Business students receive recognition for efforts

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The Business and Economics Department held their annual winter dinner on Dec. 8 at Sentry World to honor the student award winners of the department.

This included the distinguished graduate, outstanding graduate awards, and the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exam passers.

Jim Haine, professor and head of the awards committee, and other committee members decide which students will receive the distinguished graduate award, the highest honor, and the outstanding graduate awards. "The committee chose the award winners based on the best grade point average," Haine said.

The CMA exam objectively measures a student's knowledge and competence in the field of management accounting. Students who pass one or more parts of the CMA exam are honored and invited to the dinner.

Haine said in the spring the department holds the spring banquet which is similar to the winter dinner. The students must apply for the spring awards because scholarships are given along with the awards.

Haine, Dr. Gary Mullins, the department chair, and Randy Cray, professor of economics and director of the Central Wisconsin Research Bureau, contribute donations to the scholarships because they feel it's important to show the students that the faculty care about the students and their success in college and beyond.

"The dinner is a celebration of the student's achievement and is a way for the faculty to recognize outstanding students," said Mullins. "The dinner is so great because the faculty supports the dinner and the awards presented to students. This gives the faculty a chance to validate the students while socializing in an environment outside the classroom."

After the dinner Mullins presented the recipients who attended the dinner with their award. He said how he looks forward to honoring these winners and watching students succeed each year.

Donna Orlikowski, the distinguished graduate, and Eric Maus, one of the outstanding graduates, both attended the dinner with family. They enjoyed mingling with faculty and receiving their awards. Shawna Linka, the other outstanding graduate, did not attend the dinner, but will still receive her award along with the CMA exam passers.

Orlikowski and Maus received certificates and desk clocks engraved with their name and the award, compliments of the department.

Though not in attendance, 16 students passed the CMA exam and will be awarded certificates along with an engraved letter opener. Haine said the department first started giving awards many years ago in a classroom of the CCC, but then the department decided to make it more of a celebrated event, now the event takes place at Sentry World.

"When I was chair of the department back in the 70s, I tried to eliminate the winter dinner because of the work it involved and the expense, but the faculty wouldn't allow it," Haine said. "The dinner is as important to the faculty as it is the students because they want to celebrate students' honors."

Erika Staven, the program assistant for the department, organized and planned the dinner. Staven said the dinner was not as well attended as past years because the meal prices increased from last year.

Staven said last year, the department helped with the $30 per plate meal only charging $15 per plate, but due to budget cuts, the department didn't cover half of the meal cost this year. The department paid for the award winners and one guest to attend, but the faculty and their spouses had to pay per plate. Even though the dinner was more expensive this year, the faculty still enjoyed attending and honoring the students.

"The dinner has become a tradition in the department and the faculty looks forward to it each year, appreciating students, and socializing with colleagues. The dinner will continue for many years to come," said Mullins.

Eric Maus receives an award during last week's Business and Economics awards ceremony at Sentry World in Stevens Point.

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Club raises funds for hurricane survivors

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Stevens Point, Dec. 9, 2005 12:04 a.m.

Type: VANDALISM

Report of a confiscated marijuana smoking device.

Call from Hyer Hall stating that there was an individual on the east side of the building outside drinking. Four individuals were contacted, none were found with open intoxicants.

Burroughs Hall
Dec. 11, 2005 12:37 p.m.

Type: DRUG USE

CA on duty at Burroughs Hall called in about students smoking marijuana. Officers responded to the call and secured the situation.

Parking Lot Q
Dec. 13, 2005 1:52 a.m.

Type: VANDALISM

Stevens Point Police Department (SPPD) report of a vehicle at the east side of Lot Q with damage to the driver side and property from the vehicle hit around it. A car that was located in Lot Q was smashed, local SPPD stopped and noticed that it was not open intoxicants.

CAIIIPS
December 15, 2005

That's all for Campus Beat this week kids! Keep up with the Christmas spirit and don't break the law!

New law permits residents to carry concealed weapon

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On Dec. 6, the Wisconsin State Senate passed a bill that would allow law-abiding Wisconsin residents to carry concealed weapons nearly everywhere they go for personal protection.

Joining the ranks of 46 other states, Wisconsin residents are now allowed to carry loaded and encased weapons in public, in certain circumstances.

