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

Obey visits campus, urges students to take action

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

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

“I’ve never seen a bigger disconnect between ‘main street’ and Congress,” said the Democrat, who’s served Wisconsin since 1969.

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

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

The proposal for the next fiscal year originally included raising this amount by a total of $500 over the next five years, but the Bush Administration shot this down. Origination fees are rising, and while some student loan limits have increased, too few have the interest rates. The average student will spend an extra $6,000 during their college years on fees and tuition jumps.

The federal work study program isn’t getting a raise this next year due to a freeze in finances. This means that approximately 800,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students across the country are going to have a tough time finding part-time work on campus.

Programs such as the Perkins Loan program, the Presidential math and science scholar program and others are all taking hard hits next year as well. No additional funding was requested for any of these programs, and none was approved.

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

“Hopefully, we can stop this,” Christensen said. Congressman Obey insists very little can be done to stop H.R. 3010 from being passed without a great deal of public support.

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

He was hoping to encourage the students about their options. He asked that every student contact the White House in the immediate future regarding the need for a financial aid boost to their campus.

“If there’s a (large enough) number of people contact the Congress, they will stop to listen,” Obey said.

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

“Raise a little hell,” Obey told the students.

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

While and Obey’s speech wasn’t a narrow victory for the ordnance supporters, the legislation was met with some criticism.

“I think there was some concern that some folks on the council thought that this violated individuals rights (and) increased burden for people buying beer,” Robinson said.

“My response is I don’t think that’s a whole lot of extra work.”

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

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

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

“My biggest concern is that this will be used as a profiling mechanism,” he said. “I’ve been assured by enforcement it won’t.”

Robinson explained the
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UW-SP continues to challenge student drug use

UW-SP Press Release
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONS

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

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

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

Further, alcohol was used abusively by 60 percent of the students who drank alcohol, meaning five or more drinks by men and four or more drinks by women in less than two hours. "We are concerned about alcohol use which is, statistically speaking, more likely to result in negative consequences," said Hoffmann. "Men who consume five or more drinks and women who consume four or more drinks in a short period of time are much more likely to experience negative consequences than students who limit their drinks to no more than one drink an hour."

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

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

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

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

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

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

From Peg, pg. 1 was worried that the local police department would track, the sales of kegs and monitor the addresses to which the kegs were sold more closely than normal.

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

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

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

Fatal accidents:
- Dale McDowell, 66, of Danbury, was shot in the head during a deer drive in Marathon County.
- Sandra L. Marion, 46, of Cadott, was killed while participating in an eight-buoy deer drive along a creek bottom in Chippewa County.
- Robert Slattery, 14, of Green Bay, was shot in the head by a 12-year-old boy following a deer drive at a relative's farm in Marinette County. The younger boy thought the safety on his 12-gauge shotgun was on and the gun went off as the boy was changing positions to carry it.

Injury accidents:
- A 15-year-old girl shot herself in the leg in Grant County after she fell and her rifle discharged.
- A 20-year-old man shot himself in the hand while in a tree stand in Waushesa County. The man had his muzzleloader propped against the tree, turned when he heard something and bumped the gun. When the weapon fell, it discharged.
- A 46-year-old man was shot in the right leg during a deer drive in Marathon County. The 70-year-old shooter hit a buck with a shot from a .308-caliber rifle, the bullet went through the deer and traveled 751 feet before striking the victim.

Hmong culture celebration at UW-Stevens Point

UW-SP Press Release

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

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

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

Poet, writer and journalist Worra was born in Laos in January 1973 during the Laotian Secret War. He came to the United States in July 1973 as the adopted child of an American pilot working in Laos at the time. He is the most widely published Hmong/Lao American writer in the world. Worra has worked for Hmong National Development in Washington D.C., the Hmong Nationality Archives, Asian Media Access, the Hmong American Institute for Learning, the National Youth Leadership Council on service-learning, the Center for Hmong Studies, the Southeast Asian Resource Action Center and the Hmong Cultural Center. Worra currently resides in St. Paul with his family.

