jobs in the country are filled by word of mouth."

The graduates who’ve gained practical experience in their majors will be better off than those who don’t when looking for jobs, Pagel said. He advises students to work in an internships in their major before graduating.

"There seems to be a direct connection between the experience someone has and how they do in their job search after graduation," he said. "For continuing students, the importance of summer internships is greater than ever."

Protestors disgusted over war efforts

Demonstrators say war on terrorism violates basic rights
By Casey Krautkramer

A handful of UW-Stevens Point students and one retired professor convened outside the University Center on Monday, Dec. 10, holding signs and handing out literature on human rights and opposition to the war in Afghanistan.

The quiet protest was held to signify United Nations Human Rights Day on Monday. The Progressive Action Organization, and Peace and Unity Coalition sponsored the protest.

"This day serves to bring people together from around the world to take a look at human rights," said student protester Jessica Krueger. "Because the UN sponsored this day, I think it’s important to look at the current situation in Afghanistan and other countries and bring to light the destruction, poverty and death in these countries."

Student Erick McGinley hoped the protest would bring awareness to campus on broader issues.

"I’m personally protesting the human rights violations going on recently in Afghanistan," he said. "I’m concerned about the threat to our civil liberties."

Retired English professor Jim Missey said the goal of the protest would be to take a stand and speak out, and also try to communicate with others about human rights issues.

"It’s very important that we take a stand and speak out, and try to communicate with others about human rights issues."
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so that we don’t become accomplices in this war against Afghanistan,” Missey said. “My idea is that killing someone is the most extreme form of human rights.”

Missey is concerned about the footage that the United States now has of Osama bin Laden planning the Sept. 11 attacks. “The United States now says that the tape provides justification for going to war,” he said. “You would think that justification would come first, then we would launch war. That really embitters me.”

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Library rescues stressed students

The university library would like to make sure everyone has a great finals week. Coffee and cookies will be available in the library’s lobby area Monday-Wednesday courtesy of University Centers and University Dining. John Zach will be giving a presentation for relaxation on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the university library Room 310. Don’t forget, if you need some last minute help with a research paper, reference librarians will be on hand all finals week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. If you would like more information, contact the library’s Main Circulation desk at 346-2540.

Godfrey gives to childcare

Retired staff member donates $50,000 to restore Delzell Hall’s lower level infant and toddler daycare center

Helen Godfrey, retired assistant chancellor for student affairs at UW-Stevens Point, has again stepped forward in support of the University Child Learning and Care Center (UCLCC).

Godfrey has donated $50,000 toward the refurbishing of the lower level of Delzell Hall, now the home of UCLCC’s infant and toddler program. Next year the entire program will be under one roof in Delzell.

“This is a chance to help modernize the home of a model childcare program,” said Godfrey. “This facility supports not only excellent programming for young children but also provides excellent hands-on experience for university students who will become teachers.”

In September the newly created infant/toddler program opened in Delzell Hall. With the help of Godfrey’s financial gift, the rest of UCLCC’s participants (ages two through six) will move from Nelson Hall and move into Delzell Hall in January once the renovation is completed. A grant from the U.S. Department of Education also is helping to cover the costs.

In 1973, the UWS’s Student Government Association (SGA) proposed starting a high quality childcare center on campus. Godfrey, then associate dean of students, prepared a formal proposal with the financial backing of SGA and the Administration’s support. In January 1973, the UCLCC opened its doors in the Peace Lutheran Campus Center with enrollment of only 15-17 children and staff sharing one room. Today there are 225 spaces used annually for children of students, faculty, staff and alumni. About 80 students are employed through work study or as regular student employees. In addition, 130 student teachers, practicum students or observers with class assignments receive academic credits.

Susie Sprouse has been the director since 1978. Joining Sprouse on the UCLCC staff are four lead teachers and three assistant teachers. Together, the staff has more than 100 years of teaching experience in the field of early childhood education.

“The center is truly a special place with a dedicated staff fulfilling a much needed role for the campus and community,” said Bob Tomlinson, assistant chancellor for student affairs. “Helen Godfrey has been a staunch Center supporter since day one and now continues to give her time, expertise and financial support as a benefactor and board member. She continues to be not only an asset to the UCLCC, but to all of Central Wisconsin.”
Having as much success as Boeik in their job hunts, Pagel recommends they get registered at career services and start figuring out exactly what they're looking for in a job. Recent research shows that many graduates will find that their first job isn't their dream job. "Graduates need to know what they want to accomplish," Pagel said. "A lot haven't thought about how to organize their search."

Carren Koebke, a senior graduating in communication with an emphasis in public relations and advertising, is having difficulty finding a job in public relations.

"I'm actually really frustrated because now I've been in school for five and a half years and they're calling it the worst job market in 20 years," Koebke said. "I got really lucky," Boelk said. "My internship gave me a lot of experience for this type of position. I don't think that I would have gotten this job with­out it."

For the graduates who aren't

Professor appointed to advisory council

Cray only rep chosen from four-year school

Professor of economics Randy Cray of UW-Stevens Point has been appointed to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's (DOR) Forecast Advisory Council.

He was selected by Richard Chandler, secretary of the DOR, responding to a request from Gov. Scott McCallum to form a committee to enhance the state's economic forecasting ability.

The 12-member council will meet prior to the announcements of the fall and spring Wisconsin Economic Outlook when the central Wisconsin economic forecasters will present their reports.

The group will review regional state and national forecasting efforts and may advise that forecasts should be modified. The advisers must have interest and experience in national economic forecasting, regional economic analysis and economic forecasting for businesses.

Members include representatives from Kohler Company, Wisconsin Energy, M&I Bank, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Greater Milwaukee Committee, Fox Valley Chamber of Commerce, Robert W. Baird and State of Wisconsin Investment Board. Also represented will be UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee.

Cray is the only representative chosen from the four-year UW System campuses.

He has been director of the Central Wisconsin Economic Research Bureau at UWSP for the past 15 years. He writes, publishes and presents the Quarterly Economic Indicator Reports for Central Wisconsin and has been interviewed extensively on area radio and television.

A member of the UWSP faculty since 1986, Cray served as chair of the Division of Business and Economics for six years and is a former member of the Federal Reserve Bank's Midwest Economic Roundtable. Cray received the UWSP's Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 1991. In addition, Cray has been recognized for excellence in research, service and teaching at UWSP and has published extensively on area radio and television.

The UW-Stevens Point's ROTC teams earned four first place designations at this fall's annual Ranger Challenge at Fort McCoy in Sparta. A nine-student male and female team and a five-student freshmen male and female team representing UWSP were among 17 teams competing from universities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Illinois. The 24-hour challenge tests cadets' mental and physical limits as well as teamwork and leadership.

The challenge included the Army physical fitness test, written test, map reading and orientation, hand grenade toss, M16 weapons qualification, rope bridge, 10k road march and weapons disassembly.

