Times program threatened by lack of funds

"...Students shall have the primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services, and interests."

WI State Statute 36.09 (5)

Students taking advantage of international programs

According to a recent report released by the Institute for International Education (IIE), participation in the study abroad program at UW-SP again stands among the highest in the country.

During the 2003-04 academic year, UW-SP ranked 18th in the country for sending 357 students to pursue educational opportunities outside of the country.

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difficulty of reporting for all of this money, there’s little doubt that all these fees funds are accounted for. But according to the Fiscal Year 2005 reports, funding for student services such as the Readership Program wouldn’t be so difficult if the finance committee would better plan and tighten

leashes on various sports organizations.

“Only one auditor,” said Christine Cherney from the Internal Audit Department.

Audits are performed on organizations considered to be higher risk, which includes organizations that regularly take in money, such as the Brewhaus and the Bookstore.

“So far, this year, the Finance Committee hasn’t been audited,” Cherney said.

Regardless, come next May, over a dozen history, communication, sociology, political science, and other classes may have to stop incorporating “The New York Times” into their curricula. But the university says it is doing what it can to prevent that from happening.

“We’re working on ways by which we might continue to have ‘The New York Times’ on campus,” said Chancellor Linda Bunnell.

Alumna to address UW-SP December graduates

Press Release
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and COMMUNICATIONS

An alumna of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point who is inter- im dean of students at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs will address graduates and their families at UW-SP’s mid-year commencement ceremonies on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Tamara (Butts) Moore, a 1992 alumna of UW-SP, will address 571 midyear gradu- ates in the Quandt Fieldhouse in two ceremonies. Associate and baccalaureate degrees in the College of Letters and Science will be awarded at a 10 a.m. ceremony and master’s and baccalaureate degrees in the College of Professional Studies, College of Fine Arts and Communication and the College of Natural Resources will be presented in a 1 p.m. ceremony.

The program will open with the national anthem sung by Kathryn Miller of Viola, a music major who also will lead the singing of the alma mater. UW-SP’s ROTC color guard will present the flags and University Marshal Linda Bunnell will introduce the speakers and give the charge to the graduates. Deans for their respective colleges will assist the chancellor in the presentation of diplomas.

Cindy Polzin, a 2001 UW-SP graduate, will give the charge to alumni. Music will be provided by the UW-SP Commencement Band, con- ducted by Music Professor Scott Teeple. Professors Dan Dieterich, Bob Bell, Patricia Holland and Nerissa Nelson will introduce each candidate for graduation.

A native of Jefferson, Moore majored in busi- ness administration while at UW-SP and earned several honors, including the presti- gious Albertson Medallion and Chancellor’s Leadership Award upon her gradu- ation. She served as president of the Student Government Association, was the two-time recipient of the University Leadership Award and was named the Distinguished Continuing Student in Business Administration, Lee Sherman Dreyfus Outstanding Junior and Student Government Senator of the Year. She also won scholarships from the Division of Communication and the Alumni Association.

Moore has worked at the University and Chancellor Linda Bunnell at Colorado Springs since 1998, where she recently completed a master’s degree in public administration.

seen an increase of 90 percent as a place for desti- nation among American stu- dents.

“China has become so popular because it is in the news nearly every day,” Staszak said. “It is one of our biggest trading partners and is quickly becoming a major world economic, agricultur- al, and military power.

Students who choose to study there now will witness history in the making and influence the Chinese view of America.

Staszak also complimented the citizens of China.

“I found the Chinese people to be some of the most warm, outgoing and hospitable people I’ve met in my travels throughout the world,” he said. “They are very interested in Americans, and in my experience, have a very positive view of our country and the possibilities to build new friendships and partnerships.”

Other UW-system schools in the Open Doors report were UW-Eau Claire, ranked 10th with 452 stu- dents, and UW-Madison, which ranked eighth in the nation among doctoral institu- tions with 1,609 study abroad students.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide

By: Pat "muliebritous" Rothfuss
With help from: The Mission Coffee House
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So while I was in the UC shamelessly pimping the College Survival Guide book, (for sale now at the UC bookstore) I saw a student group was having a date auction as a fundraiser. You bid on people, and the winner gets a date. It's like slavery, but sexier.

My first thought was that I'd never seen a date auction before, and if it'd be fun to check it out. Pure curiosity.

Then I thought: since I'll be there anyway I might as well bid on a cute girl, if I happen to see one that catches my eye. Y'know, just to help the Whatever Club raise some much-needed funds. I'm all about helping out campus groups.

