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Bunnell praises students for their efforts to fund new student union

A token of the UW-SP campus had its doors ceremoniously closed Wednesday, May 3, as the Dreyfus University Center (DUC) is to undergo a year and a half long renovation project. The building will officially close to student access on May 22.

The formal announcement of the DUC closing took place outside the main DUC doors at 11 a.m. Student Government Association (SGA) President Melissa Cichanetz, opened for UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell who spoke about the renovation project on what she called a "regional landmark."

Bunnell began her speech with a brief history of the nearly 50-year-old DUC and then continued on to explain one major area of concern—the payment of this project.

Currently, UW-SP is having some budget difficulties and those being affected by the budget cuts, as well as others on campus, have questioned how money can be spent on this project.

Bunnell explained the solution clearly. The students are paying for this, not the university.

"It's important to realize the state of Wisconsin doesn't fund University Center's," Bunnell said, "but students are still able to tax themselves by increasing student fees. So this building is being remodeled and aided by money that comes from student fees; students today and in the future."

The SGA voted for increased fees on students as the form of payment. The payment plan took effect last school year, 2004-05, in the amount of $50 per student. This year each student has paid $63. This means that graduating seniors are paying for this project but will not be able to experience the new building.

"I think it is very selfish of them (graduating seniors) to look at future generations," said Bunnell. "It's a gift of former students to new students."

Payment for the renovations will continue at the amount of $63 a student for the next two school years as well, ending in 2007-08. The total amount each student will be paying is $239 over the four-year span.

The other major issue Bunnell discussed was that of all the UC's organizations and offices moving to other areas of campus, including the temporary loss of the Pointer Express.

Currently, UW-SP is looking to relocate the majority of the offices and services to Nelson Hall and some to DeBot Hall. However, the University Store, Test Result Point Card Office and the University Box Office have relocated into the Old County Market on Division Street.

The bulk of the food service during this time will be in the DeBot Center. The College of Professional Studies (CPS) cafe will remain open and the library has opened a cyber cafe.

Bunnell also showed delight for the Noel Fine Arts Center and being able to use their theatres for conferences and meetings.

Students left with few options for meals next year

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The closing of the Dreyfus University Center (DUC) will be inconvenient for much of the campus next year. Students are concerned about a number of issues, not the least of which includes student job loss and meal options.

Freshman Renee Carter voiced concern regarding a lack of options when it comes to spending her meal plan cash equivalency.

"We want more options for where we can eat," said Carter.

While the cash equivalency can be used in lower DeBot next semester, Carter said she wonders why it's not accepted at more locations on campus, like the new Learning Resource Center (LRC) Cafe.

"Having to go all the way to DeBot, it takes you up your time," she said. "If you only have 20 minutes to eat, and it takes you 15 minutes to walk there, and then you wait in line, what's the point?"

Having to purchase a meal plan due to university policy, students who will be living on-campus next year will have limited options for dining. University Dining has modified the meal plan options and the availability for students to purchase food using their allotted meals.

According to Rosanne Proite, executive director of Campus Life, meal plans are required with the students' best interest in mind.

"With almost 3,000 students living on campus, we simply don't have the facilities for them to cook all their meals for themselves," said Proite.

Proite also explained that...
The decision was passed to completely close down the DUC instead of partially closing it down in sections. This, according to Bunnell will save time and an estimated $1.5 million.

"People will have to make a few sacrifices, but so far they are willing to do it. But, it's so we can build this building more quickly."

The new UC will be seening numerous upgrades that include a 200-seat theatre, an expanded Laid Room, new Encore on the Concourse, an updated University Store, more lounge space and new heating, ventilating, air conditioning and sprinkler systems.

The $23.7 million dollar project that is set to begin May 30 is scheduled to reopen in time for the 2007 academic year.

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if the meal plan was not a requirement, the cost would increase for those who did use it.

The current meal plan system allows for students to choose between 20, 14, 10 or seven meals per week, and depending on the meals a student receives per week - a certain amount of Food Points (which will be called DeBot Dollars next year), which could be used like cash at any dining facility on the UWSP campus.

For example, a student who selects the 20 meals per week plan would receive $10 worth of Food Points. A student could also have selected an "All-Points" plan, which consisted of $575 worth of Food Points, but no meals.

Currently, the most popular meal plan includes 14 meals, plus $50 in Food Points, for use in the DeBot Convenience Store (C-Store) and Grill.

The C-Store comes in handy for students who tend to eat during off-peak hours, selling made-to-order burgers, sandwiches and beverages, along with grocery items.

Students who choose to eat at the Grill will be offered a pre-selected item called the Pointer Special, which can be purchased between the same time frames as the equivalency program.

The food selection offered will be worth exactly one meal. The same system was used at the Pointer Express and Wooden Spoon in previous years.

"Ideally, I think other locations should accept DeBot Dollars, even if they won't accept cash," said Carter. "A variety of food, especially closer to the classrooms, would be wonderful. Food at the C-store can be quite overpriced, with a lack of selection and long lines. It would be easy to keep our money and walk over to County Market."

Initially, meal cash equivalency was eliminated from all meal plans for next year. The concern about a lack of options for food and the continued increase in cost for meal plans has led to student action. In the past several weeks, students have started petitions against the proposed meal plan changes.

"A few people from my dorm (Burroughs) and I created a petition. Basically, our petition said that we noted the changes in the meal plan and were disappointed with the lack of variety and how the meal cash equivalency was taken away," Carter said.

According to Carter, the elimination of meal cash equivalency was a triggering event for most students, as over 125 concerned individuals signed the petition in one day.

The activities of the disgruntled students made an impact, as the University reinstated meal cash equivalency late last week.

According to an e-mail sent out by the PointCard office to all students living on campus, meal cash equivalency would be kept in meal plans "[after hearing about a number of concerns from students...]."

Carter feels that giving students several different dining options in more convenient places would be a priority for the University.