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Release our gnomes

Letters & Opinion

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

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

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

It is with this in mind that the Redcaps formally demand the re-release of our captured gnomes. You need not return them to the rooftops, but they should be placed in publicly visible areas, among the shrubbery they love so well. They should be free to come and go as they please.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

The Redcaps

Pat “Sweet” Rothfuss

With help from: The Mission Coffee House

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Pat-

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

Convince her of how totally, not-obssesed and emotionally fulfilled you are? Do you write letters to advertisers about columns trying to convince people what a soul-sucking bitch she is? Do you buy a dog, name it Jerry, and say, “Jerry? I was wondering how you can tell when you’re over her? Here’s how. When one of your friends says something like “Hey, did you know that Jenny just had a kid?” and you, confused, say, “Jenny who?” Then you know you’re over her. Now don’t get me wrong, it’s natural to have trouble letting go after a bad breakup. Emotional baggage is the norm. The danger comes in not admitting that you still have baggage. Should you do anything? No. If this other guy were a friend of yours, I’d say sure. Mention it to him. Once. Then perk your noise hole and go about minding your own business. But it sounds like you don’t know this guy at all. He’s just some Schmedrick you’ve seen walking around with her. So let it go. That’s the cool way to handle the situation. Walk away.

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

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

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

The first Monk replies,

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

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

The first monk says, while giving him a hug, “You know I love you. You’re always like this when your bloodsugar is low. Here, have a strawberry.”

And then a lion eats them. Or something, I think.

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

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Liz Bolton
Editor-in-Chief
Pay and play politics

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

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

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

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Laptops available for checkout at the campus library

Rebecca Buchanan

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

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

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

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

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

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

Students can save their work on the H: drive and then come to campus to print out whatever they need.

"There are 36 laptops right now that students can check out, but a total of 48 were purchased from Gateway with a budget of $80,000," said Andrews.

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

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

"The computers have a 12-hour battery, but also come with a plug-in cord and a carry case for protection," said Andrews. "They are stored in COWS (computers on wheels) which charge the battery and automatically uninstalls other software put to the computer and wipes it clean for the next user.

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

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

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

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

Vogel said, "The laptops see Laptops, pg 19"

Joe Pisciotto

"Tis the season to be at the Allen Center

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

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

The purpose is to encourage people to come in and destress," said Amanda Froom.

Group Fitness student manager at the Allen Center.

"We’re running some great programs [for that]."

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

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

Like to flex your creative muscles? On Wednesday the Allen Center will offer a knitting class from 6-9 p.m. Sign up for this program at Outdoor EdVentures by Dec. 2.

Relax on Thursday with holistic health yoga in Studio B from 6:30-8 p.m. or parafin hand dips in the Cardio Center from 6-7:15 a.m. Friday kicks off the grand finale that’ll last all weekend. Outdoor EdVentures will be offering free equipment rentals to students, and the Cardio Center will be open for work-outs throughout the weekend. They will also offer free group fitness classes Saturday and Sunday morning.

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

You can register for most of the programs at the Cardio Center, though some events do not require you to sign up. For more information on the programs call the Cardio Center front desk at 346-4711."
Xbox 360 craze at center of holiday shopping blitz

Jeff Peters
Science Reporter

The holiday shopping season kicked off last Friday with the usual frenzy of packed stores, long lines and people relying elbow-to-elbow for this year's must-have gifts; but after Thanksgiving sales may have been in for a surprise.

"My friend waited in line at both Wal-Marts, Toys 'R Us, and a few other stores, and couldn't get one," said Andy Rollins, a former Janesville resident who returned to the area hoping to get together with his friends and play the new system. The shortage left many people turning to the Internet and sites like eBay to find their own Xbox 360. By Tuesday morning there were already thousands of Xbox systems for sale with an auction ending every couple minutes.

Rollins will just have to wait for the buyers by making $1,000 or more for a day's worth of most of the sellers insist it's just good business. After hearing rumors that the system's launch numbers would be far short of the demand, eBay user "butlerca" decided to go ahead and buy the X. "Shelling out $399 wasn't all that bad of an idea because I knew I could get $200-$300 just like the PlayStation 2," said "butlerca." There was no doubt in my mind that the new system. The shortage left many people turning to the Internet and sites like eBay to find their own Xbox 360. By Tuesday morning there were already thousands of Xbox systems for sale with an auction ending every couple minutes.