Then I thought about my girlfriend and the industrial strength can of whoop-ass she keeps around for situations like this.

Then I thought: I'll just buy her a date too. That way she can't be jealous. But then I started to worry.

"dirty" or maybe lonely, or maybe just plain self-involved. I am also concerned that someone may find the videotape or I may not record over it entirely and when my parents watch it (it's their tape) they may get a small clip of me getting down with myself.

So, do I enjoy my opportunity to create an educational film, or pass on the idea and keep it private?

Organically Confused

Witness my most awesome letter in years. Not since "snake with a stapler" or "How do I get a beard daddy?" have I received a letter so full of potential. I can think of a dozen ways to answer this, a hundred, all of them funny...

So I'll answer this letter next week, after some careful consideration. I get a letter like this only once in a blue moon, and I don't want to waste it.

If any of you want to offer OC some advice, send it in to proth@wsunix.wsu.edu. We'll all help answer this question together, like a family. A big, weird, pervy TMI family.

On Tuesday, Dec 13th Pat Rothfuss will be at the Mission Coffee House, reading from his newly published anthology: "Your Illustrated, Amnotted, College Survival Guide." He will also be selling and signing copies of the book.

Saturday at the Mission 8 p.m.
- Green Tea Celtic music, hippie chicks, coffee... everything you need to make your weekend complete. I'll be there, and so will you if you have half a brain in your head...

It's Advent.
Time to prepare the way of the Lord.
We can help.

CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE
5 PM Saturday; 10:15 AM, 6 PM Sunday
St. Joseph Convent Chapel (1300 Maria Drive, just west of County Market)
Advent Prayer: 7 PM Monday, Newman Center Chapel
Late-Night Mass: 9 PM Wednesday, Newman Center Chapel
Holy Day Mass: 9 PM Dec. 7, 6 PM Dec. 8, Newman Center Chapel
Reconciliation: 6:30 PM Dec. 14, Convent Chapel

Newman is the Roman Catholic Parish at UW-Stevens Point

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Letter to the Editor

Searching for Old Toby

Old Toby is missing! Old Toby is Missing! Help! Help! Help! Old Toby is missing! Do you know where Old Toby is? Or better yet, do you know where Old Toby is?

Old Toby is a kitty. But not any old kitty, a special many friends. His day was finally over and Old Toby could not smell her way home. The search has been going on for over a week now and will not cease until she is found. Until then we can only hope and pray that she knows that she is missed and loved.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Old Toby please call Ross at 715-342-8831.

Robin Lee
UW-SP Student

Correction:
In last week's paper a photo taken for the article entitled, "Carmina Burana" takes Michelle Hall by storm, was falsely attributed to Dan Schmidt. The photo was taken by Nicholas Kees.

Survey Results for the International Programs Office

A Potential New Program
Semester Abroad in CHINA

Beginning in the fall of 2006 the International Programs Office intends to offer a NEW Semester Abroad Program in China.

There are many reasons to study in China with UWSP. China is on the move, and those with experience in the world's most populous country will be in on the ground floor. Enhance your resume as you prepare for the future business and academic communities which will DEMAND Americans with first-hand experience in this amazing country, China. Classes will be taken at a university in Chengdu or Shanghai and an entry tour will be arranged in Beijing.

COST: approx. 37500-60000 (tentative and based on 15 participants) This includes airfare tuition, entry and exit tours, lodging, most meals, receptions, mandated UW-System health insurance and more!

COURSES: A wide variety of classes that should feature Chinese Literature, Law, Philosophy, Art, History and Language will be offered. Students will take 15 UWSP credits.

Your Financial Aid applies!

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Professor offers thanks and praise

Dear Editor,

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I also congratulate you on your music coverage.

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Rothfuss may seem like the average college student, and maybe that's just because he's never really grown out of it. When he first came to UW-SP, he was a paper science major, but after realizing he really knew nothing about paper science, he quickly dropped that major and started taking classes that just interested him. After nine years as an undergrad, and then getting a job as a lecturer, he is as much a part of the campus as Stevie Pointer himself.

As part of his involvement with UW-SP, he started writing a fake horoscope for "The Pointer." After being an instant success, he continued to write for a year and a half but then left and started his own paper, "The Didactic."

"Your College Survival Guide," first appeared as a skit in a radio comedy show on the UW-SP campus radio station, WWSP, called "Duck Juice." Then in 1999 he was asked to do an April Fools column for "The Pointer," and started to write the column as it is presently known.