"My main concern about the meal plan next year is the lack of variety and convenience," said Carter. "Basically, we can (only) eat at DeBot with our meal plan..."

Anyone who has eaten at DeBot more than once realizes how repetitive the food there can be.

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Your College Survival Guide: The Art of the Prank

Pat Rothfuss

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You want to see what you've done and say "Wow." You want wonder and delight with just a dash of confusion and awe.

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You could give the vitruvian man on the CNR mural big cardboard pants. Or a big cardboard guimp suit. I've always wanted to put a bunch of arrows all over campus. They would wind several separate circuitous routes through Stevens Point, eventually converging in some remote location. Then I'd rent one of those port-a-toilets, put it there, and sit it all day waiting for people to stop by and open the door. Do you know what I'd do when they opened the door. But you have to admit, no matter what I did, it couldn't help but be funny.

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Your Silent Revolution

Oil Spill in the Alaskan Tundra; Ecosystem Devastated.
Exxon Takes Hold of Ecuador's Oil Supply; Native People's Livelihoods Destroyed.
Gasoline Price Gauging; Three Dollars a Gallon by Summer.
Temperatures Rising; Threat of Global Warming is Real. 15,000 Californians at Risk for Cancer; Smog Responsible.

I am not here to convince you that oil is a dirty business. Many of us have already heard of the corruption within the oil industry and the threat oil usage poses to the health of ecosystems, human beings, and our pocketbooks. I am not here to convince you to write letters to your congressmen. Instead I propose a small and FEASABLE step you can take towards lessening America's reliance on non-renewable resources, a silent revolution to take part in: Boycott the oil industry; don't drive to work this summer.

Inevitably, some people must drive to their summer jobs. America was built for cars, not for public transportation or bicycles or walking. If you happen to work at a factory fifteen miles from your house, you probably don't have many options. But don't rule out carpooling. Find someone to ride with. Perhaps you'll make a friend, spark a romance, or if nothing else save on gas money this summer.

However many of you will be working within reach of a bus route. If you have a job in Stevens Point this summer, your place of employment is most certainly on the bus line. (Check out a map! The bus goes everywhere.) And you ride for free with a student I.D. Imagine resting your head against the cool metal walls of the bus after a long, hot day of work. You're listening to headaches, your eyes are closed, the air conditioning works, and you do not have to worry about stoplights, traffic jams, or speed limits. Instead of getting into a car after work, the bus allows you to unwind and take some of the stress out of your day.

Another great way to de-stress after work is on your bike. Last summer I chose a bike as a preferred means of transportation to my job. After a twenty-minute ride, I always arrived red-faced and sweating through my business attire. But the sweat would dissipate, and I felt so much better about sitting at a desk all day for I'd already had some physical activity.

According to the U.S. dietary guidelines, Americans should get between thirty and ninety minutes of physical activity per day. Why not kill two birds with one stone by riding to work? Not only will you get your needed exercise, but pumping your legs in the fresh air both before and after work will revitalize you. And, like the bus, riding your bike removes you from the stress of five o'clock traffic. You make your own rules from your bike seat.

I recognize that waiting for a bus or biking to work takes time, perhaps as much as a half an hour more than it would to simply drive. So yes, you are sacrificing your time for the good of the whole. But keep in mind that at the same time you may have to get up fifteen minutes earlier, you are also fostering your own well being. By not driving to work this summer, you save money, reduce the amount of stress in your life and add vital physical activity to your day. Most importantly, you lessen your dependece on the oil companies, playing your part in a silent revolution. For that you deserve a pat on the back and an ice cream cone.
Comics

BY: JOY

Resident's Evil
The Pino Yet society is selling burgers and brats to help a good cause, but they do kind of have a thing for... um, let's just say it's not 100% safe. I'm not sure if I want to make money off this, but if they don't stop, I'll have to take charge.

Here We Are

By: E.H. Ferguson

My Roommate: How's it going?

THAT MODE. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU WANT ME

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

LOOK BEHIND YOU.


SOAP MILK

BY: Lo Shim

Ok, I can take them ba--

HEY!
Where'd he go? Darn kids today...can't trust them with anything!

Mistress Nine

By: Angela Kao

Man, it must be awesome living with all these women.

NEVERLAND

BY: Ryan Tidball

I never thought I'd say this, but I need to be thinking more when it comes to the content of our comics. Our comics have been shown to the human resources department and our language could be a problem. Let's make sure we're not offending anyone.

Magic Mike

Magic Mike presents
"Party Drinks of Lesser Popularity"

"Fuzzy Nostri" (3 oz. Peach Marmalade & 3 oz. Peach Schnapps)

Mix ingredients together & stir to proper consistency. Serve chilled.

"Jägerbowl" (2 oz. Jägermeister 8 oz. Red Bull & 2 cups Corn Pops)

Mix ingredients together in a bowl then eat them as fast as you can.

By: Mike Cypull

"Quality Beer" (1 Bottle of Quality Beer)

New Glarus Brewing Co.

Serve Chilled.

So is everything ready?

Of course, we'll leave for the ball tomorrow.

Sockrates presents:

The Thursday Word

Defervesce

the opposite of "effervesce," or "to cool down"

(Oxford English Dictionary).

Word Search: Summertime

To submit your comics, contact Joy at jrate567@uwsp.edu
Used bookstores: a bargain without the name

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When you walk into a used bookstore, you hear nothing. No music. No talking. You have to rely on your other senses to guide you through the store. The silence reminds you of a library, not a hostile and uncomfortable silence, but the soft hum of low voices, and the tranquility of personality solitude. You'll get the help if you need it because just like a librarian, the person behind this counter is a professional. Although you can walk into a large bookstore and get any book, it's less likely the employee will be familiar with the book you're looking for.

Imagine standing around in Barnes and Noble for half an hour, waiting for an overworked employee to show you where the poetry section is among the stacks of discounted paperbacks. The vast, public store has millions of books. With the bustling activity, it seems every person is trying to get somewhere, as if they had suitcases in hand, ready to board a flight. Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 is drowned out with the noise of the store.