"Ameuli," an eBay user from Alabama, stood in line with several of his friends to get their systems - all three of which they sold online. Since he endured the cold and long lines, "Ameuli" said that he feels he earned his own Xbox 360. By Tuesday morning there were already thousands of Xbox systems for sale with an auction ending every couple minutes.

Around 300,000 units will go on sale Dec. 2 in Europe, with the new system only to return home and have his father insist on selling the item in an online auction. The Xbox premium system, two games, and a few accessories cost less than $600. "Edboys" sold it on eBay for $2,000.

"They always sell at a profit. The push to spread the console throughout the United States, Europe and Japan almost simultaneously may leave some people empty-handed come Christmas. Microsoft is the first to come out with the next generation of video game systems, and with both Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Revolution set to release in 2006, the video game fervor isn't going to end anytime soon. Microsoft has said that it plans to sell 10 million Xbox 360 systems by the end of 2006. With time there should be enough for everyone.

Until then, people like Rollins will just have to wait for the stores to restock their shelves. He already owns several games and a couple controllers. "All I need is a system," he joked.

Reproductive Health
Myths of the Week

Carey Moore
UW-SP Health Services Peer Educator

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

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

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

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

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

Truth: The word virgin comes from the Greek and Latin words for androgynous, a person who is whole unto themselves. Merriam-Webster defines virgin as someone who has never had sexual intercourse. Ultimately, no one can make this decision for you; you will need to determine what your own values are when it comes to sexuality. It is important to note that when it comes to vaginal, anal or oral sex you are potentially at risk for contracting STIs. Please practice "safer sex" and remember, especially in December, giftwrap your love.
Take 127 singers, 79 instruments (violins to string basses, trumpets to tubas) three choirs and one conductor and what do you get...a night of music put on by UW-SP's own music department that will not soon be forgotten. Under the direction of Professor Lucinda Thayer, UW-SP's Choral Union, Concert Choir and Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. Patrick Miles, performed the famous Carl Orff (1895-1982) composition "Carmina Burana."

Carmina Burana is an exceptionally flashy composition which calls for booming vocals and intricate orchestral work.

"Carmina Burana" was composed in 1937 and is one of the most famous compositions which came out of Nazi Germany. It is an assemblage of over a thousand texts found in a manuscript at the Bavarian Abbey of Benediktbeuren. It is believed that these poems were written by monks between 1220-50. They are all poetic musings of the life, love, eating, drinking and the ever-changing fortune of defrocked priests and goliards of the Middle Ages. It is sung in Latin and Middle High German.

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

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

The orchestra was certainly something to behold. They produced an astounding and powerful sound that at times overpowered the choir, especially in the opening and closing movements "O Fortuna."

The percussion in particular produced a very powerful and effective sound which added to the over all quality of the performance.

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

Brack did an exceptional job on the aria, "Olim lacus colubris," very rarely done on account of its difficulty. His performance was so theatrical and entertaining that the audience couldn't help but laugh as he described his predicament of being a sinner about to be roasted for dinner.

Miss had quite a challenge ahead of him with the most solo movements in the piece, and not easy ones at that. But his vocal color was very effective and appropriate in each movement.

And Bender gave us such rich tones in "In trutina" and brought the audience to the edge of their seats as she soared into an impossibly high tessitura in "Dulcis sine." This was a performance which will go down as one of UW-SP's greater accomplishments.

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

A musical becomes a movie: Sara Suchy ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

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

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

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

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

"Carmina Burana" performers fill Michelson's stage
Books of clay and wood with hidden meanings
Wisconsin artists in the Carlsten Gallery

Amanda Telischak
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

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

The display, which ran Oct. 23-Nov. 23, featured books created with materials ranging from carved wood and leather to plastic and airbrushed paper. Artists whose works were displayed in the exhibit came from all areas of Wisconsin and included Stevens Point natives, as well as UW-SP Professors.