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The most controversy came after the 2004 presidential election when Rothfuss' article angered the College Republican student group. Rothfuss took many blows for that article referencing the Republican Party, and says it's the only story he's ever been bitter about.

However, he believes controversy is inevitable when dealing with satire. His column is based almost entirely on his satirical nature, and therefore is destined to bring trouble.

"Everybody gets upset sooner or later. I make fun of football players, and you laugh. I make fun of Philosophy majors, and you laugh. Then I make fun of Buddhists but you're a Buddhist, so you get pissed off," he said.

Aside from the controversy, his column is also filled with caffeine and/or alcohol allusions and references to the column's current sponsor: The Mission Coffee House.

"The column is me," Rothfuss said. "The Mission is the type of place that can help students get through college. "Coffee and a place to hang out - that's college survival," he said. "I could get a lot more money advertising bars, but that's not a good way to survive."

After writing the column for seven years, he has realized that even the fifth year seniors haven't had a chance to read all of his articles, so this Christmas his collection of columns, in a book form, is going on sale. Included in the book is a behind-the-scenes look at how each of his first four years of the "College Survival Guide" came together.

He's also in the process of having his first novel published, a fantasy trilogy which he describes as "a mix between 'The Princess Bride' and 'The Crow.'" It has been in the works for 10 years. He describes it as his baby. The first novel in the trilogy can be expected in March 2007.

Aside from his advice on college survival, that may continue on just as long, if not longer, than the time Pat actually spent in college; and for his avid fans, that's a good thing.

Rothfuss's book is priced at $16.95 and will be for sale at the UC Bookstore. There will also be a reading, signing and selling of the book at the Mission Coffee House on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Whose hubris? The many uses of a saint

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Tuesday I was sitting in biology lab, pagng through "The New York Times," when I stumbled across Nicholas D. Kristof's latest op-ed piece, "The Hubris of the Humanities," in which he attributes the current debate over evolution and intelligent design to the American public's "profound hypocrisy about science and math."

Most of us are well-aware of how deficient much of America is in scientific understanding. Or are we?

Here's a summary of the astonishing statistics Kristof cites: Only about half of Americans know that humans and dinosaurs didn't cohabit.

Only 40 percent believe in evolution, compared to 80 percent in other industrialized nations (of 34 countries, only Turkey has less support). One in four families revolves around the Earth, while 20 percent believe the Earth goes around the sun each day. And only 13 percent even know what a molecule is.

May be these statistics should be multiplied. In a nation in which our game show heroes are shows with themes such as "Who's the Hubris?" and "The Amazing Race," is it any surprise that people don't know who the United States' most famous citizen was?

Only 5 percent of Americans believe in evolution. Who's to blame?

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If you want to know how Saint Nick became Santa Claus, thank Washington Irving and Coca-Cola.

On the morning of Dec. 6, children all over the world awoke to dive into their stockings and see if St. Nicholas visited their home the night before. Good little girls and boys would traditionally find treats, toys, candy and toys. naughty boys and girls got nothing but a lump of coal.

But who is this elusive origi-

Natalia Saint Claus? Nicholas was born in third-century Asia Minor. His wealthy parents raised him as a devout Christian, and when they died in an epide-

emic, Nicholas followed the words of Jesus, selling all of his family's property and giv-

ing all of his inheritance to the needy. Some stories even attribute him to saving a poor neighborhood family who had no money to give for their three daughters' dowries. To prevent the girls from being turned to the streets as prosti-

utes, Nicholas snuck into their home in the middle of the night and left large sums of gold coins by the hearth.

He was named the Bishop of Myra while still quite young, and had wide reputation for his love of children, willing-


niness to do anything for those in need, and concern for sail-

ors. He would later be named the patron saint of sailors.

The Roman emperor Diocletian was very cruel towards Christians of the day, imprisoning many priests, bishops and layper-

sors. Nicholas being among them for a short time. The prisons were so overcrowded that little room was left for the real criminals of the day, who ran free on the streets.

The already poverty stricken society plummeted even fur-

ther into despair from crime, and by the time Nicholas was released from prison, the streets were filled with plenty of poor children for Nicholas to help before he died on Dec. 6, 343 A.D.

While the celebration of Santa Claus is tradition-

ally a religious day, many of European descent celebrate it as a cultural holiday.