Located just before the railroad bridge towards Plover, a profit. A calico named Cleo assists of books litter the floor. A therapist in Pennsylvania, to allow the cyberspace on.

Above: Mike Plonsker helps a customer find a book at his store downtown.
Left: Steve Kirschling recently took his business, Blue Moon Books & Antiques, online.

In the back room, he keeps collectibles locked behind glass shelves, such as the first British edition of Tom Clancy's "Hunt for Red October," or an eighteenth century golf course architecture book with a price tag of over $800. Kirschling gathers books mainly from estate and library sales and has recently joined hundreds of other book sellers online, introducing himself to the Internet by starting what he calls "data processing."

When you walk into a used bookstore, you hear nothing. No music. No talking. It's sometimes hard for used bookstores to keep up with the technologies and advancements in sales. Although Mike Plonsker Books and Book Isle have not joined the cyber community, Steve Kirschling believes it's one of the steps in a successful used bookstore. Along with data processing, Steve also believes that research of collectibles, and namely the everyday books themselves, help to keep his bookstore alive. "If you're out to make money, selling books isn't you're business," Kirschling said.

"We try not to step on each others toes," Michelle said, "but it's hard to do that with each owner having a different specialty. Even though all three owners have many differences, they form a unified community of book lovers, who are more than willing to help one another out.

Last fall, I was on a mission to find "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" by Richard Bach. I first tried Mike Plonsker Books, but he only had a limited number of paperbacks, so I suggested one of the other stores. I then stopped at Book Isle, where Michelle also regretfully had no copies. She immediately called Steve, who did have a copy, along with a couple other books I was interested in. She pointed me in the direction of Blue Moon, only a block behind her store.
The sound of whirring sewing machines, oldies on the radio, hammers beating against wood, and a few swear words erupting out of students is the ambiance for Kenny Szymanski and his shop.

Szymanski is the master upholsterer for Residential Living/Building Services here at UW-SP. Not many people know about him, but if you have ever noticed something out of place in your dorm building, you can thank him.

Szymanski is the man responsible for your new drapes and curtains, for upholstering the "new" chair that is in your lounge that looks the same, but different. Even the new finish on your doors was done by him. You name it, and he's had a hand in doing it.

Szymanski, originally a Stevens Point native, has worked on campus more than 24 years. That's longer than some students' ages.

He began his life in upholstery when he joined the Air Force, where he was a parachute and fabrication specialist. He spent a lot of time packing and sewing parachutes in exotic places such as Korea, where he was stationed.

It was time to throw the parachutes out, and start on a new goal. He didn't have any training with upholstery at the time, but quickly became interested after watching his teachers in the Air Force.

"Packing parachutes isn't a lifetime thing, but upholstery is," said Szymanski.

After doing his time in the Air Force, Szymanski moved back home to Stevens Point, where he took a job working on furniture for UW-SP in a tiny shop that quickly grew.

"We started in the basement of Smith Hall, and then we moved to the recycling building, which was bigger, but it was dirty," said Szymanski.

From the dirty building that once housed his shop and the recycling area, Szymanski was able to secure a modern shop in the Residential Living building, equipped with a spray booth, air powered tools, new sewing machines, and all the tools he could use.

"We used to have water that would flow across the floor [of the old building]," said Szymanski.

Aside from his usual contributions to campus, such as his prowess on a sewing machine, or his whiz with varnishes, Szymanski has also contributed many ideas that help this campus save money everyday.

The university has a program called "Dollars for Sense" that is designed for employees who have ideas that save the university money. Every year, any worker can submit an idea that could save the school money, and as you may have guessed, there is a cash reward.

Szymanski has won this prestigious award not just once, but multiple times, as one can see the awards hanging proudly over his desk.

"I received one award for using old plastic bottles that were thrown away for containers around our shop, and another award for putting a one-way street sign on Clark Street outside South Hall," said Szymanski.

Awards aside, what Szymanski loves most about this job is working with students. At any one time there could be half a dozen students working for him. For these students, working with Szymanski gives them an opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade, and its not bad for Szymanski either.

"It's enjoyable to work with students, and I look forward to it every day," said Szymanski. "It's interesting to watch them walk through the different stages of life."

When all the drilling has stopped, the sewing is finished, the half-covered couch seats are all stacked neatly, all the varnish is sealed and stacked, and the floors are swept, that is when Szymanski's day is done.

So the next time you notice new fabric on your favorite chair, a new coat of stain on that old door, or a new set of blinds on that bright window, know that it wasn't done by magical elves but by UW-SP's master upholsterer, Kenny Szymanski.
GearPoint

A look at the hottest gear on the market, in the headlamp of Outdoor EdVentures Student Manager, Josh Spieze.

For decades, the world of back-country utensils has been plagued by the debate over using spoons, forks, or both, for dining. Until recently, outdoor enthusiasts were required to either make a decision, pack both, or change their menu to accommodate one or the other. Then came the head of the Foon is fairly large.

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Light My Fire® Spork - Bargain.

Just like the Doors song, the combination fork and spoon on one utensil has classic written all over it. With a fork on one end and a spoon on the other, it gets the best of both worlds, never leaving you shortchanged or compromised. Molded from Teflon-friendly, heat-resistant polycarbonate, it is by far the lightest spark, foon, or spoon and fork combo on the market. Only drawback: the polycarbonate isn't nearly as strong as it is light, making it nearly impossible to scrape off burned noodles or scoop from ice cream.

Snow Peak Titanium Spork.