UWSP's nine-member team was coached and advised by Eric Endries, U.S. Army Captain and assistant professor of military science. The five-member team was coached and advised by Robert Stask, U.S. Army Master Sergeant and senior instructor in military science. Members of the 9-member team included: Mary Almquist, Asburndale; Mike Wasmundt, Deerbrook; Mark Almquist, Auburndale; Mike Wasmundt, Deerbrook; David Wagner, Marshfield; Joseph Zeeland, Neenah and Tonia Hanutke, Pittsville.
The most positive, upbeat column I've ever written.

By Josh Goller
Editor in Chief

Some may think I come across as rather crass and cynical. I can't completely deny that I do tend to have a sarcastic outlook on life, or at least I portray a sarcastic sense of humor in my column.

In any event, I was challenged this week to try to write a completely positive editorial about something. True to my competitive nature, I accepted this challenge but when I sat down to right the damn thing I discovered that it might not be as easy as I'd thought.

After long hours of pondering and soul searching, I've reached deep down inside myself and came up with a respectable list of things I like here at UWSP and in Wisconsin in general. So make sure you're sitting down, because here comes the much anticipated, most positive, upbeat column I've ever written.

First and foremost, I liked my stay in the residence halls because of the privacy it allowed me along with fun and entertaining (and never corny) hall programs and a flexible living policy.

I like Student Impact for never making anyone feel pressured and for never focusing on recruitment over helping those in need.

Along these same lines, I always treasured Debott and the delectable entrees they continually provide. I'm equally thankful for UWSP's two year on-campus living policy so I could experience all the joys of dorm life.

Though they've received some criticism, I appreciate Centertainment Productions for bringing in such notable acts as Vertical Horizon, The Wallflowers, Semisonic and The Goo Goo Dolls. Nothing brings a tear to my eye like "irs" or a smile to my face like "Everything You Want."

I like the Stevens Point Police Department for their strides to protect and serve instead of merely busting parties and pursuing perpetrators of victimless crimes.

I'm a loyal supporter of our wonderful governor, Scott McCallum and agree completely with his fund-privisions-universities policy. The extra cash I had to scrimp to accommodate the tuition hike really taught me the value of a dollar and furthered my desire to achieve the American dream.

I value the bustling metropolis of Stevens Point and all the entertainment opportunities it provides me and all the important stuff that happens here.

At the same time, I cherish the open-minded and tolerant majority of citizens in our state.

To sum up, I like road construction, the 21 year-old legal drinking age, telemarketers, paying rent, tree-huggers, rugburn, the registration deposit, the odor of mothballs, long lines, pop music, losing my wallet, debt, reality TV shows, Brendan Fraser, the "song that never ends," yellow jelly beans, bike thieves, Gilbert Godfried, pop quizzes, waking up in a pool of my own vomit, Subway commercials, Oompah Loompahs, Student Message of the Day, Steel Magnolias, eight o'clock classes, slivers, turning my head and coughing, musicals and pubic hair.

But the parking here really sucks (and I was so close to a completely positive article).
Corporate money flow into universities dangerous

Over 15 UWSP students attended the Wisconsin Economic Summit II in Milwaukee, Nov. 26-27. The UW System, various local and state government agencies and business leaders sponsored the two-day event. The Summit was hailed as the foundation of determining Wisconsin's economic growth and direction. Thank you to the Chancellor's office and Student Government Association for the funds to attend. UWSP students attempted to voice student's issues and concerns and make their presence known.

In the Summit brochure the event was described as a "statewide conversation." However, poor people, the working class, students and people of color were few if any in attendance, possibly since the Summit cost $129 and was held during the school and work week. There was no conversation, there were lectures given by those who have power and money. Hardly any time was given to real "conversation". People who also should have a say in Wisconsin's economic future were poorly represented. This "shared vision," as keynote speaker Daniel Burrus alluded to was nowhere to be found. Although different institutions. One such collaboration was between public universities and private business. Universities are continually producing business ties through research, business parks and corporate investments with such corporation as Philip-Morris and Exxon-Mobil. As state funding for education continues to dwindle, corporate money flows into Universities but not without a dangerous price. The non-profit mission of the University is in direct opposition to the for-profit mission of the corporations we are partnering with. Will these increasing partnerships jeopardize liberal arts, critical thinking citizens based public education? Many UWSP students attending the Summit took that question straight to the UW Board of Regents and UW System President Kathy Lyle. Some people were responsive, but some were not, as one student was told, "stop complaining." The lack of respect and consideration towards students was shameful. Students insted encouraged responsible, socially just partnerships with any corporate sponsor or partner, to help to ensure the continuation of the mission and values of public education.

UW students must stand up and require their fair and equal decision making at their university. The mission of this university to be placed into workforce cog. Institutionalized oppression found within education must be examined and confronted so we all can grow as active citizens.

Jessica Krueger
UWSP student

Stand up for justice. Christians

In regards to Christianity, I see three main possibilities. One possibility is the bible is wrong, then of course we should not follow it. Another possibility is that there is some good and some bad in the Bible. If such is the case, we should take some and leave some. In fact, many Christians do exactly this. Christianity to many has become a cafeteria-style religion. Many Christians justify their actions based on convenience. Convenience is not a noble motivation. Virtuous people are not motivated first and foremost by pragmatism and expediency. Virtuous people are motivated first and foremost by righteousness. I remember learning that the "Lord would spit out of his mouth the lukewarm." That would seem to be a condemnation of convenient cafeteria-style Christianity.

A third possibility is that the Bible is completely true, right and wise. Then Christians should follow the Bible. From my Christian upbringing I remembering learning Bible teachings like "Do not fight evil with evil." This would seem to not justify bombing Afghanistan. By bombing Afghanistan, we have in a Pointer editorial writer's terms "been playing the Talibain's game." We should show our love and civilization and use a different tactic. An old saying comes to mind "Don't fight the fire with fire, Use water and chemicals." Of course there is also "Turn the other cheek." America and many Christians are bent on revenge. Another bible verse is "Love your enemies." Christian America led by God loving George W. Bush hate bin Laden, the Talibain, some even hating Muslims in general and, worse yet, some hating Afghan people or Middle Eastern people in general.

The quintessential teaching of Christianity is supposedly "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Would like our nation to be bombed? There are just a few of the many teachings in the Bible which one who think would inspire Christians to ignore this unjust war.

The most salient appeal is not a Bible verse, but a Christian, especially a contemporary Christian. A peace and justice loving friend of mine asked his Christian parents "What takes place in the classroom of I think that question should be reflected on by Christians. Would Jesus bomb Afghanistan? Would Jesus invade Iraq? Would Jesus impose sanctions on Iraq? Would Jesus support a draconian war on terrorism?