Vikas and Spaniards who came to the New World by ship named their first ports after Nicholas. Yet, during the Reformation, the Protestants tried to stamp out traditions of the holiday, since they did not look favorably upon Catholic saints, and the Colonists who came to America following the reformation did not bring the story of Nicholas with them. While the Dutch have long since been accred-

ited with bringing Nicholas to America, it is now thought that the Germans brought the customs here.

Early American author Washington Irving wrote of St. Nick in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York" in 1809. He makes numerous references to a jolly St. Nicholas, and instead of a religious figure, he paints the picture of a Dutch elf with a pipe. This image was broadened greatly in the 1823 poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," whose author is disputed. A series of Saint Nick images appeared in 'Harper's Weekly" through-out the late 1800s, perfecting his image. In the 1930s a 35-

year campaign of advertise-

ments featuring the man who would come to be known as Santa Claus holding a bottle of Coca-Cola appeared on bill-

boards and in magazines.

Saint Nicholas Day is seen in Saint pg. 15.
CONGRATULATIONS PAT AND BJ!

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EVERYTHING WAS GOING PERFECT... THE MUSIC WAS PLAYS... SOFTLY... THE ARTS WERE IN THEIR CASE... AND THE MODEL WAS "IN ACTION"... WELL... HERE'S A BIT THE INSIDE...

Here We Are

By: Deacon Bishop

By E.H. Ferguson
Winter backpacking in Sylvania wilderness

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Last Saturday, at 8 a.m. in the frosty morning I stepped from my heated house into a wilderness Area. On the way, the frosty morning I stepped.

"Hello are you doing?" my antic­

ipating smile answered back.

We finalized our plans and began the three hour drive from Stevens Point to the Sylvania Wilderness. Along the way, the visual mystique of northern Wisconsin forests,

homes and bars, increasingly grew.

Because the snow was about six inches deep we didn't bring snowshoes with us. As we headed from the ranger's cabin toward Clark Lake, hiking by boot was easy. Our camping home for

eight was Pine campsite, making our first day-hike two miles.

The weather was incred­

ibly beautiful with no wind and temperatures around 15 degrees. I was wearing a long underwear long sleeve synthetic shirt for my first layer. Synthetic garments

pull perspiration off the body, allowing the body to stay dry and warm. My second layer was a synthetic fleece jacket. This layer created insulation between my first and second layer, leaving me a barrier of warmth. Outer layers should be waterproof, breathable and windproof, but since there was no wind or precipitation I left my shell jacket in my backpack and instead wore a thick synthetic vest as my outer layer. My layering choices kept me warm and dry as I hiked. Layering perfectly is necessary, and if done right, resembles the joy of eating a perfectly cooked frozen pizza.

We hiked along the eastern border of Clark Lake through rolling hills of cedar and old growth hem­

locks. The trees were gigantic, many so big that any tree hugger would be unable to touch his

or her hands around the tree. The trees restricted more snowfall to the forest floor, creating easier move­

ment. On a windier day, the trees signifi­

antly block wind gusts. Trekking past these enormous trees shed ease upon my mind and body. They seemed impenetrable and so powerful that I feel it in honor to be among them.

Since our trail was covered with snow it was easy to go astray. Blue slash marks were painted on various trees along the trail, helping us stay on our path. The only other mark­ings visible were footprints of coyotes, deer and rodents that inhabited Sylvania. From this interpretation I concluded that the only beings crazy enough to travel and live in Sylvania during December were ani­

mals that called this area their home and 17 outdoor-enthu­

siastic animals from UW-Stevens Point.

We moved along the trail in high spirits, passing both ash and balsam campgrounds. At a small iced-over creek crossing, one of our hiker's feet plunged through the ice into the freezing water. Because the inside of his boots were soaked, trip leader and class professor Jim Joque quickly made a very wise decision to turn around. Turning around meant two things: we would go back to Balsam campsite, which was very close to us, and nobody else would have to attempt to cross over the ice. Getting wet, especially on a winter backpacking trip can cause hypothermia and/or frostbite. Both can be deadly, so our class acted fast. Once we arrived at Balsam campsite we quickly set up a tent for the wet-footed hiker to change into dry socks and pants. Two campmates swiftly got a fire going, and we placed the wet boots next to the fire to dry.

Once the wet hiker was taken care of, everyone else attended to their own camp chores. Tents were set up in three separate camping areas. When setting up a tent, it is important to set it up on a compacted area. In deep snow an area must be dug that is big enough for the tent and its stakes. We were advised to leave a thin layer of com­

pacted snow for our sleeping comfort.