As strong as steel, yet nearly as thin as a knife, the Snow Peak is perfect for literally anything you can cook in the backcountry. I use mine quite frequently, even in the civilized world, for everything from rock-hard ice cream and birthday cake to over-cooked venison steaks and clam chowder. Snow Peak should think about renaming its titanium spork to something that incorporates the words fork, spoon, and knife, due to its ability to stab, scoop and cut. Its finish leaves no metallic smell or taste and the thin line or diesel engines until evening; tuned; and conserving electricity as its primary component of smog that protects the earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. Unlike the “good” atmospheric ozone, ground-level ozone is dangerous because it is located at the surface where people can breathe it. High concentrations of ozone in the air can trigger health problems such as chest pain and coughing, and can aggravate conditions like asthma, bronchitis, heart disease and emphysema.

Everyone is affected by poor air quality, but those especially at risk are children, people with existing respiratory problems, the elderly and healthy adults who spend a lot of time outdoors or engage in vigorous physical activity outside. Crops and other vegetation can also be damaged by ground-level ozone.

Air quality changes every day, but staying informed to keep oneself and one’s family healthy is as easy as checking the weather pages in the newspaper or calling Wisconsin’s Daily Air Hotline at 1-866-DAILY AIR (1-866-324-9924) to find out the Air Quality Index for the day. The AQI is a color-coded scale that shows the level of ozone and other pollutants, like fine particles, in the air each day.

The Wisconsin DNR uses the AQI to report air quality at monitoring sites around the state. When the AQI goes above 100, or into the orange range, the air is considered "unhealthy for sensitive groups.” If the AQI goes above 100 at any monitor in Wisconsin, the DNR issues an air quality advisory for the county where the monitor is located and any nearby counties that are experiencing the same air quality problem.

“Through everyone’s efforts, Wisconsin’s air quality has improved dramatically since the late 1980s, and even though we are on the right track, our air quality still has room for improvement,” Buss said.

Organizations like the Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air have been noticing people in northeastern Wisconsin of potentially high ozone levels for the past several years and, more recently, the Dane County Clean Air Coalition, and Jefferson, Winnebago and Fond du Lac County organizations have created action day programs when weather conditions and monitoring data suggest ozone or particle pollution may reach unhealthy levels in those parts of Wisconsin on the following day. In the event that ozone or particle pollution levels have already reached unhealthy levels for people in sensitive groups, the DNR will issue an Air Quality Advisory.

The DNR is also now sending out e-mails notices of Air Quality Watches and Advisories. Air Quality Watches are sent out when unhealthy pollution levels are forecast for the next day in one or more regions of Wisconsin. Advisories are also sent out when monitors show existing unhealthy pollution levels in one or more regions of Wisconsin. The current air quality conditions as reported by DNR monitors can be found on the DNR Web site.

When air pollution levels are forecast to reach the AQI orange level the next day, everyone is encouraged to take steps to help reduce the production of ground-level ozone and particle pollution. Such steps include:

1. Filling vehicle gas tanks late in the day, when ozone is less likely to form;
2. Making sure the gas cap is on tightly; turning it until it clicks three to five times insures a good seal;
3. Pooling instead of driving alone;
4. Combining errands to reduce driving time;
5. Riding the bus or a bike instead of driving;
6. Postponing lawn mowing and other activities that use small gasoline or diesel engines until evening; and conserving electricity as much as possible around the house and at work.

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Brunton My-Ti Folding Spork

Recently receiving a Backpacker Magazine Editor’s Choice Award for it’s ingenuity, the titanium and stain-

Lexan®, polycarbonate and titanium, the spork is ready to meet anyone’s needs for choosing a backwoods meal. Here’s a look at what’s hot on the spork market...

GSI Outdoors Piranha Foon (Fork/Spoon)

Looking for something a little lighter on the wallet, yet still retain the same functionality of a spork? Look no farther than the Piranha Foon. All of our gearheads have been wait-

ing for a company to put the name “Foon” to a product. GSI has made us proud with this virtually-unbreakable Lexan® model that is great for every-

thing from pasta to chicken noodle soup, along with putting some lever-

aging into that burnt pasta at the bottom of the pot. It also features a quick-

clip handle for attaching it to your shirt, pack, etc. Have they found the perfect breed of fork and spoon? No – the head of the Foon is fairly large (even for my big mouth), making it difficult to get a king-sized scoop of food or to avoid spilling liquidy meals at mouth-entry. The non-smooth finish also accumulates oils, giving it an inconsiderably smooth feeling, until you wash it and realize how slimy it actually was. Worth the money? Most definitely - buy a bunch of these for the price of one titanium spork and forget the agony of losing one. $1.99 / .75" long / .5 oz / www.gsioutdoors.com

DNR News Release

MADISON – The warmer, sunnier weather that ushers in the month of May can also bring the onset of the ground-level ozone season, which typically runs from May through September in Wisconsin. To spotlight the potential adverse health effects associated with increased ground level ozone, the American Lung Association has designated May as Clean Air Month. Also, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has teamed with the National Weather Service in declaring May 15-19 National Air Quality Awareness Week. More information on Air Quality Awareness Week can be found at http://www.airnow.gov/airaware.cfm.

On hot, summer days, emissions from cars, power plants, large factories and other sources react in the presence of sunlight to form ground-level ozone that is harmful to people’s health,” explained Larry Bruss, Regional Pollutant and Mobile Source Section Chief with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Madison. “These emissions come from exhaust and smoke stacks, and the evaporation of organic chemicals like gasoline and paint solvents, otherwise known as volatile organic compounds or VOCs. These same emissions also contribute to particle pollution, which often accompanies ozone pollution. However, high ozone levels, although particle pollution can occur at any time of year. Ground-level ozone – the main component of smog – is chemically equivalent to the ozone in the upper atmosphere (called the ‘ozone layer’) and the evaporation of organic compounds or VOCs. These same emissions also contribute to particle pollution, which often accompanies ozone pollution. However, high ozone levels, although particle pollution can occur at any time of year.

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A UW-SP student hunter's education

Graduate debates whether to seek more education or hunt more deer

Andy Niemeyer
Outdoors Reporter

With graduation just around the corner, I have a problem. I'm supposed to graduate in May, move out and become some responsible adult who benefits society. But, I really don't want to. For some reason, I'm one of those sick, twisted students who actually likes college. OK, I dislike college, but I love the free time associated with it.