Christians, now is the time to stand up for justice. I am inspired by religious people whose faith motivates them to fight for justice and peace. Quakers and other peace-loving Christians are helping make this world a better place. Christians should be at the anti war demonstrations. But most Christians are not. Christians, you could be a great force in the anti-war movement. We need you to show the love you profess to uphold. We need you to oppose this war. Christians, if indeed, there is nobler love in your religion, this time of trial is the time to show it. You can make a great difference. Christians, you have the choice to either let injustice occur and stand up and refuse evil. Innocent people will have to fight for the love and righteousness your religion professes to uphold.


Andrew Bushard
UWSP Student

School of Americas does exist

The School of Americas still exists under the new name: Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. The change is merely one of a name since the school still teaches the same curriculum of guerilla and insurgent warfare as well as "democracy" building classes. After hearing about the School of Americas, I began researching it and came across an article saying that it had been shut down (the article was written on the School of Americas Web site, so of course it would) and became very confused. Instead of misjudging the many protesters who were still in the process of planning this large scale act as naive, I decided to research it further, and found that it was in fact just a name change.

As Captain Doug Ferrel stated, the graduates of the school have performed atrocities. They still might be. Considering the lessons are the same, I'm sure that some of the graduates are planning things as I write. Any school, government funded or would be held responsible for atrocities. Terrorists tactics (this would not include UWSP since it is not part of the curriculum). It should be held responsible for teaching students to commit terrorist acts that the US government deeds atrocities and also for acts the US deems "necessary." It is important to realize that one person's freedom fighter is another person's terrorist. When graduates use their lessons to "promote diversity" through the use of violence, this too is terrorism.

I am not against soldiers. I was in a Navy program for four years and like Captain Ferrel, have some experience. This experience may have helped to fuel my fire since the program sang all the praises of the military but turned a blind eye to its wrong doings. It also discouraged questioning, which is essential to learning.

To clear up one of Captain Ferrel's misinformed statements, the Just Cause Legal Team did not fund the trip. The fourteen Stevens Pointers who attended the protest did so with the help of UWSP United Campus Ministry. The two of us who were arrested paid our own way back. The Legal Team goes to protests at which they think people will be arrested and helps them receive a fair trial because they want to (and it's their job).

I appreciate Captain Ferrel's concern about my "future education and employment prospects" and his concern about me getting in over my head after hearing "propaganda." However, that "propaganda" was acknowledged to be true by the mayor, city police, military police and Judge Haywood Turner of Columbus, Georgia as well as by congressmen Tom Barrett and Mark Green at the Wisconsin Economic Summit. I went on my own accord with the knowledge of what would happen and what it would mean for my future (which would be nothing in lieu of the Georgia First Offender Act, which would take the charges off my record, and the fact that I will be working for social justice: a non-violent civil disobedience charge would not negatively affect that). I decided this after extensive meeting and preparation time and personal questioning of my values. I did not rush into it uneducated.

Chris Talbot
UWSP Student
Be mindful of Polar Bird Day this holiday season!

By Barrett Steenrod  
FEATURES EDITOR

After Thanksgiving rolls around each year, everyone starts thinking about the holiday season and what they have to do to get ready for them. This can be an especially stressful time if you happen to be one of those people who is a Muslim college student withChristian parents from Africa and your significant other happens to be Jewish. Right there, you've got more stress than the human body was designed to handle during the month of December. You not only have to worry about fasting for Ramadan, but final exams are coming up, and you still have to be available to help celebrate Hanukkah with your girlfriend, not to mention having to think about the Christmas lists your parents gave you. Add the fasting that goes along with Kwanzaa and something is bound to give.

Well, I have more bad news for you. In your effort to try and be politically correct, you have missed several other important holidays since Thanksgiving, and if you don't get your act together, you might be destined to miss every other holiday between now and New Year's Day.

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‘Tis the season of the menorah by followers of Judaism, is in its sixth day and will continue on with the lighting of the remaining two candles and gift giving until Monday, Dec. 17. Other holidays slated for this day include Constitution Day in Nepal and Kingdom Day on the Dutch side of St. Martin's Island.

Saturday, December 15

The beginning of this week is chock full of things to get up and celebrate. Several countries' holidays are being celebrated on this day. Bahrain celebrates National Day, Bangladesh is geared up for Victory Day and Kazakhstan declared their Independence Day on this date. Down on the other side of the world, New Zealand celebrates the Canterbury Anniversary, while South Africa, in an effort to heal the wounds of apartheid, will be mindful of Reconciliation Day.

Sunday, December 6

Bhutan celebrates National Day and Hanukkah wraps up.

Tuesday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 12

Niger celebrates Republic Day on Tuesday while the nation of Angola is using Wednesday to celebrate Sepedi Day.

Thursday, December 20

Today marks a sacred day of celebration by the Penguins people of Antarctica. This day is known as Polar Bird Day, the day when everyone, absent of clothing, jumps into the frigid Antarctic water and goes fishing. This holy holiday should not be confused with Avoid Becoming Food for a Killer Whale Day, which is also celebrated at the same time as Polar Bird Day.

Friday, December 21

This holiday should not be confused with Avoid Becoming Food for a Killer Whale Day, which is also celebrated at the same time as Polar Bird Day.

Editor's note: There are actually no holidays anywhere in the world scheduled for December 20, so in honor of the

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Your Music Alternative

By Rachel Hildebrand

If you like the bands Slayer, Destruction and Feed evil, WIPM WWSP has the perfect show for you. Tune in every Sunday from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. and listen to the specialty show "Metal Thunder.

Ted Janyz, the fast-talking host of the show, has been the DJ for Metal Thunder for 11 of the 15 years that it has been on the air. He plays 30-40 songs during his show and prides himself on only playing up to three songs from the show the week before. He wants to make his program "an entirely different program each week.

Janyz also wants to create a place on the radio to hear stuff you can't hear anywhere else in Central Wisconsin. The types of metal music that he plays ranges from power metal, thrash metal like Overkill and Testament, progressive metal with synthesizers and keyboards, metal from bands like Metallica and underground metal music from Ozzy and Iron Maiden. Janyz gives away four to seven CDs each week of either current or new metal by different local metal callers.

If you want to contact Ted Janyz, you can email him at toddlerjanyz@weibv.net or call him during his show at 342-2699. Soon, he is hoping to have his show digitally recorded and put up on his website.
In the end of a semester once again, and everyone is worried about the big "F" word. Spending hours in the computer lab or meeting up with classmates to look over the 90 pages of notes you’ve taken over the course of the semester can be enough to make your hair stand on end. Finally, however, be prepared with less stress if you carefully plan out your approach, so I’ve comprised a list of helpful hints to help you through.

