**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, cutting taxes and eliminating wasteful spending, supporting stem cell research.

Mark Green- Republican  
www.vote_markgreen.com

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

Nelson Einman- Wisconsin Green  
www.voteeinman.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.johnvanhollenforag.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 "licking 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 holding 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 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.

Ben J. Glaze- Wisconsin Needs a Conservative Voice  
www.glazeforsenate.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.votearc.org

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

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**CAMPUS BEAT**

**TRUE ACCOUNTS FROM UW-SP’S FINEST CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS**

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.

Packing 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.

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

Report of an intoxicated individual laying in Lot Q.

Packing 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 5:38 a.m.
Type: FIRE

A fire was reported at an off-campus residence at the corner of Clark and Frémont. SPD 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 tax cut for all American workers, encouraging 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?

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**Where to vote?**

SGA, with the help of the Chancellor, has worked to provide "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:

-Heer, 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.

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**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 specpress@uwsp.edu.

Senators needed from the College of Fine Arts and Communication and the College of Professional Studies! Contact specpress@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!
Students face growing debt and tough choices

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Matt Glaman wants to make a difference in the lives of his students. "I wanted to, I could make a difference in the lives people have," said Glaman, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "Nobody wants to go into college in debt, but I plan on using my knowledge for decisions."

The burden of college debt is leaving many students with a difficult choice—pursue a career they're passionate about or take out loans to pay off the loans required to continue. Students from public colleges have average debt of about $15,500—second lowest among thirteen UW-system schools, 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" loans, which cost 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.

The student loan program, forcing interest rates on loans to the highest level, 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."

The Five-Point Plan hopes to lessen the fears many college students have of being trapped 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's become a good friend of mine from high school. When she came up to go back to school, she made it about 1 1/2 semesters and dropped out because she couldn't afford it," said Glaman. "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."

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 anguished beatnik fashion (can you hear the fingers snapping)?

While members of the English Club at Stevens Point English Club do enjoy discussing Shakespeare and Cockney, those 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 entire language, there is something for every one.

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 in whatever 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've been researching outside of the classroom or just have an interest in and don't necessarily get to bring into their normal curriculum. 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'Conor. Chris Williams — Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m. CCC 214: Literary Analysis in other media.

Past events have included poetry competitions, one of them looking for the worst poem on campus, and a trip to the American Players Theatre in Spring Green to see "The Winter's Tale." 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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USA SUMMER CAMP: This is an English language program for Japanese students, elementary school age through college. During the summer, UWSP counselors take part in the camp program for approximately 27 days/22 nights. (The general pattern is 5 nights at camp followed by 4 nights with the host family.) There will also be a five-night counselor orientation session that will take place at the camp facility upon arrival in Japan.

During the program the students from America will act as camp counselors, working with the Japanese students on a variety of English language drills and activities. Counselors will also participate with the Japanese students in recreation activities, meals and variety of social activities. This is a VERY rewarding program, but be prepared to work hard.

COST/COMPENSATION: UWSP students pay ONLY $850-900 to cover costs such as UWSP tuition and mandatory health/travel insurance. For the counselors selected, we will provide for the following: Round-trip air transportation from Chicago or Minneapolis (Midwest applicants) and Fukuoka, Japan -- Round-trip ground transportation between arrival city and camp location -- All host family arrangements. (Counselors will not be required to pay any fee to host families for room and board.) -- Food and lodging during all assigned days at the camp program -- Transportation expenses between host family's home and the camp program -- Three UWSP undergraduate credits in International Studies -- Overseas health insurance policy for stay in Japan through the UW-System.

Japanese language ability is not required to apply for this program.

Want to know more? Come see us, International Programs, 108 Collins, 346-2717
Points get tough road win

**Football**

Nick Gerritsen
SPORTS REPORTER

For the second consecutive week, the Pointer football team battled a conference opponent all the way to 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 teams player Bryan Kelsohofer. 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 been the go-to guy. He finished the day 11 catches for 97 yards and a touchdown. Borchart finished the day 32-54 for 268 total yards, most of which came on fourth downs. Borchart became 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 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 hurled 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 in P1. 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 the year,” Borchart said. “That’s our only focus.”