After tents were set up and sleeping gear was situated many of us went dry­

wood hunting. Having a fire when it's snowy all around is an excellent way to stay warm as well as socialize with other campers. To get the fire going we used a fire starter, but it wasn't necessary. We could have replaced the pur­

chased starter with a number of natural fire starters, such as birch bark, grass, pocket lint and paper. The only way to keep the fire going is by first using pencil-sized dry branches and then increas­

ing the wood's diameter. We found the dry wood on fallen trees with branches sticking up off the ground. After a fire is built nice and hot, pieces of downed wood can be used, even if they are snowy and icy on their sides.

Around dusk it began snowing on us. It lasted until the next morning. We col­

lected wood into the late­

night hours happily roaming the deep-quiet areas of dark­

ness surrounding us. The fire fueled storytelling, games and good spirits until every camp­

er was snug in their tent.

We increased the warmth of our tents by sleeping the maximum number of people in each tent. Also, by piling up snow against the entire perimeter of the tent except on our door, we cut off cold drafts. Snow is a great insula­

tor, so we used it to our advantage. My sleeping space was also layered to maximize warmth. The first layer was a sleeping pad. After that I laid down clothes I wasn't wear­ing to bed, followed by my sleeping bag. The ground is the harshest culprit in steep­

ing body heat from a winter camper. My thick double layer of ground protection kept my body undisturbed from ground coldness and hard­

ness through the night. My sleeping bag is rated at zero degrees, so all I slept in was a wool pair of booties, long underwear and a winter hat. By filling the gap between my neck and the sleeping bag, a space that warm air constantly sneaks out of, I kept the heat my body created inside my sleeping bag all night.

In the morning we woke, ate breakfast, and took down camp. Sleeping in crisp winter air refreshes a person, especially when that person can also stay warm. There are many techniques for camping in winter weather that I didn't talk about but are essential. Learning and practicing these techniques can only make your winter trip better. If you are interested in winter camping, I advise to try it in your backyard or with an experi­

enced winter camper. This way you have a warm place to retreat to if you become cold.

I know I was grateful as I ran freezing from my back yard into my heated house on my first winter camping failure.
Pathways to Point: a wilderness program

Mary Neal
OUTDOOR REPORTER

Ahhh freshman year; so many new people, places and experiences. Although exciting, it can be all so overwhelming. If only there was a program that could ease the transition from high school to college...

Luckily there is such a program. It is called Pathways to Point, a wilderness orientation program for incoming freshmen. The program bestows the opportunity for incoming freshmen to build friendships with other freshmen and learn important outdoor skills while exploring the wilderness. There are a variety of trips to choose from including canoeing and portaging in Sylvania Wilderness area, backpacking on the Lakeshore trail along the bluffs of Pictured Rocks, fishing in Sylvania, backpacking on the Superior Hiking trail and canoeing down the Namakagon River.

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the Superior hiking and backpacking trip this summer before my freshman year, and I have absolutely no regrets. Going on this trip opened my eyes to the rewarding recreation of backpacking, something which I had never done before, and prepared me for my new life in Stevens Point. The program enabled me to start school with a few new good friends who had similar interests.

Currently the Pathways to Point program extends beyond summer into the school year. Students are able to earn one credit by attending the summer trip as well as attending classes for the first eight weeks of school. These classes involve fun activities such as biking the Green Circle, learning about different organizations and clubs on campus, a digital scavenger hunt, service projects and many other activities. It's a great way to learn about academics, the activities UW-SP has to offer as well as an opportunity to meet the other students that attended the different trips and share similar experiences.

There was a 15-member processing team, which included Stephanie Davy, who believed they weren't receiving all of their deer. Everyone thought they shot a 300 pound deer this year,” Knutson joked. “It was each hunter’s biggest deer year!”

Besides venison processing, the People's Meat Market offers beef, pork, lamb and chicken. As a devoted carnivore, Knutson enjoys working around beef. Seeing a slab of porterhouse steak is mouth-watering. However, deer season is not the highlight of Knutson’s job. So far her biggest highlight has been witnessing a pig slaughter.

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 week preceding the issued week, at: sdavy999@uwsp.edu.
Holiday guide to the 15 greatest sports movies of all time: Volume 2 - The List Strikes Back

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Another week, another five movies added to the list. As the snow continues to fall and it begins to look a lot like Christmas outside, the holiday list of the greatest sports films of all time continues to grow.

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Harris and Ryan Hunt play Julius Campbell and Gerry Bertier, respectively, members of the opposite race who begin as enemies and become great friends. Emotions will run high and tears will be shed while viewers take in this great movie.