Don't get me wrong; finding a job when I graduate, on that golden three-year resume, is usually the main reason to graduate. OK, I disagree with that reasoning for my decision. 1. Unless I have a permanent accident-prone body. And with my luck, as I receive my leather folder that contains the message “congratulations on your graduation, you will receive your diploma in two to four weeks through the mail,” my parents' health insurance ceases to cover my accident-prone body. And with my luck, as I receive my folder, I'll fall down the stairs, break my collarbone and rupture my spleen, without insurance.

2. I like to hunt. During the fall semester of 2005 I made it back home (two hours away) every weekend. Most weeks I left school Friday mornings after my 9 o'clock class and didn't come back until ten, eleven or midnight on Sundays. However, with the cooler November temperatures tempting me and with the rut firing up, I found myself leaving school Thursday mornings, experiencing four-day weekends. Needless to say, I like hunting. If I stay in school, I'll be back home hunting, a lot. Currently, my projected class schedule shows no classes on Mondays and Fridays; looks like I'll be in the woods more than I'll be at a desk.

3. A 66 percent chance. I've been enrolled at UW-Stevens Point for three years. During these three years I have had the opportunity to see a lot of deer. I have also had the opportunity to harvest big deer. My first year at Point I harvested a 145 lb eleven-pointer. Not bad considering some people hunt their entire lives not even seeing deer this big. However, with the rut firing, I stay at Point, and if my math is correct, I have a 66 percent chance that another wall hanger will find himself riding around town with me. I like my odds.

And lastly, 4. It's not what you know, it's what else you know. If I return to school, endure harsh three-day weeks desirable to an employer in the future. If I stay at Point, and if my math is correct, I have a 66 percent chance that another wall hanger will find himself riding around town with me. I like my odds.
Swept away: Four losses to UW-O take Pointers out of WIAC race

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Extra innings, quality pitching, late-game heroics, a rainout and playoff implications. The only thing missing from UW-SP's four game series with WIAC rival UW-Oshkosh was a Pointers victory.

The Titans handed UW-SP their first four-game sweep since the WIAC's inception and the 2002 schedule, when the Pointers went just 2-1 and 4-3 in 11 innings on May 4, 2006. UW-O defeated the Pointers 2-1 and 4-3 in 11 innings on Saturday and finished the series on Monday with wins of 4-2 and 7-3. The four losses prevent the Pointers from taking position to win the WIAC regular season title.

Game one on Saturday set the tone for what was to come. The Pointers' way all weekend, UW-SP gained the lead in the top of the third, as Joel Hojnicki scored on a Chuck Brehm double.

The Pointers continued to lead the game, anchored by the pitching of Jason Zimmermann. Entering the bottom of the sixth, Zimmermann had not allowed a hit in the game. After two groundouts opened the sixth inning for UW-O, Zimmermann allowed his first hit to Andrew Stendahl. After Stendahl stole second base, Mike Fadness capitalized on the run-scoring opportunity with a home run to right field, giving the Titans a 2-1 lead.

The Pointers struggled to muster any offense in the rest of the game, collecting only one hit in the final three innings.

Zimmermann took the loss for UW-SP, going eight innings, allowing two costly hits and striking out six. He is now 3-3 for the season.

The Pointers looked to rebound in the second game of the series on Saturday, but only met defeat in a more heartbreaking fashion.

UW-O took an early 1-0 lead in the third on an RBI single by Josh Shere. UW-SP answered the Titans, scoring once in the fourth and twice in the fifth for a 3-1 lead.

The back-and-forth flow of the game continued with UW-SP scoring a single run in the sixth and seventh innings, tying the game at three.

With neither team gaining the upper hand in the eighth or ninth innings, the 248 fans in attendance at Tiedemann Field in Oshkosh got to see free baseball in the form of extra innings.

The Pointers went down in order to start the 10th. The Titans put a scare into UW-O, loading the bases with only one out. UW-SP pitcher Jeff Ziekle fought out of the jam, allowing no runs, preventing the game from going to the 11th inning.

The Pointers managed to get runners at the corners in the top of the 11th, but failed to tally a run. The Titans would load the bases for the second straight inning, this time managing to push a run across.

Following a Stendahl pop-out to open the Titans' half of the 11th, Fadness doubled to left, inducing an intentional walk to the next UW-O hitter. Two more walks would follow, allowing the Titans to score and claim a 4-3 victory.

Josh Perkins again gave UW-SP a strong pitching performance in a loss, going seven innings, scattering five hits and striking out a career-high 10 Titans in a no decision.

The loss went to Ziekle, his second of the season.

Wet weather forced Sunday's doubleheader to be moved to Monday. But it was another different day for the Pointers.

UW-O never trailed in game one on Monday, as the Pointers struggled to find their hitting shoes. After the third inning, UW-SP produced only two hits and failed to score. With the last 11 Pointer hitters making outs, the Titans held on to their 4-2 lead and never let go.

UW-SP saved their best for last, collecting 14 hits in a 7-3 win in the series finale. Lack of hitting again plagued the Pointers, who had only one hit in the final five innings.

Jake Frombach was the only UW-SP player to have multi-hit games on Monday, as he collected two hits in each of the contests.

UW-SP's record in the WIAC fell to 10-9 with the tough, luck week end in Oshkosh. The Pointers remain a half a game ahead of UW-Stout for fourth place in the standings.

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Tobalsky earns win and save against pesky Blue Devils

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Ashley Tobalsky pitched a five-hit shutout in the opening game and then closed out the second game for a save as the UW-Stevens Point softball team swept two games from UW-Stout on Saturday at McCarty Field. Tobalsky matched a season-best with nine strikeouts in a 5-0 first game victory and then struck out two batters in the seventh inning of the second game to close out a 6-2 triumph.