Heft said, "The exhibition is a memorial to the late William Bunce," former Kohler Art Library Director at UW-Madison. Bunce’s main goal was "to build a premier university art library in which no topic is, in some degree, unresearchable and where inspiration as well as information was a daily fare."

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

Some of the books from Bunce’s original collection were identified by his longtime partner, Gordon Morey and began the Carlsten Art Gallery’s book collection. Touring the gallery, Heft spotted one of the exhibits of the many works of art that are "so amazingly different and unique to their artist, the exhibition displays how differently books are interpreted. "Some of the pictures have the same shapes, and have some text," said Heft. "There are also printed books the way Gutenberg did [them]."

Heft also spoke of wood engraving books which are "very difficult to make, because they are made from the ends of pieces of wood."

Some certainly unconventional books were displayed in the gallery. One thought-provoking book displayed along two walls was an untitled work by African-American artist Paul Kennedy. The artwork consists of nearly identical pieces of paper lined up and reading, "Children Murdered in Chicago-land in 1964."

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

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

Instead of working together, the group turns on each other. One fellow’s head is smashed with a stuffed mace, another burned to death in an oven, and Amanda is thrown into a large pit filled with syringes: score one for the cringe factor. Instead of going for a winning psychological angle this time, the story tries—unsuccessfully—to sell Matthews’ concern for his son as legitimate desperation.

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

Now, through a series of hallways and trapdoors, he finds himself in a large soiled bathroom—the same room, in fact, that "Saw" took place in. Out of nowhere, a masked figure knocks him cold, and when he comes to, he becomes one of the Jigsaw’s victims. However, instead of being on the voice on the tape recorder, this old man’s score one is different—Jigsaw has an apprentice: it is Amanda who tells him of his fate.

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

"Saw 2" fails where its predecessor succeeded

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

Detective Matthews (Donnie Walberg) and his boss, Kerry (world’s worst actress nominee Dina Meyers) investigate the murder of an unfortunate fellow who’s been snipped inside of a death trap.

They realize this must be the work of Jigsaw.

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

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

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

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

Andy Niemeyer with his 10-point Buck

Photo by Andy Niemeyer

Being impatient results in a successful hunt

Andy Niemeyer
OUTDOOR REPORTER

On Sunday, Nov. 20, this buck was shot in Southwestern Wisconsin in the cold, snowy, windy conditions Mother Nature spits out at this time of year and miss family, friends, turkey and a chance to get a crack at da thirdy pointer? There must be a damn good reason...

For the second year, I led a band of brave Pointers on an adventure to the Superior Hiking Trail, located in the northeast portion of Minnesota. This year, I was assisted by Lucas Scharmer, trip leader and one with the Minnesota wilderness. Our plan was to back-pack 46 miles in 3½ days time. That is where our adventure began...

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

Wednesday, Nov. 23: Blizzard conditions force us off the roads near Hurley, Wis., approximating half way to our Minnesota destination. We camped at Lake Superior County Park, on the shores of Gitchee Gumee, in the midst of 40 mph winds that increased to 60+ mph as the night progressed. All six people in a tent bowed heavily in the strong winds. Extra tie-downs were needed in a 20 degree higher temperature in the tent. To stay dry is to stay warm and to keep snow from building up around the outside of the tent, where the fly meets the tent body to allow for proper ventilation. This will assist in keeping everything inside the tent dry and from being damp or covered in ice. However, it will also equalize the temperature inside and outside the tent, whereas closing all vents could result in a 20 degree higher temperature in the tent. To stay dry is to stay warm and to stay warm is to stay happy. I recommend staying dry over warmer temperatures inside the tent, which in winter will cause cold, wet conditions to follow. Wet gear will only result in a loss of R-value (insulatory value), leading to frostbite, hypothermia, unenjoyable experiences, etc., not to mention a heavier sleeping bag and clothes. Stop by Outdoor EdVentures to learn more about this trick, along with many other tips and techniques to improve your outdoor experiences.