1. Plan a Time
When faced with a huge load of work and all the pressure that comes along with it, it is important to develop some sort of method to your madness. Personally, this step is invaluable to me (I describe myself as the embodiment of organized chaos). The key for me is writing out lists. If you can put onto paper all of the responsibilities swirling around in your head each day, you can ensure that they won’t slip away from you. You’ll just need to follow the list. That in itself takes a lot of extra preparation off. If you are not a list maker, try it anyway. Even if you lose your list, writing it down will help to cement all of the things you have to remember into your brain.

Avoid distractions
If you have a big exam or assignment that you have to work on, don’t fool yourself into believing that you can sit in a room full of friends and work on it. Sequestering yourself from distraction will always help you to concentrate more fully. The day before you study, you will be more efficient and most likely remember more, too. When you are alone and there is nothing around to disrupt you, it is easier to study. You won’t have as many moments where you think to yourself “I am never going to understand this” or “this is so stupid, I will never apply this information anywhere outside of this class.” Isolation will also motivate you to get everything done more quickly, so you can go back and relax with friends again.

Give yourself a break!
If you have been putting off a paper or studying, and in doing so have committed yourself to cramming or pulling an all-nighter, remember to take some breaks. It is a proven fact that the brain is able to retain more information if it is learned in small chunks, and if it is allowed time to rest between intense study sessions. If you have been studying for more than 30 minutes at a crack, your brain has passed the peak of its highest attention and will work more efficiently after a short break. I understand that taking a break every half hour if you are cramming is not possible, but keep in mind that you won’t be learning as much if you study continuously without breaks. Besides, a chance to stop for a bit and chat with friends or listen to some tunes will refresh you for when you return to the grindstone.

Take it one day at a time
If you feel absolutely overwhelmed and have no idea where to begin, start the next is as simple as that. If you further confuse your mind with a million other details that won’t even matter for a few more days, when they are through, start the next. It is as simple as that. If you are trying to accomplish and keep in mind that you the task you are trying to accomplish. Just get one thing done at a time.

Reward yourself
When you’ve finished a big task, take a little time to pat yourself on the back. After all the hard work and effort you have done, how can you expect professors to be impressed and proud of your achievement? If you don’t even take the time to recognize it yourself, School is hard work, and when you do something good you deserve some credit. Don’t slight yourself.

Accept your results and be content with your efforts
When all is said and done and you’ve received the results of a big assignment, don’t get too discouraged if the grade is not as high as you had hoped. If you put genuine effort into your work, you’ve done all you can do. The grade is a part of the past, and unless you can talk to your professor and work something out, there is nothing you can do to change it. If you are unsatisfied with a grade, turn your frustration into determination to learn from the experience. Use the opportunity of disappointment to motivate yourself in the future.

Remember, finals come but twice a year, and even though it seems like it will never end, it will. Once it is all over you will feel a sense of accomplishment and relief, and you’ll have a month to rest your brain from any organic chemistry or old English poetry that has been plaguing you this semester.

**UWSP students to deliver donations to Mexican village**

Three students will travel to an isolated village in Mexico this month to deliver donations of money and goods from UWSP students. Stephanie Perry, a senior sociology major, Sarah Bristol, a junior sociology major and Olivia Carabajal, a freshman business administration major, will visit the residents of Boquillas, Mexico, a small town across the Rio Grande from Big Bend National Park. They will take computers, educational supplies and warm clothing for the children of Boquillas who live in concrete brick homes without electricity. All of the donations must be hand carried to the village by volunteers.

Juan Olivas Ramirez, a dedicated teacher, instructs nearly 30 students in a one-room schoolhouse in Boquillas. Once students complete sixth grade, they have to leave home and travel more than 200 miles if they are to attend high school.

Members of the Sociology Club and the Stevens Point Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement (SALSA) are working with Dorothy DeBoer of the UWSP sociology faculty and Stu Whipple, a retired UWSP faculty member, to raise money and supplies. A raffle, drivers in local schools, donations boxes in residence halls and solicitations of local businesses are being held.

The three volunteers say they plan to host a program and reception when they return to show photos, talk about their experiences and explore future opportunities for students and faculty.

Anyone interested in donating may contact the UWSP Sociology Club, 450 CCC or contact DeBoer at 346-5069.

**Wolf study program offered at Treehaven**

Wolves and their ecology will be the topic of winter seminars at UWSP’s Treehaven field station in Tomahawk. Treehaven, an education and conference center of UWSP’s College of Natural Resources, will host “Introduction to Wolves” for a half day on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, and for a full day on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002. This seminar will allow wildlife enthusiasts to gain a basic understanding of wolf society.

The introductory course is groundwork for “Study of Wolves,” a weekend workshop that will be held on Jan. 25-27, Feb. 22-24 and March 15-17, 2002. Students will participate in an in-depth and comprehensive study of wolves, multimedia classroom study, exposure to wolf management field equipment, plaster cast techniques and a field trip into wolf territory.

University credit is available for an additional cost.

“Introduction to Wolves” costs $25 for the half day and $40 for the full day. “Study of Wolves” costs $105 for commuters and $155, including room and board.

Treehaven is located between Tomahawk and Rhinelander off County A. The facilities include conference rooms and classrooms, living centers for overnight lodging, a dining hall, library, nature store and trails for hiking or winter sports. For more information, contact Treehaven at (715) 453-4106 or jeverson@uwsp.edu.

If you see one of these students, please tell them THANKS! These Phonathon Callers raised over $130,000 during 10 weeks of calling this fall in support of UWSP’s 2001 Annual Fund Campaign! Gifts to the Annual Fund support important initiatives on campus, improving the quality of teaching and learning for all students.

The “Twelve Days of Christmas” deciphered

By Barett Steenrod

The “Twelve days of Christmas” is one of those famous holiday songs that can be heard from time to time during the holiday season. It is sung in school holiday pageants, it can be heard coming over the radio the closer we get to Dec. 25th and is a popular number with carolers.

But what does it mean? I have tossed around that thought every year about this time and have never been able to find an answer, let alone come to any sort of conclusion about when the twelve days of Christmas are.

For the curious, the questioning or for those Trivia buffs out there in this splendid winter wonderland of Stevens Point, look no further, for the meaning behind the Twelve Days of Christmas is as follows:

**On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...**

A partridge in a pear tree.
The partridge is Jesus Christ and the pear tree is representative of the kingdom of God.

**Two turtle doves.**
The two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testament in the Bible.

**Three French hens.**
The three French hens stand for the theological virtues of faith, love and hope.

**Four calling birds.**
These four calling birds signify the four gospels of the New Testament; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**Five golden rings.**
The golden rings in this verse of the song refer to the first five books of the Old Testament known as the Torah. These are the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

**Six geese a-laying.**
The six creation days of the Old Testament are referred to in this half way point of the song.

**Seven swans a-swimming.**
These swimming swans are synonymous with the spiritual gifts of prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading and compassion.

