

Election 2006

With the November 7 election rapidly approaching, it is important for voters to be well-informed as they head to the polls. Here are some of the names you'll see on the ballot and a sampling of the issues on their platform....

Office: Governor

Jim Doyle (incumbent)- Democrat
www.doylelawton.com



Major issues: protecting Wisconsin's natural resources, increasing fiscal responsibility by cutting taxes and eliminating wasteful spending, supporting stem cell research.



Mark Green- Republican
www.votemarkgreen.com

Major issues: reviving Wisconsin's agricultural economy, immigration reform, eliminating pension taxes for senior citizens.

Nelson Eisman- Wisconsin Green
www.voteeisman.org



Major issues: creating universal health care, increasing green energy throughout the state, eliminating taxes for families earning under \$50,000 yearly.

Office: Attorney General



Kathleen Falk- Democrat
www.kathleenfalk.com

Major issues: advocating for smart gun laws- opposes concealed-carry legislation, reforming dirty campaigning and the influence of big money.

J.B. Van Hollen- Republican
www.vanhollenforag.com



Major issues: fighting the use of methamphetamine, protecting sanctity of marriage, supports requiring photo identification for registered voters.

UW-Madison professor presents lecture on torture

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Claudia Card, professor of philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was on campus last Friday to discuss the immorality of torture.

Card asked the question of when it is morally acceptable to use torture on a suspect. She posed the "ticking bomb" scenario in which a suspect perhaps knows the location of a bomb that will kill masses of innocent people. Is it ever morally acceptable to torture the location out of a suspect?

There has been widespread international debate on the issue of torture, especially in light of the recent Abu Ghraib scandal, which also calls into question the definition of torture.

"We must take into consideration new torture techniques," said Card. She explained that the new techniques used, such as "waterboarding," mock executions, sexual humiliation, and hold-

ing stress positions can foster the same mental stress as physical torture.

"Torture can literally kill a victim's soul and there is no guarantee that you have the right person or that they have the information you need," said Card. Card also went on to explain that, in most cases, hundreds of innocent people are tortured before the right person is found.

She also talked about a system called "pump and dump" used in the Vietnam War.

"Victims were literally tortured to death and dumped out of sight," said Card.

Card said that it was likely that these people probably had no information, but the torture continued until they were eventually killed.

Card also talked about scenarios when it was found out that a torture victim had no information, but was killed anyway because the torturers would be exposed if the victims were set free.

Card presented research that proves persuasion techniques and gaining suspects' trust is more effective than torture.

Card told the audience that psychological torture used by the United States is much more widespread than most citizens think.

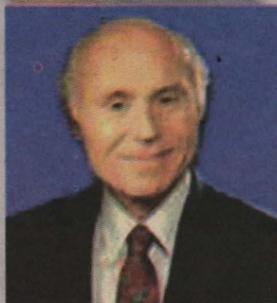
"We are all partially to blame because we live in a democracy," said Card. Card expressed extreme displeasure with the current media system in not exposing the widespread moral corruption present in the Middle East.

"The use of torture is kept very quiet and it is only exposed when something like Abu Ghraib happens," said Card.

Card concluded by asserting again that torture can never be justified. She explained that the ends would never justify the means.

"There will always be innocent people hurt and even killed in the process," said Card.

Office: United States Senator



Herb Kohl- Democrat
www.herbkohl.com

Major issues: aiming to protect and promote the interests of state farmers, increasing the amount of federal funding Wisconsin receives for its economy.



Robert Gerald Lorge- Republican
www.law2win.com

Major issues: supports increased port security, against abortion, supports the right of citizens to carry guns.

Ben J. Glatzel- Wisconsin Needs a Conservative Voice
www.glatzeforsenate.com

Major issues: supports eliminating party affiliations, seeking alternative fuel sources instead of conserving oil use now, believes in maintaining the Patriot Act.



Rae Vogeler- Wisconsin Green
www.voterae.org

Major issues: bringing troops back from Iraq immediately, protecting reproductive rights for women, providing universal healthcare for all residents.

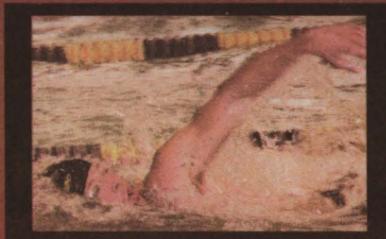
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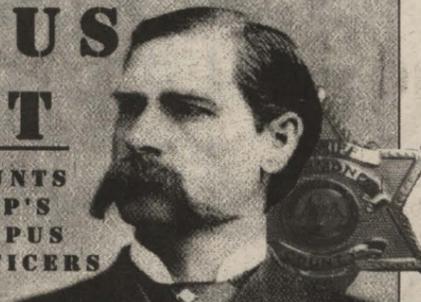


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CAMPUS BEAT
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Fourth Street, in front of College of Professional Studies
 October 24, 2006 4:26 p.m.
 Type: THEFT

Report of a mountain bike stolen from the racks near the CPS building.

Parking Lot Q
 October 25, 2006 10:22 a.m.
 Type: DAMAGE

A student reported a window broken on her car while it was parked in Lot Q.

Parking Lot Q
 October 27, 2006 2:42 a.m.
 Type: INTOXICATION

Report of an intoxicated individual laying in Lot Q.

Parking Lot Q
 October 30, 2006 8:15 a.m.
 Type: DAMAGE

Report of damage to a vent window on a vehicle and theft of a parking permit from the car while parked in Lot Q.

Isadore Street
 October 30, 2006 10:28 a.m.
 Type: ACCIDENT

Report of a car accident on Isadore St. in front of Baldwin Hall. The fire department was called because one of the vehicles involved was leaking fluid.

Off-Campus Location
 October 31, 2006 3:38 a.m.
 Type: FIRE

A fire was reported at an off-campus residence at the corner of Clark and Fremont. SPPD officers determined that the fire was put out by someone on the scene and it was not necessary to notify the fire department.

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Office: United States Representative (District 7)

David Obey- Democrat
 www.daveobeyforcongress.com

Major issues: preventing drug companies from charging more in the U.S. than in other countries, raising student financial aid, protecting worker pensions from corporate corruption.

Nick Reid- Republican
 www.friendsofnickreid.com

Major issues: defending traditional marriage, finishing in Iraq so troops can be brought home, eliminating regulations for small businesses.

Mike Miles- Wisconsin Green
 www.milesforcongress.com

Major issues: stopping funding the war and bringing troops home, creating a large-scale effort to encourage renewable energy, taxing oil companies to pay for national health care.

There are also some controversial issues up for vote this election as state referendums. Here are the two most hotly debated thus far, worded as they appear on the ballot:

Question 1. Marriage Shall section 13 of article XIII of the constitution be created to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state?

Question 2. Death Penalty in Wisconsin Should the death penalty be enacted in the State of Wisconsin for cases involving a person who is convicted of first-degree intentional homicide, if the conviction is supported by DNA evidence?

Where to vote?

SGA, with the help of the Chancellor, has worked to provide the "Voter Van" for the election. The shuttle will provide students free transportation to and from the polls throughout the day until the polls close. For more information contact SGA Legislative Issues Director Andy Janicki at ajani810@uwsp.edu.

For on-campus students wishing to vote, the poll locations are as follows:

--Hyer, Pray Sims, Roach, and Smith Hall residents are in the 2nd District, and vote at the Recreation Center, 2442 Sims Ave.

--Baldwin, Hansen, Neale, Nelson, South, and Steiner Hall residents are in the 3rd District and vote at the Stevens Point Fire Station, 1701 Franklin Street.