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Renee Zellweger also gives a solid performance in "The Replacements." As the volatile Coach Norman Dale, Hackman must persuade his players and the people of a small town in Indiana that his methods of coaching are sound and will help the team to be successful.

The film is successful in its methods mostly due to the believable performances by Hackman and Dennis Hopper, who was nominated for an Oscar for his portrayal of the town drunk and basketball enthusiast, Scooter. Coach Dale asks Scooter to come on to the team as an assistant coach on the condition that he would sober up. Scooter attempts to keep his end of the deal, but his addiction takes over.

Hopper makes the character of Scooter seem real. Audiences cheer for Coach Dale and the Milan Indians, hoping for the team to succeed. "Hoosiers" is another inspirational sports movie that works on many levels.

8. "Remember the Titans" - 2000 – Rated PG

Racial tensions divided this country in two during the 1960s and 70s. This movie starring Denzel Washington gives our generation a glimpse into what life was like during segregation and integration in public schools.

The true story of the T.C. Williams Titans of Alexandria, Va. is as touching as it is captivating. Washington plays Herman Boone, the newly appointed African-American head coach of the Titans. Boone was given the job over the successful, white candidate Bill Yoast (Will Patton). Boone and Yoast - who was added as an assistant - must unite the black and white football players, as well as the community.

Trials and tribulations stand in the way of the Titans’ journey to victory. But the Titans learn more than just football; they learn the way to respect and value the abilities of all people.

Washington displays his Oscar-caliber acting talents in this Disney production. Wood
Beamish helps Pointers over UW-River Falls

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In only his fifth game as a member of the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball team, freshman Brian Beamish poured in 18 points on six of seven field goal opportunities and going three-for-four from behind the arc. Beamish helped Pointers over UW-RF for the first time since 2002.

Individual Pointer performances stand out at Wheaton Invite

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The Pointer swimmers competed in the Wheaton Invitational on Friday and Saturday. The men finished second in the nine-team meet and the men finished fourth of nine.

However if you ask head coach Al Boeck, he will tell you those numbers don’t matter but the individual performances that do. “The lineup for this meet has nothing to do with trying to beat other teams. We don’t even check the team scores at the end,” he said. “Our focus is on personal best times all around, as well as getting as many NCAA cuts as possible.”

And the meet for the Pointers was highlighted by numerous national qualifying cuts. Boeck pointed out the team’s six NCAA relay cuts by both the men and women. The meet captured three events in front of the relays. "B" cuts mean that the performance is good enough but one is stacked up against the rest of the nation to see if it’s a qualifying time.

Weekend split prepares Pointers for rivalry contest

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The Pointer women’s hockey team had a long several days this past weekend, with a pair of games against UW-River Falls followed by a third game on Tuesday. The Pointers opened the season with a 90-1 win over UW-RF Saturday, and then lost against UW-Oshkosh Sunday with 13-point second half lead drift away as they lost at the buzzer on a second last shot drained by undefeated Carroll’s Crystal Hoewisch.

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Dealing with the stress of the holiday season

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With white snow falling, colored lights going up and the radio slowly becoming infected with the usual staple of Christmas tunes, it’s clear the holiday season is in full swing. But for many Americans, the pressures and obligations that lie amidst the festive lights and holiday cheer often leave them singing a different tune.

For college students, it can be even worse, with the pressure of exams, gift-buying and returning home all coming together at once, causing what Marty Loy, Associate Dean of the School of Health Promotion and Human Development, called a triple whammy.

It’s having these multiple obligations that can make Christmas such a stressful time, said Loy. Many students have to visit several families toghether, those numbers go up.

“Stress is a reaction that’s caused by your perception,” said Loy. “You can change how you think about things. Perception is the key. Christmas isn’t stressful for everyone.”

One person might love Christmas while another may hate it because of the overload they associate with it. The thought of the holidays can bring about two completely different reactions, all because of the perceptions and feelings attached to it.

Changing your perception can be very difficult, said Loy, but putting your heart into whatever you’re doing things that are important to you. In a 2004 survey by the American Psychological Association, 81 percent of people under the age of 35 were worried about lack of money and 54 percent about gift-giving. One in five worried that stress might affect their physical health.

Long-term stress can have many different health consequences, said Loy. “Stress is a contributing factor in 70-90 percent of all illness. It does affect the immune system.”