**Eight maids a-milking.**
The eight milking maids are representative of the eight declarations made from the Sermon on the Mount, otherwise known as Beatitudes. Those declarations are that the blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.

**Nine ladies dancing.**
For every lady dancing, there is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Those fruits are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**Ten lords a-leaping.**
The Ten Commandments are the ten leaping lords. Can you name them all?

(See end of article for answers.)

Eleven pipers piping.
There were twelve original disciples, however, only eleven remained faithful and did not disown Jesus. Can you name all eleven faithful disciples?

(See end of article for answers.)

Twelve drummers drumming.
The last verse of the song refers to the Apostle’s Creed, which is essentially the twelve statements of belief within the Christian faith.

(See end of article for answers.)

The reason for all the hidden meaning in this holiday song was to help those learn the basic foundations of the Christian faith during the last days of the Roman Empire when the early church was under considerable persecution.

The twelve days of Christmas start with Dec. 25 and continue on to Jan. 6, the day called Epiphany, which is widely regarded as the day the three wise men arrived to present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus.

From being a teaching tool of the early church, the song has stayed with us until the present day where it is sung out of custom more than meaning. Now the next time you hear the song, you’ll know the history and meaning behind the lyrics.

Answers to the 10th day of Christmas: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God’s name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet.

Answers to the 11th day of Christmas: 1) Simon Peter; 2) Andrew; 3) James; 4) John; 5) Philip; 6) Bartholomew; 7) Matthew; 8) Thomas; 9) James bar Alphaeus; 10) Simon the Zealot; 11) Judas bar James.

Answers to the 12th day of Christmas: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body and 12) life everlasting.

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The Pointers' young grapplers are starting to wear into their season, and the new wrestlers are starting to get their legs under them.

The UWSP wrestling team was back at it Tuesday evening when they took on the highly-ranked La Crosse Eagles in UWSP's Berg Gymnasium. Unfortunately the inexperienced Pointers were forced to go up against many veteran Eagle wrestlers, resulting in a lopsided 30-6 defeat.

The Pointers and La Crosse were the top two teams in the WIAC last season and the Eagles entered Tuesday's match ranked third in the NCAA Division III. The Pointers were ranked 17th in the country.

Two bright spots that stood out for the Pointers were sophomore 197-pounder Yan White, who took Eagles' junior Matt Morris the distance before vanquishing him 3-1, and promising 165-pound freshman Cody Koenig, who defeated 2000-2001 WIAC champion Nick Patenaude in a very close 3-2 decision.

Other solid performances for the Pointers included senior Joe Bavlnka, who dropped his 184-pound match in a 5-2 decision to highly-rated Eagles' senior Rob Rodriguez, and freshman Joel Burdick, who fell by the score of 4-3 to senior Eagles' captain Brady Cudd, an All-American performer a year ago. Rodriguez avenged an earlier defeat by Bavlnka at the Wisconsin Open.

With the loss, the Pointers dropped six spots to 23rd in the polls, while La Crosse stayed at third. The Pointers are now off until Friday, Jan. 4, when they will take on second-ranked Wartburg (IA) College in the Berg Gymnasium. The meet kicks off at 7:30 p.m.
Mens ballers take an extra quarter to end 2 game skid

Basketball team defeats La Crosse in overtime for their first conference win

By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

Big time players step up in big games. Josh Iselroth scored a career high 30 points and a team high seven reboudns, to lead the UW-Stevens Point mens basketball team to an 86-75 overtime victory over UW-La Crosse on Wednesday night.

Iselroth scored seven of his 30 points in overtime for their first conference win of the season. He was followed close by a 17-6 margin for the quarter. UWSP is now 1-2 in conference and 8-2 overall.

"The challenge now for Josh is to piece a couple of these games together," said Head Coach Jack Bennett. "I am just extremely proud of his (Iselroth) and the whole team's comeback."

It was a back-and-forth contest that saw no team get a lead greater than eight points during regulation play. UWSP had a slim lead of two points 38-36 at the half and managed to push it to eight midway through the second half. Then the triples started to fall. La Crosse made seven of their next eight three-point shots to grab a three-point lead with a minute left. But a Jason Kalsow lay-up and an Iselroth free throw tied up the game, and Casey Taggatz missed a jumper as time expired to force overtime.

Tamaris Relford, who played most of the second half in a double point guard line-up, had a career high 16 points, including four of five shooting from behind the arc. Kalsow was the only other Pointer reaching double figures, scoring 14 points on an economical five of seven shooting.

"We lost our leader in Kalonji (out 2-3 weeks with knee injury) and that hurts the psyche," said Bennett. "We just had to lay it on the line, this is one of the biggest gut check games that I have ever had as a coach and we came through."

Eddie Hebert led La Crosse on the evening, scoring 19 points. His first two points marked his 1,000th career point, marking just the 11th time in La Crosse history that a player has reached that mark.

UWSP had one other game for the week and it was a 72-61 loss to UW-Stout on Saturday. UWSP trailed by as many as 13 points in the second half, but they trimmed the lead to a single point with two minutes remaining in the contest. Unfortunately, UWSP could come no closer as a three-point play, and a steal sealed the game.

Freshman Nick Bennett had his best day as a Pointer, scoring a career high 20 points on a 9 for 13 shooting performance. Kalsow continued his solid year with a balanced scoring attack.

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Women's hoops put hurtin' on UW-La Crosse

By Andy Bloeser
SPORTS REPORTER

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Defense prevails in back-to-back Pointer wins

Skaters gain momentum before winter break
By Lucas Meyer
SPORTS REPORTER

The UWSP men's hockey team obtained the winning recipe for success this past weekend when the dawgs beat St. Olaf and Gustavus Adolphus 2-1 and 1-0, respectively. Ryan Scott and Bob Gould put on two impressive shows saving a total of 37 opposing shots.

"Our goalies put on strong performances. It's really great to see that," said Coach Joe Baldarotta. "When the rest of the team helps them out, it makes their job that much easier."

With the wins, Point gained momentum going into the break. "These two wins are big," said Baldarotta. "They brought us over the .500 mark before the Christmas break."

St. Olaf came to K.B. Willett Arena on Friday night in hopes of stealing a win from the Pointers. UWSP didn't let that happen. In a rather uneventful first period, not one shot made it to the back of the net. St. Olaf turned things around about halfway through the second period after Dana Quinn scored on a power play with help from two teammates. The Pointers scoring machines started their engines in the start of the third period. Joel Marshall kick-started the scoring attack, netting his second goal of the season and evening things up at one apiece. The puck didn't stop there. About half way through the last period, Randy Enders took advantage of the situation at hand when St. Olaf committed a holding penalty. On the power play, Enders set up Ryan Kirchhoff for the game topping 2-1 victory. UWSP's defensive strike didn't end Friday night. UWSP stabbed Gustavus Adolphus with a 1-0 shutout, the first since 1997. Pointer goalie Bob Gould stopped all 21 shots the Gusties provided him. The Pointers worked extra hard in practice prior to the two contest. "We made sure we could compete in the two games by working on defensive drills early in the week."