--Burroughs, Knutsen, Thomson, and Watson Hall residents are in the 11th District and vote at Pacelli High School, 1301 Maria Drive.

Anyone living off-campus can visit the City of Stevens Point's website and enter their street address to find their assigned poll location: <http://www.stevenspoint.com/vote/index.html>.

SGA Update

Upcoming Events:

- Need to go to the bookstore? Take the bus! Just show your student ID to ride the bus and you won't have to worry about the cold, crossing Division or carrying your books that far!
- Use banner space and tables for free in the academic buildings now! For more information on this, contact sgaexec@uwsp.edu.
- Senators needed from the College of Fine Arts and Communication and the College of Professional Studies! Contact sgaexec@uwsp.edu if interested!
- Applications can be picked up at 014 Nelson Hall
- Senate meetings are held every Thursday at 6 pm in the Founder's Room of Old Main, everyone is welcome!

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Students face growing debt and tough choices

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Matt Glaman wants to make a difference in the lives of teens after graduation, but a looming college debt is forcing him to make some tough decisions.

"I'm a CIS major. If I wanted to, I could make a lot of money, but I plan on using my knowledge for social work. I want to create teen centers where kids can go. With \$24,000 in debt after I graduate and trying to run that business, I can't do it," said Glaman, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "Nobody wants to do that anymore because they can't afford it."

The burden of college debt is leaving many students with a difficult choice - pursue a career they're passionate in, or one that will allow them to pay off the loans required to get through college. Many students are turning away from low paying, yet essential fields like social work and teaching.

According to a report released in April by State Public Interest Research Groups' Higher Education Project, 23 percent of graduates from public colleges have what they called "unmanageable debt" as starting teachers, while 37 percent face the same difficulties as social workers.

The cost of Glaman's education makes him wonder if he can afford to stay in college.

"I'm scared to go to school. I've been contemplating if I want to continue," said Glaman.

Matt Guidry, Glaman's friend and president of the Stevens Point chapter of the Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG), does his best to encourage Glaman to stay in college. "I tell him everyday he has to continue," said Guidry.

The pair, along with three other UW-SP students - Colleen Kiefer, Katie Kloth, and Michelle Villarreal - traveled to Chicago earlier in October to testify before a federal hearing held by the U.S. Education Department, one of five hearings across the nation designed to address the future needs of higher education.

"One thing I brought up to the board of education is I knew friends who didn't go to college because they couldn't afford it. They were smarter than me half the time," said Glaman. "They just didn't want to be in debt. Guy works at a gas station now. Girl works at Walgreen's."

Kiefer, a sophomore Water Resources major from just outside Philadelphia, said she has about \$50,000 in student debt. Her out-of-state tuition gives her education a high price tag - around \$15,000 a semester.

"The program here is

just amazing. It's one of the most renowned programs in the country," said Kiefer, who came to Stevens Point to get the best education she could, despite the fear of graduating with a steep debt. "There's definitely fear, but I'm here and I'm doing it, and I'm going to figure it out."

Current trends seem to be pushing students deeper into debt. Last February, Congress cut 12.7 billion dollars from

"It's really pricing a lot of people out of education, basically. The people who can still do it take out all these loans and don't realize that the interest rates have climbed really, really high. It used to be 4.5 percent and 5.5 percent," said Ben Vondra, Student Life Issues Director for the Student Government Association. The current interest rate for Stafford Loans, the most common federal loan, is

6.8 percent.

"It really doesn't hit students until after they graduate."

"Even though college debt is high, Stevens Point is doing a better job than other schools in the state," said Carol Scipior, Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid.

Students graduating from Stevens Point in the 2004-05 school year averaged \$15,532 in debt, said Scipior. It's the second lowest figure for the thirteen UW-system schools, behind only UW-River Falls.

Various student, parent, and higher education organizations are pushing a Five-Point Plan for Fair Loan Payments and are fighting hard to make this an issue the new Congress will address post-election. The plan includes limiting loan pay-

ments to a reasonable percentage of income, recognizing that those with children have less income available for student loan repayments, protecting those facing hard times from high interest charges, canceling debt after 20 years of good faith payments, and simplifying the hardship deferrals and other repayment options.

"That all really goes back to voting. Students need to get out and vote," said Vondra.

"Basically legislators don't listen to us at all because students don't vote. So by increasing the student turnout then we show that we do matter, and that we are listening," said Kyle Barber, a United States Student Association Field Organizer working in Stevens Point. "By getting students to vote, we're going to bring those issues to the top because those are the big issues that students care about."

The Five-Point Plan hopes to lessen the fears many college students have of being strangled by their own debt and open the possibilities for what they can do with their future.

"Every year I see freshmen coming in and they're just completely lost and scared. And what hurt me specifically was a good friend of mine from high school. When she came up to go to college, she made it about 1 1/2 semesters and dropped out because she couldn't afford it," said Guidry. "I tried to show her the loans and stuff, but she just didn't want to be crushed by the weight of the debt, and then gave up on college after that, you know, lost to the woods."



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UW-SP WISPIRG chair Matthew Guidry delivering over 260 post-cards signed by UW-SP students in hopes of lowering student debt.

the student loan program, forcing interest rates on loans to go higher, which can cost heavily indebted students thousands of dollars over the life of a ten-year loan. At the same time, students are facing tuition increases due to higher education cuts on both the state and national levels.

"Government talk and policies contradict," said Kiefer. "They want us to be an educated society, but they're making it really difficult for us."

Student organization: The inside scoop on the English Club

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When you think of the words English Club, what comes to mind? Perhaps a bunch of intellectuals sitting around discussing Shakespeare? Or maybe a dark room with a microphone illuminated by a lone spotlight and people reading poetry in stereotypical beatnik fashion (can you hear the fingers snapping)?

While the members of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point English Club do enjoy discussing Shakespeare and reading poetry, these aren't the only activities the group pursues.

The English Club is an organization that tries to bring together students within the English major, as well as those from various others, who enjoy all things 'English.' Whether it is reading and discussing literature, writing, or the history of our language, there is something for everyone.

Meetings are not all work and no play. The first portion of the meetings are devoted to business, while the last half is left open for playing games or just simply sitting around and talking with fellow students. And whenever possible, food of some sort usually makes an appearance.

English Club has many projects in the works for the semester. The first is a monthly writing circle/movie night in which about an hour is set aside for people to bring pieces they've written, show them to the group and receive constructive feedback. Afterwards, they watch a literature-based movie. Past films have included "Hamlet" directed by Kenneth Branagh and "The Princess Bride."

The big project for the semester is the "Getting to Know Your Professor" series. This is where professors from within the English department give presentations about topics they have been researching outside of the classroom or just have an interest in and

don't necessarily get to bring into their normal curriculums. Dr. Dan Dieterich kicked off the series with a presentation on word origins, covering the beginnings of words such as "hippopotamus," which means "river horse." Upcoming presentations include:

Dave Arnold - Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m. CCC 214: Author Flannery O'Connor.

Chris Williams - Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m. CCC 214: Literary Analysis in other media.

Past events have included poetry competitions, one of them looking for the worst poet on campus, and a trip to the American Players Theatre in Spring Green to see "Julius Caesar." The group hopes to include these activities in their schedule again next semester.

For more information contact one of the co-presidents, Sara Jensen at sjens236@uwsp.edu or Stephen Kaiser at skais309@uwsp.edu.



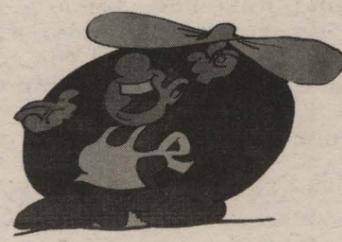
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English Club members discussing their most recent works.