Hilary Bulger
THE POINTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Richland Center. Along the way, we stopped at Pier Park in Rockbridge to stretch and check out the unique rock formations. Pier Park contains a natural rock bridge that the west branch of the Pine River eroded out of a long stretch of sandstone. The area itself is quite unique as the landscape was carved by ancient rivers wearing down the lime and sandstone, which created large sandbars of stone. The highway travels down an old river channel and offers a spectacular view of some of Wisconsin’s ancient history.

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

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

As we moved deeper into the cave we noticed that the light from outside of it gradually disappeared, forcing us to rely completely on our flashlights and headlamps to guide us. One cool space to move through is the birth canal, a short, small hole that connects one large room to another. Passage through the canal seems tight but everyone slid through without any trouble. By this time, walking was not feasible and crawling was the preferred method of locomotion. Thankfully, we taped rags to our knees for seating rude to chew with our mouths open. Although it was a little crazy to get up at eight in the morning and crawl into a dark, damp, dirty cave for fun, the group was actually very calm and comfortable in the cave.

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

Another highlight was the light show we put on. The spelunkers experienced a phenomenon called tubuloluminescence, in which we chewed on wintergreen Lifesavers with our mouths open. Although it sounds rude to chew with Peter Davy shot a 6-Point buck near Iola, WI

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

Gun-hunting in review

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

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

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

After three games, the men are 3-1. Solid wins against Cardinal Stritch and Ripon were only to be succeeded by a loss to Lakeland College. This game marked the Pointers’ first non-conference loss since 1999 - a 45 game winning streak.

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

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

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

Jessie Suter opened the scoring for the Pointers, assisted by Jackie Drews and Lankey. Lankey scored the second goal of the first frame, assisted by Drews. Superior pulled it within one in the second period, but Point responded with a goal from Drews, assisted by Jenna Daggit and Kim Lunneborg.

Superior again closed the gap in the third period, but

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

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

Lankey, after scoring three goals and assisting on a fourth in the series, was named NCHA Women’s Player of the Week. The sophomore is one of the team’s assistant captains and currently the leading scorer with four goals and two assists.

Lankey was an important offensive factor for the Pointers last year with 18 points as a freshman.

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

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

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

Russel Law picked a perfect time for his first career goal, scoring with 25 seconds left to give UW-Stevens Point a thrilling 2-1 men’s hockey win over St. Norbert last night for his first career goal, scoring with 23 seconds left to give UW-Stevens Point 4 in its last 29 games against a team ranked third in the country, having beaten the Green Knights since 2001, snapping the Green Knights’ 29-game unbeaten streak against conference opponents.

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

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

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

The purpose of this list is twofold. First, the list can be used by high school football coaches everywhere. Some films are excellent displays of sports on the big screen, but fall just short of making the list. Here are the honorable mention award recipients: "Varsity Blues," "The Longest Yard (1974)," "Eight Men Out," "Fever Pitch," "A League of Their Own," "The Mighty Ducks," "The Waterboy" and "The Sandlot.

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

15. "Rudy" - 1993 - Rated PG

A true story of an underdog in many aspects of life, "Rudy" is the tale of Daniel E. "Rudy" Ruettiger. Always told that he was too small to play college football and not smart enough to even get into school, he defied all odds. If getting accepted into Notre Dame wasn’t difficult enough, he used hard work and determination to make his way onto the football team. An inspirational film that is used by high school football programs and is very convincing as someone who is on the coaching hot seat. Halle Berry also shows up in this film as a Jeopardy!-obsessed girl who tutoring a janitor who is caught in a love triangle with two of the running backs on the team.


Before the boom of televised poker, "Rounders" brought the game of Texas Hold’em to the mainstream. Some may argue that poker isn’t a sport, but since ESPN prominently broadcasts the World Series of Poker, it falls into the category. Quality acting from talent such as Matt Damon, Edward Norton, John Malkovich and Martin Landau aids this film about two old friends who need to win big and win fast to avoid losing their heads to money-hungry loan sharks. "Rounders" stays true to the game of poker and the card-playing sequences lead to edge-of-your-seat tension. (Woody Harrelson) is good at the sport. Harrison and Wesley Snipes hook up to out-hustle the street ballers in Los Angeles.