UW-Stevens Point is now 23-14-1 overall and 5-9 in the WIAC, while UW-S fell to 6-26 overall and 3-13 in the league. The Pointers were scheduled to conclude the regular season Sunday at home against UW-River Falls, but the games were moved to Monday at 3 p.m. due to impending poor weather. More unfavorable weather on Monday led to the cancellation of the UW-RF contest.

The win was Tobalsky's second complete game shutout this week after blanking UW-Oshkosh on Wednesday. She allowed the five hits in five different innings and recorded six of her first seven outs via strikeouts.

UW-SP struck for four runs in the second inning as Kristin Konieczny and Jenni Van Cuyk each had run-scoring singles and Mandy Jellish ripped a two-run double. Laura Van Abel reached on an error and scored on a passed ball in the fifth inning.

In the second game, UW-S went ahead with a two-out triple by Savannah Oeltjen in the second inning, but the Pointers capitalized on the run-scoring opportunity with a home run to right field, giving the Titans a 2-1 lead.

The Pointers looked to rebound and tied the game at three. Tobalsky entered the game as the sixth as UW-S had runners at second and third with one out, but it took her one pitch to work out of the jam, getting the Blue Devils to ground into a double play.

Tobalsky pitched the game in relief and struck out three over two and three-straight innings for the win. Michelle Holberg entered the game in relief and struck out two on two and three-straight innings for the win.

Tobalsky earned the win and save against pesky Blue Devils for a 6-2 advantage.

Career Highlights:
- Served military duty in Iraq between 2004-05 and was granted an additional year of eligibility.
- Team's No. 1 starter at end of season and first-team all-WIAC performer in 2003.
- Won 11 letters participating in football, basketball, baseball and track in high school.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?
- Finally being able to pitch my senior season after being away for more than a year in Iraq.

What is your most embarrassing moment?
- You'll have to ask my friends to find that out.

What CD is on your stereo right now?
- Linkin Park, rap, 80s rock. Anything but country.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player?
- The wife's pilates workout crap.

What will you remember most about UW-SP?
- All of the great friendships I have made through the years, playing ball, long weekends and being able to sleep in pretty much whenever you want.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? - My mom, my dad and my beautiful wife.
With a pressing need at linebacker, the Packers eye Hawk

Steve Roelander
THE POINTER
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Whether or not the Green Bay Packers No. 1 pick in the 2006 NFL Draft will be a special player in professional football, one thing is for sure. A.J. Hawk looks like a football player. Hawk also appears to have what it takes in terms of skills to cut it in the NFL. The 6’1”, 246 lbs. linebacker from “The” Ohio State University was the premier defender on a Buckeye squad that produced nine draft picks this year, six of which played on the defensive side of the ball.

It took his team in tackles all three seasons he started, dating back to 2003. He was also a two-time All-American selection and was the 2005 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year. Hawk’s accolades read like a loaded laundry list. But was he the best pick for the Pack?

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Packers did this past weekend. Whether or not the team selected were not the players projected to be the best at their position. None of the players who seem to have a lot of potential, the Packers earned the “safe” pick - one that will provide a team with quality play over the course of several years, but nothing spectacular. If the Packers looked to the other side of the ball, however, they may have taken a player who could make an instant and profound impact in another trouble area.

Vernon Davis, tight end from the University of Maryland, was taken sixth by the San Francisco 49ers. His physical attributes are well-documented. Davis can bench press over 400 lbs. and squat more than 500 lbs. He is fast, has size and can catch the football.

Green Bay traded wide receiver Javon Walker to Denver during the second round of the draft, so a player who could make an immediate difference on offense could have proven useful. Despite being a tight end, Davis would have possibly stepped into a receiver-type role. His 4.4 40-yard dash time would be an asset to Brett Favre and the Packers passing attack.

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In Thompson’s defense, the Packers did draft a wide receiver in the second round. A relatively unknown player, Greg Jennings fell into the Packers’ lap at the 52nd selection. Jennings was third-team All-American selection in 2005. He caught 98 passes for 1,259 yards and scored 14 times last year. Jennings became only the eleventh player in NCAA Division 1-A history to gain over 1,000 yards receiving three times in a career.

If Jennings can take his college legacy and transition into a potent NFL receiver, Favre and the Packers offense may have a weapon in their arsenal.

Many media outlets provide each NFL team with a grade following the draft. Here is my assessment of how well the Packers did this past weekend.

Green Bay accomplished the main goal every team should have coming into the draft; fill positions that need attention. In drafting Hawk and Abdul Hodge at linebacker, selecting three offensive linemen, two wide receivers and two defensive linemen, the Packers met this requirement. However, some of the players the Packers selected were not the players projected to be the best in their position.

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Psychology professor talks about opposite sex friendships

Sara Suchy Science Reporter

"Men and women can never be friends because the sex part always gets in the way," said Billy Crystal in "When Harry Met Sally," a movie which not only made chick flics of all time, but made us really think about the question, can men and women really just be friends?

The question is asked and debated all the time and has often been a cause for turmoil in romantic relationships. "Why do you spend so much time with Jane?" she asks. "Calm down, we're just friends," he replies. Sound familiar to anyone?

Dr. April Bleske-Rechek, a professor of psychology at UW-Eau Claire came to campus last Thursday night to lecture on this very issue with members of the UW-SP psychology club.

The answer was like most answers when it comes to questions of this nature: very fuzzy. And considering that, according to Dr. Bleske-Rechek, 51 percent of opposite sex friends report eventually consummating their "friendship," it seems doubtful that such a relationship could work.

But as many of our readers know, there are many examples of seemingly platonic friendships between males and females. What people don't realize is that the opposite sex friendship is, according to Dr. Bleske-Rechek, "a historical novelty."

Men and women never used to be friends because of their vastly different status in society. Men went off to work in the morning and women stayed home and went to their knitting circles. There was little to no interaction between the sexes outside courtship and marriage.