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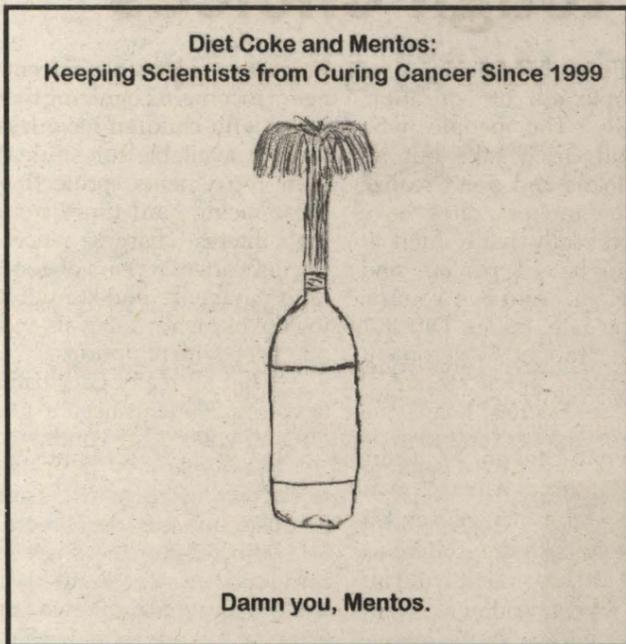
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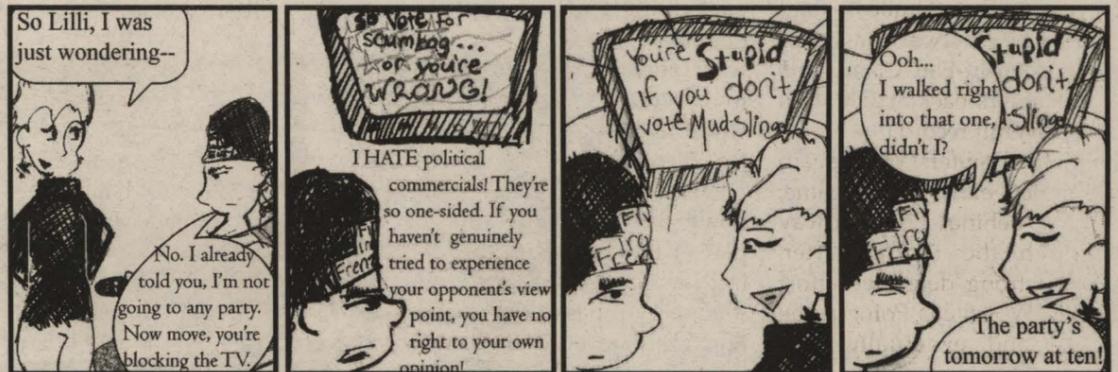
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Sports

Pointers get tough road win

Football

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For the second consecutive week, the Pointer football team battled a conference opponent all the way into overtime. And for the second straight week, the Pointers won on a Ryan Graboski field goal. The win over University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire puts the Pointers back at .500 with a 4-4 overall record.

The Pointers once again struggled early in the game, falling behind 17-3 midway through the third quarter. But a strong defensive effort kept UW-Stevens Point in the game and eventually provided the necessary big plays to complete a fourth quarter comeback. For the game, the Pointer defense yielded just 288 total yards, most of which came in the first three quarters.

The comeback started when Jason Barber forced a fumble on a punt that was recovered by fellow special teamer Bryan Kelnhofer. Cody Childs then converted a third down into an eight-

yard touchdown to cut the lead in half. Point then forced another fumble to close out the third quarter, but was unable to convert it into points when Graboski missed a 29-yard field goal attempt, ending a 14 play drive.

But the Pointer's defense came through again, forcing a three and out and putting the offense in position to score a game-tying touchdown. The defense shined all day, but was most impressive in the fourth quarter and overtime, where they gave up just 25 total yards.

The offense then went down the field, converting a pair of fourth downs, including a game-tying six-yard touchdown pass from Brett Borchart to Jacob Dickert. For the game, the Pointers were five for five on fourth downs.

For the second consecutive week Jacob Dickert has come up big for the Pointers, becoming the passing game's go-to guy. He finished the day with 11 catches for 97 yards and a touchdown. Borchart finished the day 32-54 for 268 yards and a touchdown, while Cody Childs chipped in 130 total yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Pointers

were led by Lincoln Berg, who totaled seven tackles, including one for a three-yard loss in overtime, which set up a fourth down for Eau Claire. Berg then hurried Eau Claire quarterback Kyle Paulson on fourth down, keeping UW-EC off the scoreboard in overtime.

"It felt good to come from behind and win a game in overtime on the road," Berg said. "There were opportunities in the game for our offense and our defense to make plays and not put ourselves in a situation to have to come from behind, but we didn't take advantage. In the end we didn't give up, kept battling, and eventually we came from behind and pulled out the win."

Next week, November 4, the Pointers will play their final home game of the season when they take on UW-Platteville at Goerke Field at 2 p.m. UW-SP comes into the game 4-4 (2-3 in conference) while Platteville stands at 5-3 (3-2 in conference).

"We are just trying to have some fun and go out winners at the end of this year," Borchart said. "That's our only focus."

Wiese powers Point into WIAC semifinals

Soccer

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The Pointers' Halloween 5-0 victory over Whitewater at the Pointer Soccer Bowl will allow the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's soccer team to travel to Eau Claire this weekend to try to win back the conference championship. Point will play UW-Oshkosh Friday at 2 p.m. in Eau Claire, with the winner likely playing host UW-Eau Claire for the league title.

The game against Whitewater was identical to the team's regular season finale, when Point also beat the Warhawks 5-0. The game was tight in the first half, as the teams struggled to find their rhythm in the cold weather. The Pointers broke a scoreless tie 15 minutes into the game when Kaylee Weise centered a pass toward Jennisa Koch. Warhawk goalie Sam Neely appeared to have made the save until Koch fought for the ball, eventually jarring it loose, enabling her to score the short distance goal.

The Pointers then exploded in the second half thanks to goals by Anna Van Stippen and Liz Kidd, whose two early

second half goals stretched the lead and forced Whitewater to answer with big plays of their own. The Warhawks were unable to do so and were done in when Weise added a pair of late goals, putting the game out of reach.

Weise finished the game with two goals and two assists, adding to her league-leading totals. She now stands first in the league in goals with 20, and first in points with 53. Despite her personal success, Weise realizes it's a team effort.

"Today's game was a great win. The girls played so awesome," Weise said. "It was a good team effort. We played with heart and that's what we need at this time of the year."

Point now heads to the semifinals in Eau Claire after playing their best soccer of the year. They come in riding a five game winning streak in which they have outscored their opponents by an astounding 34-0. Not surprisingly, Weise and her teammates are heading into the weekend full of confidence.

"We can't wait to go to Eau Claire and play Oshkosh on Friday," Weise said. "It will be an intense game. We have something to prove this year and so far we are on that track."

Senior on the Spot

Jacob Nantell – Football (Offensive Line)

Major – Physical Education.

Hometown – Stevens Point.

Do you have any nicknames? – Snake, Nanny.

What are your plans after graduation? – No idea.

What has helped you become such an accomplished athlete? – I feel that Jon Vissers has helped me become an accomplished athlete because without him, I wouldn't have become an all-conference center last year.

What is your favorite Pointer sports memory?