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


One scene vaults this film to the 12th spot on the list: Bob Barker engaging in fistsfights with lead man Adam Sandler. An all-around solid effort from the Saturday Night Live cast. Comedy almost always uses academic misconduct, injury, alcoholism and under-achieving athletes. James Caan stars as the team’s head coach who has to deal with all the problems facing the program and is very convincing as someone who is on the coaching hot seat. Halle Berry also shows up in this film as a tutor who is caught in a love triangle with two of the running backs on the team.

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

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

Crocker's own compositions have been performed worldwide and she has received ASCAP awards for concert music since 1986. She is also a member of the author of a choral textbook series for grades six through 12.

Opening weekend goes awry

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

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ROTc cadets gather at Fort McCoy for fall field training

MAJ Gary Thompson

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

On the weekend of Nov. 4 - 6, students from universities across the state, including UW - Oshkosh, UW - Green Bay, St. Norbert’s, Ripon, UW - Stout, and UW - SP attended a fall leadership lab at Fort McCoy. This was the first time each of the university’s Army ROTC programs have planned and held a joint training exercise. Students currently enrolled in the Military Science 100 and 200 level classes started their weekend on the Field Leadership Reaction Course, an event that tests a group’s ability to solve problems and overcome obstacles. They then suited up in football helmets, catcher’s vests and hockey gloves for Pugil Stick training, a modern version of the ancient martial art of the “quarterstaff.”

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

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

One student in MSL 101, Andrew Parker, commented, “My favorite part of this weekend was land navigation. I was able to go out without an upper-classman for the first time and find my points on my own.”

Students also got a glimpse of army life. They slept in the barracks, learned to properly make a bed military fashion, practiced military customs and courtesies, and pulled watch duties throughout the night. Students also ate rations both in the field (MRE’s) and at the dining facility on post. One person, Emily Urban, currently enrolled in MSL 301, said, “The Dining Facility had really good food, and I even had the opportunity to eat with army officers.” Students found army life to be more challenging than they thought, but still fun.

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

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

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

“Hey! Where’re you going?”

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

“Mas tequila” he shouted. Bill returned quickly with fresh glasses, poured two shots and irritably collected the money.

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

The view from the top, overlooking the Colorado Flats.

The view from each new level was amazing, to say the least. It’s enough to take what little breath I had. I remembered thinking that it can’t take too long to climb, considering it didn’t look high from the ground. Two hours later I realized just how wrong I was. But the view and emotion I encountered was worth the struggle. I can’t wait to do it again. It’s definitely an experience worth having under your belt.

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

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

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

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

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have been tested at a conference in River Falls and at the local ice cream shop. "We’ll see how that goes, and then we’ll make a decision," said Vogel.

The checkout system at the library tracks all the laptops and parts checked out.

The circulation staff has decided to move the laptops into the library bar-coding system went very smoothly. The circulation staff has a big help with this process. Vogel said the laptops will be available to students year-round including Christmas and summer breaks.

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

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This movie was shelved several times before its release because of its violence and gore. However, if you made it through "Cabin Fever" in one piece, you know what was coming.

I was so confused I had to watch this movie twice. There are still a lot of unanswered questions at the end of this movie, and so "Saw III" begins production next year. This was the worst attempt I’ve ever made at watching a movie out of Popp’s cave with smiling, filthy faces.

Don’t miss out on another opportunity like this. Stop by Outdoor Ed Ventures for more information. The program has been overwhelmingly popular," said Andrews. "The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, all the laptops were checked out. If the demand continues this new service may change computer technology on campus completely."

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What happened was the electronics in the candies were regimented as our teeth mashed down on the candy, creating static electricity. The sparks we saw were the energy released as the bonds were broken and reformed.

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

We are currently signing leases for summer and the 2006-2007 school year.

"So far the student response has been overwhelmingly positive," said Andrews. "The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, all the laptops were checked out. If the demand continues, we will be able to increase the number of laptops for students to use in the future."

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

from Popps, page 11

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