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**Rugby**

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SPORTS REPORTER

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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.

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Swimming

Sara Suchy

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 by winning both events.

For the previous 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 thirty minutes, sophomore center Jensema found a seam and falling to St. Cloud.

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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 performance included University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students Rob Kroes, Jessi Neet, Alii 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. Amandla Fishter, a student who saw the show, said, "The musical was beautiful. 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 introduced through 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.

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Courtney Stevens' Portrait Gallery

Photo courtesy of Rob Kroes

Jekyll and Hyde confronts himself in the lab.

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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, Piptatherum. 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 Sepsenwow. 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, Arundo, of the American tropics. He has also authored a book titled, "American Bamboos."

Judziewicz chose to name the bamboo Raddieella vanessiae, after Hequet.

After writing a formal description of the bamboo, Judziewicz submitted it to a scientific journal to be peer-reviewed by a two bamboo specialists - Dr. Fernando Zuloaga of the Instituto Darwinin 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: Raddieella 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.

New to Schmeeckle Reserve:

Ross Amphitheater

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

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"This spring, we will install a locked fire area," said Zimmerman. "Groups can call Schmeeckle 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."
Jeff Peters
Science, Health, and Tech Reporter

Only a few days away from the midterm elections, many are wondering if the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Energy Independence Project, proposed by Governor Doyle, will just over a month ago gain solid traction and move forward or slip off the radar and depend 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-Stevens Point 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 position is part of a broader national trend, as Energy Independence Project co-founder Mark Green, has criticized Doyle's energy initiative as a "non-plan."

"I think it's a very big thing, but at the same time I think it was a genuine idea," said Timmers. "I 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 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 through 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 135 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.

"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 sub-committee of the University Sustainability Committee that has been formed to address the issues involved in transforming the campus to renewable energy.

"We'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.

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Delzell Hall to offer flu shots

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Delzell Hall will be offering a limited supply of 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 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.

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.

Mainly, said Matt Guidry, "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 save us a lot of money if we 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 Guidry, President of the Stevens Point Chapter of WISPRG. "Something we hope to do to help the governor's campaign is to get Al Gore, with his new movie that came out to campus and give us a speech to try to get some momentum moving on that," said Guidry.

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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 run 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 on the Student Health Promotion Office's web page, and sign up for 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. Registration is free and can be completed at the Student Health Promotion Office. The first 175 students to sign up before November 3 will receive a Turkey Trot t-shirt, and several on-coats at no cost! Take a break and take care of yourself at the Allen Center.

Many Allen Center staff are vocal opponents of stress, and would like students to vote on campus or on the flu in general call Health Services at 346-4464.
Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide

By Pat Rothfuss
WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR

Hey Pat,
I feel like I’m stupid writing in about this. I have a problem. Admitting it is 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.

Hey, 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 you’d finally get a letter from someone who needed help with their erectile dysfunction.

Are you a jerk? Well, the answer to that is pretty clear. 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?”

Thought 1: The answer to the first question revolves solely around your reaction to her haircut. Did you feel a little stupid writing in about this?

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 normal for you to get upset with anything that spikes the wheel of your girl’s pretty.

Thought 3: It’s hard to say if it’s her 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 would affect you. Normally I’d say this was your own damn problem. But if you really just went 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’s her hair, not yours.

Even if it’s the girl herself.

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.

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Thank you,
Jessica Deli
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Want someone to make light of your relationship trauma? E-mail Pat Rothfuss at pro@uwsp.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 thronus 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!

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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 pharmacist's 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.

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With help from the Mission Coffee Bar

Pat Rothfuss


dm  •  November 2, 2006
Point of View:

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

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 and backward. And never did he show signs of slowing.

At age 82, Barker never lost his enthusiasm for his job, only 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 sexual quality, but I don't want to be just another beautiful body."

His classic comedic approach 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" put 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.

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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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Thank you for your support in the primary. Please vote CHAREWICZ for SHERIFF

November 7

If you are interested, e-mail the pointer at pointer@uwsp.edu.

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 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 potentialities, 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

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