– My favorite memory has to be from freshman year. We were playing Eau Claire. This was my first start. Before half time I had forced a sweet fumble on a reverse. Also, I had a 12-yard sack, the only sack of the game.

What's your most embarrassing moment? – My sophomore year in the Linfield game I dropped an interception.

What CD is in your stereo right now? – A mixed CD called Shoo Volume 3.

What DVD is currently in your DVD player? – Grandma's Boy.

What will you remember most about UW-SP? – Football, and all the friends I have made from it.

What are the three biggest influences in your life? – My parents, my brothers, and my grandma Nantell.



Women's rugby state champs, challenged at Midwest

Rugby

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The past two weekends have defined ecstasy and agony for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's rugby team. The team capped a perfect 7-0 season with a 7-5 win over UW-Milwaukee to take their first Wisconsin Division-II State Championship. The win sent Point into the "Sweet 16,"

advancing to the first round of the Midwest Regional tournament for the second year in a row.

On Saturday, October 28 they lost to an experienced Grand Valley State University 17-5. In the consolation match on Sunday, Point out-slugged Winona State University 12-10 and finished the tournament tied for sixth place in the Midwest.

In the State Championship match, Point avenged last year's loss to UW-Milwaukee, who in 2005, spoiled the Pointers' perfect season.

This year both teams entered the State Championship match undefeated with high scoring offenses and stingy defenses. Even before kickoff, it was clear that the wet weather and muddy pitch were going to make tough conditions. Milwaukee struck first, driving in a try 15 minutes into

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The UW-SP Rugby team celebrates after a state championship victory over UW-Milwaukee.

match for a 5-0 lead. This was only the second score Point had allowed all year. The conversion kick failed.

For the next 65 minutes, the two teams battled up and down the field with aggressive defense that stifled several scoring opportunities for

both teams.

"I knew we could win," Point coach Gray Zischke commented after the match. "I was just afraid we would run out of time before the ladies broke them down."

With the match entering injury time, sophomore center

Katie Jensema found a seam in Milwaukee's defense, broke one tackle, dodged past two other defenders, and outraced the Panthers' cover defense 40 meters to score a try under the goal posts. Rookie Kris Bair kicked the conversion with no time remaining to give Point a

7-5 victory.

"No one let up the entire 80 minutes of the game," said senior scrumhalf and captain Robin Freise. "We never doubted our ability to win and we believed in each other. I think that's what won it for us."

In Saturday's match against Grand Valley State, the field and weather conditions were again a factor in slowing down the high-powered Pointer attack that had averaged 48 points per match in division play. A constant icy wind gusting across the field and large areas of standing water on the pitch consistently frustrated Point's ability to effectively pass and create scoring opportunities.

"Point dominated every phase of the game but the scoreboard," Coach Zischke said. "We had fully expected to go to the regional finals and it was hard to lose this way."

Bair scored Point's lone try in the 17-5 loss. Senior winger Allison O'Brien commented, "We played a very strong game, but our usual momen-

tum of play was thrown off by the wind and wet ball."

In Sunday's consolation match, the Pointers played Winona State. Winona scored early in the match on the strength of a big aggressive pack. Point answered five minutes later with a crashing try by sophomore Sammy Clevenger. A Kris Bair conversion put Point up 7-5 at half time.

In the second half, Bair took a clearing kick from Winona's fullback at midfield, sprinted to the sideline, turned the corner and outraced Winona's defense 55 meters to put Point up 12-5. Winona scored again, but missed the conversion and Point's defense rose to the challenge in closing out the match.

"This was a great season for our five seniors to end on," Coach Zischke said. "This group of ladies has led us to four straight winning seasons, two state championship matches, and two straight appearances in the National tournament."

Pointers split weekend meets beating UW-Eau Claire and falling to St. Cloud

Swimming

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To say the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Swimming and Diving team had a busy weekend would be an understatement. The Point swimmers and divers took on UW-Eau Claire last Friday night and Saint Cloud State University Saturday afternoon. The Pointers split the weekend with the women's team beating the Blugolds 184-54 and the men's team winning 168-73, then losing to Saint Cloud at home. The women fell to Saint Cloud 113-130 and the men lost 108-135.

Head Coach Al Boelk was not surprised with Friday night's results. He attributed Eau Claire's weak team to the lack of recruiting they did in past years.

"They [Eau Claire] left the cupboards very bare...they

have no depth on the team at all," said Boelk.

Saturday was a different story for the victorious Pointer.

"Saint Cloud is a much better team [than Eau Claire]," said Boelk. "They're a Division II team which means they offer scholarships."

But the Pointers held St. Cloud to a very tight meet right up to the end.

"There were a lot of tight races that came down to a touch," said Boelk. "We learned a lot about racing on Saturday."

Overall, Boelk was very pleased and even surprised with the team's performance across the board the whole weekend.

"The way we've been training is not conducive to going fast right now," said Boelk. Boelk explained that the last few weeks of practice have been extremely tough aerobically for the team and he was not expecting them to

swim as fast as they did. Many of the swimmers expressed how tired and run down they felt all weekend, but stepped up to the block and swam faster than they did last year at this time, said Boelk.

There were several standout performances over the weekend. Friday night, Freshman Chris Hruska won the 400 individual medleys with a time of 4:26.23, and went on to win the 200-yard backstroke in 2:03.52. Chad Gross set a new conference record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.34 and also won the 100 free in 47.13.

The men's 400-yard freestyle relay of Tony Dash, Aaron Manzke, Bryan Matthias and Chris Robley won in 3:18.48.

Jerica Crook led the women's team to victory Friday night with a 50-yard freestyle win in 25.37 and a 100-yard freestyle win in 55.77. Kari Slawson also captured the 200-yard free win in 2:02.61 and the 500-yard free in 5:26.18.

Saturday afternoon Gross won the 100-yard freestyle in 46.89 and the 200-yard freestyle in 1:44.45. Kyle Hartl captured a win in the 50-free in 22.00. The men's 200 free relay of Hartl, Hopkins, Ryan Golz and Gross won the event in 1:26.65.

For the women's team, Kelsey Crunstedt captured the 50-yard freestyle victory with Caitlin Hake in 25.03. Crunstedt also won the 100-



Photo by Drew Smalley

The Pointers push it to the limit on a regular basis.

yard freestyle in 55.19. The women's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Crunstedt, Hake, Crook, and Beth Bard captured an exciting win in 1:38.88.

Boelk is experimenting with a new training strategy for the team this year that Justin Stoffell, the associate head coach, recommended to him post season last year.

"We will be doing a lot more hard aerobic work early in the season," said Boelk. In theory this good aerobic base will set the foundation for faster times at the end of the season when it counts most.

"Stoffell brings a real critical eye to the team," said Boelk.

The Pointers now turn their attention to the "Border Battle" meet coming up November 10 and 11 where they will face Minnesota State University and South Dakota, both Division II teams, at

home.

Boelk explained that the meet will be set up like the nationals meet at the end of the season, but instead of six sessions, they will swim the same number of events within three sessions in a day and a half.

"Each swimmer will get to swim seven events over the weekend. It will make every other meet seem easy," said Boelk.

Boelk is very excited about the opportunity to swim against tougher competition. Boelk explained that the team learns more by swimming tough teams than easily beating weaker teams.