The National Mental Health Association (NMHA) recommends making a list and prioritizing what’s important to you. Instead of trying to cram everything into one extravagant day, activities can be spread out over the entire season to increase enjoyment and lessen the stress.

Relieve stress by sculpting some snow
Smell my pencil

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So you’re sitting in class on a frigid Dec. 19 morning taking your first lovely final of this fall semester when suddenly, out of the fuzzy ether you swear your nose has picked up the scent of a candy store. Perplexed, you take your mind off of your test as you let your thoughts drift to the days of yore, when candy wasn’t non-existent. As you reminiscence about the good ol’ days your eyes shift to the side and you notice that in makes Smencils, all of them causes you stress. If you’re doing what you want to be doing over the holidays, thinking positive will come naturally.

The result is a regular functioning pencil that is an environmentally friendly alternative to your normal number twos, not to mention it smells a whole lot better. Smencils even come with a guarantee that they will maintain their scent for up to two years of brutal test taking.

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These aren’t just any old scented pencils. However, according to the Smencil Web site these “gourmet” pencils are made from 100 percent recycled newspaper. You can see the layers of newspaper as you sharpen it.

What they do is roll old newspaper tightly around a graphite core until typical pencil thickness is reached. Then they soak the pencil with one of 10 scents and attach an eraser and a label. The result is a regular functioning pencil that is an environmentally friendly alternative to your normal number twos, not to mention it smells a whole lot better.

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room for other emotions also. “Remember, the holiday season does not banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely,” according to NMHA’s Website. If you do feel yourself getting stressed out, Loy recommended doing three things:

First, breathe. Deep breathing triggers the relaxation response and can be a simple reminder to slow things down and enjoy the moment rather than rushing to the next thing on your list.

Second, change your perception. It can be as easy as thinking positive, but changing the stressful behavior is important as well. Reduce the costs of gifts if you don’t have the money, or don’t go to see multiple families if one of them causes you stress. If you’re doing what you want to be doing over the holidays, thinking positive will come naturally.

Finally, exercise. “Exercise is like the magic pill for stress,” said Loy. “Stress is something that happens within you.” Exercise can rid the body of chemicals associated with stress and give a physical outlet for emotions while at the same time increasing self-esteem.

A little less stress may make it easier to find the holiday cheer. The white snow and festive lights might become more comforting with a relaxed mind, and maybe you’ll even find yourself singing along with this year’s carols.

**Sustainability Committee ponders future plans**

A number of options on the table for a green UW-SP

Sustainability Committee ponders future plans

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Finally, after years of promoting its College of Natural Resources, UW-SP is putting itself on the map of universities taking steps to become totally environmentally friendly.

Monday night members of the University Sustainability Committee (USC) joined with students and faculty to discuss possibilities for the university’s future independence from petroleum-based fuels. The members present, SGA Speaker of the Senate Kyle Craemer and Student Co-Chair Ben Bishop, presented policies currently in place by the university’s administration and those coming in the near future.

The Chancellor appoints members of the USC, and its purpose is to determine the best way for the university to sustain itself, and then promote those ideas to the UW-community.

“We need to focus on our university – we’re not yet a total package,” said Craemer. Guidelines in place for sustainability include cleaner indoor air by eliminating indoor smoking, campus-wide recycling and solar-diesel power hot water in the dorms, which is planned to be extended to other on-campus facilities. Increased bus usage, carpooling and bike riding are also being encouraged.

Dr. Eric Olson from the College of Natural Resources was hopeful for a bike program. “We really need to pay attention to bike paths, and the bike racks aren’t really placed in the greatest spots,” he said.

Current and future implementations include adding solar panels and greenhouses to various buildings on campus. When the University Center renovations begin in spring of 2006, its plans include large windows throughout the building, adding natural light and reducing the need for electricity.

“The technology (for sustainability) is there, we just need to create the consciousness for it,” said Craemer.

Several energy efficient ideas were offered to the USC. Turning off campus computers at night and monitoring the amount of food taken away, and subsequently thrown away, is the most popular idea.

The USC is calling for a campus-wide 10 percent reduction in energy consumption. With ideas like converting city buses to biodiesel and the feasibility of using leftover fry oil from Debot for fuel, it may be possible.

“But, someday soon, UW-SP would be recognized as a ‘green university,’” said Bishop.

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Dark film showcases young actors' rising skills

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

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The latest entry in the ever-growing Harry Potter franchise, "Goblet of Fire," is swifter, less disjointed than its predecessor, and by far the most emotionally engaging and overall best film in the series.