The notion of practice makes perfect holds true. The Pointers kept the Golden Gusties out of the net in all three periods Saturday night. Gustavus' goalie Dan Melde was the only bright side for their team, grabbing all seven of UWSP's shots in the first period, keeping the score 0-0.

With 4:12 left in the second period, Nick Glander somehow squeezed the puck through goalie Melde. Things looked promising for the Dawgs going into the third period up 1-0. Gustavus Adolphus had but one chance left in the last period when the clock stood at two seconds. In a face-off, they shot a bullet at Gould, but he seized the puck out of the air, concluding the game.

The Pointers (7-6-1) get a much-needed break with the rest of the month off. "This break is a perfect time for us to regroup and come back fresh and focused," said Baldarotta. UWSP returns to action Jan. 4 when they travel to St. Mary's (MN).

Pointer women keep unblemished record intact

Sankey continues scoring attack for hot Pointers
By Dan Mirman
SPORTS EDITOR

When a team plays only freshman and sophomores, that means it supposed to be a rebuilding year. Somebody forgot to tell that to the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey team as weekend victories over Lake Forest College improved their record to a spotless 10-0, 4-0 in conference. What is even scarier is that UWSP has not even been playing their best hockey on their way to an undefeated mark. Head Coach Brian Idalski felt his team was playing down to the opponents level heading into the weekend. But Point pulled out a close one on Saturday (3-1), and then pulled everything together to blow out Lake Forest on Sunday by a score of 7-2.

"We hadn't started well, nor have we put together three solid periods in a while," said Idalski. "So I thought it was definitely good to see our team do that on Saturday." UWSP wasted no time in putting the Foresters away Saturday. Nicole Sankey lead a four goal first period as she notch two-thirds of her hat-trick in the period. The Pointers then traded goals in the second period to take a commanding 5-1 lead into the final period. After an early Lake Forest goal to put the game away, Liz Gorgen tied a team record in the game with four assists as well. The Pointers outshot Lake Forest 23-1 in the first period in a domination effort, Diane Sawyer stopped 10 of 12 shots as she improved her record to 5-0 for the year.

"That game helped us because of the way we won, its nice to know that things are clicking," said Sawyer. "It's reassuring in goal to know that more than half your team is capable of scoring at any time."

Friday's contest was a much tougher game for UWSP as they won by only a 3-1 margin. Sankey, once again started the scoring for UWSP, scoring halfway through the first period for the only goal before the intermission. UWSP opened up the game a little adding two more goals, one by Jackie Schmitt and one by Gorgen. Point then held Lake Forest to one goal in the fourth for the conference victory. Shannon Kasperek marked the victory in goal, stopping 20 shots for her fifth victory of the year.

"In the first game we just didn't capitalize on our opportunities," said Idalski. "Now were looking forward to a challenge with Superior and it will be good to gauge where we're at."

UWSP will be hosting a show-down for first place this Friday and Saturday as they host UW-Superior, who also has a perfect conference record, tied for 5:35 p.m. and Saturday's contest will be at 2:35 p.m.
Sammons qualifies for Division III nationals in two events
By Craig Mandli
SPORTS EDITOR

In a final tune up before hopping a jet to Hawaii for their annual two-week training camp, the UWSP swimming team caught a bus to Wheaton, Ill. for the Wheaton Invitation-
als. Pitted against such Division II powers as Wheaton and UW-Milwaukee, the Pointers swam hard to garner a third-
place finish on the women's swimming and diving teams.

The Pointer men were led by a pair of first place finishes by senior Anthony "Tiny" Harris. The captain from St. Paul, Minn. captured the 200m butterfly title on Friday in 1:57.33 and followed that up with a victory in the 100m butterfly in 50.47 on Saturday. Harris was also part of the victorious 400m freestyle relay team, teaming with sophomore Erik Johnson, freshman Aaron Marshall and junior Thad Gunther to win in 3:01.73.

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Sammons automatically qualified in the 100m breast-
stroke in the preliminary round on Friday night with a time of 1:05.83 and then qualified in the 200m breaststroke in the final round on Saturday with a time of 2:23.31. Although Sam-
mons ended up finishing second in both events, she did set a meet record with her performance in the 100m event.

On the women's side, the 200m medley relay team of sophomore Aliisa Bartz, sopho-
more Erica Janssen, senior Amy Rockwell and junior Jen Randall earned a first place finish in 1:33.55.

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Four wolves killed during gun deer season

State and federal officials are investigating the illegal shooting of four wolves in Douglas, Price, Clark and Juneau counties during the 2001 deer hunting season. In Wisconsin wolves are on the state threatened species list and on the federal endangered species list.

One shooter has been arrested in connection with the shooting of the wolf in Price County.

In the other cases, $4,000 rewards have been posted for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for killing the wolves. The funds have been contributed by the Defenders of Wildlife Imperial Predator Reward Fund, Timber Wolf Alliance of Northland College, Ashland, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

"These illegal wolf killings are unfortunate on several levels," said Nina Fascione, director of carnivore conservation for the Defenders of Wildlife.

"Biologically, these unnatural deaths can significantly diminish human, inevitably resulting in more wolf deaths."

"As their population continues to grow, wolves will face more interaction with human beings, and it is important that there be strict laws in place to protect them."

Conservation wardens can be reached 24 hours a day by calling a toll-free number, 1-800-TIP-WDNR. In the Price County killing, State Conservation Warden Kendall Frederick, stationed in Phillips, arrested a 27-year-old man, the Saturday of the early Zone T hunting. The warden said the man had been hunting for deer and shot a wolf while deer hunting and stated that he did not realize it was a wolf.

He has been charged with the unintentional killing of a wolf. The citation has been filed with the Price County Court of Clerk.

In Douglas County Conservation Warden Lance Burns, stationed at Gordon, is investigating the death of a wolf found in Douglas County east of Solon Springs in the Shobog Lake pack area. The wolf was shot.

A third wolf, an adult male of the Pray/Noch Hanai pack, was found dead in southern Clark County. The wolf was initially captured and collared by DNR in September 1999. The shooting is being investigated by Conservation Warden Ron Nerva, stationed at Tomahawk, is investigating the death of a sixth wolf found in rural Lincoln County.

National Wildlife Health Center staff are scheduling a necropsy of the wolf, according to Dr. Kim Miller at the Lab. The wolf did not appear to have been shot. Eight wolves with radio collars were being monitored by DNR prior to the deer season in the Central Forest area between Black River Falls and Wisconsin Rapids; after the recent losses, five of those wolves remain on the air.