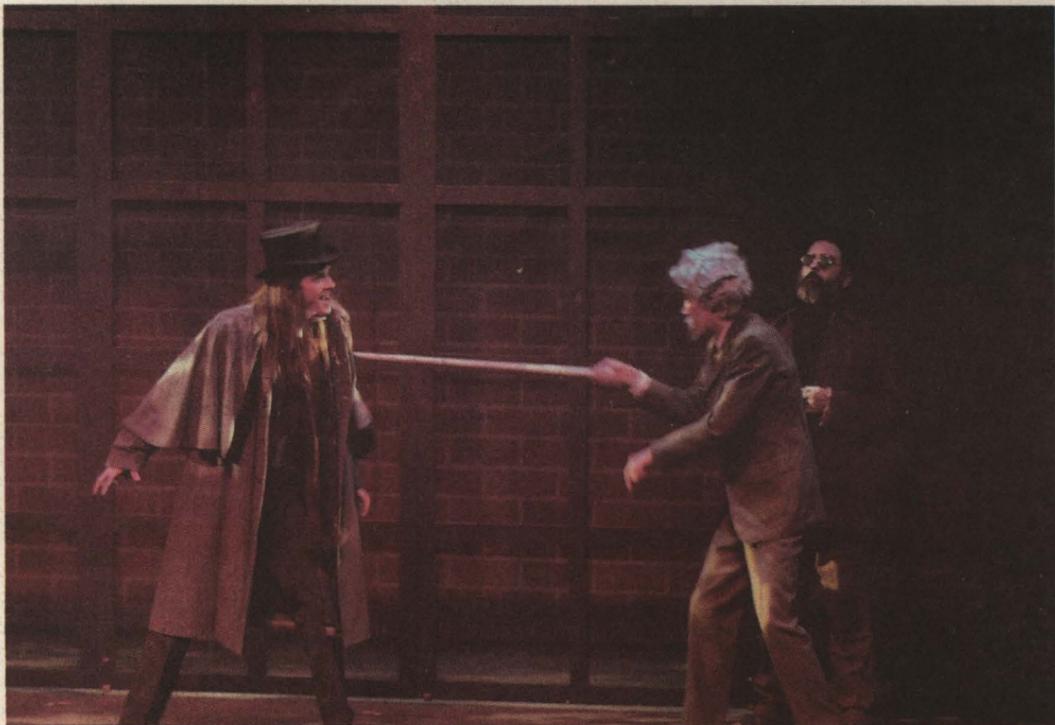
Between now and then, the Pointers will be focusing on hard aerobic swimming this week, then turning their attention to speed work before the Border Battle for fast racing Friday and Saturday.

The team looks to finish strong in every meet this season.

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"Jekyll & Hyde": community theater at its finest



Edward Hyde rebukes the hypocrites.

Photo Courtesy of Rob Kroes

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"Jekyll & Hyde" was created back in the 1980s by Steve Cuden and Frank Wildhorn. They based their musical on the Robert Louis Stevenson classic, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." During its Broadway run in the 1990s, it received four Tony Award nominations and won many awards.

On October 26, the Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater (cwACT) brought the musical to life once more. The cast of this memorable per-

formance included University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students Rob Kroes, Jessi Neet, Alli Daniels, Kristin Ellenwood, Adam Kuehn, Jason Lewis, Katie Minch, Katy Cimino and Matthew Seegert.

Kroes, who played the lead role, said, "I was lucky enough to play Dr. Henry Jekyll & Mr. Edward Hyde. I have never had more fun in a production in my life. I was so fortunate to play this awesome role: both good guy and evil personified."

Kroes' performance was truly amazing. The dichotomy of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde presents a variety of

challenges to the performer, but Kroes brought each of them to life with skillful artistry. Those who know Kroes describe him as gentle and quiet, the perfect Dr. Jekyll. The emergence of Edward Hyde from this mild-mannered actor was an exciting and pleasantly chilling surprise. Kroes' powerful voice was both driving and captivating.

Neet's sultry, tragic Lucy and Daniels' straightforward, lovable Emma were among the many other characters to come to life in the performance.

"Doing this show was a dream. I looked forward

to practice every night. The score is absolutely amazing, and the orchestra we had was phenomenal. Even though I was a little nervous at first to be doing such an ambitious show, I think we pulled it off nicely. In all, I had a blast working with everyone on 'Jekyll and Hyde' and I hope the upcoming shows are as fun and challenging as this was," said Daniels.

Daniels' performance of Emma was heartfelt and believable.

"Every little detail was astounding. cwACT truly brought this awesome show to life. I had such a great time doing this astounding musical. It was a lot of hard work, but it was totally worth it in the end," Kroes agreed.

Members of the cast weren't the only ones who had a great time. Amanda Fisher, a student who saw the show, said, "The musical was beautifully portrayed! I especially enjoyed watching people my age perform with such amazing abilities. I recommend anyone, especially students, to attend performances in

the Stevens Point community such as this one. They are so inspiring!"

The musical itself was intriguing. Although many in the audience knew at least some of the basic story, no one knew what to expect. When would Jekyll become Hyde? Which girl would he choose? The suspense drove the musical along.

This February, cwACT will be producing the comedic play, "Bedroom Farce." For audition information or the schedule of these productions go to www.cwact.org.



Jekyll and Hyde confronts himself in the lab.

Photo Courtesy of Rob Kroes

Works in progress: the unique gallery exhibit of Courtney Stevens



Courtney Steven's Portrait Gallery

Photo by Eva Heule

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Courtney Stevens' gallery show is a work in progress. Tucked away behind the PostSecret postcards in the Schneider Student gallery, she has recreated her studio to paint portraits of people close to her. During her free time, she and her models set up shop and she begins to paint. Her goal is to paint one portrait per day.

How did the idea for this exhibit come about?

"I found out on a Wednesday and had to begin repainting the walls and installing my work that Sunday," said Stevens. "Because of the lack of time I had to prepare for the gallery space it was a rather spontaneous show. I wanted to use the space as an installation, and the same time, I was working on a series of portraits of my friends."

Gallery director Caren Heft suggested that Stevens use the space as a studio and continue her series.

So far, Stevens' painting

plans include portraits "old friends and new, from various times in my life." Kate Hankins, Eva Heule, Erin Kramer, Suddy, Justine Harris, Faye Sorce (Stevens' grandmother), Christie Boivin, Adam Eader, Bill McKee, Leah Kwaricany, Sonja Smith, Paul Schaufenberger, Jamie Karoses and Ben Wicker.

As an artist, Stevens has always been drawn to people and relationships. She especially enjoys painting the people close to her, and considers the process of creating a portrait to be an intimate experience.

"When I paint from life I get to know people in a way no one else can, or perhaps in a way no one has ever gotten to know them. The intimacy shared between myself, [as] the painter, and the sitter is incredible," Stevens said. She loves standing in her exhibit because it reminds her of the time she was able to share with her subjects.

Stevens would also like to thank Bill McKee for making all of the beautiful stretchers and to all her sitters for let-

ting her paint them.

Does Stevens have a favorite piece in her gallery?

"It changes from day to day and every time I do another one," she said. "Although I would personally say that the the paintings of Adam Eader, Bill McKee, and Jamie Karoses are probably on the top of the list. I feel I most successfully captured the essence of those individuals in their paintings."

Watching Stevens capture a person's likeness in paint is a unique experience. Her subject sits, relaxed, on a chair before her. She mixes colors with expert precision, and always seems to know precisely what shade she is looking for.

Stevens does not paint at a specific time (her sessions are based on the availability of her models and her free time), but I would recommend visiting the gallery while she is painting. The creations she brings to this unique studio space are truly amazing.

Outdoors

UW-SP professor names world's smallest bamboo

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In 2001, Vanessa Hequet, a French biologist working on the ecology of the savannas of French Guiana, came across a tiny patch of plants she had never seen before. Intrigued, she collected a sample of the plants and sent them to the United States for further analysis.