Under old Wisconsin law, no person may go armed with a concealed weapon. Any person that violated this law could be fined $10,000, be imprisoned for up to nine months, or both.

This rule did not apply to peace officers and local, state, federal, or tribal officers, and a number of provisions were in effect stating possession of firearms were prohibited in public buildings, bars, state parks, wildlife refuges, unincorporated in various vehicles, or within 1,000 feet of a school.

Senate Bill 403 creates exceptions to the law, namely, a private business or residence. Tavern owners and managers may possess a weapon for matters of personal and property protection.

The new statute also includes that no person can possess a weapon while having a blood alcohol content that exceeds 0.08.

The new bill places many requirements on those seeking licenses. An applicant must be over the age of 21 and have a clear criminal record, including offenses for controlled substances and violent offenses for three previous years. There must be no severe physical or mental handicap or substance dependence preventing the licensee from properly handling the weapon. Once it is determined these requirements are met and the applicant is a Wisconsin resident, and has completed the proper safety course, the new license will arrive within 21 days, and is good for five years.

The Student Chapter of the Izaak Walton League think that sounds great.

see Weapon, pg. 11
Your College Survival Guide:
On(anly) the Lonely

Pat Rothfuss

We’re The View at Mission Coffee House

If you missed last week’s column, here’s the news in brief: The College Spectral Guide book is out just in time for the holidays. Available in the UC bookstore and the Mission Coffee House, it’s the perfect gift for that hard-to-shop-for secretary on your Christmas list.

I was, for my best letter ever:

Dear Pat,

I think it would be amazing to video tape myself masting, but I’m concerned that I am being “dirty” or maybe lonely, or maybe just plain self-involved. I am also concerned that someone may find the video for what it is entirely and when my parents watch it (’tis their tape) they may get a small clip of me getting down with myself [...]”

Organically Confused

A surprising number of you responded to OC’s letter. What was interesting was that the boys assumed OC was a boy, and all the girls assumed OC was a girl. Only one person didn’t jump to any conclusions, and he, as you can see by the following letter, was a total frickin idiot.

Hey Pat,

I don’t say in the letter if OC is gay or a girl. If it’s a girl, then I’d be awesome if she taped it. If it’s a guy then its just weird. What guy tapes himself sucking it? Steve

Y’know Steve, ordinarily I’d mock you. I’d point out in increasing detail how, in writing this letter, you have shamed the miserable hum n a race. This week I have had better things to do. Suffice it to say that you get no credit.

Out of curiosity, I recently wrote OC and found out she was the womanly persuasion. She seemed surprised.

The Doctor is in the Colham

I hadn’t figured this out by the phrase “giving down with myself” which I now know is best applied to self-love of the female variety.

Anyway OC, here’s advice from a fellow student.

Dear Pat,

OC should just go ahead and do it. She should stand in the way of her own personal sexual exploration. Learning what drives you wild in bed is an important part of maintaining a healthy sexual relationship. If videotaping yourself doing the three knuckle shuffle is what it takes to make these discoveries, then I say go for it!

As to her concern about someone else coming across footage of her petting her kitty, there are a couple of ways around this. First, she could just go down to K-Mart and buy a tape of her own to use in her fill-off sessions. Or, if she has no choice but to use the tape preceded by her parents, when she is finished with what little worry—sometimes—female does with a video of herself rubbing the nubbin, before she tapes over her private footage, she should get a powerful magnet, hold it about a quarter to a half inch away from the tape, and wave it back and forth over the tape for about 30 seconds. This should be sufficient enough to erase everything on the cassette.

The Right Reverend Jimmy, Discordian Spiritual Advisor to the Pray-Sims Lobotigs, All Hall Discardia, Hair Eris!

Let me reassure you: you are. Everyone is. It’s part of the human condition. So you’re a little perky. Good for you. At least you’ve got the guts to admit it.

The important thing is that you’re not hurting anyone. No harm. No foul. So have a good time and give back next semester to tell us how it turned out for you. If you’re not too busy privately screening your porn version of Citizen Kane, that is.

This Friday you’ve got a veritable cornucopia of progressive rock up at Middleworld, Dayton, Dafino, Ignow, and Ethosphone all taping up to rock the fucking house. I’m referring to both the metaphorical house, and the actual liberal Mission Coffee House, which is hosting the event. Rest assured that both houses will be sufficiently, if not abundantly, rocked this Friday at 8 p.m. Guaranteed.