About 40 wolves operate in the area in eight or nine packs. An additional 210-plus wolves roam northern Wisconsin, and 31 of these have radio collars but only 29 re-mained on the air after deer season.

The Dead Creek pack and Suk Creney pack territories overlap southern portions of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, and the DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were about to start a research project on these two packs to determine habitat used by them. Death of the wolves caused loss of contact with those packs and may have disrupted this research project.

The gray or timber wolf is listed as a threatened species by the State of Wisconsin and federally listed as endangered. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently reviewing the status in Wisconsin and may reclassify to threatened later this year or early next year.

About 250 wolves were counted within Wisconsin in 2001, prior to birth of 100% Recycled Paper Legislation Passed by Wisconsin. It didn’t resemble a deer in very dark brown. Wolves, putting it simply, look like big dogs. Their color ranges from white to gray and sometimes even shades of black.

Plain and simple, it’s not smart to shoot at something if you’re not sure what you’re shooting.

The DNR article goes on to mention that the offender has been charged with the unintentional killing of a wolf, and rightfully so. I can only hope that justice is served in the end for Big Pack.

However, we’ve certainly come a long way since the days of bounty hunting. The same government that once paid people to kill, trap and shoot wolves at any time is now protecting them.

My interest in wolves began after I read Richard Thiel’s “The Timberwolf in Wisconsin. The Life and Death of a Majestic Predator.” Thiel has done most his work in good ol’ Wisconsin; he is coordinator of the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center in Bayfield and was chair of Wisconsin’s wolf recovery plan team in the late 1980s. He has practically pioneered the entire wolf-tracking process.

It is from his book that I learned about wolves, their historic misfortunes, how they’ve come back and why they’re not “big” and “bad.”

Many people are still clueless about wolves, their historic mistakes, how they’ve come back and why they’re not “big” and “bad.”

Wolves have needed our help in survival for a long time. Even though populations are starting to increase, we are not out of the clear. It’s important that the government remain strict on issues dealing with wolves and people who kill them. Without support from people and the government, wolves may never make it.
Skull mounts add natural décor at home
By Joe Shedd
Assistant Outdoors Editor

Sometimes in nature you run across things that are just too bizarre to explain. I was fortunate enough to encounter a certain freak of the natural world in November of 2000 while deer hunting.

The mystery of how the one-point buck I shot that year grew its unusual rack has defied all logical explanation. As a budding young taxidermist, I'm always in the middle of some project, from preserving fish bones to tanning deer hides. I usually mount my own deer antlers. You've seen the kind -- deer antlers mounted on a plaque and hung on a wall. (Perhaps you'll recall an article I wrote for The Pointer on mounting your own deer antlers in the spring of 1998. Probably not.)

However, hanging the antler from my one-pointer on the wall simply wouldn't adequately display how unusual the rack is. I decided to preserve the entire skull (this is often called a European mount.)

Preserving a deer skeleton is surprisingly easy, although it does require a bit of "messy" work.

The first step is to acquire a deer head. You don't have to be a hunter to acquire a deer head. You never know when you may encounter a dead deer in the wild. The only drawback is finding a skull. I simply move it around inside the brain, picking at whatever pieces I can dislodge, then remove them with the pilers. Eventually you will be able to pull out what remains of the brain in one large chunk. Other tissues need to be removed from inside the nasal area in the front of the skull. The bottom line is to remove all the tissue from the skull.

At this stage you have a clean skull and probably some disfigured roommates. The skull will be an off-white color. You can stop here if you wish, or you can bleach the skull to give it a bright white color.

To bleach the skull, submerge it in a solution made up of one-half cup of bleach per gallon of water. Allow the skull to soak for approximately eight hours. Remove and allow to dry. The skull will not change color until after it dries. If you're not satisfied with the way the skull looks, allow it to soak longer, but the longer you soak it, the more brittle it will get. I opted not to bleach the lower jaw so I could use it for a deer-aging model. I'm not sure if bleaching would eat away at the enamel of the teeth or whiten the dentine of the teeth (the analysis of which are used to determine age), but I didn't want to chance it.

After the skull dries, you're finished. Having a deer skull (or a skull from any animal) in your house may seem unusual, but it does provide a fascinating biological reference for those interested in animal biology and can add some natural décor to your room.

Joe Shedd has put many hours of work into the Pointer as former Editor-In-Chief and Assistant Outdoors Editor and is now leaving to concentrate on graduate school. Good luck Joe!

"There comes a time in every man's life when he knows it's time to move on. But I've said that before. Peace out."

-Joe Shedd, Assistant Outdoors Editor

Recycled paper legislation passed by SGA

Student Government Association (SGA) unanimously voted in favor of the 100% Post-Consumer Recycled Paper statute on Thursday, Dec. 6. The legislation was proposed by the UWSP student organization, Alliance for a Sustainable Earth (ASE) and sponsored by Student Senators Katherine Disterhaft, Andrew Bushard, Dana Chunness and Matt Filipak.

ASE member Katy Cosindine responded, "We're really proud that this passed because all of us did a lot of work to get this far. Hopefully, everyone else will be as supportive."

For every ton of 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper used, about 17 trees, 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 7,000 gallons of fresh water are saved, according to a study by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This paper helps preserve forests, conserves energy, saves landfill space, conserves water and reduces air and water pollution.

"If this statute is implemented, imagine what a lasting impact it would have on this campus and our environment!" said Carly Voight, ASE co-president.

"This is a great accomplishment not only for our environment but our local economy as well," stated Andrea Bawden, ASE secretary. Currently, UWSP buys its paper from International Paper, located in Memphis, Tenn. ASE would like to see the campus switch to 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper that is manufactured by Bades Paper, located in our state.

This statute will need to be passed by Faculty Senate and then ratified by the Chancellor before any changes can take place. "It was wonderful seeing SGA vote unanimously for 100% PCW Recycled Paper," Lindsay Heiser stated.

ASE would like to thank all the students and faculty that have been instrumental in the accomplishments of the project so far. Petitions have been gathered with 1,343 signatures, which amounts to 15% of the student body.

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Concert Update

Thursday, Dec. 13
Madison Greene—Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14
Brenda Weiler—Amherst Coffee Company—8:30 p.m.

Lisa Harvey—Mission Coffee House—8:30 p.m.

Northbound Train—The Keg—9:30 p.m.

Diggstown—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15
Ticklepenny Corner—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

The Help and Johnny Toymaker—Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.

The Hip To That Quintet—The Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.

Otis & The Alligators—The River City Diner—9:30 p.m.