This time around, after a respite, if somewhat truncated, display of the Quidditch World Cup, the famous Harry finds himself in the midst of controversy when he is inadvertently drawn into the celebrated Triwizard Tournament, held at Hogwarts. Normally, three candidates are selected to represent their respected schools, but mysteriously Harry is elected (even though he’s too young) to compete by the roving blue cup itself. This means two representatives compete for Hogwarts: Harry and Cedric Diggory. Harry has no choice but to comply, as per the rules of the famed goblet of fire. The great mystery surrounding the film is who is responsible for nominating him.

Before this, the student body at Hogwarts is treated to small demonstrations of the skills of soon-to-be competitors for the Triwizard Tournament, featuring a troupe headed by new character Viktor Krum and an unusual squad of young women. Though the display could have been longer, it does have some of the finest music in the series, drawing us in to foreshadow what is to come.

Each of the four competitors are given three dangerous tasks that test what they’re capable of physically and mentally, giving the film its most crisp and well-handled special effects yet. Each task also brings a new clue to the next challenge.

A snake slithering through a human skull is fairly dark for these type of films, and because of this, and other graphic events such as dark witches and Death Eaters who conjure the Dark Mark swirling in the movie, "Goblet of Fire" has been given a PG-13 rating—the first for the series. But the snake scene could be an intentional homage to an almost identical shot in "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Director Mike Newell ("Four Weddings and a Funeral;" "Donnie Brasco") worked on the "Young Indiana Jones Chronicles," as well. "Goblet of Fire," in turn, has moments that are "Indiana Jones-esque."

In the middle of this dark adventure is Harry, who is finally growing up, along with his friends. Though only hinted at in "Azkaban," Harry Potter is fiercely tested in the trials of adolescence (not to mention a pesky biased journalist named Rita Skeeter) in "Goblet of Fire" in several ways: a rift that engulfs him, struggling with finding love, physical endurance and a painful lesson of loss—all of which allow Daniel Radcliffe (who plays Potter) to show the acting muscles we never knew he had. As Potter has grown up, so has Radcliffe. It seems he has molded the character and made it his own. The emotional anguish of being a teenager shows extremely well in his face.

Even better is Ron Weasley, who excels with the tenderly surprising talent "guy" of Rupert Grint, who also has aged his character well. Ron is going through nearly the exact same difficulties as Harry in this. Only Ron is going through more internally than anybody really knows. You can clearly ascertain these two are caring friends and would be crushed without one another. This is tied into Dumbledore’s passionate speech on friendship, symbolizing those key moments. Furthermore, Ron’s moment to shine, or fail, is set up for the next film.

Just as good is Miss Hermione Granger, when she deals with events all of us have dealt with at one time or another at our first school dance. However, perhaps our dances haven’t been as magical as the ball on a fantastical ship, in this movie.

When that ship submerges, an excellent film remains on the surface that features exceptional all-around performances, great but not overpowering special effects, and an emotional element that has been greatly heightened from the previous films. Voldemort is still out there lurking in the shadows, but in the meantime we have the enjoyment of watching a maturing young man named Harry Potter and the world he inhabits.

Great camera work, but an inconsistent story

"Alien Vs. Predator"

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You’re kidding, right?

"Freddy vs. Jason," it falls flat on its face.

Billionaire Charles Bishop Weyland (Lance Henriksen) leads a scientific expedition to Antarctica where he’s discovered a pyramid deep below the surface that predates most early known human civilization. Things go horribly awry for the team when they discover some futuristic-looking machine guns in one of the chambers. Upon removing the guns, they trigger a chain reaction that turns the pyramid into a giant puzzle box with walls and ceilings moving, trapdoors open. Most of the team is separated from each other, and soon begin to find large, gooey eggs all over the place.

The Predators—the coolest looking villains to roam Hollywood—have been watching humans for the entire time on their cool thermal-vision watches. Once their weapons have been moved, the Predators dash into evacuation positions and become invisible.

Anyone who’s seen either of the Predator movies knows what bad-ass these guys are, and one wonders what on earth they could possibly need more firepower for.

The Predators are led by the Queen Alien, made popular by "Aliens," chained down in a dark chamber, where she does nothing all day but lay eggs. Why Hollywood has brought her back in time some 400 years makes one wonder if the screenwriter didn’t miss his weekly meeting at the methadone clinic.

In between the sliding walls, the team’s survivalist expert Alexia Woods (Sanaa Lathan) is caught with an archaeologist, who interprets the hieroglyphics on the wall.

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