All ages are welcome at the Mission shows, so if dormard’s quiet hours are driving you insane, come down and get some noise into your system before finals.

P.S.

The Right Reverend Jimmy, Discordian Spiritual Advisor to the Pray-Sims Lobotigs, All Hall Discardia, Hair Eris!

Let her know I’m with them, but I’ll add a few minor pieces of advice. First, make sure you realize that nowadays, porn is eternal. If your tape gets on the net, it’ll be Kazadz d’ all over God’s creation faster than grit through a gooseneck. Be warned. Second, it seems like you’re worried about being alone, self-involved, or dirty.

Letter to the Editor

Times article frustrates SGA

Dear Editor,

I am appalled by a recent article run in “The Pointer” on the “New York Times” program which wholly slams “The New York Times” to campus. The article is a disgusting display of asserted facts and fallacies. There is a lack of information given in regard to the program and the decisions of Student Government Association (SGA). I am a senator on SGA and I also sit on the finance committee and there were a few issues I would like to address with this article.

Issue one is the total lack of research done on the topic of “The New York Times” and the role SGA played. The author of this article makes many comments on issues SGA works on but never mentions a single detail as to why the program is not pursued. A good amount of this information is in the minutes of the finance committee from Nov. 13 but is never mentioned in the article.

As far as investigating the issue there is a statement saying that no member of the finance committee could be reached for comment. I would like to correct this statement and let it be known that there was no attempt to contact any of the members of the finance committee.

I would also like to point out a false statement in the twelfth paragraph. I don’t know what auditors have to do with the Times program but the information given is wrong. The bookstore and the SGA finance committee are not “organizations.” Also, the SGA finance committee is not an organization that regularly takes in money. The finance committee sets a fee once a year which is collected through tuition.

Your reporter also needs to keep out opinions out of their article. Comments like, “if the finance committee would better plan and tighten the hitches on various sports organizations,” are very inappropriate and a matter of opinion. Would your reporter have considered tightening the leash on the Pointer budget?

As an athlete and the president of the Women’s Club, I feel proud to say that we have one of the best athletic programs in the nation. As compared to “The Pointer,” which in a statistic given to me by “The Pointer’s” own staff is recognized as one of the worst school papers in the state.

The school paper should be informing students on issues on campus and the New York Times program is an important issue. However, giving misinformation is very dangerous and causes a horrible journalistic practice. I hope you change this practice in the future and start informing students and “The Pointer.”

Robert Forseth
SGA senator
Finance Committee

Editor’s Note: We at the Pointer acknowledge no such statistic of the quality of our sports organizations. If you knew where we stand nationally, we were denied funding to attend our national conventions.

Because I said so

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Hi all; I had to cut myself again, and I’m disappointed because I had a good story. Though I can’t really address anything, I want to give thanks to the people who have helped us this semester.

So a few thanks: to Ruth Wachter-Nelson and Rob Clint and the Archives department, for their help on our Web site and (which will be up and running by the end of these days) and for being so helpful whenever we needed them; to Jay Christianson and the IT department for helping us whenever our computers go kat-foleyo, to Dr. Haney and his PR campaigns who’s polls and ideas will help us produce a paper which students can enjoy more, to Bob the custodian in the CAC, who is willing to help us whenever we need him, to the Pointer staff who have been so supportive, and to our graduating staff Holly Sandbo and Johanna Nelson, who both have really contributed to our group dynamic (we’ll miss you both), and our Outdoors editor who is leaving (congratulations on the job and thank you for all your hard work) and the staff members who didn’t work out, because it helped to identify our trouble spots.

And finally, I would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support we’ve received this year, from administration, officials, to University staff, to professors, and students. Though these things change with the years, I can rest happy over break knowing we’ve done some good in this office.
Don't let stress hinder your success

Jolene Dalebroux
Pointlife Reporter

Dayle Upham grew up battling learning disabilities that caused her extreme difficulty in reading, writing, and some basic concepts. "The Commune" on Ellis Street.

At UW-SP and has exceeded expectations in her primary school years, but with a great degree of difficulty. Her disabilities kept her from excelling like the other children did, and although she understood everything she was taught she could never write it down effectively or read enough to do many assignments. This in turn caused teachers to think she did not understand or was lazy, and therefore never called on her in class.