Five years later at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., Emmet Judziewicz, assistant professor of Biology at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, stood searching through collections of plant species at the National Herbarium. An envelope containing samples of an unidentified plant from the northern coast of South America caught his attention.

"Wow, this is incredible," he thought, as he looked at the tiny green plant snippets in the envelope. Judziewicz

had no idea the small specimens in his hands were what Hequet had found - the smallest bamboo in the world that he would be the first to name.

Initially, Judziewicz thought the nameless plants looked like seedlings from the grass genus, *Panicum*.

But when he examined closely the anatomy of a leaf and a spikelet sample under a scanning electron microscope (SEM), Judziewicz was certain the plants were from a genus he was very familiar with - bamboos.

The SEM was purchased by National Science Foundation from a grant written by UW-SP professor of Biology Sol Seepsenwol.

Judziewicz is no novice when it comes to studying bamboos. He has studied the taxonomy, anatomy, morphology and evolution of tropical grasses, especially the woody bamboo genus, *Aulonemia*, of the American tropics. He has also co-authored a book titled,

"American Bamboos."

Judziewicz chose to name the bamboo *Raddiella vanessiae*, after Hequet.

After writing a formal description of the bamboo, Judziewicz submitted it to a scientific journal to be peer-reviewed by two bamboo specialists - Dr. Fernando Zuloaga of the Instituto Darwinian in Argentina, and graduate student Patricia Reyjane de Oliveira of the Universidade Estadual de Feira da Santana, in Brazil.

On September 22, 2006, Judziewicz received an acceptance notice for his paper titled, "The world's smallest bamboo: *Raddiella vanessiae* (Poaceae: Bambusoideae: Olyreae), a new species from French Guiana."

The paper been accepted into the Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas and will appear in print in 2007. Currently, several of Judziewicz's students are in the process of drawing illustrations of the plant.

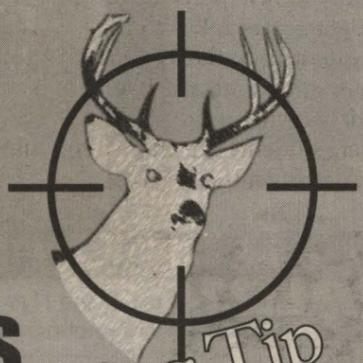


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The world's smallest bamboo: *Raddiella vanessiae*, a new species from French Guiana.

Of the roughly 1,000 species of bamboos in the world, at least several hundred species remain undiscovered. According to Judziewicz, one of the challenges to looking for bamboo species is many bamboo habitats are found in remote mountain ranges and rain forests in South America.

"My mentor at the University of Wisconsin - Madison was always asked the question, 'what good is it to find these species?' Judziewicz said. "I agreed with him when he answered, 'What good are you? There's creation out there and it deserves to be discovered.'"



Steve's Hunting Tip of the Week

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Well, hunters, the most exciting time of the year to hunt is now upon us. Bucks are now as determined as ever to find does since the majority of does will be coming into estrus within the next couple weeks.

Unfortunately, since bucks are running around looking for does, they are very unpredictable. This poses a huge problem to bow hunters who are trying to get close to a buck that has abandoned his daily routine.

The key to hunting at this time of the rut is to take advantage of the increased buck movement, no matter how sporadic it might be. To do this, hunters must landscape features that

"funnel" buck movement.

There are a wide variety of landscapes that funnel deer movement. Lakes, bogs, fields, recent clear-cuts, and steep ridges are a few common examples of natural land features that force deer to go around them. Hunters can take advantage of this by hunting near the obstacle's edges.

The best rut set up that I ever found was in northern Wisconsin, when I found a narrow strip of ground that ran between two large impassable bogs. The strip of ground between the bogs had heavily worn deer trails on it and was littered with rubs and scrapes.

The most productive funnels to hunt at this time of year are usually funnels that run

between doe bedding areas, since these are the areas bucks will be visiting the most during daylight hours in search of a doe in estrus.

Aerial photos are quick ways to locate potential funnels, especially if you are hunting unfamiliar lands. Web sites such as terraserver.com and google.com/maps (click on satellite) are some websites you can get aerial photos of your hunting areas.

The Wisconsin DNR also has aerial photos and topographic maps available at <http://maps.dnr.state.wi.us/imf/dnrimf.jsp?site=webview>.

If selected carefully, funnels will prove to be your most productive stands to hunt during this time of year.

Good luck hunting and hunt safe!!!

New to Schmeckle Reserve: Ross Amphitheater

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In tribute to John Ross, a 1958 alum of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, UW-SP has built the "Ross Amphitheater," an outdoor gathering place located on the edge of Schmeckle Reserve.

The amphitheater includes natural landscaping, tiered seating, a stage area and an engraved stone honoring Ross and his wife, Nancy.

"The amphitheater was built over a previously disturbed natural area, where piles of debris were left over from old maintenance buildings that were torn down many years ago," said

Ron Zimmerman, director of Schmeckle Reserve.

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"This spring, we will install a lockable fire area," said Zimmerman. "Groups can call Schmeckle Reserve and reserve the area, which is close to the dorms, it's easy for the fire and police squads to access, and its close to water."



Photo by Steve Menzel

Friends and family paid tribute to John and Nancy Ross at the Ross Amphitheater dedication ceremony on Saturday, October 7.

Science, Health & Tech.

Energy independence depends on election

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Only a few days away from the mid-term elections, many are wondering if the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's Energy Independence Project, proposed by Governor Doyle just over a month ago will gain solid traction and move forward or slip off the radar and disappear, depending on the outcome of the governor's race.

"This whole thing is contingent on Governor Doyle getting reelected. I don't think Mark Green is really going to push it at all," said Justin Timmers, the Environment and Sustainability Issues Director for the Student Government Association.

Doyle made renewable energy a key issue in this election after challenging UW-SP and three other UW schools to become completely energy independent by 2011, part of the "Declaration of Energy Independence" he first launched in July.

Some have criticized Doyle's challenge to the UW schools as nothing more than a campaign speech, since no money or resources have been offered up to address the challenge of transforming four

large institutions dependent on fossil fuels to ones run entirely by renewable energy. Doyle's challenger, Republican Congressman Mark Green, has criticized Doyle's energy initiative as a "non-plan."

"I think it's a campaign thing, but at the same time I think it was a genuine idea," said Timmers. "I don't think it's really saving the environment. Trying to get Wisconsin an economic foothold on a very quickly growing industry is more the initiative behind it. The hope is that if Doyle wins, he'll push for funding the UW projects in the next budget," said Timmers.

Both candidates have been praised for their energy policies.

Doyle's plan includes generating one-quarter of Wisconsin's electricity and transportation fuel from renewable fuels by 2025 and capturing 10 percent of the market share for the production of renewable energy sources by 2030. Reaching those goals would add 13.5 billion dollars annually to Wisconsin's economy, said Doyle.

"Wisconsin possesses the natural resources to become the Saudi Arabia of renewable and biomass energy," said Green on October 25, as he unveiled his own energy plan

at Solar Mining Company in Green Bay. His plan is based around a series of tax exemptions and credits that encourage the use of alternative energy.

In response to a question on nuclear energy in the final gubernatorial debate, Green also supported lifting the moratorium on nuclear power.

"None of us knows which of the technologies is going to provide the greatest breakthroughs. We've got to pursue them all," said Green.

Despite some fears that the Energy Independence Project could fizzle out to nothing after the election, the players involved are doing their best to make sure this issue sticks no matter what the outcome on November 7.