Now that the playing field has been somewhat leveled in the last 30 years, there are more women going to college and work, which has opened the door to opposite sex friendships between students and co-workers.

"Now the problem," according to Dr. Bleske-Rechek, "is defining the relationship. They're not same sex friends and they're not romantic partners, what are they?"

For years, male and female relationships usually boiled down to continuation of the human species. Now that that situation is not always the case, what is the purpose of the friendship? And can it truly be platonic if we are supposed to, in theory, be sexually attracted to that person?

"Our brains aren't wired in a way that can deal with opposite sex friends," said Dr. Bleske-Rechek.

Part of the reason many of these friendships either fail or become sexual is the influence of the media. "How many of the 'Friends' actually stayed just friends," said Dr. Bleske-Rechek. "Chandler and Monica got married."

Then there's the question of defining friendship itself. Dr. Bleske-Rechek did a survey among opposite sex friends at UW-EC, which indicated that women are better at keeping the relationship platonic than men.

A large percentage of men, when asked about the benefits of their opposite sex friendship listed romantic or sexual potential with their female friend. The same cannot be said for women, the vast majority of whom had no aspirations to turn the friendship into a romantic relationship. Other findings in the survey showed that, in general, sexual desire was a very strong motivator for men, much more so than for women.

But even in light of these findings that opposite sex friendships rarely work, there are always the exceptions.

"I have tons of guy friends, and most of my classes are with guys. It doesn't mean I'm attracted to them," said Gina Javurek, a junior wildlife major. Many others would echo this sentiment.

So, back to the question, can men and women really be friends? It's likely that we will probably never answer the question with complete certainty. But in the meantime, it's safe to say that it's probably not okay to hit on your boyfriend's best friend, especially if you two are supposed to be friends.

Getting help for suicidal students

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Suicide is an important issue on college campuses and can significantly affect a great number of people. It is the second leading cause of death among college students and is the third leading cause of death among all people 15-24 years old.

It is common for college students to know someone who has been affected by suicide. Many students either know someone who has attempted or committed suicide.

According to an article published in the UW-Oshkosh Advance Titan discussing a 2003 survey, on average 11 percent of all UW students had at one time seriously considered committing suicide. That means that at a school like UW-SP, with a population around 8,500, approximately 935 students are at risk of committing suicide every year.

According to the article, the suicide rate in Wisconsin for college-age students is 36 percent above the national average.

If you suspect that you or someone you know may be at risk for committing suicide, two major signs to watch out for are depression and drug and alcohol abuse.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, two-thirds of those who commit suicide suffer from some sort of depressive illness. It is important to

Steps to Help Yourself or a Friend

- Take your friend's actions and suicidal thoughts seriously.
- Encourage your friend to seek professional help and accompany him or her if necessary.
- Talk to a trusted advisor, instructor, or counselor. Don't be alone in helping your friend.

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Should you ever find yourself in the middle of a heart attack fighting for breath and coming within an inch of your life, it's probably best to see a doctor. However, for those everyday aches and pains, and maybe that occasional common cold, more and more people are trying herbal remedies as opposed to conventional medicine for relief.

Lauren Ebbecke, a massage therapist at Mind and Body Connections and herbalist, gave a hands-on workshop about the healing power of herbs at the Allen Center last Saturday.

"From ancient times, herbs have played a vital role in healing in many cultures," said Ebbecke. "They are just as valid today as they were 5,000 years ago." Herbs like comfrey and arnica can be used as an anti-inflammatory. Other herbs such as calendula and tea tree oil can be used as anti-septics.

"You can make a homemade lotion out of licorice and marshmallow herbs and honey that is great for fighting off colds," said Ebbecke. Ginger is great for digestion. Nettles have 400 times more calcium than milk and are wonderful for women's reproductive systems. And mild thistle is great for liver health.

There are countless more that can be used as remedies or simply to promote relaxation, such as chamomile. Herbs are also used in aromatherapy products.

Once an herb has become popularly used however, it runs the risk of losing its credibility for other uses, or it can become overused.

St. John's Wort has become very popular lately because of the convenience, but you should never be taken long term without super-vision, this is an herb that could potentially kill you," warned Ebbecke.

By and large, most common herbs, if identified and used correctly, will not harm their user. "If you are out gathering your own herbs for the first time make sure you are with someone who knows what they're doing," said Ebbecke. "There are so many look-alike plants that can be toxic and even fatal to humans if eaten."

There are several options for getting the good herbs into your body. The most popular way is through teas. "In order for the tea to be effective, you need to steep the herb for at least 10 minutes, most of which we don't do," said Ebbecke.

Green tea has become very popular lately because it is so high in antioxidants which stimulate the immune system. Tinctures are herbs that have been canned with alcohol or vinegar. After they sit for anywhere from two weeks to six months, depending on the herb - an eyedropper full of the left-over liquid can be added to water to drink.

Salves are herbal infused vegetable oils that are hard-ened with beeswax for topical applications. These can be bought or homemade. And finally, many people love taking pills because of the convenience, some of the more popular herbs come in pill form.

"Make sure you are getting your herbal pills from a Co-Op or health food store," said Ebbecke, noting that some of the highly-popular herbs found in big retail stores tend to be very low quality.

Until recently, most doctors have been very reluctant to use herbs to treat patients and even worse at asking patients if they have been taking any kinds of herbs before prescribing drugs to patients.

"Herbs are not regulated by the food and drug administration like conventional drugs are," said Ebbecke. They can react with certain medications like anything else, so it is very important to be aware of what you are putting into your body.

If you are interested in learning more about herbs or would like to participate in a future workshop, contact Mind and Body Connections at 346-4161.
The Lights Band releases "Simple Places"

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Have you ever heard an album that you could never get sick of? One that every time you listen to it you hear something new? Or, more importantly, one that leaves you with something more?