She was and is very intelligent, but in different ways than her teachers expected. Memorization is Upham's greatest talent, which helped her tremendously. Even when she was attending college, she managed to interview professors and pay attention enough in class to write reports or speeches without doing the research in order to avoid teaching her in class.

"Could it be that the potential success is so great that it makes the failure that much more devastating?" said Upham in her biographical book, "Making the Grade," which details the struggles and triumphs of her academic life.

Labelled early on in her education, she was thrown back and forth between special needs and regular classes, making her fall even further behind. As she got higher up in her education, she worked unbelievably hard to excel, using learned techniques that she acquired through experience. For example, she found that sitting in the same seat each class period of the same class but always sitting in a different area of the room for different classes helped her organize the varied material in her mind.

As a professor, she understands the struggles college students experience with their work and her past has definitely influenced the way she teaches in her classroom.

"I'm a firm believer in opportunities," Upham said. "If students write a paper that is not very good, Upham talks to them to see if they can improve it before another professor give students so much work that they are unable to participate in extra activities. It is a disservice to the students.

"College is a lot like middle school," said Upham, discussing the personal, academic and physical growth students experience at both of these levels.

She then outlined the importance of getting involved in organizations and volunteering, and said that if professors give students so much work that they are unable to participate in extra activities is a disservice to the students.

"There are certain hoops that you have to jump through," said Upham, explaining that there will always be professors that seem impossible and "unfair."

She personally teaches her education students to stop this cycle. Above all else, Upham emphasizes her student's number one priority should always be their emotional and physical health. It is common for students to get sick right around midterms and finals because they wear themselves down so thin, putting their health last. Upham agrees that every student reserve about half of a day each week for personal time, doing whatever they have to jump through," said Upham. "She's not only passionate about teaching her students, but about the roles of her students in the future of education."

At UW-SP, Upham feels as though the education department has become one big family, providing continuous support to each other and the students.

Upham gets up every morning and wonder why I get paid for doing this," said Upham.

Season offers diversity of flavors

Steven Heller
Pointlife Reporter

This year's Christmas feast: a turkey, mashed potatoes and green beans. For some, but definitely not all.

For the average American Christmas, the month of December, and especially the 24th and 25th is a time dedicated almost entirely to Christmas and in a broader sense, the holiday season. However families all over the world may celebrate this same time of year, only for different reasons but with one similarity, family and friends together, centered around food.

Christmas as a time to remember the birth of Jesus Christ may be unique to Christians, however the holidays as a time of food, family and togetherness extends beyond any boundary.

Even in countries where less than 10 percent of the population practices Christianity, Christmas, as a time of the year, is still celebrated, although somewhat differently. Buddhists in China follow the rest of the world and celebrate the day off of work.

"As a Buddhist one would celebrate with a big meal on Christmas just because everyone has off and because the rest of the world does," said Jordania Leon-Jordan, president of the International Club.

"I have celebrated the holidays with Taiwanese people and we ate soup with rice, seafood and a potluck of whatever is brought to the party."

There even lay significant differences in how American Christians celebrate the holidays as compared to other Christians around the world.

"In Ecuador we start celebrating on the 1st of December," said Dr. Ester Bauer, a German professor. "Translating to December 25th of December. St. Nicolas comes on December 15th," said Bauer. This year, she is hoping to instill her teaching methods on future educators to stop the negativity that some may experience while growing up.

"Her passion is contagious," says Marylo Aerts, a fourth-year English major. "She's not only passionate about teaching her students, but about the roles of her students in the future of education."

In mountain areas they will eat guinea pigs or chicken on the coast where they have fish and shrimp," Jordania said. "And lately the rich families in the big cities have shifted too more of an American holiday with a turkey."

For many American Christians, Christmas traditions have their roots in Germany. The German's holiday traditions are being changed because of American influence.

"Christmas celebration begins on the 1st of December," said Dr. Ester Bauer, a German professor. "Translating to December 25th of December. St. Nicolas comes and brings gifts. The gifts used to be oranges and nuts.
Whoo! Classes are out for the semester! You, Alex, Me and the boys are goin' to Coop's Bar downtown to celebrate! Wanna come along?