"Currently, we are doing research to develop a feasible, cost effective plan of action to get the campus running solely on renewable energy by 2011," said Matt Earleywine, Chairman of the Energy Planning Committee, a subcommittee of the University Sustainability Committee that has been created to address the issues involved in transforming the campus to renewable energy.

"Mainly what we're talking about are things that we can do without having to spend any money, which is

basically just education and saying we need to conserve energy because it's going to be a whole lot easier to get 'off the grid' if we use a lot less energy than we do now," said Timmers.

"Getting some big names to come to campus could help generate a lot of traction for the project," said Matt Guidry, President of the Stevens Point Chapter of WISPIRG. "Something we hope to do to help further that effort is to get Al Gore, with his new movie that came out, to come to campus and give us a speech to try to get some momentum moving on that," said Guidry.

"They're trying to contact his people about getting him on campus. Of course he's an expensive guy to get on campus, so funding could be a problem, but they're still looking into different avenues of that," said Ben Vondra, Student Life Issues Director for SGA.

Though SGA is nonpartisan and doesn't support any specific candidates, they are pushing hard to get out the student vote.

A higher percentage of student voters is key to bringing attention to the issues that students care about, like the environment, said Vondra. When students are in charge of officials getting elected, stu-

dent issues will become as important as Medicare.

A recent drive registered over 1500 students on campus to vote, said Andy Janicki, Legislative Issues Director for SGA. "We actually registered the highest percentage of students out of the whole UW-system."

"We're not pushing anything," said Janicki. "We're mostly just trying to get students to vote in general. Obviously getting them informed is a big part of that too."

Five vans will be transporting students from campus to their polling places on election day.

Since the student directory is certified and will be at polling stations, students who still need to register to vote won't need to bring a bill verifying their address, as they did in the past, as long as their information in the student directory is up-to-date, said Janicki. They only need an ID. If the information is incorrect, students will need a bill with proof of ten days residence.

Students wondering where to vote can find that information at the city of Stevens Point's website, <http://stevenspoint.com/vote/index.html>.

Delzell Hall to offer flu shots

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Delzell Hall will be offering a limited number of free flu shots Monday, November 6 through Thursday, November 9. The flu shots will be offered Monday from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Wednesday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

There is only a limited supply of flu shots, so they will be given on a first come - first serve basis. No appointments are necessary, but Health Services requests that you be prepared to wait. You must bring your student ID.

Influenza, known as the flu, is a viral disease that includes symptoms such as coughing, fatigue, fever, nasal congestion, and muscle pains.

The flu shot usually includes material from two influenza A virus strains,

and one influenza B virus strain. The dominant strain can change from year to year, and that is the reason for using material from three different strains.

Annually, the World Health Organization predicts which strains of influenza are going to appear the following year. This prediction helps pharmaceutical companies provide the most effective vaccine.

While flu shots are recommended to those in high risk groups, such as the elderly and very young children, a Stanford School of Medicine study says that it benefits society as a whole to vaccinate the entire population.

The Stanford study also said that there are nearly 20,000 flu-related deaths per year in the United States.

For more information about the flu shot on campus or on the flu in general call Health Services at 346-4646.

What's happening at the Allen Center for Health and Wellness Programs...

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Want to relieve that midterm stress? Come to the Student Health Promotion Office November 1-22 and get a free 10-minute stress relief session! Free group fitness classes are also available for all students! Classes run every day at many different times, so be sure to pick up a schedule at the Cardio Center front desk, or at www.go2allen.com. Try hip hop, spin, ball, and several other classes at no cost! Take a break and take care of yourself at the Allen Center.

Don't forget...the 4th annual Cold Turkey Trot is coming up on November 11 at 10 a.m. Registration is free and can be completed at the Student Health Promotion Office. The first 175 students to sign up before Friday, November 3 at 12 p.m. will receive a free t-shirt. Free food and door prizes will be available for participants, and t-shirts can be purchased for \$5 on the day of the event. Students may pay with cash or bill their student account. SHPO is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is located at 004 Lower Allen Center.

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WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR

Hey Pat,

I feel a little stupid writing in about this. I have a problem. Admittedly it's a stupid problem. But I was hoping you could help anyway.

I've been going out with the same girl for about two and a half years now. She's really great, everything a guy could ask for. She's pretty, smart, funny and fun. Honestly, it's the best relationship I've ever had. But recently I've been having a problem.

Here's the thing. My girlfriend recently decided she wanted to get a haircut. I begged her not to, she's got beautiful long brown hair that I really love. I mean, I actually got down on the floor and begged her not to cut it.

But she went out and did it anyway. I tried to tell myself that it's no big deal. But the fact remains that I'm really pissed off and disappointed. I guess I want to know if this makes me a jerk.

Mitchel Dexterson

Boy Mitch. Until about halfway through your letter, I thought I'd finally got a letter from someone who needed help with their erectile dysfunction.

Are you a jerk? Well, the answer to that is pretty easy: Yes. I don't even need to know about your problem to answer that one. You're a man, and knowing men as well as I do (not in that way), I can speak with some authority when I say that all men are generally pretty jerky. It's one of our defining characteristics.

I sense the real question you want to ask is, "Am I too much of a jerk?" or maybe even, "I know I'm being a jerk, but aren't I a little justified?"

The answer to the first question revolves solely around your reaction to her haircut. Did you yell? Throw things? Put Kool-aid in her aquarium? Unplug her refrigerator while she was gone for the weekend? Even something as simple as taking a shower with her sister or having sex with her cat can push you into the category of "too much jerk."

However, if you managed to choke down your bitter, seething rage like a good member of society, we can address the more important question. Are you justified in feeling the way that you feel?

My initial thought on the matter: Dude, it's a haircut. Get over it.

Thought 2: Looking back to your letter, I see the first thing you mention about your girlfriend is that she's pretty. I don't bring this up to be critical, but it does prove a point. We men are (for better or worse) usually attractiveness oriented. Biology has brewed us that way. Therefore, while it might not be nice, it's probably natural for you to get upset with anything that spikes the wheel of your girl's pretty.

Even if it's the girl herself.

Thought 3: The haircut itself might be secondary. The real issue might be one of authority. She didn't do what you told her, and that's why you're pissed off. Jerk.

Thought 3 (b): On the other hand, it might not be authority at all. You're probably upset because she cut her hair without consideration for how it effected you. Normally I'd say this was your own damn problem. But if you really got down on the floor and begged her not to do it, I have to believe you made your feelings clear.

If she disregards your feelings, you're well within your rights to be hurt and angry.

Thought 3 (c): On the other, other hand, it is her hair, not yours.



Thought 4: If I had to choose between eating an orangutan, a dolphin, or a human being, I think I'd pick the human.

The orangutan is off the hook because it seems like they're really thinking about important things. Plus, I'm pretty sure an orangutan would fuck me up if I tried to eat him. Sure they kinda look like old hairy guys wearing a size fifteen skin, but they have long arms, and I seem to remember reading somewhere that most of them know Tai Chi.

I'd feel bad about eating a dolphin because it doesn't seem fair to kill something that can't fight back due to lack of thumbs. It's just not sporting. Plus, I think eating a dolphin would be like chewing on a piece of balloon rubber. Squeaky, but unappetizing.

But mostly I'd go for the human because I'm curious what we taste like. And I hate most humans. I think I'd like to eat a vegan, if I got to pick.

What were we talking about again? Oh yeah,

your impotent rage....

Here's a little story that might help us get away from the boy-girlness of the issue: Several years ago I had a big Walt Whitman of a beard. It was cool, but after a while I got tired of it and decided to shave it off. My girlfriend made a strenuous objection; she liked the beard. So what did I do? Duh. I left the beard the way she liked it. My relationship philosophy is always, "If it makes the other person happy, do it."