Irresistible—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 17
Samoni—The Keg—9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
Open Mic hosted by MOON—Witz End—9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 19
The Stranger Project—The Keg—9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 20
The Hip To That Quintet—Mission Coffee House—8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21
Tommy Bentz—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

Jeffrey James & The Cleantones—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

Burnt Toast & Jam—Witz End—9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22
The Dumb Perfessers—Amherst Coffee Company—8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 26
The Help, a rock and roll quartet from Chicago; will be playing at The Mission Coffee House in Stevens Point on Saturday, Dec. 15. Formed in early 2000, the band has already completed their first full-length album, entitled, Either Way You’re Doomed. The CD is currently receiving airplay on Northwestern University’s station, WNUR. The Help was also featured on Local Anesthetic on Chicago’s own WXRT and on Q101. They continue to play at many of the finer rock establishments throughout the Midwest.

The bass player, Dixie Svacina, was born and raised in Wausau. Dixie went on to attend D.C. Everest High School in Schofield and UW-Stevens Point. The Help loves any opportunity to play for Dixie’s hometown fans.

Jeffrey James Wilson and The Beach Boys, The Help has many musical influences. Their most obvious influences are the Flaming Lips, Killdeer, 311 and Weezer. However, the band is dedicated strictly to their own art, rock and roll with soul.

The Help invites the public to come join them in their rock and roll celebration. The Mission Coffee House is located at 1319 Strong Ave. The opening band will be Johnny Toymaker and the doors will open at 8:30 p.m. More information can be found at www.thehelp.com.

Local musician coming home

Adema

By Luke Zancanaro

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Adema’s self-titled debut album is about as many as many of the other heavy rock bands that are popular around the country at this current time. Almost all of the songs incorporate a very fast and heavy lead and bass guitar. Combine that with the raspy and guttural voice of lead singer and front man Mark Chavez and you have Adema.

They are the latest heavy rock sensation to come out of the woodwork and like many of their predecessors (see Korn, System of a Down, Cold and The Drowning Pool). In fact, Chavez is the half brother of Korn lead singer Jonathan Davis and has said that Davis was his biggest influence.

The album is filled with a heavy pace and loud emotional lyrics. The screaming of the lyrics does get to be a bit much in some spots, but it is tolerable. The most popular and first single to come off of this album is “Giving In.” It has lived up to its type. It is a very catchy song that tends to stick in your head after you have heard it once. Along the same lines as the first single is “Close Friends.” Not as well known, but still catchy, it has a very rhythmic beat that flows well with the drums and lyrics. The song “Skin” caught my attention more than the others. It is slower and has a techno-like beat along with very meaningful lyrics.

The songs “Freaking Out” and “Drowning” have very fast beats and heavy guitars. These songs are good except for the loud, mad screaming in some parts.

With a few exceptions, much of this CD sounds the same. If you like the neo-heavy metal sound, this is yours; otherwise steer clear.
Would it be feasible for you to start a cult? If you do you will have my support 100%. I believe that with your superior power of persuasion and intelligence, along with my dedication we could take over the world. I have been thinking of someone to take us into the new millennium. Also, if you do start a cult you can refer to yourself as a church, then you wouldn't have to pay taxes. I am not kidding you on that last one, a friend of mine heard such a thing. If you don't want to start a cult with me, we can just stuff cotton swabs between our toes, drink milk, and watch Saved By The Bell, Simpsons and Cosby Show reruns.

Phil Kauth
A.K.A. (never mind, I am just known as Phil Kauth)

Man, all my life I've been getting burned by this sort of thing. 1981. In the second grade I found an Indian spearhead in my mom's garden and guaranteed my parents with questions until they told me to look it up in the encyclopedias. The next day I went to school, showed some of the other kids my sacrificial knife and asked if they wanted it to play tribes. They were indifferent at first, but after I explained that Tanatahan, the sun god, would be angry if they weren't given a sacrifice, they agreed that something needed to be done.

I then approached Alicia Matheson with the possibility of this. She was less than receptive, and told Ms. Otto, who took away my sacrificial knife and made me sit on the stairs for the rest of recess. My previously devoted followers all went on to play on the tire swings.

1986. Sixth grade. I try to form a cult centered around myself as the charismatic leader. Unfortunately, I have no charisma at this point in my life.

1990. I attempt to establish a splinter sect of Christianity that combined Lutheran and Taoist alchemy. Our first potluck was a disaster and the survivors agreed to go their separate ways.

1993. After reading Stranger in a Strange Land, I persuade a group of friends to form a group-marriage. However, in the third day of Utopia, the sight of me, shirtless, causes everyone to unanimously renounce the concept of communal love.

1996. I convince a new group of friends to form our own religion for tax purposes. However, everyone wants to be a High Priest. I explain that I'm already High Priest because it was my idea. Unable to refute this logic, they push me out a window and lock all the doors to the house. After standing in the rain for several hours while they point and laugh, I excommunicate them all.

1999. My girlfriend suggests that we start a "religion of love." I agree. She wants to be the High Priestess. I agree. I make a few helpful suggestions about temple prostitution and she breaks up with me.

But hey, despite the fact that I've had indifferent fail in the past. I'm willing to give it one more try. I'll be God, and you, Phil, can be my disciple. Go get us some followers so that they can spread my word among the masses. To help you in your holy quest, I've picked up your "I am not Pat Rothfuss" T-shirt at the Pointer office.

Pat Rothfuss has supplied T-shirts for all his fans who have written to pov@ptruthless.com since leaving Black Flag, but this is a Christmas tradition in the Holder household.

"7. "Who Kept The Sheep"? Johnny Cash- This isn't a great song necessarily, but listening to it can make you look for looking for. This is a Christmas tradition in the Holder household.

8. "Christmas Time For My Penis"- The Vandals- I know I already put a Vandals song on this list, but I couldn't resist on this one. Nice cells can make this sound quite serious... until the lyrics start. They sing about the things they'll do for their penises for Christmas, including lapdances, whores and porn.

9. "Twas The Night Before Xmas"- Henry Rollins- Rollins has pretty much been an everworn prick since leaving Black Flag, but this is a pretty original take on a regularly really boring Christmas standard.

10. "Christmas in Hollis"- Run DMC- Flashback to junior high in the late 1980s. Can you imagine a picture of me running around in laceless Adidas shoe singing, "It's Christmas time in Hollis, Queen's Mama's cooking chicken and colared greens."? You should be able to imagine it, it's all too real. The only good Christmas rap song.

So where you go, search out these songs online, or wherever you can, sit back with a glass full of holiday cheer and enjoy.
**Off the Mark**
by Mark Parisi

I believe in total disarray.

More money must be earmarked for health care.

**Jackie's Fridge**

Are you attracted to me?

Are you attracted to me?

This woman at work is attracted to me. All the stuff I have about me. She thinks I'm cute.

**Tonja Steele**

Merry Christmas.

Like totally!!

Spark it....

by Mel Rosenberg

**Happy Holidaze!!**

by BJ Hiorns

Merry Christmas!!

by Joey Hetzel

A dream come true.

You're totally gross!

You ate paste as a kid, didn't you?

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