By: Joy

Here We Are

This fire was a good idea.

By: E. H. Ferguson

Drinking is too dangerous with Andre around... I've decided to "light up" instead.

By: R. Tidball

Merry Christmas and happy holidays from all of us at Venus di PSYCHO!

By: Roger Worr

Merry Christmas! From Kento Anjme Society!

By: Jason Loeffler

Cut him some slack! You would be ralphing too if you had to eat 69 billion cookies and drink 33 billion gallons of milk!

I guess so... but he's still a wuss!

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Keeping You Sane During Finals Week
With Humor!

Good Luck!
Wilderness architecture: quin-zhee hut

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Do you remember building snow forts when you were younger: the snow swallowing you up to your hips; endless hours of joyous architectural design; the snowball fights; then after a full day of building, laying contentedly in the fort breathing in the fresh winter air or watching the snow flake stars glisten in the still night sky? And then there was the inevitable yell from an adult to come inside.

Now that we are older, snow fort building has taken a back seat for winter enjoyment, at least for most of us. But the mental recharging, physical exertion and creative ecstasy a person receives from building a snow fort is still buried deep in us all, waiting to emerge.

I am someone who has never lost the lust for building snow forts. The older I have grown though, the more intricate my forts have become. While my main reason for building a snow fort is still enjoyment, another reason has appeared - education.

Those dreams I had of living in my snow fort when I was younger are not just dreams anymore. When winter camping, there are many different types of snow shelters that can be built. With the proper studying and practice, not only can these shelters take the place of a tent, but they can be extremely useful in a survival situation.

My snow shelter of choice is a quin-zhee or quinzhee hut. Quin-zhee huts were first built by Native American Tribes. They probably learned of the technique by observing winter mammals, such as the snow hare, burrowing into snow shelters to stay warm. I’ve read that quin-zhee hut interior temperatures reaching close to 50 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than outside temperatures.

To build a quin-zhee hut you must first choose an area. A flat place surrounded by trees is better. Build your fort breathing in the fresh winter air. The place of a tent, but they are important. When you must let your snow pile sit undisturbed at least an hour. Undisturbed snow fall is at different temperatures depending on its depth, meaning that the top layer of snow is at a different temperature than the bottom layer of snow. Shoveling snow onto a pile disturbs it. Letting the pile sit allows the snow to bond together, or compact like a snowball.

Once an hour or so is up, it is time to dig out the inside of your quin-zhee. Because warm air rises and cold air sinks, begin by digging your door at an upward angle. Keep shoveling snow out of the inside. Eventually you will be inside the quin-zhee snowing snow out through the door. This is where the sticks you inserted earlier become important. When you are shaving the inside of your quin-zhee into a dome, stop when you hit the sticks. If the sticks were equally inserted around the quin-zhee’s exterior, your quin-zhee’s walls should have an even thickness all over.

Outdoors TIP OF THE WEEK

Josh Spice
Manager, Trip Leader and Outdoor Edventures and Rentals

When looking for a snow sleeping bag (or two), consider models that offer an option for right-side or left-side zipper. This will allow you to conveniently zip both bags together and share body warmth with a significant other, friend or just some trail hottie.

Stop in Outdoor Edventures to learn more about the OE-Harmony philosophy, along with many more outdoor tips and techniques to add a little spark to your outdoor experiences.

Late season hunting in Mead

Lee Schroedl
Outdoor Reporter

The George W. Mead Wildlife Area located just north of Stevens Point provides students with great hunting opportunities. The nearly 20,000 acres of public land supports a variety of species. The diverse habitat contains a wealth of waterfowl, small game and a healthy population of the elusive whitetail deer. Much of Mead provides great hunting for deer and small game this time of year.

The close location of public land allows UW-SP students to take advantage of this wonderful resource.

Early season success often influences more successful outings over the next few weeks.

The chance to get out outdoors is what pulls all us hunters out there and again. The great opportunity that the Mead Wildlife refuge offers students is too good to pass up. Taking a nice whitetail will always get your heart pumping. Spending time with your friends in the outdoors and putting some tasty meat in the freezer is what hunting is all about. Be it whitetail deer or small game, Mead is a great place to get away from.

It's Advent.
Time to prepare the way of the Lord.
It's not too late.

CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE

5 PM Saturday
10:15 AM Sunday | 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
www.NEWMANuwsp.org

Newman is the Roman Catholic Parish at UW-Stevens Point
Steve Roeland  
THE POINTER (mistaken press)  

After two weeks of careful deliberation and anticipation, the final chapter of the list of the 15 best sports films is set to be revealed.

But first, let me thank all those who have offered input into this compilation: all my first floor neighbors—Tyrie, Jay, Andy, Rob and the two Briars. Without their opinions and debate, this list would not be possible. Another integral part of the creation of this list has been IMDb.com, the Internet movie database, which has provided me with information on all films on the list I would also like to thank Gina for her enduring support as this list was created.


Rated R  
Stereotypically, men enjoy two things in life more than anything else: sex and sports. However true or untrue this sentiment is, the film "Bull Durham" analyzes the connection between the two. What is produced by this analysis is smart comedy and just a great overall film.

Kevin Costner, a standard in many baseball films in the past 20 years, stars as Crash Davis, an aging minor league catcher playing for the Durham Bulls. His main job is to help rookie pitcher "Nuke" LaLoosh (Tim Robbins) develop into a major league hurler. Also in the mix is Annie Savoy (Burlington native Annette O'Toole), who courts one of the Bulls every year.

Annie pursues "Nuke," but "Nuke" refuses to have sex in order to keep his prolonged streak intact. When she becomes lonely, however, he creates hilarity in the form of a love triangle.

Annie's opening monologue about baseball and religion sets the tone for a great film that stays true to minor league baseball, while adding some great humor and a love story to make it appeal to the whole spectrum of filmgoers.

4. "Rocky" - 1976 - Rated PG  
A true film classic, the story of the "Italian Stallion" and his fight to the top began with this list entry. "Rocky" basically set the standard for inspirational sports films.

Sylvester Stallone gives the performance of his career in this film, which has spawned four sequels and one more in production. However, it is Burgess Meredith in the role of Mickey that carries the film into the pantheon of movie history. Mickey's constant verbal abuse/motivation helps Rocky in his pursuit of the heavyweight championship of the world, which is held by Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers).

"Rocky" won three Oscars in 1977, including the Best Picture and Best Director awards. While one of the sequels reached the phenomenal status of the original, all five films live on in history as one of the more successful franchises in Hollywood.

3. "Field of Dreams" - 1989 - Rated PG  
Another Kevin Costner baseball film, another entry in the list.

Although "Bull Durham" is a display of the lighter side of baseball, "Field of Dreams" is a touching journey of one man's quest to heal emotional wounds from many years in the past.

Costner plays Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella, a man who hears voices which urge him to grow corn under his corn plot and build a baseball diamond in his place. After the field is constructed, baseball legend "Shoeless" Joe Jackson arrives and becomes Ray's connection to the world beyond the corn.

Father/son relationships are the focus of the film, with the tear-jerking "hitting" of the "Rocky" series and a sports enthusiast.

Women grab another win; give up another loss  
Melissa Dyzselski  
SPORTS REPORTER  

The UW-SP women's basketball team was off to a good start last Wednesday night, as they hosted a conference opponent, UW-Whitewater (0-2) in Berg Gymnasium.

The Pointers made six of their 10 seven shots to take a 13-4 lead, while Whitewater only successfully made two of their first 24. UW-SP kept the 8-point lead first half, outscoring the Warhawks by 33 points.

In the second half, Point maintained a decent lead, but both Whitewater and Stevens Point finished the second half with 37 points, and defeated Whitewater, 86-57.

Nearly everyone on the team put points on the board, as Jesiea Heuer was the leading scorer, with 15 points, followed by Haley Houghton with 15. Cassandra Schultz knocked in 13 points, with nine assists, and Laura Neuenfeldt finished the evening with 11 points and five assists.

This past Saturday, UW-SP traveled to La Crosse to face the undefeated UW-LaCrosse Eagles.

UW-LaCrosse broke their 11-game losing streak to UW-SP, as UW-L defeated the

Tim Rickeli  
SPORTS REPORTER  

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Holiday guide to the 15 greatest sports movies of all time: Volume 3 - The End  

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THE POINTER  (mistaken press)  

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Senior on the Spot
Buddy the Elf – One of Santa’s helpers

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- Provided enough Christmas spirit to keep Santa’s sleigh airborne last Dec. 25.