Neenah's The Lights Band has achieved this on their official debut album "Simple Places." Throughout this 14-song collection listeners get rock, jazz, psychedelic music, funk and island vibe, giving us just a sample of what these four talented young musicians have to offer.

The band consists of two brothers: Tyler (guitar) and Eric (bass) Ross, Kevin Casper (guitar) and Wayne Salzmann II (drums). The members all met in high school in the late 90s and played with other bands before deciding to form The Northern Lights Band in 2000. They released two demos under that moniker before changing to The Lights Band.

When asked why they dropped the "Northern" part of their name, Casper said, "We wanted to have a name that would be unique so people would remember us." They recorded another demo album at Ross' s house simply titled "The Lights Band," which also contained two live concert cuts.

Wanting to take the next step by actually recording a proper studio album, a friend helped the band out by recommending them to Lucid Sound Studios in Minneapolis. "A friend of mine is from that area and he has recorded there in the past; he was telling me if you need to record an album you have to record here" Salzmann explained.

Salzmann was also put in contact with Steve Peterson, a professional engineer that has worked with Paula Abdul and other big acts. Arrangements were made to record in August of 2005. "Listening to the album, it is obvious the amount of work that was put into it. "It was a long process; 10 hour days with downtime listening to take after take trying to get everything right," Salzmann said.

When researching their record label, Council Tree Records, I couldn't find any information. The band laughed when they heard this and explained to me that they made it up themselves for copyright issues. Eric Ross kindly explained the background, "Council Tree is just a rock by a lake in Neenah and apparently it was used by Indian tribes for council meetings way back when."

The band wrote, arranged and produced the music themselves and the sound that they create is simple yet complex at the same time. The opener, "Pictures in the Sand," is a nice refreshing take on just putting one's life in perspective and simplifying it.

Salzmann shows his vocal talents on his own composition "Jack McCoy" about a talented news writer that wants to make the world a better place.

Casper brings in the blues on his composition "Allmyour," a nice six-minute-plus song about a man losing his wife and all of his money at the same time.

Live favorite "Lost in Belize" gets the studio treatment, and while it is good on the album, it is even better live, since they build up the middle jam a little bit more. Here on the album it starts out nice but then it goes to the end of the jam too quickly.

"Andromeda" finds Ross and Casper showing of their guitar playing skills, starting very quietly and building into a very nice rock jam with the guitar lines playing off of each other. If The Lights Band continues on this route of musical exploration, we can only expect big things from them. May the lights keep burning for a long time to come.

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs show their bones

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Indie bands are often accused of "selling out" when they release a polished-sounding album, and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs are no exception.

With their latest, "Show Your Bones," the Yeah Yeah Yeahs have expanded their sound and created a great sophomore album. The songs here are longer (most on "Fever to Tell" clocked in at just around two minutes) and in many ways stronger than previous efforts, with a more cohesive feel to the album.

The band, which takes their name from "the way New Yorkers talk," includes Nick Zinner on guitar, Brian Chase on drums, and Karen O on vocals. While this atypical arrangement seems sparse, the Yeahs manage to fill out the sonic spectrum as well as, or, with songs like "Y Control," better than their contemporaries.

The song that probably best exemplifies this is "Cheated Hearts," a kind of ballad with tons of layered guitars. Karen O sings "Sometimes I think I'm bigger than the sound" on this track. She may very well be, since Yeah Yeah Yeahs' shows are usually full of Karen O's antics. On their DVD "Tell Me What Rockers to Swallow," O spits grapes all over the stage during one song and then steps on them to the beat of the next song.

However, sometimes O's antics seem to overshadow the music, as she is really not all that different from other rock mavens.

Karen O's voice, rascucious and grat
ing on "Fever to Tell," is more soothing this time around, while retaining the feeling that it could careen off the cliff at any moment.

"Gold Lion," the album opener, is actually about the band winning an award, is a great introduction to the new sound, with a sparse beginning building to a more noisy climax.

"Phenomena" sounds like it could have been at home on "Fever to Tell," and is probably the most raw-sounding song on "Show Your Bones."

"Show Your Bones" features acoustic guitar on many of the tracks. "Way Out" is a perfect example, with a driving strum laid down throughout the whole song. Beyond that, most of the other songs have an underlying acoustic feel in there somewhere.

The song that best captures the new spirit of the Yeahs is the mid-CD track "Dudley," a song that channels the Cure. Karen O's vocals are almost nursery-chantish on this song, but they are more deserving than childish.

All the band's visuals, from their CD artwork to Karen O's outrageous costumes (made by her friend Christian Joy), are one thing that elevates the band to another level. See the excellent Spike Jonze-directed music video for "Y Control" for a great example.

"Show Your Bones" is less of a rollercoaster ride than "Fever to Tell," but is probably the all the better for it. Diehard Indie fans who will complain about the Yeahs selling out or becoming too poppy can just go cry on the grave of Pavement.
Seventy percent of those who attempt suicide remember, though depression and suicide are thought to go together, not every student who is depressed commits suicide. While some suicides occur without warning, most do not.

The most effective way to prevent suicide is to learn how to recognize the signs of someone at risk. Take those signs seriously and respond to them accordingly. The emotional crises that often precede suicide are usually recognizable and treatable.

For more information on suicide, visit the Self Help Library in the Counseling Center on the third floor of Dezelck, or make an appointment by calling 346-3553. You can also visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website at www.afsp.org.

Remember, however, that even people are suicidal, according to a Department of Education study, drug and alcohol abuse are the most common features found in young people who have attempted suicide. Seventy percent of those who attempted suicide frequently used alcohol and/or other drugs.

Other risk factors to consider include previous suicide attempts and talking or joking about suicide or death. Also, be aware of the signs that someone might be planning for suicide, such as giving away valuable personal items and saying goodbye.

If you are concerned about yourself or a friend, there are three major steps you can take.

First, take your friend’s actions and suicidal thoughts seriously. Then encourage your friend to seek professional help and accompany him or her if it is necessary.

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