Now, one conclusion you might draw from this is that I cared more about my girlfriend's emotions than your girlfriend cares about yours. Too bad for you. Another conclusion might be that I don't care about my appearance as much as your girlfriend does. (which is, honestly, quite likely.)

So, are you justified in feeling the way you do? It doesn't matter in the least. Justification has nothing to do with it. Here's why.

Our emotions are never reasonable. Emotions, by their very nature, are trans-rational.

I'm willing to go out on a limb and say that your girlfriend has probably had a couple of these non-rational outbursts during your relationship. One of the things that makes relationships such an unspeakable pain in the ass is that tending to your partner's unreasonable needs is hard.

My advice is that you find some way of broaching the subject with your girlfriend. Chances are this whole deal isn't going to screw up "the best relationship" you've ever had, but if you're having a 3(b) thing going on, this might be symptomatic of a larger problem and you'll want to address it sooner rather than later.

If the situation spirals out of control, you could try to smooth things over by buying her a copy of the College Survival Guide book. The gift of laughter goes a long way to fix most relationship problems. Note: if she doesn't find the College Survival Guide funny, it indicates insurmountable character flaws. I suggest that you break up with her, then convince her to become a vegan....

Want someone to make light of your relationship trauma? E-mail Pat Rothfuss at proth@wsuunix.wsu.edu and he'll do his best to trivialize whatever painful event you're going through.

And remember folks, it's time to brush the dust off your thesaurus and send in your entry to the "Describe Pat Rothfuss" contest. Make sure to e-mail your drawings and descriptions of Pat soon, or you'll miss out on the chance to win free stuff from the College Survival Guide's new sponsor. Do it! Do it ten times!

Letter: Vote for pro-choice candidates

Dear Editor,

On November 7, UW-Stevens Point students have an important decision to make: vote for a candidate who backs divisive attacks on a woman's right to choose, or vote for a candidate who stands up for the values of freedom, privacy, and personal responsibility.

The issue of a woman's right to choose is not new to electoral politics. But this year, anti-choice candidates have overreached in incomprehensible ways. While they continue to go after women's access to safe, legal abortion care, they are also urging

pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions for birth control, mandating the teaching of misinformation about sex education in our classrooms, and blocking legislation that would provide compassionate care to rape victims. What's really astounding is that all of these measures—access to contraception, sex education—help prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce the need for abortion. Instead of focusing on solutions, however, anti-choice candidates in the Wisconsin legislature and Congress continue to attack women's reproductive freedom.

There is a lot at stake in

this election. People will tell us that, as students, our voices won't be heard. Let's prove them wrong on November 7.

Please vote for these pro-choice candidates to protect our access to contraception and guard our reproductive rights: Governor Jim Doyle, Kathleen Falk for Attorney General, U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, & Representative Louis Molepski.

Thank you,

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Point of View:

Barker to end legendary run, announces retirement from "The Price is Right"



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Snow days were one of my favorite parts of elementary and high school. When enough fluffy, white precipitation fell to the ground and school was cancelled, I knew I could spend the day doing many enjoyable things. From sledding and snowball fights to fort and snowman building, there was always something to do.

That is, as long as it was after 11 a.m.

The magic hour from 10-11 a.m. was reserved for one thing: "The Price is Right." It was a luxury to sit in front of the television and gaze in awe at the colorful sets, Barker's Beauties and the legend him-

self, host Bob Barker.

That's why the announcement this week that Barker is retiring from the show he hosted for 35 seasons was hard to fathom. Barker is the only host the show has known and therefore the only host that viewers have ever seen. Thinking about a replacement is nearly sacrilegious.

No matter who fills the monumental gap as host of "The Price is Right," it will be hard to forget Barker's presence on the stage. The ease with which he orchestrated pricing games and contestants in their attempts to win fabulous prizes was simply surgical in precision. With so many years of experience, Barker knew the games played on the show forward, backward and sideways. And never did he show signs of slowing.

At age 82, Barker never lost his enthusiasm for his job, always displaying excitement when a contestant emerged victorious, while exhibiting empathy with those who came up short. Barker was never shy of offering some constructive criticism to the participants who didn't quite seem to have their complete wits

about them. Whether it was nerves or adrenaline, Barker would have the unenviable job of harnessing a feisty contestant's emotions.

In retirement, Barker is planning on working for advocacy groups, especially ones dealing with his trademark pet population and animal rights issues. Urging owners to have their pets spayed and neutered for many years, Barker is a champion in the field of animal rights, even creating his own foundation to assist those who control the pet population.

Not all his work will involve dogs and cats, however, as Barker has stated that he would be interested in movie roles, as long as they are fitting and follow one important guideline.

"I refuse to do nude scenes," Barker told the Associated Press following his announcement. "These Hollywood producers want to capitalize on my obvious sexuality, but I don't want to be just another beautiful body."

His classic comedic appearance in Adam Sandler's "Happy Gilmore" remains one of the funniest cameos in film

history. Barker played himself, paired with the title character in a Pro-Am golf tournament. Gilmore's poor play in the event led to fisticuffs between the two, with Barker coming out victorious.

Barker's plan to stay in the public eye following "The Price is Right" will be welcomed by many of his faithful followers. But watching the pricing game Plinko will never be the same. Neither will "The Price is Right's" putting contest, named Hole in One (or Two). Barker always illustrated how to win at the game, typically sinking a putt from the furthest possible distance. His encouragement helped many contestants win cars by making a golf shot of their own.

That kind of class and dignity will be Barker's enduring legacy. The heads of "The Price is Right" will never find a true replacement for their departing host. As is customary for finding new contestants, the search for a new host will be like asking someone to "come on down."

Only this time, the items up for bid are the unfilled shoes of Bob Barker's legacy.

Letter: Vote 'no' on marriage amendment next Tues.

Dear Editor,

On November 7 Wisconsin voters will be asked whether we want to amend our constitution to permanently ban civil unions and marriage for gay families.

I urge you to join me in voting 'no' on November 7. This is not an amendment to make gay marriage illegal in the state of Wisconsin - IT ALREADY IS. This is an amendment that writes discrimination into our state's constitution forever. This is an amendment that takes away individual rights, something that strongly goes against our motto of "forward." How "forward" of a state can we be with such a far-reaching, reversal of rights?

Many people use their religion to support this ban. However there are two things to keep in mind. Firstly this is an amendment to the state's constitution, not an added commandment; therefore please keep in mind the separation of church and state, the only way to an effective democracy. Secondly, I myself am religious and that is why I am voting 'No' on this proposed ban, because it is a far-reaching attempt to destroy families, encourage discrimination, and limit many different couple's potentials, seemingly things that religion would be against.

The proposed ban would not only outlaw gay marriage and legal protections for all unmarried couples, but it would also enshrine discrimination in our constitution.

Wisconsin has the opportunity to be the first state to reject an anti-gay amendment. Doing so would solidify Wisconsin's reputation for being a leader on civil rights issues. Wisconsin was the first state to oppose the fugitive slave laws and stood by women in their battle for suffrage. And in 1982, Wisconsin became the first state to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination statutes.

Please join thousands in voting 'no' on November 7. For more information, please visit www.fairwisconsin.com.

Thank you,
Steven Heller

Sheriff Charewicz is a UWSP graduate. He fully recognizes college students' value as community members and citizens. He understands students' needs, respects students and always seeks their best interest. Below is information regarding his credentials. Please review the information and vote on November 7 to re-elect John Charewicz.

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