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What are your plans after graduation? Either become a kindergarten teacher or work at Santa’s Workshop.

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What is your favorite Pointer sports memory? I’m not sure I have a sports memory, but that snowball fight I dominated last week was pretty fun.
What is your most embarrassing moment? Looking back at it, wearing that whole green and yellow elf get-up in the middle of New York City was kind of foolish.
What CD is in your stereo right now? Trans-Siberian Orchestra Christmas songs.
What DVD is currently in your DVD player? “Elf.” It’s my life story, you know.
What will you remember most about UW-SP? The crazy snowstorms like yesterday’s.
What are the biggest influences in your life? Santa, my dad and Papa Elf.

Bauer leads Pointers past UW-La Crosse

Press Release
Brian Bauer scored 15 of his career-high 20 points in the first half as UW-Stevens Point built a 10-point halftime lead and held off UW-La Crosse for a 71-55 victory Saturday in La Crosse.

The matchup was a neatly-played contest between teams coached by former UW-SP assistants as Pointers’ coach Bob Semling earned the victory over Eagles’ coach Ken Koebl. The teams combined for only eight turnovers and five fouls in the first half as the Pointers finished the game with just eight turnovers.

The win was UW-SP’s eighth straight over the Eagles as the Pointers improved to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. UW-La Crosse is now 7-2 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

The teams played a tight first half with neither team holding a four-point lead over the first 16:58 of the game. The Eagles led 22-21 with 5:32 left before UW-SP made six straight shots during an 11-point run to take a 32-22 lead with 1:43 left in the half. UW-SP led 34-24 at halftime and maintained the lead until UW-L cut the deficit to 46-41 with 11:26 left. Jerome Wotachek scored a rebound basket on the Pointers’ next possession to push the lead back to seven and Steve Hicklin hit a jumper for a 50-41 lead with 9:07 left.

The Eagles closed to within 53-46 with 7:01 left on a three-pointer by Chris Ask, but Pete Rortvedt scored a three-point play for the Pointers and the lead remained double figures the rest of the way.

Jon Krull had 13 points, eight assists and seven rebounds for the Pointers, while Hicklin and Rortvedt each had 12 points. Wotachek came off the bench to score the first six points of his career and grab six rebounds.

Joe Werner led UW-L with 17 points and seven rebounds. The Pointers held a 43-31 rebounding advantage.
The line between video games and education blurs

Jeff Peters
Science Reporter

Last Thursday, after the last class had flown out of the Science building's computer lab and into the cold, snowy darkness, Anthony Ellertson, Professor of Web and Digital Media Development at UW-SP, found himself immersed in a campus classroom. Ellertson was playing an online video game called "Cowboys and Engines," a fully imagined world in which participants can interact with one another and learn in real time.

"Online education, if it's going to be successful, it has to be interactive, and it has to be fun," said Ellertson. "Distance education, as it's currently taught at UW-SP, often leads to frustration from professors and students alike.

"The problem with the current system is that it's designed for lecture," said Ellertson, who teaches several hands-on courses. "Project-oriented and interactive courses do in fact teach like television. "Education needs to be interactive - both peer-to-peer and peer-to-instructor.""

The system Ellertson's referring to is the Collaborative Degree Program, a program where students from other campuses can enroll in certain UW-SP classes and join the classroom environment via microphones and seven-inch video screens, essentially creating one large virtual classroom.

Unfortunately, many feel the system's effectiveness grows thin with the types of courses they need to deliver.

"I hate that system," said Roger Bliss, Professor of Web and Digital Media Development at UW-SP, at the beginning of the semester. Bliss taught the first web-delivered course at UW-SP ten years ago, and now, over the last two years, he has been using the system to deliver steam courses in real time.

"I've had the system shut down before class was done. I've waited 15 minutes for it to start on one campus. I've had things freeze in the middle of a lecture," said Bliss.

Those problems have left many grasping for alternative solutions and searching for where the future of distance education will lie.

"We need a system that allows for desktop sharing and video conferencing, and then all those problems go away," said Bliss.

Innovative new ways to reach across boundaries and bring people together in valuable, digital learning environments are being developed constantly.

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It's a program so large that one student cannot learn everything, encouraging students to work together and consult with each other about their individual expertise.

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Art students collaborate on “The Cube”

Susan Morrison
Fine Arts Professor

An exciting, collaborative work of art is currently on display in the Courtyard of the Noel Fine Arts Center. Referred to as “The Cube,” or “The Beautiful Box,” this piece represents the work of Professor Morrison’s three classes: Art 103 sections 1 and 3 and Art 261 section 1. Art 103 is a freshman Drawing class. The students in these classes are exploring black and white media and various drawing methods. Art 261 is a beginning Ceramics class. Students in this class are learning to make pots on the wheel as well as construct hand built forms. All of the students worked in small groups, unaware of what the whole image would become. The drawing students took the subject of vessels; bottles with corks flying, cups overflowing, pots banging. The ceramic students worked with vessels and shards of vessels all in black and white glaze.

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JOSHUA KUJAWA
AMARA LANG
JASON LOEFFLER
GRIFFIN ROSTAN
KANDRA SHEFCHIK
MICHELLE SMITH
TANNER
STOFFERAHN
MATTHEW THORP
CHAO YANG

ART 103 - 3
ALYSSA BAKER
DEACON BISHOP
ANN DAVISON
JOANNE EVICA
AMBER FULLER
CHELSEA FULLER
TANYA HALLER
CATHERINE
HANGEN
ELIZABETH HEISE
MATTHEW KORPAL
CHRISTINE
MACARTHUR
SARAH MONTROSS
CORA PETERS
RACHEL SCHMIDT
EMILY STRILITZER
SHANE STRITZKE
SHERI TIMM

ART 261 - 1
AMANDA BAKER
NICHOLAS
DANZY
DANIEL DOLL
ERICA ERMAN
LARA FORSHAUG
LEE HAN
BILLIE KOSTAD
ALLISON KUNES
LEAH KWARCJANY
LISA LAKATOS
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ELIZABETH SMITH
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Give a lesser known holiday movie a try

Blair Nelson
ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

An aging woman tells the story of the vendicums—little men who live in the ice-mountains under the North Star—as anxious children wait for their uncle’s arrival. One boy is lost in boredom, because he’s heard this story every year.

After visiting, the uncle with gray hair and a woman with graying hair and a woman in the tumult of a blizzard takes under the North Star—as are those priceless rosy-red cheeks that match his suit, “Green just isn’t his color,” says a smiling Mrs. Claus when the elves are determining the color scheme of the jolly old man’s outfit.

When Santa comes upon his workshop for the first time, the moment is duly felt by the audience, for he himself is an artist and craftsman. His look is one of childlike bewilderment and innocence, which Huddleston plays throughout the film in heavy doses. It captures the Christmas spirit and its essence perfectly.

Conversely, when he contemplates how Christmas may be losing its feeling, we believe him, because the sadness is right there on his face.

This man is told he is the chosen one and will be known as Santa Claus by an elder, (Burgess Meredith) and time will travel with him through the centuries, as will the gift of flight. The speech is warm and inviting, because Santa Claus can: love it.

But overall a fine film that stays solidified on ice that captures some elements of what Christmas is all about, and a good movie to watch with the kids. Adults should like it too, for taking them back to when they were kids, and Santa Claus was all that mattered around this distinctive time.

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There is no doubt in my mind that if you go out and build a quin-zhee, your inner child will come leaping out of your quin-zhee doorway. Happy winter!

from Women pg. 7

Pointers 62-55.
The Pointer women missed their first nine shots from the field, while La Crosse led by as many as 12 points in the first half. Although the Pointers cut the lead to 39-38 in the second half, the Eagles never trailed UWSP the entire game.

Shultz and Lechance led the scoring drive for the Pointers with 12 points each. Chelsea Kranz followed with 11.

On the opposing end, Nicole Palmer scored a game high 18 points for the Eagles.

The Pointers are now 2-2 in WIAC conference standing and will face Finlandia University in Hancock, Mich. tonight for a 5 p.m. game.

from Weapon pg 2

"We look at it as it's a lengthy enough season that no irresponsible people are going to get through the permitting process," said Brian Schmidt, President of the Student Chapter.

The current bill, which Doyle has promised to test again, has a better chance of being passed by veto override this year due to the bill's softened stance.
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